

Political de-centralizations and implementation of new political cultures are with pure political goodwill for the benefit of the people

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept — The following is the message on the International Day of Democracy which falls on 15 September 2014 sent by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Agga Maha Thayay Sithu, Agga Maha Thirithudhamma U Thein Sein.

My fellow countrymen,

On the auspicious occasion of the International Democracy Day which falls on 15 September 2014, I would like to extend my best wishes that the fruits of democracy be enjoyed by our people through their active participation in democratic practices for sustainable democracy.

This is the fourth consecutive year that Myanmar, as a member of the United Nations, have commemorated the International Democracy Day, which falls on 15 September with the objective to promote and practice the democratic codes.

In commemorating the International Democracy Day, we can review the democratic transitions of our nation. At the same time, the occasion also portrays the efforts of all stakeholders in implementing their pledges at the national level.

Democracy is an administrative system where citizens have equal say in deliberations regarding their livelihood. The essence of democracy accepted since olden days are freedom and equality. In a democratic nation, the ultimate authority lies with the citizens so it is very

crucial for the systematic participation of all citizens.

A democratic administration means undertaking social and economic means to fulfill the needs and desires of the people. It is a mechanism inclusive of means for the people to have multiple choices in their lives and for socio-economic development as well as peace and stability. In carrying out this task, it is important for the state and the people to have mutual trust and understanding and to work hand in hand.

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has taken firm and steady steps towards democracy and has thus received obvious and tangible results within the sphere of three years. To strengthen the basic foundation of democracy, we are presently in the phase of a Third Wave reform process. Those who have continuously worked hand in hand in the reform processes will know that the political de-centralizations and implementation of new political cultures are with pure political goodwill for the benefit of the people.

We have chosen the theme, "Engaging Youth on Democracy" for the International Democracy Day this year. The purpose is to highlight the role of youth in

the opportunities and challenges of democratic transition. One fifth of the world's population comprises of youth between the ages of 15 and 25. As the youth play a crucial role in democratic reforms and future developments, our country's future prosperity also relies on our 16 million youth population. That is why boy scout organizations are formed and students of all-round outstanding ability are encamped so that they may give contribution to their full capacity. Moreover, in Third Wave reforms, all-round youth development programmes are included for this purpose. The youth are being trained democratic practices such as team work, accountability and responsibility for the flourishing of the community.

My dear fellow citizens,

On this auspicious occasion of the International Democracy Day, when all the citizens of the Union including Myanmar's youths are establishing a democratic nation, I wish to urge all to actively participate in the building of a democratic nation through mutual understanding, trust, compassion and transparency.

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw to attend 35th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly in LPDR

YANGON, 14 Sept — A delegation led by Thura U Shwe Mann, Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

and the Pyithu Hluttaw, left Yangon International Airport at 2.55 pm on Sunday to attend the 35th

ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly to be held in Vientiane of the Lao People's Democratic Re-

public and to pay a visit to Lao PDR.

The Speaker and party were seen off at Yan-

gon International Airport by Deputy Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and (See page 3)

Human rights and environmental protection interlinked

YANGON, 14 Sept — The linkage has long been recognized between the protection of human rights and the protection of the environment, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin told a workshop here on Sunday, sources said.

The three-day workshop namely ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) Workshop on Human Rights, Environment and Climate Change was timely as it would propose to map the human rights obligations of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable development in ASEAN, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, according to the union minister.

The workshop is scheduled to take place from 13 to 15 September in Yangon, with a focus on linkages between human rights and environment.



Participants took part in discussions at ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) Workshop on Human Rights, Environment and Climate Change.—MNA

Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin noted that climate change and extreme weather

conditions have had serious consequences for poverty, human security and human rights, adding

that ASEAN being in the locality of between the India Ocean and the Pacific Ocean, world's two

largest oceans, is more vulnerable to the impact of climate change.

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LOCAL NEWS

Students visit Setsetyo irrigated farmlands in Ottarathiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept — A total of 113 students and teachers from Pyinmana Institute of Agriculture visited the 900-acre

farmland in Setsetyo irrigated area of Ottarathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council on Saturday morning.

Director-General U Kyaw Win of Agriculture Department gave lectures on five key factors for boosting agricultural pro-

duction to the students.

Later, the students visited the farmlands.

*Ko Pauk
(Okkar Myay)*

Locals get knowledge on farmland reclamation in Sagaing Region

YINMABIN, 14 Sept — Under the supervision of Sagaing Region government, officials of Sagaing Region Agricultural Mechanization Department and departmental officials gave lectures on systematic reclamation of farmlands to the local people in Lettaunggyi and Kokkosu villages in Pale Township of Sagaing Region in the second week of September.

Head of Region AMD U Shwe Win explained that the farmlands must be close to the production roads, rectangular shape and adequate area for use of agricultural machinery. Moreover, the farmlands

must have drains, good dykes and use of fertilizers, he said.

Officials urged the local farmers to construct the production road to link 250-400 acres of farmlands for overcoming difficulties in harvesting the paddy.

Staff Officer U Htay Nyunt of Pale Township Irrigation Department explained systematic reclamation of farmlands for easily irrigating the farmlands.

The systematic reclamation of farmlands will be undertaken in Inn, Hsinde and Mauklok village-tracts in Yinmabin Township.

*Tun Ko Ko
(Yinmabin)*



Mandalay Region marks Myanmar Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day

MANDALAY, 14 Sept — A ceremony to mark the Myanmar Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day was held at Ye Thurein Hall of Mandalay Region Commander of Police Force in Mandalay on Saturday.

Mandalay Region

Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Aung Kyaw Moe made a speech. On behalf of the donor countries, Project Manager Daw Naw Mar Thaw of World Vision Myanmar gave a speech.

A video clip was pre-

sented to attendance. The artists performed one-act play on anti-trafficking in persons.

After the ceremony, Deputy Speaker of Mandalay Region Hluttaw U Aung Htay Kyaw and officials viewed round

documentary photos on anti-human trafficking activities.

*Tin Maung
(Mandalay)*



Traditional dances performed in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 14 Sept — With the aim of preserving the cultural heritage of Myanmar, uplifting prestige and integrity of the nation and enhancing the tourism industry, Mandalay Region Government, Fine Arts Department (Mandalay Branch) of Ministry of Culture and National Uni-

versity of Arts and Culture (Mandalay) jointly organized the Myanmar traditional dance concert at the National Theatre on 66th Street in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay on Saturday.

It was attended by globetrotters, enthusiasts, teachers and students from

Myat parami private high school. The artists entertained the audiences with performances of music, chorus dancing, marionette, Mozar Byaw music, Kyaukse elephant dance, Myanma Chinlone, equestrian and many items of dances.—*Thiha Ko Ko
(Mandalay)*



Public health educative talks given in Mongyai

LASHIO, 14 Sept — An educative talk on public health knowledge was shared to the local people in Mongyai of northern Shan State on Saturday.

Township Medical Officer Dr Soe Lwin explained control and treatment of quick infectious

disease and ways of controlling the Ebola disease.

Secretary of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Than Than Shwe lectured maternal and child health and reproductive health.

The medical officers replied to queries on quick

infection of disease and reproductive health raised by local people.

The talk was attended by local people, members of MCWA, nurses, midwives and members of Women's Affairs Organization totalling about 350.—*Han Htay (IPRD)*



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Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw . . .

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the Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win, Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung, Lao PDR Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Nilahath Sayarath and officials of the Pyithu Hluttaw Office.

The Speaker was accompanied by Hluttaw representatives U Hla Myint Oo, Dr Soe Yin, U Zaw Myint Pe, U Nyunt Tin, U Khin Maung Yi, U Win Than, U Nyunt Hlaing, Daw Yi Yi Myint and Daw Myint Myint San, and officials of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office.—MNA



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann being seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials.—MNA

Union Ministers tour Minbu, Pakokku

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept —Government of the people carries out not only political but also economic and administrative reforms in accordance with the democratic system, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Thane said at the meeting with members of township-level committees and elders Minbu on Sunday.

Ministers at the Pres-

ident Office U Soe Thane and U Tin Naing Thein were visiting Minbu to explain the tasks being carried out by the government.

Then, Union Minister U Soe Thane said that it is necessary to promote private sector for the economic development.

Afterwards, Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein said that cooperation

between the local people and authorities is essential for regional development.

Members of township-level committees in Minbu District reported to the two ministers on requirements for regional development. In the afternoon, the two union minister went to Pakokku and met with local people and officials.—MNA



Union Ministers U Soe Thane and U Tin Naing Thein meet departmental officials and locals at Minbu District GAD Office.—MNA

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Despite this, the region is still in a strategic position to gain numerous economic benefits from international shipping and foreign trade, he noted.

He cited President U Thein Sein as proposing at the 24th ASEAN Summit that long-term plans should be made to ensure a systematic rehabilitation of mangrove forests in a bid to reduce greenhouse effects and mitigate the impact of storms and floods in low-lying coastal areas.

Regarding ASEAN's commitment to spreading environmental education, U Wunna Maung Lwin said the association is determined to encourage widespread public awareness of and participation in promoting the understanding of the environment and sustainable development.

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Myanmar Investment Outreach Forum to be held in New York

YANGON, 14 Sept — A 73-member delegation composed of union ministers, representatives of international business organizations and top businessmen is going to participate in the Myanmar Investment Outreach Forum to be held from 23 to 25 September in New York.

The delegation members will discuss investment opportunities in energy, infrastructure development, financial and tourism sectors.

The forum was organized by the President Office, Myanmar Investment Commission, companies in Myanmar and Peninsula Press, an international relations consultant firm.

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Youths invited to participate in peace process

MAWLAMYINE, 14 Sept — Union Minister at the President Office U Aung Min made a speech at the Youths and Peace Forum held in Mawlamyine on Sunday.

In his speech, he clarified the peace process being implemented by the government and highlighted all-inclusiveness in the political dialogue which he said is likely to be held before the end of 2014. Then, he pointed out the important roles in the peace process being played by civil

society organizations and youths. In conclusion, he urged the youth participants of the forum to lay down an effective procedure for peace and said that the government is ready to cooperate with youths in the peace process.

After the union minister's speech, Chief Minister of Mon State U Ohn Myint invited youths to join hand with the government not just for democracy and peace but also for anti-drug and anti-human trafficking endeavours.

Afterwards, youth participants of the forum held discussions and raised queries to the union minister and the chief minister.

At the forum, presidential advisor for education Dr Daw Yin Yin Nwe explained the education reform of Myanmar. The forum was organized by the Myanmar Peace Centre.—MNA



Union Minister U Aung Min speaking at Youths and Peace Forum in Mawlamyine.—MNA

Rescue efforts still under way in search of missing climbers

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept — Two climbers were reported missing on 31 August, following a mountaineering team successfully scaled Mount Khakaborazi in the northernmost part of Kachin State, which is said to be 5,881 metres in height.

Throughout the first

week of September, rescue teams, reinforced by military service personnel, exerted all-out efforts to find the missing climbers, but their attempts failed due to bad weather conditions.

The search resumed from 11 to 13 September, but the weather did not favour the rescue efforts.

On Sunday morning, a rescue team comprising local military service personnel, local authorities, mountaineering teams, international organizations and guides were using transport vehicles including helicopters to cooperate in the search for the missing climbers.—MNA



Members of rescue team to start trip in search of missing climbers with the use of helicopter.—MNA

Free health care services given to over 200 locals in Kamamoung

KAMAMOUNG, 14 Sept — A mobile medical team of Ananda Myitta free clinic led by Kabalon Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vasettha of Hpa-an Township performed free medical treatment to the local people at the Cetana clinic in Ward 2 of Kamamoung in Kayin State on Friday morning.

Town authorities and departmental officials provided necessary assistance to the medical team.

The free medical team undertook free medical checkup and gave health care services to over 200 local people.—Ko Nay (IPRD)

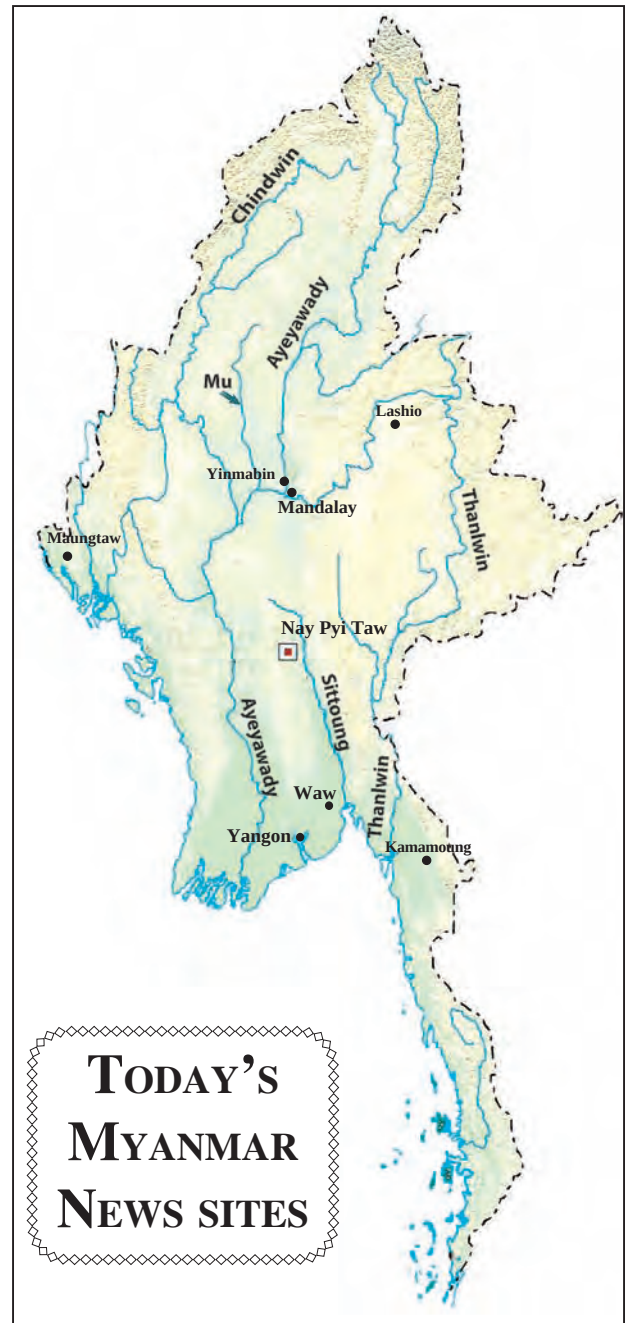
Arts Gallery inaugurated in Mandalay



MANDALAY, 14 Sept — The Thiri Arts Gallery was launched at No 17 on Fine Arts Street in Mingala Uyin Housing on 73rd Street in Chanmaythazi Township of Mandalay on Friday. Over 100 paintings

of 70 famous artists from Mandalay were displayed at the gallery. The arts show will last up to 22 September from 9 am to 5 pm daily. Admission is free.

The opening ceremony was attended by the principal of Mandalay State School of Fine Arts and teachers, students of National University of Arts and Culture (Mandalay) and local people.—Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)



Locals join collective weeding, broadcasting fertilizer

MAUNGTAW, 14 Sept —The collective weeding and broadcasting fertilizer was held at the 50-acre model farmlands in Myothagyi Village of Maungta

Township in Rakhine State on Saturday.

The Head of Maungta District Agriculture Department and township authorities participated in the

weeding activity. Officials of Agriculture Department gave lectures on boosting production of paddy and broadcasting of fertilizers in time.—District IPRD

Business Forum marks golden jubilee anniversary of Yangon University of Economics

MANDALAY, 14 Sept — May Kha Foundation organized the Business Forum: from conventional business to modern business community in commemoration of the golden jubilee anniversary of Yangon University of Economics at Hotel Mandalay on 78th street in Mahaangmye Township of Mandalay on Saturday.

Member of Mandalay City Development Committee U Han Soe introduced the speakers of the talks to the audience. Chairman of the Business Forum Organ-

izing Committee U Kyaw Yin spoke words of thanks. Member of the Board of Directors of Central Bank of Myanmar Dr Hla Maung made a speech. Professor

(Rtd) Dr Maung Maung Soe of Applied Economics Department of Yangon UE gave talks about economic policy of Myanmar, Saya U Myint Thang operations of

business organizations and foreign investment, retired Rector Eco Echo Journal Chief Editor U Zaw Than cash assistance for SMEs and Dr Myint Hsan, important role of Myanmar economy and IT. Later, the speakers replied to queries raised by attendances.—Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)



REGIONAL

China on track to develop Indian railways as Xi heads to S Asia

NEW DELHI/BEIJING, 14 Sept — China will pledge to invest billions of dollars in India's rail network during a visit by President Xi Jinping this week, bringing more than diplomatic nicety to the neighbours' first summit since Narendra Modi became prime minister in May.

The leaders of Asia's three biggest economies — China, India and Japan — have crisscrossed the region this month, lobbying for strategic influence, building defence ties, and seeking new business opportunities.

Beijing's bid to ramp up commercial ties in India comes despite a territorial dispute that has flared anew in recent years, raising concerns in New Delhi, where memories of a humiliating border war defeat in 1962 run deep.

It follows a pledge by Japan to invest \$35 billion



China's President Xi Jinping

in India over the next five years — including the introduction of bullet trains — and a drive to deepen security ties during talks earlier this month between Modi and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Tokyo.

India and China are expected to sign a pact that will open the way for Chinese participation in new rail tracks, automated signalling for faster trains and modern stations that India's British-built rail system desperately needs, having barely added 11,000 km of track in the 67 years since independence.

China, which added

14,000 km of track in the five years to 2011, is also pushing for a share of the lucrative high-speed train market in India, which it says would be cheaper than Japanese proposals.

"India has a strong, real desire to increase its cooperation with China and other countries to perfect and develop its rail system, and has concrete co-operation ideas," Assistant Chinese Foreign Minister Liu Jianchao told reporters ahead of Xi's trip.

"India is considering building high-speed railways, and China has a positive attitude towards this."

China's consul general in Mumbai, Liu Youfa, told the *Times of India* last week that Chinese investment in the modernization of India's railways could eventually touch \$50 billion.

Beijing is looking to invest another \$50 billion in building India's ports, roads and a project to link rivers, part of an infrastructure push that Modi has said is his top priority to crank up economic growth.

Chinese investment will also help narrow a trade deficit with India that hit \$31 billion in 2013.

From economic parity in 1980, China's growth has outstripped India's fourfold. Beijing is now seeking to recycle some of its vast export surpluses into foreign investment in resources and infrastructure in South Asia to feed its industrial machine.

Reuters



The MV Maharlika 2 is pictured while undergoing repairs near Lipata Port in Surigao city in southern Philippines in this on 17 Dec, 2013 file photo.—REUTERS

Ferry sinks in Philippines, 3 dead, 110 rescued

MANILA, 14 Sept — Three people were killed and more than 100 rescued after a ferry sank off the coast of central Philippines, disaster and coast guard authorities said on Sunday.

The Maharlika II left Liloan port in Southern Leyte province in the central Philippines at noon on Saturday with 26 crew and 58 passengers, including two children, on board, the manifest showed.

The ship was also loaded with 13 vehicles, but the drivers were not listed in the manifest.

"Based on our initial report, two people died and 102 others were rescued by three vessels, including two foreign commercial ships," Commander Armand Bali-

lo told reporters.

"We are not sure how many are still missing because it now appears there were more people on board."

An order to abandon the ship was given at around 9 pm (1300 GMT/9.00 am EDT) when it was buffeted by strong winds and huge waves hours after developing engine trouble in the late afternoon, he said.

Scores, sometimes hundreds, of people die each year in ferry accidents in the Philippines, an archipelago of 7,100 islands with a notoriously poor record for maritime safety. Overcrowding is common, and many of the vessels are in bad condition.

Reuters

Malaysian airlines flight MH198 to Hyderabad forced to turn back

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 Sept — Malaysia Airlines flight MH198 which departed from Kuala Lumpur to Hyderabad, India, at 10:20 pm on Saturday made an air turnback due to an auto-pilot defect, the company said in a statement

on Sunday. It denied the claims circulating in social media that the aircraft was on fire, saying the defect had no impact on the aircraft or passengers.

"However as a precautionary measure, the operating Captain decided to

turn back," it added.

The aircraft landed at Kuala Lumpur International Airport at 2:01 am on Sunday. The passengers and crew disembarked safely and was given accommodation at nearby hotels.

According to the statement, MH198 had been rescheduled to operate as MH198D to depart Kuala Lumpur at 12:00 noon on Sunday and expected to arrive Hyderabad at 13:35 pm local time the same day.—Xinhua

Four Turks, three locals nabbed in Indonesia over terror group link

JAKARTA, 14 Sept — Four Turkish nationals were arrested along with three Indonesians on Saturday in central Indonesia as they were heading to join a group linked to Jemaah Islamiyah, a militant organization said to be the Southeast Asian wing of al-Qaeda, according to local authorities.

National Police spokesman Ronny Franky Sompie said via a text message that the seven were arrested early Saturday in the Central Sulawesi provincial capital of Palu after counterterrorism police unit Detachment 88 followed a car with the suspects inside.

The four Turks are believed to be members of an international terrorist network, Sompie said. A passport in the name of Ahmed

Bozoglan, 27, a Turkish national, was found inside the car.

A Detachment 88 source said the Turkish men wanted to join a terrorist group led by Santoso, who allegedly heads a military section of a terrorist cell in the province's Poso Regency linked to Jemaah Islamiyah.

Last year, Santoso, one of the most wanted terrorist suspects in Indonesia, appeared in YouTube footage calling for a "holy war" against Detachment 88.

Poso, a regency with a population of around 215,000, was the scene of bloody clashes between Christians and Muslims that claimed about 1,000 lives and displaced 25,000 others between December 1998 and 2001.—Kyodo News



Fire fighters try to save people trapped in a car crash in a simulated emergency scene during the Singapore-Global Fire Fighters and Paramedics Challenge on the Singapore Civil Defence Force Day in Singapore on 13 Sept, 2014. The Singapore-Global Fire Fighters and Paramedics Challenge has 20 teams of participants from 18 countries and regions including Singapore, Australia, Brunei, Indonesia, Britain, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates, Vietnam, as well as Chinese mainland and China's Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao. The competition this year features the theme of urban disaster readiness.—XINHUA

Support for Scottish independence rising - Panelbase poll shows



Scottish First Minister Alex Salmond addresses a news conference, calling for support of Scotland's independence, in Edinburgh, Britain, on 11 Sept, 2014. Scotland will hold an independence referendum on 18 Sept.—XINHUA

EDINBURGH, 14 Sept — Support for Scottish independence has risen, a poll for the *Sunday Times* showed, leaving a referendum on Thursday over whether to split with the rest of the United Kingdom

balanced on a knife edge.

The Panelbase poll for the *Sunday Times* showed a rise in support for inde-

pendence to 49 percent, up one point since last weekend, with pro-unionists at 51 percent.—Reuters

Sweden votes with center-left opposition holding narrow lead

STOCKHOLM, 14 Sept — Polls showed Sweden's center-left opposition heading for a narrow election victory on Sunday, on a platform of increased

spending on job schemes, healthcare and schools after eight years of tax cuts under the center-right Alliance. The Social Democrats, the largest single

party and polling around 30 percent, hope to rule with the Green Party. But even if opinion polls are born out, they are likely to rely on winning support from the Left Party and possibly smaller parties in the Alliance to form a government.

Negotiations could be hard and protracted.

Many Swedes are worried that reforms under the Alliance government have gone too far, weakening healthcare, allowing business to profit from schools at the expense of results and dividing a nation that has prided itself on equality into haves and have-nots.

But a splintered opposition has failed to tap into voter unease and is unlikely to win a clear majority in

parliament. The anti-immigration Sweden Democrats may hold the balance of power but other parties refuse to work with them.

"We need to re-find our values, those that say we take care of each other, that it is not all about the rich getting it better," said Sofia Bolinder, playing with her young daughter in a playground after voting in the suburb of Skarpnack in southern Stockholm. Bolinder, in her 30s, said she voted for a party "on the left." One poll late on Saturday put the gap between the center-left and the four-party Alliance government at just 3 percentage points. "All the signs point to the fact that the center-left are going to be bigger than the Alliance, but that they won't get a majority," Mikael Sundstrom, a political scientist at Lund University, said.—Reuters



Swedish party leaders (L-R) Fredrik Reinfeldt of the Moderate Party, Annie Lööf of the Centre Party, Jan Björklund of the Liberal Party and Goran Hagglund of the Christian Democrats take part in an election debate broadcasted on SVT public service television, in Stockholm on 12 Sept, 2014. —REUTERS

UNSG's message on the International Day of Democracy

15 September 2014

As we observe this year's International Day of Democracy, the world seems more turbulent than ever. In many regions and in many ways, the values of the United Nations, including some of the most fundamental rights and freedoms enshrined in the UN Charter, are being tested and challenged.

Recent outbreaks of violence reinforce a truth we have seen time and again: that where societies are not inclusive, and where governments are not responsive and accountable, peace, equality and shared prosperity cannot take hold. We need to do more to empower individuals, focusing on the billions of people who are underprivileged, marginalized, jobless, hopeless and understandably frustrated. We need to ensure they are heard and can take an active part in their future.

That is why my message today goes out to those who will be at the forefront of the world beyond 2015, and who by nature are at a turning point in their own lives: young people. One person out of five today is between the ages of 15 and 24. Never before has the transition from youth to adulthood been so weighed by challenges, yet so blessed by opportunities. You have powers to network that would have been unimaginable when the United Nations was founded nearly 70 years ago. You are connecting about issues that matter. Injustice. Discrimination. Human rights abuses. The discourse of hate. The need for human solidarity.

I call on members of the largest generation of youth in history to confront challenges and consider what you can do to resolve them. To take control of your destiny and translate your dreams into a better future for all. To contribute to building stronger and better democratic societies. To work together, to use your creative thinking, to become architects of a future that leaves no one behind. To help set our world on course for a better future.

On this International Day of Democracy, I call on young people everywhere to lead a major push for inclusive democracy around the world.

UNIC/Yangon

14 killed, 12 missing after boat sinks in eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 14 Sept — Huge waves capsized a passenger boat in waters off North Maluku Province in eastern Indonesia on Sunday morning, killing 14 people and leaving 12 others missing, officials here said. More than three metre waves caused by Tropical Cyclone Kalmaegi hit the boat at 08:30 am local time when it was passing waters in Falabisahaya sub-district, said Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, spokesman of national disaster management agency. "As many as nine people survived the accident, 14 were killed and 12 other remain missing," he said via phone. Search and rescue operation was already underway, said Sutopo. "But extreme weather along with huge waves hampers the searching operation now," he added. Boat is a popular transport means in the vast archipelago country of Indonesia, a chain of about 17,500 islands, but lack of safety standard has often triggered sea accidents.—Xinhua

Interior minister condemns attack on foreign citizen

BELGRADE, 14 Sept — Serbian Interior Minister Nebojsa Stefanovic condemned in the strongest terms an attack on the German citizen DH (27) that occurred in downtown Belgrade in the night between Friday and Saturday and left the man with serious injuries, and ordered an intensive investigation, the Interior Ministry said in a release on Saturday.

"All foreigners and

people who come in good faith, bringing with them positive energy and their money, are welcome in our country and in our Belgrade. We will not allow such things to happen and go unpunished, and just like we have arrested perpetrators of the most serious crimes, we will also arrest the attackers on the German citizen," he said.

"I ordered an intensive investigation to find

the perpetrators of this incident and bring them to justice as soon as possible. Besides the Belgrade police, I also had experienced professionals of the Criminal Police included in the investigation," the Interior Ministry's release cited the minister as saying.

The foreign citizen was operated on at the Clinical Centre of Serbia's Emergency Centre, and he is still in a serious condi-

tion, assistant director of the health institution Dusan Jovanovic told *Tanjug*.

He was brought to the Emergency Center with serious injuries to the head and body.

"He was operated on and he is still in a serious condition, but we hope that he will be alright," said Jovanovic.

The foreign citizen, who took part in a two-day LGBT right conference in

Belgrade, suffered serious injuries in a fight that occurred in Brankova Street in downtown Belgrade at about 3 am on Saturday, said Nada Macura, spokeswoman for the Emergency Center.

Participants of the conference, titled "The future belongs to us: LGBT rights on the road to the European Union", staged a protest walk over the incident today.—*Tanjug*



Serbian Interior Minister Nebojsa Stefanovic

WORLD

Islamic State video purports to show beheading of UK hostage David Haines

BAGHDAD, 14 Sept — Islamic State militants fighting in Iraq and Syria released a video on Saturday that purported to show the beheading of British aid worker David Haines.

Reuters could not immediately verify the footage. But the images were consistent with that of the filmed executions of two American journalists, James Foley and Steven Sotloff, in the past month.

Haines, a 44-year-old father of two from Perth, Scotland, was kidnapped last year while working for the French agency ACT-ED.

The video entitled,

“A Message to the Allies of America,” opened with UK Prime Minister David Cameron talking about working with the Iraqi government and allied Kurdish Peshmerga forces to defeat Islamic State.

“This British man has to pay the price for your promise, Cameron, to arm the Peshmerga against the Islamic State,” said a masked man dressed in black with a British accent, standing over Haines, who was shown kneeling and wearing an orange jumpsuit. The video then showed the beheading of the kneeling man.

At the end of the vid-

eo, another hostage, identified as Alan Henning, was shown and the masked man said he would be killed if Cameron continued to support the fight against Islamic State.

Cameron condemned the killing and said he would bring the killers to justice.

US President Barack Obama strongly condemned “the barbaric murder” of Haines and vowed to work with other countries to “destroy this threat to the people of our countries, the region and the world.”

“The United States stands shoulder to shoul-

der tonight with our close friend and ally in grief and resolve,” Obama said in a statement. “We will work with the United Kingdom and a broad coalition of nations from the region and around the world to bring the perpetrators of this outrageous act to justice.”

In the video, Haines also spoke, saying Cameron was responsible for his execution. “You entered voluntarily into a coalition with the United States against the Islamic State, just as your predecessor, Tony Blair, did,” he said.

“Following a trend amongst our British prime ministers who can’t find

the courage to say no to the Americans.

Unfortunately, it is we, the British public, that will in the end pay the price for our Parliament’s selfish decisions.”

Foley and Sotloff made similar speeches to Obama, which have been dismissed as scripted by Islamic State and delivered under duress.

The purported executioner appeared to be the same man who appeared in videos with Foley and Sotloff, and it showed a similar desert setting. In both videos, the captives wore orange jumpsuits.

Reuters

Australia’s military to help fight Islamic State: PM

SYDNEY, 14 Sept — Australia will send a military force within days to the United Arab Emirates to contribute to airstrikes against Islamic State (IS) militants in Iraq, Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott on Sunday said in Darwin.

Australia would supply 600 personnel, including 400 from the air force and 200 from the army, along with equipment to the coalition force against the ISIS movement, Abbott said.

“In addition, the Australian Defence Force will prepare a special operations task group as military advisers that could assist Iraqi and other security forces that are taking the fight to the ISIL terrorists,” Abbott said, adding that this decision was made after his speaking with US President Barack Obama, and the campaign of airstrikes could last for a few months.

Australia would send to the United Arab Emirates up to eight Royal Australian Air Force F/A18 Super Hornet or “classic” Hornet combat aircraft, an E-7A Wedgetail Airborne Early Warning and Control aircraft and a KC-30A multi-role tanker and transport aircraft.

Abbott, however, refused to say the deployment meant Australia was at war.

“We are not deploying combat troops but contributing to international efforts to prevent the humanitarian crisis from deepening,” said Abbott, “Nevertheless, Australia is prepared to engage in international operations to disrupt and degrade ISIL because of the threat that this murderous death cult poses not just to the people of Iraq, not just to the people of the Middle East, but to the whole world, including to Australia.” Australia last Friday raised the national terrorism public alert level from medium to high after receiving advice from the Australian Security Intelligence Organization. It was the first such change in 11 years in the country.

Xinhua

UK’s Cameron says will hunt down ‘murderers’ of David Haines

LONDON, 14 Sept — British Prime Minister David Cameron said on Saturday the murder of aid worker David Haines by Islamic State was an act of pure evil and vowed to bring his killers to justice however long it takes.

“This is a despicable and appalling murder of an innocent aid worker. It is an act of pure evil. My

heart goes out to the family of David Haines who have shown extraordinary courage and fortitude throughout this ordeal,” he said in a statement released by Downing Street.

“We will do everything in our power to hunt down these murderers and ensure they face justice, however long it takes.”

Reuters



Britain’s Prime Minister David Cameron (R) and Chief of the Defence Staff Nicholas Houghton attend the opening ceremony of the Invictus Games at the Queen Elizabeth Park in east London on 10 Sept, 2014. —REUTERS

Iraq PM says he will protect civilians after US-Iraq air strikes against IS



A Shi’ite fighter from Mahdi Army runs during heavy fighting with Islamic State militants at Bo Hassan village in near Tikrit, northern Iraq on 12 Sept, 2014.

REUTERS

BAGHDAD, 14 Sept — Iraq’s Shi’ite Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi said on Saturday that he had ordered his air force to halt strikes on civilian areas, following attacks by both

Iraqi and US jets in large areas of the country held by Islamic State fighters.

The announcement, which comes as the United States tries to build regional support for deeper mili-

tary action against Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, may be aimed at winning Sunni Muslim support for Abadi’s new Shi’ite-led government as it battles the group which controls one

third of Iraqi territory.

US Secretary of State John Kerry has been touring the Middle East to coordinate a response to Islamic State’s growing power in eastern Syria and western Iraq. In Cairo on Saturday, he said Egypt has a critical role to play in countering the group’s hardline Sunni Islamist ideology.

Abadi said his order to protect civilians had been issued on Thursday, a day after he held talks with Kerry in Baghdad.

Sunni Muslim tribal figures, who the US hopes can be persuaded to turn against the jihadists, have demanded a freeze on military action on civilian areas as one of the conditions for their support of the Shi’ite-led government.

But residents in two Sunni areas of Iraq said there had been indiscriminate air strikes during the past two days.

“I have ordered the Iraqi Air Force to halt shelling of civilian areas even in those towns controlled by ISIS,” Abadi said on his official Twitter account, using the former name for militant group Islamic State.

Herak, a Sunni opposition grouping which has led anti-government protests and has ties to armed Sunni groups, said they “positively welcomed” Abadi’s comments, a rare break in their usually dissenting rhetoric.

The United Nations’ representative in Iraq, Nickolay Mladenov, welcomed the comments, which were repeated by Abadi at a conference about refugees on Saturday in Baghdad. “Protection of civilians and ensuring their safety and security is a paramount priority for the United Nations,” Mladenov said.—Reuters

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 15 September, 2014

Genuine peace is important for every citizen

By Myint Win Thein

All those who should join must participate in the political dialogue scheduled to be held before the end of 2014 as the peace effort is very important for every citizen regardless of race or religion. Therefore, representatives of the government, representatives of armed and unarmed ethnic national races, representatives of political parties and

others suitable for the dialogue should participate in it.

The government plays an important role in the political dialogue intended to end the civil strife as it is the legitimate government of Myanmar and it has promised to bring peace to the entire country. In addition, its development efforts will be in vain without peace.

Having fought together with the Bamar for independence from the British, armed and unarmed ethnic national races whose homelands have been ravaged by civil war should participate in the political dialogue without fail as they are the first ones to enjoy the benefit of peace.

Political parties that will one day or another form government when they are elected by the people should also participate in the political dialogue. Peace is essential for political stability.

Civil society groups also play an important role in the efforts for peace by representing the public voice.

There is much evidence that Myanmar's youth have a tradition of taking part in the fore along the independence, national unity and democratic struggles of the country. Therefore, they should also participate in the peace efforts of the country.

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The State Ovadacariya (Patron) Committee of the Sangha of All Orders of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

By Ba Sein (Religious Affairs)

In accordance with the resolutions passed and adopted by the very First Successful Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders of 1980 which could reconstruct the unity of the Sangha of All Orders within one hundred years in the history of Buddhism of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the different levels of the Sangha Organizations throughout the country could be formed thoroughly. The different levels of the Sangha Organizations in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar are as follows:-

1. State Ovadacariya (Patron) Committee
2. State Sanghamahanayaka Committee
3. State Central Working Committee of the Sangha
4. State and Regional Sanghanayaka Committees
5. Township Sanghanayaka Committees
6. Ward/Village-tract Sanghanayaka Committees

According to the principles of the Sangha Organizations adopted by the First Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, all members at the different levels of the Sangha Organizations shall be elected after the duration of five years' term is terminated.

Members of State Ovadacariya (Patron) Committee, State Sanghamahanayaka Committee and State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders of the Union of Myanmar shall be elected only at the Congregations of the Sangha of All Orders of the Union of Myanmar attended by Sanghasamuti representatives who represent over five hundred thousand members of the Sangha in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. They shall be elected only by majority of Sanghasamuti representatives.

Members of State and Regional Sanghanayaka Committees, Township Sanghanayaka Committee and Ward/Village-tract Sanghanayaka Committees shall be elected by majority of the members of the Sangha at their respective meetings. The main aims and objectives of those various Sangha Organizations are to carry out the noble tasks of the purification, perpetuation, propagation and promotion of the Buddha Sasana throughout the world. We all Buddhist know that altogether six Buddhist Synods had been held in order to purify, perpetuate and propagate the Buddha Sasana after the noble demise of the Buddha over 2557 years ago.

The Sixth Buddhist Synod was held in the Union of Myanmar in 1954 and attended by the learned and chief monks (Maha Theras) from Five Theravada Buddhist Nations, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Sri Lanka and Myanmar. Although the Buddhist Synod has been held, it was still found that some isms and views which were in compatible with and contradictory to the essence of the real teachings of the Buddha. And also, different sects and schools of the Sangha Orders appeared in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. They were not united and parted

from each other.

According to the strong wish of multifarious Buddhist people and the Government of the Union of Myanmar to reconstruct the unity of the Sangha, the First Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders for the purification, perpetuation, propagation and promotion of the Buddha Sasana which was attended by 1500 representatives of the Sangha throughout the country was successfully held in 1980.

According to the result of the unity of the Sangha of All Orders, the Nine Sects (Ganas) of the Sangha of All Orders throughout the country were officially recognized by the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. They are as follows:-

1. Suddhamma Gana (Sect)
2. Shwekyin Gana (Sect)
3. Dhammanu Dhamma Mahadwara Nikaya Gana (Sect)
4. Dhamma Vinaya Nulomamuladwara Nikaya Gana (Sect)
5. Anaukchaung Dwara Gana (Sect)
6. Veluvan Nikaya Gana (Sect)
7. Catubommika Mahasatipathana Hngettwin Gana (Sect)
8. Gannavimotti Kuto Gana (Sect)
9. Dhammayotti Nikaya Mahayin Gana (Sect)

The different levels of Sangha Organizations throughout the Republic of the Union of Myanmar represent these nine Ganas (Sects) of the Sangha of All Orders.

The State Ovadacariya (Patron) Committee of the Sangha of All Orders is one of the different levels of the Sangha

Organizations and comprises 111 chief and learned Maha Theras of advanced age who are elected by majority of Sangha representatives at the Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders.

Functions and duties of the State Ovadacariya (Patron) Committee of the Sangha of All Orders

1. Members of the State Ovadacariya (Patron) Committee in group or in individual may give admonitions (Ovadakathas) to the State Sanghamahanayaka Committee relating to the Sasana affairs
2. Members of the State Ovadacariya Committee, themselves may go to give admonitions or may send the written statement.
3. Any member of the State Ovadacariya Committee may attend the meeting of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders if he wishes, and if he is requested to act as the Patron Maha Thera (Ovadacariya) at the meeting, he may act.

The members of the State Ovadacariya (Patron) Committee of the Sangha of All Orders represent the Nine Sects of the Sangha of All Orders of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and carry out the noble tasks of the purification, perpetuation, propagation and promotion of the Theravada Buddha Sasana by giving admonitions to the members of the Sangha relating to the Sasana affairs and preaching the teachings of the Buddha to the people. We heartily wish that may the members of the State Ovadacariya (Patron) Committee of the Sangha of All Orders be healthy and longevity, and peacefully serve the interest of the Buddha Sasana.

ISR Football Tournament commences in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 14 Sept — A ceremony to open the Mandalay Region Government's Cup Inter-State/Region Football Tournament 2014 was held at the Mandal Thiri Stadium in Mandalay on Friday, attended by Myanmar National Olympic Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan and Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint.

The Union minister presented trophy and sports gear to the region chief minister.

Athletes participated in skill demonstrations on aerobics, Wushu, gymnastic, Karatedo, Taekwondo, traditional cane-ball and martial arts events.

Mandalay Region Minister for Sports Dr Win Hlaing presented cash awards to the athletes in the skill demonstration.

In the debut, Mandalay Region played a 1-1- draw with Kachin State.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)



Hoteliers, chefs visit thriving vegetables and crops plantations in 900-acre farmlands



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing explains thriving dragon fruit plantations to hoteliers and chefs at Razathingaha Park in Nay Pyi Taw.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept — A 75-member team of hoteliers, managers and chefs of hotels from Nay Pyi Taw Council Area led by Director-General U Aung Zaw Win of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism Services visited the 900-acre Setsetyo dam-irrigated farmlands in Ottarathiri Township on Saturday.

They viewed round

dragon fruit plantation at Razathingaha Park in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. They also visited papaya, taro, pineapple, sweet corn, bean and other vegetables plantations.

The hoteliers and party looked round Ngwechi-9 and Shwedaung-8 long staple cotton plantations and high yield sugarcane plantation.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and party conducted them round the plantations and per-acre yield of crops and vegetables.

The Union minister inspected progress of 200-ton Rice Processing Plant and Rice Mill and gave instructions on timely completion of construction tasks.

The hoteliers and chefs

visited thriving Palethwe monsoon paddy plantation on 440 acres of farmlands in Alyinlo Village of Pyinmana Township.—MNA

Transfer of share, modern rail transportation discussed

YANGON, 14 Sept— Executive Vice President Chief Regional Officer Mr Chan Kun Han and Director Mr Jangbum Lee of Myanmar-Daewoo International Corporation of the Republic of Korea called on Union Minister

for Rail Transportation U Than Htay at Sakhantha Guest House of Yangon Railway Station in Yangon on Sunday.

They exchanged views on transfer of shares between Myanmar-Daewoo Co Ltd (MDCM) and

Sun Chaung of Korea, tax in transfer of shares, soonest disbursement of loans from EDCF of the Republic of Korea to purchase carriages and runs of modern rail transportation in Korea.

MNA

Development of industries in Bago Region discussed

BAGO, 14 Sept — Chief Minister of Bago Region U Nyan Win received Chief Representative Mr Tetsuro Nonaka of

Misuh Bank Ltd of Japan at the hall of the region government in Bago on 12 September.

They focused on de-

velopment of industries in Bago Region, opportunities for operating industries and mutual cooperation.—MNA

Ministry of Health initiates pilot water safety plan project in Yangon, Mandalay

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

YANGON, 14 Sept — The Ministry of Health will implement the water safety plan (WSP) next year in Myanmar with the assistance of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the UNICEF, source said on Sunday.

Dr Kyi Lwin Oo, Assistant Director of the Department of Occupational and Environmental Health

(OEH), said that the Ministry is now operating the water quality surveillance tasks in Kungyangon Township in Yangon and TadaU Township in Mandalay as a pilot project.

The main objectives of the plan are to ensure access to safe water to all households in the country as well as to improve public health and environ-

mental sanitation. The Department of Occupational and Environmental Health (OEH) under the Ministry has already drafted the national drinking-water quality standards which will soon be submitted to the Ministry of Science and Technology, he added.

Medical personnel of the department finished the water testing for arsenic in drinking water in Ayeyawady and Bago re-

gions where the artesian wells have high arsenic water.

They also have done water testing for amount of fluoride in drinking water in wells of Wetlet Township in Sagaing Region.

Water testing is being carried out by the Department of Occupational and Environmental Health in flood-ravaged areas in the country like Ayeyawady.

NLM

Vendors commence sales of toy pots at Phayathonzu Pagoda in Mandalay



MANDALAY, 14 Sept — Phayathonzu Pagoda Pujaniya festival is the earliest one among the pa-

goda Pujaniya activities in Mandalay. At present, the vendors of toy pots have arrived at the pagoda to sell the various sizes and types of small pots and displayed the products at their shops.

As the toy pot vendor put their goods on display one month ahead of the Pagoda Pujaniya festival that will kick off on 10th Thadingyut, 3rd October 2014, the precinct of the pagoda is crowded with pilgrims and visitors, said Ma Aye Win, a toy pot vendor.

“We all toy pot vendors came from Tatgyi Village of Amarapura Township. We sell small pots before holding the Buddha Pujaniya of the pagoda yearly. The pots are sold

at ranging from K100 to K500,” she added.

U Tin Hla, a residence near the pagoda, said: “Every Mandalay knows Buddha Pujaniya festivals start from Phayathonzu Pagoda in Mandalay. Toy pot vendors are seasonal travellers to Mandalay. After the festival of Phayathonzu Pagoda, Buddha Pujaniya festivities will be held at pagodas in Mandalay City one after another.”

The Buddha Pujaniya will be held at the pagoda on 10th waxing of Thadingyut, and meals and alms are offered to 300 members of the Sangha at the dawn of the next day.

Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)

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Punjabi Taliban says it is ending activities in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 14 Sept — The Punjabi Taliban, a group that split from Tehreek Taleban Pakistan, will cease operating in Pakistan and will restrict its activities to Afghanistan, group leader Ismat Ullah Moawia announced in a video received by Pakistani journalists on Saturday.

According to video clips shown on GEO TV, the

decision to restrict its activities to Afghanistan was taken at a meeting of its shura (advisory council) four days ago at an undisclosed place.

The group, also known as Tehreek Taleban Punjab, is largely comprised of mujahideen who had took part in a jihad in Indian-administered Kashmir and is responsible for several acts

of terrorism in Punjab and Gilgit-Baltistan bordering China. Moawia said in his video his group was mainly affiliated with the Afghan Taliban and would therefore limit its activities to Afghanistan.

He also advised other factions of Pakistani Taliban to follow suit.

Punjabi Taliban split with Pakistani Taliban on

the question of talks for peace with the Pakistan Army and government, which it supported but was opposed by the parent group.

Recently, al-Qaeda chief Ayman al-Zawahiri designated Punjabi Taliban member Asim Umar as head of al-Qaeda operations on the Indian subcontinent.—Kyodo News

Nigeria military says one of its warplanes missing in northeast

ABUJA, 14 Sept — The Nigerian military said on Sunday one of its fighter jets that was operating in a northeast state where the armed forces are fighting Islamist Boko Haram militants had gone missing.

A search and rescue operation was underway for the Nigerian air force Alpha jet which was on a routine operational mission on Friday over Adamawa state when contact was lost with the aircraft, the Nigerian armed forces said in a statement.

The statement gave no more details and there was no other information available on whether the plane, which had left an air base at the Adamawa state capi-

tal Yola and had a crew of two, had crashed or been shot down.

Nigeria's military, backed by war planes, has been fighting to push back recent advances by Boko Haram into the north of Adamawa state and also towards Maiduguri, the state capital of neighbouring Borno state. The army said it beat back an attack outside Maiduguri on Friday.

Boko Haram, which has killed thousands since it launched its anti-government insurgency in the northeast in 2009, has in recent weeks captured and held a string of towns and villages in the region, a departure from its usual hit-and-run tactics.—Reuters



Cadets of the Military College take part in the ceremony to commemorate the 167th Anniversary of the Heroic Deed of the Heroic Children of Chapultepec, at Chapultepec Forest, in Mexico City, capital of Mexico on 13 Sept, 2014. On 13 Sept, 1847, the Hero children died defending the Chapultepec Castle during the Battle of Chapultepec of the Mexican-American War.

XINHUA

US Embassy in Uganda tells citizens to seek shelter amid anti-terror operation

KAMPALA, 14 Sept — The US Embassy in Uganda told its citizens to seek safety on Saturday, warning that local authorities had uncovered a "terrorist cell" run by Somali militant group al-Shabaab, which they believed was planning an imminent attack.

Ugandan police later said it had foiled an attack in central Kampala and was increasing security at hotels and other public places, but declined to say who was behind the attack.

The Embassy, in a statement published on its website, said it was not aware of specific targets but said the authorities had increased security at key sites including Entebbe International Airport.

"Today Ugandan authorities reported the discovery of an al-Shabaab terrorist cell in Kampala, Uganda," the Embassy said. "We remain in close contact with our Ugandan counterparts as investigations continue into what appears to have been planning for an imminent attack." At a news conference later, Ugandan police said they had seized explosives and arrested an unspecified number of foreigners after foiling an attack.

But Fred Enanga, a spokesman for Uganda Police, declined to say if he believed the cell was connected to Islamist militants al-Shabaab or to name the nationalities of those detained. Uganda, as one of

the countries that contribute forces to an African Union peacekeeping mission battling al-Shabaab in Somalia, has suffered militant attacks in recent years, and al Shabaab has threatened more. The US Embassy, shortly before issuing its announcement, told its citizens, in a message posted on Twitter, to stay at home or proceed to a safe location while Ugandan authorities completed operations against a suspected cell in Kampala.

The Embassy has said Uganda faces a "continued threat" and has issued other alerts during the year about possible attacks.

Al-Shabaab, which is aligned with al-Qaeda, claimed responsibility for

the attack on the Westgate shopping mall in Nairobi in neighbouring Kenya a year ago, in which 67 people died. This month the group warned of revenge against its enemies after it said its leader Ahmed Godane had been killed in a US air strike on his encampment in Somalia. In 2010, Al-Shabaab bombed sports bars in Uganda where people were watching the soccer World Cup on television.—Reuters

S Korean foreign minister Yun meets Japan envoy for 1st time

SEOUL, 14 Sept — South Korean Foreign Minister Yun Byung Se and Japanese Ambassador to Seoul Koro Bessho held talks on Sunday at a cultural exchange event in Seoul as the two countries struggle to mend strained relations.

It was Yun's first meeting with the Japanese ambassador since assuming the post in February last year, when the government of President Park Geun Hye was launched. The talks lasted around 20 minutes.

At the event, Yun watched a traditional stage performance.

Reflecting Park's tough stance on Japan, Yun has maintained a stern attitude as bilateral relations have deteriorated amid disputes over territory and perceptions of wartime history. Yun's participation in the event, however, was viewed as an attempt to demonstrate that South Korea is making efforts to expand cultural and economic exchanges with Japan and is not rejecting dialogue.

Kyodo News

Man receives administrative detention for spreading terrorist rumour

URUMQI, 14 Sept — A young man has received a seven-day administrative detention in Kuitun City in northwestern China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region for spreading terrorist rumours, local police confirmed on Sunday.

The 26-year-old unemployed man, surnamed Zhang, posted photos and false information on 5

September, claiming that terrorists had stormed the Kuitun railway station on his microblog, online chat group and Wechat accounts, said the public security bureau of Kuitun.

The rumours quickly aroused public concern. Kuitun police authorities received the reports and quickly caught Zhang.

Investigations found

that photos Zhang posted online with the rumours were taken during an anti-terrorism exercise on 5 September at the Kuitun railway station.

Zhang took the photos at the drill site and posted them online under the name of "xiaokui." He was caught by police hours after posting the rumours.

Xinhua



Photo provided by Colombia's Presidency shows Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos (3rd L) attending the signing ceremony of the Magdalena River navigability contract, in Baranquilla, Colombia on 13 Sept, 2014. Juan Manuel Santos signed on Saturday the contract to recover the navigability in Magdalena River, Colombia's principal tributary. —XINHUA

HEALTH & BUSINESS

Liberian president appeals to Obama for US help to beat Ebola

DAKAR, 14 Sept — Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf has appealed to US President Barack Obama for urgent aid in tackling the worst recorded outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus, saying that without it her country would lose the fight against the disease.

The outbreak, which was first discovered in March, has now killed more than 2,400 people mostly in Liberia, neighbouring Guinea and Sierra Leone, as understaffed and poorly resourced West African healthcare systems have been overrun.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has warned that the epidemic is spreading exponentially in Liberia, where more than half of the deaths have been recorded. It has said that thousands are at risk of contagion in the coming weeks.

Medical charity Medecins Sans Fron-

tieres (MSF) has set up several treatment centres in the affected countries but has also repeatedly warned it has reached the limits of its capacity and appealed for foreign governments to intervene.

In a letter dated 9 September seen by *Reuters*, Johnson Sirleaf appealed to Obama to build and operate at least one Ebola treatment unit in the capital Monrovia, saying that US civilian and military teams had experience in dealing with biological hazards. With the Liberian government due to open a 100-bed treatment centre and MSF scaling up its Ebola facility in Monrovia to 400 beds, Johnson Sirleaf said there was still a shortfall of 1,000 beds in the capital as well as a need for 10 new centres in the rest of the country.

“Without more direct help from your government, we will lose this bat-



Liberia's President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf speaks to the media following a UN High Level panel meeting at Number 10 Downing Street, London on 1 Nov, 2012.

REUTERS

tle against Ebola,” Johnson Sirleaf, who won the Nobel Peace Prize for her work on women’s rights, wrote to Obama.

The US government has committed around \$100 million to tackle the outbreak by providing protective equipment for healthcare workers, food, water, medical and hygiene equipment.

The US military said this week it would build a 25-bed field hospital in Liberia to care for infected health workers but it would hand this to Liberians to run.

On Friday, the US Ambassador to Liberia Deborah Malac said Washington would train security forces in isolation operations, after a boy was shot dead last

month when Liberian soldiers opened fire on a crowd protesting at a quarantine in a Monrovia neighbourhood.

Liberian officials have called the outbreak the greatest threat to national stability since a 1989-2003 civil war, which killed nearly 250,000 people. Many ordinary people in Liberia, a nation founded by descendants of freed American slaves, look for help to the United States.

Cuba on Friday announced that it would deploy 165 medical personnel to Sierra Leone next month, the largest contingent of foreign doctors and nurses committed so far.

Johnson Sirleaf said that Ebola treatment centres were full and were being forced to turn away the sick.

“We are sending them home where they are a risk to their families and the communities. I am being honest with you when I say that at this rate, we will never break

the transmission chain and the virus will overwhelm us,” she wrote.

“Only governments like yours have the resources and assets to deploy at the pace required to arrest the spread,” Johnson Sirleaf wrote to Obama, a fellow Nobel Peace Prize laureate.

In a country with large numbers of unemployed former child soldiers, Johnson Sirleaf said the outbreak threatened civil order. With healthcare workers staying away from work, after dozens of their colleagues contracted the virus, citizens were also dying of other, treatable illnesses, she said.

Johnson Sirleaf asked the United States to assist in restoring services in at least 10 non-Ebola hospitals. Liberia also asked for US help in establishing an air bridge to transport personnel and equipment after all but two private airlines have canceled their flights.— *Reuters*

Abe says ‘neutral’ on whether to raise Japan sales tax to 10 percent

TOKYO, 14 Sept — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said on Sunday he remained “neutral” on whether to proceed with a hike in Japan’s sales tax to 10 percent, adding that decision would hinge on the strength of economic indicators for the current quarter. “The economy is a living thing and we are thinking about this in a neutral way,” Abe told public broadcaster *NHK*. Abe has to decide by the end of the year whether to proceed with a previously approved plan to raise the consumption tax to 10 percent from 8 percent in 2015 after a hike from 5 percent in April sent consumption into a sharp contraction. Abe said in an *NHK* interview he wanted to see how the economy performs in the July to September quarter after GDP contracted

by 7.1 percent in the April to June quarter as a result of the previous tax increase. “We would like to get economic indicators from the quarter and hear the views of economists. As part of that process, we will decide whether to proceed with the tax hike as now set by law or whether to wait. That’s the discussion we need to have,” Abe said.

Abe said his goal is to restore growth to the world’s third-largest economy and end 15 years of deflation. At the same time, he has pledged to curb government debt, which is well over twice the size of GDP, the heaviest debt burden in the industrial world. “We have no alternative but to aim to spur growth even as we get public finance on a healthier footing,” Abe told *NHK*.

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Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe gestures as he gives a speech during the World Assembly for Women (WAW! Tokyo 2014) in Tokyo on 12 Sept, 2014.

REUTERS

UK banks slam leverage plans as too complex, may increase risk

LONDON, 14 Sept — Britain’s banks have slammed plans to impose new capital rules for lenders and said the “leverage ratio” proposals are far too complex and could encourage banks to take more risks.

“There is a risk that the current proposals will increase costs for bank customers and conflict with other rules that seek to make banks safer,” said Simon Hills, a director at the British Bankers’ Association (BBA).

The Bank of England (BoE) has proposed changes to the framework for the leverage ratio — which is a measure of equity as a percentage of assets, without adjusting for riskiness.

The proposals put forward are expected to result in Britain lifting the minimum leverage ratio for banks in the future, possibly to 4 or 5 percent, bank industry sources told *Reuters* last week.

Banks currently need to have a leverage ratio of at least 3 percent, in line with the global standard.

The BoE’s Financial Policy Committee (FPC) is due to reveal changes to the leverage ratio framework in November, and gave banks until Friday to respond.



Pedestrians walk past the Bank of England in the City of London on 15 May, 2014. Bank of England policymaker Ben Broadbent said on Thursday it was not surprising that Britain’s housing market was recovering along with the rest of the economy and he did not see troubling levels of credit growth.

REUTERS

The FPC will not set a new minimum level for the leverage ratio in that review and has not said when it will. Industry sources told *Reuters* that could happen around mid-2015.

“We believe that they (the proposals) are too complex and potentially damaging,” Hills said.

The BBA’s response to the consultation, a copy of which has been seen by *Reuters*, said the plans for change go too far and would undermine the lev-

erage ratio’s simplicity, which is regarded as one of its attractions.

They would also “lead to much higher minimum levels of the leverage ratio than we had previously envisaged, resulting in banks having to raise yet more capital and to reconsider their business models and customer propositions,” the BBA said.

Banks could restrain their dividend payouts to help improve their leverage, but are not expected to

raise equity as long as they are given several years to meet the new rules, analysts have said.

The BBA’s response echoes criticism of the proposals made by Britain’s Building Societies Association (BSA).

The BSA said the proposals were a “primitive approach” that discriminated against them, as low-risk residential mortgages make up the bulk of their loan books.

Reuters

China issues yellow alert for typhoon Kalmaegi

BEIJING, 14 Sept — China's marine forecast station issued a yellow alert as typhoon Kalmaegi, packing winds of up to 126 km per hour, is expected to enter the South China Sea on Monday morning.

Kalmaegi is now moving toward the northern Philippines from the country's east coast. It is forecast to land at the northern Philippines island of Luzon around Sunday evening and will continue to approach the southern coast of China on Monday morning, according to China's state marine forecast station.

The typhoon could create waves up to seven metres high in the eastern part of the South China Sea and the Bashi Channel between Sunday noon and Monday noon, according to the forecast.—Xinhua

One killed in US offshore gas platform accident

HOUSTON, 14 Sept— An accident killed one person and injured two others on Saturday on a Chevron natural gas platform off the coast of the US southern state of Louisiana, said local media.

A spokesman for the Chevron Pipeline Co confirmed the news, saying the accident happened around 11:10 am local time, while the victims were all maintenance workers on the platform.

The platform was part of a natural gas gathering system, according to local media reports.—Xinhua



Packages of seized products remain on the floor in an operation at Polvos Azules mall, in the Victoria district, in Lima, Peru on 13 Sept, 2014. Peru's Interior Minister, Daniel Urresti, led an operation on Saturday in the Polvos Azules mall, where pirated CDs and DVDs were seized in 140 establishments, as well as CD burners to prevent the spread of piracy, according to local press.—XINHUA

World's 1st transplant surgery using iPS cells conducted



Masayo Takahashi, researcher of the Riken Centre for Developmental Biology, smiles during a press conference in Kobe, western Japan, on 12 Sept, 2014, after a Japanese research team led by Takahashi transplanted retinal cells grown from induced pluripotent stem cells to a woman in her 70s. It marked the first time iPS-derived cells have been introduced into a human body by surgery.

KYODO NEWS

KOBE, 14 Sept — A Japanese research team on Friday successfully transplanted retinal cells grown from induced pluripotent stem cells to a woman in her 70s, marking the first time iPS-derived cells have been introduced into a human body through surgery.

The clinical test, conducted by researchers at the government-backed Riken research institute

and the Institute of Biomedical Research and Innovation Hospital in Kobe, made use of iPS cells, a type of stem cells developed by Nobel-winning Kyoto University professor Shinya Yamanaka that can grow into various human body tissue.

Friday's surgery was primarily aimed at checking whether any problems would develop, including cancer, after iPS-derived retinal cells were transplanted to the patient, who has wet-type age-related macular degeneration, a form of retinal degenerative disease that could lead to loss of vision.

"I'm relieved that (the surgery) ended successfully," said Masayo Takahashi, the leader of the research team that conducted the surgery, at a press conference in Kobe. "I hope it is a significant step forward."

The research team plans to perform surgery on six patients. It is likely to take around a year to assess the safety and effects of the transplant surgery, the research team said.

At a separate press conference in Kyoto, Yamanaka congratulated the team for the successful surgery, saying, "It was a result of long-lasting efforts that they (the research team) have made a big step in such a short time of seven years since human iPS cells were created. I'd like to pay my respects."

"The real part of the clinical study starts from now," Yamanaka said. "I feel huge responsibility as the developer of the technology."

Prior to the surgery, the research team of the Riken Center for Developmental Biology first created iPS cells by introducing control genes into skin cells taken from the patient.

The team then created a sheet of pigment epithelium, a kind of protective layer in the retina, by developing the iPS cells into retinal pigment epithelial cells.

During the roughly two-hour surgery at the hospital in Kobe, the retinal sheet was transplanted onto the patient's eye after removing abnormal vessels in her retina tissue, according to Riken.

The team said after the surgery that nothing serious or harmful happened to the patient, such as massive blood loss.

The patient, a woman from Hyogo Prefecture, is expected to be released from the hospital in three to seven days.

People with wet-type age-related macular degeneration often experience a distortion or decline in vision due to retinal damage caused by abnormal growth of blood vessels. In Japan, around 700,000 people are thought to suffer from the disease. The health ministry lists it as an intractable condition.

Kyoto University's Yamanaka won the 2012 Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine, along with fellow researcher John Gurdon, for his advanced research on iPS cells.

Kyodo News

Competition at rotating sushi restaurants intensifying

Tokyo, 14 Sept — Operators of conveyor belt sushi restaurants are vying to diversify their lineups and speed up delivery of dishes amid fiercer competition and rising costs.

"This restaurant offers a variety of food at low prices and we never want to stop coming here," said Yuki Suda, a 17-year-old customer at a Muten Kura Sushi restaurant in Tokyo's Itabashi Ward.

"This place is like a casual family restaurant for us," said the senior high school student who had stopped by the restaurant with friends after school.

On top of sushi, Muten Kura Sushi restaurants, operated by Kura Corp., also offer reasonably priced ramen using seafood stock, available for less than 400 yen.

The company has sold more than 10 million bowls of ramen since launching in the fall of 2012.

It also offers "tendon" bowls of rice topped with deep-fried shrimps, and for a limited time, "unadon" rice with grilled eel fillets. A rice bowl with top-quality Spain-produced Iberico pork was added to its menu in March this year.

Among other popular items at Muten Kura Sushi are cups of coffee brewed in an espresso machine billed as having cost one million yen and low-priced

sweets, according to the company. "We aim to become a general restaurant attracting a broad range of customers with a full-fledged food menu that can compete with any kind of restaurant," a senior official of Kura said.

The company plans to raise the ratio of sales from non-sushi dishes to 30 percent of overall revenues, according to the official.

In the meantime, Uobei sushi restaurants, which are operated by Genki Sushi Co. mainly in eastern Japan, use no rotating conveyor belts, although their sushi is inexpensive.

At Uobei, customers place orders on a touch panel in front of their seats and sushi dishes are delivered in about 90 seconds on average, about 10 times faster than on a conveyor belt.

The dishes are delivered on miniature shinkansen trains or sports vehicles running on a track, a feature that helps attract children.

"Customers can enjoy fresh food without the stress of waiting," a Genki Sushi official said. "As a result, it has helped boost the turnover rate and shorten waiting time at the restaurant."

The official said that the company will replace conveyor belts at sushi restaurants of other brands with "high-speed tracks" as well.

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Dancers perform during the opening ceremony grand parade of Shanghai Tourism Festival in Shanghai, east China on 13 Sept, 2014.

XINHUA

Tropical storm nears northern Philippines

BEIJING, 14 Sept—Typhoon Kalmaegi is now closing in on the northern Philippines. Kalmaegi is expected to make landfall in the northern part of the Philippine island of Luzon on Sunday night.

The island has already been pounded by torrential rain, raising fears of flash floods and landslides. The trop-

ical storm is expected to hit the shores of southern China on Monday night.

The provinces of Guangdong, Hainan and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region are likely to see heavy rainfall, strong gales and possible flooding.

Xinhua

2-day Danjiri Festival in Kishiwada begins



A danjiri, an elaborately carved traditional wooden float, is pulled by neighbourhood people through a street in the city of Kishiwada, Osaka Prefecture, on 13 Sept, 2014, as the annual two-day Danjiri Festival began. The festival features 34 teams pulling floats at breakneck speeds, with neighbourhood leaders hopping and dancing on the top of the floats.—KYODO NEWS

13 killed, 15 injured in traffic accident in SW Turkey

ANKARA, 14 Sept—A passenger bus overturned to a stream in the resort province of Antalya in southwestern Turkey on Sunday, killing 13 and injuring 15 others, private *Dogan* news agency reported. The accident took place in early Sunday morning on the Isparta-highway in Manavgat town in Antalya when the passenger bus suddenly overturned to the stream, according to the report. Turkish ambulances and rescue teams from Isparta Province were sent to the scene and an investigation into the accident is underway, said the report.

Xinhua

China province helps stranded Russian tourists

SANYA, 14 Sept—A chartered flight took off early Sunday morning with 169 Russian tourists who were stranded in southern China after their tourism agency went bankrupt, provincial government authorities said.

A total of 740 tourists from Russia were stranded in the cities of Sanya and Wanning and Ledong County in the island province of Hainan after their Russian tourism agency, South Cross, declared bankruptcy during their trips to China, according to the Hainan provincial tourism development commission.

Hainan has negotiated with Russian airlines to dispatch two airplanes to take about 600 stranded tourists back home on Sunday. More efforts are under way to return the remaining 100 tourists,

said Chen Tiejun, deputy director with the commission.

Government authorities in Hainan have offered help to ensure their journey back to Russia, and 22 hotels in the province have accommodated the stranded tourists.

Translators, transportation, and some meals and hotel rooms have also been provided for free after the charges were left unpaid by the Russian agency.

Hainan has been devoted to making the island, with its warm climate and beautiful coast, a world-class tourist destination by 2020.

Russia has been the top source of foreign tourists to Hainan for the past several years. In 2013, Russian travelers made 124,900 trips to the province.—Xinhua

Clooney marriage rumour draws crowds - but not Clooney

LONDON, 14 Sept — Tabloid reports that George Clooney and his fiancée Amal Alamuddin would perform their civil marriage ceremony at a London town hall drew small crowds on Friday, but no sign of the happy couple.

Celebrity magazine *Us Weekly* was the most often quoted source for a report that the 53-year-old Hollywood heartthrob would tie the knot with the Lebanese-born London-based human rights lawyer, 36, “with their parents present”, at Chelsea Old Town Hall.

The message from Chelsea Old Town Hall, though, could not have been clearer: “We are NOT conducting the wedding of Mr Clooney at this office today,” it said in a terse notice pinned to its door.

“We have assisted in



George Clooney arrives with his fiancée barrister Amal Alamuddin to attend the Celebrity Fight Night event in Florence on 7 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

the legal preliminaries for a proposed wedding for George Clooney and his fiancée,” the notice said. “A certificate of no impediment was applied for and has been issued as no objection was raised.”

But it said there would be no ceremony on Friday and added that: “a film

crew and press photographers would only cause plausible disruption to other couples getting married on this day.”

That didn’t stop dozens of onlookers, mostly women, and photographers turning up at the Register Office in West London on the off chance.

“Well if George Clooney’s come to London to tie the knot, no better place to do it than in Chelsea, so I’m very happy. We’re here to congratulate him,” Francesca Wellman, one of the hopeful crowd, said.

She and many others had hoped to catch a glimpse of the couple during a lunch break.

“George will never let us down. He chose Chelsea,” she added.

When the couple failed to make an appearance, Suzanne, a local resident said, “We haven’t really wasted our time ... it’s a lovely vibe around here.”

Nine other couples married during the day, many choosing to leave through the back entrance of the building to avoid the unexpected media attention.—Reuters

Katy Perry: My assistant is my punching bag

LONDON, 14 Sept — Singer Katy Perry has revealed her assistant often feels the brunt of her bad moods.

Perry, 29, says her assistant, Tamra, becomes her punching bag, on the days she is stressed, reported *Contactmusic*.

“I am quieter (on such days). I can snap a little bit, be a little bitchy to the couple of people around



me. Tamra, my assistant, is my closest punching bag. But she’s strong and understands that I have a lot of pressure on me sometimes,” Perry said.

She added that she takes help of meditation to calm herself.

“(I meditate) five to six times a week and have act-out day about every four to six months. I’ll have a cigarette, which I know is

absolutely horrible for me, after a few drinks when I’m having a week off. I don’t do black tar heroin,” the singer said.

PTI

S Korea’s Taeguk Mun wins Pablo Casals int’l cello competition

BUDAPEST, 14 Sept — Twenty years old cellist Taeguk Mun of South Korea, winner of the Pablo Casals International Cello Competition was presented with his award in Budapest on Saturday as part of the 48th Budapest International Music Competition at the Hungarian Academy

of Music. The presentation was combined with a concert which included performances by Mun as well as second-place finishers Ildiko Szabo of Hungary and Tomasz Daroch of Poland, and third placed Santiago Canon-Valencia of Columbia.

Mun performed Schu-

mann’s Cello Concerto in A minor, op. 129. He was accompanied by the Hungarian Radio Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Janos Kovacs.

Daroch played Chopin’s G-Minor Cello Sonata op. 65, with Maria Kovalszki on the piano, Szabo played Beethoven’s C Major Sonata No.1 op.102, with Istvan Lajko on the piano and Canon-Valencia played two pieces by David Popper, with Zsuzsanna Homor joining him on the piano.

Mun was born in 1994 in South Korea. He has been the 1st prize winner of various competitions. Mun is currently studying at the New England Conservatory in Boston.

A total of 157 cellists from 38 countries and regions entered the competition, which was last held 10 years ago for cello. Ninety four cellists participated in the preliminary round of the completion, fifteen of them entered the semi-final, and seven of them entered the final.

Xinhua



Twenty-year-old cellist Taeguk Mun of South Korea, winner of the Pablo Casals International Cello Competition, performs Schumann’s Cello Concerto in A minor, op. 129 with the accompaniment by the Hungarian Radio Symphony Orchestra, as part of the 48th Budapest International Music Competition at the Hungarian Academy of Music in Budapest, Hungary on 14 Sept, 2014. Mun was born in 1994 in South Korea. He has been the 1st prize winner of various competitions. A total of 157 cellists from 38 countries and regions entered the competition, which was last held 10 years ago for cello.—XINHUA

9th Miss China Pageant final held in Hebei, China



Winner Wang Yunting (C), runner-up Jia Jiawen (R) and second runner-up Wang Ying pose for photos during the awarding ceremony of the 9th Miss China Pageant final in Zhangbei County, north China’s Hebei Province on 13 Sept, 2014.—XINHUA



Contestants attend the 9th Miss China Pageant final in Zhangbei County, north China’s Hebei Province, on 13 Sept, 2014.—XINHUA

Scarlett Johansson gives birth to daughter in NYC

LOS ANGELES, 14 Sept — Hollywood siren Scarlett Johansson flew back to New York City to give birth to her daughter Rose Dorothy.

The 29-year-old actress, who moved to Paris last year to live with her French fiancé, Romain Dauriac, 32, decided to return to her hometown in the US in the final stages of her pregnancy, as she wanted her mother, Melanie Sloan, to be by her side when she welcomed her daughter into the world recently, reported *Us* magazine.

“She knew she would feel more comfortable in the United States. Scarlett’s thrilled to have a girl. She doesn’t want to let the baby out of her arms,” a source said.—PTI



GENERAL

Chelsea's Costa grabs hat-trick, City draw at Arsenal



Chelsea's Diego Costa (R) is challenged by Swansea's Ki Sung-Yueng during their English Premier League soccer match at the Stamford Bridge in London on 13 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

LONDON, 14 Sept—Diego Costa continued his stunning start to life at Chelsea with a hat-trick in a 4-2 win over Swansea City on Saturday while champions Manchester City were staring up the table after snatching a 2-2 draw at Arsenal.

Costa, who now has seven goals from his first four Premier League games, helped Chelsea come out on top against the only other team with a 100 percent record after Swansea had taken the lead with an early John Terry own goal.

New signing Loic Remy grabbed his first Chelsea goal before Jonjo Shelvey netted a consolation late on, leaving the west London side two points clear at the top and five ahead of title rivals Manchester City.

Martin Demichelis scored with a late looping header for City after moments of sublime skill from Jack Wilshere and Alexis Sanchez had briefly turned the match in Arsenal's favour, following Sergio Aguero's opener.

Elsewhere, unbeaten Aston Villa are second after they beat Liverpool 1-0 at Anfield, Newcastle United's sorry start continued with a crushing 4-0 defeat at Southampton and Tottenham Hotspur were held to a 2-2 draw at Sunderland.

Everton beat West Bromwich Albion 2-0, Leicester City grabbed their first win since promotion, beating Stoke City 1-0, while Burnley and Crystal Palace played out a

goalless draw.

Chelsea fans probably did not need reminding just how big an upgrade Diego Costa was on his predecessor Fernando Torres but just in case any doubts remained about their new striker's pedigree, they were emphatically dismissed against Swansea.

His manager Jose

shot home.

Remy swept the ball into the net unmarked on the edge of the area to make it 4-1, having only been on the pitch a matter of minutes to add a touch of gloss to the result.

Shelvey grabbed a late consolation of little significance, except perhaps to Mourinho, who values



Arsenal's Alexis Sanchez (C) is challenged by Manchester City's Martin Demichelis (L) and James Milner during their English Premier League soccer match at the Emirates stadium in London on 13 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

Mourinho certainly needs no convincing of the striker's importance at Stamford Bridge.

"Diego Costa is one of the best strikers we have at this moment in football. The team is an attacking team that creates a lot, creates spaces for a striker," he said.

Trailing to a Terry own goal after 11 minutes, Costa set about Swansea like a one-man wrecking ball, powering home a header on the stroke of halftime, converting a Cesc Fabregas cross after the restart and then guiding a Ramires

a water-tight defence and will not be impressed by his team conceding a fifth goal in two games after their 6-3 win at Everton two weeks ago.

Arsenal handed a debut to striker Danny Welbeck, who had an early chance to score when he raced on to a misplaced pass from David Silva and attempted an audacious chip over keeper Joe Hart which struck the inside of the post.

If the former Manchester United forward wanted a lesson in ruthlessness, it was provided by others on the pitch.

City's Aguero opened the scoring with a tidy sidefoot, Wilshere levelled in the second half with a beautiful run into the box and dinked finish and, not to be out-done, close-season signing Sanchez let fly with a perfectly-timed side-foot volley.

It would have been a worthy matchwinner in comparison to Demichelis's 83rd minute leveller that looked like it would be headed off the line until Arsenal keeper Wojciech Szczesny got a hand to it and deflected it into the top corner.

"I am satisfied because I thought this year it would be very difficult for us to defend our title," said City manager Manuel Pellegrini, before lambasting referee Mark Clattenburg for his performance.

Aston Villa maintained their recent hoodoo over last season's runners-up Liverpool, who have now won only one of their last six games at home to Saturday's opponents. Liverpool, who have lost two of their opening four games, were unable to make any headway against Villa's packed defence from the moment Gabriel Agbonlahor put the visitors ahead after nine minutes.

Newcastle's woes intensified as they were left at the foot of the fledgling standings following a humiliating 4-0 defeat at Southampton that heaped pressure on manager Alan Pardew.

Graziano Pelle scored twice inside 19 minutes, Jack Cork added another after the break and Morgan Schneiderlin capped an impressive Southampton performance with a goal at the death.

Tottenham led going into the final eight minutes against Sunderland before a Harry Kane own goal gave the home side their third draw in their opening four games, leaving the London club level with Manchester City on seven points.

Everton striker Romelu Lukaku scored against his former club West Brom after two minutes while Kevin Mirallas made the game safe with a shot that squirmed under goalkeeper Ben Foster midway through the second half.

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Late eagle lifts McIlroy into tie for lead

ATLANTA, 14 Sept—Rory McIlroy spectacularly eagled the par-five 15th to join Billy Horschel in a tie for the lead in the Tour Championship on Saturday and set up a thrilling conclusion to the 2013-14 PGA Tour season.

With the FedExCup playoff title and a bonus jackpot of \$10 million on the line at East Lake Golf Club, world number one McIlroy sank a 26-foot putt to draw level at the top, then parred the last three holes to card a three-under-par 67. That left the Northern Irishman at nine-under 201 in the fourth and final playoff event, level with his American playing partner Horschel, who had been three ahead at the turn before losing momentum over the closing stretch on the way to a 69. McIlroy has already enjoyed a superb 2014 campaign, clinching two major titles among four wins worldwide, and has set his sights on claiming the FedExCup crown for the first time after a season-long race.—Reuters

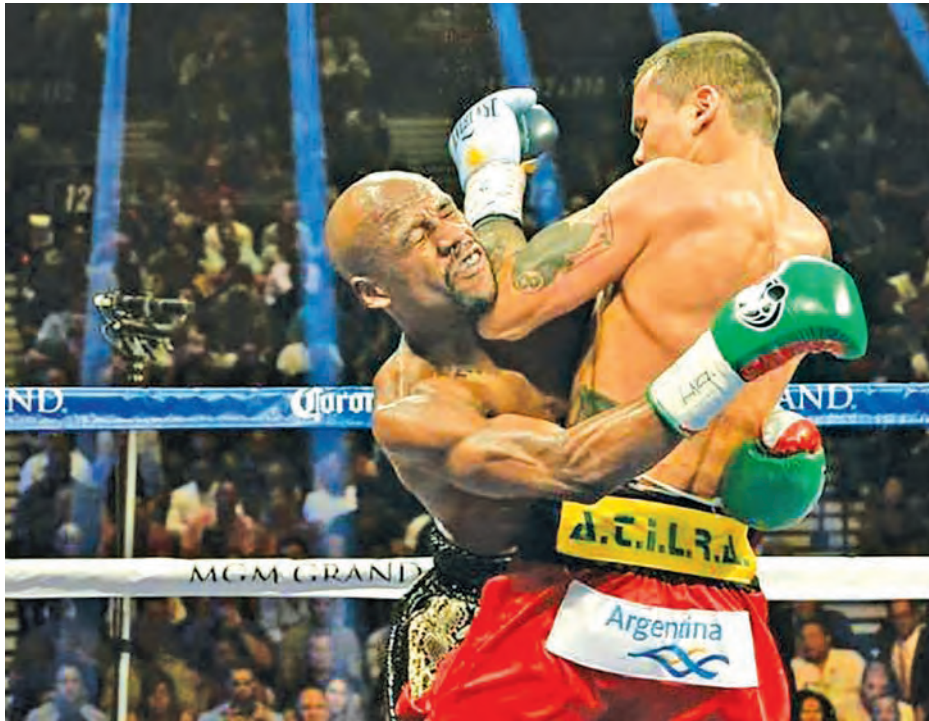
Mayweather outpoints Maidana to remain unbeaten

LAS VEGAS, 14 Sept—Undeclared five-division champion Floyd Mayweather Jr claimed a unanimous decision over Argentina's Marcos Maidana to successfully defend three world titles and push his perfect record to 47-0 on Saturday.

In just the second rematch of his 18-year career, the 37-year-old American came out on top on all three scorecards, retaining his World Boxing Association (WBA) and World Boxing Council (WBC) welterweight and light-middleweight belts.

The victory was another masterful display of evasion from Mayweather, widely regarded as one of the best defensive fighters of all-time, as he danced out danger and used his lightning counter punching to frustrate the Argentine brawler.

The bout was a feisty



Floyd Mayweather (green gloves) and Marcos Maidana (blue gloves) compete during their WBC & WBA Welterweight and WBC Superwelter Weight title fight at the MGM Grand Garden Arena, Las Vegas on 13 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

one, with Mayweather accusing Maidana of biting his arm, while the Ameri-

can tagged the Argentine, who he beat by a majority decision in their first fight

in May, with a low blow then taunted him to continue boxing.—Reuters

Juventus and Roma maintain winning starts

TURIN, 14 Sept—Goals from Carlos Tevez and Claudio Marchisio gave champions Juventus their second straight win of the Serie A season with a 2-0 victory over Udinese on Saturday.

Likely title challengers AS Roma also maintained

their winning start with a 1-0 victory at Empoli.

Massimiliano Allegri's first home game in charge of Juventus got off to the perfect start as Tevez scored with a confident finish after good work from Stephan Lichtsteiner in the eighth minute.

Despite being without injured Chilean midfielder Arturo Vidal and experienced playmaker Andrea Pirlo, Juve controlled the game well without creating many clear-cut chances.

Udinese thought they had drawn level in the 66th minute when Igor Bubnjic

had the ball in the net but the Croatian was ruled off-side.

Tevez went close again with a fierce drive that brought a fine save out of Greek keeper Orestis Karnezis but Juve finally got their second through a superb 25-metre strike from Marchisio.

Marchisio gave an accomplished display in the centre of the park but was quick to dismiss suggestions that he is a like-for-like replacement for Pirlo.

"As I've said before I don't play like Pirlo. You can't clone Andrea," Marchisio told reporters.

"He is totally unique, that means whoever stands in for him tries to do so in their own way. But you can learn from him every day in training."

Roma's win at Empoli arrived courtesy of an own goal on the stroke of half-time.

Reuters



Juventus' Claudio Marchisio (R) celebrates with his team mate Carlos Tevez after scoring against Udinese at Juventus Stadium in Turin on 13 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

Bryans lead US to victory over Slovakia, Canada delayed

CHICAGO, 14 Sept—Bob and Mike Bryan made quick work of their doubles match to ensure the United States cruised to victory in their Davis Cup World Group playoff tie against Slovakia on Saturday.

The brothers' 6-1, 6-2, 6-1 victory over Norbert Gombos and Lukas Lacko in Chicago gave the Americans an insurmountable 3-0 lead to secure a place in the 2015 World Group.

The Bryans needed only 76 minutes to claim the win, taking control early and facing just two break points in total.

"It was one of our better Davis Cup performances because I felt we were hitting in all facets of the game," Mike Bryan told reporters. "(We) didn't really have any difficulty out there. Just thought we started hot and just kept it up, kept our energy high."

John Isner and Sam Querrey had secured sin-

gles victories on Friday to put the US on the brink of clinching the tie before the doubles specialists sealed the deal a day later.

In Halifax, Juan Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farah kept Colombia alive in their playoff tie against hosts Canada.

Sebastian and Farah posted a 7-6(4), 7-6(7), 6-4 win over Daniel Nestor and Vasek Pospisil to narrow Canada's lead to 2-1.

Colombia needs two singles victories on Sunday in order to turn the tie around but they face a huge task to complete an unlikely comeback.

Santiago Giraldo faces world number seven Milos Raonic in the opening contest while Alejandro Gonzalez is due to face Pospisil in the second rubber of the day.

"We wanted to finish it today," Nestor admitted. "But hopefully we'll finish it tomorrow." —Reuters



Bob Bryan, of the United States makes an overhead shot against the Slovakia doubles team of Norbert Gombos and Lukas Lacko, during the first set of a Davis Cup doubles match at the Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates, Illinois on 13 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

Real beaten by Atletico, Neymar lifts Barca

MADRID, 14 Sept—Real Madrid's early-season woes deepened when they lost 2-1 at home to La Liga champions Atletico Madrid, while substitute Neymar struck twice in Barcelona's 2-0 win against visiting Athletic Bilbao on Saturday. In their last league outing at

the end of August, Real let slip a two-goal lead and lost 4-2 at Real Sociedad and it was another disappointing display from the European champions, who have spent heavily to bolster their star-studded squad after winning a 10th continental crown last term. Tiago beat Ka-

rim Benzema to the ball at a corner to head Atletico in front in the 10th minute before Cristiano Ronaldo levelled for the hosts with a 29th-minute spot kick after being brought down by Guilherme Siqueira.

Real dominated for long periods without threatening a typically

dogged Atletico side and paid dearly for failing to press home their advantage when substitute Arda Turan swept the ball low past Iker Casillas with about 15 minutes left. "We play as a team, we all give 100 percent and it came off superbly," Tiago said in an interview with Spanish tel-

evision broadcaster Canal Plus.

"It is not easy to win here and it was a demonstration of the strength of this side," added the Portuguese midfielder.

The Real fans made their displeasure plain at the final whistle and a cacophony of whistles rang

out around the Bernabeu stadium as the players trudged off.

There were calls in one section of the crowd for president Florentino Perez to resign, while goalkeeper and captain Iker Casillas was also whistled by some of the home support.

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