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# MOGE monitors operations of foreign oil and gas companies: deputy minister

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept —Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise is monitoring foreign oil companies to make sure that they follow their work programs in inland and offshore oil and gas blocks, Deputy Minister for Energy U Aung Htoo told the Pyithu Hluttaw on Wednesday.

Oil and gas companies are required to submit the tasks to be carried out in the coming year together with the allotted budget for the tasks to the MOGE, whose representatives monitor the activities of companies in oil and gas fields and at oil platforms, according to the deputy minister. The MOGE also inspect the production, production costs and the income from the sale of oil and gas by companies, the deputy minister added.

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# Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw attends committee meetings of AIPA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept— Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann arrived back in Yangon on Wednesday evening after attending the General Assembly of the 35th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly-AIPA held in Vientiane of Lao People's Democratic Republic and paying a visit to the LPDR.

The Speaker was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe, Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win, Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung, Laotian Ambassador Mr Nilahath Sayarath

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# Govt to send 1391 trainees to state scholarship programmes abroad

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept— The Foreign Scholarship Selection Board of Myanmar has allocated 364 scholarship programmes offered by 105 foreign institutes in August 2014 to government ministries and related organizations to pick up 1391 trainees.

Government sent 1381 trainees to 36 countries from 11 June to 10 September 2014 under the state scholarship programmes for which 264 persons to PR China, 241 to Japan, 231 to Thailand and 151 to India.

During this period, a total of 176 persons came to Myanmar for learning various subjects, according to official report released on 17 September.

President U Thein Sein's government sent a 4,853 trainees between 11 June 2013 and 10 September 2014.—*MNA*

# New Toyota cars in stock in Myanmar

***Aye & Sons Services Ltd. and TTAS Co., Ltd organize "Brand New Car Sales Launch Party" at Sedona Hotel in Yangon, introducing new Toyota cars to the people of Myanmar where Toyota established its brand presence in the country with the first imported Toyota ( J 20) in 1958.***
**PHOTO: YE MYINT**

**By *Ye Myint***

YANGON, 17 Sept— New Toyota cars were introduced to Myanmar, which has a huge untapped potential new car market, through a "Brand New Car Sales Launch Party" organized by Aye & Sons Services Ltd in partnership with TTAS Co., Ltd in Yangon on Tuesday evening.

It was the first time for Toyota, a car brand popular in Myanmar,to introduce its new cars to the people of Myanmar where the automobile market is currently dominated by used cars.

"Toyota Land Cruiser, Prado, Camry, Corolla, Hiace and Hilux are on display at the launch party, letting guests here and Toyota lovers across the country know these brand new cars are now on sale in Myanmar", Myo Myint Thein, general manager of vehicle sales and marketing department of TTAS Co., Ltd told The New Light of Myanmar.

Prices of new vehicles displayed at the sales launch ceremony ranged from about US$200,000 to more than $20,000, he added.

Expressing his view on new vehicle sales here, he added that a certain amount of time is needed to see a thriving new car market in Myanmar, where Japanese used cars are the biggest sellers.

"Myanmar will be the most important market for automakers in the future", said Seiji Kai, Toyota's general manager for the Mekong Department.

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# Police rescue official abducted by workers, leaving nine police injured

**By *Aye Min Soe***

YANGON, 17 Sept— Police rescued a government official who was abducted by workers at a factory on Wednesday night in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone.

Nine policemen were injured.

More than 200 former workers of Master Sports Factory, which has been closed after the Korean owner of the shoes factory returned to South Korea without paying salaries and compensation to more than 750 Myanmar workers, trespassed on the factory and abducted the Director-General of the Factories and General Labour Law Inspection Department who arrived there to negotiate with the workers.

During the negotiation, the workers demanded the authorities give them their outstanding salaries and compensation at the end of September though the negotiation team led by U Win Shein, the director-general of the FGLLID, clarified that they were working in accordance with the law to give their salaries and compensation, promising that they (authority) would try to settle the issue on 8 November, 2014 after the materials inside the factory were auctioned.

After negotiation broke down, the workers denied the director-general's request to let him go outside.

"We are pursuing investigations into the case and keep on watch the situation. If we find that those who led the trespassing and abducting the official can commit a crime again, actions will be taken against them," said Police Lt-Col Myint Liwn.

Currently, police are deployed at the factory to provide security until the materials inside the factory is auctioned, he added.

"We had to relax our police rules on crowd management to the lowest level to rescue the official because most of the workers

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# Netherlands to share agriculture and livestock breeding technology to entrepreneurs

MANDALAY, 17 Sept— Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint received Mr Greet Westenbrink and party of the Netherlands Economic Mission at the region government office in Mandalay on 15 September.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Myint Than and Secretary of the Region Government U Win Shein.

They discussed prospects of undertaking agriculture, milk and dairy product, flowers and fish breeding in the region and arrangements for sharing agriculture and livestock breeding technology to the entrepreneurs.

*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*

# Rural Development Department to build rural roads in Loikaw Tsps

LOIKAW, 17 Sept— Township authorities and engineer conducted surveys for construction of Dawtahay-Maikteinson inter-village road in 2014-15 fiscal year.

The Loikaw Township Rural Development Department plans to build the 1.6 miles long inter-village road by spending K59.592 million to benefit 1,028 people of 136 houses.

The department has one more plan to construct the Linphongyi-Wampan rural village spending K23.514 million in 2014-15 fiscal year so as to uplift living standard of 840 local people.

*Township IPRD*

# Regional development activities explained to people

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept — Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Myint Swe held a clarification on regional development in Bogadaw Village of Lewe Township on Tuesday.

Township Administrator U Hla Shaung explained prevention of gambling, abuse and production of narcotic drugs.

They attended to the needs of the people in construction of school building, power supply and transport.

At the monastery in Yegata Village-tract, the council member and officials explained regional development tasks to the local people.

*Township IPRD*

***In commemoration of the World Teachers Day 2014, the inter-school essay and poem contest was held at Basic Education High School No 1 in Myawady of Kayin State on 17 September. Headmistress Daw Yin Yin Myint and school heads supervised participation of students in the contest.—THUZAR (MYAWADY TOWN)***

# Free vaccination of anti-rabies to be given in Mandalay Region on 28 September

MANDALAY, 17 Sept— Myanmar Veterinarians Association (Mandalay) plans to inject anti-rabies vaccine to the people free of charge although the nation did not accept international assistance for prevention against rabies, said an official of Myanmar Veterinarians Association (Mandalay).

The association has been providing anti-rabies vaccines since 2011 free of charge. Although the outbreak of rabies disease declines in the nation year by year, some of people died in sufferias from the disease.

The international health organization will not provide anti-rabies vaccines to Myanmar this year, said Dr U Thaung Htaik of Myanmar Veterinarians Association (Myanmar).

"I sell anti-rabies vaccines about five folds than last year. In the past, the patient needed to 14 injections for prevention against rabies. Now, they need only five vaccines," he said.

Over 200,000 dogs were injected anti-rabies in the nation in 2013 and over 20,000 in Mandalay.

An educative talk on prevention against rabies will be held at the hall of Mandalay Region Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in Mandalay on 27 September.

In commemoration of the World Rabies Day, the free anti-rabies vaccination will be held in six townships of Mandalay Region on 28 September.

The free vaccination will be injected to dogs at the LBVDs in Pyigyidagun, Amarapura, Patheingyi and Singaing townships of Mandalay and WSEC Private School in Myingyan Township on 28 September.

*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*

# Students get knowledge about conservation of Indawgyi Lake and Indawgyi Wildlife Sanctuary

MOHNYIN, 17 Sept— Educative talks were given to the students at basic education schools to have a wider scope of knowledge for conservation of Indawgyi Lake and Indawgyi Wildlife Sanctuary, said Park Manager U Htay Win of Indawgyi Wildlife Sanctuary at the talks on conservation of bio-diversity protection at the Basic Education Middle School in Lwemon Village, close to the lake in Mohnyin Township of Kachin State on 12 September.

Project Manager U Ngwe Lwin of Fauna & Flora International (FFI) gave lectures on forests in Myanmar, climate change and migratory birds.

Nature and Wildlife Conservation Division of the Forest Department is undertaking the conservation of Indawgyi Lake and Indawgyi Wildlife Sanctuary. The division also focuses on five-year environmental conservation plan from 2012 to 2017 with the assistance of Fauna & Flora International (FFI).

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## MOGE monitors operations...

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He said that oil and gas companies are also required to contribute funds to regional development tasks and MOGE is releasing information about investment of foreign oil and gas companies but some of them have to be withheld in accordance with the secrecy clauses in the contracts.

Other topics discussed at the session included reforestation among others.

The Amyotha Hluttaw session today discussed construction and maintenance of roads in areas hit by Cyclone Nargis and construction of roads in Kalay.—*MNA*

## Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw...

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and officials of the Pyithu Hluttaw Office.

Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo and officials fo the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the Pyithu Hluttaw Offices also arrived back on the same flight.

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann met families of Myanmar Embassy and military attaché office in Lao PDR on Wednesday.

The Speaker observed discussions of MPs from 10 ASEAN countries in the Committee on Political Matters Meeting, the Committee on Economic Matters Meeting and the Committee on Organizational Matters of the 35th General Assembly of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary-AIPA Assembly at Donchan Palace Hotel in the morning.

He attended the meeting of Lao PDR President Mr Choummaly Sayasone with ASEAN Parliamentary Speakers, leaders of MPs and representatives of observer countries at the Presidential Palaces of Laos.

On Tuesday evening, the Speaker attended the dinner hosted by Laotian Prime Minister Mr Thongsing Thammavong at National Convention Center together with President of the National Assembly of Laos and President of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly-AIPA Mme Pany Yathotou, speakers of Parliaments from other countries and leaders of MPs.—*MNA*

***Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann with Speakers of ASEAN countries at dinner hosted by President of Laos National Assembly and AIPA Mme Pany Yathotou.*—MNA**

# Myanmar Global Investment Forum continues for second day

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—Jointly organized by Myanmar Investment Commission and Hong Kong-based Euromoney Institutional Investor (Asia), the Myanmar Global Investment Forum continued for the second day at Myanmar International Convention Centre-II in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday.

Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw and Chief Executive Officer Mr Tony Shale of Euromoney Institutional Investor (Asia) made speeches.

The participants discussed topics on urban and housing projects, energy and electric sector development, agribusiness and rural development of Myanmar.

*MNA*

# MOGE signs contract with two companies

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise under Ministry of Energy, CAOG S. a. r. l of Luxemburg and Apex Geo Services Co Ltd of Myanmar signed a production sharing contract for MOGE 4 (Myintha region) at Hotel Max in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday.

MOGE 4 is located in Ayeyawady Region. The government will get US$2 million for signature bonus.—*MNA*

***Police Lt-Col Myint Liwn clarifies abduction by workers.***
**PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE**

***Director-General U Win Shein of Factories and General Labour Law Inspection Department.***
**PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE**

## Police rescues official abducted...

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are women. So, nine policemen got injured, and of them, two sustained serious injuries," Police Lt-Col Myint Lwin said.

Two women were detained temporarily and released, but with restrictions, according to police.

The incident showed lack of understanding of the law by workers, Pol Lt-Col Myint Lwin said.

The workers who lost jobs due to closure of the factory cannot endure two to three months until the authorities settle the issue in accordance with the law because they are struggling hard for their livelihood, said Daw Moe Wai, a former worker at the factory and a representative of the workers.

Yangon Region Labour Tribunal Board made the decision last month that the factory owner must pay the salary for June to 757 workers as well as compensation stipulated by labour laws for closing the factory without giving prior notice.

The authorities have already formed a procurement committee to auction off the materials owned by the factory owner as the owner of the factory failed to settled the issue in accordance with the decision of the tribunal board within 30 days, said U Zaw Aye Maung, Yangon Region Labour minister.

The Factories and General Labour Law Inspection Department urged the South Korean embassy last month to bring back factory owner Jeong Hae Un to settle the issue.

The ministry filed a lawsuit against Master Sports Factory on July 25 as it failed to pay the salaries for June and compensation to the workers after closing the facility on June 26, failing to comply with the regulations of the law.

Regarding the closure of the factory, which opened a year ago in the Hlinethaya Industrial Zone, Master Sports Myanmar Co Ltd issued an announcement at the beginning of July, saying the factory was experiencing financial problems due to the production of low-quality products that were not marketable, adding that agreements with potential buyers had to be revoked.—*NLM*

***Photo displayed at the press conference shows a police car with its wind sheild crashed by people who gathered near the factory.***

## Toyota new cars in stock...

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On building a car plant in Myanmar, he replied that Toyota, at the moment, needs more time to consider. Aye & Sons Services Ltd, authorized new car dealer in Myanmar for Toyota Motor Corporation, started selling new Toyota cars last month following the opening of a new car showroom in Yangon, together with its counterpart company, TTAS Co.

According to a press release, Aye & Sons Services Ltd is preparing to expand its operation with TTAS Co., Ltd to open new car showrooms in Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw soon.

"We are not just selling a car. We are providing high quality service to Toyota users in Myanmar", said Ryoji Fujita, managing director of TTAS Co,. Ltd, which has been providing repair and maintenance services for Toyota cars as Toyota's authorized service station since 1996.

With import opportunities for used and new cars, many auto showrooms have been launched in Myanmar where there are more than 160 used car dealers and about 20 showrooms that only offer new car sales, sources said.—*NLM*

***Daw Moe Wai, a former worker of the factory.***
***Photo: Aye Min Soe***

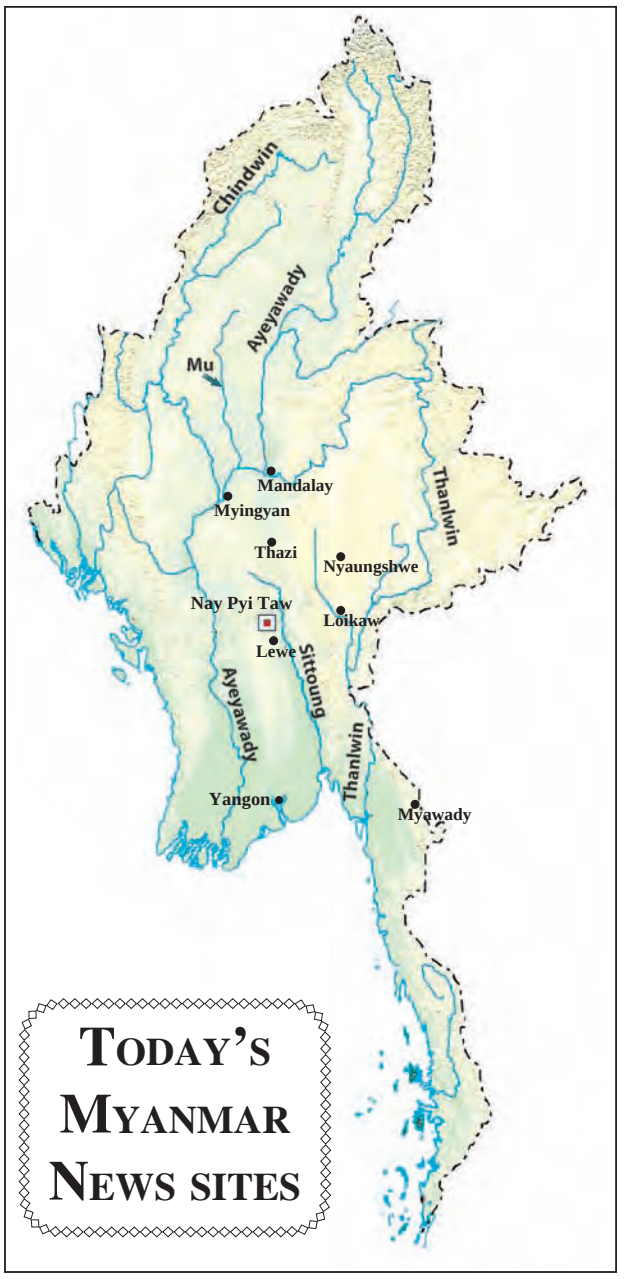
# Use of solar panels for electrification demonstrated

THAZI, 17 Sept—A ceremony to demonstrate use of solar panels for electrification was held at the town hall in Thazi of Mandalay Region on 15 September.

The township electrification committee formed with officials of Township Management Committee, township electrical engineer, Department of Rural Development and Township Development Affairs Committee organized the demonstration on supply of electricity with the use of diesel engine and solar panels.

Township Administrator U Nyunt Ngwe thanked Health Lab Company of Singapore for its demonstration on use of solar panels and urged the local people to use electricity through solar panels.

*Tun Tun (Thazi)*




# Nyaungshwe Township DAC upgrades bridge for public smooth transport

NYAUNGSHWE, 17 Sept — Nyaungshwe Township Development Affairs Committee is taking responsibility for maintenance of four bridges linking eastern and western parts of the town crossing Mongli Creek.

Of them, the committee has upgraded Mongli No 3 Bridge from the wooden one to a reinforced concrete one. It was commissioned into service in the first week of September for smooth transport of the people.

The bridge is 24 feet long and 16 feet wide, K11.2 million funded by Township Development Affairs Committee in 2014-15 fiscal year under the permission of the Shan State Development Affairs Committee.

A plan is underway to upgrade No 4 bridge across Mongli Creek with the use of the fund in 2015-16 fiscal year, said an official of Township DAC.

*Nay Myo Thurein*

# Myanmar, Indian entrepreneurs meet in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 17 Sept—Entrepreneurs from Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India and businessmen of Mandalay Region held a Business to Business (B2B) meeting at MRCCI Hall of Yadanabon Super Centre at the corner of 78th and 34th streets in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay on 17 September.

A total of 25 Indian businessmen and Mandalarian entrepreneurs focused on timber and construction materials, textile, shirt, steel, metal, stationery, medicine and health products, personal goods, monetary and financial affairs, consultation, real estate service, chemicals and gas.

*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*

# Citizenship scrutiny cards issued in Lewe, Zabuthiri Tsps

LEWE, 17 Sept—Head of Lewe Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Moe Hset and staff issued citizenship scrutiny cards to 75 eligible citizens from Pyiwin Village-tract of the township on 13 September.

On 12 September, the immigration staff delivered the cards to 141 people of Kantha Village-tracts.

On 9 September, the staff of Zabuthiri Township Immigration and National Registration Department issued the cards to 118 local people at Aungzabu Ward under the supervision of Director of Nay Pyi Taw Council INRD U Cho Tun.

*Min Min Latt*

# Maintenance of fire trucks inspected in Myingyan

MYINGYAN, 17 Sept—Deputy Commissioner of Myingyan District General Administration Department U Myint Thin Aung and departmental officials inspected systematic parking of fire trucks at Myingyan Township Fire Services Department in Mandalay Region on 13 September.

They instructed officials to carry out systematic maintenance of vehicles for long term use.

*Zaw Min Naing (Myingyan)*

# New al-Qaeda wing in South Asia claims major attack

ISLAMABAD, 17 Sept — Al-Qaeda's South Asia wing has claimed responsibility for hijacking a Pakistani naval ship and trying to use it to fire rockets at US vessels in the Arabian Sea, in the first major assault by the newly created group.

The SITE monitoring service quoted its spokesman, Usama Mahmoud, as saying a group of militants had succeeded in seizing control of the Pakistani frigate PNS Zulfiqar and tried to use it to attack nearby US vessels.

"These mujahideen had taken control of the Pakistani ship, and they were advancing towards the American fleet when the Pakistani army stopped them," he said.

"As a result, the mujahideen, the lions of Allah and benefactors of the Ummah, sacrificed their lives for Allah, and the Pakistani soldiers spoiled their hereafter by giving up their lives in defence of the enemies of the Ummah the Americans."

SITE said Mahmoud's statement also provided a picture and a detailed layout of the PNS Zulfiqar.

The navy and the army's press wing were not immediately available for comment.

The naval yard on Pakistan's Arabian Sea coast is a strategically important facility at the centre of US-Pakistani security, anti-terrorism and anti-trafficking cooperation.

The foiled attack comes at a time when regional powers are already concerned about stability as US-led forces continue to withdraw from neighbouring Afghanistan, potentially creating a security gap for insurgents to exploit.

The attack, which lasted several hours, also shows just how much the Islamist militants are capable of striking at the heart of Pakistan's vast security apparatus and raises questions about the nuclear-armed nation's ability to guard its installations.

The Pakistani Taleban, closely allied with al-Qaeda, had earlier said that the 6 September attack was carried out with the help of insiders. Pakistan later arrested a number of navy personnel on suspicion of collaborating with the attackers.

Al-Qaeda announced the formation of the new group on 4 September, with its chief, Ayman al-Zawahri, promising to spread Islamic rule and "raise the flag of jihad" across South Asia, home to more than 400 million Muslims.

Analysts say the move is part of al-Qaeda's plan to take advantage of the planned withdrawal of US-led forces from Afghanistan and boost its influence in the Afghanistan-Pakistan region as well as India.

*Pakistan Navy personnel keep guard near the Navy ship PNS Zulfiqar after it returned to Karachi on 23 June, 2011.*—REUTERS

It also comes against the backdrop of a full-scale operation launched by Pakistan's military against Taleban militants in the lawless region of North Waziristan following a deadly attack on the airport in the city of Karachi in June.—*Reuters*

# Xi sees factory China and back office India as global engine

AHMEDABAD,(India) 17 Sept — A combination the "world's factory" and the "world's back office" will drive global economic growth, Chinese President Xi Jinping said ahead of a rare visit to India on Wednesday, playing down mistrust that has kept the Asian giants apart.

India's new Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, is determined to build closer relations with the world's second-largest economy, whose leader arrives on Modi's 64th birthday and comes with pledges to invest billions of dollars in railways, industrial parks and roads.

"As the two engines of the Asian economy, we need to become cooperation partners spearheading growth," Xi wrote in a column in *The Hindu* newspaper. He said China's strong manufacturing base and India's software and scientific skills had massive potential both as a production base and for creating a consumer market.

*Police personnel stand guard in front of a boarding with images of (L-R) India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi, China's President Xi Jinping and Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister of the western Indian state of Gujarat, ahead of Xi's arrival in Ahmedabad on 16 Sept, 2014.*—REUTERS

Modi is seeking more access for India's IT services and pharmaceuticals to China to help balance $65 billion in annual trade that is heavily tilted in China's favour.

They may also discuss working together on civilian nuclear programmes and seek a solution for a long-running travel visa row, Indian officials said.

Modi hopes the leaders of the world's two most populous nations will establish a personal rapport to match the warmth he shares with Japanese Prime Minister Abe, who wished him happy returns in a phone call on Wednesday morning, Indian media reported.

But beyond the smiles and the commercial embrace, ties between nuclear-armed India and China are marked by competition for energy and regional clout as well as a festering border dispute that led to a brief war 52 years ago.

Even as officials rolled out red carpets for Xi in Gujarat's main city, Ahmedabad, friction emerged over a Himalayan border incursion and a pact between India and Vietnam to explore for oil and gas in parts of the South China Sea claimed by Beijing.

In his column, Xi said the two sides were "properly managing problems and differences" and that they shared one of the most dynamic and promising bilateral relations of the 21st century.

*Reuters*

# Monorail serving Tokyo's Haneda airport marks 50th anniversary

TOKYO, 17 Sept — The monorail linking Tokyo's Haneda airport with the downtown area marked its 50th anniversary on Wednesday, with six types of rail cars previously and currently in service featured at a commemorative event.

Tokyo Monorail connecting the airport and Hamamatsucho Station launched its service on on 17 September, 1964, ahead of the Tokyo Olympics later that year. The 17.8-kilometre monorail of the straddle-beam system had carried a total of 1.83 billion passengers by the end of March this year. In the event, the latest 10000 series car, which debuted in July, departed Hamamatsucho Station at 10 am, followed by the other types including the 2000 series car with big windows introduced in 1997.

"I am deeply moved that we have overcome hard times and marked the 50th anniversary of service without any accident causing injury or death," said Mahito Kikuchi, a senior official of the operator Tokyo Monorail Co, referring to a sharp decline in the number of passengers since the transfer of international flights from Haneda to Narita airport that opened in 1978.

The oldest monorail route currently in operation in Japan is at Tokyo's Ueno Zoo, which was constructed as a suspension system monorail in 1957.—*Kyodo News*

*Rail cars painted to reproduce the 500 series Tokyo Monorail cars introduced in 1969 run as part of a "parade" of six types of rail cars previously and currently in service on 17 Sept, 2014, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the monorail linking Tokyo's Haneda airport with the downtown area.*—KYODO NEWS

# Diplomats from S Korea, Japan to meet for cultural talks

SEOUL, 17 Sept — Director general-level diplomats from South Korea and Japan will meet in Tokyo on Thursday, the first in around four years, to discuss cultural exchanges, Seoul' s Foreign Ministry said on Wednesday.

The 16th round of meeting will be attended by Kim Dong-gi, director-general of the cultural affairs bureau at the South Korean Foreign Ministry, and his Japanese counterpart Jun Shinmi.

It would be the first such meeting since the previous round was held in 2010, the ministry said, noting it reflects the willingness of both countries to enhance cooperation in the cultural sector. During the meeting, the two diplomats will review the current situation of bilateral cultural exchanges and discuss how to enhance cultural and personnel exchanges between the two countries.

The two sides will also discuss holding cultural events next year to mark the 50th anniversary of normalizing diplomatic ties between South Korea and Japan.

*Xinhua*

# Russian military expenses to grow despite sanctions

*Military defence spending will rise in 2015 by 21.2%.*

Moscow, 17 Sept — Russian military expenditures will grow in 2015 as it was planned despite foreign and domestic economic problems mainly thanks to weapons purchases, business news daily *Vedomosti* reported on Wednesday with reference to an explanatory note to the draft federal budget for 2015-2017. Military defence spending will rise in 2015 by 21.2% on 2014 to reach $78 bln.

"This means the real growth of defence expenses, as the inflation rate is planned at 6% in the draft budget in 2015. Meanwhile, in 2016-2017 the real growth of military expenditures will be low and close to the inflation rate: 7.8% in 2016 and 4% in 2017," the daily reported.

Detailed distribution of expenditures on the largest defence budget articles for weapons purchases, personnel and combat training was not made in the draft budget. Only scientific-research and research-and-development spending are envisaged in separate large articles of the main financial document. Meanwhile, according to the draft budget, $6,5 bln are planned to be spent on weapons development in 2015. This draft budget means that military expenses will increase next year despite all foreign and home economic problems approximately in the same amount that was planned in the previous year, expert of the Centre of Analysis of Strategies and Technologies Konstantin Makienko believed. However, the real growth of spending on weapons purchases may be not so large as it seems to be, because each year price growth in defence industry exceeds the inflation rate set officially, the expert noted.—*Itar Tass*

# German Muslims invite all faiths to day of prayer against Islamic State

Berlin, 17 Sept — More than 2,000 German mosques have invited Germans of all religions to join their Friday prayers to present a united front against the Islamic State to try to dissuade young Muslims from travelling to fight with radical Islamists in Syria and Iraq.

Germany's four main Muslim groups announced their plan on Tuesday in response to concerns that German Muslims are joining IS and returning home with radical ideas and combat experience, posing a domestic security threat.

"We want to make clear terrorists and criminals do not speak in the name of Islam, they have trampled on the commandments of our religion, and that murderers and criminals have no place in our ranks, in our religion," the head of the Central Council of Muslims, Aiman Mazyek, told a news conference in Berlin.

The groups are also organizing peace rallies across Germany on the same day which senior officials, including Interior Minister de Maiziere and Berlin Mayor Klaus Wowereit, are expected to attend.

Authorities estimate 400 Germans have joined IS in Iraq and Syria. De Maiziere, announcing a ban on the group last week, urged the country's 4 million Muslims to be vigilant about IS recruitment, especially on the Internet.

A 20-year-old man charged with joining IS in Syria went on trial in Frankfurt on Monday, the first such case in Germany.

Ali Kizilkaya, a spokesman for the umbrella group behind Friday's initiative, said the Muslim community needed the support of the rest of German society to stop the radicalization of young Muslims.

"They are our youngsters. Everyone that leaves is not only a loss for Muslims, it's a loss for the whole society," he said.

Germany's Jewish community has suffered anti-Semitic attacks by some Muslim hardliners this year, especially during the fighting in Gaza — leading politicians like Chancellor Angela Merkel to warn against a rise in anti-Semitism.

Rabbi Abraham Cooper of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, who was in Berlin pushing for the prosecution of a Danish imam for anti-Semitic comments made in Germany, said Islamic State is making it "cool for young people" to join the jihad.—*Reuters*

# Vucic expects EU support for high-speed railway line

Belgrade, 17 Sept — In an interview with China Radio International, Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic has said that he expects the European Union to support the construction of a high-speed railway line from Belgrade to Budapest.

He also cited the motorway from Belgrade to Timisoara via Zrenjanin or Vrsac — which he has already discussed with Romanian Prime Minister Victor Ponta — as one of the projects that could be implemented as part of the mechanism for cooperation between China and central and eastern European countries.

Serbia does not expect reactions from the European Union over the holding of the summit between China and 16 central and

eastern European countries, scheduled for December in Belgrade, Vucic said, adding that some EU member states have hosted such events in the past.

"I do not see why it should be a problem now. I do not expect a reaction from the EU - I expect its support," the Serbian prime minister told China Radio International during a recent visit to China, where he attended the World Economic Forum and met with Premier Li Keqiang.

*Tanjug*

# Scottish opponents of independence slightly ahead

Edinburgh, 17 Sept — Scottish supporters of staying in the United Kingdom are 4 percentage points ahead of secessionists with just a day to go before Scots vote in an independence referendum, three different opinion polls showed.

The United Kingdom's fate remains uncertain as the three surveys — from pollsters ICM, Opinium and Survation — showed support for Scottish independence at 48 percent compared to 52 percent backing union.

The polls found 8 to 14 percent of Scotland's 4.3 million voters were still undecided before polls open at 0600 GMT (07:00 am BST) on Thursday.

All three polls showed nationalists had gained ground, but the fact that supporters of the union were ahead in the polls prompted investors to buy the pound, extending sterling's gain against the US dollar.

*Pro and anti-independence supporters wave posters outside a campaign event in favour of the union in Clydebank, Scotland on 16 Sept, 2014.*—Reuters

"It is very tight," John Curtice, professor of politics at Strathclyde University and one of Scotland's premier pollsters, told the *Scotsman* newspaper which commissioned the ICM poll.

"At the moment it looks as if the 'yes' campaign is going to fall agonisingly short from their perspective. But I have always said this is the 'no' campaign's to lose and it certainly looks as if they have got pretty close to that."

In the face of the biggest internal threat to the United Kingdom since Ireland broke away nearly a century ago, Britain's establishment — from Prime Minister David Cameron to the City of London and football star David Beckham — have united in an almost panicked effort to implore Scots that the United Kingdom is "Better Together."

Attempting to blunt nationalist leader Alex Salmond's argument for breaking away, Britain's rulers promised to guarantee Scotland high levels of state funding and grant Scots greater control over finances.

In a deal brokered by former Labour Prime Minister Gordon Brown, the leaders of Britain's three main political parties said they would retain the funding equation that sustains a higher level of public spending north of the border.

British leaders accept that even if Scotland votes to keep the 307-year union, the United Kingdom's structure will have to change as the rush to grant so many powers to Scotland will provoke calls for a less centralized state from voters in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Swathes of voters in the former industrial heartlands of northern England and Wales depend on state welfare spending while some English lawmakers in Cameron's own party have already asked for England to be given more powers.—*Reuters*

# US general says cannot rule out larger ground role in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 17 Sept — The most senior US military officer raised the possibility on Tuesday that American troops might need to take on a larger role in Iraq's ground war against Islamic State militants, but the White House stressed they would not deploy on a combat mission.

General Martin Dempsey, chairman of the US military's Joint Chiefs of Staff, said there was no intention now to place American military advisers on the ground in direct combat. US assistance is taking other forms, including air strikes.

Still, Dempsey outlined scenarios in which he might recommend having US troops do more, potentially accompanying Iraqis during complicated offensives, such as a battle to retake the northern city of Mosul from Islamic State fighters.

"It could very well be part of that particular mission — to provide close combat advising or accompanying for that mission," Dempsey said.

Dempsey acknowledged that Obama's "stated policy is that we will not have US ground forces in direct combat."

"But he has told me as well to come back to him on a case-by-case basis," he said.

*US Secretary of Defence Chuck Hagel (L) and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen Martin Dempsey testify during the Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on US policy toward Iraq and Syria and the threat posed by the Islamic State on Capitol Hill in Washington on 16 Sept, 2014.—*REUTERS

Obama said last week he would lead an alliance to defeat Islamic State militants in Iraq and Syria, plunging the United States into a conflict in which nearly every country in the Middle East has a stake.

But Obama also ruled out a combat mission, saying "we will not get dragged into another ground war in Iraq." How exactly America's role might evolve in the open-ended conflict remains unclear, however.

Responding to Dempsey's comments, the White House said Obama's military advisers had to plan for many possibilities and that overall policy had not changed - that Obama would not deploy US troops in a combat role in Iraq or Syria.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest told reporters that Dempsey was "referring to a hypothetical scenario in which there might be a future situation where he might make a tactical recommendation to the president as it relates to ground troops."

Dempsey's spokesman also issued a statement stressing that the four-star general's exchange in the Senate was not about "employing US ground combat units in Iraq." Dempsey was testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee, along with US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel, as the Obama administration makes its case to Congress for broadening operations against the Sunni militants, which would include US air strikes in Syria for the first time.

The US military's Central Command is due to brief Obama on its plans on Wednesday. Hagel said those plans envision striking the militant group's safe havens in Syria to knock out infrastructure, logistics and command capabilities.

Dempsey said the strikes would degrade the group's capabilities as broader efforts get under way, including training of more than 5,000 Syrian rebels.

"This won't look like a 'shock and awe' campaign because that's simply not how (the Islamic State militants' group) is organized. But it will be a persistent and sustainable campaign," Dempsey told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"Shock and awe" was a term popularly used to describe the initial air assault on Baghdad in the US campaign to oust Saddam Hussein in 2003, and refers to use of overwhelming force to undermine an enemy's will to fight. —*Reuters*

# Israel says mortar fired from Gaza in first since 26 August truce

JERUSALEM/ GAZA, 17 Sept — Israel said a mortar bomb was fired at it from the Gaza Strip on Tuesday in the first such attack since a seven-week war in the enclave ended on 26 August, but Hamas said Palestinians remained committed to the truce.

There were no casualties or damage from the incident, an Israeli military spokeswoman said after authorities located remnants of the shell near a village close to Gaza's border.

The attack was not immediately claimed by any armed faction in Gaza.

Both Israel and the Palestinians have been on edge for a possible resumption of violence after the inconclusive war that killed more than 2,100 Palestinians, most of them civilians, along with 64 Israeli soldiers and five civilians in Israel.

Israel has said it would not tolerate even a "trickle" of small-scale Palestinian shelling — a pledge that, if followed up with military retaliation, could now risk escalation.

Hamas, the dominant Islamist faction in Gaza, played down the Israeli report about the shelling and saw no Palestinian challenge to the Egyptian-brokered ceasefire.

"There is no sign a mortar bomb was fired from Gaza and Palestinian factions are committed to keep the agreement for calm, and eager to maintain it," spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri said.

Hamas has at times struggled to control small, al-Qaeda-aligned groups in Gaza that have operated in defiance of its authority.

*Reuters*

# UN chief urges nations to 'act decisively' on Islamic State

UNITED NATIONS, 17 Sept — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon urged countries with the capacity to do so to take decisive action against Islamic State militants, who have taken over large swaths of Iraq and Syria.

"I ... urge the international community, and those with the means, to act decisively and after sober reflection," Ban told reporters on Tuesday. "It is critical to keep at the forefront the protection of civilians."

Ban didn't say what steps he hoped UN member states would take, but praised recent US air strikes against Islamic State militants, aimed at helping besieged civilians in Iraq.

"These air strikes and military operation which was done at the request of the government of Iraq was able to help the United Nations and other actors to ... save a lot of human lives," he said.

"The United Nations was able to deliver humanitarian assistance to many trapped people in and around Mount Sinjar," Ban said. "It is clear that (Islamic State militants are) a threat to international peace and security, as has already been declared by the Security Council."

UN diplomats said that while carrying out air strikes in Iraq didn't raise any legal issues because the Baghdad government has requested it, the legality of bombing militant targets in Syria was problematic.

Many Western states no longer recognise the government of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad as a legitimate authority but diplomats said it was unclear whether the opposition Syrian National Coalition would have the legal authority to invite military action on Syrian territory.

*United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon speaks at a news conference ahead of the 69th United Nations General Assembly at UN headquarters in New York, on 16 Sept, 2014.—*REUTERS

In theory, the Security Council could authorise military action against Islamic State in Syria.

Ban said he expected the 15-nation Security Council to take a "leadership role" in tackling the militant threat, though council diplomats doubt the council would authorise airstrikes on Syrian territory as Russia, an ally of Syria, would likely veto such a proposal.

US President Barack Obama will chair a summit meeting of the UN Security Council on 24 September that will adopt a resolution on foreign fighters. Western officials say foreign fighters are among the most savage Islamic State militants, responsible for beheadings, torture and civilian massacres.—*Reuters*

PERSPECTIVES

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# Justice and Liberty

By *Aung Khin*

**Many conservatives say 'Life isn't fair'. So they try to get used to it. Man normally gets riled up when people are not treated fairly through oppression or favouritism, hoping for the prevalence of justice and liberty.**

**Governments are the genuine provider of justice and fairness in democratic states, which guarantee to promote these important public values that are essential for a good and safe society. If the public sector is not strong, there will be less justice, less freedom, more inequality and more insecurity in our society.**

**In fact, governments in all corners of the world are the leading mechanism to ensure vital public values. Monitoring and enforcing the rule of law are very fundamentals to fulfill public satisfaction. Government institutions and special law enforcement teams must have definite powers that cannot be obstructed by unknown sources of authorities.**

**More or less, certain bitter responses and injuries will be encountered on the path of a reform process. A firm determination could help overcome such problems. Favouritism or nepotism never benefit common people, but fuel public dissatisfaction.**

**The extent of justice and liberty among societies can decide economic freedom and fairness, which are underlying causes of better economies. The higher the level of liberty, the more contended citizens we are.**

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# Promoting Consideration for Others

By *Myo Myint*

According to the Merriam-Webster's Advanced Learner's English Dictionary, one of the meanings of the word consideration is "a desire to avoid doing something that will make another person sad, upset, angry, etc." The Myanmar meaning provided in English-Myanmar Dictionary published by the Department of Myanmar Language Commission is "sar nar htauk hta hmu; ah yay hta hmu". Again, in Myanmar-English Dictionary published by the same department "sar nar" is translated as "sympathize with; consideration for" Traditionally, sympathizing with others and showing compassion to all beings is one of the basic principles governing behavior in Myanmar society together with "ah nar de" (be embarrassed by feelings of respect, delicacy; be restrained by fear of offending (English-Myanmar Dictionary)) and the dictum to balance "atta hita" (personal benefit) and "para hita" (good or welfare of others) and the strong desire to help others. Foreigners who have visited the country commend the Myanmar people for their gentle, kind and helpful nature.

As in other regions of the world, rapid changes are taking place in Myanmar. Such things as growth in population, migration of people from one area of the country to another, crowded nature of urban life, competition for resources and well-paying jobs, increase in materialism leading to the spread of "acquire and flaunt culture", increase in greed, self-indulgence and lack of self-control, less awareness of others, and strong desire for fame and wealth are changing people. Consequently, people are becoming more competitive and self-centred, and are losing consideration for others and respect for traditions.

The behavior of some young couples and some not so young is a good example of the loss of consideration for others. They are lost in a world of their own, walking leisurely hand in hand or with their hand around each other's hips or on each other's shoulders in crowded places copying the style of lovers in movies, and obstructing the path of those around them. Some are beginning to also lose their decency, and dress and behave in any way they like without giving any thought to what other people think of them. Another group of people who show little concern for others are shopkeepers who use the pavements in front of their shops to display their wares, forcing pedestrians to walk on the road. Similarly, roadside stall keepers use the pavement, shelters at bus stops, and part of roads to set up their stalls as if the shelters have been built and the pavements and roads broadened exclusively for their use. Likewise, bus drivers competing with other buses for passengers stop in front of entrances to buildings instead of the designated bus stops causing unnecessary obstruction to other vehicles. Similarly, those wanting to get onto buses jostle and shove each other without caring whether it is an elderly person, a woman or a child, instead of queuing up and getting onto the buses in an orderly and decent manner. Some drivers park their vehicle anywhere convenient to them and taxi drivers stop and pick up fares without giving any thought to the difficulty they could cause to other drivers and pedestrians.

Another common sight in cities and towns is the garbage strewn everywhere. Roadside vendors, pedestrians and even those travelling in cars spit betel juice and throw rubbish on roads and pavements, and people using public buildings such as government departments, schools and universities do the same. Similarly, some construction companies pile building materials on roadsides which sometimes fall into drains blocking them and flooding roads. The companies also inflict damage on roads by using huge vehicles to transport heavy materials to the construction site. After completion of the construction and making a huge profit, the waste materials and the roads that have been damaged are left behind to be taken care of by the people living in the area.

Noise is another torment inflicted on people by those who show little concern for other people. It has become a fashion in Yangon for the offspring of the affluent to hold races in their expensive noisy sports cars on main roads after midnight disturbing the sleep of people. Similarly, construction work, especially on massive buildings, again owned by the very wealthy, is continued late into the night keeping people in the neighbourhood awake and affecting their health. There seems to be no one and no way to stop such acts of public nuisance.

Cities and towns all over the world are trying to promote their facilities and improve their images as clean, green, secure and friendly places to make life more comfortable for their residents and also attract more people and investments. Unfortunately, there are some youths who are imitating the destructive habits of youths in some countries and have taken up the "hobby" of drawing graffiti on walls and destroying public facilities such as shelters at bus stops. A presenter of a local TV channel who was recently on a tour in a foreign country pointed to the graffiti painted on the walls and remarked that it was an example of the freedom enjoyed by youths in that country to exercise their creativity. No doubt, creativity should be promoted, but in my view, it should not be done at the expense of the fine image and beauty of a place that one does not own alone, but share the ownership with others.

News reports on food produced with dangerous or cheap ingredients to increase profit, addition of harmful additives and preservatives to food to make it tasty and long-lasting, and beauty products and fake medicine that are harmful to health are making the headlines these days. At the same time, local TV channels vie with each other to show serial movies from a certain foreign country so much so that people have greatly become greatly influenced by the culture of that country. There is no doubt that the movies attract a large number of viewers, and generate huge profits for the TV channel from the advertisements shown together with the movies, but it must also be recognized that they are causing negative long-term influences on the behavior of our young people. Similarly, there are industries, big and small, that have no qualms about causing untold damage to the environment and harm to the people living in the area by causing air, land and water pollutions with their industrial wastes. It must amaze us that there are so many persons in the world are out to enrich themselves at the expense of other people's health and lives without having consideration for others.

There are many, many other acts of inconsideration for other people. They range from minor irritants to those that cause indescribable human sufferings. It needs to be accepted that as long as there are human beings living on earth, there will be callous acts of inconsideration, because it is virtually impossible to get rid of self-centredness in man as it is part of his survival skills. In order to reduce such acts and to promote social harmony and peace, the only thing we can do is to minimize them as much as possible by appealing to the noble side of mankind. In this regard, parents and elders must set a good example on their offspring to have regards for others. In addition, children ought to be exposed to religious teachings that promote compassion and tolerance. Teachers, both at basic education as well as higher education level, must also take every opportunity to remind their students to be less self-centred and the consequences of not doing so, and promote both academic success and social responsibility. Social organizations for youths such as Scouts and Girl Guides Association, and the Red Cross Society must also make it an integral part of the training of their members to promote consideration for others. Members of the media and writers must also participate in this campaign to create awareness of responsibilities and the consequences of not doing so. The so called celebrities made up of film stars, pop stars, models, beauty queens, beauticians and designers who have a lot of influence on young people must be made aware of their responsibilities and they must set good examples and take part in promoting good social behavior and attitude, if they are rightly to be designated as celebrities. People must also be aware of their rights and be assertive and make complaints to counter self-centredness. If the act is serious enough to affect the interest of the general public, then those responsible must boldly take legal action.

No man is an island. We have to live in society and we have to share space with other human beings. Those of us who have learnt the lessons of life will know that in life, what we give to others, we get in return with interest. We should therefore constantly remind ourselves of the saying "Do as you would be done by." We need to treat others as you would like to be treated by others.

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# Amyotha Hluttaw speaker donates rice to youth development centre

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept — Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) U Khin Aung Myint attended the ceremony to donate cash and rice to Philanthropic Youth Development Garden on Sama Hill in Thawutti, Lewe Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on Wednesday.

At the ceremony, U Khin Aung Myint donated 100 bags of rice while Amyotha Hluttaw Representative Dr Khin Shwe donated K 10 million for the centre. The head monk of the centre received the cash and rice donated by wellwishers including K 2 million each by U Nay Win and U Htay Win. The centre was founded in 1990 for orphans. About 20 youths from the centre have graduated so far.—*MNA*

***Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint offers donations to a Buddhist monk at Philanthropic Youth Development Garden in Thawutti, Lewe Township.*—MNA**

# Public announcement for remonstration of changing political party's seal

1. "Wunthanu Democratic Party" headquartered in NanUlwin Village-tract of Patheingyi Township in Mandalay Region, registered by the Union Election Commission-UEC as a political party under the Article-9 of the Political Parties Registration Law, submitted applications to change its seal to the UEC.
2. It is here announced in accord with the Political Parties Registration Rule 14 (d) that if there is anyone who want to remonstrate about the seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the UEC with firm evidences within seven days from the date of the announcement.

**Union Election Commission**

**Seal of Wunthanu Democratic Party**

# U Soe Lwin presents Credentials to ROK President

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept — U Soe Lwin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Korea, presented his Credentials to Her Excellency Madame Park Geun-Hye, President of the Republic of Korea, on 12 September 2014 in Seoul.

*MNA*

# People may enjoy European Film Festival

YANGON, 17 Sept — The 23rd European Film Festival with participation of seven European countries will be held at Nay Pyi Taw Cinema from 25 September to 5 October.

The festival will be organized by embassies of Switzerland, France, Ireland and Israel, French Culture and Language Department, British Council and German Culture and Language Department (Gothe-Institut) with the assistance of the representative of European Union to Myanmar. Ten films in various genres will be presented during the 11-day period twice a day at 3.30 pm and 6.30 pm free of charge. Tickets are available till 15 minutes ahead of the film.

*MNA*

***Chairman of Pabedan Township Writers Association Reporter Than Swe (Pabedan) and Vice Chairman Dr Soe Myint Aung (Wakema) donate 600 copies of Journals to libraries of Dagon Myothit (South) and (Seikkan) townships through officials on Wednesday.* SEINJOHN KHIN MAUNG**

# Delegation of Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp visits UMFCCI, MIA

YANGON, 17 Sept — A delegation from Japan, consisting of 15 General Managers of Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC), visited the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and Myanmar Industries Association (MIA) on 16 September. The delegation, headed by Mr. Masayuki Shimura, Managing Director, Head of Asia Pacific Division, discussed business opportunities between Myanmar and Japan.

SMBC entered into an MoU with UMFCCI this June to collaborate to attract Japanese investment into Myanmar, as the first Japanese bank. Other than UMFCCI, the delegation visited MIA and several local companies to discuss possible investments from Japan and their underlying issues. The delegation also visited Thilawa SEZ and its One-Stop Service Center and discussed operational procedures related to investment into Thilawa.—*NLM*

***Delegation of Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation holds talks with responsible persons of Myanmar Industries Association on Tuesday.*—NLM**

# Winners of Enat Beauty Face Calendar 2015 to be announced at the end of September

YANGON, 17 Sept — Winners of the Enat Beauty Face Calendar 2015 contest will be announced at the end of this month through journals and magazines after holding the final selection events in Yangon and Mandalay, the organizer said.

Tin Zar Lwin, product manager of MEGA Lifesciences Ltd, said that the contest was organized by MEGA Lifesciences Ltd.

The company already arranged to take photos of those winners at Phuket Beach in Thailand by French photographer Johkim Leroy.

She added that the company accepted more than 500 applicants across the country in which 40 girls were chosen to participate in the contest. Of them, 12 winners will be selected by local and foreign judges.

On Sunday, 25 models out of 40 took part in final selection event at the Junction Square in Yangon. The event of remaining participants will be held in Mandalay on September 17, according to the organizer.—*NLM*

# Egypt's military focus is at home, not on Islamic State

CAIRO, 17 Sept — Egypt's foreign minister has suggested his country might not provide military assistance to the United States for its battle against the Islamic State militant group, saying the army was focused on the home front.

US Secretary of State John Kerry said last week he had won the backing of 10 Arab states, including Egypt, for a "coordinated military campaign" against the Islamic State, which has grabbed territory in Syria and Iraq. However, Foreign Minister Sameh Shukri appeared to throw cold water on the possibility of active Egyptian participation.

"We did not discuss this and no one asked this of us. We always say that the mission of the Egyptian army is to protect the Egyptian people and the country's borders," he told the local *Al-Akhbar* newspaper. Shukri said Egypt's army was focused on fighting terrorism in areas such as the Sinai Peninsula and along Egypt's border with Libya, where Muslim militant insurgents operate.

*US Secretary of State John Kerry (L) listens to Egypt's Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry during a joint news conference in Cairo on 13 Sept, 2014. — REUTERS*

Egyptian security officials have said Islamic State has established contacts with Egypt's most dangerous militant group —Ansar Bayt al-Maqdis —and President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi told Kerry at the weekend that any global coalition against terrorism should tackle an array of extremist groups. — *Reuters*

# Saudi court sentences two to death, jails 13 over attack

DOHA, 17 Sept — A court in Saudi Arabia sentenced two men to death and 13 others to long prison terms after they were accused of killing a policeman and three civilians and forming an al-Qaeda cell in prison, the kingdom's state news agency (*SPA*) said on Tuesday.

Saudi Arabia has arrested thousands of suspected militants since al- Qaeda supporters waged a wave of attacks on residential compounds for foreign workers and on Saudi government facilities starting in 2003, killing dozens.

In 2006 and 2008 security forces foiled planned strikes against oil installations in its Eastern Province. In addition to the killings, the defendants were charged with setting up an al-Qaeda cell in prison and planning attacks against foreign countries, illegal possession of bombs and firearms, forging identities and plans to kidnap non-Muslims.

Three of the 15 men convicted are foreigners. Two Moroccans received jail sentences of 30 and 18 years and a Yemeni a term of 20 years. The others were jailed for between 14 to 35 years, the agency said.

It added that the group had 30 days to appeal.

In recent months, Saudi Arabia imprisoned dozens of people in security trials amid fears that the conflicts in Iraq and Syria will radicalize a new generation of young Saudis.

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

Saudi Arabia has detained over 11,000 people since the wave of attacks, mostly between 2003 and 2006, against government and foreign targets in the conservative Islamic kingdom staged by al-Qaeda militants who had fought in Afghanistan and Iraq.

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

# Two killed in police, drug dealer gun fight

GUANGZHOU, 17 Sept — Two people were killed in a gun fight late Tuesday night, when police were trying to capture a suspected drug dealer in south China's Guangzhou City, police said on Wednesday.

At 6:17 pm on Tuesday, police raided a reported drug-producing den in Haizhu District and were resisted by the suspect with a gun. The suspect also set the apartment on fire during his confrontation with police. The fire was put out around midnight and police entered.

The suspect was shot dead at the scene after six hours of confrontation. A police officer and a bystander were injured during the fight and were rushed to hospital. The police officer is now out of danger after emergency treatment whereas the bystander died later in the hospital, according to the municipal public security bureau.

Further investigation is under way. —*Xinhua*

# 67 South Africans died in Lagos church collapse — Zuma

LAGOS, 17 Sept — Sixty-seven South Africans died and scores were injured in the collapse of a building in the compound of a Lagos Pentecostal church last week, South Africa's President Jacob Zuma said on Tuesday.

The guest house, under construction in the compound belonging to the Synagogue Church of All Nations, headed by "Prophet" TB Joshua, collapsed on Friday while three extra stories were being added to its existing two floors.

Local emergency services put the total number killed in the collapse in the Ikotun neighbourhood of Lagos at 61 on Tuesday.

"This is a particularly difficult time for South Africa. Not in the recent history of our country have we had this large number of our people die in one incident outside the country," Zuma said in a statement.

"The whole nation shares the pain of the mothers, fathers, daughters and sons who have lost their loved ones."

There was no immediate explanation for the discrepancy in the numbers. South African Department of International Relations spokesman Nelson Kgwete said in a statement on Monday that "at least five South African church tour groups were at the Synagogue at the time of the collapse".

Another 131 people who had been in the building survived, said Ibrahim Farinloye, spokesman for the National Emergency Management Agency in the southwest. Representatives of the church could not immediately be reached for comment. TB Joshua's church draws thousands of followers from all over Africa and many other parts of the world, attracted by claims that he and his inner circle have special healing powers, including cures for normally incurable ailments including HIV/AIDS and chronic kidney disease.

*Reuters*

# Islamic State shoots down Syrian war plane — monitor group

BEIRUT, 17 Sept — Islamic State fighters shot down a Syrian war plane using anti-aircraft guns on Tuesday, the first time the group has downed a military jet since declaring its cross-border caliphate in June, a group monitoring the civil war said.

The plane came down outside Islamic State's stronghold of Raqqa city, 400 km (250 miles) northeast of Damascus, during air strikes on territory controlled by the group, a resident said.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a monitoring group which gathers information from a network of activists on the ground, reported five air raids on Raqqa on Tuesday. Rami Abdulrahman, who runs the organization, cited sources close to Islamic State as saying the plane had been shot down.

Further north Islamic State clashed with Kurdish fighters near Syria's border with Turkey, in fighting which killed dozens of people on both sides, the Observatory said.

*Children carry pieces of the wreckage of a war plane that crashed on the outskirts of Raqqa in northeast Syria on 16 Sept, 2014. — REUTERS*

The clashes took place outside the Kurdish city of Kobani, also known as Ain al-Arab, in an area where Kurdish fighters have been fighting off Islamic State attacks for months.

US President Barack Obama last week authorised air strikes against Islamic State in Syria, potentially widening action against a group already being targeted by US air strikes in Iraq.

The Syrian air force has been bombing Islamic State-controlled territory in the provinces of Raqqa and Deir al-Zor on a near-daily basis since the group seized the Iraqi city of Mosul in June. Syria has offered to join a coalition the United States is assembling to fight Islamic State, but Western governments see President Bashar al-Assad as part of the problem and have ruled out the idea of such cooperation.

*Reuters*

# Boeing, SpaceX win contracts to build 'space taxis' for NASA

CAPE CANAVERAL/WASHINGTON, 17 Sept — NASA will partner with Boeing and SpaceX to build commercially owned and operated "space taxis" to fly astronauts to the *International Space Station*, ending US dependence on Russia for rides, officials said on Tuesday.

The US space agency also considered a bid by privately owned Sierra Nevada Corp, but opted to award long-time aerospace contractor Boeing and California's SpaceX with contracts valued at a combined $6.8 billion to develop, certify and fly their seven-person capsules.

Boeing was awarded $4.2 billion to SpaceX's $2.6 billion. SpaceX is run by technology entrepreneur Elon Musk, also the chief executive officer of electric car manufacturer Tesla Motors. "SpaceX is deeply honoured by the trust NASA has placed in us," said Musk, a South Africa-born, Canadian American billionaire. "It is a vital step in a journey that will ultimately take us to the stars and make humanity a multi-planet species."

***NASA astronaut Randy Bresnik prepares to entre Boeing's CST-100 spacecraft for a fit check evaluation at the company's Houston Product Support Centre in this undated image. NASA will partner with Boeing and SpaceX to build commercially owned and operated "space taxis" to fly astronauts to the International Space Station, ending US dependence on Russia for rides, officials said on Tuesday. —REUTERS***

The awards position Boeing and SpaceX to be ready for commercial flight services in 2017, said Kathy Leuders, manager for NASA's Commercial Crew programme. She said both contracts have the same requirements.

"The companies proposed the value within which they were able to do the work and the government accepted that," Leuders told reporters in a conference call.

The contract has taken on new urgency given rising tensions between the United States and Russia over its annexation of the Crimea region of Ukraine and support for rebels in eastern Ukraine.

Boeing's *CST-100* spaceship would launch aboard Atlas 5 rockets, built by United Launch Alliance, a partnership of Lockheed Martin Corp and Boeing. SpaceX, which already has a $1.3 billion NASA contract to fly cargo to the space station, intends to upgrade its Dragon freighter to carry astronauts.

NASA has said that in addition to test flights, the awards would include options for between two and six operational missions.

By flying astronauts commercially from the United States, NASA could end Russia's monopoly on space station crew transport. The agency pays $70 million per person for rides on Russian Soyuz capsules, the only flights available for astronauts since the retirement of the US space shuttle fleet in 2011.

China, the only other country to fly people in orbit besides the United States and Russia, is not a member of the 15-nation space station partnership.

*Reuters*

# Miami Bat Squad tracks rare species to golf course roost

MIAMI, 17 Sept — Shortly after dusk, three researchers squat on the lawn of a vacant, million-dollar home in a posh Miami suburb, pointing ultrasonic microphones at the darkened mansion.

They're part of the Miami Bat Squad, listening to track down the home of the rare Florida bonneted bat — a critically endangered species that has turned up at a nearby golf course.

Scientists know little about the brown, snout-nosed creature, which emits unusual audible noises as it flies and whose population is believed to number only a few hundred. The bonneted bats exist only in southern Florida.

But last week, the Miami Bat Squad announced that it had located what is believed to be the first known roost of the rare creature in decades.

The group, made up of about 200 volunteers, has been trying to find the daytime home of the species since they were heard circling a golf course in the upscale community of Coral Gables earlier this year.

"I was on the back porch drinking a glass of wine and thought 'Oh my God, those are bats,'" said Florida International University biologist Kirsten Bohn, who recognized their faint chirping after she moved into the area recently.

Bohn has been leading efforts to locate precisely where the bats roost by day, count their numbers and gather any other information that could help preserve them. They were added to the US endangered species list last fall.

"This one is a special case, because so little is really known about its habits," said Ken Warren, a spokesman for the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

*Reuters*

***An injured Florida bonneted bat recuperates at Zoo Miami, in this handout picture taken in 2014 and provided by Zoo Miami. — REUTERS***

# Montreal startup taps crowdfunding for virtual reality headset

TORONTO, 17 Sept — A tiny Montreal company is turning to crowdfunding in hopes of moving its virtual reality headset from a working prototype to a mass produced rival to products from Facebook, Samsung and Sony.

Vrvana Inc aims to raise C$350,000 ($318,000) via website Kickstarter to make the first 1,000 units of its Totem headset, it said ahead of the month-long campaign's launch on Tuesday.

The seven-person team hopes game developers will snap up the C$400-and-up product early to create the ecosystem needed to ensure success.

"VR (virtual reality) is like mobile five years ago, when there were not many mobile game developers and the ones that made great games made a lot of money," Vrvana founder Bertrand Nepveu said in an interview.

Nepveu said beyond games, the Totem could be used for medical or aviation simulations, education, or even virtual tourism.

***The stereoscopic view of an airplane cockpit is seen after the lenses are removed from a Vrvana virtual reality headset in Toronto on 12 Sept, 2014. . — REUTERS***

But it will be a race against the clock to prove its concept and grab a share of the nascent virtual reality market as technology giants bring out similar products. Facebook Inc bet on "the platforms of tomorrow" with a $2 billion deal for Oculus VR Inc — a company with no real revenue and untested technology — in March.

Oculus also used Kickstarter to raise early funds, before raising $75 million from backers led by Andreesen Horowitz in December. It had 100 employees at the time of the Facebook acquisition.

Unlike the Oculus Rift, the Totem features front-facing video cameras that allow a user to switch their view to real life or mix real and virtual worlds and lenses that can be adjusted for various sight strength, Nepveu said.— *Reuters*

# World's earliest evidence of parental care found in scavenger beetles

WASHINGTON, 17 Sept—World's earliest evidence of parental care such as storing food for young offspring has been found in 125-million-year-old fossils of carrion beetles known as scavengers in northeast China, a new study led by Chinese researchers said on Monday.

Parental care represents a significant behavioural adaptation in life history but fossil evidence that elucidates the origin and evolutionary history of this phenomenon is lacking, according to the study published in the *US journal Proceedings of the National Academy of the Sciences.*

Previously, the earliest fossil of carrion beetles found in Florissant, Colorado, only dated back to 35 million years ago.

In the past five years, however, new specimens of carrion beetles have been found in the 165-million-year-old Middle Jurassic Daohugou biota at Ningcheng County, Inner Mongolia of China, the 125-million-year-old Early Cretaceous Jehol biota at Beipiao City, Liaoning Province of China and the 99-million-year- old mid-Cretaceous Burmese amber, said Professor Huang Diying from the Nanjing Institute of Geology and Palaeontology of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, who led the study.— *Xinhua*

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

**Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development**
**Department of Rural Development**
**Strengthening Capacity of the Department of Rural Development for Coordination of Rural Development Activities**
**Assignment Title: National Project Operations Consultant (Three Positions)**

The Department of Rural Development (DRD) is being implementing " Strengthening Capacity of the Department of Rural Development for Coordination of Rural Development Activities to Implement the Government's Poverty Alleviation and Rural Developement Action Plan" funded by IFAD.

DRD intends to apply part of the proceeds for the hiring of **National Project Operations Consultants.** The Consulting Services ("the services") include:

- Assist in the preparation of training manuals for project training activities at the national, township and village levels;
- Provide advice as needed to the Project Implementation Committee (PIC) and Project Implementation Unit (PIU) at the township level in implementing project activities in pilot villages;
- Assist the PIC and PIU in designing and implementing project training activities at the township and village levels;

DRD now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultant should provide personal information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the service.

The assignment period will be for **six (6) months** and expected to commence **mid October 2014.** The assignment shall be extended based on the consultants performance and project needs.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) **by October 2, 2014.**

Further information and a copy of the detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) may be obtained through email or from the address below during office hours from 0900 to 1600, Monday through Friday, except public holidays.

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# FIAT top exporter despite production halt

BELGRADE, 17 Sept — Car maker FIAT tops the list of Serbian exporters with EUR 947.2 million worth of exports in the first eight months of 2014, the Serbian Finance Ministry said in a release.

FIAT has been the biggest exporter over the first eight months of the year, despite the slowing down of exports in August due to the annual vacation shutdown and machine overhaul, the release states.

The Petroleum Industry of Serbia (NIS) ranks second with the January-August exports of EUR 255.4 million, while tire and rubber goods producer Tigar ranks third with EUR 158 million worth of exports.

The list of top exporters includes home appliances maker Gorenje (EUR 120.4 million), petrochemical company HIP Petrohemija (EUR 118.3 million), steel mill Zelezara Smederevo (EUR 115.6 million).

Tetra Pak Production sold EUR 101.8 million worth of goods abroad, pharmaceutical concern Hemofarm reported EUR 95.5 million, floor tile maker Tarkett EUR 82.4 million, and car parts factory Yura Corporation EUR 79.8 million worth of exports.

Beverage can manufacturer Ball Packaging, metal and metal ore trader RTB Invest, two metal companies Sirmium Steel and Impol Seval, and textile company Valy also rank among the top 15 exporters in Serbia.

*Tanjug*

# Brazil's Rousseff slips in poll ahead of October election

BRASILIA, 17 Sept — President Dilma Rousseff has lost ground to her main challenger, Marina Silva, less than three weeks before Brazil's presidential election, which will likely be decided in a close second-round runoff, a poll showed on Tuesday.

The survey by the Ibope polling firm said support for Silva, a renowned environmentalist, has remained unchanged at 43 percent, but Rousseff has slipped two percentage points to 40 percent since the previous poll last week. The gap is within the margin of error of the poll and the two are considered in a statistical tie.

*A combination picture of two file photos shows Brazil's presidential candidates Marina Silva (L) of the Brazilian Socialist Party (PSB) in Sao Paulo, and Dilma Rousseff (R) of the Workers' Party (PT) in Brasilia.—*REUTERS

Rousseff has also lost two percentage points in a simulated first-round vote, while centrist candidate and market favourite Aecio Neves has gained four points and risen to 19 percent.

In the first round voting scheduled for 5 October, Rousseff would get 36 percent of the votes and Silva 30 percent, compared with 39 percent for Rousseff and 31 percent for Silva in the previous Ibope poll.

The Rousseff administration's approval rating has slipped to 37 percent from 38 percent last week.

The race is being closely watched by investors who hope a Silva victory will lead to a more market friendly government and end the interventionist policies of the ruling Workers' Party that they blame for undermining business confidence and growth in the world's seventh-largest economy.

Brazil's benchmark Bovespa stock index rose as much as 3.96 percent in Tuesday trading and closed 2 percent higher on speculation that the Ibope poll would show gains for Silva.—*Reuters*

# Ditching cars for buses, bikes best way to cut city pollution

LONDON, 17 Sept — Encouraging people to abandon their cars and use public transport or walk or cycle around cities offers the "least pain, most gain" way to cut air pollution from traffic by 2050, a new international study said on Wednesday.

The report, by the University of California and the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP), proposed governments expand rail and bus transport and ensure cities are safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

Researchers found that a radical change in the way people get around cities could cut carbon dioxide emissions from urban passenger transport by about 40 percent by 2050 and save $100 trillion in public and private spending.

Michael Replogle of ITDP, a co-author of the report "A Global High Shift Scenario", said transport, driven by a rapid growth in car use, had been the fastest growing source of carbon dioxide emissions in the world.

"While every part of the global economy needs to become greener, cleaning up the traffic jams in the world's cities offers the least pain and the most gain," said Replogle.

Replogle said better access to public transport would also foster economic opportunities, providing the poor with better access to employment and services —and the private sector had an important role to play.

"It is clear that the success of developing good public transport in wealthy countries has come by governments establishing systems for greater private investment in public transport," he told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

*Residents cover their face from dust as they ride their bicycles along a street on a hazy day in Zhengzhou, Henan Province on 10 Dec, 2013.—*REUTERS

"That has not been happening as effectively in much of the developing world, but this report describes the framework in which it could happen."

Carbon dioxide emissions are likely to increase fastest in developing countries because of growing wealth and sprawling urban populations.

United Nations figures released this year show that 54 percent of the world population lives in cities and this figure is forecast to rise to 66 percent by 2050.

Indian emissions, for example, are expected to leap nearly eight-fold to 540 megatons by 2050 from 70 megatons now but the researchers found this rise could be reduced by more than a third if cities managed to cut down car use.

Similarly, projections showed that in China emissions could be cut by almost a half if bus and metro systems were developed extensively.

Replogle said initiatives similar to those proposed were already happening in countries like Mexico and Colombia, which have plans for comprehensive urban transport programmes.

"The bottom line message is that to address climate change we really need to undertake all of the measures that are feasible to help us reduce global warming pollution," Replogle said.

"We particularly need to take rapid action on things that support sustainable development for low and moderate income countries so that they can realise their economic aspirations."—*Reuters*

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

### MV UNI ASSURE VOY NO (370N)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV UNI ASSURE VOY NO (370N) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 18.9.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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## "DURGA PUJA INVITATION"

THE SARADIYA DURGA PUJA (Sandhi Mai Daw Puzaw Pwe) will be celebrated from Tuesday the 30th September, 2014 to Friday the 3rd October, 2014 at Hindu temple Sri Sri Durga Bari No.307, Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon.

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# Mayon Volcano in E Philippines exhibits "intense activity": Phivolics

MANILA, 17 Sept — The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) said on Wednesday that Mayon Volcano in the eastern Philippine province of Albay has exhibited "intense activity" based on its 24-hour observation.

PHIVOLCS Science Research Specialist Eric Arconado said Mayon Volcano generated 38 volcanic earthquakes and 277 rock fall events as of Wednesday.

Arconado said Mayon remains under Alert Level 3 which means that hazardous eruption is possible within weeks.

"The volcano is exhibiting relatively high unrest due to the movement of potentially eruptible magma," he said.

He said magma continues to rise up the volcano's crater, noting the occurrence of "rolling incandescent rockfall within the uppermost reaches of the Bonga Gully on Tuesday evening."

"This indicates that the summit lava dome is breaching the crater in the volcano's southeastern side," said Arconado.

Mayon continues to spew a significant amount of sulfur dioxide at an average of 457 tons per day since 12 September. PHIVOLCS said sulfur dioxide emission peaked at 2,360 tons on 6 September.—*Xinhua*

## Weather report

**BAY INFERENCE:** According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over West Central Bay of Bengal still persists. Monsoon is strong to vigorous in the Andaman sea and South Bay and weak elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** According to the observations at (12:30)hrs MST today, the typhoon (Kalmaegi) had crossed over North Vietnam Coasts become land depression. It is forecast to move West - Northwest wards and gradually downgrade.

## I can relate to Batman's anger: Ben Affleck

Los Angeles, 17 Sept — Superstar Ben Affleck admits he could relate to his character of Caped Crusader in 'Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice'.

The 42-year-old actor-director, who is married to Jennifer Garner, said he identifies with the deeply buried and contained anger of the character, reported *Us* magazine. "For me, anger is so deeply buried and contained that when it does kind of come out, it comes out in stronger bursts," Affleck said. He also explained that he is usually more reserved and passive in situations. "I tend to be respectful, polite, get along, put up with, put up with, put up with…" Affleck said of his bottled-up anger.

"Then, when it finally emerges, it's not something I have a ton of control over," Affleck added. The actor stars as a world weary Bruce Wayne in Zach Snyder's upcoming superhero installment.—*PTI*

## My life has changed with parenthood: Hilary Duff

London, 17 Sept — Hilary Duff admits she cannot really remember life without her two-year-old son Luca. The 'Chasing the Sun' singer credits her son with estranged husband Mike Comrie for completely changing her priorities and outlook on life, reported *Contactmusic*.

'I feel like I don't even remember who I was before I had him. He's taught me about patience, which I didn't have before. Being in this business since I was 12, I constantly was busy and on the go.

"I think having him has helped centre me and calm me down and make me realise that the little things are important," she said. And the 26-year-old beauty believes parenthood has made her a more confident person.

"I've gotten a lot more confidence as a woman as a whole, not just as a mother. In my work and in my everyday life – I think there's a confidence that comes with motherhood." —*PTI*

## Leonardo DiCaprio named UN messenger of peace for climate

United Nations, 17 Sept — Hollywood actor and environmental activist Leonardo DiCaprio has been named a United Nations Messenger of Peace, a post he will use to raise awareness about climate change, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said on Tuesday.

DiCaprio will address a UN summit meeting on climate change on 23 September, a day before the UN General Assembly's annual gathering of world leaders begins. Many leaders from the 193 member states of the United Nations are expected to attend the climate session.

"Leonardo DiCaprio is not just one of the world's leading actors," Ban said. "He has also a long-standing commitment to environmental causes, including through his foundation."

In 1998, the actor established the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation, whose mission is protecting Earth's last wild places and building a more harmonious relationship between humanity and the natural world, the United Nations said in a statement. The organization has contributed funds toward protecting tigers in Nepal, elephants in the wild, and marine animals, including sharks.—*Reuters*

## Lea Michele to sing 'Frozen' classic in Glee's final season

London, 17 Sept — Lea Michele has hinted that she will be treating viewers to a rendition of hit track 'Let It Go' from Disney's 'Frozen' in the final season of 'Glee'. The 28-year-old actress-singer took to Twitter to give the clue, reported *Daily Mirror*.

"I don't care.. What they're going to say.. Let the storm rage on.. The cold never bothered me anyway…" alongside a picture of her dressed in a princess-style floor length gown, similar to Elsa's signature blue frock.

The song was originally performed by Idina Menzel, who played Rachel's birth mother on the show. Former Disney star Demi Lovato also covered the track, which scooped the award for Best Original Song at the Academy Awards.

The 2013 film has proved so popular that former soccer star David Beckham recently revealed daughter Harper's third birthday party was Frozen-themed.—*PTI*

*Lea Michele*

## I'm quite relaxed as I don't Google myself: Kiera Knightley

London, 17 Sept — Actress Kiera Knightley says she has become a calmer person now as she does not check others' opinions about her online. The 29-year-old 'Imitation Game' star said she used to read a lot about herself online till a few years back and the criticism over her looks used to affect her mentally, reported the *Daily Mirror*.

"Everything up to 25 I was pretty neurotic and taking everything far too seriously. I found it difficult to step back from it and I was taking it very personally. "Partly because as an actor you don't want necessarily that thicker skin, and I couldn't figure how to be open emotionally and yet get a thick enough skin so that things didn't hurt," she said.

Knightley added she has become confident about her personality and has accepted she cannot change people's perception about her.—*PTI*

# Rihanna, CBS bench opening number for Thursday football

Los Angeles, 17 Sept — R&B singer Rihanna's record label on Tuesday said it has refused to license a song to CBS for its "Thursday Night Football" programme after the TV network chose not to use the song in its season opener because it was focused on the NFL's domestic violence scandal.

The Roc Nation label made its announcement after Rihanna, who was assaulted by singer and then-boyfriend Chris Brown on the eve of the 2009 Grammy Awards, railed against CBS on Twitter for scrapping her featured part in rapper Jay Z's "Run This Town" along with other planned content.

"Roc Nation made the decision to not grant the song's usage," Jay Z's Roc Nation label said in a statement.

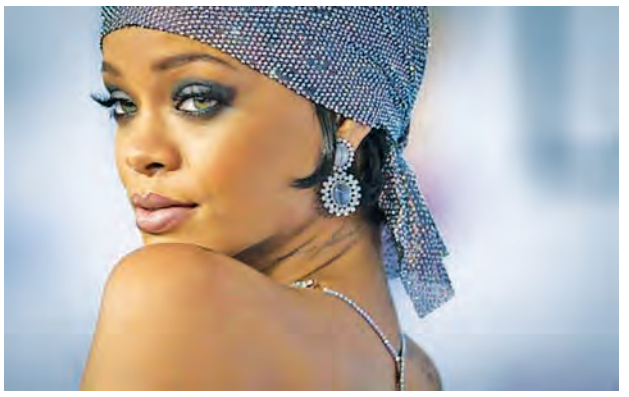
The record label revoked the licensing before Tuesday because of the way CBS handled the situation, a spokeswoman said.

CBS said earlier on Tuesday it will open the show with original theme music instead of Rihanna's singing.

The CBS Corp -owned network, which won the rights to broadcast NFL games in primetime on Thursdays this season, did not use the song as part of its planned opening segment last week in a game between the Baltimore Ravens and Pittsburgh Steelers.

Instead, the network covered the indefinite suspension of former Ravens running back Ray Rice for domestic abuse and an essay on domestic violence among other content.

*Reuters*



***Singer Rihanna arrives for the Council of Fashion Designers of America Awards (CFDA) at Lincoln Center in New York in this on 2 June, 2014.—Reuters***

## Katy Perry leads MTV EMAs with seven nominations

Los Angeles, 17 Sept — Pop star Katy Perry has been leading this year's MTV EMA with seven nominations, including best song, best pop, best female best live and best US act.

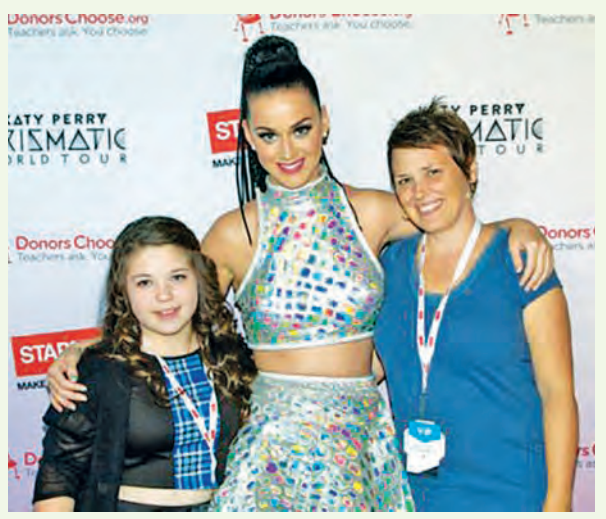
Ariana Grande follows close behind the 29-year-old singer with six nominations, while new 'The Voice' coach Pharrell Williams and Aussie boy band 5 Seconds of Summer have five.

One Direction, Nicki Minaj, Iggy Azalea, Eminem, Sam Smith and rising star Kiesza are nominated in four categories, said the *Hollywood Reporter*.

Competing against Perry for the top best song ('Dark Horse') prize is Grande ('Problem' featuring Azalea), Eminem ('The Monster' featuring Rihanna), Williams ('Happy') and Smith ('Stay With Me').

American musicians vying for the best US act are Perry, Beyonce, Eminem, Fifth Harmony and Williams.

The 2014 MTV EMAs will take place on November 9 in Glasgow.—*PTI*



***Katy Perry, center, with local student and teacher from Lent Elementary School, left to right, Mylea Landeros and Rebecca Rothery, backstage at the Moda Center during her Prismatic World Tour performance on 12 Sept, 2014 in Portland. —PTI***

## CONDOLENCE

Since we have learnt that Dr. U Thein Tun, who is the eldest son of U Lun and Daw Kyin Nu and one of the Senior Assistant Teacher of International Dhammagiri Vipassana Association, has passed away on 17th September 2014, all of our Dhamma friends from the International Dhammagiri Vipassana Association, Yangon, Myanmar deeply sorry together with the family.

International Dhammagiri Vipassana Association

# Daredevil Nik Wallenda to walk over portion of Chicago skyline

CHICAGO, 17 Sept — Daredevil Nik Wallenda, who last year completed a high-wire walk over the Grand Canyon, announced on Tuesday plans for an untethered tightrope walk between Chicago skyscrapers on a night in November.

"This is going to be the most incredible tightrope walk of my career," Wallenda said in a statement, noting that he has fond memories of performing with his family in Chicago. "Besides, it's the 'Windy City' and there's nothing like doing this during winter in Chicago."

Wallenda will perform the 2 November walk, without net or harness, in two parts. First, he will walk from Marina City's west tower more than two city blocks to the Leo Burnett Building at more than 50 stories above the Chicago River, going uphill rising to a 15-degree angle. The second part of the walk will span Marina City's west tower to its east tower.

The first part of the walk will be the highest skyscraper walk in the history of the "Flying Wallenda" family, and the first time Wallenda has attempted it at such a steep angle.

The statement said the walk will take place at night in one of the windiest sections of the nation's third-largest city. The Discovery Channel will air the event. Wallenda, 35, is a seventh-generation member of the "Flying Wallendas" family of acrobats. He also has completed a high-wire walk over the brink of Niagara Falls.

Viewers watched the Grand Canyon walk live in 217 countries. Wallenda's great-grandfather, Karl Wallenda, slipped and fell to his death from a high wire in Puerto Rico in 1978.

*Reuters*

***Daredevil Nik Wallenda gives a thumbs-up sign as he nears the end, after walking on a two-inch (5-cm) diameter steel cable rigged 1,400 feet (426.7 metres) across more than a quarter-mile deep remote section of the Grand Canyon near Little Colorado River, Arizona on 23 June, 2013. — REUTERS***

# Zidane could be interested in France coaching job

***Real Madrid's coach Carlo Ancelotti (R) and his assistant Zinedine Zidane shout at their players during their Champions League final soccer match against Atletico Madrid at Luz stadium in Lisbon, May 24, 2014. — REUTESRS***

PARIS, 17 Sept — Former France great Zinedine Zidane, who helped Les Bleus win the 1998 World Cup on home soil, has hinted he could be interested in coaching the national team.

"I am ambitious. I am a coach now, and I tell myself 'why not be national coach?'," the Real Madrid young players' coach told French daily *La Provence* on Tuesday.

Zidane was Carlo Ancelotti's assistant coach when Real won the Champions League last season.

"I do not allow myself to say I can be national coach but since I'm on the other side of the fence, it is a possibility," Zidane added.

The 42-year-old scored two goals as France beat Brazil in the 1998 World Cup final and he led Les Bleus to the Euro 2000 title. He came out of retirement to guide France to the World Cup final against Italy in 2006, scoring a goal before being sent off for head-butting Marco Materazzi.—*Reuters*

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# Nearly half the tickets for Rio 2016 to be under $30

RIO DE JANEIRO, 17 Sept — Almost half of all tickets for the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro will be sold for $30 (18 pounds) or less in a bid to make the Games "as affordable as possible," the organising committee said on Tuesday.

The most expensive tickets, however, will still be out of range for the majority of local fans with prices for the opening ceremony as high as 4,600 reais ($1,977).

The priciest sporting events, such as the athletics finals, will be 1,200 reais. This is substantially below the price of the 100 metre final at London 2012 - which cost more than twice as much.

The organising committee said it was committed to "allow access to the games for the largest possible number of fans," in a video presentation on the Rio 2016 website.

Of the 7.5 million tickets that will be sold, 3.8 million will cost 70 reais or less. The cheapest ticket will be priced at 40 Brazilian reais (less than $20).

Fans looking to buy tickets can register on the Rio 2016 sales website from November.

Applications for the first phase of ticket sales will then open between March and May 2015, with a second phase planned for July 2015.

Only those who entered in the first draw will be able to participate in the second, with those who were unsuccessful getting priority.

*Reuters*

***A view of the Joao Havelange Olympic Stadium, undergoing renovation to stage athletic competitions during the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, during the 2nd world press briefing for the games in Rio de Janeiro on 6 Aug, 2014. —REUTERS***

The New Light of Myanmar



# Moutinho fires Monaco to 1-0 win against Bayer

MONACO, 17 Sept — Monaco showed they could still be a force in the Champions League despite losing James Rodriguez and Radamel Falcao with a second-half Joao Moutinho goal securing a 1-0 win against Bayer Leverkusen in Group C on Tuesday.

Portugal international Moutinho, one of Monaco's big signings last year, fired home from Dimitar Berbatov's header in the 61st minute.

Monaco, who sold Colombia international Rodriguez to Real Madrid and loaned compatriot Falcao to Manchester United, had been second best Bundesliga leaders Leverkusen for the first hour.

The principality side's poor domestic form was reflected in an indifferent opening with Karim Bellarabi making a hash of a great chance to fire the visitors ahead from Hakan Calhanoglu's defence-splitting pass. Leverkusen were dominant in midfield but toothless up front with Heung-min Son sending a low shot wide when left unmarked in the box.

On the stroke of half-time, Gonzalo Castro also managed to fire a volley from close range over the bar as the visitors continued to waste chances.

Monaco were struggling to keep Leverkusen at bay and Layvin Kurzawa and Yannick Ferreira Carrasco were both booked before the break, which Monaco were grateful to reach at 0-0. It was Leonardo Jardim's side, however, who went ahead shortly after the hour.

*AS Monaco's Joao Moutinho (L) and Dimitar Berbatov (R) fight for the ball with Bayer Leverkusen's Gonzalo Castro during their Champions League Group C soccer match at Louis II stadium in Monaco on 16 Sept, 2014.* —REUTERS

Bulgarian striker Berbatov headed a long ball into the path of midfielder Mountinho, whose shot was deflected by Emir Spahic's heel past Bernd Leno.

Leverkusen had their first shot on target 10 minutes from time when Castro's fierce shot was parried away by Danijel Subasic.

"We knew that it would be difficult against a good team who have been brilliant in their league," Monaco midfielder Geoffrey Kondogbia told BeIN Sport. "But we also knew we had the weapons to beat them. We were solid. They had a lot of chances but we also had our opportunities." —*Reuters*

# Holders Real back on song with 5-1 rout of Basel

*Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates a goal with his teammate Gareth Bale (L) during their Champions League match against FC Basel at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 16 Sept, 2014.*—REUTERS

MADRID, 17 Sept — Holders Real Madrid chased away some of their early-season blues when Gareth Bale scored the pick of the goals as the record 10-times winners routed FC Basel 5-1 in their Champions League Group B opener on Tuesday.

After a deflected Nacho effort put Real 1-0 ahead in the 14th minute, Bale raced on to a Luka Modric pass and dinked the ball brilliantly over onrushing Basel goalkeeper Tomas Vaclik before volleying into an empty net.

A minute later, Bale found space on the right of the penalty area and sent over a low cross for Cristiano Ronaldo, last season's Champions League top scorer with 17 goals, to tap in at the far post.

New Real signing James Rodriguez made it 4-0 in the 37th minute when he started and finished a sweeping counter attack before Derlis Gonzalez almost immediately pulled a goal back for the visitors when he sped clear and beat Iker Casillas with a low strike.

Karim Benzema completed the scoring in the 79th minute when he lashed a left-foot shot into the net off the underside of the crossbar as Real became the first club to score 1,000 goals in European competition.

Real, chasing a record-extending 11th European crown, came into the game at the Bernabeu having lost twice on the trot in La Liga and were under pressure to produce a convincing performance in front of their demanding fans. While Basel hardly represent the stiffest test they will face as they seek to become the first team to defend their European title in the Champions League era, the victory will lift spirits ahead of Sunday's La Liga game at promoted Deportivo La Coruna. Real coach Carlo Ancelotti has had problems integrating Rodriguez and fellow new signing Toni Kroos in midfield but both produced solid displays against the Swiss champions, with Rodriguez supplying a clever back heel to send Nacho clear in the buildup to the opening goal.

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# Gerrard lights up Anfield with last-gasp Liverpool winner

LIVERPOOL, 17 Sept — After five years away, Champions League drama returned to Anfield like a long lost friend on Tuesday as Liverpool beat debutants Ludogorets of Bulgaria 2-1 with Steven Gerrard scoring a last-gasp penalty.

All three goals came towards the end of a pulsating Group B game and, fittingly, it was Liverpool skipper Gerrard, the last remaining hero of their famous 2005 Champions League final victory over AC Milan in Istanbul, who scored the winner.

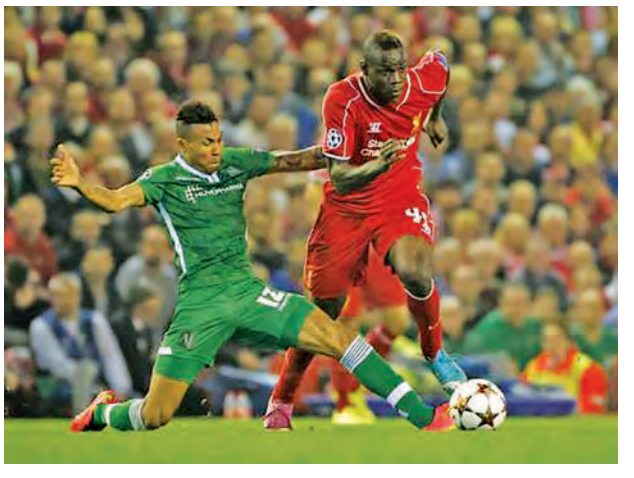
The midfielder fired home his 40th European goal in the last minute of stoppage time.

But this was no classic to rank alongside that win or other victories at Anfield over the likes of Olympiakos or Chelsea before they took a leave of absence from the competition in 2009.

This was a hard-fought victory after an achingly frustrating night with the Anfield faithful having to endure typical nail-biting tension before going home happy.

Italy striker Mario Balotelli, with his first goal for the club since his move from AC Milan, broke Ludogorets' resistance after 82 minutes, only for Liverpool to self-implode on the stroke of full-time when Dani Abalo took advantage of poor play by Simon Mignolet to round the keeper and equalise for the visitors.

With a draw looking inevitable, Canadian international keeper Milan Borjan, who only joined Ludogorets last week to solve a goalkeeping crisis, then made a terrible mistake at the other end, failing to clear a backpass, losing the ball, tangling with Javi Manquillo and giving away a penalty.



*Liverpool's Mario Balotelli (R) challenges Ludogorets' Anicet Abel during their Champions League soccer match at Anfield in Liverpool, northern England on 16 Sept, 2014.*—REUTERS

Gerrard, so deadly from the spot, made no mistake to score the winner seconds before the final whistle blew.

But Gerrard, and his manager Brendan Rodgers were not blind to how close Liverpool came to ending the night without a win.

"We did OK but it wasn't better than OK. There's a lot to learn, we were caused problems on the counter-attack, Gerrard said.

"You have to give Mario Balotelli credit, it didn't go his way for long periods but the sign of a good goalscorer is to keep going and get a chance. What's more important is his work rate.

"If we win in Basel now it puts us in a good position but we must do better."

Manager Rodgers, in his first Champions League match in charge, said: "It was a great night in the end because we won, but we are not yet at the level we were last season but we will get there.

"Ludogorets played very well, they are a very good side and to get the win tonight was very important."

Ludogorets coach Georgi Dermendzhiev said other teams would have a different view of his team after this match.

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