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## Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and party arrive back from Cambodia

YANGON, 24 Sept—A 14-member delegation led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint arrived back here by air this evening after attending the 32<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly held in Phnom Penh of Cambodia.

The Speaker and party were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe, Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win, Deputy Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Tin Aung, Director-General U Myint Thein of Hluttaw Office, Cambodian Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Sieng Bunvuth and officials.

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint was accompanied by Amyotha Hluttaw Representative Dr Khin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No. 9, Chairman of the Amyotha Hluttaw Government's Guarantees, Pledges, Undertakings Vetting Committee Amyotha Hluttaw Representative Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency No. 1, member of the Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Mahn Maung Maung Nyan of Pantanaw Constituency of Ayeyawady Region, member of the Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Khun Lein of Falam Constituency of Chin State, member of the Amyotha Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee Amyotha Hluttaw Representative Daw Yi Yi Myint of Mon State Constituency No. 1, member of Pyithu Hluttaw Rights Committee Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Daw Nan Nwun of Shadaw Constituency of Kayah State, member of Amyotha Hluttaw Rights Committee Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Nyunt Tin of Yangon Region Constituency No. 2, member of Amyotha Hluttaw Government's Guarantees, Pledges, Undertakings Vetting Committee Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Saw Aung Kyaw Naing of Kayin State Constituency

No. 1, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Shi Thee of Leshi Constituency of Sagaing Region, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Wunna Kyaw Htin U Htay Myint of Myeik Constituency of Taninthayi Region, member of Amyotha Hluttaw Rights Committee Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Nay Win Tun of Shan State Constituency No. 9, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Daw Win Maw Tun of Yenangyoung Constituency of Magway Region, member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee Amyotha Hluttaw Representative Dr

### Our Three Main National Causes

- \* Non-disintegration of the Union
- \* Non-disintegration of National solidarity
- \* Perpetuation of Sovereignty

Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency No. 4, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Khun Thein Pe of Hopong Constituency of Shan State and officials.  
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Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint who attended 32<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly being welcomed by Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and officials at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

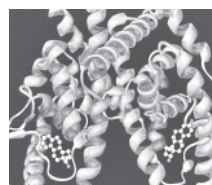


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**Pyithu Hluttaw Representatives observe plantations in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area**

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Some types of breast cancer are fueled by the hormones estrogen or progesterone. A biopsy can reveal whether a tumour has receptors for estrogen (ER-positive) and/or progesterone (PR-positive). About two out of three breast cancers are hormone sensitive.—INTERNET

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**Come and visit Inlay PhaungdawU Pagoda Festival**



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## PERSPECTIVES

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### Use pesticides carefully

Sufficiency of water for cultivation is main requirement in agriculture sector. Depending on situations, respective regions have been facilitated with dams and sluice gates for increasing irrigated sown acreage. Remarkable success has been seen in extended cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy, maize, beans and pulses and edible oil crops. Now, surplus foods are exported.

Per acre yield of monsoon and summer paddy has been increasing year after year. Emphasis is to be placed on production of paddy not only in quantity but also in quality to be able to export marketable paddy and various crops. To promote outputs, fertilizers and pesticide are to be used systematically for boosting production of crops.

Care is to be taken in the use of pesticides in cultivation of paddy, crops and vegetables without toxicity. Farmers must be careful when using agricultural pesticides not to harm the human body.

Toxicity of pesticide causes shocks at human beings with tiredness and breathing problems. The patient is to be provided with first aid and then rushed to nearest clinic or hospital bringing along with toxic pesticide as quickly as possible. As such, farmers are to put on surgical musk, gloves, jungle boots and long sleeve shirts in spraying.

Farmers are to avoid over use of pesticide and stirring pesticide solution with hands. Bottles of pesticides are not to be kept close to foodstuffs, clothes, medicines and feedstuff. Empty bottles of pesticide should not be used for any purpose because remnant potency of pesticide may be harmful to users. Thus, the empty bottles of pesticides are not to be thrown into rivers and creeks.

Crop cultivators, producers and traders are to engage in harvesting of crops and storage of products through modern technology by systematically using pesticides to be free from toxicity.

### MLF provided with cash and publications

YANGON, 24 Sept — Myanmar Libraries Foundation is providing necessary assistance for enabling local people to broaden their horizon and sustainable development of self-reliant libraries.

For this mission to be accomplished, well wishers donate cash and publications.

Yesterday, MLF Chairman U Maung Maung received 7444 copies of publication donated by Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, 1458 copies of Automobile PC Guide Magazine by U Hein Latt, 210 copies of journal and K 30000 by Daw Yu Yu Naing, 500 copies of novel by Writer Su Sha Myat Myat and 40 copies of journal and K 5000 by Daw Mi Mi Htaik.

### Union Mines Minister meets Japanese Member of House of Representatives

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept — Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik received Member of House of Representatives of Japan Mr. Kozo Yamamoto and party at his office, here, yesterday afternoon. They held discussions on cooperation in mining industry. Also present at the call were the director-general, managing directors and the acting managing director. *MNA*

### ERIA CLMV Seminar in FY 2011 on Issues and Prospects in Post-AEC held



*Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw speaking at opening of ERIA CLMV Seminar in FY 2011 on the Issues and Prospects in Post-AEC.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept—ERIA CLMV Seminar in FY 2011 on the Issues and Prospects in Post-AEC, jointly organized by Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and Indonesia-based Economic Research Institute of ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), was opened at Myanmar International Convention Centre, here, yesterday.

The opening session was attended by Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw, Senior Economic Expert of Asian Development Bank Mr Jayant Menon, Senior Researcher of ERIA Mr Ponciano S Intal Jr, Researcher Associate Professor Mr Koji Kubo of International Development Economic, Chairman of Bangkok Research Centre and Japan Foreign Trade Board Mr Mitsuhiro Kagami, Professor Mr Mitsuhiro Kagami of Teikyo

University, representatives from ministries/ departments, scholars and Representative from the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, and guests.

The deputy minister gave an opening speech and seven local and foreign resource persons read out papers which focused on preparations ahead of ASEAN Economic Community and ASEAN Free Trade Area which will emerge in 2015, combination of trade and investment, financial development, experiences and prospects of Asian countries, GMS countries, ASEAN countries and Myanmar regarding small and medium enterprises development.

The similar seminars have been held for five times as of 2008. The seminar is being attended by 150 attendees, totaling the number of attendees of the seminars to 400.—MNA

### Inter-Basic Education School Sports Competitions kick off in Magway Region

YANGON, 24 Sept— Jointly organized by the Sports and Physical Education Department and Department of Basic Education in Magway Region, the Inter-Basic Education School Sports Competitions of Magway Region for 2011-2012

academic year was opened at Magway District sports ground this morning.

The sports compe-

titions comprise U-13 and U-16 boys and girls football events, U-16 men's and women's volleyball events, basketball and track and field events, U-16 men's Sepak Takraw event, U-16 men's and women's table tennis events.—MNA

*Mandalay Region Minister for Planning and Economic U Aung Zan at discussions on cooperatives development and poverty alleviation in Mahaangmye Township of Mandalay on 9 September. Township Cooperatives Staff Officer U Kya Lein makes clarification.—NLM*



Those wishing to donate cash and kind to the foundation contact Myanmar Libraries Foundation at No.288 on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township, Yangon (Ph: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756).— MNA

*The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.*



**Firefighters try to extinguish a fire at Gaoqiao oil refinery in Shanghai, east China, on 23 Sept, 2011. A fire that broke out at Gaoqiao refinery Friday night in Shanghai was under control and no casualties were reported, said municipal police. The cause of the fire is being investigated.—XINHUA**

**Japan finds rice needing thorough radiation test**

TOKYO, 24 Sept—Japan found the first case of rice with radioactive materials far exceeding a government-set level for a preliminary test of pre-harvested crop, requiring thorough inspection of the rice to be harvested from the region, the farm ministry said late on Friday.

The ministry said radioactive cesium of 500 becquerels per kg was found in a sample of the pre-harvested rice in Nihonmatsu City, in Fukushima Prefecture, 56 km (35 miles) east of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant which was crippled by the 11 March earthquake and tsunami, triggering the world's worst nuclear disaster in 25 years.

The ministry said the Fukushima Prefecture will expand the



**Reactor building cover of unit 4 of the tsunami-crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in Fukushima Prefecture, is seen in this handout picture taken on 15 Sept, 2011.**

INTERNET

inspection spots nearly tenfold to around 300 areas. It is the first case in Japan of rice containing radioactive cesium exceeding 200 becquerels per kg, a level which requires further thorough testing of the area for the harvested rice. The government introduced inspection guidelines in August, with preliminary tests followed by more

before approving shipments. If preliminary tests found rice to contain radioactive cesium levels of 200 becquerels per kg or more, the crop will be tested more thoroughly before approvals are made for shipments.

If the level of

cesium in rice exceeded the government-imposed cap of 500 becquerels per kg, shipments from locally produced rice will be halted.

So far, no rice crop has been banned for shipments. If the follow-up tests of rice harvested from Nihonmatsu City find radioactive materials exceeding the government-imposed cap, it would deal a huge blow to Japan. The country has been struggling to regain public trust in the safety of nuclear power so it can resume operations of nuclear reactors to supply energy as well as food safety after wide-ranging products from water to vegetables were found with radiation contamination.

Reuters

**Fresh focus on No 1 Afghan militant threat**



**In this 22 Aug, 1998 file photo, Jalaluddin Haqqani, founder of the militant group the Haqqani network, speaks during an interview in Miram Shah, Pakistan.—INTERNET**

ISLAMABAD, 24 Sept—The top US military officer made headlines this week when he said a particularly ruthless militant group killing Americans in Afghanistan “acts as a veritable arm” of the intelligence service of America’s nominal ally Pakistan.

Xinhua

**Roadside bomb kills seven Afghan civilians**

KANDAHAR, 24 Sept—Seven Afghan civilians were killed and four others sustained injuries as a roadside bomb went off on Friday in Kandahar Province, 450 km south of capital City Kabul, police said.

“The tragic incident happened in Miwand District at 3 pm local time when a civilian vehicle ran over a mine planted by Taleban rebels, as a result seven civilian people including two women were killed and four others sustained injuries,” Abdul Razaq, the police chief of Kandahar, told Xinhua.

Taleban militants who have intensified their activities have yet to make comment.

**New outbreak kills six as cholera spreads in Nigeria**

ABUJA, 24 Sept—A fresh cholera outbreak in northern Nigeria has killed at least six people, raising the overall toll in the country to more than over 200 in recent months, officials said Friday.

The latest outbreak was recorded in the Kebbi state town of Koko where at least 182 cholera cases were recorded in the past two weeks, the state’s health commissioner Shehu Sambawa said.

“We have recorded six deaths from cholera

in Koko in the past two weeks that infected 182 people,” Sambawa said.

Around 70 people have died of cholera in under two months in the state.

Nigeria’s senate on Thursday launched an investigation into the recurring cholera epidemics, stating that

234 people have died in 15 of the country’s 36 states so far this year, according to local media.

Cholera, an intestinal infection, is transmitted by water soiled by human waste. The disease leads to diarrhoea, dehydration and death if untreated.

Internet



**Cholera patients are treated in a hospital. A fresh cholera outbreak in northern Nigeria has killed at least six people.—INTERNET**

**Eight killed in US drone strike in Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD, 24 Sept—At least eight suspected militants were killed when two missiles were fired by US drones in Pakistan’s northwest tribal area of North Waziristan on Friday night, reported local Urdu TV channel Waqt. According to the local media reports, the strike took place at about 9:30 pm local time in the Mir Ali area of Miranshah, a main town in North Waziristan, one of the seven tribal areas in northwest Pakistan, which borders Afghanistan. A house suspected of being a militant’s hideout and a vehicle were targeted in the strike, said the Waqt report.

Details about the identities of the killed suspected militants are not immediately available. Many important militant leaders were killed in such US drone strikes in the past. Friday’s US drone strike is the 52nd of its kind (counted on daily basis) in Pakistan in 2011. To date, a total of 463 people, most of them believed to be suspected militants, have reportedly been killed in such strikes since this year.—Xinhua

In one of the many ironies of the war on terror, the leader of the militant group, the so-called Haqqani network, was once a trusted ally of the CIA in the fight against the Soviets.

Nowadays, the Haqqani network maintains close ties to both al-Qaeda and the Taleban. The Haqqanis, who are credited with introducing suicide bombing to Afghanistan, wield an estimated 10,000 fighters and are considered the most dangerous militant group in the decade-long war.

The US has fired scores of missiles over the last two years into the Pakistani tribal region of North Waziristan, which the Haqqanis control and use as a safe haven in which they provide shelter to al-Qaeda figures. Despite the drone strikes, the Haqqanis have not only thrived, they are accused of carrying out an increasing number of high-profile attacks in Kabul and elsewhere in Afghanistan.

Internet

**Scientists ID more genes linked to heart disease** Health

LONDON, 24 Sept— Researchers have identified five new genes that play a role in people’s risk for heart attack and coronary artery disease — the most common cause of premature death and disability in the world, according to a new study. The international consortium said their discovery could help scientists predict coronary artery disease (CAD) and develop new treatments for the condition.

In conducting the study, published online 22 Sept in the open-access journal *PLoS Genetics*, the researchers examined more than 49,000 genetic variants in nearly 15,600 cases of CAD along with slightly fewer than 35,000 controls, which included people of European descent and South Asian origin.

**Very preterm kindergartners face learning trouble**

NEW YORK, 24 Sept—Kindergartners who were born extremely prematurely are much more likely to have learning problems than their peers who were born at term, even if they do not have overall intellectual impairment, new research shows.

Yet more than a third of children in the study with learning problems were not enrolled in special education programmes, Dr H Gerry Taylor of the University Hospitals Case Medical Centre in Cleveland and his colleagues found. The results under-score the importance of continuing to track these children as they reach preschool and school age, to monitor them for learning difficulties and provide interventions as needed, Dr. Taylor told Reuters Health.

**Crude oil holds under \$80**

Business

NEW YORK, 24 Sept—Crude oil prices tipped lower Friday morning, dropping under \$80 per barrel as equity markets continued to sputter in Asia, Europe and New York. Equity markets dropped 1.3 percent in Hong Kong, 2 percent in Japan and 3.5 percent in Taipei as an unraveling sell-off went to a third day.

Crude oil prices, pressured by debt issues in Europe and a recent report of slower manufacturing in China, are also caught up in the escalating talks of a second global recession. On the New York Mercantile Exchange, November delivery West Texas Intermediate crude oil dropped to an overnight low of \$77.55 per barrel before rebounding to \$79.96 in late afternoon trading.

Home heating oil prices added 0.92 cents from a recent settlement to \$2.8151 per gallon. Reformulated blendstock gasoline prices added 0.57 cents to \$2.5301 per gallon. Henry Hub natural gas prices shed 0.8 cents to \$3.693 per million British thermal units. At the pump, the national price of unleaded gasoline dropped to \$3.54 per gallon Friday from Thursday’s \$3.556, AAA said.—*Internet*

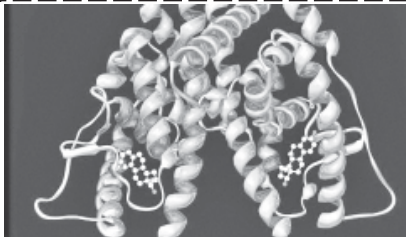


*Vivek Khemka, Dish Network vice president of product management, speaks at a Dish Network and Blockbuster news conference in San Francisco, 23 Sept, 2011.—INTERNET*

The investigators also duplicated their findings in 17,121 more cases of the disease and 40,473 controls. “This is one of the first genetic studies of CAD to include a significant proportion of subjects of South Asian origin, an ethnic group that has a higher risk of CAD,” John Danesh, the study’s co-principal investigator, said in a journal news release. “Our study shows that many of the genes that affect risk of CAD do so similarly in European Caucasians as in South Asians.” The study findings add to the list of more than 30 genes already known to affect people’s risk for coronary artery disease and heart attack, the authors pointed out.

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Health



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**Regulators close Va, Calif banks; 73 for year**

WASHINGTON, 24 Sept—Regulators on Friday closed banks in Virginia and California, lifting to 73 the number of US bank failures this year.

The number of closures has dropped significantly this year as banks have worked their way through the bad debt accumulated in the recession. By this time last year, regulators had shuttered 127 banks.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp seized Bank of the Commonwealth, based in Norfolk, Va, with \$985.1 million in assets and \$901.8 million in deposits, and Citizens Bank of Northern California, based in Nevada City, Calif., with \$288.8 million in assets and \$253.1 million in deposits.

Southern Bank and Trust Co, based in Mount Olive, NC, agreed to assume all the deposits and about \$924.3 million of the assets of Bank of the Commonwealth. Tri Counties Bank, based in Chico, Calif., is acquiring the assets and deposits of Citizens Bank of Northern California.

In addition, the FDIC and Southern Bank and Trust agreed to share losses on \$798.2 million of Bank of the Commonwealth’s loans and other assets. The failure of Bank of the Commonwealth is expected to cost the deposit insurance fund \$268.3 million. That of Citizens Bank of Northern California is expected to cost \$37.2 million.

California has been one of the hardest-hit states for bank failures amid an avalanche of bad loans — especially for commercial real estate. Regulators shuttered 12 lenders in California last year.—*Internet*

**Blockbuster launches Movie Pass**

Business

SAN FRANCISCO, 24 Sept—US movie house Blockbuster said Friday it is launching a new streaming service called Blockbuster Movie Pass.

At a news event called “A Stream Come True” in San Francisco, the rental giant that has dramatically cut back on its brick-and-mortar stores in the past year said there would be 3,000 titles available if the movies are viewed on the television and 4,000 if they are viewed on the computer, TechCrunch reported Friday. Media have quickly dubbed the service Dish Network’s answer to Netflix. Dish Network purchased Blockbuster earlier this year for \$228 million.

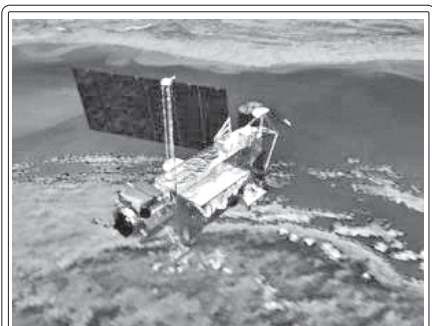
At that time, Blockbuster was struggling to keep up with the DVD mailing business at Netflix and kiosk-oriented Redbox Video, both of which had far smaller overhead costs. The industry is already shifting gears again, turning toward downloading or streaming movies from the Internet.

That shift has already tripped up Netflix, which said it would break in to two companies — a mail-order business and a streaming business — because a shift in pricing caused by juggling two services at



*A street vendor is seen pushing a cart along a street in Ho Chi Minh City. Vietnam’s inflation rate eased for the first time in over a year in September, according to official estimates, but economic growth was lower amid government efforts to rein in prices.*

*INTERNET*



*This conceptual image shows the Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite, launched on 15 Sept, 1991, by the space shuttle Discovery. Originally designed for a three-year mission, UARS measured chemical compounds found in the ozone layer, wind and temperature in the stratosphere, as well as the energy input from the sun.—INTERNET*

## Natural nanostructure can sequester carbon

EVANSTON, (Ill) 24 Sept—US chemists say a class of natural nanostructures made of sugar, salt and alcohol can capture and store carbon dioxide while being carbon neutral themselves.

The porous crystals known as metal-organic frameworks or MOFs are made from all-natural ingredients and are simple to prepare, giving them a huge advantage over other MOFs usually prepared from materials derived from crude oil and often incorporating toxic heavy metals, researchers at Northwestern University said.

“By preparing our MOFs from naturally derived ingredients, we are not only making materials that are entirely nontoxic, but we are also cutting down on the carbon dioxide emissions associated with their manufacture,” study co-author Ross S. Forgan said.

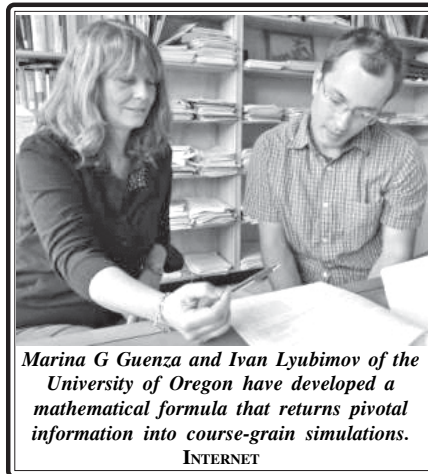
The “organic” Northwestern MOFs turn red when completely full of carbon dioxide and the carbon capture process is reversible, a Northwestern

release said Friday.

**Science**

The natural nanostructure’s main component is a naturally occurring biorenewable sugar molecule known as gamma-cyclodextrin derived from cornstarch.

“I think this is a remarkable demonstration of how simple chemistry can be successfully applied to relevant problems like carbon capture and sensor technology,” study co-author Ronald A Smaldone said.—*Internet*



*Marina G Guenza and Ivan Lyubimov of the University of Oregon have developed a mathematical formula that returns pivotal information into course-grain simulations.*

INTERNET

## Google+ app update brings video hangouts to the iPhone **Tech**

NEW YORK, 24 sept—Google just rolled out a beefy update to the official Google+ iPhone app which includes the ability to enter a video chat while mobile with other mobile users or users on a personal computer with a webcam. If a friend starts a hangout stream on Google+, the user can simply click “Join” and the video screen appears on the iPhone. As new people join the hangout, notifications pop up on the iPhone screen and the user can add any of these people to a circle during the video stream. The app also allows the users to switch between the two cameras on the smartphone as well as mute the audio in case the user needs to switch to headphones for a private call.

In addition to mobile hangout support, the Huddle feature has been rebranded to Messenger and allows for photo support. Photos can be snapped immediately or brought up from the photo library. Users also now have the ability to +1 comments within the app as well as view a map within the profile for previous homes throughout the life of the profile. Google has also given the user vastly more control over specific notifications. For instance, users can turn notifications on and off when being tagged within a photo or when another user requests a tag. Other notification tweaks include comments, shares, mentions, follow-up comments

or when another user adds them to a circle.

Beyond a smattering of bug fixes to round out the new version, this update doesn’t include iPad support. Users will need to use the Web version of Google+ or the iPhone app in zoom mode if browsing on an iPad. Rival social network Facebook has yet to release an iPad-optimized version as well and will likely continue to rely on the Web version of the site in the future.—*Internet*



*A visitor experiences the "Sony Tablet" after the new product release conference in Shanghai, east China, on 22 Sept, 2011. Sony released S series "Sony Tablet", the first "Tablet PC" of Sony, in Shanghai on Thursday.—XINHUA*

## Endangered red foxes seen in California **Science**

BRIDGEPORT, 24 Sept—Wildlife researchers in California say new findings prove Sierra Nevada red foxes, although greatly endangered, are slightly more common than thought.

At least half a dozen of the red foxes, a species once thought nearly wiped out in the 1920s, are roaming high country wilderness south of Yosemite National Park, US Forest Service biologists said Thursday.

Previously biologists had believed the only known population of *Vulpes vulpes necator* consisted of about 20 animals clinging to survival in the Lassen Peak region about 150 miles to the north, the *Los Angeles Times* reported.

DNA analyses shows the two groups may be related, researchers said.

Several red foxes have been sighted in recent months just west of Bridgeport, Forest Service biologist Sherri Lisius said.

“We know there are six, which is still ridiculously rare,” Lisius said. “We are expanding our studies of this animal, the rarest carnivore in the state, in hopes of finding more. It would be sad to lose this special creature just after rediscovering it.”—*Internet*

## Intelematics gears up to drive SUNA further with TPEG **Tech**

WASHINGTON, 24 sept—Intelematics is preparing to supplement its SUNA traffic information service with new data streams using the TPEG standard.

Intelematics has been providing the SUNA Traffic Channel service that provides live feeds to in-car GPS systems, smartphones and web applications to warn of congestion, closures and other issues. The emergence of the TPEG (Transport Protocol Experts Group) standard provides a way of delivering additional information to drivers.

“TPEG builds upon the successes of RDS-TMC in providing a global standard for providing real-time traffic information to vehicle and mobile navigation devices,” said Adam Game, CEO of Intelematics.

“In building on these successes SUNA TPEG has the capability to provide a broader range of content applications to cover both traffic and other related motoring content, while also supporting public transport information making it a truly multi-

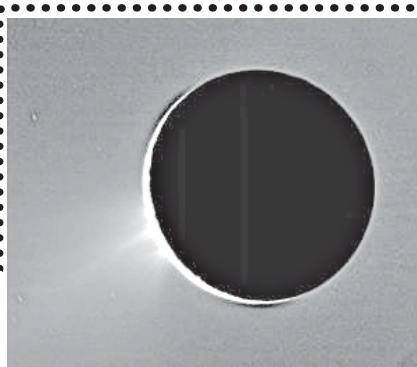
modal transport information communications protocol.”

SUNA TPEG will be able to deliver information including traffic incidents, road conditions, traffic congestion or delays, and potentially additional content such as fuel pricing, the availability of parking and public transport information. So if you mix car and train to get to work, you may be able to see if there are any parking spaces at your usual station or if you’ll need to go to a station up or down the line, and whether you’ve got time to pick up a cup of coffee before the train arrives.

The new service will also be capable of delivering more finely-grained road information, such as lane closures or speed restrictions.—*Internet*

*Water vapor and ice erupt from Saturn’s moon Enceladus, the source of a newly discovered donut-shaped cloud around Saturn.*

INTERNET



## Azerbaijan to build 15 bln dollars petrochemical complex

BAKU, 24 Sept—The State Oil Company of Azerbaijan (SOCAR) has committed to setting up a petrochemical complex alongside refining operations which will be relocated away from urban districts. A feasibility study for 15 billion US dollars petrochemicals complex has already been submitted to the country's Cabinet and Presidential Administration, Vice President of the State Oil

Company of Azerbaijan, SOCAR, Tofiq Gahramanov said on Friday.

The complex will include gas processing plant, oil refinery and petrochemical plant projected for production of 670,000 tons of polyethylene and 550,000 tons of polypropylene. Petrochemical plants would be developed in the Garadagh area to the south of the Azeri capital Baku with a completion date of 2018. As a whole, the project payback period is about 6-7 years.

"The cost of the complex is estimated at 15 billion dollars.

Xinhua



An aerial view shows destroyed houses in flooded area of Sanghar District of Pakistan's Sindh Province, 23 Sept, 2011. At least 369 people have died and 700,000 are living in refugee camps because of floods in southern Pakistan, the country's national disaster authority said.—XINHUA



A visitor shoots with an iPad at the Photo Exhibition to mark the 100th anniversary of the 1911 Revolution or Xinhai Revolution in Hawaii, the United States, on 22 September, 2011.—XINHUA

## Hurricane Hilary blamed for three deaths in Mexico

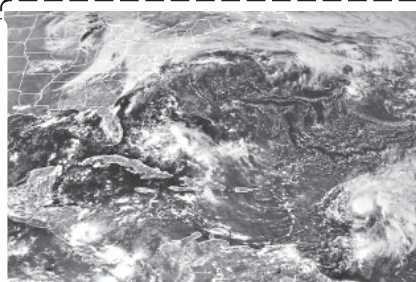
ACAPULCO, (Mexico) 24 Sept—Hurricane Hilary moved away from Mexico's southwestern coast in the Pacific as a powerful Category 4 storm Friday, and search teams recovered the bodies of three fishermen caught in the storm.

The hurricane was not forecast to make landfall, but Mexico's coast has been being affected by wind, rain and heavy surf from Hilary, the US National Hurricane Centre said. The three fishermen,

ages 27 to 50, went out to sea Thursday night despite a hurricane warning advising against it, Guerrero state's Public Safety Department said.

Navy rescue crews found the bodies Friday in the waters off the town of Marquelia. They had tied themselves to empty gasoline containers, the department said.

Hilary's maximum sustained winds late Friday were near 145 mph (230 kph). The hurricane was centred about 160 miles (260



This NOAA satellite image taken on 23 September, 2011 at 1:45 PM EDT shows Tropical Storm Ophelia located about 635 miles east-southeast of the Leeward Islands.

INTERNET

kilometers) south of Mexico's coast were discontinued as forecasters predicted the storm would keep moving away from Mexico.

Internet

## Police arrests man at JFK airport for weapons possession

NEW YORK, 24 Sept—Police have arrested a man at New York's John F Kennedy International Airport, accusing him of travelling with weapons, local media reported Friday.

During a routine baggage check in the airport on Thursday, the 54-year-old man, identified as Mohamed Hefni, was found to be travelling with a

stun gun, three stun batons, a stun pen and a can of pepper spray.

According to NY1, a local TV channel, Hefni told officials he was taking the items to Saudi Arabia to protect his family. Hefni now faces weapon possession charges.

Xinhua

## Man arrested at Nigerian barracks with 'harmful' materials

ABUJA, 24 Sept—Nigeria's army arrested a man on Friday after he sought to drive into a barracks in the country's main oil region with what an official described as potentially harmful materials.

The arrest came amid fears of fresh attacks by Islamist sect Boko Haram, which claimed responsibility for last month's bomb blast at UN headquarters in the capital Abuja.

However, the group has not struck in the country's south, where Friday's arrest at a barracks in the oil hub of Port Harcourt occurred.

"He was arrested with items that can be used to do something harmful," Major Aminu Iiyasu said. "The man is in our custody and we are still investigating." Pressed for further details, he said, "disclosure of the identity of the suspect, items found and where he comes from will surely jeopardise investigations for now."

The middle-aged man was alone and had been seeking to drive into what is known as Bori Camp in Port Harcourt when soldiers arrested him, said Iiyasu.—Internet

## Australian man charged in 'collar bomb' hoax

SYDNEY, 24 Sept—An Australian investment banker accused of chaining a fake bomb to a teenage girl's neck in a bizarre extortion attempt was charged Saturday with kidnapping and

other offenses after being extradited from the US.

Paul Douglas Peters, 50, arrived in Sydney early Saturday morning after being flown from the US, where he had been held in a Louisville, Kentucky, jail since his August arrest.

New South Wales police whisked him from Sydney's international airport to a police station and charged him with kidnapping, aggravated breaking and entering, and demanding money with menaces.

Peters is accused of attacking 18-year-old Madeleine Pulver, who was studying at her home in a wealthy Sydney suburb on 3 Aug when a masked man carrying a baseball bat broke into the house and tethered a bomb-like device to her neck. The man left behind a note demanding money, along with an email address that appeared to refer to a

novel about a ruthless businessman in 19th-century Asia. A police bomb squad spent 10 hours working to remove the device, which was later found to contain no explosives. Pulver was not injured.

Peters, a successful international businessman who travels frequently between the US and Australia, was arrested by the FBI at his ex-wife's house in a Louisville suburb on 15 Aug. Peters did not appear during a brief hearing Saturday at western Sydney's Parramatta Bail Court. He has not applied for bail or entered a plea. The judge ordered him to appear in court for another hearing on 17 Nov.

If convicted of all charges, he could face up to 49 years in prison. Peters' lawyers declined to comment outside court.—Internet



In this 16 Aug, 2011 file photo, Paul Douglas Peters, left, of Sydney, Australia, is escorted from the Federal Courthouse in Louisville, Ky, after he was arraigned in connection with a bomb hoax in Australia.—INTERNET

## ASEAN, Germany sign agreement to address food security, climate change

JAKARTA, 24 Sept—ASEAN and a German institute signed an implementation agreement to address food security and impact of climate change, a statement issued by the ASEAN Secretariat said here on Friday.

The “ASEAN-German Programme on Response to Climate Change: Agriculture, Forestry and related Sectors (GAP-CC)”, which signed by the Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Economic Community S. Pushpanathan and the Country Director of German Company for International Cooperation (GIZ) Sabine Markert, aims to strengthen ASEAN’s capacity to advance the implementation of regional policies and strategies within ASEAN member states in contributing to

food security, climate change adaptation, and mitigation in agriculture and forestry.

“With the current development on climate change, ASEAN and Germany have the same concern in addressing the adverse impact of climate change on food security,” said Pushpanathan.

In November 2009, the 31st Meeting of ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF) had agreed that there is an urgent need to find solutions to the growing impact of climate change in agriculture and forestry sectors. As a result, the ministers responsible for agriculture and forestry endorsed the ASEAN Multi-Sectoral Framework on Climate Change: Agriculture and Forestry towards Food Security (AFCC).—Xinhua



People relax on a lawn installed on Vienna’s Ringstrasse street by environmental groups to celebrate World Carfree Day in Vienna on 22 Sept, 2011. INTERNET

## Diana Nyad begins new attempt at Florida swim

HAVANA, 24 Sept—American endurance swimmer Diana Nyad began her second attempt in as many months to traverse the 103 miles of sea between Cuba and Florida, waving goodbye to well-wishers before jumping feet first into the still water at a Havana marina, then stroking toward the horizon. The 62-year-old Los Angeles woman hoped to break her own world record for open-water swimming without a shark cage that she set in 1979 when she stroked



US swimmer Diana Nyad prepares to dive into the water to begin her swim from Cuba to Florida at the Hemingway Marina in Havana, Cuba on 23 Sept, 2011.—INTERNET

from the Bahamas to Florida. Her last attempt at the Cuba-to-Florida crossing failed 9 Aug due to a crippling asthma

attack that forced her gasping from the water after 29 hours.

Nyad insisted that this time around she was ready to brave the

choppy seas, schools of jellyfish and limits of human exhaustion to accomplish her lifelong dream.

As darkness fell, about an hour and a half into the swim, Nyad’s team sent a Twitter message that she was “going strong.” A later message relayed news of a first, stinging setback. “Diana has been stung by what we believe is a moon jelly.

She is trying to clear herself of tentacles and continue the swim,” it read.

Internet

## Officers kill mountain lion that clawed Idaho boy

SALMON, 24 Sept—A mountain lion that killed a family’s dog and clawed a young boy near Boise, Idaho, has been killed by Idaho wildlife officers, authorities said on Friday. The 10-year-old boy and his father came face-to-face with the cougar while out on Thursday night searching their rural subdivision northeast of the state capital for their missing pet, Idaho Fish and Game Department officials said.

Officers said the boy panicked and ran, triggering the lion’s chase response. The boy stumbled, and the cat swiped him with its front paw, scratching the child on the arm and hand. The boy’s father scared the cougar away by firing his handgun.

Idaho conservation officers used tracking dogs

to corner the female mountain lion, found guarding the dog it had killed earlier, and they gunned down the cougar with a rifle and pistols, authorities said.

Wildlife officials said the cougar was 18 months old and weighed roughly 50 pounds. Matt O’Connell, senior conservation officer with Fish and Game, said the incident marked only the second occasion ever recorded in Idaho in which a mountain lion injured a person. The other case involved a 12-year-old boy on the Salmon River in the early 1990s. “It is not unusual for young lions to get into trouble after they have left the protection of their mother and are trying to learn to survive on their own,” O’Connell said in a statement.—Reuters

## 58 dead in Cambodia flooding

PHNOM PENH, 24 Sept—At least 58 people, including a British tourist, were killed by flooding in the country, a government official said Friday.

Keo Vy, communication officer of National Committee for Disaster Management said as of 23 Sept, 57 Cambodians and one British tourist have been killed in the flooding that had hit the country following heavy rainfalls. He said 12 provinces and cities across the country were hit by the flooding and Kompong Cham Province record the biggest fatality of 20, three of them were children.

The official said 7,891 hectares of rice fields were also affected and 63 animals were killed.

On Thursday, Cambodia dispatched three helicopters and a number of speed boats to rescue stranded people in the flooding in the northern Province of Siem Reap.

According to Ministry of Water Resource and Meteorology, the rainfalls will continue in the next few days, and water level in Mekong River is now at a warning stage.—Xinhua



Tourists take photos of the scenery in the Kanas National Geopark in Altay Prefecture of northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 24 Sept, 2011. Kanas Lake here usually has the most beautiful scenery in every September.—XINHUA

## One dead, over 30,000 families displaced as floods rage through S Philippines

COTABATO, 24 Sept—More than 30,000 families have been displaced and a 13-year-old boy has died in flash floods in the southern Philippines caused by torrential rains, local officials said Saturday.

Maguindanao Provincial Administrator Abdul Wahab Tungga said evacuation centres are insufficient to accommodate all the displaced people.

“Those who were not accommodated have set up their own tents along the national highway. It’s only the area not flooded,” he said, referring to the towns of Datu Montawal and Pagalungan in Magui-

danao where they notice water level continue to rise. He said around 16 low-lying towns have already been submerged with 34,491 families displaced.

Local officials also said a 13-year-old boy got drowned in Pagalungan.

Apart from heavy downpours in the past days, water hyacinths clogged Rio Grande de Mindanao and Buluan Lake in the region, sending water to spill over their banks. Officials have asked the Department of Public Works and Highways to commence the removal of water hyacinths.

Xinhua



A koala takes an afternoon nap in a tree at the San Diego Zoo, California on 23 Sept, 2011. INTERNET

## Pyithu Hluttaw Representatives observe plantations in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

YANGON, 24 Sept — Secretary of Pyithu Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing conducted a 28-member Pyithu Hluttaw excursion team led by

Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Development Committee Pyithu Hluttaw representative of Patheingyi Constituency U Aung Thant, round thriving paddy and sunflower plantations in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area today. The team visited 40-acre high yield

plantation near Chaing village in Dekkhinathiri Township where the Union Minister explained that output of 100 baskets per acre has won credibility of farmers and the farmers are bound to share their knowledge each other in States and Regions. Next, the team

viewed thriving 20-day old 20-hectare paddy plantation. Then they observed a 20-hectare plot which was systematically reclaimed on a 50-acre farmland with the use of farm equipment near Aung Thukha village in the township, 55-day old 10-acre paddy plantation

where more than 10 shoots are grown on a paddy plant near Aung Thukha village in Kyarpin village-tract, 10-acre model farmland in Zeyathiri Township and ripening sunflower plantation of Agricultural Research Farm in Tatkon Township. MNA

## Basic Management Skill Course of Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept—The Basic Management Skill Course No. 2/2011 concluded at the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2, here, yesterday morning, with an address by Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Aung Than Oo. The deputy minister

awarded outstanding trainees including first prize winner Daw Nwe Nwe Soe, and the director-general presented completion certificates to the leader of the trainees. Altogether 32 trainees from departments under the ministry took two-week course.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Aung Than Oo presents first prize to Daw Nwe Nwe Soe in Basic Management Skill Course No. 2/2011.—MNA

## Deputy Minister oversees construction sites

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept— Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint inspected renovation of SEAMEO Regional Centre for History and Tradition (Thiri Hall) in the campus of Yangon University in Yangon yesterday. Then, he met staff members at the meeting hall of senior engineer's office in Yangon West District Public Works. He

viewed construction of four-storey staff quarters of Central Medical Store Depot under the Ministry of Health in Dagon Township. The deputy minister gave instructions on timely completion of the construction tasks, better works in finishing tasks and systematic works for water, light and septic system. MNA

# Come and visit Inlay PhaungdawU Pagoda Festival

By Nay Myo Thurein (Nyaungshwe)



Karaweik Raft conveys Buddha images in Inlay Lake at Inlay PhaungdawU Pagoda Festival.

Inlay PhaungdawU Pagoda Festival is a well-known festival not only in Myanmar but also in the world. The conveyance of Inlay PhaungdawU Buddha Images kept at Yadana Sankyaung in Thalay village-tract of Nyaungshwe Township is held yearly during the 18-day period from 1<sup>st</sup> Waxing of Thadingyut to 3<sup>rd</sup> Waning of Thadingyut at 21 places in Inlay region. Karaweik Raft which is taken in tow by boats of leg rowers will convey the Buddha images from Yadana Sankyaung to designated places.

Karaweik Raft-drawn conveyance will arrive in Nyaungshwe from a monastery in Linkin village on 7<sup>th</sup> Waxing of Thadingyut (4 October) and Buddha images will be kept at Ahttaditha Dhammavihara Monastery till 9<sup>th</sup> Waxing of Thadingyut (6 October). On the arrival of Buddha images in Nyaungshwe on 7<sup>th</sup> Waxing of Thadingyut (4 October), traditional boat races of Inn people will be held in Namtkat creek. Local people of Heyaywama village will sing traditional songs on decorated boats. Besides, Inn people will demonstrate traditional boat rowing style of

offering alms to the Buddha images and entertained pilgrims and tourists with cultural variety dances at the festival. Volleyball competition, Inn traditional boat race and Sepak Takraw event will be organized in the festival. Not only market festival, traditional theatrical dramas and open air movie show but also educative booths will be available at the festival. So I would like to invite every one to come and enjoy Inlay PhaungdawU Pagoda Festival and to do good deeds by offering alms, light, flower and water and gold foil to Buddha images of Inlay PhaungdawU.   
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Translation: YM



Unique leg-rowing boat race is organized in Inlay PhaungdawU Pagoda Festival.



**Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe together with personnel of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and entrepreneurs attended harvesting of 400 acres of monsoon paddy with the use of heavy machinery by Green Asia Co in 10000-acre special mechanization zone in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township on 20 September.—MNA**



### Sagaing Region Chief Minister assists in regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept — Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye assisted in repaving of a road section on the Monywa-Ayadaw Road and construction of the iron reinforced bridge on the Sagaing-Shwebo Road on 22 September. Afterwards, the chief minister attended a ceremony to hand over

a building to the Basic Education Primary School in Taungtin Village in Shwebo Township. In the afternoon, the chief minister also attended a ceremony to disburse agricultural loans and to distribute inputs to farmers by a private company in Shwebo. The chairman and

the managing director of Zeyar Theinkha Rice Trading Company presented K 200 million to representatives of farmers. After the ceremony, the chief minister also met with sugarcane farmers and inspected Theinyin Reservoir in Kanbalu Township. **MNA**

### Flood victims provided with relief aids in Toungoo

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept—Chief Minister of Bago Region U Nyan Win comforted the flood victims in Toungoo District, distributing relief aids to them on 20 September. First, he met the flood victims sheltering at No. 6 Basic Education High School and presented relief aids to them. He also

encouraged the flood victims of Kachaung Village-tract and Pauktaw Village during his tour. There are a total of 1014 flood victims of 235 households at No. 6 BEHS relief camp, 397 of 90 households at Mingalar Zayde Monastery in Kachaung Village, 313 of 81 households at Sakar

Monastery in Pauktaw Village, and 363 of 100 households at No. 5 BEHS in Toungoo District. The flood victims received a total of 1500 bags of rice, 6000 viss of potato, onion and gram, and 222 viss of oil donated by Sky Net TV channel and Shwe FM radio. **MNA**

**Photo shows preventive measures against erosion at Swa Creek Bridge on Thagara-Myochaung section of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway. Ko Lwin-Swa**



### Swa creek bridge repaired

YEDASHE, 22 Sept—The retaining wall of Swa creek bridge on Thagara-Myochaung section of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway between the mileposts (165/0) and (165/3) was worm out

by heavy rain on 9 September. Officials from Expressway Construction Group and Yedashe Township piled sand bags and used bamboo reinforcements, and

changed waterway using machinery. The retaining wall has been repaired and the waterway has been changed to prevent erosion. **Ko Lwin (Swa)**

### Poland receives two stolen paintings seized in NY

NEW YORK, 23 Sept — US authorities have returned two paintings seized in New York that were stolen from the National Museum in Warsaw, Poland, by the Nazis during World War II.

The artworks were handed over to Polish officials at a repatriation ceremony Thursday at the Polish Consulate in New York. The paintings were by 19th-century Polish artist Julian Falat, who was known for his hunting and landscape paintings.

“Off to the Hunt” and “The Hunt” were seized last year during an investigation by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Polish authorities alerted US authorities in 2006 that both paintings were about to be sold at auction in New York.

The paintings had remained missing since World War II.

*Internet*

### Metro Atlanta jobless rate rises to 10.4 percent

ATLANTA, 23 Sept— Georgia labour officials say metro Atlanta’s unemployment rate has risen to 10.4 percent in August.

Georgia Labour Commissioner Mark Butler said Thursday the preliminary unadjusted unemployment rate in metro Atlanta is up one-tenth of a percentage point from 10.3 percent in July.

Officials said the jobless rate increased because there were more layoffs in construction, trade, administrative and support services, and accommodation and food services.

The jobless rate in metro Atlanta in August a year ago was also 10.4 percent.

Authorities announced earlier this month that statewide, Georgia’s jobless rate rose to 10.2 percent in August, the highest level in the past six months.

*Internet*

**In this photo provided by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), a 19th century painting by Polish artist Julian Falat, entitled “The Hunt” is shown.—INTERNET**

## Rare American crocodile found in St Petersburg

ST PETERSBURG, 24 Sept—Alligators are a common sight in parts of Florida, but residents of a gated community were shocked to spot one of the animal's reptilian cousins: An endangered American crocodile.

Crocodiles — which number about 1,500 in the state — are typically found some 300 miles south in the warmer Florida Keys. But the shy and reclusive animals are so rare in places like St Petersburg that a wildlife official didn't initially believe Shondra Farner when she called to report the crocodile.

"He said, 'No, ma'am, you have an alligator,' and I said, 'No, I know the difference,'" she said. Farner spotted the croc over the weekend in her backyard by the community pond. By Thursday, experts hired by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission had set a cage trap filled with beef loin in hopes of capturing the giant reptile. Unlike alligators, the endangered crocodile can't be killed. But officials will release it into Tampa Bay and could implant a magnet meant to disorient the animal and prevent it from returning to neighbourhoods.—Internet



In this 18 Sept, 2011 photo provided by Shondra Farner, a nine-foot-long American crocodile is seen laying on the bank of a lake in a gated community in St Petersburg, Fla. INTERNET

## Five dead in central China landslide

WUHAN, 24 Sept—Five people died and another one was injured in a landslide in Hubei Province Thursday, the local government said Friday. The accident happened at 4:30 pm Thursday near an iron ore mine in Lichuan City of Enshi Tujia and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, the city government said in a Press release.

All the victims were mine workers who were building a road in the mining zone, it said.

Five of them died after being buried by the landslide of rocks and dirt, and the other one was injured while trying to escape.

The injured worker was hospitalized and in a stable condition, according to the Press release.

The local government has launched an investigation.

Xinhua

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Kirgiz falconers hold their saker falcons at a falcon domestication base in Akqi county of Kizilsu Kirgiz Autonomous Prefecture, in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region on 22 Sept, 2011. The falcons are domesticated for hunting.—INTERNET

## Euro zone crisis clouds recovery in emerging Europe, Central Asia

WASHINGTON, 24 Sept—The ongoing economic recovery in the emerging Europe and Central Asia region is advancing at a slow pace and is at risk from the euro zone debt crisis, the World Bank said on Friday.

"Most countries in emerging Europe and Central Asia have recovered from the global economic crisis, but growth has returned at lower rates than pre-crisis trends in most of the region. The region is expected to record a real growth rate of 4.3 percent in 2011, which is one of the lowest of any developing region," said Philippe Le Houerou, World Bank Vice President for the Europe and Central Asia region.

"The sovereign debt problems in Western Europe pose challenges to the sustainability of this relatively tepid recovery. The Eastern Europe and Central Asia region is especially dependent on Western Europe as an export market and a source of finance and migrant remittances, so slower growth in the West will hurt," Le Houerou added.

Xinhua

## Belarus to sell its main gas pipeline in December

MINSK, 24 Sept—Belarus has reached agreement with Russia's Gazprom to sell it the remaining 50 percent of gas pipeline operator Beltransgaz in December this year. A Belarusian government representative told local media Friday that, after a meeting between Belarusian Prime Minister Mikhail Myasnikovich and Gazprom chairman Aleksei Miller Thursday, the parties expressed confidence the sale would be signed by December 2011.

The spokesman said the sides discussed pricing

## Wildfires cause heavy economic loss for east Texas timber industry

HOUSTON, 24 Sept—More than 2,000 wildfires in the past ten months have caused an estimated economic loss of 3.4 billion US dollars for east Texas' timber industry, US media reported on Friday.

That figure included 97 million dollars in raw timber value, the newspaper *Houston Chronicle* quoted analysts with the Texas Forest Service as reporting.

The Texas Forest Service said on its website that 2,151 wildfires have charred 840.6 million square meters of land (207, 763 acres) and destroyed 4.95 million cubic meters (175 million cubic feet) of timber since the start of the wildfire season last November.

The total volume of the destroyed timber could have produced 1.6 billion worth of different forest products, such as homes, furniture and paper, and would have resulted in a 3.4 billion total economic impact in east Texas, a news release posted on the Forest Service's website said.

"Along with the heavy toll on people and property, there fires have significantly damaged the forestland — and the forest sector as a whole — in east Texas," said Chris Edgar, a forest resource analyst with Texas Forest Service.

Located on the southeast end of Tengger Desert in Zhongwei City of Ningxia, the lake is dubbed the "Ecological Oasis" in the desert. INTERNET

## Challenging the Taklamakan Desert at Xinjiang's Exceptional Tourism Festival

BEIJING, 24 Sept—The second Xinjiang Exceptional Tourism Festival is scheduled to open on the first day of

China's National Day Holiday, also marking the beginning of a six-day journey through the Taklamakan Desert involving thousands of enthusiasts from across the country.

The festival, initiated in 2010, distinguishes itself from other tourism promotional events by emphasizing the exploration value of the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region's landscape for outdoor activities and extreme sports.

The "Crossing Taklamakan Desert" project is the first highlight of the festival. The nearly 3000-kilometer route threads up cities including Urumqi, Korla and scenic regions such as

the Gobi Desert in Hami and the mountain basin in Turpan. Participants will be divided into several teams and progress in sports cars, SUVs or tour buses.

In addition to the commencement ceremony, organizers have planned various entertainment activities at the major stops along the way. There will be a rock concert, a treasure hunting competition, a walking marathon and a bonfire binge in the Gobi desert.

Running through the end of December, the Exceptional Tourism Festival also consists of other sections such as a photography exhibition and reporters' experience tours.

Xinhua



## Harvard's endowment grows by \$4.4B to reach \$32B

BOSTON, 24 Sept— Harvard University said on Thursday that its largest-in-the-nation endowment earned a profit of \$4.4 billion in fiscal 2011, growing to a robust \$32 billion.

It marks the second year in a row of strong growth for an endowment that fell by \$11 billion to \$26 billion during the fiscal year that ended June 2009. The endowment grew to \$27.6 billion in the 2010 fiscal year.

Harvard Management Company President and CEO Jane Mendillo said active management of investments to meet the primary objectives of growth, liquidity and

risk management secured growth in the latest year.

The endowment has earned an average annual return of 12.9 percent over the past 20 years.

Harvard's endowment helps to fund the school's educational and research programmes, including student financial aid for more than 60 percent of undergraduate students receiving scholarships totaling more than \$160 million this year.

During the last financial year, distributions from the endowment contributed almost a third of the operating budget.

"We are in-



In this 13 Nov, 2008 file photo, the campus of Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass is seen.—INTERNET

creasingly conscious of the importance of results, liquidity, and risk management, given the university's high level of dependence on the endowment and also the

significant downturn in the markets since our fiscal-year close," Harvard treasurer James Rothenberg said. The endowment comprises about 12,000 individual

funds, many of them restricted to specific uses such as support of a research centre or the creation of a professorship in a specific subject.—Internet

## Singapore inflation jumps to 3-year high

SINGAPORE, 24 Sept— Singapore's inflation rate has jumped to a three-year high in August as housing and transportation costs rose despite an economic slowdown.

The Statistics Department said Friday that its consumer price index rose 5.7 percent last month from a year earlier, the most since October 2008. Prices had risen 5.4 percent in July from the previous 12 months.

The department said housing prices rose 9.9 percent during the previous year through August while transport costs surged 12.5 percent.—Internet

## Smoking major cause of cancers in India

NEW DELHI, 24 Sept— Smoking is a major cause of cancers in India, with more than 40 percent of cancers among them being caused by tobacco, reported *The Times of India* Friday.

The newspaper quoted Indian Council of Medical Research as saying that 44.4 percent of cancers in men in Kolkata are caused by tobacco, while 41.4 percent of cancers among men are caused by smoking in Chennai, 39.4 in Delhi and 39.2

percent in Mumbai.

Women from Chennai record the highest number of tobacco related cancers with 15.2 percent, followed by Mumbai with 13.5 percent, Kolkata with 12.3 percent and Delhi with 11 percent.

In the southern metropolis of Bangalore, 35 percent of cancers in men and 14.3 percent of cancers in women are related to tobacco consumption, said the report.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 23 Sept, 2011 shows an enameled flat bottle of the Qing Dynasty (1616 -1911) during an antique and artwork fair in Beijing, capital of China. About 150 exhibitors present their antiques and artworks during the three-day fair, which kicked off on Friday.—XINHUA

## 1st Chinese cargo flight lands in St Louis, US

ST LOUIS, 24 Sept—The first cargo flight from China which departed from Shanghai landed in Missouri state's St Louis Lambert International Airport Friday, marking the establishment of a link between China's financial hub and the US heartlands. At 3:55 PM US central time (2155 GMT), the Boeing 777 landed and was met at the runway by a water cannon salute, the flowing arcs resembling St Louis's landmark, the Gateway Arch.

Both American and Chinese notables including Chinese Consul General to Chicago Yang Guoqiang and St Louis Mayor Francis Slay attended the welcoming ceremony and expressed their confidence that the two countries would both benefit from the new aviation connection.

With the trade value of the two countries reaching nearly 400 billion US dollars, "one or two or three or multi air cargo hubs are not enough. We need more," Yang said in his speech. Yang said he hopes St Louis can soon become a link in China's foreign trade routes, which will "facilitate Chinese investors to come over to the Midwest and create more job opportunities, to create more market consumption."—Xinhua

## Yao Ming, Branson join to fight shark fin trade



Recently retired Chinese NBA star Yao Ming speaks at a Press conference for a campaign against eating shark fins in Shanghai, China, on 22 Sept, 2011.

INTERNET

SHANGHAI, 24 Sept— Recently retired Chinese NBA star Yao Ming is taking the fight against eating shark fins back to his homeland, where demand for the traditional delicacy is soaring despite efforts to ban their use and trade.

Yao and British tycoon Richard Branson made an appeal Thursday in Shanghai against eating shark fins, which are a staple of high-class Chinese banquets, to a group of 30 of China's richest and most influential businesspeople. "When demand happens, the buying happens and the killing happens," said Yao, a 7-foot-6 (2.29-metre) former centre who retired in July after eight seasons with the Houston Rockets due to injuries. Shanghai-born Yao is using his post-retirement free time to help campaign against the slaughter of 1.5 million sharks a week that is taking some of the species close to extinction.

The event, sponsored by the conservation group WildAid, is aimed at starting a conservation movement in China "not just to protect the sharks but to protect tigers, and to protect other species that are in peril of extinction," Branson said.—Internet



Members of the Laughter Yoga club practise laughing during morning exercise at a public park in Hanoi on 24 Sept, 2011. For the past two years, several hundred people have been gathering each morning at a public park in central Hanoi to practise laughing under the instruction of yoga master Le Anh Son in the belief that this will help them to be happier, fight disease and relief the stresses of daily life.—INTERNET

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV BIENDONG TRADER VOY NO (1148)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BIENDONG TRADER VOY NO (1148) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.9.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.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.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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*A white ox wanders at the foot of Midui Glacier in Bomi County of Nyingchi Prefecture, southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, Sept. 19, 2011. Bomi County, located in the southeastern part of southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, is a place famous for its biological diversification. The county attracts many tourists every year with its glaciers, grand canyons, forests and geological parks.—XINHUA*

**Mother in plea for specialist brain cancer treatment**

LONDON, 24 Sept—The mother of a schoolboy who beat cancer after undergoing revolutionary surgery in America has called on the British government to honour its pledge to bring the procedure to Britain.

Alex Barnes was just five when he flew to a hospital in Florida in 2008 to have the life-saving proton therapy on an aggressive brain tumour.

Now seven, Alex has made a miraculous recovery and has suffered no long-term effects of his illness, despite his family being told at the time that his

chances of survival were slim.

His mother Rosalie said she was urging the government to honour its promise to bring the treatment to two centres in the UK. The 47-year-old fashion designer said:

"Alex is fine, he's 100pc healthy. They told me at the time if he was going to have the treatment in this country that I would probably lose him." Ms Barnes was warned that even if Alex did survive he would likely end up in a wheelchair and would be brain damaged, as well as deaf and blind.—Internet



*Fernando Cruz Vega, a 3-year-old boy who was born without arms, draws in a room at the shanty town of Libertad in Comas on 21 Sept, 2011. Deysi Vega, Fernando's mother, has travelled from Mollobamba in the jungles of Peru to Lima to seek medical help and rehabilitation therapies for her son.—INTERNET*

**Macao publishes room rate on website during National Day holidays**

MACAO, 24 Sept—Macao Government Tourist Office (MGTO) published on Saturday the rates of different hotel and guesthouse room categories during National Day holidays, a move to increase transparency and help consumers to make a more informed choice.

Starting from 24 Sept, MGTO publishes on its website the room rates submitted by the hotel industry referring to the period from 26 September to 9 October.

According to the current regulation, each hotel needs to inform MGTO of any revised room rates. The rate of a rented room should not be higher than the registered one and MGTO will conduct investigation upon receiving complaint.

Guests can check hotel information and the published room rates at MGTO website (<http://www.Macaotourism.gov.mo>) or call Tourism Hotline 28333000 to file complaint, according to MGTO.

MGTO also noted that

the price cannot exceed the limit of the rates published for guests who reserve rooms directly with the hotels, but the room rates published on the website can only be taken as reference if bookings are done through any other channel, namely travel agencies overseas or on-line reservation services.

Xinhua



*Yuan Surya buy embroideries of Hui ethnic group at an exhibition stall in 2011 China (Yinchuan) Investment and Trade Fair, in Yinchuan, capital of northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 23 Sept, 2011.—XINHUA*

**Australia bracing for whale baby boom**

SYDNEY, 24 Sept — More baby whales are expected to migrate down Australia's east coast than have been seen in 50 years after indications of a bumper birthing season, wildlife experts said on Friday. The National Parks and Wildlife Service in New South Wales state said a large number of whales with newborn calves were set to swim past Sydney towards the cooler waters of Antarctica between September and November.

More than 1,000 whales were spotted passing Sydney's Cape Solander in June alone as the creatures made their way up to the warmer

**New study links high BPA level with type II diabetes**

BEIJING, 24 Sept — Local doctors found a high level of bisphenol A (BPA) in blood can increase the risk of type II diabetes. The discovery was published in the latest issue of *Annals of Internal Medicine* published in the United States, Shanghai Ruijin Hospital said on Wednesday.

The discovery can help the research on BPA, an organic compound used in many consumer products, but its negative effects on human health have not been proven with any solid evidence so far, the hospital said. Currently, many countries including the US and China have banned the use of BPA in feeding bottles and food containers for babies. As concern rises about BPA's potential hazard to child health, people also began to dis-

cuss its effects on adults.

Ruijin Hospital doctors carried out a research to study the relationship between exposure to BPA and type II diabetes.

The research found 87.7 percent of Chinese over 40 have BPA in their urine, averaging 0.81ng per milliliter. When the BPA level reaches 1.43ng per milliliter, the risk of diabetes grows significantly.—Xinhua

**3alleged bandits shot in rich area of Mexico City**

MEXICO CITY, 24 Sept — Police say officers responding to a report of an armed robbery killed three alleged bandits during a shootout at a restaurant in one of Mexico City's most affluent neighborhoods. The capital city's police departments says several hooded men stormed into a restaurant in the Polanco district but a waitress called police.

In three minutes, 60 police officers arrived and shooting erupted. Three suspects were killed and another was detained in the Wednesday night attack. Police said on Thursday that no patrons or restaurant employees were wounded.—Internet

whales at Cape Solander this year than in previous years. And that certainly augurs well for a good reproductive season," the service's Geoff Ross said. "And we are getting a lot of anecdotal reports from skippers and our own staff in the field that there are lots of baby whales out there.—Internet



*A humpback whale fluke shows above the surface of the ocean off the coast near Sydney.—INTERNET*

## Woman 'depressed' over gum on dentures

A Canadian woman claims chewing gum that stuck to her dentures sparked short-term depression and she's suing the manufacturer over the ordeal.

The lawsuit filed last week in Edmonton, Alberta, by lawyers for Elsie Pawlow seeks \$100,000 from the manufacturer of Stride chewing gum, the QMI Agency reported. Pawlow, who said in her suit she is "still holding" at age 49, is suing Kraft Canada, the parent company of Cadbury Adams, the manufacturer of the gum widely advertised as "ridiculously long-lasting."

"Over a period of five minutes the gum falls apart into little pieces and sticks to the dentures," her claim says. "As a result, the plaintiff has suffered depression for approximately 10 minutes." Her suit says she finds the process of "digging out" small bits of gum to be "disgusting," the report said.

The suit, which cost her \$200 to file, also is seeking to recover her legal costs and interest, QMI said.

There was no immediate response from Kraft, which hasn't yet filed a statement of defence.



An image from the blog Don't Have a Cow Curtis.

## Ten-year-old shoots teacher, kills himself in Brazil

A 10-year-old boy shot his teacher and then committed suicide in southeast Brazil, local authorities reported Thursday. The incident took place at the Alcina Dantas Feijao Municipal School, in the City of Sao Caetano do Sul, Sao Paulo state.

According to the local police, David Mota Nogueira asked to go to the restroom but returned with a gun in hand. He shot his teacher, 38-year-old Rosileide Queiros de Oliveira, in the back in front of some 25 classmates. The boy then left the classroom and shot himself in the head in the hallway.



The police said the revolver used by the boy belonged to his father, a local police guard.

The police still don't know what motivated the crime. According to the Public Security Secretary Moacyr Rodrigues, there was no indication the boy had been bullied. Teachers reported he was a calm child and had not been involved in any unruly activities.

The incident occurred five months after a shooting at a Rio school shocked Brazil, when a former student entered the public middle school

and shot several students.

He killed 12 children aged 12 to 14, most of them girls, and injured another 12. After being injured by a policeman, the shooter killed himself.

## Man attempting to live off breast milk

A North Carolina expert said a blogger attempting to subsist entirely on his wife's breast milk is unlikely to find any nutritional benefits.

The blogger, who identifies himself only as Curtis on the blog, donthaveacowcurtis.blogspot.com, said his first child was born nine months ago and his wife has an extensive supply of frozen breast milk from the births of the infant girl and her two previous children, ABC News reported Wednesday.

"I mean cow milk was made for baby cows, why not drink human breast milk that was made for baby humans," Curtis wrote in his first post. The blogger's Thursday post informed readers he was on his third day of the diet and he has "had no problems with BMs, mostly because I haven't had one yet." Curtis said he is aiming to find out how long he can live strictly off the breast milk and document any benefits he discovers.

News Album

## Schwarzenegger memoir on the way



Austrian-American actor/politician Arnold Schwarzenegger. INTERNET

Karp, the publisher of Simon & Schuster, said in a statement issued to the newspaper. "Nobody has a life story even close to his."

Schwarzenegger is writing the book with Peter Petre, former executive editor of Fortune and co-author of autobiographies by Alan Greenspan and Norman Schwarzkopf, the Times said.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 24 Sept—Actor and former California Gov Arnold Schwarzenegger is working on a memoir tentatively called "Total Recall" and due out next fall, his publisher says.

Simon & Schuster confirmed plans for the book to *The New York Times*.

"Truly, Arnold is one of the most fascinating figures of our time, and one of the greatest success stories in the world," Jonathan

A pair of the iconic ruby red slippers from "The Wizard of Oz" believed to have been worn by Judy Garland's Dorothy when she clicks her heels to return home to Kansas near the end of the film are seen in this undated handout photo.—INTERNET

## "Wizard of Oz" ruby slippers up for auction

LOS ANGELES, 24 Sept—A pair of the iconic ruby red slippers from "The Wizard of Oz" is going up for auction with an estimated price of \$2 - \$3 million. California auction house Profiles in History said the slippers—one of four known surviving pairs made for the 1939 movie — are believed to have been worn by Judy Garland's Dorothy when she clicks her heels to return home to Kansas near the end of the film.



The slippers will be auctioned on 16 December in Los Angeles as part of a Hollywood memorabilia sale. Profiles in History owner Joe Maddalena said he was expecting bids from around the world.

"This is the most important film prop in the world. There is nothing more famous," said Maddalena. "They are one of the greatest pieces of pop culture in existence." One of the pairs of slippers used in the "Wizard of Oz" is on exhibit at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, one is in private hands and another was stolen from the Judy Garland museum in Minnesota.—Reuters

## Berry breaks foot walking in Spain



Halle Berry —INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 24 Sept—Actress Halle Berry broke her foot while out walking during a day off from shooting "Cloud Atlas" in Spain, Warner Bros said.

People.com reported the "Monster's Ball" and "X-Men" star was photographed leaving a Spanish hospital in a wheelchair with her right leg in a cast up to her knee Wednesday. The celebrity news Web site did not offer other details regarding the cause of the mishap or the extent of the actress' injuries.

"Production has adjusted their schedule and will continue filming," Warner Bros said in a statement regarding how the actress' injury will impact the movie shoot.

Internet



A total of 74 finalists dance to compete for Miss Disco during the 36th Miss Bikini International World final in Qingdao, a coastal city of east China's Shandong Province, on 22 Sept, 2011. XINHUA

## Milan giants look to kick-start Serie A new season

MILAN, 24 Sept — AC Milan and Inter face the perfect opportunity to kick-start their disastrous Serie A campaigns when they play the bottom two on Saturday.



AC Milan's Stephan El Shaarawy celebrates with teammates after scoring during their Serie A match against Udinese at Milan's San Siro Stadium, on 21 September.—INTERNET

Milan, who have two points from their first three matches, host rock bottom Cesena, who have yet to pick up a single point. Inter, meanwhile, travel to Bologna, who picked up their first point of the season in a 1-1 draw at 10-man Juventus on Wednesday.

While those clashes may sound easy on paper, the reality is somewhat different for the two title favourites. Inter may be playing the team one off the bottom of the table but they are only above Bologna by a single goal's difference. Inter have started the season with away defeats at Palermo (4-3) and Novara (3-1) while being held to a stale goalless draw at home by Roma. Victories over the minnows is certainly not a foregone conclusion for Inter at the moment.

Internet

## Dalglish: Bellamy has the hunger

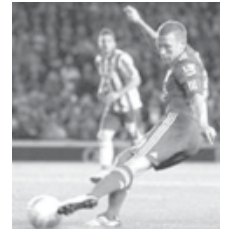
LONDON, 24 Sept — Manager Kenny Dalglish feels returning striker Craig Bellamy has "unfinished business" at Liverpool.

Bellamy scored in the 2-1 Carling Cup win against Brighton and Hove Albion on Wednesday after being given his first start since re-signing for the Anfield club last month.

Despite the 32-year-old's reputation for having trouble follow him wherever he goes, Dalglish has had nothing but praise for a player they picked up for nothing af-

ter Manchester City agreed to cancel the final year of his contract.

Bellamy left Anfield in 2007 after just one season but Dalglish believes he has returned with a determination to do better than his first brief spell, in which he scored nine goals.—Internet



Craig Bellamy scored the opener for Liverpool at Brighton

## Wenger: We are still in title race



Arsene Wenger believes it is not too late for Arsenal to catch Man Utd

LONDON, 24 Sept — Arsene Wenger insists Arsenal's part in the race for the Barclays Premier League title is not over. The north Londoners, who are trailing Manchester United by 11 points already, have endured their worst start to a campaign under Wenger's guidance, having lost three of their five league matches including an 8-2 mauling by United at Old Trafford. By contrast, the defending champions have swept all

before them, chalking up maximum points with some impressive displays.

Wenger, though, maintains it is far too early to be writing anyone off or crowning any side champions elect. "Of course I am worried. It is absolutely not realistic not to be worried when you have a team like Manchester United in front of you," the Frenchman said ahead of Saturday's Premier League match with Bolton Wanderers at the Emirates Stadium. "The only thing we can do is focus on our performances, win our games and hope they will drop some points at some stage. "However, at the moment I am more concerned by us than them. If they do a perfect season, they do a perfect season. Until now, only one team did that — Arsenal." — Internet

SPORTS

### Man City 2-0 Everton

Manchester, 24 Sept—As always, City were finding it sticky going against the Toffeemen.

Balotelli's introduction after an hour changed all that, the Italian's shot flying in off Phil Jagielka to put the Blues on the way to a precious victory at the Etihad Stadium that was sealed by James Milner in the final minute.

There could not be a greater contrast between City's vast wealth and the relative hand-to-mouth existence of their north-west neighbours.

Yet Everton are a stoic

### Substitute Mario Balotelli came to Man City's rescue by inspiring Roberto Mancini's men to a 2-0 victory against bogey team Everton



bunch and despite enduring another summer of fiscal austerity, manager David Moyes has engineered a decent start.

Everton have won five, including the last four, proving money cannot buy you everything.

Moyes' masterplan this time was to send Jack Rodwell scurrying around after danger-man David Silva all afternoon.—Internet



Sat, 24<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2011.

ManCity	2-0	Everton
Liverpool	2-1	Wolves
N'Castle	3-1	Blackburn
WBA	0-0	Fulham
Arsenal	3-0	Bolton
Wigan	1-2	Spur
Chelsea	4-1	Swansea
Stoke	1-1	ManU

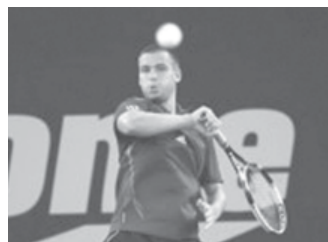
## Youzhny, Berdych pull out of Malaysian tennis Open

KUALA LUMPUR, 24 Sept — Malaysian Open organizers confirmed on Friday that defending champion Mikhail Youzhny and top seed Tomas Berdych have pulled out of this year's event. Youzhny, who has been suffering from a chronic back injury, will now not take part in the tournament which begins with qualifying rounds Saturday and ends October 2 at the Putra Stadium in Malaysia's capital Kuala Lumpur.

Berdych also has been troubled with a shoulder injury for the past few weeks and it was this injury that prompted him to retire from his match in the third round



Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic



Russia's Mikhail Youzhny

of the US Open while playing Janko Tipsarevic. "I am really sorry I cannot make it to Kuala Lumpur this year. I have had some good results there before and I really like the city and the people," he said.

Tournament director Nick Freyer said they were disappointed not to have the two top players but "are 100 percent ready to roll in all areas and the show must go on."

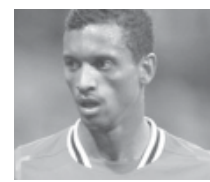
Meanwhile, 2009 champion Nikolay Davydenko is returning in the hope of regaining his title.

Internet

## Nani aims to be the best

LONDON, 24 Sept — Manchester United winger Nani has set his sights on becoming the best player in the world. The Portuguese star hopes to take another step towards that long-term goal by having his best season yet for Manchester United. Although it ultimately ended in disappointment, when he was left out of Sir Alex Ferguson's starting line-up for the Champions League final defeat to Barcelona, Nani felt he moved his game onto another level last term.

The reason seemed obvious. Antonio Valencia's lengthy absence with an ankle injury allowed Nani to switch onto his preferred right wing, from where he produced a series of devastating performances, ending the season with more



Nani has set his sights on becoming the best player in the world

Barclays Premier League assists than anyone else. "Last year was my best year, definitely my most consistent season," the Portugal wide-man told Inside United. "Now I hope this is

my year. I will do my best.

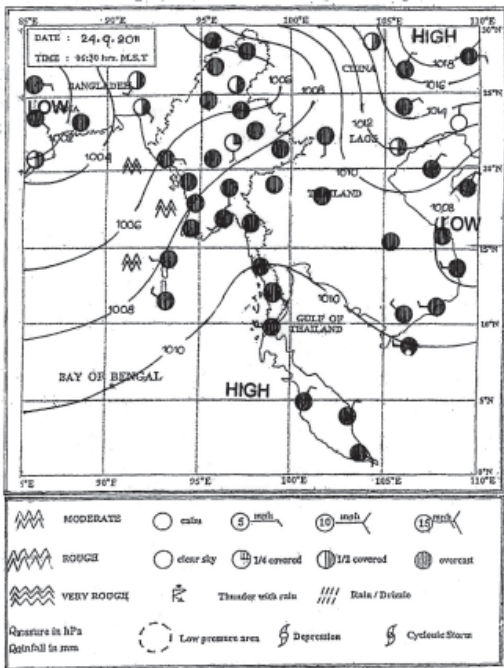
"If I am fit for every game, I am 100 per cent sure I will do my best and will do well for my team. "This is a big chance to show I can do much more; that I'm a good player with a very strong mentality." Nani has started in blistering form, scoring twice in the Community Shield, including the last-minute winner against Manchester City as United roared back from two goals down.

Internet

The United winger scored a spectacular goal against Chelsea



**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**



**Weather forecast for 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2011**

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
2	Kayah	29/84	20/68	Isolated to Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
3	Kayin	28/82	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
4	Chin	21/70	12/54	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	27/81	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	34/93	25/77	Isolated to Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
7	Tainthayi	28/82	20/68	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	80%
8	Bago	29/84	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
9	Magway	31/88	25/77	Isolated to Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
10	Mandalay	35/95	26/79	Isolated to Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
11	Mon	30/86	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
12	Yangon	31/88	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
13	Rakine	28/82	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
14	Southern Shan	25/77	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
15	Northern Shan	28/82	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
16	Eastern Shan	27/81	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
17	Ayeyawady	30/86	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	34/93	23/73	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	23/73	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	35/95	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today  
 During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Upper Sagaing Mandalay and Magway Regions, Kayah State, scattered in Bago Region and Rakine State and fairly widespread in Shan, Chin, Mon and Kayin States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy fall in Upper Sagaing Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Homalin (3.75) inches, Paton (2.01) inches, Zalu (1.85) inches, Zaungta (1.78) inches, Myeik (1.73) inches and Maungtau (1.65) inches.  
 Bay Reference: Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.  
 State of the Sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Mon-Tainthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.  
 Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of withdrawal of Southwest Monsoon from Northern Myanmar areas.

**Mother and five children killed in house fire**

LONDON, 24 Sept—A mother and five of her children were killed on Saturday when a fire tore through a house in Britain, emergency services said.

Around 30 firefighters fought the blaze which broke out at the property in the Neasden district of northwest London at around 1:00 am and took around two hours to bring under control.

A 41-year-old woman and five children — aged 14, 13, nine, five and two — died in the fire, police said.

A 51-year-old man and a 16-year-old girl escaped from the blaze with burns and are being treated in hospital, police said.

Police and the fire service said they were investigating the blaze, which is currently being treated as unexplained.



Neighbours view the remains of the house in Neasden, northwest London. A mother and five of her children were killed when a fire tore through the house, emergency services have said.—INTERNET

“There’s no doubt, this is an absolute tragedy,” said Glen Gorman, from the London fire service. “We are now working with the police to ensure a full and thorough investigation is carried out.”

Internet



**Sunday, 25 September View on today**

- 7:00 am 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:15 am 2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:25 am 3. To be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am 4. Morning News
- 7:40 am 5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:50 am 6. Health Programme

- 8:00 am 7. (38) Phyar Mingalar
- 8:15 am 8. Documentary
- 8:25 am 9. Selected Songs for 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono classical) (Amateur (First) Division Level) (Women)
- 8:40 am 10. International News
- 8:45 am 11. Musical Programme
- 11:00 am 1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am 2. Musical Programme
- 11:20 am 3. Round up of the Week’s International News
- 11:30 am

- 4. TV Drama Series
- 12:30 pm 5. Teleplay
- 2:00 pm 6. Selected Songs for 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Amateur(First) Division Level) (Women)
- 2:15 pm 7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 2:30 pm 8. Solo Favourites
- 14:50 pm 9. International News
- 3:45 pm 1. Myanmar National League MNL Grand Royal Cup 2011 (Live)

- (Ayeyawady United & Kanbawza)
- 5:45 pm 2. Musical Programme
- 6:00 pm 3. Evening News
- 6:15 pm 4. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm 5. Cartoon Series
- 6:40 pm 6. Tamyethnar Takwetsar
- 7:00 pm 7. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm 8. News
- 9. International News
- 10. Weather Report
- 11. TV play in honour of Myanmar library foundation
- 12. Cartoon Series
- 13. TV Drama Series

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (25-9-2011) (Sunday)**

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	(25-9-11 09:30 am ~ 26-9-11 09:30 am) MST

- Local Transmission**  
 \* Opening  
 \* News  
 \* Me N My Travel “Market of Pyay City Development Committee”  
 \* News  
 \* Easily Cooked & Tasty Dishes

- “Mutton Curry”  
 \* News  
 \* Crossing Ceremony of Russia Language Four Skills Training Course  
 \* Musical Gallery  
 \* News  
 \* MI People’s Celebrities “Aung Ye Lin, Athin Cho Swe”  
 \* Travelogue in Popa  
**Overseas Transmission**  
 \* Opening  
 \* News  
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 \* News  
 \* Easily Cooked & Tasty Dishes  
 \* “Mutton Curry”  
 \* Myanmar Classical Song “Kyaye Tama”  
 \* News

- \* Closing Ceremony of Russia Language Four Skills Training Course
- \* Musical Gallery
- \* News
- \* Lacquerware in Bagan
- \* MI People’s Celebrities “Aung Ye Lin, Athin Cho Swe”
- \* Travelogue in Popa
- \* News
- \* The Richly Blessed Gem Land
- \* News
- \* Myanmar Traditional Marionette Theatre (Part-8)
- \* News
- \* Live Concert
- \* Rabindranath Tagore Digital Prints & Jeevansmriti Painting Exhibition
- \* News
- \* Buddha’s Foot Print
- \* Myanmar Movie “Twin Brothers in Different Lives”

## Over 1100 old cars turned in to RTAD in Yangon Region so far

YANGON, 24 Sept — Under the car-swap programme of the government, so far 1148 old cars have been handed over to the Yangon Region Road Transport Administration Department, altogether 2309 cars to 18 offices in region/state Road Transport Administration Departments from 19 to 23 September.

During the period, 416 cars have been retained by owners after being surrendered to the Road Transport Administration Department under the Ministry of Rail Transportation for temporary use.

Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Deputy Minister U Thant Shin and Minister for Yangon Region Road Administration U Aung Khin visited the Yangon Region RTAD today and assisted owners of the old vehicles in turning the old cars in.—MNA



Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min inspects handing over of overage vehicles.—MNA

## Coord meeting on sustainable development of jade market held



Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik addresses coordination meeting on jade market, development of polished jade market and construction of jewellery market to sell polished jade, and jade polishing factories.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept — Patron of central committee for organizing Myanmar Gems Emporium Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik addressed coordination meeting on assessment of jade market, development of polished jade market, construction of jewellery market for polished jades and polished jade factories at conference room of Mani Yadana Jade Hall, here, yesterday afternoon.

The Union minister called on gems merchants to strive for sustainable development

of jade market and jade polishing industries in Myanmar based on experiences they gained in foreign jade markets.

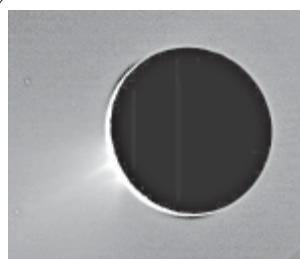
Managing Director U Thein Swe of Myanmar Gems Enterprise, Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association U Yon Mu and members shared their knowledge on foreign jade markets.

Patron of MGEA U Aung Ko Win, the Chairman, the Vice-Chairmen, secretary and executives and entrepreneurs took part in discussions.

MNA

### Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (24-9-2011)

Homalin	3.75 inches
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Zaungtu	1.78 inches
Myeik	1.73 inches
Maungtaw	1.65 inches



Water vapor and ice erupt from Saturn's moon Enceladus, the source of a newly discovered donut-shaped cloud around Saturn.

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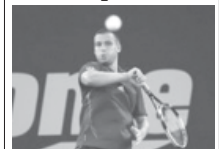
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Russia's Mikhail Youzhny



Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic

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