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South African minister's first-ever visit to Myanmar, sign for close ties and cooperation in the future

President U Thein Sein

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept— President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar received a delegation led by South African Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Mrs Maite Nkoana-Mashabane at Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here this morning.

Also present at the call together with were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at the Presidential Office U Thein Nyunt and departmental heads. The South African minister was accompanied by her country's Ambassador to Thailand Mrs R P Marks and high-level officials.

The President said the delegation from South Africa which has established diplomatic ties with Myanmar since 1995 was warmly welcomed. He hoped for the



President U Thein Sein receives South African Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Mrs Maite Nkoana-Mashabane and party at Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace.—MNA

opening of South African embassy in Myanmar as Myanmar embassy has been established in Pretoria of South Africa. He said he was swollen with pride by the

South African minister's first-ever visit which he tipped for close ties and cooperation between the two countries in the future.

The South African minister said she took pride for being a guest of the President, passing on the message from South African President Zuma for closer political, economic and social ties.

She also said South Africa has the absolute political will to open the embassy in Myanmar in an opportune time. South Africa is interested in political developments of Myanmar and is heartened by success of democratization being

implemented by Myanmar people, she said.

She said the delegation has conveyed the publications of South African parliament for Myanmar Hluttaws to strengthen friendship between the peoples of the two countries.

The President said he was inspired by the fight against apartheid in the history of South Africa.

Successes of South Africa encouraged other African nations, he said. Myanmar and South Africa have common foreign policy which is independent and active one and are establishing friendship with every country whether from East or West, adopting Five (See page 8)

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South African Minister Mrs Maite Nkoana-Mashabane

Cultural Heritage

Plans to build Myanan Sankyaw Golden Palace, Walls of Royal Palace and moats as national cultural park in Mandalay



MANDALAY, 3 Sept— Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library under the Ministry of Culture plans to create Myanan Sankyaw Golden Palace, Walls of the Royal Palace and moats in Mandalay, ancient Fort Hsinkyin and Fort Thabyetan in Tada U Township, Shweboon Yadana Mingala Palace in Shwebo and Kanbawzathadi Palace in Bago as national cultural parks.

Chinese President Hu Jintao meets with Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on 4 Sept, 2012. PAGE 3



Visiting Tajik President Emomali Rakhmonov (C) shakes hands with Indian President Pranab Mukherjee (R) and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh at Indian Presidential Palace in New Delhi on 3 Sept, 2012. PAGE 11

Former Real star says Ronaldo is upset at missing out on UEFA award PAGE 14



The ministry will cooperate with local companies for maintenance of the ancient buildings in the cultural zone and at present, tenders were invited to do so.

In the disciplines of tender, maintenance and preservation of the buildings are to be undertaken without losing its original images and styles presenting the respective eras. The disciplines state it is not to add any handicrafts at the ancient buildings for

maintenance of original types. In carrying out the maintenance works, it is necessary to use same size and type works.

Myanan Sankyaw Golden Palace, Walls of the Royal Palace and moats in Mandalay are cultural images of the State attracting tourists for their daily visits. As such, a plan is underway to upgrade these works to be the international level national cultural parks.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Myanmar

Myanmar are friendly and they love peace and happiness. The traditional Myanmar greeting is *mingalaba* and roughly translated as 'auspiciousness to you'. Greetings such as "Have you eaten?" and "How are you?" are also common.

Though Myanmar social customs are quite flexible, the ground rules are important for convivial inter change. For example, age is still considered equal with experience and wisdom, hence venerated. Parents and teachers are second only to Three Jewels – the Buddha, the Dhamma, and the Sangha.

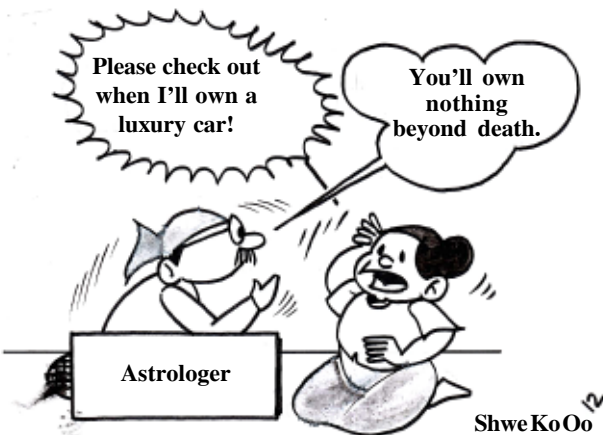
Women have high status in Myanmar traditional society, and young children receive a great deal of attention. The husband is nominally the head of the household, but the wife has considerable authority. Women are responsible for most domestic chores.

Traditionally, there are no family names. The choice of name is of extremely importance for the people of Myanmar. The name may represent the virtue of longevity, wealthiness, healthiness, the great love of dedication to admire one, the dream and hope of parents upon their child, the sign of magnificent and significant events, and so on. Some may even have great length of story behind their names.

Most of the people of Myanmar are football crazy. Indigenous sports such as Chinlone that utilizes a rattan ball and Myanmar kickboxing called Lethwei are also popular, and tournaments can be seen at pagoda festivals.

Architecture reflects the country's Buddhist heritage. Buddhist temples are the most important architectural features throughout the country. The Buddhist temple serves as a religious school, a community center, a guest house, a place where the government and other agencies post information, a site for sports activities, and a center for welfare services for those who are poor and ill.

It is sure that people with basic knowledge of the culture and tradition of Myanmar will find it easy to live with its citizens without friction or discord, and leave in the same fashion.



Explosion of hydrogen cylinder leaves one dead

HLINE, 4 Sept—While making hot air balloons, U Aye Hlaing, 53, son of U Mya Maung of left room on 6th floor of Building 73/A on U Sa Road of Ward 2 in Hline Township of Yangon Region died in the incident with bruise at his neck at about 1 pm on 3 September.

Myanma Alin

Foreign Affairs

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received South African Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Mrs Maite Nkoana-Mashabane who arrived here to pay an official goodwill visit to Myanmar, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here, this noon.

They discussed promotion of bilateral ties and cooperation between the two countries.

In the afternoon, the Union Minister hosted a luncheon to the visiting South African Minister and his delegation.

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Myanmar, South Africa to promote bilateral ties, cooperation



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin receives South African Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Mrs Maite Nkoana-Mashabane.—MNA

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Closing ceremony of AVC Technical Seminar 2012 (Block and Defence) held

YANGON, 4 Sept—Jointly-conducted by Asian Volleyball Confederation and Myanmar Volleyball Federation under the Ministry of Sports, the concluding of AVC Technical Seminar 2012 (Block and Defence) took place at National Indoor Stadium (1) Thuwunna here yesterday evening.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Sports Minister U Thaug Htaik and officials, Myanmar Women's Sports Federation General Secretary Daw L Khun Yi, Vice-President U Thein Win and executives of Myanmar Volleyball Federation, Tatmadaw Volleyball Committee Secretary Maj Moe Thet Htoo and invited guests. Deputy Minister U Thaug Htaik made an opening speech and presented completion certificates to the trainees.

Vice-President U Thein Win of Myanmar Volleyball Federation presented a gift to course Director Professor Nai Chi Chang.—MNA

Dy Health Minister meets with staff from Zeyathiri Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin together with Nay Pyi Taw Council Member Dr Paing Soe yesterday morning held a meeting with medical superintendent of Pinyinmana People's Hospital, head of health department from Zeyathiri Township, doctors from Paunglaung and Yezin station hospitals, assistant doctors, nurses and health staff at Zeyathiri People's Hospital.

At the meeting, the deputy minister urged the staff to carry out more efficient health care services than in the past for rural area development and poverty alleviation tasks being undertaken by the State, to coordinate in implementing the tasks, to give free medical treatment to grassroots level in cooperation between Health Department and Traditional Medicine Department and to effectively disseminate health knowledge for preventing the diseases.

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Model maize plots harvested in Zeyathiri Township



NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept—A ceremony to harvest hybrid maize plantation of Agriculture Department and Agricultural Research Department was held at Thabyebin Village of Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 2 September morning.

Staff of the departments showed off hybrid maize strains on the

plots of farmers Daw Hmu and U Khaing Min Aung. After that, they harvested Yezin-6 maize plantations of 13 farmers.

The farmers and guests assessed their best strains of maize. They selected Yezin-10 strain as the first prize that produced 169 baskets per acre, Yezin-11 strain the second that produced 149 baskets per acre, Yezin-04

strain the third that produced 145 baskets per acre and Yezin-6 strain the fourth that produced 141 baskets per acre. Those wishing to buy maize strains may contact Agricultural Research Department (Yezin), said in-charge of maize and cereal crops section Deputy Director U Thant Lwin Oo.

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District News

Woman dies of electrocution

PYU, 4 Sept—Ma Win Maw, 42, daughter of U Than Shaung of 3rd Street in Myoma West Ward in Pyu at 7.30 pm on 1 September was together with daughter Ma Htet Htet downstairs of the house. Ma Htet Htet, 16, plugged in at the swift block and suffered from electric shock due to standing on the wet ground.

Mother Ma Win Maw pushed her daughter. So, the daughter was free from electrocution but the mother died on the spot due to electrocution. Ma Htet Htet was rushed to Pyu Hospital.

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US Obama, on eve of convention, tours storm-hit Louisiana

LAPLACE, 4 Sept — President Barack Obama toured hurricane-stricken Louisiana on Monday and promised federal recovery help as he sought to show his administration was on top of the disaster response on the eve of his Democrats' national convention in North Carolina. Obama was preceded by his Republican challenger, Mitt Romney, who diverted from the campaign trail to Louisiana on Friday to inspect the fallout from Hurricane Isaac a day after accepting his party's nomination for the 6 November election.

Flying into New Orleans on a hot, sunny day, Obama traveled by motorcade to nearby St John the Baptist

Parish, one of the hardest-hit communities, where he met federal, state and local officials and then surveyed the area.

He saw evidence of the

storm's fury - twisted road signs, toppled trees, blown-down fences, debris piled high and pools of water beside the road. Stepping out of his limousine, he paused to

comfort a few residents and hear their stories.

"There has been enormous devastation in St. John's Parish," Obama told reporters.

He cited similar destruction in other parts of Louisiana as well as neighbouring Mississippi and praised emergency officials for limiting the loss of life. The White House has taken pains to depict Obama as deeply engaged in the government's handling of Isaac and its aftermath. His Republican predecessor, George W Bush, was heavily criticized for the sluggish federal response to Hurricane Katrina, which devastated New Orleans in 2005.

Reuters



President Barack Obama toured hurricane-stricken Louisiana on Monday.—REUTERS

World News



Chinese President Hu Jintao (R) meets with Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on 4 Sept, 2012. XINHUA

NATO chief: Rogue Afghan attacks will not hasten pullout

BRUSSELS, 4 Sept — A surge in attacks against NATO-led foreign troops by rogue members of the Afghan security forces threatens to erode trust between the international force and Afghans, but will not cause NATO allies to pull out early, the alliance's chief said.

Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said the alliance's plans to gradually hand over security to Afghan forces and pull out most troops by end-2014 would not be disrupted by the attacks.

"These insider attacks are a matter of strong concern. They threaten to undermine trust and confidence between foreign soldiers and the Afghan security forces... Our commanders in the field have taken and will take all steps necessary to prevent such attacks," he told Reuters in an interview.

The killings "will not derail our plans for transition... Our goal, our strategy, our

timetable remain the same," he said.

At least 45 members of the NATO-led force have been killed by rogue Afghans in uniform this year, including 15 in August alone. That compares with 35 killed in such attacks in all of 2011. Last week, three Australian soldiers were killed by an Afghan army sergeant who turned his weapon on them during a training exercise.—Reuters



NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen poses during an interview with Reuters at the Alliance headquarters in Brussels on 3 Sept, 2012. REUTERS

US nears deal for \$1 billion in Egypt debt relief: source

WASHINGTON, 4 Sept — The Obama administration is close to a deal with Egypt's new government for \$1 billion in debt relief, a senior US official said on Monday, as Washington seeks to help Cairo shore up its ailing economy in the aftermath of its pro-democracy uprising. US diplomats and negotiators for Egypt's new Islamist president Mohamed Mursi — who took office in June after the country's first free elections—were working to finalize an agreement, the official said.

Progress on the aid package, which had languished during Egypt's 18 months of political turmoil, appears to reflect a cautious easing of US suspicions about Mursi and a desire to show economic goodwill to help keep the longstanding US-Egyptian partnership from

deteriorating further. The United States was a close ally of Egypt under ousted autocratic President Hosni Mubarak and gives \$1.3 billion in military aid a year to Egypt plus other assistance.

Obama ultimately called for Mubarak to step down as he faced mass protests in early 2011 but the US president was criticized for taking too long to assert US influence. Washington, long wary of Islamists, shifted policy last year to open formal contacts with the Muslim Brotherhood, the group behind Mursi's win. Mursi formally resigned from the group after his victory.

Analysts say that one way the United States could influence the direction of policy in Egypt, a nation at the heart of Washington's regional policy since a peace treaty was signed with Israel

in 1979, would be through economic support as Cairo tries to stave off a balance of payments and budget crisis. Obama first pledged economic help for Cairo last year. Obstacles remained to completing the debt relief deal —which is reported to involve a mix of debt payment waivers and complicated "debt swaps"—and it was not immediately clear when an agreement might be announced.—Reuters

People pose for photos with a portrait of US President Barack Obama at the Carolina Fest street festival during preparations for the Democratic National Convention (DNC) in Charlotte, North Carolina, the United States, on 3 Sept, 2012. President Barack Obama is to be named the Democratic Party's nominee during the DNC, which is scheduled to be held from 4 September to 7 September. XINHUA



Middle East US denies Israeli newspaper report of secret Iran contacts

TOLEDO, 4 Sept — The White House on Monday denied an Israeli newspaper report that accused Washington of secretly negotiating with Teheran to keep the United States out of a future Israel-Iran war. The Jewish state also played down the front-page report in its biggest-selling daily, *Yedioth Ahronoth*, which followed unusually public disagreement between the allies about how to tackle Iran's controversial nuclear programme.

"It's incorrect, completely incorrect," White House spokesman Jay Carney told Reuters while accompanying President Barack Obama on a campaign trip in Ohio. "The report is false and we don't talk about hypotheticals." Without naming its sources, *Yedioth* said Washington had approached Teheran through two unidentified European countries to convey the message that the United States would not be dragged into fighting if Israel carried out threats to attack Iran.

Yedioth said the United States told Iran it should in return refrain from retaliating against US interests, including its military in the Gulf. In Jerusalem, an Israeli official, who asked not to be identified, described the report as illogical. "It doesn't make sense," the official said. "There would be no need to make such a promise to the Iranians because they realize the last thing they need is to attack US targets and draw massive US bombing raids." In appearances on Sunday and Monday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu urged world powers to set a "clear red line" for Teheran's atomic programme that would convince Iran they were determined to prevent it from obtaining nuclear arms. Such remarks have been portrayed in Israel as criticism of Obama.

Obama, who seeks re-election in November, is fighting accusations from his Republican challenger, Mitt Romney, that he is lax in support for Israel. The Obama administration says it is strongly committed to Israel's security and to preventing Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon. —Reuters

ASIA Cambodian PM's visit aims to enhance ties with China

PHNOM PENH, 4 Sept — The two-day visit of Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen to China had brought closer relations and cooperation in politics, economics, trade, investment and health between the two countries, said a Cambodian senior official on Monday.

Hun Sen visited Urumqi of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region in northwest China on 1-2 September, in order to attend the 2nd China Eurasia Expo.

Speaking to reporters at Phnom Penh International Airport on Monday upon the premier's return from China, Secretary of State for the Ministry of Economy and Finance Aun Porn Moniroth said that during in Urumqi,

Prime Minister Hun Sen met with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on 2 September.

"The talk was held in a close and deep atmosphere with the spirit of friendship and close cooperation," he said. In the meeting, Wen pledged to continue helping Cambodia in developing physical infrastructures, which are the key elements for social and economic development, he said.

Wen also pledged to promote agriculture cooperation between the two countries and would encourage more Chinese companies to invest in rice processing plants in Cambodia, added Moniroth.

In addition, he pledged to assist Cambodia in health

sector through human resources training and combating any forms of epidemics. As the year 2013 is the 55th anniversary of the establishment of China-Cambodia diplomatic relation, the two premiers agreed to organize events to celebrate the anniversary.

Wen said Chinese government decided to invite 100 Cambodian youths to visit China next year. Moreover, Wen expressed his appreciation to Cambodia, which holds the rotating chairmanship of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), for its important role in maintaining the overall situation of friendly relations between China and the ASEAN.—Xinhua

Tech **Sony eschews cheap tablets as it pursues Samsung**

TOKYO, 4 Sept—Sony Corp on Tuesday said it won't be drawn into price competition on tablet PCs amid a plethora of cheap models from other makers as it pursues Android rival Samsung Electronics with a new tablet out this month.

Sony will begin US sales of its latest tablet, now under its mobile Xperia brand, on 7 September. The 16 gigabyte version will sell for \$399 — the same price charged by Samsung for its equivalent model with the same screen resolution. Apple Inc's 16GB iPad 2 also retails for the same price, with its latest high resolution model starting at \$100 more.

"We aren't considering competing on price in tablets," Kunimasa Suzuki, an

executive vice president at Sony, said at a briefing in Tokyo.

When Sony launched its first models in April last year, Suzuki at the time said Sony was aiming to overtake Samsung to become the leading Android tablet maker within a year.

The tablets, however, failed to ignite consumer interest and Sony has yet to break into the top five makers in a market still dominated by Apple with around a 70 percent share.

"It was important to set ourselves the target of becoming number one," said Suzuki, who is leading the Japanese company's bid to make mobile devices one driver of profit as income from televisions shrinks.—Reuters



An employee adjusts Sony Tablets displayed at an electronics store in Tokyo on 2 August, 2012.

REUTERS

Space **Astronauts ready for second spacewalk**

NEW YORK, 4 Sept—The US space agency NASA says two astronauts will head outside of the *International Space Station* a second time to complete a maintenance task.

NASA said on Monday that Japanese astronaut Akihiko Hoshide and his US colleague Sunita Williams will begin their second spacewalk at around 11:00 UTC on Wednesday.

The two astronauts will try to finish replacing a power-relay unit to secure the station's power supply. NASA said the defective unit is affecting the station's power supply.

Last week, Hoshide was unable to unbolt the faulty unit from the space station's frame within the scheduled time.

It is rare for an astronaut to make more than one spacewalk during a stint at the station.—NHK



Former NASA engineer designs app to chart water quality

STOCKHOLM, 4 Sept—When environmental engineer John Feighery got an internship at NASA in the 1990s, he wanted to be an astronaut but he was given a job working with a team designing the US bathroom for the space station.

The small, closet-like space needed a toilet and room for hand washing, bathing and a place to keep toiletries. Feighery also worked on a project to fix equipment designed for monitoring crew health, which included testing water and air quality.

After the Columbia Space Shuttle accident in 2003 left seven crew members dead, the Space Shuttle programme was suspended and further work on the *International Space Station* was delayed.

Feighery turned his focus from managing water, sanitation and health problems in space to those on Earth.

"I'd been working on supplying clean water to three or four people in space, and meanwhile there are a billion here on earth that don't have it," Feighery said in an interview with AlertNet, the global humanitarian news service. "The world that my kids are going to grow up in has this huge problem that I felt like I could work on."

After he left the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration Feighery tested well water in Bangladesh for a job funded by the National Institutes of Health, part of the US Health and Human Services department.

He felt the work, which involved using

heavy equipment, charting notes and locations by hand and transporting samples in incubators to a distant laboratory could be simpler and less expensive.

That's how he came up with the idea to use inexpensive testing equipment available online, and mWater—an Android app that records the data results of water quality tests and maps them.

The application allows people to track water quality tests at any given water source over time, providing instant results which are put in context with other tests.

The app, which is available in the Google Play Store, also allows users to leave notes for other users about the appearance of the water, its scent, and how the water is flowing from the source, building up an archive of information over time.

A photograph of the water source can be uploaded and location details are registered automatically using a GPS reading from the mobile device.

UN Habitat funded a study in Tanzania to test mWater's capacity to provide local health officers with a simple way to see the quality of water using a mobile phone with an Android operating system.

"It's a very novel approach to water quality monitoring," said Lars Onsager Stordal, who works for UN Habitat's water, sanitation and infrastructure department. "It makes it possible, affordable and manageable at the local level."

Reuters

Ericsson, the world's top mobile network infrastructure supplier, was seen in 2011.

REUTERS



STOCKHOLM, 4 Sept—Ericsson, the world's top mobile network infrastructure supplier, is in pole

Ericsson in pole position to buy Nokia Siemens unit

position to buy the business support systems (BSS) unit

In addition to Ericsson, US telecoms equipment maker Amdocs is also interested in the BSS unit, which provides billing and charging systems for telecoms operators, Dow Jones quoted a source familiar with the matter saying.

A source familiar with the situation told Reuters the unit was among assets NSN was considering selling, but could not confirm a deal was imminent.

Ericsson and NSN, a joint venture between Nokia Oyj and Siemens AG, declined to comment. Amdocs was not immediately available for comment. NSN is in the middle of a slimming programme that

of rival Nokia Siemens Networks (NSN), Dow Jones Newswires reported on Monday.

Science **Spineless creatures under threat, from worms to bees**

OSLO, 4 Sept—The vital tasks carried out by tiny "engineers" like earthworms that recycle waste and bees that pollinate crops are under threat because one fifth of the world's spineless creatures may be at risk of extinction, a study showed on Friday.

The rising human population is putting ever more pressure on the "spineless creatures that rule the world" including slugs, spiders, jellyfish, lobsters, corals, and bugs such as beetles and butterflies, it said.

"One in five invertebrates (creatures without a backbone) look to be threatened with extinction," said Ben Collen at the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) of an 87-page report produced with the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

"The invertebrates are the eco-system engineers," he told Reuters. "They produce a lot of the things that humans rely on and they produce them for free."

The report said that invertebrates, creatures that have no internal skeleton,

faced loss of habitat, pollution, over-exploitation and climate change.

The 'services' they provide—helping humans whose growing numbers threaten their survival—include water purification, pollination, waste recycling, and keeping soils productive. The value of insect pollination of crops, for instance, has been valued at 153 billion euros (\$191 billion) a year, it said.

A 1997 study put the global economic value of soil biodiversity - thanks to often scorned creatures such as worms, woodlice and beetles - at \$1.5 trillion a year.

Other services include seafood from mussels and clams, silk spun by worms and the purple dyes from a type of snail that were used exclusively in the robes of Roman emperors.

The study said the level of threat was similar to that facing vertebrates - creatures with internal skeletons—including mammals like blue whales and lions as well as reptiles and birds. A 2010



IUCN study found that one fifth of vertebrates were at risk. Collen said people have wrongly tended to ignore spineless creatures, thinking of them as small, abundant and invulnerable to human pressures. Until now, conservation spending has focused on high-profile species such as eagles, tigers and polar bears.

"This report tries to put invertebrates on the map," he said. Invertebrates make up almost 80 percent of the world's species. The report focused on the current state of the planet. The projected increase in the world's human population to 9 billion by 2050 from 7 billion now and other factors such as man-made climate change could make things worse for invertebrates.—Reuters

Business

Hyundai Motor union OKs wage deal after costliest-ever strike



A man walks in front of the sign board of Hyundai Motor.

SEOUL, 4 Sept—The South Korean labour union of Hyundai Motor Co (005380.KS) narrowly voted in favour of a wage deal, averting more strikes and production losses at the automaker that had led to its first monthly sales drop in over three years.

A total of 52.7 percent of voters approved the agreement, while 46.6 percent rejected the deal, a union

spokesman said on Tuesday.

In July and August the union staged a series of partial strikes over pay and conditions, its first in four years and a reminder of the 1980s and 1990s when industrial action was a more common feature of corporate Korea.

The walkouts stopped Hyundai from making 82,088 cars worth 1.7 trillion Korean won (\$1.50 billion) in its

costliest strike ever.

Hyundai Motor sold 4.6 percent less vehicles in August than the same month last year, the first fall since May 2009.

The firm will try to make up for the lost production with extra work later this year, company officials have said.

Under the latest deal, Hyundai, which has been running its Korean plants 24 hours a day for the past 45 years, has agreed to scrap overnight work and shorten

work hours from March 2013.

This has raised concerns about output losses, although the automaker says it will boost productivity through facility investments.

The latest deal between union leaders and company management, which has been under discussion since May, includes a 5.4 percent rise in basic salaries, a bonus equivalent to five months' salary plus a 9.6 million Korean won (\$8,500) payment for each worker.—Reuters



Organic food no more nutritious than non-organic.

Health

Organic food no more nutritious than non-organic

WASHINGTON, 4 Sept—Organic produce and meat typically isn't any better for you than conventional food when it comes to vitamin and nutrient content, although it does generally reduce exposure to pesticides and antibiotic-resistant bacteria, according to a US study. "People choose to buy

organic foods for many different reasons. One of them is perceived health benefits," said Crystal Smith-Spangler, who led a team of researchers from Stanford University and the Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care.

"Our patients, our families ask about, 'Well, are there health reasons to

choose organic food in terms of nutritional content or human health outcomes?'" She and her colleagues reviewed more than 200 studies that compared either the health of people who ate organic or conventional foods or, more commonly, nutrient and contaminant levels in the foods themselves. The foods included organic and non-organic fruits, vegetables, grains, meat, poultry eggs and milk.

According to US Department of Agriculture standards, organic farms have to avoid the use of synthetic pesticides and fertilizers, hormones and antibiotics. Organic livestock must also have access to pastures during grazing season.

Many of the studies used, though, didn't specify their standards for what constituted "organic" food, which can cost as much as twice what conventional food costs, the researchers wrote in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*. Smith-Spangler and her colleagues found there was no difference in the amount of vitamins in plant or animal products produced organically and conventionally—and the only nutrient difference was slightly more phosphorous in the organic products.

Organic milk and chicken may also contain more omega-3 fatty acids, but that was based on only a few studies.

More than one third of conventional produce had detectable pesticide residues, compared with 7 percent of organic produce samples. Organic pork and chicken were 33 percent less likely to carry bacteria resistant to three or more antibiotics than conventionally produced meat.

Smith-Spangler told *Reuters Health* it was uncommon for either organic or conventional foods to exceed the allowable limits for pesticides, so it was not clear whether a difference in residues would have an effect on health.

But others said more research is needed to fully explore the potential health and safety differences between organic and conventional foods, and it was premature to say organic foods aren't any healthier than non-organic versions.

"Right now I think it's all based on anecdotal evidence," said Chensheng Lu, who studies environmental health and exposure at the Harvard School of Public Health.

Reuters

Business

The logo of Samsung

Samsung to review 250 Chinese suppliers for labour violations

SEOUL, 4 Sept—Samsung Electronics Co said on Monday it would inspect 250 Chinese companies which make products for the South Korean firm to ensure no labor laws are broken after a US-based group accused one of its suppliers of using child labour.

Samsung also said its audit into working conditions at an HEG Electronics facility in Huizhou in southern China found no under-aged workers. New York-based China Labour Watch said last month seven children younger than 16 were working in the factory that makes phones and DVD

players for Samsung.

But Samsung said the audit identified several instances of inadequate management and potentially unsafe practices such as overtime beyond local regulations, improper safety measures and a system of fines for tardiness or absences.

"Samsung has demanded that HEG immediately improve its working conditions... If HEG fails to meet Samsung's zero tolerance policy on child labour, the contract will be immediately severed," Samsung said in a statement.

It said it would conduct



inspections for all 105 supplier companies in China which produce goods solely for Samsung by the end of September, and review, via documentation, by the end of the year another 144 suppliers that makes products for it and other firms.

"If supplier companies are found to be in violation of our policies and corrective actions not taken, Samsung will terminate its contract with those supplier companies," Samsung said.

The move follows allegations earlier this year

that Apple Inc's products were assembled in China amid multiple violations of labor law, including extreme hours.

Apple and its main contract manufacturer Foxconn Technology Group, whose subsidiary Hon Hai Precision Industry assembles Apple devices in China, later agreed to tackle violations of conditions among the 1.2 million workers assembling iPhones and iPads. That landmark decision could change the way Western companies do business in China.—Reuters

Almost half of teens with autism bullied

Health

Close to half of all teenagers with an autism spectrum disorder are bullied at school.

NEW YORK, 4 Sept—Close to half of all teenagers with an autism spectrum disorder are bullied at school, says a survey of their parents.

The results, published on Monday in the *Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine*, suggest that rate is much higher than the estimated 11 percent of bullied kids in the general population.

Previous studies have found kids and teens who are bullied tend to be more depressed, lonely and anxious and do worse in school than those who aren't picked on,

according to the researchers.

That means bullying could make things extra difficult for those with autism, who may already struggle more in school than other kids.

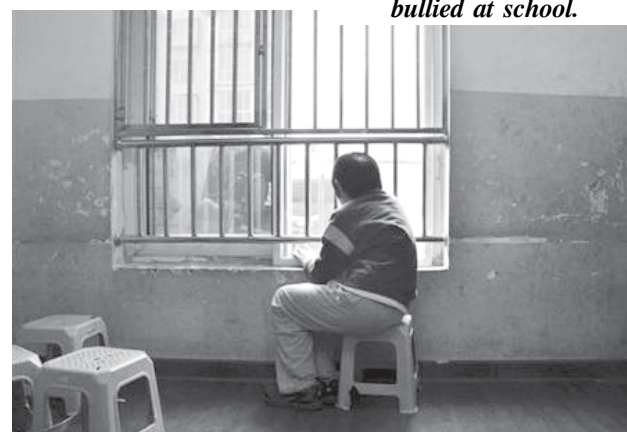
The researchers say the findings suggest schools should target their anti-bullying campaigns toward the more vulnerable populations, such as children with autism and attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

"I would argue that the bullying interventions that we're using now, if not tailored, are ineffective," said

Paul R Sterzing, the study's lead author from the University of California, Berkeley.

He added that the problem may also grow along with the number of kids being diagnosed with autism. It's now estimated that about one in 88 children in the US has an autism spectrum disorder, which include autism and Asperger's syndrome.

Using records from a 2001 survey of 920 parents, Sterzing and his colleagues found that 46 percent of parents said their autistic teenagers were the victims of



bullying and 15 percent thought their children were bullies themselves. Nine percent of moms and dads

said their kids were both victims and bullies.

While the researchers said autistic children were

picked on at a much higher rate than current estimates for kids in general, the proportion who were bullies or both victims and bullies was about average.

Sterzing told *Reuters Health* that teens with autism and ADHD or those who had autism and were in regular classes were both especially likely to be victims of bullying.

That, however, does not mean kids with autism should be separated from their peers and put in special education classes. Instead, Sterzing said it could mean that regular classes haven't been doing a good job of including kids with autism.

Reuters



Chinese Minister of National Defence General Liang Guanglie stands on a balcony overlooking the campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, New York, on 10 May, 2012. —REUTERS

Asian giants seek better ties; China's defence minister in India

NEW DELHI, 4 Sept — A rare visit to India by China's defence minister should help avoid flare-ups along the border between the nuclear-armed Asian giants at a time when Beijing is grappling with a change of leadership and friction in the South China Sea.

But General Liang Guanglie's trip—the first by a Chinese defence minister in eight years — also highlights growing competition between the two emerging powers as they jostle for influence and

resources across Asia.

Liang is due to arrive in Mumbai on Sunday afternoon after stopping in Sri Lanka, the island nation off the south coast of India that sits on vital ocean trade routes.

There he sought to play down Indian fears that China is threading a "string of pearls" — or encircling it by financing infrastructure and military strength in neighbors stretching from Pakistan to the Maldives.

"China attaches great importance to its relations

with the South Asian nations, and commits itself to forging harmonious co-existence and mutually beneficial and win-win cooperation with them," he said in speech to Sri Lankan soldiers.

"The PLA's (People's Liberation Army) efforts in conducting friendly exchanges and cooperation with its counterparts in the South Asian nations are intended for maintaining regional security and stability and not targeted at any third party."

Reuters

Two American consulate employees wounded in Pakistan bomb attack

International News

PESHAWAR, 4 Sept — Two Americans working for the US consulate were wounded in a bomb attack on their vehicle in the Pakistani city of Peshawar on Monday, the American embassy said.

The blast also wounded two Pakistani employees of the consulate, the embassy in Islamabad said in a statement. Earlier, regional Information Minister Mian Iftikhar Hussain told reporters at least four people, including two Americans, were killed in an attack by a suicide bomber in a vehicle.

"We can confirm that a vehicle belonging to the US consulate in Peshawar was hit in an apparent terrorist attack," the US embassy statement said.

"Two US personnel and two Pakistani

staff of the Consulate were injured and are receiving medical treatment."

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, which left a crater along a busy street. Firemen could be seen putting out a vehicle that was mangled and blackened from the explosion.

Television stations repeatedly broadcast an image of a US passport at the scene, its corners scorched by fire.

Pakistan's Taleban, who are close to al Qaeda, are blamed for many of the suicide bombings across Pakistan, a strategic US ally.

Those attacks had eased in recent months but it was not clear if the lull was due to pressure from military offensives or a shift in tactics.— *Reuters*

Rescue worker survey a damaged vehicle after it was hit during a bomb attack in Peshawar on 3 Sept, 2012. Two Americans working for the US consulate were wounded in a bomb attack on their vehicle in the Pakistani city of Peshawar on Monday, the American Embassy said. —REUTERS



Latin America Venezuelan election drill deemed successful

CARACAS, 4 Sept — Venezuelan authorities declared on Sunday that a mock election held across the nation on the same day was a success.

Sunday's drill was the second of its kind held in Venezuela in the lead up to the country's contested presidential race scheduled for 7 Oct.

"It's all going very well. That's good news for the electoral authority and good news for 7 Oct," said the National Electoral Council (CNE) chief Tibisay Lucena, who added the drill was introduced to give a testing to a new fully automated voting system that will be used in the upcoming presidential elections on 7

Oct. Both supporters of incumbent President Hugo Chavez, who is seeking reelection, and of his rival Henrique Capriles, the candidate of the opposition coalition Unity, headed to the polls early Sunday to cast their votes at more than 1,500 polling stations across the country.

The election drill was originally scheduled to take place last Sunday, but was postponed due to factors including a deadly oil refinery explosion and fire considered the worst industrial disaster in the nation's history.

Electoral officials said the drill was designed to help familiarize voters with the voting sites, identified by an inverted "V" at the entrance,

as well as the automated process.

The drill also gave ruling and opposition party leaders

A supporter of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez participates in a voting drill in Barcelona City, Venezuela, on 2 Sept, 2012. —XINHUA



an opportunity to rehearse mobilizing their supporters.

In October, voting stations will be set up in 24 states, 329 counties and 1,084

parishes, said CNE rector Socorro Hernandez.

Some 18.9 million Venezuelans will be eligible to vote in October. —*Xinhua*

Richard Bach still in hospital after plane crash

SEATTLE, 4 Sept — Richard Bach, the author of the 1970s bestselling book "Jonathan Livingston Seagull," remained hospitalized in serious condition on Sunday, a day after the small plane he was piloting flipped during a landing in Washington state.

Bach, 76, was being treated at Harborview Medical Centre in Seattle, where a nursing supervisor said his condition was unchanged.

Bach's 2008 Easton Gilbert Searey crashed on a grass airstrip on San Juan Island off northwestern Washington after its landing gear clipped a power line, leaving him suspended upside down and strapped in a harness, according to the San Juan County Sheriff's Office.

A group of tourists cut him loose from the heavily damaged, single-engine plane and he was flown by helicopter to the hospital. Bach lives on nearby Orcas Island.

His novella "Jonathan Livingston Seagull," which was published in 1970 and topped the New York Times Best Sellers list two years later, tells the story of a daring seagull who pushes himself to become a phenomenal flyer and is expelled from his seagull clan. It was made into a movie in 1973.

Reuters

5.9-magnitude quake hits Moro Gulf, Mindanao, Philippines

HONG KONG, 4 Sept — An earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale jolted Moro Gulf, Mindanao of southern Philippines at 06:49:49 GMT on Monday (14:49:49 local time), the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 10.10km, was initially determined to be at 6.5481 degrees north latitude and 123.7849 degrees east longitude, or 92km southwest from Cotabato on the island of Mindanao.

Xinhua



Fishing boats are anchored at a branching stream in Duchang, east China's Jiangxi Province. Due to persistent drought and improper human activity, water levels at China's largest freshwater lake, Poyang Lake, have dropped rapidly over the past two weeks, from its two-year low of 19.65 meters on 13 August to 16.47 metres on 2 September. —XINHUA

Violence dims hope of solution to Turkish Kurd conflict

ISTANBUL, 4 Sept — Images of smiling Kurdish MPs hugging rebels, rifles slung over their shoulders, at a remote roadblock in Turkey's mountainous southeast hit a raw nerve.

The embrace, depicted in Turkish newspapers as battles raged with government troops, fed a climate of animosity which is undermining hopes of a revival of secret talks to end a 28-year-old separatist conflict.

Escalating violence could instead now entrench a primarily military response from Ankara to an insurgency that has killed more than 40,000 people.

Nine Turkish police and

soldiers were killed over the weekend in clashes with Kurdish rebels.

The roadside meeting came as Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) rebels, inspired by the growing influence of an allied Kurdish group in Syria, laid siege to Turkey's mountainous district of Semdinli bordering Iraq and Iran.

"It is a vicious cycle," said Soner Cagaptay from the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. "Whenever there is a spike in violence, Turkey's willingness to consider a political solution becomes weaker."

Ankara sees the hand of Damascus in the PKK's new found energy, accusing it of

arming the rebels and allowing a PKK-linked party to control parts of Syria to prevent locals joining the 17-month uprising against President Bashar al-Assad.

"The PKK has been excited by the developments in Syria and is trying to prove its worth and credibility by trying to take parts of Turkish territory, however temporarily," Cagaptay said.

In a show of strength, the PKK has set up roadblocks and kidnapped Turkish officials and is believed to be behind recent deadly bomb attacks on the western coast of Turkey and in the city of Gaziantep, near the Syrian border.

Turkey

"The aim of these acts is to show that no place in Turkey is safe, that they are capable of spreading terrorism to every region...and prove their control and influence," said retired major general Armagan Kuloglu, an analyst at a think-tank in Ankara.

He said the attacks were aimed to sow discord between Kurds and Turks.

The PKK, listed as a terrorist group by Turkey, the United States and European Union, had little prospect of drawing Ankara back to the negotiating table with such a strategy. Talking to the PKK was long unpalatable to Turkish public opinion.

Reuters

Culture

China, France discuss linguistic preservation

BEIJING, 4 Sept — More than 170 officials and linguists from China and France attended a seminar in Beijing to discuss efforts to preserve linguistic diversity. They discussed issues including linguistic policies, linguistic standards, preservation of ethnic languages and the international promotion of Chinese and French languages at the seminar of linguistics policies of China and France, which opened here on Monday.

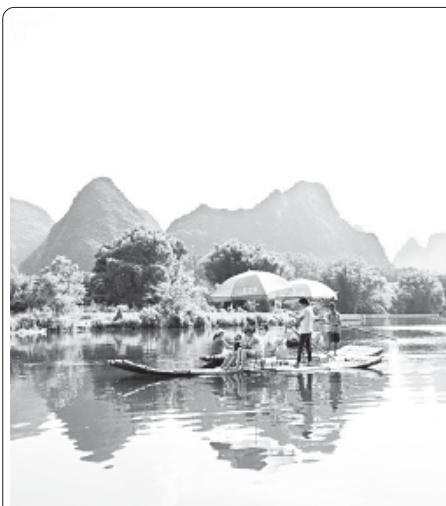
The progress of globalization has resulted in cultural unity as well as linguistic interactions and extinctions, threatening the linguistic identity, said Xavier

North, French delegate-general for the French language and the languages of France at the Ministry of Culture and Communication. People should be wary of the possibility of a monolingual world, said Xu Jun, a linguistic professor of China's Nanjing University, adding that efforts to protect linguistic and cultural diversity will be helpful in promoting democracy in international relations. Cao Zhiyun, vice president of the Beijing Language and Culture University, warned that in China, some dialects are in danger of dying out.

He also noted the work

by the government and professional circles in researching, recording and preserving dialects. China is making efforts to promote standard Mandarin Chinese language as well as scientifically protecting the dialects and ethnic minority languages, said Zhang Haoming, a senior official of the Ministry of Education. China and France can learn from each other and enhance cooperation in linguistic policies and research, since the two countries have many points in common in this field, said Li Weihong, Chinese Vice Minister of Education.

Xinhua



Tourists take a raft tour on the Yulong River in Yangshuo County of Guilin, a tourist resort in southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 2 Sept, 2012.

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Defence

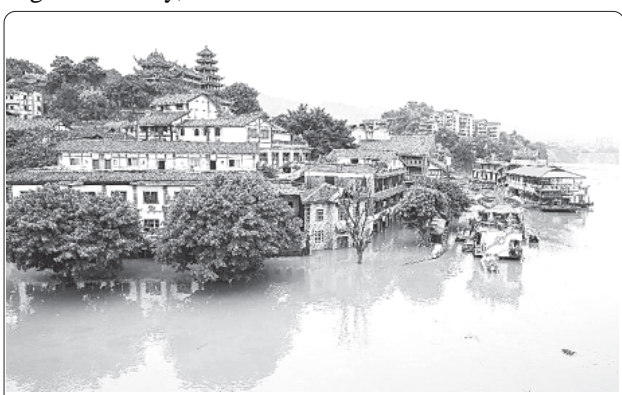
Russia to build new intercontinental missile by 2018

Moscow, 4 Sept — Russia will build a new intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) by 2018, a senior military official said on Monday. The heavy missile, to be fully completed by 2018, will have a launch mass of some 100 tons and could only be deployed in silos, Strategic Missile Forces commander Sergei Karakayev told RIA Novosti news agency.

The new missile will replace the R-36M2 Voyevoda missile, which was developed in the 1970s and in service with the Strategic Missile Forces currently, Karakayev said. Russia's solid propellant ICBM programmes included sea-launched Bulava and ground-based Topol-M and Yars.

As Russia's most advanced three-stage solid fuel missile, Bulava could carry up to 10 hypersonic individually guided maneuverable warheads.

Russian forces had tested the Bulava missile 18 times prior to the decision to put it on duty. Seven out of these tests failed. Russian Defence Ministry said earlier that the country would continue building new strategic missiles as well as taking other "counter measures" unless the United States gave up its missile shield plan in Europe. — Xinhua



Lower floors of some buildings are submerged in the flood brought by Jialing River in Ciqikou Town, Chongqing, southwest China, on 3 Sept, 2012. Persistent heavy downpour has brought a new round of flood peak to the city. — XINHUA

HIV treatment use increases in US

Health

WASHINGTON, 4 Sept — Between 2000 and 2008, the proportion of US HIV-infected patients receiving effective treatment known as the highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART) increased, and HIV-infected patients in the country appeared to be less infectious and have healthier immune systems, according to a study to be published on Tuesday in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*. The study covered more than 45,000 HIV-infected patients receiving clinical care for HIV. The study population was demographically similar to the US population living with HIV, according to national surveillance data from the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

Over the study period, the researchers found that the proportion of HIV-infected participants prescribed HAART increased by nine percentage points to 83 percent. During this period, the researchers also observed an increase in viral load suppression among those with HIV.

Suppression of viral load reduces the likelihood of transmitting HIV to others. Among those taking HAART, the proportion with a suppressed viral load increased from 54 percent to 81 percent. — Xinhua

Nomura's Vereker quits top role, seen leaving

LONDON, 4 Sept — Prominent dealmaker William Vereker is stepping down as joint head of investment banking at Nomura (8604.T), and has been given a new title, a move colleagues said would lead to his imminent departure.

His departure would be seen as further blow to the Japanese bank as it makes heavy cuts in its overseas operations.

Vereker, who has been advising Xstrata (XTA.L) on its merger with Glencore (GLEN.L) - a top live deal in Europe - is one of the few seniorex-Lehman bankers still at Nomura after it bought the collapsed US firm's European operations in 2008.

Vereker's new title would be vice-chairman of investment banking, an internal memo obtained by Reuters showed. A Nomura spokesman confirmed the contents of the memo and said Vereker would focus on a pipeline of existing deals.

Vereker declined comment. In investment banking jargon, being a chairman often means having to groom clients without direct managerial responsibilities.

But colleagues who work with Vereker said that the 45-year-old would in all likelihood leave the bank soon, now that he was no longer in charge of the investment banking operations, even if he would see existing deals to an end.

"I'd be amazed if he stayed. Why would he?" said one of his colleagues who requested anonymity.

"He built up a fantastic business in really difficult circumstances. Why would he do just the client role, when he has been running the business?", the colleague said.

Nomura said last week it would cut an additional \$1 billion in costs, the second major restructuring of its loss-making overseas operations in less than year, and the first mark new Chief Executive Koji Nagai is making on the bank.

Nagai has promised a break with the past strategy of former Chief Executive Kenichi Watanabe and Chief Operating Officer Takumi Shibata, architects of the troubled Lehman acquisition.

Reuters

Business

General Motors to establish new plant in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 4 Sept — A senior official at Indonesian branch of US General Motors said on Monday that the firm had allocated some 150 million US dollars to build production facility in Bekasi, West Java province, scheduled to commence operation in 2013.

"The construction of the new plant began in August 2011, covering an area of 13 hectares in Bekasi," Marketing Director of General Motor Indonesia (GMI), Yuniadi Hartono, said here.

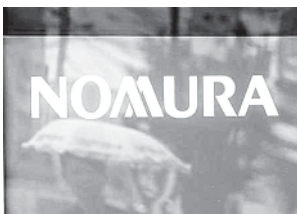
He added that the new plant is designed to produce 40,000 cars per annum, to employ 800 workers. He said that the workers would be trained with skills and production technical aspects that fit with international quality standards.

He said that they will undergo the training programs in GM production facilities across the world, tapping the knowledge about high-quality car production and how to expand the firm's businesses.

Indonesia, the largest economy in Southeast Asia region, has been demonstrating strong economy with continuing positive growth estimated to reach 6.5 percent this year and 7.2 percent next year on the back of strong domestic demands. — Xinhua



A farmer carries a package of rushly harvested potato during the fight against freezing disaster at Sidaohezi Village of Caimushan Township in Duolun County under Xilingol League, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 3 Sept, 2012. The freezing disaster which hit Inner Mongolia in late August has affected 727,000 people and nearly 2.32 million hectares of crops, causing an estimated economic loss of more than 800 million RMB yuan (12.62 million US dollars). — XINHUA



The logo of Nomura. REUTERS



Mirrors reflect the street scene at the Carolina Fest street festival during preparations for the Democratic National Convention (DNC) in Charlotte, North Carolina, the United States, on 3 Sept, 2012. President Barack Obama is to be named the Democratic Party's nominee during the DNC, which is scheduled to be held from 4 September to 7 September. XINHUA

European Showcase for Brands of China 2012 held in Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM, 4 Sept — The Chinese Commerce Ministry held a European Showcase for Brands of China here on Monday to promote Chinese enterprises and products as well as the development of Sino-British economic and trade relations.

It was the 10th consecutive session of such activity in Britain, involving 140 selected Chinese brand enterprises, which used 185 booths to showcase their products. Covering a total area of about 3,800 square meters, the exhibition displayed well-known Chinese brand products in such areas as kitchen utensils, housewares, textile and garments, bags and suitcases, toys, gifts, stationery, garden facilities and small electrical appliances with hi-tech content and innovative designs.

The exhibits included not only traditional Chinese products, but also new products that reflect the innovation and development of China. They provided visitors and buyers with an excellent opportunity to know more about China and Chinese brand products and won good recognition.

The Chinese Commerce Ministry also held a Promotion Conference of China's E-commerce and recommended four main e-commerce platforms: AliExpress, DHgate.com, Made-in-China.com and Trade2CN. — Xinhua

South African minister's first-ever visit to Myanmar, sign for close ties...

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Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, the President said.

The President said Myanmar has become a democratic nation like South Africa and three branches of power are functioning well.

The government is looking ahead to both intergovernmental and inter-parliamentary friendship, said the President, inviting South African investors to invest in Myanmar.

Stability and economic development are priorities in Myanmar which is home to various national races, he said. Political stability, peace and stability are the first priority while the second priority is given to the economic development and foreign investments, he said. The President related foreign investment to the economic sanctions. Only when there is no economic sanction, will the investments, which will facilitate the economic development, be attracted, he said.

Being a leading country in Non-Aligned Movement, South Africa should urge other countries to lift economic sanctions imposed on Myanmar at any opportune time, he requested. Some countries are magnifying the issue in western Myanmar to transmit false message to the world, he said.

Being neither religious nor racial rife, it was just an incident between two crowds in connection with a

crime, causing a number of casualties. Only 88 people lost lives and 112 were injured. Arson attacks from both sides cost housings. He said he was disheartened by coverage of the incident by some other countries which was a mere propaganda.

Attempts of some countries to submit a proposal (draft) at coming UN General Assembly and the proposal (draft) at the Human Rights Committee, which he said, made him clarify the matter.

The government kept the situations under control in the regions which now return to normalcy, he said. The government is also in cooperation with UN agencies to take rehabilitation measures for victims.

Some countries are labeling the incident as a religious conflict, said the President, urging the visiting minister to stand by the right side. The visit will let her learn the reality, he said.

The foreign minister of Turkey, an Islamic nation, accompanied by the Turkish Prime Minister's spouse and daughter, visited Myanmar recently and had a chance to visit the region to witness the reality. The chairman of Indonesian Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and party also visited the areas, he said.

With democracy in its infancy, Myanmar needs the partners that stand by the truth to guarantee its immunity from possible

dangers, he said. He reiterated that the minister's visit was warmly welcomed as it would help her explore beauties of the country, hospitality of its people and the reality. The President then wished the good health of South African President Jacob Zuma and the cabinet and the people of South Africa. He extended his invitation to the South African counterpart to visit Myanmar and wished the smooth tour of the visiting minister.

After that, South African Minister for International Relations and Cooperation said that she is delighted by Myanmar's warm welcome and hospitality; South Africa is keeping close eyes on media coverage on Rakhine incident. She would express thank for President's detailed explanations on the incident. That message would be conveyed to President Zuma. She continued to say that Myanmar's cooperation with UN agencies and inviting and cooperation with OIC countries which are powerful in non-allied movement countries, are constructive activities. Myanmar should rest assured of South Africa's support for this process. Having got experiences of transitional process, South Africa is ready to share its national reconciliation experience.

She said that South Africa will continue to call for the removal of economic sanctions imposed on Myanmar. These sanctions should be removed as Myanmar sees a flood of constructive progress. South Africa is ready to continue calling for removal of all

sanctions. Entrepreneurs and businessmen from South Africa will get information on investment through Myanmar Embassy. South Africa has more than hundred years experience in mines industry and has wishes to make investment in Myanmar's mine sector.

The South African Minister said that she will convey the message on President's invitation to Myanmar to President Zuma. Resource-rich Myanmar sees a lot of progress and reforms. Especially, she expresses her praise for Nay Pyi Taw's infrastructures. Both countries can share experiences. She wants to bring the experience in establishment of new capital city and was pleased with her visit.

MNA

Union Ministers raise cooperation with Thai CP Company for agricultural, trade, livestock development

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept— Union Ministers at Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry U Myint Hlaing, U Ohn Myint and U Win Myint held a meeting Thai entrepreneur delegation led by CP Group Chairman & CEO Mr. Dhanin Chearavanont, at the ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, here this morning.

The meeting concentrated on investment sectors of CP Company between the two countries.

During the meeting, they discussed matters related to making efforts for

agricultural development, rural development, creating job opportunities for rural people cooperating in agro based industries, finding market for agricultural products, promotion of trade of the country, applying technical know-how and investments of CP Company with an effective utilization of land resource, water resource, labour resource and skilled workers through Win-Win Practice. Besides, profit-sharing system of CP Company was discussed.

MNA



Union Ministers U Myint Hlaing, U Ohn Myint and U Win Myint hold discussion with Thai entrepreneur delegation led by CP Group Chairman & CEO Mr. Dhanin Chearavanont at office of Agriculture and Irrigation.—MNA

Lectures given to Ministerial MCWA branch

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept— Under the arrangement of

to Mr. Johannes G. ten Feld, UNHCR Representative in Myanmar yesterday, expected that such a contribution would be helpful on Myanmar government's efforts in rehabilitation taking place in Rakhine State.

The Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia declares that the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King ABDULAH BIN ABDUL AZIZALSAUD has donated an additional amount of 50 million US dollar in favour of supporting the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Government's efforts for long term rehabilitation which hopefully would lead to finding a sustainable peace and security in Rakhine State.

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Nay Pyi Taw Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, a clarification on its work programme by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association took place at the assembly hall of the Ministry of Culture, here, on 3 September morning.

It was attended by member of Central Executive Committee of MMCWA (Central) Daw Khin Than Win, Joint-

Secretary-1 Daw Tin Tin Win and members, members of Nay Pyi Taw MCWSC, Patron of MCWA Branch of the Ministry of Culture Deputy Minister Daw Sanda Khin and staff families.

At the ceremony, MMCWA (Central) CEC member Daw Khin Than Win explained the law, rules and regulations of the association, and Joint-Secretary-1 Daw Tin Tin Win discussed the tasks of the association and duties and functions of MMCWA.—MNA

Teaching aids provided to outstanding students in Insein Township

YANGON, 4 Sept—A ceremony to present prizes, scholarships and teaching aids was held for outstanding students who are offspring of members of Myanmar Writers Association of Yangon North District in Insein Township on 26 August.

They presented cash awards, medals and teaching aids to two outstanding students in matriculation examination with flying colours in 2011-2012 academic year and 27 students learning in 2012-2013 academic year.

Kyemon

Saudi Arabia donates US\$ 1 million for northern Rakhine State



Ambassador of Saudi Arabia Mr. TALAL M.S. ABDUL SALAM hands over one million cheque to Mr. Johannes G. ten Feld, UNHCR representative in Myanmar. MNA

YANGON, 4 Sept—The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has presented US\$ 1,000,000 in favour of UNHCR's efforts

to provide essential social services in health and education in Northern Rakhine State.

Ambassador of Saudi Arabia Mr. TALAL M.S. ABDUL SALAM handed over the One Million Cheque

Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Director of Intelligence of Royal Thai Armed Forces and party

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept— Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received a goodwill delegation led by Director Lt-Gen Attanop Sirisak of Intelligence of Royal Thai Armed Forces and party, at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, this afternoon.

Also present at the call together with Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services


Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win, General Hla Htay Win of the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Office, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe of Commander-in-Chief Office and Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Tin Aung San. Lt-Gen Attanop Sirisak was accompanied by Sr Col Kittiphong Wongsakhaluang, Sr Col Terdsak Dumkhum, Sr Col Wira Thienthanopajai, Wing Commander Wichote

Sangman and Thai Military Attache' to Myanmar Sr Col Prachern Chaikyakit.

They had a cordial discussion on further strengthening cooperation between two countries, promoting cooperation between two governments and two armies for peace and stability of Thai-Myanmar border regions, security and illegal drug control and boosting cooperation in border region development.—MNA

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Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Director of Intelligence of Royal Thai Armed Forces Lt-Gen Attanop Sirisak and party pose for documentary photo.—MNA

Cooperative societies promote socio-economy of rural people, reduce poverty rate

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept—Union Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan met lacquerware entrepreneurs, the Principal of lacquerware College (Bagan) and faculty members and students at the convocation hall of lacquerware College (Bagan) yesterday morning, with the attendance of Mandalay Region Minister for Planning and Economics U Aung Zan, the deputy commissioner and officials.

The Union Minister said that there are a lot of people who completed diploma in lacquerware can be seen at successful fields. The

lacquerware is one of the business that can uplift the living standard of odd-jobs people, said the Union minister.

Moreover, the lacquerware business is related to tourism economic. The lacquerware museum, one of the tourist destinations is being arranged to be more attractive for tourists. The lacquerware entrepreneurs should try to penetrate the foreign market through online trading and website. While penetrating the foreign market, the team spirit is better than individuals, he noted.

The Union Minister viewed the training works performed by the students at the lacquerware hall.

In meeting with staff of cooperatives department, Mandalay Region Cooperatives Syndicate, at NyaungU Township and responsible persons from the respective teams, he left the necessary instructions. There are two focal points that would be implemented by the respective organizations or teams. The first point is to promote socio-economic of the rural people. The second point is to provide necessary assistance when the nation is needed.

In 2015, Myanmar will be a member of AFTA, Myanmar extends the cooperative business to build their establishments with capital, technology and market. The cooperative would help reduce poverty rate. That's why microfinance or basic cooperative syndicate would establish in each and every village, he pointed out.

The Union minister inspected Anawrahta oil mill run by NyaungU Township cooperative syndicate where he gave necessary instructions.—MNA

Cooperatives



Union Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan views works of students from Lacquerware College (Bagan).—MNA

News in Brief

Uncensored VCDs seized at Bawgathiri Bus Terminal

foreign movies, 65 uncensored Myanmar song VCDs and blue colour plastic basket from Aung Kyaw Soe, 27 of fater U Po Seik of Bogon Ward in Yangon Ward 1 in Pyinmana.

Pyinmana Police Station took action against Aung Kyaw Soe under Pa442/2012 and section 32 (b) of Video Law.—Kyemon

Cash provided for development of Naga Self-Administered Zone

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NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept—A cash providing ceremony was held at the meeting hall of Lahe Township in Naga Self-Administered Zone for development of education, health and regional development tasks in Lahe, Leshi and Nanyun Townships through Aungthiri Foundation (Naga Region) at 9 am on 31 August.

At the ceremony, Chairman of Leading Body of Naga Self-Administered Zone U Ruh San Kyu gave K 8 million to be spent on rural development and poverty alleviation to representatives from Leshi and Nanyun Townships.

Kyemon

Turebalance sets donated to Jivitadana Sangha Hospital (Yangon)

YANGON, 4 Sept— Myanmar Yutani Co Ltd donated 50 sets of Nipro brand Turebalance to ckeck diabetes worth K 2 million to Jivitadana Sangha Hospital (Yangon) was held at the meeting hall of the hospital in Bahan Township, here, this morning

Managing Director Mr Yoshinori Komaru of the company presented Turebalance sets to Chairman of the Hospital Management Board U Maung Maung.

Myanmar Yutani Co Ltd gives free medical checkups to members of the Sangha, nuns and laypersons who will receive eye surgical treatments under the arrangements of Myanmar Eye Care Project of Australia.

Myanmar Eye Care Project of Australia donated K 18.5 million to be spent on eye surgical treatment to 500 patients at Jivitadana Sangha Hospital (Yangon) on 1 August.—MNA

Venezuela, indigenous groups dispute whether Amazon massacre took place

RIO DE JANEIRO, 4 Sept — Venezuela and indigenous groups are disputing whether an alleged massacre of Amazon villagers took place after Venezuela's government said it found no evidence of an attack. A group representing the Yanomami tribe last week said that Brazilian gold miners had crossed the border and attacked a village from a helicopter.

It said the assault could have killed more than 70 people. Though the attack allegedly happened in July, the tribe was only able to alert the government recently because of the distance and isolation of their native region along the long, dense jungle border with Brazil. Venezuelan officials said over the weekend that flyovers of the area led them to believe that the allegations were false. "We can tell the country that we have seen

no evidence of death," said Nicia Maldonado, Venezuela's minister of government affairs, in televised comments.

Native rights groups and some local politicians criticized the government, saying it reached that conclusion prematurely. The remoteness of the region—and the nomadic habits of the Yanomami tribe—make it unlikely officials could have reached the exact spot where the attack was reported to have taken place, they said. Even natives, they point out, take days to move among settlements in the region. In a collective statement, 11 tribes and rights groups including the Yanomami said, "It cannot be said that there isn't evidence" and pressed the government to continue investigating. Liborio Guarulla, an indigenous Venezuelan and governor of Amazonas, the southern state where the

attack is said to have happened, accused the government of "mobilizing resources just to silence the matter."

To some officials, the allegations of an assault by foreign aggressors, wielding guns and explosives from a helicopter, is difficult to believe.

Not only would assailants need resources, know-how and familiarity with terrain not easily accessed from above, they would need knowledge of the habits and whereabouts of the Yanomami, who live in small groups and change settlements frequently. "It would be extremely hard to do," said General Rafael Zambrano, commander of the Venezuelan army unit responsible for the region. Zambrano in a telephone interview said a small patrol of troops continues to inspect the area just in case. People familiar with the

Latin America

Yanomami said their request for an investigation is unusual because tribal tradition frowns on discussions of the dead. "It's a measure of how serious the problem is that they are making these allegations," said Marcos Wesley de Oliveira, coordinator of a regional programme for indigenous people at the Instituto Socioambiental, a Brazilian advocacy group. The tribe's native land on both sides of the border in recent decades has come under increasing pressure from wildcat gold miners and other outsiders.

Brazil's government last week said it asked Venezuela for more information about the alleged attack and whether Brazilians were involved. On Monday, Brazil's foreign ministry said it hasn't yet received any request from Venezuela for help investigating.

Xinhua



International News

Crime still biggest challenge for Mexico: outgoing president

MEXICO CITY, 4 Sept — Outgoing Mexican President Felipe Calderon on Monday said fighting rampant crime was the hardest task in his term and would remain the biggest challenge for the country. "Mexico is still on the long road to a life of security and freedom," Calderon said in his sixth and final state-of-the-nation address attended by some 2,000 people, including cabinet members, legislators, judicial officials and diplomats. Calderon said criminal groups had grown stronger while the state had become weaker over many years, but his government reversed the trend. "It will take many years before we see the full results of our efforts," he added. Calderon, whose six-

year term (2006-2012) has been marked by spiraling violence, declared an war on drugs almost immediately after taking office.

In the address, he highlighted the successes of the anti-drug war, including the capture or killing of 22 most-wanted criminals in the country, and the confiscation of a record amount of arms caches, drug shipments and money belonging to criminal gangs.

While many agree that Calderon's drug war has succeeded in breaking up several of Mexico's large drug cartels, often by eliminating their top kingpins, it has also given rise to many smaller and more violent groups, such as the notoriously violent Zetas gang.—*Xinhua*

Colombia forces kill seven FARC rebels

BOGOTA, 4 Sept — Colombian Defence Minister Juan Carlos Pinzon said on Monday that the authorities killed at least seven members of the rebel Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) on Sunday. "In an initial operation, seven terrorists were killed and five others captured," he said. The operation was carried out in a rural region of the town of Puerto Concordia in Meta Province, where the authorities also seized arms and communication equipment.

"To the extent that there are armed groups in Colombia engaged in terrorism or activities against the Colombian people, public (security) forces will tirelessly take actions against any organization that threatens the interests of the Colombian citizens," said Pinzon.—*Xinhua*



Angeles National Forest in Southern California has forced the evacuation of some campsites as firefighters struggle to control the blaze, authorities said on Monday.—REUTERS

Forest burned more than 160,000 acres. A large swath of the charred forest was closed to visitors for about two years.—*Reuters*

Market Robots pose new challenges to markets

BEIJING, 4 Sept — Chinese mainland manufacturers having a handful in coping with dwindling orders and swelling inventories should spare a thought for a less immediate but more far-reaching threat lying ahead. The fast pace of industrialization that has benefited so many people on the mainland in the past several decades was largely built on

the plentiful supply of land and labour. Indeed, the contributions of many millions of hard-working and disciplined migrant workers to economic growth are widely recognized.

Despite rising competition from other emerging markets, the mainland has remained the manufacturing base of choice for many multinational enterprises. But even at the best of times before the outbreak of the global financial crisis in 2008, economic planners were urging domestic manufacturers to move up the value-add ladder, warning that the existing model of growth could not last forever.

The initial impact of the downturn in overseas demand on the economy was largely grossed over by the government's heroic stimulation programme,

which provided an opportunity for factory owners in the industrial heartlands of the Yangtze River Delta region and Pearl River Delta region to make even bigger profits by investing their accumulated capitals in real estate and some other assets. The resulting flood of money into the real estate markets around the country pushed property prices to levels that fewer and fewer prospective home buyers could afford, prompting the government to clamp down on speculative excesses. Meanwhile, overseas demand has continued to slide, thanks to the nagging sovereign debt crisis in Europe and sputtering economic recovery in the United States. Some factory owners have simply shut down their operations to avoid further losses.—*Xinhua*

Disaster

LOS ANGELES, 4 Sept — A 4,000-acre (1,620-hectare) wildfire in the Angeles National Forest in Southern California has forced the evacuation of some campsites as firefighters struggle to control the blaze, authorities said on Monday.

The fire amid dry chaparral was only 5 percent contained and heavy smoke was visible from miles away. Authorities said it was not threatening any structures.

The fire broke out on Sunday in the San Gabriel Canyon area of the 655,000-

Firefighters battle California's Angeles National Forest blaze

acre (265,000-hectare) Angeles National Forest. About 12,000 weekend visitors, hikers and others were evacuated from the area, said US Forest Service spokeswoman Angie Lavell.

The Angeles is less than 15 miles from downtown Los Angeles at its southern end. It is one of the most heavily visited national forests, with about 30 million annual visitors. Sites outside the fire zone were open to visitors on Monday.

Winds were driving flames toward the Sheep

Mountain Wilderness, an area not visited by people, Lavell said. Six air tankers and eight helicopters were helping about 500 firefighters battle the blaze. The fire is thought to have started in the Camp Williams trailer park and the cause is under investigation, Forest Service spokeswoman L'Tanga Watson said.

The sites evacuated in the San Gabriel Canyon area on Sunday included popular recreation areas along the San Gabriel River and a place for off-road vehicles. In 2009, a fire in the Angeles National

International students go through enrollment procedures at Nanjing University in Nanjing, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 3 Sept, 2012. Nearly 3,000 international students from more than 60 countries and regions were admitted to Nanjing University this year. — XINHUA



Xerox investigated by Texas on Medicaid work: WSJ

NEW YORK, 4 Sept — Xerox Corp and a wholly owned unit that contracted with the US state of Texas to process dental claim forms are being investigated to see if they helped allow dentists to submit higher-than-required bills under the state's Medicaid system, the *Wall Street Journal* reported.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is concerned that the unit, Affiliated Computer Services Inc, did not dedicate sufficient trained staff to audit the Medicaid requests, letting

dentists get paid for procedures not covered by the programme, the WSJ said.

Karen Arena, a spokeswoman for Xerox, had no immediate comment on the report when contacted by *Reuters*.

Xerox was quoted by the paper as saying it does not face similar scrutiny in other states, adding that it helps administer Medicaid programmes in 36 US states and the District of Columbia and processes \$54 billion in annual Medicaid spending.

Xinhua

International News

China, Ethiopia vow to continue strengthening bilateral cooperation

ADDIS ABABA, 4 Sept — Ethiopia and China on Monday vowed to continue strengthening their bilateral cooperation along legacies of the late Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi. This came at a time when Hailemariam Desalegn, Ethiopian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister

met and held talks with Hui Liangyu, Chinese Vice Premier and Special Envoy, at the Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs here in Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia.

The meeting took place following Ethiopia's state funeral service for the late Prime Minister on Sunday, which a high-level Chinese

delegation led by the vice premier attended at Meskel Square in Addis Ababa. During the talks on Monday, the two sides focused on issues related to sharing grief and mourning on the untimely passing away of the late PM Zenawi, and also on issues related to strengthening the bilateral cooperation between Ethiopia and China, Seyoum Mesfin, Ethiopian Ambassador to China, told reporters after the meeting.

"The two leaders agreed that we need to do both at home and with friends abroad, like China, it is to celebrate the life of the late Prime Minister and to work along the legacies he left for the country, for fast development, for defeating poverty, and building prosperous and strong nation economically, politically, and diplomatically," said Mesfin. Mesfin said: "China is our

main partner in development, our partnership in promoting our manufacturing sector and they are committed to continue with their engagement with Ethiopia, their tremendous appreciation to the role played by our late PM both at home and internationally."

"We should not, even for a moment stop, but continue working very hard to build our society and our nation; and the Chinese share this feeling, this commitment, and they are ready to support the Ethiopian people, the Ethiopian government, and the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF) to continue in building the nation in all respects and action," he added. China is a true partner, and Ethiopia would continue working with China and other development partners to overcome poverty, transform its economy, and achieve success of its renaissance, he said. — *Xinhua*



Visiting Tajik President Emomali Rakhmon (C) shakes hands with Indian President Pranab Mukherjee (R) and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh during a ceremonial reception upon his arrival at the Indian Presidential Palace in New Delhi, India, on 3 Sept, 2012. Rakhmon is on a four-day official visit to India.—XINHUA



Chinese Vice Premier and Special Envoy Hui Liangyu (L) meets with Ethiopian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Hailemariam Desalegn in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 3 Sept, 2012. — XINHUA

Iran could strike US bases if Israel attacks

BEIRUT, 4 Sept — Iran could hit US bases in the Middle East in response to any Israeli strike on its nuclear facilities even if American forces played no role in the attack, the leader of Lebanon's Iranian-backed militant group Hezbollah said on Monday. "A decision has been taken to respond and the response will be very great," Hezbollah Secretary-General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah said in an interview with the Beirut-based Al Mayadeen television. "The response will not be just inside the Israeli entity — American bases in the whole region could be Iranian targets," he said, citing information he said was from Iranian officials. "If Israel targets Iran, America bears responsibility." Heightened Israeli rhetoric about Teheran's

nuclear facilities, which the West says could be part of a weapons programme, has stoked speculation that it may attack Iran before US elections in November.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu urged world powers on Sunday to set a "clear red line" to convince Iran they would prevent it from obtaining nuclear arms. Israel, thought to be the Middle East's only nuclear-armed power, views Iran's nuclear programme as a threat to its regional dominance and to its very existence. Teheran says the atomic work is for peaceful purposes only. But Netanyahu's cabinet is divided over the wisdom of attacking Iran, and Israeli officials have dropped heavy hints of a climbdown strategy,

under which Netanyahu would shelve threats of an attack now in return for a stronger public pledge from President Barack Obama on conditions that would provoke US action in future.

Nasrallah said there were

divisions in Israel over attacking Iran. "Personally I do not expect the Israeli enemy — at least in the coming months or foreseeable future — (to wage) an attack on the Islamic Republic of Iran," he said.

Reuters



Lebanon's Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah addresses his supporters via a screen, during a rally marking "Quds (Jerusalem) Day", in the southern suburbs of Beirut, on 17 Aug, 2012.—REUTERS

Washington needs to take concrete steps to promote China-US ties

BEIJING, 4 Sept — Though US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has said the Asia-Pacific is big enough to hold both China and the United States, Washington still needs to take concrete actions to improve its ties with China. For quite a while, the US government has repeatedly made welcoming remarks on China's rise, but at the same time it has shown little respect for China's sovereign rights in the area.

The United States has promised a "neutral" stand in the disputes between Beijing and Tokyo over China's Diaoyu Islands, yet it constantly proclaims that the isles are covered by a security treaty Washington signed with Tokyo in 1951.

Moreover, Washington has been trying to work with a number of Southeast Asian nations to force China into a multinational solution to territorial rows in the South China Sea, despite China's strong and perennial opposition. Additionally, even though the previous US government vowed to gradually wind down and finally end its arms sales to Taipei in a communique with China signed in 1982, US presidents seemed to show no intention of honoring that particular commitment and continued to ship weapons to an area that is inalienable part of China. Such examples could well go on and on, and they have already effectively downgraded Washington's international credibility and undermined mutual trust between the world's top two economies.

Actually, these outwardly self-contradictory policies are indeed a vivid and veritable reflection of the complicated calculations by US decision makers. On the one hand, they hope to tap into China's huge markets for profits and chase Beijing's foreign exchange reserves of more than 3 trillion US dollars for cheap borrowing to sustain its own economic development. On the other hand, they fear that a rising China might ultimately challenge its leadership in the Asia-Pacific region and across the world.—*Xinhua*

Israel pleased yet discreet over Egypt's new envoy

JERUSALEM, 4 Sept — Egypt has appointed a new ambassador to Israel, one year after his predecessor was recalled following a diplomatic crisis.

Atef Sayed Al-Ahl, Egypt's newly appointed ambassador to Israel, is no stranger to Israel as he worked in the past at the Egyptian consulate in the southern Red Sea resort city of Eilat.

Al-Ahl's predecessor, Yasser Rida, was recalled in August 2011 following a border incident in which Israeli soldiers in pursuit of militants that had killed eight Israeli civilians in a cross-border raid, accidentally killed five Egyptian border guards.

Rida's recall made many Israelis fear that the stable relationship that Israel

enjoyed with Egypt under former president Hosni Mubarak, who was forced to step down in February 2011, had come to an end.

After Mohamed Morsi, the Muslim Brotherhood's candidate, was elected Egypt's new president in June, Israel has been keeping a close eye on his foreign policy.

Xinhua

Russia takes opportunity of hosting APEC to promote Asia-Pacific strategy

VLADIVOSTOK, 4 Sept — As host of the upcoming Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit, Russia is expected to take APEC meetings as an opportunity to boost its influence in the Asia-Pacific region and further its "Look East" strategy. As the world's largest country spanning both the European and Asian continents, Russia has more than 70 percent of its lands located in Asia. Thus, the Asia-Pacific region is of great strategic significance to Russia, whether in views of economic development, geopolitics or national security. Moreover, compared with the crisis-hit Europe, the economies in the region have been steadily developed, creating a broad market for Russia, who heavily

rely on exports of raw materials, especially gas and oil.

Since Europe has begun to promote its alternative routes of oil and gas bypassing Russia, rows between the two sides were often reported. The vigorous Asia-Pacific market was expected to replace Europe, a traditional energy market of Russia, to spur the development of Russia's export-oriented economy. However, due to the lack of policy continuity and fund, development of Russia's Siberian region and the Far East region has been lagging behind for years, which became an obstacle to Russia's ambitious plan of modernization. In July, Russian President Vladimir Putin said that Russia would

continue to strengthen its position in the region, a rising new centre of global development. "Although the global crisis has affected this region, it continues to build up its economic power and has kept up its growth rate for the most part," Putin stressed.

"I believe that our participation in the integration processes underway in this region will boost socioeconomic growth in Siberia and Far East," he said.

Yuri Tavrovsky, a prominent political expert from Moscow Friendship University, told *Xinhua* that Russia would strengthen its links with "the East" after Putin's return to the Kremlin as president.—*Xinhua*



Policemen and firefighters inspect the site of a blast in Mazar-i-Sharif, capital city of Balkh province, north Afghanistan, on 3 Sept, 2012. Five civilians and an Afghan army soldier are injured Monday morning in a bomb blast in the northern Afghan province of Balkh, an official said.—XINHUA

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**Sharp president may seek
Hon Hai deal in Taipei**



A Sharp Corp flag (L-R), Japanese national flag and Foxconn flag, the trading name of Taipei's Hon Hai Precision Industry Co, are hoisted at Sharp's Sakai plant in Sakai, western Japan in this 30 Aug, 2012 file photo.

REUTERS

TOKYO, 4 Sept — Sharp Corp's president may travel to Taipei in a bid to conclude as soon as possible a deal that will make Hon Hai Precision Industry Co Ltd the biggest shareholder of the embattled Japanese TV maker, a source told Reuters. Sharp President Takashi Okuda wants meet with Hon Hai's chairman, Terry Gou, the source said on Monday, on condition he wasn't identified.

Sharp has been in talks with Hon Hai on a partnership that would give the Taiwanese company a 9.9 percent stake in the century-old Japanese firm. Gou visited Japan last week but unexpectedly left on Thursday, cancelling a meeting with Okuda and other Sharp senior executives slated for Friday. Okuda will visit Taipei as early as this week, the Sankei newspaper reported on Monday, without citing any sources.

"We can't disclose our executives' schedule, but we are hoping to settle the negotiations as early as possible," Sharp spokes-woman Miyuki Nakayama said. Sharp's chief financial officer, Tetsuo Onishi, said on Friday his company regretted that it had been unable to conclude a partnership pact.

The debt-saddled Japanese firm wants to sell Hon Hai, the main manufacturer of Apple Inc products, a stake in return for badly needed cash soon while leaving discussion of further business cooperation for later talks, he added.

Hon Hai, however, appears to want any agreement to also include tie-ups in small LCD panels and further cooperation in smartphones and TV displays, Onishi said.

Gou on Friday told Taipei's United Evening News that there was no timetable for a deal with Sharp, but he sees a "good outcome" for their talks.

He said it was not a matter of how much money Hon Hai spent but how Sharp could turn itself around.—Reuters

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**S Korea's auto sales tumble
7.1 pct in August**

SEOUL, 4 Sept — South Korea's automobile sales tumbled 7.1 percent last month from a year earlier due to weak demand at home and abroad caused by economic slowdown as well as a fall in working days, industry data showed on Monday.

Global auto sales by the nation's five carmakers, including Hyundai Motor, Kia Motors, GM Korea, Renault Samsung Motors and Ssangyong Motor, reached 550,141 vehicles in August, down 7.1 percent from the same month of last year.

Local sales plunged 24.8 percent on-year to 85,543 units in August. Overseas sales, including cars exported from South Korea and vehicles assembled in overseas plants, contracted 2.8 percent to 464,598 units.

Domestic auto sales

continued its downward trend to fall below the 100,000 mark, while overseas sales that offset sluggish local sales in the past turned into negative growth. The results fueled concerns over weak demand stemming from global economic slowdown. A reduction in business days during the summer vacation season also contributed to a fall in auto sales.

Global car sales by Hyundai Motor, the country's No1 automaker, contracted 4.6 percent on-year to 293,924 units in August. Domestic sales tumbled 29.9 percent to 35,950 units, the first decline in more than three years, but overseas sales edged up 0.4 percent to 257,974 units. Kia Motors saw its global auto sales fall 0.5 percent in August from a year earlier to 190,904 vehicles.—Xinhua

The training courses on climate change and information services opened

BEIJING, 4 Sept — On 29 August, the training course on climate change and climate information services in developing countries was opened in Nanjing University of Information Science & Technology. 38 participants from 21 developing countries participated in the training.

Guan Zhaoyong, the Deputy Principal of NUIST expressed warm welcome and sincere greetings to members of all countries.

He introduced the development of NUIST and the regional training center,

and emphasized the importance of climate information services.

Song Lianchun, the Director of Beijing Climate Center pointed out that extreme weather disasters occurred frequently in Asia and caused a large number of casualties and property loss. In China, economic losses caused by drought, floods, tropical cyclones, storm surges, heat waves and other natural disasters have reached 1% to 3% of GDP. The training courses will meet the needs for climate services in developing

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A working staff stamps a postcard in the post office of Yongxing Island, municipal government seat of Sansha, south China's Hainan Province, on 3 Sept, 2012. This is the only post office on the Yongxing Island, with five people working in it. So far, the postal service between the Yongxing Island and the outside is provided by supply ships, which shuttle between the Yongxing Island and the Hainan Island four times a month.
XINHUA



Five civilians, army soldier wounded in N Afghan blast

MAZAR-I-SHARIF, 4 Sept — Five civilians and an Afghan army soldier were injured on Monday morning in a bomb blast in the northern Afghan province of Balkh, an official said.

"Six wounded people including an army soldier were admitted to a provincial capital hospital in Mazar-i-

Sharif city at around 11 am local time Monday," a health official told Xinhua.

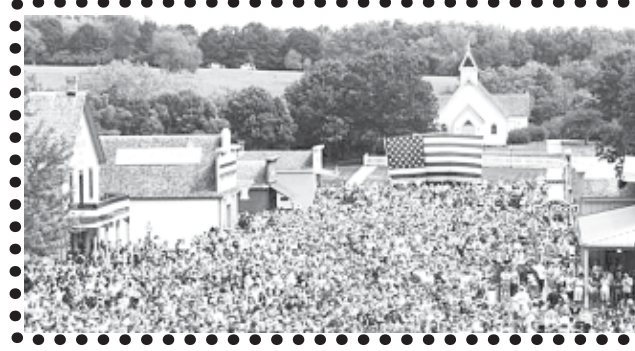
Earlier, a police spokesman in the northern Afghanistan, Lal Mohammad Ahmadzai, told Xinhua that three civilians were injured in the explosion caused by a sticky bomb attached to a bicycle near the building of provincial department of culture and information in the city, some 305 km north of the Afghan capital Kabul.

The obvious target of the attack was not clear and no group has claimed responsibility for the attack so far. Violence has been on the rise since the Taliban insurgent group launched annual spring offensive on 3 May.

Afghan security forces took full control of security in Balkh province, part of a security transition which started in July last year, and by the end of 2014 they are to be in charge across the country, allowing foreign combat troops to either leave or take on supportive roles.

Around 130,000-strong NATO-led coalition troops currently station in Afghanistan. Under the US President Barack Obama's withdrawal plan, 10,000 US troops already pulled out of Afghanistan in 2011 and another 23,000 will return home by September this year.

Xinhua



US President Barack Obama speaks to thousands of supporters at a campaign event at the Living History Farms in Urbandale, Iowa, on 1 September, 2012.

REUTERS

Entertainment

Kareena Kapoor in Prakash Jha's Satyagrah?

MUMBAI, 4 Sept—Actress Kareena Kapoor is likely to star in Prakash Jha's political drama Satyagrah.

B-town is abuzz with rumours that Kareena has been roped in for a role in Satyagrah. Earlier the filmmaker had denied the news. But this time he neither confirmed nor denied it. "Satyagrah cast and crew will be announced in the next ten days," Jha told PTI.

This is the first time that Kareena would be doing a film with Jha. Also, if all goes well then this will be for the second time that Ajay and Kareena will be paired opposite each other after Vishal Bharadwaj's Omkara.

Reportedly, Satyagrah is inspired from anti-graft crusader Anna Hazare's movement. This will be a huge film as the national award winning director has also cast Amitabh Bachchan.—PTI



Depardieu, Adjani to star in France's Strauss-Kahn movie

PARIS, 4 Sept—The disgraced power couple of Dominique Strauss-Kahn and Anne Sinclair will be played by two of France's best-known actors, Gerard Depardieu and Isabelle Adjani, in an upcoming movie about love affairs, politics and love on the rocks.

Rape charges in New York, later dropped, against Strauss-Kahn in May 2011 shocked the world and shattered the reputation of the former International Monetary Fund head, costing him his job and his marriage to Sinclair, a popular TV journalist.

"It should be fascinating because we have a director who isn't French in charge and he's going to go where it hurts," Adjani said in a recent interview with the weekly Journal de Dimanche, speaking of US director Abel Ferrara.

"With him, there's no risk of being politically correct," she added.

On Friday, Sinclair told *Le Parisien* daily she had not been contacted about the film inspired by the scandal, but that she respected

the choice of Adjani, best known to international audiences for the lead role in the 1988 film "Camille Claudel."

"I like that woman a lot," Sinclair told the paper, adding that she wouldn't meet with her, however, "were it to talk about that specific subject."

Sinclair—who separated from Strauss-Kahn earlier this year and is thriving in a new job as a news editor of the *Huffington Post's* French edition—responded, "I'm doing very well, thank you," when asked how her life has been since the split.

Strauss Kahn, however, is said by people who know him to be

dejected and frustrated following his fall from grace. He has kept a low profile in the past year but is currently the target of a French judicial investigation to determine whether he knew erotic parties he attended were organized by pimps and frequented by whores.

The film, due to start shooting soon and inspired by the famous couple's relationship, will go behind the "closed doors of a couple in torment," Adjani said.

"Even if we don't have the same names as the characters in question, who is fooled?" she added. Depardieu said in March he found

Strauss-Kahn "arrogant" and "self-satisfied," but because of that he would be an interesting character to play. "Because I don't like him I'm going to do it," he told Swiss broadcaster RTS. Ferrara is most famous for directing 1992's "Bad Lieutenant."

Reuters



People celebrate Doraemon's birthday

HONG KONG, 4 Sept—The popular Japanese manga character Doraemon was given a huge birthday party in Hong Kong on Monday.

Doraemon is a robot cat who travels back in time from the future to help a schoolboy in today's world. In the manga series, Doraemon was born on 3 September, 2112.

Anime fans in Hong Kong and tourists from mainland China crowded a city shopping district to mark the pre-centennial birthday of the beloved character.

A street next to Hong Kong harbor was decorated with 100 figures of Doraemon. Also on display was a birthday cake made of Doraemon's favorite bean-jam pancakes, and a diamond-encrusted Doraemon character doll worth about one million dollars.

In Hong Kong, the Doraemon anime series began broadcasting 30 years ago. It has since spread to the rest of Asia and other parts of the world.

Also on Monday, Kawasaki City, near Tokyo, issued a certificate of residence to Doraemon. The city hosts a museum about the character and other anime works of his creator, Fujiko F. Fujio.

The city mayor presented the certificate with a picture of the robot cat to the director of the museum. About 1,000 people visited the museum to celebrate Doraemon.—NHK



People pose for photos as they celebrate "100 years before the birth of Doraemon" in Hong Kong, south China, 3 Sept, 2012. Doraemon is a Japanese cartoon character created by Fujikon F. Fujio. According to the story, Doraemon is born on 3 Sept, 2112.—XINHUA

"Dearest" recognized at Montreal film fest

TOKYO, 4 Sept—A Japanese film starring Ken Takakura received a special award at the World Film Festival in Montreal on Monday.

"Anatae" or "Dearest" by Yasuo Furuhashi received Special Mention of the Ecumenical Jury, which is awarded by members of the jury outside the competition division to films that artistically depict human sentiment. Takakura's skills have been highly acclaimed in Japan and the actor received a standing ovation at a showing of the film in Montreal on Sunday. The Grand Prix des Americas award went to "Where the Fire Burns," a Turkish film describing a conflict between a pregnant woman and her father.

NHK



Wanted team of Salman Khan, Prabhu Deva working on another remake?

MUMBAI, 4 Sept—After setting the cash registers ringing at the box office and starting a new wave of action-masala entertainers with Wanted, actor Salman Khan and choreographer-turned Prabhu Deva are likely to be team up again for a South film remake.

According to reports both will team up again for a film to be produced by Tips Company.

"We are doing a film with Salman in the lead. The film will be directed by Prabhu Deva. We can't talk about the subject it can be anything. We are still working on it," Producer Kumar Taurani told PTI.

"We will talk about it once everything falls in place. We will announce soon," he said.

It was 2009 blockbuster film Wanted that turned tables for Salman Khan in Bollywood again and also opened doors as a director for Prabhu Deva in B-town.

"They both started a new trend in the industry. We are pleased to be working with them. One side we have Salman Khan who has a huge fan following and other hand Prabhu, whose style is liked by everyone," Mr Taurani said.

Considering, that Salman Khan has a jam packed schedule, the shooting for this film will only begin in 2013. "We will start shooting for it by end of next year," he added.—PTI

Shillong choir to sing in KBC 6 opening episode

MUMBAI, 4 Sept—The city-based Shillong Chamber Choir would sing with Amitabh Bachchan at the opening of the season six of the Kaun Banega Crorepati on 7 September.

"The Shillong Chamber Choir will be singing in the opening episode of Kaun Banega Crorepati on Friday on SONY channel," Damon Lyndem, an official of the choir, told PTI.

The megastar will also be singing with the choir on a medley of songs, arranged by Neil Nongkynrih, the choir's founder and conductor.

During the preliminary practice sessions that the choir group and Bachchan had, Lyndem claimed Mr Bachchan was impressed at the performance of the team.

"By far, the most delightful



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moment of the day was meeting and seeing the Shillong Choir, a young group of boys and girls from the North East, performing some wonderful renditions of... ahah... cannot disclose all that just yet, songs," Mr Bachchan said in his blog. Founded in 2001, the Shillong Chamber Choir shot to fame after it won the a reality talent show, India's Got Talent (Season 2) in October 2010, where it performed western chorals, as well as choral-style revamps of Hindi film classics.—PTI

Soccer

Former Real star says Ronaldo is upset at missing out on UEFA award

RIO DE JANEIRO, 4 Sept—Former Real Madrid and Brazil star Roberto Carlos believes Cristiano Ronaldo is upset due to his failure to win last week's UEFA best player in

Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo (L) challenges Granada's Guilherme Siqueira during their Spanish first division soccer match at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 2 Sept, 2012. —REUTERS

Europe award. Ronaldo refused to celebrate his two goals in Real Madrid's 3-0 victory over Granada at the Bernabeu on Sunday, saying afterwards he was "sad and Real Madrid knows why".

The 27-year-old denied his discontent was linked to Andres Iniesta's triumph at the UEFA ceremony, but there is a belief Ronaldo feels he is not valued both within the club and outside it.

"I think Cristiano is upset

because the award for the best player in Europe went to Iniesta," Carlos said in comments published by *Globoesporte* on Monday.

"I would say to Cristiano that he continues doing what he does best on the pitch. If he doesn't want to celebrate the fans will do it for him."

Carlos also had words of support for compatriot Kaka, who is yet to feature for Real Madrid this season amid speculation of a rift between the midfielder and coach Jose Mourinho.

"It's important that Kaka continues working as hard as he can for his own image," Carlos said. "I think the day Kaka decides to leave he can do so with his head high due to everything he has achieved."

Reuters

International Sports



Murray beats the rain with quick win over Raonic

Tennis

NEW YORK, 4 Sept—Olympic champion Andy Murray rushed past Milos Raonic of Canada 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 on Monday to book his place in the quarter-finals of the US Open tennis championships.

Told after his arrival at the Tennis Centre that his fourth-round match would be put on straight away rather than after a women's doubles



Andy Murray of Britain

in order to avoid a predicted rainstorm, the third-seeded Murray wasted no time.

He scored a single break against the huge server in each of the first two sets and then cruised to victory over the 15th seed with a brilliant display of shot-making in a match that lasted precisely two hours.

"I hit my passing shots well, which was an important part," said Murray, who is gunning for his first grand slam title. "He was hitting a lot of big serves and I was just trying to react the best I could. Sometimes you get a racket on it and sometimes you don't. Tonight I was getting my racket on it."—Reuters

MMA thrills new fight fans in Manila

MANILA, 4 Sept—Indelibly linked with the 'Thrilla in Manila', where Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier laid their bitter boxing rivalry to rest some 37 years ago, the Araneta Coliseum welcomed "the future of fighting" on Friday in the Philippines' biggest mixed martial arts (MMA) event.

A tied, yellowing banner marking the date of that brutal battle in 1975 reminded fans of the Araneta's place in boxing history, but most of the 16,500 people packed into the domed venue were not even born when Ali met Frazier in that last great clash of heavyweight titans.

While the full contact

sport of MMA has gone from strength to strength over the last 10 years, boxing, and the heavyweight division in particular, has fallen on hard times.

Years of greed and self interest, and a lack of direction from the alphabet soup of governing bodies, has brought the once proud sport to its knees. Only a handful of superstars such as the Philippines' own Manny Pacquiao stand between boxing and sporting irrelevance.

Victor Cui, the CEO of Asia's biggest MMA promotion ONE Fighting Championship, told *Reuters* one of the keys to success

Honorio Banario of the Philippines (L) fights with Andrew Benibe of the Philippines during the ONE Fighting Championship (FC) mixed martial arts (MMA) at the Smart Araneta Coliseum in Manila on 31 Aug, 2012. —REUTERS



was figuring out what the current generation of fight fans want.—Reuters

Martial arts

Braves bench struggling Uggla, Prado in starter's role

Baseball



Atlanta Braves Dan Uggla hits a three-run home run off Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Drew Hutchison (not shown) in the third inning at their MLB Inter-League baseball game at Turner Field in Atlanta, Georgia on 9 June, 2012. —REUTERS

ATLANTA, 4 Sept—All-Star second baseman Dan Uggla was benched by the Atlanta Braves in a protracted move after struggling with his hitting over the past three months.

Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez replaced Uggla with Martin Prado for Sunday's game against the Colorado Rockies and said on Monday

he would use Prado as his starting second baseman over the next few weeks.

"It's not a doghouse situation," Gonzalez told reporters. "It's a situation where you feel you have to do something for the team. I think he took it the right way."

"Obviously, it's uncomfortable and it's hard, especially with the

Italy's Vinci stuns second seed Radwanska

Tennis

NEW YORK, 4 Sept—Roberta Vinci toppled second seed Agnieszka Radwanska to cap a rousing upset double for Italy at the US Open on Monday that also put her doubles partner Sara Errani into the women's singles quarter-finals.

Errani, the 10th seed, beat sixth-seeded Angelique Kerber of Germany 7-6, 6-3, and 20th seed Vinci followed onto Louis Armstrong Stadium court for a 6-1, 6-4 shocker to end a doubly delightful afternoon for Italian fans at Flushing Meadows.



Roberta Vinci of Italy celebrates after defeating Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland in their women's singles match at the US Open tennis tournament in New York on 3 Sept, 2012. —REUTERS

The victories put the Italian pair, who are seeded second and already into the quarter-finals of the doubles competition, into the singles quarter-finals against one

another, but that was further cause for celebration, according to Vinci.

"I'm happy to play against her, for sure an Italian goes to the semi-final," said 29-year-old Vinci after improving on her fourth-round advance at this year's Wimbledon championship that had marked her best grand slam result.

"She's my best friend, so I'm very happy to play against her, for sure," Vinci said she was overjoyed to join the recent rise of Italian women's players. "For sure, for sure. When (Francesca) Schiavone won Roland Garros (2010) and Flavia (Pennetta) goes to top 10, also Sara in the final in Roland Garros," Vinci said, rattling off accomplishments by her compatriots. "Me, I try to come like the other ones for sure."

Vinci had lost all four of her previous matches against Radwanska, but she had her Polish opponent off balance in their Round of 16 clash.

Reuters

Johnson makes last-ditch push for US Ryder Cup spot

Golf

NORTON, 4 Sept—American Dustin Johnson may not have won the Deutsche Bank Championship on Monday but the long bomber put in an 11th hour bid for Ryder Cup selection by tying for fourth place at the TPC Boston. Johnson finished highest among those widely tipped to be included when US Ryder Cup captain Davis Love III announces his four wildcard picks for the biennial competition on Tuesday.

Those selected will join the eight automatic qualifiers on the US team for this year's Ryder Cup against Europe, which will be played at Medinah Country Club



Dustin Johnson of the US lines up a putt at the 18th hole during the third round of the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament in Norton, Massachusetts on 2 Sept, 2012. —REUTERS

outside Chicago from 28-30 September. "I'm a little bit (nervous). I really want to play on the team," Johnson told reporters after shooting a one-under 70 in the final round.

relationship I have with him," added Gonzalez, who was with Uggla at the Miami Marlins from 2007-10.

Three-times All-Star Uggla is hitting only .208 this season, and has batted just .152 with a .276 slugging percentage in the 73 games he has played dating back to 6 June. "I understand what my numbers are. I'm not blind to any of that, but at the same time, I'm part of the team that got us to where we are now," the 32-year-old Uggla said.

"Numbers do not mean anything to me in September. Some people don't see it that way. Do I agree with it? No. But it's not my call. All I can do is pull for my team mates and do what I can when I get an opportunity."

Atlanta trail the pacesetter Washington Nationals by six-and-a-half games in the National League East division but they are well positioned, along with the St Louis Cardinals, in the wildcard race.—Reuters

Vinci outplayed Radwanska with 29 winners, and made just one unforced error from the backhand side.

"She's really playing very uncomfortable tennis to play," said Radwanska, who reached her first grand slam final this summer at Wimbledon, falling to Serena Williams.

"She really mixes it up. A lot of slice, then suddenly hitting very well from the forehand side, then kick serve, dropshots, volleys as well, coming to the net." Vinci said her variety can bother opponents. "I mix a lot of balls. I go to the net. I play a lot of slice, so it's different," said Vinci. "Probably she doesn't like my slice."

Reuters

"I really think that I can help the team, and it's something that I really enjoy doing, so hopefully captain Love will pick me."

Brandt Snedeker finished a shot behind Johnson in sixth place, veterans Steve Stricker and Jim Furyk were part of a tie for 13th, Nick Watney shared 20th place, Bo Van Pelt tied for 26th, Hunter Mahan was joint 39th and Rickie Fowler 74th.

Stricker is regarded as the safest bet having provided a great partnership with Tiger Woods on several US teams while Furyk, a seven-time Ryder Cup veteran, is also expected to get the nod.

Reuters

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

- (5-9-12 09:30 am ~ 6-9-12 09:30 am) MST
- * News
 - * Meeting with UNFPA's Executive Director
 - * News
 - * Music Programme "Heavily Rained in the Past"
 - * Roads to Success
 - * News
 - * Food Trip (Episode-4) (Part-II)
 - * News
 - * The Hills of Phowin Taung and Shwebataung
 - * News
 - * Changing Characters of Monsoon
 - * A Journey to Research Taron Race
 - * News
 - * Youth of the Future "Photographer"
 - * News
 - * The Land of Blossoming Flowers
 - * News
 - * Promote home kitchen gardening to remove pesticide from our bowl
 - * Gourmet Experience with Park Royal La Brasserie's Top Chef Gary Lim
 - * Myanmar Movie "Invisible Bond"

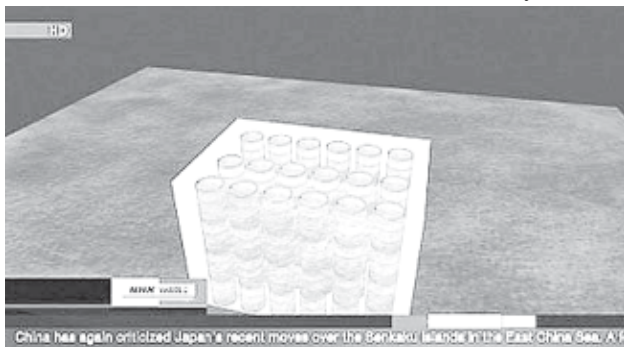
MYANMAR TV

- (5-9-2012) (Wednesday)
- 7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw -Uppatathandi Paritta
- 7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:45 am
3. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
4. Cultural Dances
- 8:15 am
5. Documentary
- 8:25 am
6. Selected Songs For 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2012) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Higher Education Level) (Men)
- 4:10 pm
7. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm
8. Dance Of National Races
- 4:40 pm
9. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Myanmar)
- 5:10 pm
10. Teleplay (Htar)
- 5:25 pm
11. ASEAN "Programmes"
- 5:35 pm
12. "Road to 27th SEA GAMES" (Billiards & Snooker)
- 6:20 pm
13. Traditional Boxing
- 6:35 pm
14. Shwe Yin Chone Than
- 8:00 pm
15. News
 16. TV Drama Series
 17. Dramatic Arts Competitions (Narration of religious Stories)

Structure of radioactive waste disposal site

TOKYO, 4 Sept—The proposed waste disposal facility will have a roof to prevent radioactive materials from leaking with rainwater. The storage facility will be about 10 metres deep from the surface and built with a concrete floor and walls. The

groundwater. Once the space is full, workers will fill it with clay-like soil and cover it with concrete. Two more layers of soil will then be added to cover the surface. Even the monitoring room will eventually be filled

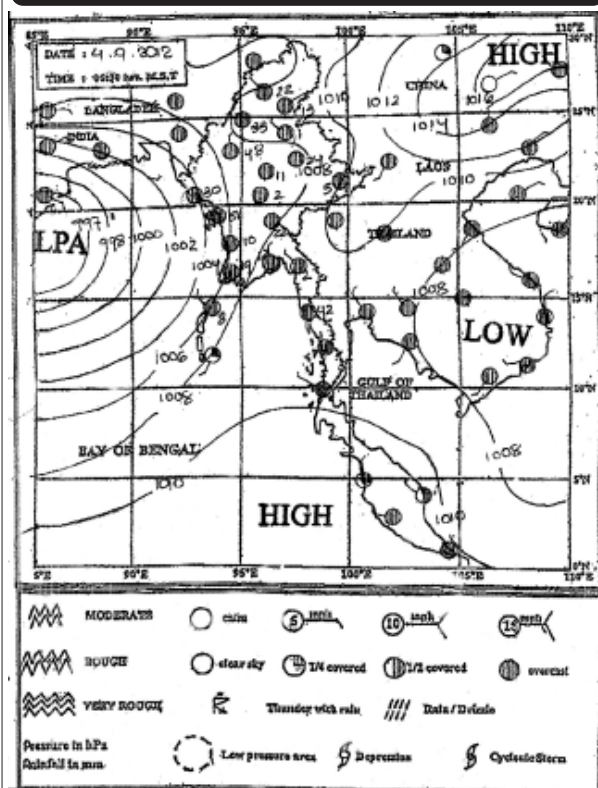


China has again criticized Japan's recent moves over the Senkaku Island in the East China Sea.—NHK

concrete will be processed to make it resistant to corrosion. Workers will transfer the radioactive waste into oil drums. Cranes will then be used to place the drums into the facility. A monitoring room will be set up nearby for safety management. Wells will also be dug to check whether radioactive materials are seeping into

with soil to make sure that no radioactive materials will leave the facility. The Environment Ministry says these measures will keep radiation levels around the disposal facility below 10 microsieverts per year. That is one-hundredth the annual permissible level for the general public. NHK

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 5th September, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	27/81	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
2	Kayah	29/84	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
3	Kayin	29/84	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
4	Chin	20/68	15/59	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	26/79	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	32/90	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
7	Tainthayi	26/79	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
8	Bago	30/86	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	34/93	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
10	Mandalay	34/93	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
11	Mon	27/81	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
12	Yangon	31/88	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	29/84	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	24/75	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	31/88	19/66	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	30/86	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	29/84	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	34/93	22/72	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	21/70	One or two rain or thundershowers	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	34/93	23/73	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 fairly widespread in Magway and Tainthayi Regions, Chin, Rakhine and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with Regionally heavy falls in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions and isolated heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Ye (4.10) inches, Pakokku (3.75) inches, Kyaukpadaung (3.03) inches, Pyin Oo Lwin (2.95) inches, Manung (2.80) inches, Taunggyi (2.72) inches, Gangaw (2.28) inches, Monywa (1.62) inches and Myingyan (1.53) inches.

Bay Inference

According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over West Central and adjoining Northwest Bay of Bengal still persists. Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and strong elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea

Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days

Moderate monsoon.

District News



VISIT TO MUSEUM: Chairperson of Bago Region Women's Affairs Organization Daw May Thu and party visited Strikestra Archaeological Museum in Hmawza Village of Hmawza Village-tract in Pyay Township on 23 August. Officials conduct them round the museum. MYANMA ALIN

Williams, Federer stroll into US Open quarters

NEW YORK, 4 Sept—A ruthless Serena Williams charged into the US Open quarter-finals on Monday with a 6-0, 6-0 win over Czech Andrea Hlavackova after Roger Federer was gifted a spot in the last eight when Mardy Fish withdrew from the year's final grand slam.

Showing no mercy against her 82nd ranked opponent, Williams sent an ominous warning of her intention to add the US Open title to her recent wins at Wimbledon and the London Olympics with a rare 'double bagel' victory in 57 minutes.

"Andrea played really well today even though it was love and love," Williams said in a courtside interview. "I think I played really well today. I haven't played like that all tournament."

Williams won the last of her three US Open titles in 2008 but, on the evidence of

her performances so far, a fourth title at Flushing Meadows appears well within her reach although her toughest challenges await.

The American's next opponent is Serbia's Ana Ivanovic, a former world number one who has rediscovered her best after a lean few years where she struggled with injuries.

Ivanovic advanced on



Serena Williams of the US talks to Andrea Hlavackova of the Czech Republic after their women's singles match at the US Open tennis tournament in New York on 3 Sept, 2012. —REUTERS

NORTON, 4 Sept—World number one Rory McIlroy clinched his fifth PGA Tour title, and second in three starts, with a one-shot victory over South Africa's Louis Oosthuizen at the Deutsche Bank Championship on Monday. McIlroy, who began the final round three shots behind Oosthuizen, fired a four-under-par 67 for a 20-under 264 that handed the 23-year-old Northern Irishman the second of the PGA Tour's four FedExCup playoff events.

Oosthuizen (71), who trailed McIlroy by three strokes with six holes to play at the TPC Boston, finished

alone in second while former world number one Tiger Woods (66) was alone in third a further shot back.

The win was McIlroy's third of the season and first since last month's PGA Championship at Kiawah Island. It put him level with Woods for the most victories on the PGA Tour this year.

"Today was great," McIlroy told reporters. "I am delighted to get this win, delighted to go to No 1 in the FedExCup, because it sets me up for a great next couple of weeks."

"Going out with a three-shot deficit. I just wanted to get off to a good solid start



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland lines holds up the championship cup at the 18th hole after winning in the final round of the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament in Norton, Massachusetts on 3 Sept, 2012. —REUTERS

and maybe put Louis under a little bit of pressure." The win guarantees that McIlroy will go into the season-ending Tour Championship in Atlanta knowing that a victory there would earn him the overall FedExCup title and the bonus of \$10 million.

However, Monday's final round at the TPC Boston was by no means a cakewalk for McIlroy.—Reuters

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept—Fourth Regular Session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued for 12th day at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 618 MPs.

At today's session, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced that the messages sent by President on 29-8-2012 on the reshuffle and the resignation of the Union Ministers, resignation of the Union Auditor-General; the message sent on the same day on the appointment and reshuffle of deputy ministers and the concurrent duty assignment; two messages sent on 31-8-2012 and 3-9-2012 on the appointment of deputy ministers; and the message sent on 31-8-2012 on the appointment of member of the Union Election Commission, have been distributed to Hluttaw representatives. And the messages were put on record.

After that, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced that the President's message on the appointment of Lt-Gen Wai Lwin as Union Minister for Defence and the appointment of Union Minister U Thein Htaik as the Union Auditor-General, have been distributed to the Hluttaw representatives; that the biographies of those two candidates, distributed to heads of the respective parties; and that those who want to remonstrate with two candidates about their failure to meet qualifications prescribed in the Constitution along with sound evidence, are to register their names by 10 am on 5-9-2012.

Afterwards, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced that the President's messages on reformation of Ministry of Electric Power, the dissolution of the Ministry of Myanma Industrial Development and the reshuffle of Union Ministries and the Union Ministers, have been distributed to the Hluttaw representatives in advance.

Union Minister at President Office U Hla Tun explained the reshuffle of Union Ministries and the Union Ministers. Nine representatives discussed the above-

President's messages on reshuffle and resignation of Union Ministers, resignation of Union Auditor-General; appointment and reshuffle of deputy ministers put on record



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives sign attendance book.

MNA

on at 10 am on 7 September.

At today's session, President's messages were put on record by the Hluttaw; the messages on the reshuffle of Union ministries and ministers, discussed and approved and para and sub-para of Import and Export Bill, approved.—MNA

matter and so did Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung.

Vote was taken for the reshuffle of 36 Union government ministries suggested by the President and Hluttaw confirmed the reshuffle with the majority vote.

Hluttaw approved paragraph and sub-paragraph of Joint Bill Committee's report on Import and Export Bill sent back by the President along with comment. The meeting came to an end at 1.35 pm and the 13th day session will go

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw receives Australian Senator and party



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint receives a delegation led by Senator Claire Moore of Labour Party in Queensland, Australia, at Amyotha Hluttaw Complex.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint received a delegation led by Senator Claire Moore of Labour Party in Queensland, Australia, at his office in Hluttaw Complex, here, this evening.

It was attended by chairmen of the committees from Amyotha Hluttaw. Senator Claire Moore was accompanied by Australian Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Bronte Nadine Moules and embassy staff.

At the call, they had a cordial discussion on matters relating to duty and rights of Myanmar Hluttaw, political system of Myanmar that turned smoothly from one system to other, implementation of basic factors that are vital importance for democratic nations, duties of Hluttaw representatives, the opportunities for investment in Myanmar where Australia is willing to invest, promotion of bilateral cooperation as well as friendship between the two countries.—MNA

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Low pressure area in Northwest Bay of Bengal

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept—According to the observation at 6.30 hrs MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over West Central and adjoining Northwest Bay of Bengal still persists, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

MNA