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Foreign Relations

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a goodwill delegation led by French Senator and Chairman of South Asia Committee Mr Gerard Midquel and party, at the Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace, here, at today.

Also present at the call together with the President were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung and departmental heads. Mr Gerard Midquel was accompanied by French Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Thierry Mathou.

At the call, the President said that Myanmar government gives a cordial welcome to the delegation. Although Myanmar and France have geographical distance, both countries had established diplomatic ties before Myanmar regained her Independence. Due to different political system, relations between two countries have been weak. He continued to say that he expect there are more prospects for further relations between two countries as Myanmar is now on the right tack to democracy. Visit of the delegation may contribute to close cooperation between two countries' parliaments. Now, there are relations between governments, parliaments and people. France's Total Co has made investment in Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and is getting engaged in regional development. Visit of France delegation can witness Myanmar's current condition.

After that, French Senator and Chairman of South Asia Committee Mr Gerard Midquel said that their delegation is established for amity between France and South Asian Countries. He expressed his thanks to the President for playing leading role in Myanmar's democratization process. Visit of French delegation has two aims. The first one is to study Myanmar's current political and economic conditions and to promote cooperation. The second one is, especially, to make more cooperation in these two sectors. France has got a lot of Parliamentary experience. And France wants to make cooperation between two parliaments and share its experience. France wants to establish a

Flourishing of democracy system needs to have socio-economic development of the people

President U Thein Sein



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein receives French Senator and Chairman of South Asia Committee Mr Gerard Midquel at Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

relation with Myanmar's regional organizations so as to share France's regional government experience and administration. He would to praise Myanmar for its milestones such as reform process, democratization and human rights, granting amnesty to political prisoners, signing peace contracts with armed national races groups and successful holding of the 1 April by elections. He continued to say that France and French Parliament want to honour the success of Myanmar's political reforms. He invited Myanmar President to pay visit to France at opportune time. France always welcomes Myanmar President, and his visit would strengthen and promote cooperation between two countries. Myanmar is pleasant and beautiful country and has a lot of prospects for economic development. He suggested that Myanmar

Economic development of Myanmar needs the removal of economic sanctions against Myanmar

French Senator and Chairman of South Asia Committee Mr Gerard Midquel

should grasp good opportunities for its development. France has wishes to extend helping hand to Myanmar.

After that, the President said that he would like to express his thank for recognition of Myanmar's reform process and progress. He is pleased to know that French people love Myanmar. Myanmar has a lot of investment opportunities and wants to invite France's investments that can create more job opportunities for Myanmar people. New government's foreign policy is

independent, active and non-aligned, regardless of East and West. Myanmar's fledgling democracy is entering into two years. Myanmar's democracy system and practices are still young. France's sharing of democracy experience is cordially welcomed as France has more than hundred-year experience in democracy. At present, Myanmar has two points for development of democracy system. The first point is political stability and peace-making
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Republic of the Union of Myanmar President Office Notification No. 63/2012 4th Waning of Wagaung, 1374 ME (5th September, 2012) Merger of Ministry

With consent of fourth regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Ministry of Electric Power No (1) and Ministry of Electric Power No (2) have been merged as **Ministry of Electric Power**.

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Republic of the Union of Myanmar President Office Notification No. 64/2012 4th Waning of Wagaung, 1374 ME (5th September, 2012)

Dissolution of Ministry

With consent of fourth regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Ministry of Myanma Industrial Development has been abolished.

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Deputy Chief of General Staff General Ma Xiaotian of the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, this afternoon.

Present on the occasion 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 Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Myat Hein, senior military officers of the Commander-in-Chief Office and the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command.

Deputy Chief of General Staff General Ma Xiaotian of PLA was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and Military Attaché Sr Col Xiong Shaowei.

At the call, they cordially focused on promotion of relationship between the armed forces of two countries, implementation of friendly ties at various levels, cooperation in security along Mekong River, promotion of friendly ties between members of the border region forces and cooperation in solving border drug problems.

After the call, they exchanged gifts and posed for documentary photo.

Later, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and party viewed military uniforms of the People's Liberation Army and officials of the PLA conducted them round the display of uniforms.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Deputy Chief of General Staff of PLA



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Deputy Chief of General Staff General Ma Xiaotian of the People's Liberation Army of PRC. MNA

Energy 2nd Myanmar Oil, Gas & Power Summit held

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept—The Ministry of Energy has carried out the plans to promote energy sector, one of the fundamental points to move forward our country, under the political and economic reform strategies. The companies wishing to invest in Myanmar's energy sector would gain knowledge concerning prospects in cooperation and work procedures after attending the meeting, said Union Energy Minister U Than Htay.

The 2nd Myanmar Oil,



Union Energy Minister U Than Htay speaking at 2nd Myanmar Oil, Gas & Power Summit.—MNA



Gas & Power Summit, jointly organized by Energy Planning Department under

the Ministry of Energy, Central for Management Technology of Singapore

and Machinery and Solution of Myanmar, was held at Sedona Hotel, from 3 to 5

September, made speech by Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay.

Not only the scholars from 23 countries who had gained a lot of experience in exploration of oil and natural gas but also responsible persons from the Ministry of Energy, entrepreneurs, BP, Chevron, Shell, Halliburton, Conoco companies participated in the discussion. The local scholars explained necessity of works in offshore blocks, facts about do's and don't concerning foreign investment laws, geographical system of

Myanmar, expected necessity of oil and gas, laws and labour affairs, taxes and banking system. The foreign scholars read out the letters on their work experiences, exploration of deep sea and technology.

The responsible persons from Central for Management Technology Co., and Machinery and Solution Co., donated US\$ 4000 to flood victims in Myanmar through the Union Minister.

The Union Minister looked around technological booths. MNA

Financial Affairs

SME development key to economic performance

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept—"Financial assistance to small and medium enterprises take a crucial part in economic performance and jobs creation of each and every country. As Myanmar is an agrarian economy, agriculture accounts for most percentage of the GDP. Now, objectives have been defined for development of agro-based industries and

increased exportation of industrial development. The Union government has been undertaking sector-wise reforms step by step also relaxing the grip over financial services. The Central Bank of Myanmar is providing capacity building training to financial organizations enabling them offer modern banking service according to ASEAN Financial

Integration," said Vice-Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Nay Aye at SME Banking Sharing Experiences with East Asian Countries Seminar at Amara Hotel here today.

The meeting is the second in its series jointly held by the Central Bank of Myanmar and Myanmar Economic Research Institute.—MNA



Mekong-Ganga Cooperation holds meetings in India

Foreign Affairs



Deputy Minister U Maung Myint poses for documentary photo together with participants of MGC Ministerial Meeting and Senior Officials Meeting. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept—A Myanmar delegation led by U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, attended the 6th Mekong-Ganga Cooperation (MGC) Ministerial Meeting and Senior Officials Meeting which were held in New

Delhi of India on 3 and 4 September 2012.

At that meeting, six MGC member countries discussed and exchanged views on the areas of cooperation such as tourism, culture, education and transportation.

India, one of the MGC members, informed the

meeting of its annual contribution of one million US dollar to the projects to be established for Cambodia, the Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam (CLMV) and the meeting agreed that the future meetings of the MGC would be chaired in an alphabetical order.—MNA

ASIA

Chinese, Indian defence ministers reach many consensus in New Delhi

NEW DELHI, 5 Sept — Visiting Chinese Defence Minister Liang Guanglie and his Indian counterpart AK Antony on Tuesday reached many consensus in their talks during which he exchanged in-depth views on many issues including China-India relations, relations between the armed forces of the two countries, and regional and international security situation.

Liang said that China and India, as two big neighbours of Asia, can only benefit from a peaceful relationship between them. Over the past few years, China-India strategic cooperation partnership has seen a momentum of healthy and steady development. The two countries have also seen a continuous expansion of the field of exchanges and cooperation, which has brought substantial benefits to their people.

As an important part of China-India relations, the ties between the armed forces of the two countries have been promoted further as they have maintained high-level exchange of visits and contacts, and friendly cooperation in the fields of defence consultation, joint training programmes, personnel



Indian Defence Minister A K Antony (L) held talks with Chinese State Councilor and Defence Minister Liang Guanglie at Indian Defence Ministry in New Delhi India on 4 Sept, 2012.

XINHUA

trainings, interchanges between the border troops, exchanges in military academies and special fields and anti-pirates operation in the Gulf of Aden, said Liang.

He said China always holds a positive attitude towards promoting exchanges and cooperation between the armed forces of the two countries and is willing to work with India to increase mutual trust, and push forward the healthy and steady development of

relations between the two countries and the two armed forces, with a long-term perspective and mutually tolerant attitude.

Antony said that as two emerging powers, it will benefit the interests of both countries as well as the whole world for India and China to implement the principle of peaceful co-existence, and carry out friendly cooperation. India-China relationship is experiencing a good

opportunity of development, he said, adding that India is willing to maintain close exchanges and strengthen cooperation with China and to contribute to the comprehensive development of relations between the two countries and two armed forces as well as the maintenance of regional peace and stability. Liang arrived in India on Sunday for a friendly visit at the invitation of Antony. Xinhua

Iran monitors movement of US warships in Persian Gulf: commander

IRAN

TEHRAN, 5 Sept — Iran's Navy Commander Rear Admiral Habibollah Sayyari said on Tuesday that the Iranian naval forces enjoy full intelligence command over all the movements of US warships in the Persian Gulf, Press TV reported.

"We monitor all the movements of US warships and have intelligence command over their activities," Sayyari was quoted as saying.

"The presence of US warships in the free waters of the Persian Gulf and the Sea of Oman is in accordance with international law and we have not allowed the US to enter our territorial waters," said the Iranian commander.

The Kingdom of Bahrain in the Persian Gulf is home to US Naval Forces Central Command and United States Fifth Fleet.

The United States and over 25 other countries will hold the largest scale mine-sweeping exercise on 16-27 Sept in the Persian Gulf, in a show of unity and a defensive step to prevent Iran from attempting to block oil exports through the Strait of Hormuz.

Under Western sanction pressures on Iran's oil exports, a number of Iranian commanders have threatened to close the Strait of Hormuz and to block the flow of oil through this international waterway.

Xinhua



Iran monitors movement of US warships in Persian Gulf. XINHUA

Morsi, Abbas to meet in Cairo on Thursday

MIDDLE EAST

CAIRO, 5 Sept — Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi will hold a meeting in Cairo with his Palestinian counterpart Mahmoud Abbas on Thursday over mutual relations and recent developments in the Palestinian territories, said Palestinian ambassador Barakat al-Farra to Egypt on Tuesday.

Abbas will arrive in Cairo on Wednesday night in a two-day visit to meet Arab foreign ministers.

He will inform them about the latest conditions in Palestine and the results of the investigation over the death of late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, Farra added at a press conference quoted by official news agency MENA.—Xinhua



Taliban fighters attend a surrender ceremony in Balkh Province, Afghanistan, on 4 Sept, 2012. A six members Taliban group laid down arms and joined the peace process in Balkh Province, 305 km north of capital Kabul, on Tuesday, officials said.

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Iranian spy scandal complicates already strained Ankara-Teheran ties

TURKEY

ANKARA, 6 Sept — An Iranian spy network in Turkey, exposing in the wake of a court case on Friday in Turkey's northeastern province of Erzurum, have sunk the relations between Ankara and Teheran to a new low. Seven people accused of having ties to Iranian intelligence services were detained on Friday by a Turkish court in Erzurum, amid an ebb-tide period of ties between the two rival powers in the Middle East, which are already at odds

with over what to do on Syria. The suspects were arrested in Turkey's northeastern province of Igdır, following a year-long investigation by the Turkish police at the border with Iran. The leak of the case, kept from the public for over a year, has dealt a new blow on the strained ties between the two neighbours. On Monday night, Turkish TVs aired a video footage of what seems to be a covert surveillance shots by the police, showing that three Iranian intelligence agents talking with an

informant over sensitive military information.

Part of the footage also displayed an Iranian agent talking to two militants belonging to the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK), listed as terror organization by Turkey, the United States and the European Union (EU). The spy scandal came on the heels of increased harsh rhetoric traded recently by senior officials from both sides. Teheran accuses Ankara of supporting the Syrian opposition while Ankara criticizes Iran for standing by

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

Turkish officials also said evidence pointed out that Iran has started providing support to PKK militants, a claim that was denied by Teheran. Besides, Ankara is concerned about sectarian tilt toward Iran in neighbouring Iraq whose Shiite Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki is said to be closely coordinating with Teheran in sidelining Sunni Arab politicians while consolidating his sectarian power base.—Xinhua

Colombian president to start peace talks with FARC

COLOMBIA

BOGOTA, 5 Sept — Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos announced on Tuesday peace negotiations with the rebel Armed Revolutionary Forces of Colombia (FARC) will begin in October in Oslo, Norway, with the aim of putting an end to the country's armed conflict. The peace talks with the FARC, the country's largest armed guerrilla group, "will start in Oslo in the first half of October and then continue in Havana," Cuba's capital city, Santos said in a televised speech.

Santos said the peace talks were the result of a signed agreement between the two sides that outlines where the talks will be held, what issues will be discussed and what obligations each side must fulfill. The issues to be negotiated with the FARC included rural development, guarantees that the rebel movement will be able to transit into a political opposition force, an end to armed conflict, rebel ties to drug trafficking and the rights of victims of the armed conflict, said Santos.

All of these issues need to be addressed "to attain a definitive end to the conflict

and to progress in the construction of a stable and lasting peace," he added. "This agreement does not mean we already have peace or a final agreement, it is a roadmap that precisely defines the terms of the talks for reaching that final accord," said Santos. He added that as part of those terms, Cuba and Norway will "continue to serve as hosts and guarantors," while Venezuela and Chile will "accompany" the process.

Santos said that unlike previous attempts at ending armed conflict, there will be no cease fire this time, with Colombia's military continuing to target rebel strongholds. Also, the talks will not go on "indefinitely," said Santos, adding "If there is no progress, we will simply not continue." The FARC entered peace talks with the government before, most recently in 1999 with then President Andres Pastrana. Soon after those talks began, Pastrana unveiled in 2000 the US-led Plan Colombia, securing 1 billion US dollars in mostly military aid to fight rebels and drug traffickers. Talks sputtered on for three years before ending in 2002 with no agreement.—Xinhua



The company logo is shown at the headquarters of Oracle Corporation in Redwood City, California on 2 Feb, 2010. Picture taken on 2 Feb, 2010. REUTERS

Oracle to continue Itanium server support for HP

SAN FRANCISCO, 5 Sept—Oracle Corp said it would continue to support Hewlett-Packard Co's Itanium-based servers after it lost a bitter lawsuit in which it had argued that it was not obliged to make new versions of database software compatible with the servers.

Oracle spokeswoman Deborah Hellinger declined comment when asked if the company still intended to appeal the court's ruling. Oracle said on 1 August, the day of the ruling, said that it planned to appeal.

The high-stakes dispute between the two companies, which have been partners for the past 30 years and have about 140,000 common customers, came after the former friends became intense rivals following

Oracle's purchase of Sun Microsystems.

Oracle's purchase meant that the company was now into the server hardware field, in which it previously partnered with HP. Oracle had argued that there had been no contract with HP that required it to continue to support HP's servers based on Intel Corp's Itanium chips and that it had made the decision as Itanium was approaching the end of its life.

But Santa Clara Superior Court Judge James Kleinberg ruled that there had been a contract.

Oracle software on HP's Itanium computers will be released about the same time as Oracle software on IBM's Powersystems, Oracle said in a statement.

Reuters

Asus launches ultrabooks, notebook in India

NEW DELHI, 5 Sept—Announcing its association with Intel and Microsoft, Asus today has launched Intel's 3rd generation core processor-based S series ultrabooks and the F series notebook.

Asus S Series offers a range of ultrabooks which is enabled with in-built optical drive. Engineered with Intel's Ivy Bridge processor and weighing 2.4 kgs, the S Series is claimed to have a longer battery life. The S Series is claimed to offer up to 13 days of standby.

It features a 15.6-inch HD LED Backlight Glare display with HD 0.92 megapixel, 1280X720 resolution camera. The S series comes with a hybrid storage which comprises 24GB SSD storage and a

500GB/750GB HDD. It comes with Windows 7 Home Basic.

On the other hand, the Asus F501A-XX187R (F-series) notebook, which comes equipped with Intel Core i3 processor, has a 15.6-inch HD Glare display.

The notebooks is said to offer up to 14-day standby. It includes Windows 7 Home Basic. Other features include HDMI, USB 3.0 and a 0.3 megapixel webcam.

The Asus S56CA-XX030R is priced at Rs 46,999, while the Asus S56CA-XX056R is priced at Rs 52,999. The Asus F501A-XX187R is priced at Rs 35,999. These devices come with one year on-site warranty.

PTI

UK paraplegic woman first to take robotic suit home

LONDON, 5 Sept—A British woman paralyzed from the chest down by a horse riding accident has become the first person to take home a robotic exoskeleton that enables her to walk. Although bionic exoskeletons have been used in hospitals and

rehabilitation centres, Claire Lomas is the first to take the ReWalk suit home for everyday use.

Lomas earlier this year used the suit to complete the London Marathon in 17 days, raising about 200,000 pounds (\$317,900) for research into spinal damage,

Apple sets 12 September event, latest iPhone expected

SAN FRANCISCO, 5 Sept—Apple Inc distributed invitations to an event in San Francisco on 12 September, setting the stage for what is widely expected to be the release of the iPhone 5.

The typically cryptic invitation said "It's almost here", sported a number 12 — corresponding to the date of the event — and cast a large shadow of the number 5, a clue that the fifth version of the popular smartphone could be in the pipeline.

Apple's iPhone launches are among the most-watched events on the tech industry calendar. The latest version of the company's main product — generating more than half its revenue — may sport a larger, higher-end screen, sources have said.

The new screen could measure 4 inches from corner to corner, one source has said, an increase from the 3.5-inch display that has been held constant since the smartphone began selling in 2007 and revolutionized the mobile industry. Some analysts say the larger screen may be a response to rival Samsung Electronics, whose larger, Google Android phones have helped it become the world's biggest smartphone maker.

Speculation had also arisen in past months that the company might offer details about a smaller version of its iPad, but the emailed invitation offered no hint of that on Tuesday.

Microsoft, Nokia pin hopes on new Lumia as mobile war escalates

HELSINKI, 5 Sept—Nokia and Microsoft Corp will take the wraps off the struggling European company's most powerful smartphone on Wednesday, in what may be their last major shot at winning back a market lost to Apple, Samsung and Google.

The world's largest software maker and the Finnish company that once dominated the cellphone market will showcase the device in New York on Wednesday morning and demo it for industry insiders about the same time in Helsinki.

Microsoft and Nokia hope the new Lumia will become a potent weapon in an escalating global mobile industry war.

Google's Motorola Mobility intends to show off its latest smartphone on



Models of the Nokia Lumia 900 cellular telephone are pictured in San Francisco, California on 11 April, 2012.—REUTERS

Wednesday, Amazon.com Inc will unwrap new Kindle Fire tablets the day after, and Apple is expected to unveil the latest version of its seminal iPhone on 12 September.

Samsung Electronics says it will sell its own Windows phone as early as next month.

The Lumia 920 and smaller Lumia 820 will run on the latest Windows Phone operating software, which

Microsoft hopes will rival Apple's iOS and Google's Android to become a third mobile platform. If the new phones do not appeal to consumers, it could spell the end for loss-making Nokia and deal a serious blow to Microsoft's attempts to regain its footing in the market.

Leaked pictures of the two models show a similar look to Nokia's previous Windows phones, but

analysts say these alone will not be enough to turn the corner.

"There have to be more devices, and their features have to stand out more. There has to be a 'wow' device," said Hannu Rauhala, analyst at Pohjola Bank, who cut his recommendation on Nokia's shares to "reduce" on Tuesday. The stakes are high for both Nokia and Microsoft.

The Finnish handset maker has logged more than 3 billion euros (\$3.8 billion) in operating losses in the past 18 months, forcing it to cut 10,000 jobs and pursue asset sales.

Its share of the global smartphone market has plunged to less than 10 percent from 50 percent during its heyday, before the iPhone was launched in 2007.

Reuters

Science

NASA announces asteroid naming contest for students worldwide

WASHINGTON, 5 Sept—Students worldwide now have an opportunity to name an asteroid from which an upcoming NASA mission will bring back the first samples to Earth, the US space agency NASA announced on Tuesday.

Scheduled for launch in 2016, the mission is called the Origins-Spectral Interpretation-Resource Identification-Security-Regolith Explorer (OSIRIS-REx). Samples returned from the primitive surface of the near-Earth asteroid, currently called (101955) 1999 RQ36, could hold clues to the origin of the solar system and organic molecules that may have seeded life on Earth.

NASA also is planning a crewed mission to an asteroid by 2025. A closer scientific study of asteroids will provide context and help inform such a mission.

"Because the samples returned by the mission will be available for study for future generations, it is possible the person who names the asteroid will grow up to study the regolith we return to Earth," said Jason Dworkin, OSIRIS-REx project scientist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Centre. The naming competition is open to students under age 18 from anywhere in the world. Each contestant can submit one name, up to 16 characters long. Entries must include a short explanation and rationale for the name. Submissions must be made by an adult on behalf of the student.—Xinhua

Science



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and she was recently given the job of lighting the Paralympic cauldron in Trafalgar Square.

But she said more routine activities are equally gratifying. "One of the best experiences was standing at a bar," she said. "To be stood up in this means everything

to me." Larry Jasinski, chief executive of Argo Medical Technologies, the company that developed the suit, told Reuters he was initially nervous about backing the marathon bid because the suit was still being tested but Lomas said it held up well.

Reuters

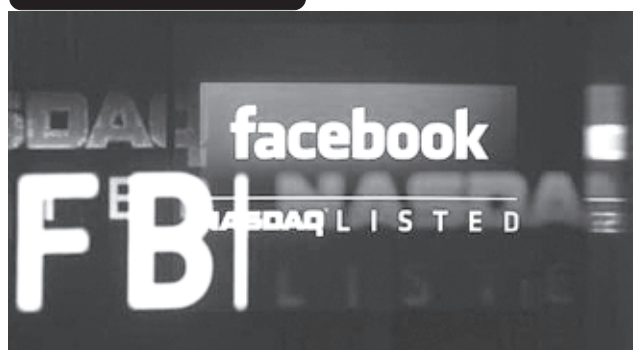
Market

Facebook rules out share sale to cover tax bill

Businesses call for govt

explanation

Business



The Facebook logo is seen on a screen inside at the Nasdaq Marketsite in New York on 18 May, 2012. —REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 5 Sept—Facebook Inc promised not to sell stock to cover a nearly \$2 billion tax bill and said it will allow employees to cash in their stock weeks ahead of schedule, moving to soothe nervous investors and its own staff as its share price spirals downward.

The world's largest online social network company, which has lost more than 50 percent of its market value since going public in May, said on Tuesday its total shares outstanding will be reduced by roughly 101 million shares as a result of the move.

Shares of Facebook rose 1.8 percent in after hours trading to \$18.05.

Facebook will cover the stock compensation tax bill with existing cash and with borrowing from its credit facilities, the company said in a regulatory filing.

"The fact that they are using cash is a good thing. It feels like a mini buyback in a way because you're in essence reducing your share count by 101 million shares," said Susquehanna Financial Group analyst Herman Leung.

Facebook has suffered a painful debut on the public

markets, as investors have fretted about its slowing revenue growth and a large pool of additional shares set to hit the market as "lock-up" restrictions on employees selling shares expire.

"Coming out and showing that they're being a little more active in supporting the stock is good for investors," said Baird & Co analyst Colin Sebastian.

"These are the kinds of things they can do until the figure out how to better monetize the sites, to help alleviate some of the pressure on the stock," he said.

While Facebook, with 955 million users, is challenging entrenched Web companies such as Google Inc for consumers' online time, Wall Street has become increasingly skeptical about its long-term money-making potential.

Earlier on Tuesday, analyst Scott Devitt of Morgan Stanley, which acted as the lead underwriter for Facebook's IPO, cut his price target for Facebook to \$32 a

share from the IPO price of \$38. JP Morgan, which also underwrote the IPO, cut its price target to \$30 from \$45 on Tuesday.

Shares of Facebook set a new low of \$17.55 on Tuesday, before closing at \$17.73 on Nasdaq.

Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg will not sell any shares in Facebook for at least 12 months, while directors Marc Andreessen and Donald Graham will sell some shares to cover their tax obligations, according to the filing. Other than the tax-related sales, Facebook said Andreessen and Graham have no plans to sell any shares held by them personally.

Facebook said it has waived a "market stand-off provision" that prohibited employees from selling shares until 14 November. As a result, employees will now be able to sell their vested shares on 29 October - four trading days after it reports third-quarter financial results on 23 October.

Reuters

TOKYO, 5 Sept—A Japanese business leader says the government has a responsibility to explain that zero reliance on nuclear power would not affect Japan's economy or the lives of its people.

The chairman of the Japan Association of Corporate Executives, Yasuchika Hasegawa, spoke to reporters on Tuesday about the government's plan to possibly scrap all nuclear

reactors in the future.

Hasegawa stressed that many businesses are opposed to abolishing nuclear power out of concern that it would render the economy and people's lives unsustainable.

He said that if the government decides to abandon nuclear energy in line with public opinion, it must explain that there's no downside to its decision.

NHK

FDA approves Pfizer leukemia drug

Health

A view of the Belgian headquarters of US pharmaceutical giant Pfizer.



REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 5 Sept—Health regulators on Tuesday approved a Pfizer Inc pill for a rare type of leukemia, another step in the company's effort to expand its oncology business.

The medicine, called Bosulif, treats chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML), a blood and bone marrow disease that usually affects older adults. About 26,000 Americans live with the cancer, and 5,430 people in the United States expected to be diagnosed with it annually, the US Food and Drug Administration said. Most people with CML have a specific type of genetic mutation called the Philadelphia chromosome. This mutation causes bone marrow to make an enzyme that triggers the abnormal growth of white blood cells. Bosulif, known generically as bosutinib, blocks the enzyme's signal that causes the white blood cells to grow.

"We are seeing improvements in the treatment of CML based on a better understanding of the molecular basis of the disease," Dr Richard Pazdur, head of the FDA's cancer drugs center, said in a statement. Pfizer's drug is meant for people who have CML with the Philadelphia mutation who cannot tolerate other medicines, such as Novartis AG's Gleevec, or whose cancer has stopped responding to the older treatments.

Reuters

Desire2Learn raises \$80 million in venture funding

TORONTO, 5 Sept—Desire2Learn Inc, a Canadian technology company that develops online learning systems, said on Tuesday that it secured \$80 million in venture funding to help strengthen its infrastructure and boost its prospects for growth.

The privately held company is based in Ontario's Kitchener-Waterloo area, near BlackBerry maker Research In Motion.

Desire2Learn said the

backing comes from US venture capital firm New Enterprise Associates and OMERS Ventures — the venture capital arm of Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System, one of Canada's largest pension fund managers.

Desire2Learn Chief Executive John Baker said in an interview that the plan would allow the company to focus on research and development.

The company builds

cloud-based learning systems that provide online learning platforms for a base of more than 700 clients, which include higher education institutes and universities, along with government and corporate sector customers.

The terms of the financing were not disclosed, but the deal gives the venture investors a minority interest, Baker said. The \$80 million capital raise is Desire2Learn's first round of

financing, and it also marks the largest-ever venture capital investment in a Canadian software company, according to Thomson Reuters data.

"The company has been called on by many private equity and venture groups over the last seven years. We only really decided to go down this path three months ago," Baker said. "We ran a very, very tight process with a very small number of top tier firms."—Reuters

Health

Not all doctors want hand-washing reminders

NEW YORK, 5 Sept—Many doctors and nurses don't like the idea of patients reminding them to clean their hands, a new study from Switzerland suggests. So-called hand hygiene has become a major goal of health care facilities around the world, and patients are often encouraged to become involved in system-wide changes to promote hand washing, researchers said.

"Hand hygiene is the primary measure to prevent infections and cross-transmission (of bacteria and viruses) at the point of care," said Dr Didier Pittet, the senior researcher on the new study from the University of Geneva Hospitals and Faculty of Medicine.

The findings shouldn't discourage patients from bringing up the topic, he added.

"Patients should know and ideally should remind their health care workers about the importance of hand hygiene, especially right before they are going to touch them," said Pittet, who also leads a hand hygiene campaign at the World Health Organization. Previous research has shown doctors and nurses are much more likely to wash up when video systems monitor their compliance and send them feedback.

Switching from soap and water to an



A surgeon washes his hands at a hospital in Berlin 29 February, 2008.—REUTERS

alcohol-based hand rub also makes regular hand hygiene much more feasible, as long as hand-sanitizing stations are located in patient rooms and not only in the hallway, Pittet said.

For the new study, he and his colleagues sent surveys to 700 doctors and nurses at the University of Geneva Hospitals — and got responses back from 227 of them. Just under one-third of the health care workers said they didn't like the idea of being reminded to wash their hands by patients, because they thought it could be upsetting or humiliating. And 37 percent said they wouldn't consent to wearing a badge encouraging patients to ask them about hand hygiene.—Reuters

Health

US officials sound worldwide alert for

Yosemite hantavirus risk

SAN FRANCISCO, 5 Sept—US health officials have sent warnings to 39 other countries that their citizens who stayed in Yosemite National Park tent cabins this summer may have been exposed to a deadly mouse-borne hantavirus, a park service epidemiologist said on Tuesday.

Of the 10,000 people thought to be at risk of contracting hantavirus pulmonary syndrome from their stays in Yosemite between June and August, some 2,500 live outside the United States, Dr David Wong told Reuters in an interview.

Wong said US Department of Health and Human Services officials notified 39 countries over the weekend, most of them in the European Union, that their residents may have been exposed to the deadly virus.

The lung disease has so far killed two men and sickened four other people, all US citizens, prompting the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention to issue a health alert.

Officials are concerned that more Yosemite visitors could develop the lung disease in the next month or so. Most of the victims identified so far were believed to have been infected while staying in one of 91



A visitor takes in the view of Upper Yosemite Falls in Yosemite National Park, California recently.

REUTERS

"Signature" tent-style cabins in the park's popular Curry Village camping area.

There is no cure for the disease, but early detection through blood tests greatly increases survival rates.

"I want people to know about this so they take it seriously," Wong said. "We're doing our due diligence to share the information." Last week, park officials shut down the insulated "Signature" tent cabins after finding deer mice, which carry the disease and can burrow through holes the size of pencil erasers, infesting the double walls.

Officials are continuing to investigate additional possible cases of the disease, which has killed 64 Californians and about 590 Americans since it was identified in 1993, Wong said.

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Union level crossword...

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groups of the population and programmes popular among the audience are broadcast more. Though the Information Ministry has no plan to produce historical movies, it would assist if the private producers would like to. Programmes depicting Myanmar traditional cultures are broadcast on a rotating basis. The prize-winning performances of the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition are aired weekly about 10 months a year. Therefore, there is no plan to organize other arts competitions to broadcast.

National songs, prize-winning performances of the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions are broadcast at intervals between popular programmes. Traditional festivals and religious activities are also broadcast occasionally. Myanmar traditional songs of the Myanmar traditional music bands are broadcast on every Wednesday. As Sayagi U Gon Ban has passed away, there is no plan to produce such programmes in MRTV programmes.

U Thein Tun Oo of Amarpura Constituency asked how legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Committee views the "Union level crossword or assessment of Union level definition" by Pro-Rector Dr Malar Aung of Yangon East University issued in Myanmar Alin and Myawady dailies, whether the writer currently assigns duty at the university, the view of the related ministry on her

presentation and whether the article is issued in State-run newspapers considering the possible impacts under current circumstances.

Member of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment U Ba Shein replied that the article is presented with one-sided view and wrong view. The writer depicted the importance of the constitution and stated that there is no such



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Hla Tun of Hkamti Constituency asks question.—MNA

practice of amending the constitution as wished. However, there found some points that imply the writer does not understand the constitution well, neglecting some provisions in the constitution. The writer is assumed to have no clear understanding of Union level personalities and Union level agencies. The writer cited the territorial waters demarcation case between Myanmar and Bangladesh as an example in her writing that applying to the courts and tribunals for the verdict means agreeing to accept the decisions of those

courts. It was wrong.

The writer's accusation that the impeachment of the verdict of the constitutional tribunal has led to contempt of the court is wrong. This is not the ordinary judicial procedures but the action of the legislature concerning the constitution. MPs can even impeach the President, Vice-Presidents and judges of the Supreme Court of the Union and take actions against them if they breached the law. The comparative description of the legislature's action and ordinary case of contempt of the court is indeed improper one.

Only the legislature is vested with the authority by the constitution to impeach. They are impeached as they fail to fulfil the duty charged by the State and constitution. The writing has misguidedly led to public disgrace of legal experts and the entire legal sphere and made the readers misunderstand the legislature. Particularly, the article does not meet the typical standard to be presented in State-run newspapers.

The writer has questioned that who will be responsible for the wrong suggestion of the outsiders. In reality, it is done in line with Section 112 (d), 115 and 118 of the constitution and thus the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker who discharges the duties of the Hluttaw has no need to take responsibility for that. Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission is constituted with only legal, international, political, social and economic experts and experienced persons from various fields. The commission also consists of MPs and non-MP national scholars and coordinated actions are made with individual and corporate responsibility.

It is the constitutional tribunal that upsets the balance of check and balance system, the essence of democracy. If Hluttaw committees and commission are not Union level agencies as decided by the constitutional tribunal, they would not be able to monitor the actions of the ministries. Hluttaw is an agency discharging the important legislative duty related to such necessities of the people as livelihood, health, education, culture and security. The article is no more than opinion of the writer who has ranked the role of Hluttaw committees and commission herself.

In reality, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw law, Pyithu Hluttaw law, Amyotha Hluttaw law, Union Attorney-General law and Union Auditor-General

law describe the clear definition of Union level agencies. However, the writer has turned a blind eye to those provisions. Union level personalities and Union level agencies have been separately defined in the law. That the article was presented in two State-owned newspapers has raised the question that whether there is some stimulation behind the case. The situation should not be fuelled at the very moment.

Regarding the second question, Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu said that Dr Marlar Aung still discharges duty at Yangon East University in prorector capacity. The ministry has so far not issued any particular instructions regarding the article. Regarding the third question, Deputy Minister for Information U Ye Htut replied that the Information Ministry received the notice at 8 pm on 4 September that the Information Ministry and Education Ministry are to answer queries on the article on 5 September. The procedures and instructions have been issued by Union Government Office with Letter No. 21/237 miscellaneous (Aphaya)/2012 dated 2-1-2012 to ensure accuracy and comprehensiveness of the answers in replying the queries of the Hluttaw. The deputy minister requested the Hluttaw to allow the ministry reply comprehensively after taking actions in line with procedures.

U Thein Tun Oo asked about the exact time and date and the deputy minister replied that the question was important and aroused the interests of MPs. The ministry would try its best to reply comprehensively and would like to reply at the session on coming Monday.

U Thaug Han of Yinmabin Constituency asked about **stance of the Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission on the Constitution Tribunal of the Union's remonstrance in its press release No. 2/2012 against chairman of investigation committee U Thein Swe and members citing 301 Hluttaw representatives who had signed petitions could not join the committee.** U Mahn Maung Maung Nyan, member of the commission, answered that the Section 556 of the Penal Code cited in the remonstrance is only valid for cases in which the judge himself/herself is a party or has the personal interest and for appeals of cases they passed verdicts on. The issue is of the constitution and must

be addressed in accord with the constitution.

The proposal to impeach the constitutional tribunal was started by Amyotha Hluttaw and approved by more than two-thirds of the Amyotha Hluttaw representatives in accord with Sections 71, 302 and 334 of the constitution. If the Amyotha Hluttaw approved the impeachment, the Pyithu Hluttaw will have to decide on it in accord with the law.



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Thaug Han of Yinmabin Constituency raises query.—MNA

The committee was formed in accord with the constitution.

Despite signing of the proposal by 301 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, the source of the proposal is not Pyithu Hluttaw. Pyithu Hluttaw representatives neither have their interest nor are a party, but represent the Pyithu Hluttaw in accord with the constitution. The remonstrance is not valid.

The remonstrance against chairman U Thein Swe and members is contrary to the constitution and deviates from the nature of justice. The case has nothing to do with Section 556 of the Penal Code and paragraph 41 of civil servants disciplinary handbook. The committee will continue to launch investigation and report to the Pyithu Hluttaw on the findings in detail for consideration of the Pyithu Hluttaw.

U Hla Tun of Hkamti Constituency asked about **undertakings of the Pyithu Hluttaw investigation committee on impeachment approved by more than two-thirds majority of the Amyotha Hluttaw formed in accord with Sections 71 and 302 of the constitution.** Member of the Pyithu Hluttaw investigation committee U Win Myint answered that the duties and authorities of the committee have been defined in Pyithu Hluttaw directive No. 1/2012 dated 29-8-2012. The committee set to try the accused as of 3-9-2012. Summoned clearly mentioning venue and time,

no defendant nor representative attends the hearing.

The accused requested the Pyithu Hluttaw to suspend the investigation as it sent writ to the Union Supreme Court remonstrating the investigation committee chairman and all members. As it failed to present solid reason in remonstrance and request for suspension, it was turned down, but Chairman-then U Nanda Kyaw Swa was replaced by U Thein Swe, showing mercy on the accused.

The defendants again failed to make presentations at the hearing in person or in letter on 4-9-2012. Their gesture is the contempt of the Pyithu Hluttaw or all the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives or the investigation committee which is discharging duties in accord with the constitution.

If they again fail to attend hearing on 5-9-2012, the investigation under directive No. 1/2012 shall be deemed to be complete, except for some procedures of investigation. The report on findings will be submitted to the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker for seeking decision of the Pyithu Hluttaw.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker said now is crucial time that not only the lawmakers but the entire people should be informed of the answers at the Hluttaw. The Ministry of Information is urged to bring up questions of the Hluttaw and answers of the respective commission and investigation committees completely, he said, warning against the ignorance and disrespect to the Hluttaw.

The proposal of U Aung Myint of Gangaw Constituency "**designation of lands which are not used by the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry anymore as farmlands**" was accepted by the Pyithu Hluttaw to discuss.

U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency cancelled his proposal to **discuss Anti-Corruption Bill at the Pyithu Hluttaw** as the Amyotha Hluttaw Financial and Legal Commission has submitted Anti-Bribery Bill. The withdrawal was approved. The Anti-Bribery Bill approved and sent by the Amyotha Hluttaw was approved by the Bill Committee, the Hluttaw representatives and Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint. The bill was then approved.

The meeting concluded at 3.40 pm and the 40th day session continues tomorrow.

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Fingerlings released to integrated farms in Mawgyun



MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 5 Sept—With the aim of preventing depletion of fish resources and ensuring sufficiency of fish consumption, Mawlamyinegyun Township Fisheries Department organized the ceremony to release fingerlings to the integrated farm in Natmyingyi Village of Techaung Village-tract in Mawlamyinegyun Township on 29 August morning.

Deputy Head of Township General Administration Department U Hsan Lin Oo, Head of Township Fisheries Department U Myint Aye and staff, departmental personnel and members of social organizations released 70000 fingerlings to 130 acres of farmland of U Tun Myint of Natmyingyi Village.

Moreover, they set over 30000 fingerlings into 22 fish breeding ponds of 16 fish breeders.—*Myanma Alin*

Universities become independent...

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The Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry distributed elephant yam seeds to Natmataung National Garden and related areas in 2010. Project model villages Okpo, Makyaukha, Zawyaung and Yelaungpan are putting 50 acres under elephant yam plantation. The manual for cultivation of the elephant yam will be distributed in Chin language. The agricultural loan cannot be still granted for the elephant yam cultivation as all the loans go to major crops paddy, groundnut, sesame, pulses and beans, cotton, maize, oil mustard, jute and sugarcane.

Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo explained functions of the Supreme Court of the Union and courts at various levels from 30 March, 2011 to 30 June, 2012. The explanation covers the hearing of special appeal cases, criminal cases and civil cases at the Union Supreme Court and 14 Region or State High Courts, functions of other courts, management, staff affairs, budget, buildings and capacity building of the judicial staff.

Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Myint Tun read out the report of the committee on Foreign Investment Bill amended and approved by

the Pyithu Hluttaw.

The Hluttaw decided to approve the bill as amended by the committee and to table the matters where the two Hluttaws disagreed at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Two Hluttaw representatives discussed the report of the ASEAN Political and Security Community Committee.

The Hluttaw Speaker passed a decision to continue the undertakings of the committee, taking discussions of the representatives into consideration.

Five Hluttaw representatives discussed the proposal on education development submitted by Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency (8).

Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe

discussed the Higher Education Department is allowing universities to manage academic, administrative and financial affairs by their own to make it accorded with the rules and regulations.



Deputy Education Minister U Ba Shwe makes clarification.

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After assessing weaknesses and strengths of international education measures, pragmatic measures are being carried out.

As the 30-year long-term plan from 2001-2002 fiscal year to 2030-2031 fiscal year for nurturing researchers, scholars and national education promotion has been drafted and annual education promotion seminars are conducted, the proposal should be put on record.

The proposal was approved with the majority vote.

The meeting concluded at 3.30 pm and the 40th day session continues tomorrow.

At today's session, one question was raised and answered, the functions of the Union Supreme Court

and the courts at various levels presented, the Foreign Investment Bill decided to put forward to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, one report discussed and approved.—MNA



Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No (8) submits proposal.

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News in Brief

Performing Arts

Competitions held in Gangaw

GANGAW, 5 Sept—The 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at district level was held at Myittha Hall in Gangaw on 31 August morning.

Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Deputy Commissioner U Hla Min Htut of District General Administration Department cut the ribbon to open the competitions.

Contestants from Gangaw, Htilin, Saw and Kyaukhtu townships in the district participated in the competitions. At 7 pm, Deputy Commissioner U Hla Min Htut, Chairman of the Organizing Work Committee Police Lt-Col Paw Tin, Chairperson of District Women's Affairs Organization Daw San San Oo and officials awarded the winners.

Myanma Alin

Public health workers course kicks off

SHWEGU, 5 Sept—Under the arrangements of Shwegu Township Health Development Programme of Kachin State, the public health workers (New) training course was opened at the hall of the Township Health Department on 3 September morning.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Nyi Nyi made a speech. National Level Technique Consultant Dr San Shwe Win of World Health Organization explained the purpose of conducting the training course.

Head of Township Health Department Dr Thura Zaw explained matters related to the training.

Altogether 30 trainees from villages of the township are attending the four-week course.

Myanma Alin

Nourishment week, breastfeeding week launched

PYAY, 5 Sept—Jointly organized by Pyay District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee of Bago Region and Health Department, the model mother contest in commemoration of the nourishment week and the breastfeeding week was held at the meeting hall of the District Health Department in Pyay on 14 August afternoon.

Chairperson of District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Bauk Nan viewed participation in the contest and then presented prizes to model mothers.—Myanma Alin

General Soe Win, General Ma Xiaotian focus on cooperation between Myanmar, Chinese armed forces



Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win holds talks with Deputy Chief of General Staff General Ma Xiaotian of the People's Liberation Army of China.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept—Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win had a cordial discussion between two armed forces of the two countries with Deputy Chief of General Staff General Ma Xiaotian of the People's Liberation Army of China at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, this morning.

Present at the meeting together with the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services were General Hla Htay Win of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, senior military officers of the Office of Commander-in-Chief and the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command.

Deputy Chief of General Staff General Ma Xiaotian of the People's Liberation Army was accompanied by Rear Admiral Li Ji of the Deputy Chief of Foreign Affairs Office of the Defence Ministry, Sr Col Song Yachao and officials of the Deputy Chief of Asia Bureau of Foreign Affairs

Office, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and Military Attaché Sr Col Xiong Shaowei.

The Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and the Deputy Chief of General Staff of PLA exchanged views on exchange of visits at respective levels between two armed forces of the two countries, cooperation in control of border regions, continuous cooperation in security in international sector, stability of border regions, prevalence of law and order in two countries at Mekong Basin and political, economic and social matters of Myanmar and China.

After the meeting, a ceremony to sign the agreement on cooperation between Chinese and Myanmar armed forces followed. It was attended by the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and the Deputy Chief of General Staff of PLA.

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Myanmar mini-saloons available freely

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept—Myanmar mini-saloons, manufactured by Ministry of Industry, with least fuel consumption are sold at K 7.5 million for ensuring smooth transport of the people as of September. Added with tax of Directorate of Road Transport and commercial tax, the price of mini-saloon will be cost K 8.1 million. At present, dwellers in Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon use taxis for their trips. Anybody may purchase mini-saloon freely, according to the Ministry of Industry.—Kyemon

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 6 September, 2012

The feel-good factor

Theft is one of the oldest professions even if it is tagged as a crime in every corner of the world. But the question whether the world really has no room for it still needs to be answered. We could easily point out the persons who have stolen anything as thieves by means of laws or any other definitions despite our understanding that the word "thief" conveys a deeper and wider meaning.

If you dare say you haven't stolen a thing you didn't own, you could skip over this piece of writing after answering the only question that follows to claim yourself as a morally healthy person. The question is: Do you think you have never stolen the peace of mind of others?

Being one of social animals, a human being can't live nor stand alone. Societies we live in are clusters of social beings where views and feelings of each individual are shared among fellow members. Even if you can argue that you aren't such stricken by others' pains or joys, there will be the ones who shed tears by your despairs and the ones who laugh at your jokes.

You may again argue that you have the right to freely express your feeling. Yes, you can. Your argument is valid as long as you can feel or express it in a manner that does not provoke no, not even scant, adverse impact on your society. As an old saying goes, "A trouble shared is a trouble halved." But it depends on the way how you share it. You shouldn't be the transmitter of agonies in your society.

Understandably, you do not own the feelings of others. So, you have no right to replace these with your own grief or anger, intentionally or unintentionally. It's the way you steal others' peace of mind which is absolutely not your own.

Stealing materials can only cause loss of physical assets and the thief, if captured, can also be brought to justice. But the thieves of feelings spoil the morality among the members of the society through nonstop irritations, leading to its decline.

We should only smile as bright as we can and spread joy as broad as we can. If not, we should seek remedies to heal our pain from our peers in a manner that has least affect on them with the authentic mindset to get rid of it. Just smile!

Flourishing of democracy...

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process with armed national races groups. Efforts are being made for all inclusiveness of political groups in the process of Myanmar's politics. Peace pacts have been inked with ten of 11 armed national races groups. Government is making attempts to make peace with one armed group in the north of country. The second point is that flourishing of democracy system needs to have socio-economic development of the people. The new government is giving priority to these points. The first important point for socio-economic development of the people needs to establish workshops and factories that can create more job opportunities. Myanmar has less investments and human resources. So, more investments are being invited. Making investments in garment factories and slipper factories that do not need high technologies can create more job opportunities for the people.

He continued to say that raw materials have to be sold although Myanmar has natural products. Establishments of factories that can produce value-added products would be more beneficial to both countries, thereby contributing to the emergence of SMEs. Products can be exported easily to nearby markets when heavy industries are set up. Myanmar is at strategic geographical location. Myanmar has opportunities for selling of products not only at home but

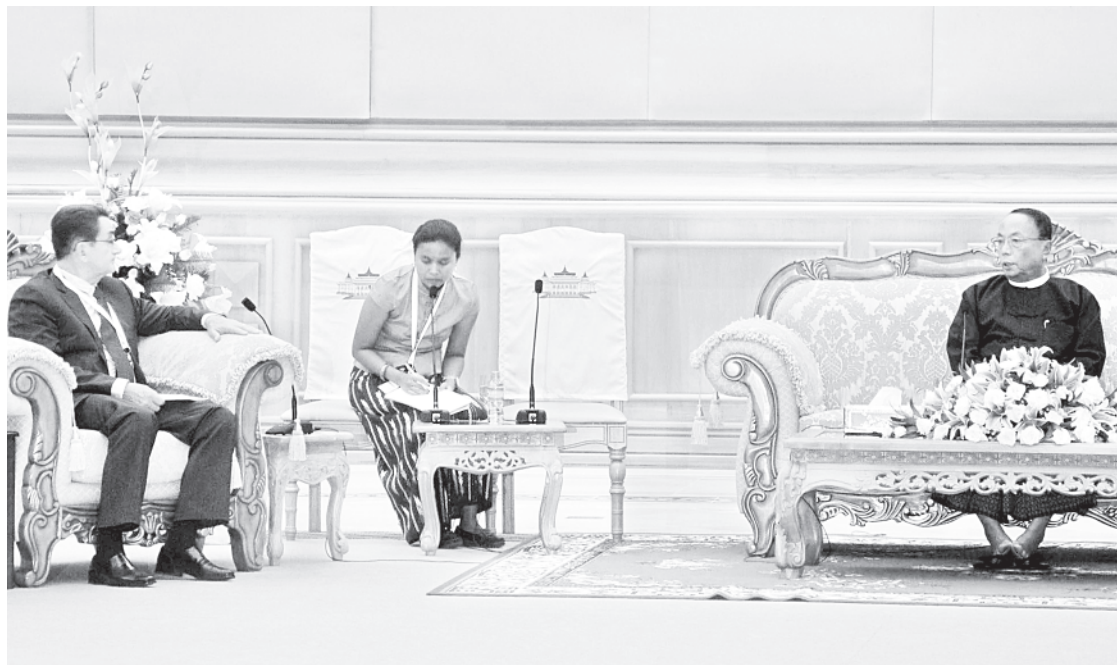
also abroad if investments in heavy industries, IT industries and telecommunication are made. So, French entrepreneurs are invited to make investments in Myanmar. Foreign Investment Law that is in conformity with all countries can be passed soon. Economic sanction is a major hindrance for foreign investors. Now, US and EU have lifted almost all economic sanctions against Myanmar. Myanmar has yet to enjoy GSP rights till now. The new government wants amiable relations between France and Myanmar and expects multi-sector cooperation. He wished may French President, heads of Government and French people be physical and spiritual wellbeing.

After that, Mr Gerard Midquel said that he will report to French government on full support of French for removal of all economic sanctions against Myanmar and urge EU countries. He assumed that economic development of Myanmar needs the removal of economic sanctions against Myanmar.—MNA

Corrigendum

Please read Myanmar embassy is opened in Ottawa of Canada instead of Plans are under way to open Myanmar embassy in Ottawa of Canada in 3rd line of first paragraph in second column on Page 1 of this daily issued on 4-9-2012.—NLM

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw receives Chairman of South-Asia Committee of French Senate



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint receives Chairman of South-Asia Committee French Senator Mr Gerard Midquel and party.

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NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint received Chairman of South-Asia Committee of French Senator Mr Gerard Midquel and party at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw complex, here, this evening.

Present at the call together with the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw were chairmen of Amyotha Hluttaw Committees, responsible persons from Hluttaw Office and the French Ambassador to Myanmar.

At the call, the speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw explained drawing approval of constitution, holding election successfully, participating

national races without considering black or white in both Hluttaws, carrying out Hluttaw working procedures, holding Hluttaw meeting and implementing democracy system as well as political and economic reforms strategies. He expressed his sincere thanks to France and EU countries which lifted economic sanctions imported to Myanmar. He invited EU countries and France to help Myanmar's education system as well as development. He had a cordial discussion on mutual cooperation of Hluttaw affairs, investment in Myanmar, aviation, technology, communications and agriculture between the two countries and sending Hluttaw representatives to France for excursion tour.—MNA

Mawlamyine BEHS-6 holds PTA meeting, prize presentation

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept—Chairman of school board of trustees retired teacher U Khin Shwe, Assistant Mon State Education Officer (Admin) U Myo Tin Aung, Township Education Officer U Aung Soe Myint and Headmistress Daw Khin Khin Wai delivered addresses at annual meeting of parent-teacher association and prize presentation ceremony for outstanding students in 2011-2012 academic year at No. (6) Basic Education High School, Mawlamyine, Mon State on 2 September.

The executive committee report for 2011-2012 academic year and financial statement of parent-teacher association were read and new executives elected.

The Headmistress, executive members of parent-teacher association, members of School Board of Trustees and parents gave prizes to outstanding students.—MNA



Headmistress of Mawlamyine BEHS No. 6 Daw Khin Khin Wai presents prize to an outstanding student.

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Yan Gyi Aung

Literacy for All

For over 66 years UNESCO has worked to ensure that literacy remains a priority on national and international agendas. Through its formal and non-formal literacy programmes worldwide, the Organization works to realize the vision of a literate world for all. UNESCO's literacy programmes aim to create a literate world and promote literacy for all. On international Literacy Day each year, UNESCO reminds the international community of the status of literacy and adult learning globally. Despite many and varied efforts, literacy remains an elusive target: some 793 million adults lack minimum literacy skills which means that about one in six adults is still not literate and about two-thirds of them are women; 67.4 million children are out-of-school and many more attend irregularly or drop out. The first half of the United Nations Literacy Decade (UNLD 2003-2012) saw positive and encouraging progress in raising the profile of literacy. Strengthened action in many countries made literacy rates raise and there is a stronger awareness that literacy needs everywhere are changing and must be addresses in innovative ways.

Literacy is the common thread that runs through the six goals of EFA. Indeed, the

acquisition of stable and sustainable literacy skills by all will ensure that people can actively participate in a range of learning opportunities throughout life. In view of the world in flux in the 21st century, lifelong learning has become more important to face changes and adapt ourselves for sustainable society and individual empowerment. Literacy for all is the foundation for lifelong learning for all and a tool for empowering individuals and

Continuing education is of particular importance to out-of-school youth and neo-literate adults.

Literacy is not just about educating, it is a tool of personal empowerment and a means for social and human development. Educational opportunities depend on literacy. Literacy is at the heart of basic education for all, and essential for eradicating poverty, reducing child mortality, curbing population growth,

face in life. It is fully essential to social and human development in its ability to transform lives. For individuals, families, and societies alike, it is an instrument of empowerment to improve one's health, one's income, and one's relationship with the world. Ensuring literacy skills for all people will pave the way for every members of the society to participate in a range of learning opportunities throughout life. Creation of literate environments and societies is the foundation for "Lifelong learning for all" and a tool for empowering individuals and their communities.

The uses of literacy for the exchange of knowledge are constantly evolving, along with advances in technology. A literate community is a dynamic community, one that exchanges ideas and engages in debate. Illiteracy, however, is an obstacle to a better quality of life, and can even breed exclusion and violence. Hence literacy is considered as an effective way to enlighten a society and arm it to facing the challenges of life in a stronger and efficient way, raise the level of personal living, create and assist change the society.

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their communities. Lifelong learning builds upon the foundation of universal literacy.

During the last two decades, some countries in the Asia and Pacific region have made significant progress in literacy. Many countries are recognizing the importance of continuing education as an essential extension to literacy to promote human development and lifelong learning. Continuing education must be seen as productive investment resulting in positive returns, not only in terms of economic growth, but also in improvement of quality of life and the overall development of society.

achieving gender equality and ensuring sustainable development, peace and democracy. There are sufficient reasons why literacy is at the core of Education for All (EFA). A good quality basic education equips people with literacy skills for life and further learning; literate parents are more likely to send their children to school; literate people are better able to access continuing educational opportunities; and literate societies are better geared to meet pressing development.

Literacy is crucial to the acquisition of essential life skills that enables us to address the challenges we

General Soe Win warmly welcomes Deputy Chief of General Staff of PLA



General Soe Win and Deputy Chief of General Staff General Ma Xiaotian of PLA take salute of the Guard of Honour.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept—A goodwill delegation led by Deputy Chief of General Staff General Ma Xiaotian of the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China arrived in Nay Pyi Taw from Yangon by special aircraft of Myanmar Tatmadaw this morning.

They were welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by officials.

On arrival at Zeyathiri Beikman by car to attend the welcoming ceremony, the Chinese goodwill delegation was warmly welcomed by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win.

The Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and the Deputy Chief of General Staff of PLA on the dais took the salute of the Guard of Honour. Then, they inspected the Guard of Honour.

The Chinese Deputy Chief of General Staff of PLA introduced Rear Admiral Li Ji, Sr Col Song Yachao and officials. The Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services also presented his entourage General Hla Htay Win of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, senior officers of the commander-in-chief and the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command.—MNA

News in Brief

Specialists give health care services to rural people



TACHILEK, 5 Sept—Staff of the Health Department and doctors of local hospitals make field trips to the rural areas for giving health care services to the local people.

The group led by Additional Head of Shan State Health Department Dr Aung Kyaw Htwe comprising Head of Tachilek District Health Department Dr Saw Lwin, physician Dr Zaw Moe Shein, pediatrician Dr Moe Kyaw and TB control team participated in the health care services for the local people in Yepusan Village, Palyan-1 Village, Whaylay Village and Wamkaung-2 Village of Tachilek Township from 18 to 24 August.

The medical team gave healthcare to 482 local people and the TB control team 76 people on their trip.—Myanma Alin

Hydropower on small scale for local people of Yamethin

YAMETHIN, 5 Sept—A plan is underway to generate hydropower on a small scale from YeU waterfalls near YeU Hill, 12 miles southeast of Yamethin.

On 27 August, officials inspected potentials to generate hydropower at the waterfalls. The waterfalls flow down from the hilly areas the whole year despite lesser volume of water in the summer.

With the aim of using water from the waterfalls to be used for the people, feasibility studies have been conducted. The findings of the study shows the hydropower to be generated from the waterfalls is expected to supply electricity to 1000 households in the region.—Myanma Alin

Fingerlings released into dams in Nyaungdon Township

NYAUNGDON, 5 Sept—Nyaungdon Township Fisheries Department of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries set fingerlings on free into water at Panhlaing Sluice Gate in Hsamalauk Village of Nyaung-don Township on 29 August morning with the aim of ensuring sufficiency of fish consumption, increasing fish resources, alleviating poverty and developing rural areas.

On the occasion, Acting Township Administrator U Zaw Min Naing of Nyaungdon Township General Administration Department and party, Head of Nyaungdon Township Fisheries Department U Myint Naing and staff, members of the Agricultural Promotion Department and departmental personnel released 150,000 fingerlings into Panhlaing Sluice Gate.

Moreover, the departmental officials released 350,000 fingerlings into Mezali Sluice Gate in Mezali Village in Nyaungdon Township.—Myanma Alin



EURO**European bankers told to expect tougher regulation**

FRANKFURT, 5 Sept — European policymakers warned bankers on Tuesday to expect tougher regulation after a series of scandals had demonstrated the industry was incapable of policing itself. Nearly four years after bank dealings in subprime mortgages caused a global financial crisis, the sector's image is again in tatters due to an interest rate rigging scandal and massive losses from bad trades including at UBS and Societe Generale.

Joerg Asmussen, a member of the European Central Bank's executive board, said efforts within the

G20 group of leading economies to address problems in the sector had lost momentum and he urged a new drive to clean up banking. "The cumulation of misdeeds by individuals at big financial institutions shows that tougher regulations are needed," he told an audience of bankers at a conference in Frankfurt. "Neither internal controls nor external oversight is working."

Asmussen said that if allegations in the Libor interest rate rigging affair proved true, the consequences for the industry were "unforeseeable".

British bank Barclays

was fined a record \$450 million after it admitted manipulating its submissions used to calculate Libor. Regulators believe rigging went far beyond the Barclays and are investigating most of the world's largest banks. In Germany, which holds federal elections next year, all the major parties including Chancellor Angela Merkel's Christian Democrats are preparing proposals to rein in banks. Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaueble said on Monday he was looking into expanding the options for taking legal action against bank managers.—Reuters



Juergen Füschen, designated co-successor of Josef Ackermann, outgoing CEO of Germany's largest business bank, Deutsche Bank AG, addresses the media during the bank's annual news conference in Frankfurt, on 2 Feb, 2012. — REUTERS

China urges early dialogue between IAEA, Iran

BEIJING, 5 Sept — China has urged the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and Iran to solve the outstanding problems regarding the Iranian nuclear issue through dialogue at an early date. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei made the comments at a regular news briefing on Monday when asked about the disagreement between IAEA and Iran.

As a signatory of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, Iran has the right to peaceful use of nuclear energy but should also comply with the relevant obligations, Hong said. China has always maintained that dialogue and cooperation is the only correct solution to the Iranian nuclear issue. Therefore, China has actively taken part in the dialogue process between Iran and six world powers, and supported the IAEA to strengthen cooperation with Iran, Hong said.

"Relevant parties should give priority to the diplomatic solution in a flexible and pragmatic manner, seeking common ground while shelving differences," he said. "We also hope the new round of talks on the issue can be launched at an early date and promote the dialogue to achieve progress, exploring a comprehensive, long-term and proper solution to the issue step by step," Hong said.—Xinhua



Jia Qinglin (C front), chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, meets with a Taipei delegation headed by Yao Eng-chi (R front), a Taipei politician, in Beijing, capital of China, on 4 Sept, 2012.

XINHUA

China Top political advisor calls for efforts to promote cross-Strait peaceful development

BEIJING, 5 Sept — Top political advisor Jia Qinglin on Tuesday called for efforts to promote the peaceful development of cross-Strait relations between the Chinese mainland and Taipei. Jia, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, put forward four proposals to consolidate and strengthen cross-Strait ties when meeting with Taipei representatives of grassroots public opinion.

First, Jia urged both sides to proceed with confidence

and adhere to a path of peaceful development in cross-Strait relations. The mainland's fundamental policies (towards Taipei) will remain unchanged and it will continue to implement policies and guidelines to promote peaceful development of cross-Strait relations, he said. Second, Jia urged both sides to keep to the "right track" of cross-Strait relations.

He asked both sides to deepen political trust, seeking common ground while reserving differences, and

take more practical actions to create favourable conditions in addressing deep-rooted problems of cross-Strait relations. Third, Jia called on both sides to expand exchanges and strengthen cooperation in all sectors. The mainland will support and encourage more people from both sides to carry out all forms of exchanges, he said.

Xinhua

"Queen of cocaine" killed in Medellin, Colombia

BOGOTA, 5 Sept — Griselda Blanco, a Colombian drug trafficker known as the "Queen of cocaine," was killed by gunmen in the north-central city of Medellin, authorities said on Tuesday.

Police said Blanco was shot in the head by two armed men riding a motorcycle in front of a butcher shop on Monday. She died on her way to hospital.

The identity of the suspects and their motives were still under investigation, police said. Blanco, 69, also known as "The Godmother," became a powerful drug smuggler in the 1970s by starting a massive drug trade to the United States.

Blanco returned to Colombia in 2004 after spending almost 20 years in a US jail for drug trafficking and three drug-related killings. And she was the mentor of Pablo Escobar, Colombia's number one drug dealer who later took over her position.

Xinhua

A Palestinian woman walks past a mural depicting late leader Yasser Arafat (R) in Gaza City on 4 July, 2012.

REUTERS



Arafat wrote. The French murder investigation

French judges investigating Arafat's death seek exhumation

PARIS, 5 Sept — Three French judges are preparing to travel to Ramallah to seek the exhumation of Yasser Arafat's body as part of an investigation into whether he was murdered by poison, a judicial source told Reuters on Wednesday.

The investigating magistrates will need approval from both Israel and the Palestinian Authority, but Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has already expressed his government's willingness to exhume the

body from a limestone sepulchre in Ramallah.

Arafat's widow, Suha, said in a statement sent to Reuters that the judges told her lawyer they had begun the necessary steps to travel to Ramallah, where police experts would carry out tests under their authority.

"I respectfully ask the Palestinian Authority and the Arab League to suspend all initiatives while the French justice system is looking into the case, other than to act together with them," Suha

investigation

"should take precedence over all other procedures, because it is the incontestable guarantee of independence and neutrality", she added.

The court launched the murder inquiry last month into the 2004 death of Arafat in a Paris military hospital after his widow said he may have been poisoned. No autopsy was carried out after Arafat died, aged 75, a month after being flown to France, seriously ill, from his headquarters in Ramallah.

Allegations of foul play spread quickly after French

Two dead, one injured in Oklahoma bar shooting

HOUSTON, 5 Sept — Two people were killed and another one injured in a shooting on Tuesday morning at a bar in the US state of Oklahoma, authorities said.

The shooting was reported shortly after 2 am on Tuesday at a saloon in northeastern Oklahoma, the sheriff's office said in a news release.

The case is being investigated as a murder-suicide, according to local TV channel NewsOn6.

The shooter, identified by police as Preston Chandler, allegedly shot and killed Jim Grapevine before turning the gun on himself.

Preston's wife Melanie Chandler was allegedly shot by Preston and was expected to survive, said the report. The cause of the shooting was under investigation.

Xinhua



Contestants attend the opening ceremony of the 2nd Street Snap Competition in Beijing, capital of China, on 3 Sept, 2012. The competition, which will last for two months, opened in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on Monday evening.—XINHUA

Two shot inside venue where Quebec separatist leader speaking

QUEBEC

MONTREAL, 15 Sept—A gunman shot and badly injured two people inside the Montreal theater where separatist leader Pauline Marois was giving a speech in the wake of a narrow election win, police said early

on Wednesday. Bodyguards rushed Marois from the stage in the wake of the shooting. She later returned to the podium to finish her speech. Police spokesman Danny Richer said a man of around 50 had been arrested.

The suspect also set fire to the back of the building, he told reporters. of gun crime are relatively low and many politicians move around without bodyguards.

RDI television showed pictures of police subduing a large man with a rifle who was dressed in a black cape. He appeared to shout in French the phrase “The English are waking up.” Marois heads the separatist Parti Quebecois, which wants independence for the French-speaking province of Quebec.

She is also promising to strengthen laws designed to ensure the dominance of the French language, which has worried some in the minority English-speaking community.

Parti Quebecois won a minority government in a provincial election held on Tuesday, returning to power after nine years in the opposition.— Reuters



Parti Quebecois leader Pauline Marois (R) smiles as she walks with her husband Claude Blanchet following her vote in her home riding in Beaufre, Quebec, on 4 Sept, 2012.— REUTERS

Workplace injuries in Singapore increase in 1st half

Singapore

SINGAPORE, 5 Sept — Singapore saw an annual 10.4 percent increase in the overall number of workplace injuries during the first half of the year, according to a report released by the city-state’s Workplace Safety and Health Institute on Tuesday.

On the other hand, there were 26 fatal injuries resulting from workplace accidents, down from that of 31 cases

during the same period last year.

The number of major injuries marginally decreased from 253 cases in first half last year to 246 from this January to June, while minor injury cases, which formed the bulk of the workplace injuries, saw an annual increase of 11 percent, from 4494 to 5001 cases during the same period, the report said in a statement.

For occupational diseases, the number of cases confirmed was 603, up

from 360 in the same period last year, mainly due to an increase in the number of noise induced deafness cases.

“While the first half of the year saw a fall in the number of fatalities and major injuries, there have been a number of serious accidents recently in July and August.

We are gravely concerned as similar issues are surfacing and workers are hurt in these accidents despite there being many lessons in the past,” local media Channel NewsAsia quoted Ho Siang

Hin, the Manpower Ministry’s WSH Commissioner as saying.

Singapore has recently seen increasing number of workplace injuries over the past two months, including 6 serious construction-related accidents which have resulted in 5 fatalities and several others injured, including the fire at East Village Hotel and the collapse of the formwork structure at the Bugis Downtown Line station, etc.

Xinhua

S Korea

Foreigners buy S Korean stocks for 1st time in 5 months

SEOUL, 5 Sept — Foreigners bought South Korean stocks for the first time in five months last month as expectations spread over additional stimulus measures in the United States and Europe, the financial watchdog said on Wednesday. Offshore investors purchased a net 6.6 trillion won (5.82 billion US dollars) worth of local listed stocks in August, the first purchase in five months and breaching the previous record monthly high of 6.2 trillion won tallied in January, according to the Financial Supervisory Service (FSS).

The record-high purchase was mainly attributed to spreading expectations that the US Federal Reserve will take additional stimulus measures and the European Central Bank (ECB) will resume bond purchases in the bond markets of the eurozone. The watchdog noted that demand for stock futures strengthened amid easing appetite for safe assets, leading to a surge in programme-linked buying. European investors turned to net buyers by purchasing a net 4.44 trillion won worth of local stocks, but US investors remained net sellers for six straight months by offloading shares worth 226.2 billion won.

British and French investors shifted to net buyers by purchasing shares worth 3.04 trillion won and 1.6 trillion won respectively, and Saudi investors kept their buying spree

for the sixth consecutive month with 717.7 billion won worth of shares buying. As of the end of August, foreign holdings of local listed stocks reached 383.9 trillion won (338.42 billion US dollars), or 31.4 percent of the total market capitalization, according to the FSS. The largest owner was US investors who held 153.9 trillion won in local stocks, or 40.1 percent of total foreign ownership, as of end-August. It was followed by the European investors with 118.4 trillion won, British investors with 38.3 trillion won and Luxembourg investors with 25.2 trillion won.

Meanwhile, foreign net investment in local listed bonds, calculated by net bond buying minus the amount of maturing debts, contracted by 2.6 trillion won in August due to demand for profit-taking following a fall in government bond yields, according to the FSS. Net investment by US investors declined 1 trillion won in August, keeping its downward trend for four straight months, while the one by European investors declined to 292.6 billion won last month from 1.67 trillion won the previous month due to massive maturing debts.

Norwegian and Chinese investors posted net investment worth 0.5 trillion won and 0.2 trillion won each in August, but net investment by Thai and Malaysian investors contracted for three months in a row.—Xinhua

China, S Korea agree to step up parliamentary exchanges

S Korea

SEOUL, 5 Sept — China and South Korea on Tuesday pledged to step up their parliamentary exchanges in a bid to facilitate the comprehensive development of bilateral ties. The pledge was made during a meeting between visiting Chinese senior legislator Chen Zhili and Kang Chang-hee, speaker of the South Korean National Assembly. Chen, vice

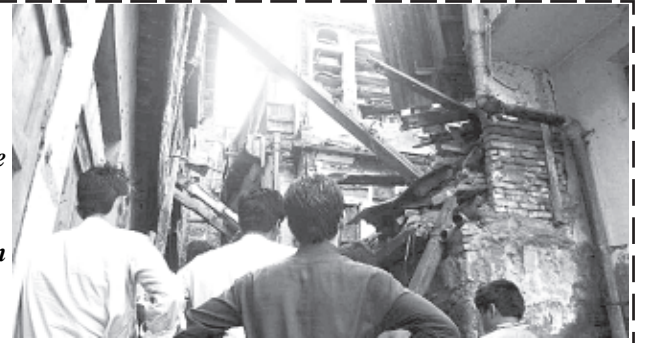
chairwoman of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress (NPC), China’s top legislature, also co-chaired the seventh meeting of regular exchanges between the NPC and the South Korean National Assembly with vice speaker of the South Korean parliament Lee Byung-suk. Noting that parliamentary exchanges constitutes an

important part in bilateral ties, Chen said the NPC is ready to further strengthen exchanges with the South Korean National Assembly and improve the regular exchange mechanism to develop closer bilateral ties.

Kang said his country highly values relations with China and is willing to work with China to carry out deeper exchanges and cooperation on a wider scope. Lee said the South Korean parliament attaches importance to the institutionalized exchanges with China’s top legislature and hopes to see the exchange mechanism continue to function and be improved constantly. During the meeting, the two sides held in-depth exchange of views on bilateral relations, the East Asiaregional cooperation, and the situation on the Korean Peninsula. The NPC and the South Korean National Assembly launched the regular exchange scheme in January 2006.— Xinhua

People gather at the building collapsed site in northwest Pakistan’s Peshawar on 4 Sept, 2012. At least five members of the same family were killed when roof of their house collapsed due to heavy rain in Peshawar.

XINHUA



AVIATION No end yet to US jetliner buying spree

WASHINGTON, 5 Sept—US airlines could place hundreds of orders for new jets on top of their recent wave of purchases — leaving billions of dollars’ worth of orders for US manufacturer Boeing Co and European rival Airbus still to fight over. After sitting out a boom in plane orders in the past decade to sort out chronic financial difficulties, carriers led by American Airlines plunged into the market last year to take advantage of fuel-saving models offered by Airbus and Boeing.

Senior planemaker officials said in separate interviews the so-called

replacement cycle, in which airlines seek to drive down operating costs by switching to efficient and newer planes, had some mileage left to run in the key North American market. Barry Eccleston, president and chief executive officer of Airbus Americas, said Delta Air Lines, Alaska Airlines and US Airways had still not decided which new airplanes to buy. “There are still several major campaigns for airplanes in the hundreds yet to be conducted,” he told Reuters journalists.

Delta Airlines Inc, the second largest US carrier behind United Continental Holdings Inc, has placed an

order for Boeing 737-900ER aircraft to replace 757s but is expected to return to the market to update the rest of its narrowbody fleet. As the world’s biggest but most mature market, long-deferred replacements of older models dominate US purchases. In emerging markets, it is the additional frequencies and routes needed to keep up with economic growth that drive orders. Both trends are contributing to generally upbeat forecasts for passenger plane demand over the next 20 years despite growing concerns over Europe’s financial crisis.—Reuters

1,443 arrested for drug crimes in Saudi Arabia in last eight months

DRUG CRIMES

JEDDAH, 5 Sept — Up to 1,443 people were arrested in Saudi Arabia for drug-related crimes in the last eight months, the interior ministry announced on Tuesday.

The spokesperson of the interior ministry added that some 1.9 billion riyals (0.51 billion US dollars) worth of narcotics were confiscated in the same period.

A total of 247 out of the 1,443 arrestees were Saudi and the rest come from 26

nations. A Pakistani man was executed for trafficking heroin in his stomach by Saudi authorities on Tuesday morning.

Two security personnel died and ten others wounded while confronting armed drug gangs in raids; as many as 18 drug traffickers and dealers were killed and 39 others injured in clashes with security forces, according to the spokesperson.— Xinhua



Firemen participate in a drill to handle the explosion of some chemicals in Yinchuan, northwest China’s Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 4 Sept, 2012. Local fire department held a drill in Yinchuan on Tuesday to examine and improve the response of firemen under emergent situations.— XINHUA



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US Army troops are reflected in the window of a doubledecker bus during the Army's 237th anniversary celebrations at Times Square in New York on 14 June, 2012. — REUTERS

Defence industry bracing for further budget cuts

WASHINGTON, 5 Sept — US defence companies are bracing for additional cuts in Pentagon spending, even if Congress reaches a deal to avert a controversial \$500 billion across-the-board budget cut due to go into effect in January, industry officials said on Tuesday. Dennis Muilenburg, head of Boeing Co's defence and security unit, said in an interview with Reuters reporters and editors that his firm anticipated the Pentagon would face more spending reductions even if Congress acts to avert the cuts looming in January under the process known as sequestration.

"We know that there's still a gap to close in terms of the overall budget deficit," Muilenburg said. "Certainly the defence budget, being one of the large components of the overall federal budget, will have to be considered in that process." Linda Hudson, the top US executive at Britain's BAE Systems Plc, also predicted a further decline in US defence

spending, given the depth of the economic challenges facing the country. But she said continued threats to US national security would prevent a precipitous drop.

"Defence has to be part of the solution to the fiscal challenges that the country has," Hudson told Reuters. "However, I have never seen a downturn in this industry where the country was at war and the world in general was as uncertain and perhaps as unsafe as it is today." The Pentagon is facing \$500 billion in across-the-board cuts to defence spending over 10 years beginning in January, after Congress failed to reach a compromise deal to reduce federal spending by an equivalent amount. A similar amount will be cut from non-defence government programmes.

Marion Blakey, president of the Aerospace Industries Association, said defence spending would inevitably be part of the debate over fixing the US debt crisis.

Reuters

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More theoretical research needed, says political advisor

BEIJING, 5 Sept— Top political advisor Jia Qinglin has urged various advisory bodies for more theoretical research on the political consultative system.

Jia, a Standing Committee member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, made the remarks Tuesday at the opening ceremony for a two-day seminar on the theoretical research of the country's political advisory system.

Jia, also chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, stressed that the people's political consultative theory of socialism with Chinese characteristics pinpoints the

position, nature, functions and working principles of the consultative system in a new era. He said that it was a "mighty theoretical weapon"



to guide the development of the political advisory cause.

According to Jia, theoretical innovation has been serving a key role in

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Jia Qinglin (4th R back), chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, addresses the opening ceremony of a symposium on the political consultation theory research work in Beijing, capital of China, on 4 Sept, 2012.— XINHUA

Chicago agricultural commodities mixed on weather issues

CHICAGO, 5 Sept— Chicago corn and soybean futures rose slightly on Tuesday while wheat futures edged down a hair, as traders considered the effects of this summer's hot weather, and a stronger US dollar pressured trading. The most active corn contract for December delivery rose 5.25 cents, or 0.66 percent, to close at 8.05 dollars per bushel. December wheat edged down 0.75 cents, or 0.08 percent, to settle at 8.8875 dollars per bushel. November soybeans rose 11.75 cents, or 0.67 percent, to close at 17.6825 dollars per bushel.

Agricultural commodities traders continued to struggle with the effects of this summer's drought conditions that damaged much of the US corn and soybean crops. The corn crop was particularly affected by the hot and dry weather, and as farmers begin to harvest the corn crop this week, traders continue to hear talk of sharply lower crop yields. Traders would look to Tuesday afternoon's harvest report from the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) for more information, which will likely guide trading this week.

Corn is getting more support as there was news from the USDA saying that Japan bought 180,000 tonnes of 2013-2014 US corn from private exporters. However, reports that the Argentinean government signed off for 2.75 million tonnes of 2011-2012 corn exports limited demand ideas for the US crop. Wheat also saw movement from ideas of international demand. The wheat market has recently jumped on reports of a drought-driven decline in Black Sea wheat production, and news from Russian Agricultural Ministry on Tuesday disclosing the country's grain yields have fallen 27 percent from last year could help boost the US crop.

Xinhua

Cave-in at China construction site, casualties unknown

WUHAN, 5 Sept— A furniture market that was being built in central China's Hubei Province collapsed Wednesday morning, trapping workers in the rubble, witnesses and local authorities said.

It is unknown how many workers are trapped. The planned market for home furnishings and building materials in Qiaokou district of the provincial capital Wuhan toppled during construction at around 8 am, said a source with the city's fire brigade.

Xinhua reporters at the scene saw the cave-in happen in the underground structure, seemingly a garage, that covered

about 300 square metres and was two-storey high. At least two people were seen to be injured after they were pulled out of the rubble, said a witness surnamed Song.

Song, who lives near the construction site, said she felt the tremor when the construction caved in. "It lasted about 10 seconds," she said.

Several residents said they saw more trucks than usual carrying cement to the site on Tuesday night, a sign that construction had been accelerated. Rescuers were still searching for survivors in the rubble with life detectors.

Xinhua

Entertainment



Illeana says that stubbornly persisting with the belief that I will do this kind of role only will not help.
PTI

Actress Illeana says acting comes first

NEW DELHI, 5 Sept—Illeana says that stubbornly persisting with the belief that I will do this kind of role only will not help. “If we learn to embrace things which we dislike, we will get the ones we like one day or another,” she philosophizes.

The actress says that acting comes first to her. She definitely has some specifications, but she would prefer to accept offers as they come

and like to prove herself in them. “For me, being called a good actress is secondary. I should first get the roles in which I can prove my mettle. That is why I have got the image of a good actress.”

She shot to fame with ‘Devadasu’ and ‘Pokiri’, and later preferred to be choosy. She awaits the release of ‘Julayi’ and ‘Barfee’.—PTI

Ziggy Stardust struts anew in David Bowie exhibit

LONDON, 5 Sept—Ziggy Stardust’s multi-coloured jumpsuit, a Union Jack coat, more than 50 other outlandish stage costumes, handwritten lyrics and album artwork from British singer David Bowie will go on show in London next year. The “David Bowie Is”, exhibition will run from 23 March to 28 July at the Victoria and Albert Museum in central London and aims to explore the singer’s creative process across five decades, featuring more than 300 objects.

“It’s about a person who through their art, design and performance, I think, has affected the way we live now,” co-curator Victoria Broackes told Reuters.

“It’s not designed as a retrospective. It’s designed in the present tense. So, we do look at themes within his career that come back and forth, but what we want, is when you leave the exhibition, you have a sense of how Bowie has changed your world and the fact that there are elements of what he has done all around you.”

Alongside Ziggy Stardust’s jumpsuit, will be more than 60 stage costumes such as a Union Jack coat designed by Bowie and Alexander McQueen for his “Earthling” album cover and Japanese designer Kansai

Yamamoto’s decadent creations for his “Aladdin Sane” tour in 1973.

Visitors will also be able to see Bowie’s handwritten lyrics, photography, films, music videos as well as his set designs, instruments and album artwork.

“What we find at the V&A which is really great, is that despite living in a digital world, where so many things are possible at arms length, actually seeing objects up close is still absolutely thrilling” Broackes added. “I think that’s an interesting process, to be able to actually look at the designs and how they created the finished object.”

Much of the collection that will feature in the exhibition will come from the David Bowie Archive, the first time a museum has been granted access to the musician’s private collection.

“We are thrilled to be hosting this exhibition of the world’s most creative artist,” said V&A Director Martin Roth, who defended recent

criticism that the show was not in keeping with the museum’s art and design agenda.

“The V&A is uniquely placed to put on this exhibition. We are the world’s number one museum on art and design. We’re also very, very strong on performance and theatre. Theatre and performance came back to the museum in 2007, so David Bowie fits perfectly within that genre.” Roth also dismissed rumors that Bowie was involved in the curation of the show, which were shot down by the artist himself on his Facebook page last week, which stated:

“Contrary to recent reports, I am not a co-curator and did not participate in any decisions relating to the exhibition.”

The exhibition has been in the making for two and half years and will form one of the museum’s major shows next year. Tickets cost £14 (\$22) and go on sale on 4 September.

Reuters



Singer David Bowie arrives with his wife Iman to attend the Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA) fashion awards in New York on 7 June, 2010.
REUTERS



Priyanka Chopra’s first single and her most-talked-about film ‘Barfi’ are releasing on the same day.

Priyanka to miss her song’s release for ‘Barfi!’ sake

MUMBAI, 5 Sept—Priyanka Chopra’s first single and her most-talked-about film Barfi are releasing on the same day and she has decided to skip the former event.

“My music album will come in a few months but the first single will come the same day as Barfi, actually on 13 September. The first single features Will.I.A.M. and it will be a worldwide release,” the 30-year-old said here at the Mijwan fashion show.

Titled In My City, the single will be released during the ‘Thursday Night Football’. However, Priyanka will not be present as she says, “I am promoting Barfi! at that time... I had to choose”.

Meanwhile, Priyanka also wished a happy Teachers’ Day to all her teachers.

“My teachers didn’t like me at all. Happy Teachers’ Day to all my teachers who didn’t like me and happy Teachers’ Day to all those teachers who made me who I am,” she said.—PTI

Mila Kunis, Ashton Kutcher’s new-found canine love

LONDON, 5 Sept—Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher want to adopt a dog.

The couple—who have yet to officially confirm their romance—want to rescue an abandoned pooch and are particularly keen to provide a “loving home” for a large canine. A source told *Now* magazine: “Mila and Ashton have been touring shelters looking for an abandoned dog that needs a loving home. “They have their hearts set on a big dog—either a golden retriever or a Labrador.”

Mila and Ashton first met 14



The couple have yet to officially confirm their romance

years ago when they co-starred in hit sitcom *That 70s Show*, and the pair have recently rekindled their spark. They are said to be inseparable and “basically living together”, so sharing custody of their new pet shouldn’t be a problem.

Two and a Half Men actor Ashton—who is currently in the middle of divorce proceedings with Demi Moore—whisked Mila off on a luxury five-star holiday on the island of Bali in August. Though they haven’t confirmed their romance, the couple have been spotted holding hands in public and were caught kissing at the wrap party for Ashton’s latest film, a biopic of the late Apple boss, *Steve Jobs*.

A source said: “Ashton was Mila’s first kiss while on ‘That 70s Show,’ so they’ve always had a special bond. “They started dating in the spring, and things have recently become more serious.”

PTI

George Harrison jacket from early Beatles years up for sale

LONDON, 5 Sept—A black leather jacket worn on stage by George Harrison in the early Beatles years will go on sale in December with an estimate of between 90,000 and 120,000 pounds (\$143,000 and \$190,700), auction house Bonhams said on Tuesday.

The jacket was worn by Harrison when the Beatles performed in Hamburg, Germany, and then at the Cavern Club in Liverpool in the early 1960s, before they moved to their signature style of matching suits.



A red rose is placed next to a portrait of former Beatle George Harrison on the gates of the Abbey Road Studios in London on 30 Nov, 2001.
REUTERS

The Bonhams Entertainment Memorabilia sale is held on 12 December in London.

Also going on sale are an orange shirt worn by Harrison during the

Brutal, beautiful South Korean film jolts Venice

VENICE, 5 Sept—“Pieta”, a new film from South Korea, is so violent it is hard to watch, but the story of a pitiless loan shark and the mysterious woman who claims to be his mother turns into an absorbing thriller and moving love story rolled into one.

Director Kim Ki-duk pulls no punches in his tale of ruthless revenge and redemption, and lead actress Cho Min-soo, whom he describes as his “raven-haired Mary”, is a favorite to take the best actress prize when the festival ends on Saturday.

While audiences in the West may struggle to find a theatre willing to screen *Pieta*, an award at the world’s oldest film festival may ensure at least limited distribution, and the film is also a serious contender for the best picture Golden Lion.

The film opens with Kang-do, a lanky, expressionless debt collector terrorizing the dingy metal workshops where impoverished labourers eke out a meagre existence in a sprawling shanty town in Seoul.

Setting the plot amid squalid backstreets in the shadow of gleaming downtown skyscrapers, Kim makes *Pieta* a broader commentary



Director Kim Ki-duk (L) poses with actors Lee Jung-jin (R) and Jo Min-soo during the photocall of the movie “Pieta” at the 69th Venice Film Festival in Venice on 4 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

on greed, the failings of the financial system and how society as a whole must take some blame for looking the other way.

“I feel that this movie in particular is a movie dedicated to humanity, to our difficult situation in an extreme capitalist crisis,” Kim told reporters after a Press screening of *Pieta* and ahead of its red carpet world premiere on Tuesday.

“That’s why you may feel there have been changes in this compared with my previous movies,” he added of his 18th feature film, speaking through a translator.—Reuters

Liverpool owner asks for patience after poor start

LONDON, 5 Sept—Liverpool owner John W Henry has written an open letter to fans asking for their patience after Sunday's 2-0 home defeat by Arsenal condemned the Anfield club to its worst start to a league season in 50 years.

Henry's Fenway Sports Group (FSG) came under fire for the decision to loan England striker Andy Carroll to West Ham United without signing a replacement by Friday's summer transfer window deadline day and the poor start has led to further complaints.

Responding to the criticism, the principal owner said it was "not through any lack of desire or effort" that the club had failed to sharpen their attack in a period which has garnered only one point from three league matches.

"I am as disappointed as anyone connected with Liverpool Football Club that we were unable to add further to our strike force in this summer transfer window," he wrote in the letter published

on the club website (www.liverpoolfc.com).

"It is unfortunate that on this occasion we were unable to conclude acceptable deals to bring those targets in. No one should doubt our commitment to the club."

"In Brendan Rodgers, we have a talented young manager and we have valued highly his judgement about the make-up of the squad.

"This is a work in progress. It will take time for Brendan to instill his philosophy into the squad and build exactly what he needs for the long term."

Henry added that Liverpool were continuing to pay the price for the failings of the previous regime after bringing to an end the acrimonious reign of fellow Americans Tom Hicks and George Giller with their Anfield takeover in October 2010.

"We are still in the process of reversing the errors of previous regimes," he said. "It will not happen overnight. It has been compounded by



John W Henry has written an open letter to fans asking for their patience after Sunday's 2-0 home defeat.—PTI

our own mistakes in a difficult first two years of ownership.

"It has been a harsh education, but make no mistake, the club is healthier today than when we took over."

Writing in Britain's *Daily Telegraph* on Monday, former Liverpool defender Alan Hansen blamed FSG for the "debacle" which has left the side woefully short of attacking options.

"By sanctioning the departure of Andy Carroll and then failing to come up with the money to sign Clint

International Sports

Chinese tennis boss admits Li Na not well educated

BEIJING, 5 Sept—China's tennis chief has pointed out that the lack of systematic education has been the root of Li Na's weak nerves that led to a sudden meltdown during games.

Sun Jinfang, director of China's tennis administrative centre, told a TV interview on Sunday that education should be more emphasized in the country's sports training system to avoid what happened to Li Na.

"We've seen lots of meltdowns on Li in recent months," she said. "It's quite normal, in my opinion, to an old-school Chinese sports-woman who didn't receive enough education to have a strong mind."

Turning pro at 17 years old, China's tennis superstar Li, like most of the country's sportsmen and women, had devoted all her mind and energy to training since she was a little girl.

"Without good education, the sportsmen or women are just like well designed computers with ill-

suited software, impossible to perform their best," Sun said.

After being crowned at the 2011 French Open, Li Na dropped in rocket speed from top to bottom, losing her following two Grand Slam events in the second and first round, and another three in last 16.

In the ongoing US Open in Flushing Meadows of New York, the ninth seeded Li was ousted by British teenager Laura Robson last Friday in the third round, losing 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-2.—Xinhua



China's Li Na

Federer picked in Swiss Davis Tennis Cup team

BERN, 5 Sept—Switzerland has included Roger Federer in their team for a Davis Cup world group relegation playoff against the Netherlands next week.

The Swiss tennis federation says Federer, who hopes to be in the US Open final in New York on Sunday, is undecided about playing five days later in Amsterdam.

The lineups can be changed as late as one hour before the match draw next Thursday, on 13 September.



Federer was picked alongside 19th-ranked Stanislas Wawrinka — who was playing Novak Djokovic in a fourth-round match on Tuesday — Marco Chiudinelli (No 134) and Henri Laaksonen (No 410). The 20-year-old Laaksonen has switched nationality from Finland.

Switzerland will play the Dutch on outdoor clay courts. The winner stays in the top-tier, 16-nation world group.—PTI

Meanwhile, the Swiss tennis federation said Federer is undecided about playing in Amsterdam.—PTI

High jump silver for India at London Paralympics

NEW DELHI, 5 Sept—Girisha Hosanagara Nagarajegowda won a silver in the men's high jump event on Monday at the Paralympic Games in London, bagging India's first medal at the 2012 Games. The 24-year-old from Karnataka jumped a height of 1.74 metres in the F42 final, finishing behind Fiji's Iliesa Delana.

Nagarajegowda, who suffers from a leg impairment, jumped a personal best to become the first Indian to win a Paralympic medal in the event. The silver for Nagarajegowda helped India

better their performance in Beijing four years ago when they didn't win a medal. India's best Paralympic performance was at the Athens Games with a gold and a bronze.

Ten Indian athletes, including Nagarajegowda, are taking part in the 2012 Games which end on 9 September.—Reuters



India's Girisha Hosanagara

Two athletes appeal to CAS over campaigning row



Japan's Koji Murofushi

BERNE, 5 Sept—Two athletes barred from joining an International Olympic Committee (IOC) commission because of their election campaigning methods have taken their appeals to sport's highest court.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has registered an appeal from Japanese hammer thrower Koji Murofushi, bronze medalist at this year's London Olympics, requesting the IOC

decision barring him from the athletes' commission be annulled.

CAS said the Japanese Olympic Committee had also appealed. "The appellants request the annulment of the IOC Executive Board's decision and an order that Murofushi be reinstated as a candidate in the election," the Lausanne-based court said in a statement.

They also requested "an order that the votes registered for Murofushi up to the close of voting on 8 August be considered valid, resulting in his election to the IOC Athletes' Commission."

CAS said it had received an email from the Taipei Olympic Committee announcing that the gold medalist in taekwondo at the

2004 Athens Games, Mu-Yen Chu, who had been excluded for the same reason, was also going to appeal.

Murofushi and Chu were excluded on charges they had campaigned inappropriately, in the wrong places and using methods that were against the rules. The appeal process would take about four months, CAS said.

French canoeing gold medalist Tony Estanguet, Zimbabwean swimmer Kirsty Coventry, Australia's former Olympic rowing champion James Tomkins and Slovakian shooter Danka Bartekova were elected following the ruling. The IOC decided not to proceed with their inclusion to the commission during the London Games because of a possible appeal.—Reuters

Manchester City draw up stunning offer for Cristiano Ronaldo

MANCHESTER, 5 Sept—English Premier League champions Manchester City are set to launch an amazing world record bid to sign Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo. *The Daily Star* says City are working on a four-year contract offer to bring the former Manchester United star back to the Premier League.

The offer is said to be in the region of £95 million and City officials are pretty confident that they can lure unhappy Real Madrid star. But they face stiff competition from the likes of



Cristiano Ronaldo

Chelsea, PSG and Manchester United.

Ronaldo in the past has

previously stated that he wants to return to the EPL and wants to finish his career with his former team Manchester United. Buying Ronaldo would mean boss Roberto Mancini having to sell players to clear space on City's wage bill for the 27-year-old, who is paid around £250,000 a week in Madrid.

So it is unlikely to happen until next summer, when they feel Real could be forced to cash in on one of world football's top talents for much less than his rumoured £1bn euro buy-out clause.—PTI

Soccer

Free agent Michael Owen signs for Stoke

STOKE, 5 Sept—Former England striker Michael Owen has signed for Stoke, ending a four-month search for a new club since being released by Manchester United.

The 32-year-old Owen has agreed to a one-year deal with Stoke after failing to reignite his career at Old Trafford during three injury-



Former England striker Michael Owen

blighted seasons.

Stoke announced details of the signing on Twitter. Owen was a free agent and able to sign after the August transfer window closed on Friday.

The former Liverpool, Real Madrid and Newcastle forward made just four appearances last season for United. He hasn't played competitively since November because of a thigh injury.—PTI

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

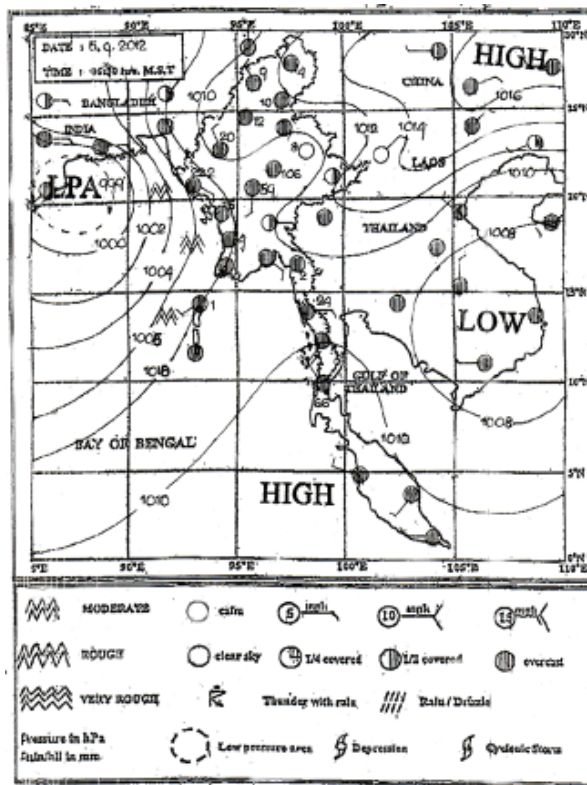
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- (6-9-12 09:30 am ~ 7-9-12 09:30 am) MST
- * News
 - * The 5th Anniversary of Civic Society Initiative
 - * News
 - * Weather Forecast for Late Monsoon
 - * Live Concert
 - * News
 - * Road to 27th SEA GAMES "Track-and-field"
 - * News
 - * The Launch of Channel News Asia on Skynet
 - * News
 - * The Legend of an Ambulatory Surgeon (Episode-1)
 - * News
 - * The Legend of an Ambulatory Surgeon (Episode-2)
 - * News
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 - * News
 - * International Education Exhibition
 - * Myanmar Movie "Unchangeable Love"

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- (6-9-2012) (Thursday)
- 7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw -Uppatthandi Paritta
- 7:50 am
2. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:10 am
3. Dance Variety
- 8:20 am
4. Song of National Races
- 8:25 am
5. Selected Songs For 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2012) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Higher Education Level) (Women)
- 4:00 pm
6. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
7. Cute Little Dncers
- 4:40 pm
8. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Physics)
- 4:55 pm
9. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:00 pm
10. Science and Environment
- 5:30 pm
11. India Drama Series
- 6:20 pm
12. Myanmar Series
- 6:40 pm
13. Approaching Science Discovery World
- 8:00 pm
14. News
15. 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2012) Interview (Oldies & Mono Classial)
16. Documentary
17. TV Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 6th September, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	25/77	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
2	Kayah	25/77	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
3	Kayin	29/84	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
4	Chin	18/64	15/59	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	24/75	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	28/82	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
7	Taninthayi	27/81	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
8	Bago	29/84	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
9	Magway	30/86	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
10	Mandalay	33/91	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
11	Mon	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
12	Yangon	32/90	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	27/81	20/68	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	24/75	17/63	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	29/84	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	32/90	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	32/90	22/72	One or two rain or thundershowers	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	32/90	22/72	Some rain or thundershowers	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	33/91	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Lower Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Shan, Kayin and Mon States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Mandalay, Magway and Bago Regions and isolated heavy falls in Taninthayi Region, Chin and Rakhine States. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Sitway (8.74) inches, Htilin (5.55) inches, Pakokku (5.35) inches, Kyaukhtu (5.10) inches, Yamethin (4.45) inches, Mandalay (4.17) inches, Nyaunglebin (4.13) inches, Kawthoung (4.02) inches, Chauk (3.90) inches, Mindat (3.78) inches and Myingyan (3.15) 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 and now lies over North Bay still persists. Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman sea and Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea: Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in the Southern Myanmar Areas.

Stones to release 50th anniversary hits album



The Rolling Stones (L-R) Charlie Watts, Keith Richards, Ronnie Wood and Mick Jagger pose as they arrive for the opening of the exhibition "Rolling Stones: 50" at Somerset House in London 12 July, 2012. —REUTERS

LONDON, 5 Sept—The Rolling Stones will release an album of hit songs in November to celebrate their 50th anniversary, including their very first single "Come On." "GRRR!" will be available in various formats including a three-CD 50 track version, a four-CD Super-Deluxe version with 80 tracks and a 12-inch vinyl box set, the group said in a statement on Tuesday.

As well as Chuck Berry's Come On, issued in June 1963, and chart-topping vintage Stones tunes such as "Satisfaction", "Jumping Jack Flash" and "Brown Sugar" there will be two new studio recordings recently completed by the group in Paris.

"These brand new recordings constitute the first time Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Charlie Watts and Ronnie Wood have all been together in the studio since completing the exalted A Bigger Bang album in 2005," the statement said.

All GRRR! formats will feature a striking painting by American artist Walton Ford, who has created the latest in a long line of artwork for the band.

News about the release of the album comes on the heels of a Billboard report last week that the Stones are set to play a series of four concerts in November in New York and London.

Jagger, Richards, Watts and Wood will play two dates at London's O2 arena and two at Brooklyn's new Barclays Centre, which has yet to be completed, Billboard reported.

News of the shows comes after the band members initially said they would not tour this year, then hinted at upcoming gigs during a book launch and photography exhibit in London over the summer marking their anniversary.

No representative of the band was immediately available for comment or confirmation.—Reuters

Powerful quake hits Costa Rica, tsunami warning issued Earthquake

SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA, 5 Sept—A powerful 7.6-magnitude earthquake rocked Costa Rica on Wednesday, rattling buildings, cutting power in areas of the capital and triggering a tsunami warning.

Residents of San Jose said phones went down, electricity poles rattled on the streets and water flowed out of pools during the quake, but the Red Cross said no casualties had been reported so far.

"It was terrible. I was on the third floor, I had never felt anything like it," said Stephanie Gonzalez, a 25-year-old masters student in the capital.

The quake's epicenter was in western Costa Rica about 87 miles from San Jose, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) said, and it was felt as far away as Managua, the capital of neighboring Nicaragua.—Reuters



Huge 7.9 Earthquake Hits Costa Rica

District News



TAXATION CLARIFIED: The clarification on taxation was held at the office of Mawlamyine Township Internal Revenue Department of Ministry of Finance and Revenue on 28 August. Director of Mon State Internal Revenue Department U Tun Tun Aung explains matters related to taxation.—MYANMA ALIN

Azarenka into semis at rain-hit US Open



NEW YORK, 5 Sept—Victoria Azarenka survived a ferocious comeback from defending champion Sam Stosur to reach the US Open semis on Tuesday as the remnants of Hurricane Isaac left tournament organizers scrambling to catch up with the playing schedule.

The eagerly anti-cipated quarter-final matchup between Maria Sharapova and Marion Bartoli was postponed until Wednesday after just four games were completed. Dozens of junior matches were also held over because of the heavy rain.

Tournament officials are still hoping to complete the four men's fourth-round matches scheduled for Tuesday but prospects were bleak with more showers forecast in the Big Apple.

Azarenka traded blows with Stosur for nearly two and a half hours on a blustery Arthur Ashe Stadium court to beat the foul weather and her opponent in a 6-1, 4-6, 7-6 thriller.

The world number one will play either Sharapova or Bartoli in Friday's semi-finals and will remain atop the world rankings regardless of how much further she goes in the tournament.—Reuters

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept— Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received a delegation led by member of US House of Representatives Mr. Dana Rohrabacher at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 2:00 pm today.

Also present together with the Vice-President were Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister U Thant Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Labour U Myint Thein, Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thaug Tin and officials concerned.

The delegation was accompanied by officials from American Embassy to Myanmar.

The meeting focused on matters related to further cementing relationship between the two countries and promoting of bilateral economic cooperation.

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Vice-President of Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives delegation led by US congressman Mr Dana Rohrabacher at Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace.

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Union level crossword still unresolved



Pyithu Hluttaw

Photo shows Pyithu Hluttaw representatives at 39th session of Pyithu Hluttaw.

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NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept—The Pyithu Hluttaw session continued for 39th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 405 MPs.

Five questions were answered, one new proposal put forward, one proposal withdrawn and one bill discussed and confirmed at today's session.

Regarding the questions of U Kun Lein of Falam Constituency about **whether there is any plan to teach local language during school hours and if there is any plan to teach national race language together with English at primary level**, Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu replied that arrangements are being made to teach local national race language for pre-primary level outside school hours in respective regions. There is no plan to teach combined curriculum of national race language and English considering the perpetuation of the Union.

Regarding the question of U Aung San of Pabedan Constituency about **whether there is any plan to extend the time of the programmes depicting Myanmar traditional cultures and traditions through the air**, Deputy Minister for Information U Ye Htut replied that television programmes are designed to meet the different tastes of different age

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Universities become independent bodies from Higher Education Department



Amyotha Hluttaw

The 39th Amyotha Hluttaw session in progress.

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NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept—Amyotha Hluttaw session continued for 39th day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this morning, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 206 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

U Stephen Thabeik of Chin State Constituency (4)

asked about **the government's support for elephant yam cultivation in Chin State**. Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than answered that the elephant yam special plantation zones are being implemented with local and international assistance.

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