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## Peace and rule of law key to equality of opportunity



President U Thein Sein speaking at the meeting with national races affairs ministers from Regions and States.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met national races affairs ministers from Regions and States at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Vice-Presidents Dr Sai Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Wai Lwin, Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Ministers at the President

Office U Thein Nyunt, U Soe Maung, U Soe Thein, U Tin Naing Thein and U Hla Tun, Deputy Minister U Thant Shin and national races affairs ministers from Regions and States.

First, national races affairs ministers introduced themselves. Speaking on the occasion, President U Thein Sein wished the well-being of the national races affairs ministers in his first meeting with them. The President continued that they are responsible for the affairs of own national races being the representatives of the

national races concerned in related regions and states. He said the meeting was aimed to revise legal affairs and fulfil the requirements of administrative matters in assuming responsibility for national races following the decision of the constitutional tribunal that they have equality with the region and state governments concerned.

National races affairs ministers can directly contact with region or state governments concerned. In addition, a ministry with a Union Minister was

established at the President Office to enable them directly contact with the Union government, contributing to top-down and horizontal communications.

Over 100 national races

reside in Myanmar and all are national brethren living within the boundary of the nation. Therefore, they will equally have the fundamental rights of the citizens vested by the constitution and also need

to perform the equal duties together.

The shared major duty is residing within the Union with unity and safeguarding Our Three Main National Causes. The three major duties namely, Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity and Perpetuation of sovereignty is the shared duty which each citizen has to safeguard forever. All the national brethren have to perform this duty in unison.

It is everyone knowledge that border regions still lagged behind in development and such works as education, health, transportation, and economy could not be undertaken effectively due to weak stability and the rule of law. This is because of the conflicts with national race armed groups. The government is making

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### KIA's mine blast damages bridge between Mawhan and Mohnyin

MOHNYIN, 7 Sept— Mines planted by KIA insurgent group at a 160-foot-long steel-truss bailey bridge No. (555) on Mandalay-Myitkyina Railroad section between Mawhan and Mohnyin Stations, blasted and cut off about four feet of the railroad at about 6:35 pm yesterday, and another mine did not blow up.

The mine blast made 37-up train delayed at Mawhan Station. The passengers on the train were provided with 500 packages of

rice and bottles of purified drinking water by Mawhan administrator and social organization members. Now staff of Myanma Railways are making efforts for repairing the railroad.

It is learnt that there have been a total of 52 mine blasts by KIA on Nantsiaung-Myitkyina Railroad section as from June of 2011, which caused blocks to the trains plying from Mandalay to Myitkyina.

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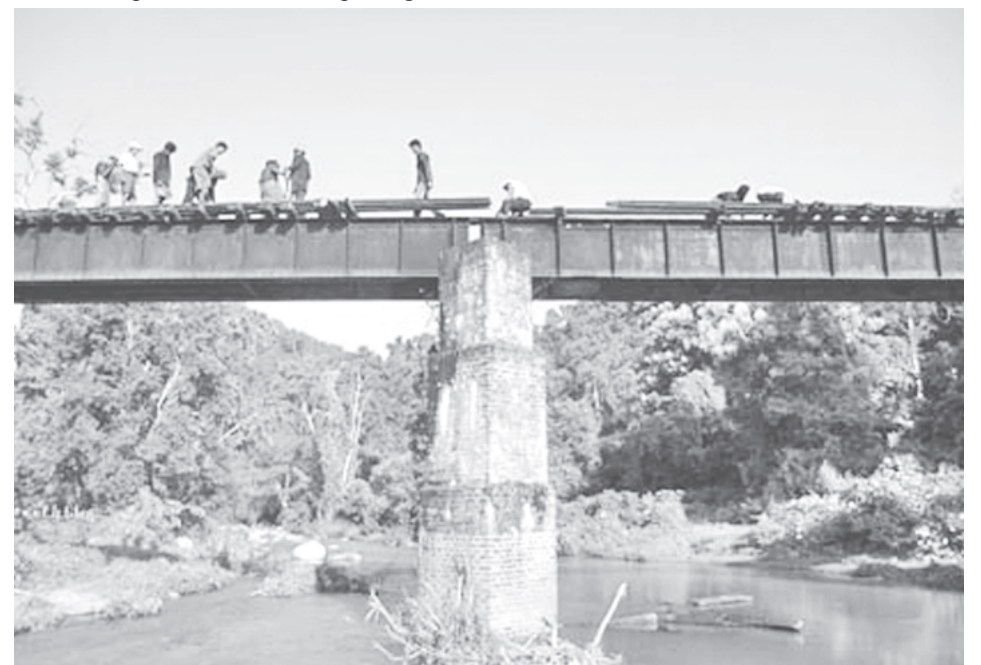


Photo shows 160-foot-long steel-truss bailey bridge No. (555) damaged in KIA's mine blast on Mandalay-Myitkyina Railroad section between Mawhan and Mohnyin Stations.—MNA

#### Air India takes delivery of its first Boeing 787 Dreamliner



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#### Indonesia to set prices for wind, solar plants to lure investment



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Exhibitors clean their products during Airex Istanbul 2012, on 6 Sept, 2012. Airex Istanbul 2012, 9th international civil aviation and airports exhibition, will be organized in Istanbul on 6-9 Sept, 2012.

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#### Slight earthquake hits outside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept—A moderate earthquake of magnitude 5.6 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Sichuan-Yunnan-Guizhou Region, China) about 650 miles northeast of

Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 9 hrs 53 min 10 sec M.S.T today, Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced.

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## Five bills approved at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept—The 13<sup>th</sup> as well as the final day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw took place at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this morning attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 609 MPs.

Firstly, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced the Hluttaw's agreement to appointment of Lt-Gen Wai Lwin as the Union Minister for Defence and U Thein Htaik as the Auditor-General of the Union as nominated by the President.

He then announced the Hluttaw's agreement to appointment of U Aye Myint Kyu, Maj-Gen Zeyar Aung, Dr Myint Aung, U Kyaw Lwin, U Win Shein, Dr Kan Zaw, U Maung Myint, Dr Ko Ko Oo, U Htay Aung and Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin as Union ministers as nominated by the President.

Next, nominated Union ministers Lt-Gen Wai Lwin, U Aye Myint Kyu, U Zeyar Aung, Dr Myint Aung, U Kyaw Lwin, U Win Shein, Dr Kan Zaw, U Maung Myint, Dr Ko Ko Oo, U Htay Aung, Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin and nominated Auditor-General of the Union U Thein Htaik and Union Election Commission member U Win Ko took oath in the presence of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker.

Union Minister U Win Shein explained matters related to arranging loan from abroad to set up fund required for the Union ministries to the Hluttaw.

Secretary of Joint Bill Committee U Saw Hla Tun presented assessment report of the committee with regard to the case. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sought approval from the Hluttaw which approved the report.

Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw explained matters related to including Myingyan Steel Factory and Pimpet Steel Factory in the ongoing projects of No. 1 Heavy Industries Enterprise of the Industry Ministry and the revised additional budget for 2012-2013 fiscal year to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Member of Joint Bill Committee U Aung Kyi Nyunt presented assessment report of the committee regarding to the case. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sought approval from the Hluttaw which approved the report.

Chairman of Joint Bill Committee U Mya Nyein explained findings and remarks of the committee on Foreign



*The persons agreed to be assigned as Union Ministers take affirmation in the presence of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker.*  
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Investment Bill.

Regarding the different opinions of the two Hluttaws on bill amended by the Joint Bill Committee, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker sought the approval from the Hluttaw paragraph by paragraph and announced that the changes in paragraphs and in the entire bill are part of the bill.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker explained the functions of the Hluttaw fourth regular session. There were five bills approved by the Hluttaw and countersigned by the President during the Hluttaw session period, namely Staple Commodities and Service Law, Foreign Currency Management Law, the law amending the 1995 Government Housing (Expelling), 2012 Social Security Law, and the law revoking the Foreign Relations Act. Import, Export Bill has been sent to the President to seek his approval and the Foreign Investment Bill approved today has still yet to

be sent to the President. In addition, three proposals were discussed and approved, the proposal of the Joint Public Accounts Committee on asking additional budget discussed and approved, a new Vice-President elected, appointment of 13 Union level personalities including 11 Union ministers, the Auditor-General of the Union and a member of the Union Election Commission approved, investigation commission formed to protect the interests of the people from confiscation of farmland and other land, and matters related to JICA loan and raising loan from the Central Bank as the circulation fund to the State-owned profit-making organization as proposed by the Union Government were approved.

The session came to an end at 11.30 am, bringing an end to fourth regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.—MNA

### Foreign Relations

## Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann meets Norwegian Ambassador



*Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann receives Norwegian Ambassador Mrs Katja Christina Nordgaard and party at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building.*  
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NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received a goodwill delegation led by Norwegian Ambassador to Myanmar Mrs Katja Christina Nordgaard, at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, this morning.

At the call, the Ambassador asked whether there is any difficulty between legislative Hluttaws and the government and legal bodies. Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw replied that there are no any hindrances between them. It is usual like democratic countries. Hluttaws, government body and people have same views to march towards democratic country.

With respect to the question on Foreign Investment

Law, the Speaker said that there is widespread criticism of foreign investment law. It is being drafted with the advices of Hluttaw representatives, law experts, economists, entrepreneurs and citizens. He continued to say that he believes that the law guarantee foreign investors to do businesses in the country. At today's Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session, it is going to be under discussion.

After that, the Ambassador donated books for Hluttaw library. Also present at the call together with the Speaker were Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo and officials from Hluttaw Office.—MNA

### District News

## Stimulant tablets seized on Yangon-Mandalay Highway

HSIPAW, 7 Sept—While discharging duty at mile post 78/5 at the entrance to Nawngkhio, Shan State (North) Anti-Drug Special Squad led by IP Tin Aye search passengers the bus with number plate 5C... heading for Mandalay from Muse at 11.30 am on 31 August.

They seized two bags of stimulant tablets containing 400 pink stimulants worth K 800,000 from Ma Hla Htay from seat No. 18.

At 10 am on 2 September, 180 WY brand stimulant tablets worth K 360,000 were seized from the short pan of Ko Nanda Aung, 31, son of U Hla Aung of 76, 166<sup>th</sup> Street in Tamway-1 Ward of Tamway Township from seat No. 12 on board passenger bus No. 4B... to leave for Mandalay. Nawngkhio Police Station took action against drug possessors under law.—Myanma Alin

## 18 private schools allowed in Mandalay Region

MANDALAY, 7 Sept—A total of 18 private schools have been temporarily allowed in Mandalay Region.

These private schools are ELC Boarding and CAE Boarding in Chanayethazan Township, San Hein Boarding and KMC Pyinnya Yeiktha in Mahaaungmye Township, Thurein Nan, VEC and Myat Parami Pyinnya Shwepyi boarding in Chanmyathazi Township, Soe San and San Pan Ein boarding in PyinOoLwin Township, Pinma Boarding in Chanayethazan Township, Unity Education Centre and U Han Myint Maung in Noble in Chanmyathazi Township, Hninhetaung inn Pyigyidagun Township, Mithasu in Mahlaing Township, Shwesagar in Chanayethazan and Kyesium in PyinOoLwin Township.

Authorities will inspect the private schools where they have set standards or not.—Kyemon

**World**



Chinese President Hu Jintao (L, front) is greeted upon his arrival in Russia's Far Eastern city of Vladivostok on 6 Sept, 2012, for the annual economic leaders' meeting of the 21-member Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum slated for Saturday and Sunday. — XINHUA

**Egypt's President meets Palestinian President Abbas**

**MIDDLE EAST**

CAIRO, 7 Sept — Egypt's President Mohamed Morsi met on Thursday with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in the Egyptian presidency headquarters, official news agency MENA reported. They discussed latest developments in the Palestinian reconciliation, ways to unify the Palestinian sides, and the Egyptian efforts to alleviate the Palestinian people's misery.

The meeting was also attended by the Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohamed Kamel Amr, Palestinian ambassador to Egypt Barakat al-Farra, and members of Fatah central committee Saeb Oraikat and Azzam al-

Ahmed. Abbas arrived in Cairo on Wednesday for a two-day visit during which he met with Arab foreign ministers in the 138th regular meeting of the Arab League (AL) held on Wednesday.

He delivered a speech in the AL's closed-door session, tackling the Palestinian bid for the UN membership, results of the investigation over the death of late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, among other Palestinian issues. "Palestine wouldn't accept any conditions from Israel that could prevent us from going to the UN or achieve our goals," Abbas said in the meeting.

Xinhua

**EU Chamber urges China's new leaders to open up EU markets**

BEIJING, 7 Sept — A once-in-a-decade leadership change in Beijing offers a chance to make much needed market access reforms, a European business lobby said on Thursday, warning that China's failure to do so could put at risk sustained growth of its state-led economy. China will hold its Party Congress this autumn to usher in a new generation of leaders as President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao prepare to step aside.

But without addressing "massive asymmetry" in market conditions for foreign and Chinese companies, the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China said the country's new leaders could have a harder time overcoming a host of ills,

from diminishing cheap labour to the global economic crisis. In the launch of its annual position paper, the European Chamber offered a familiar list of gripes from European companies — including poor access to China's massive government procurement market and weak intellectual property protection — but emphasized that the stakes of ignoring reforms are rising.

"We believe that there is a higher sense of urgency. And the main reason for that is the global economic climate, and the fact that China's exporters are under pressure," European Chamber Secretary General Dirk Moens told Reuters.

Reuters

**Obama merges hope with realism in pitch for re-election**

**US**

CHARLOTTE, (North Carolina), 7 Sept — President Barack Obama asked Americans on Thursday for patience in rebuilding the weak economy as he appealed for a new term in office and defiantly rejected Re-publican Mitt Romney's proposals for growth as heartless. Accepting the presidential nomination at the Democratic National Convention, Obama gave a more down-to-earth follow-up to his 2008 "hope and change" message. Weighed down by wars, high unemployment and political gridlock, Obama projected a tone that was more subdued, less exuberant.

Obama told Americans they face starkly different paths in choosing between him and Romney in the 6 November election. He said his way may be hard but will bring economic renewal, and warned it will take more than the few years he has already had in office to solve challenges that have built up for decades. "America, I never said this journey would be easy, and I won't promise that now," he said. "Yes our path is harder—but it leads to a better place. Yes, our

road is longer, but we travel it together."

Locked in the political fight of his life with two months to go until the election, Obama faces the challenge of recapturing the magic of his historic campaign of four years ago and generating enthusiasm among voters who are weary of economic hardship. His nationally televised address was his best opportunity yet in this campaign to connect with millions of Americans. It was more of a steady-as-you-go message that outlined priorities like creating 1 million new manufacturing jobs but offered few details on how to achieve them.

Obama argued that the actions he has taken, like the bailout of the auto industry, are working and asked Americans to rally around a set of goals: Expanding manufacturing and energy jobs and US exports, improving education and trimming \$4 trillion from America's \$16 trillion debt. "That's what we can do in the next four years, and that's why I'm running for a second term as president of the United States," he said at an arena in Charlotte, North Carolina.



US President Barack Obama celebrates with first lady Michelle Obama after accepting the 2012 US Democratic presidential nomination during the final session of Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, on 6 Sept, 2012. — REUTERS

Repeatedly contrasting his own priorities with those he said were Romney's, Obama cast the Republican as uncaring of middle-class Americans, pushing a theme that the wealthy Republican is elitist and only interested in helping those like him. All Romney wants to do, said Obama, is reward the wealthy with tax cuts, deregulate banks and let energy companies write a policy for more oil drilling.

"I don't believe that rolling back regulations on Wall Street will help the small

businesswoman expand, or the laid-off construction worker keep his home. We've been there, we've tried that, and we're not going back," he said.

Romney has vowed to cut taxes for Americans by 20 percent, including the wealthy, and eliminate some popular income tax deductions to help make up the loss in tax revenues.

He would sharply ramp up oil production and trade with the aim of creating 12 million jobs over four years.

Reuters

**Canada's Harper urges US to take fiscal situation in hand**

**CANADA**

VANCOUVER, 7 Sept — Concerns about a so-called "fiscal cliff" in the United States are warranted but they should not overshadow the need for America to "get a grip" on its longer-term fiscal situation, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper said on Thursday.

"The United States fiscal situation is very bad, the trajectory is very bad," Harper said at a Bloomberg conference in Vancouver when asked about the fiscal woes of Canada's biggest trading partner. "And regardless of what happens in the next three or four months, in the next few years that trajectory still has to be resolved," he said.

The US Federal Reserve has said a looming "fiscal cliff" of spending cuts and expiring tax breaks at the end of this year could shove the country's fragile economy into a new recession. "I know everyone is concerned about the so-called fiscal cliff, and rightly concerned about it — a sudden and dramatic contraction could be unhelpful," Harper said. "But I don't think that should be taken out of the



Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper is pictured during an interview during a Canada-Asia Dialogue at Canada Place in Vancouver, British Columbia on 6 Sept, 2012. — REUTERS

longer-term context, which is the United States must get a grip on its fiscal situation."

An even bigger threat to the Canadian economy, however, was the sovereign debt crisis in Europe, Harper said. Asked if he was frustrated by the slowness of action, he said: "It frustrates all of us, but this is the unfortunate reality of the institutional system." "They do feel the pressure of the markets, and they are constantly responding, and we just encourage them to expedite those conversations."

Reuters

**Colombia's Santos rejects FARC call for ceasefire**

**COLOMBIA**

BOGOTA/HAVANA, 7 Sept — Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos rejected a proposal on Thursday by leftist FARC rebels for a bilateral ceasefire during talks next month aimed at bringing an end to half a century of war. The call for both sides to put down their weapons while talks are under way in Norway came earlier from leaders of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia at a news conference in Havana.

The proposal and its rejection could complicate the process from the start as Santos is adamant that Colombian military operations would continue across "every centimeter" of the Andean nation. "I have asked that military operations be intensified, that there will be no ceasefire of any kind," Santos said during an address at a military base in Tolimaida, close to the capital. "We won't cede anything at all until we reach the final agreement," he added. "That should be very clear."

A decade ago, during the last attempt at ending Latin America's longest-running insurgency, the rebels used a demilitarized area the size of Switzerland to beef up their military operations and establish a multibillion-

dollar drug-trafficking network. "One of the differences with past peace processes is that we won't give up one centimeter of national territory or cease operations, and those principals have to be maintained until the end," Santos said.

At its news conference, the FARC named two negotiators who will sit with government representatives in Oslo and later in Cuba to try to end a war that has left tens of thousands dead since it began in 1964. "We are going to propose a ceasefire immediately when we sit at the table," senior FARC commander Mauricio Jaramillo said. "Better said, we are going to fight for it. We are going to discuss it there at the table, but it is one of the first points," he said, announcing that talks would start on 8 October in Norway.

Santos said there was no firm start date yet and that talks could continue for as long as nine months. The former defence minister, whose approval rating has fallen in recent months, surprised Colombians this week when he said there would be no ceasefire during peace talks with the FARC.

Reuters

## UNSG's Message on International Literacy Day 8 September, 2012

Following is UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's message for International Literacy Day, observed on 8 September:

Literacy provides tools for men and women to better understand the world and shape it to meet their aspirations. It is a source of individual dignity and a motor for the healthy development of society. International Literacy Day is an opportunity to celebrate this transformative force and mobilize to make the most of it.

Great strides have been made during the United Nations Literacy Decade that closes this year. Across the world, individuals, communities and countries have reached out to children, youth and adults to enable them to read, write and transform their lives. As a result, some 90 million young men and women and adults have become literate.

We must now go much further. An estimated 775 million young people and adults around the world still cannot read or write; 122 million children of primary and lower secondary school age remain out of school; and millions still graduate with inadequate literacy skills. Women account for two-thirds of the world's illiterate population. The persistence of such numbers hobbles our efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and to build the inclusive knowledge societies we need for the twenty-first century.

We must move faster to reach the most marginalized and uphold this basic human right. The global movement for education needs a big push. That is why, later this month, I will be launching a new Education First initiative.

The initiative focuses on three priorities: putting every child in school; improving the quality of learning; and fostering global citizenship. I call on world leaders and all involved with education to join this initiative. The cost of leaving millions of children and young people on the margins of society is far greater than the funds required to reach the international goals for education.

Ask any parent what they want for their children, even in war zones and disaster areas where food, medicine and shelter might be considered the highest priorities, and the answer is the same: education for children. Ask any child what he or she wishes to be when they grow up, and the answer is rooted in education. Education is the gateway to fulfilling those aspirations.

A literate world is a more peaceful world, and a more harmonious and healthy world. On this observance of International Literacy Day, let us pledge to join together to move the literacy agenda forward.—UNIC/Yangon

## Science

### Scientist invents device for easy heart check-up

NEW DELHI, 7 Sept—India is the global capital for heart disease. More than six crore Indians are already victims, and the number is rising every year.

The problem with a heart attack is, we don't know when the next one will hit. Getting yourself checked can be expensive and not all clinics are equipped to do it. Now there's a device that lets you get your heart checked. And it fits into the palm of your hand. Ten minutes is all you will need.

Technicians at your local clinic will wire you up, with leads on your limbs and chest. Your body's electrical signals will flow first into a box called HeartTrace and then, into a computer. And voila, your electro-cardiogram or ECG will be ready in seconds.

It's as quick and hassle-free as a simple blood test.

Dr Ravi Mehrotra, Chief Scientist at CSIR-NPL (Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, National Physical Laboratory), says, "It is a full 12 lead device. It measures simultaneously all the 12 signals that a doctor needs. The software saves patient

information and the final ECG. Records can be emailed and shared with experts."

Conventional ECG machines cost between Rs one to three lakh.

Less than four thousand devices sell in India every year. But HeartTrace is priced so low, even village clinics should be able to buy one.

Dr Mehrotra says, "The price should be around Rs 10-15,000. That's about the price of a medium level phone."

The reason it is so cheap, is technology. HeartTrace has no moving parts inside - just a printed circuit board. But burned into those circuits, is special software Dr Mehrotra wrote himself.

What looks so deceptively simple, took almost five to 10 years to make. And while it was Dr Mehrotra's brainchild, at least thirty of his students at CSIR-NPL collaborated on the project. The team bagged a gold medal from the Department of Science and Technology and Lockheed Martin in India.

For the past few months, HeartTrace is being tested at leading hospitals around Delhi.

Dr Mehrotra has sought permission from CSIR to form a company to commercially manufacture these devices.

You'll soon see them at a local doctor near you, even if he be in the remotest of villages.

PTI

### Staples to carry new Kindle Fire models as early as this month

SAN FRANCISCO, 7 Sept—No.1 US office supply chain Staples Inc said its US stores will carry some of the larger, faster, aggressively priced Kindle Fire tablets that Amazon.com Inc unveiled on Thursday, starting as early as later this month.



### Acer to launch one Windows Phone 8 and five Android devices in 2013

NEW DELHI, 7 Sept—With the view to beef up its smartphone business, Acer is planning to release six new models in 2013 targeting all market segments in Europe, China and Southeast Asia,

reported Taiwanese publication *Digitimes*, citing the company's president Jim Wong.

Out of the six models, one will be a Windows Phone 8 device, while five will be

## Technology

powered by Android OS. The report further states, the high-end models will be engineered with Qualcomm's dual-core CPUs, while the entry-level models will use chipset solutions from MediaTek.



The high-end models will be engineered with Qualcomm's dual-core CPUs, said the report. PTI

Besides, the report further said, "In Europe, Acer will push smartphone sales through its established sales channels as well as strengthening its cooperation with telecom carriers. For emerging markets, Acer will target Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia and India."

Recently, Acer launched its cloud computing-enabled smartphone—the CloudMobile S500—in Europe.

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Kobo, which has e-reading apps for the iPad, iPhone, BlackBerry and others, will name its tablet device 'Kobo Arc'. PTI

## Technology

### Kobo to launch new tablet, more compact e-reader

TORONTO, 7 Sept—Kobo is launching a new tablet device and a more compact e-reader as it seeks to expand its market share and battle with Apple Inc and Amazon.com Inc in the ultra-competitive mobile device marketplace.

Toronto-based Kobo, owned by Rakuten Inc, Japan's top e-commerce operator, will launch the new devices in the next two months, as Amazon—the world's largest Internet retailer—reportedly prepares to unveil a new tablet, along with an update of its popular Kindle e-reader.

Kobo, which has e-reading applications for the iPad, iPhone, BlackBerry and other devices, will name its tablet device 'Kobo Arc'. It will come in an 8 gigabyte version priced at \$200 and a 16 gigabyte version priced at \$250, Chief Executive Mike Serbinis said in an interview.

The 7-inch Android-based devices will come with high definition displays, front-facing cameras and 1.5 gigahertz dual-

core processors.

The company is also launching a new e-reader dubbed the 'Kobo Mini', a pocket-sized 5-inch device which will come with an e-ink touchscreen and 2 gigabytes of storage. Books, newspapers and magazines can be downloaded onto the \$80 device via a wi-fi or micro USB connection.

Kobo is also launching an improved version of its flagship e-reader that will be called the 'Kobo Glo', a new 6-inch e-ink touchscreen device that will come with an adjustable front light. The Kobo Glo, priced at \$130, also comes with 2 GB of memory and the option to expand this capacity by using a micro SD card. "The devices will start hitting shelves in early October.

Mini and Glo—the two devices that are e-ink readers will come out first," Serbinis said. "The Kobo Arc, our new Android-based tablet, will come out in November." The devices will all be unveiled at an event in Toronto on Thursday. —PTI

The product launches came less than three months before the start of the holiday season, when many retailers ring up a big chunk of their annual sales.

The presale on Kindle Paperwhite will start next week, Staples said.

Earlier on Thursday, Amazon unveiled the new Kindle Fire tablets in a bid to challenge Apple Inc's dominant iPad and intensify a battle with Google Inc and Microsoft Corp in the booming tablet arena.

Demos Parneros, president of US Retail for Staples, had told *Reuters* in July that he expected Amazon to introduce several new versions of the popular mobile computing device.

Reuters

## Message from the Director-General of UNESCO on the occasion of the International Literacy Day 8 September, 2012

This year, International Literacy Day has a special focus on the fundamental relationship between Literacy and Peace. This has tremendous relevance in our current turbulent times. Countries with patterns of violence have some of the lowest literacy rates in the world. Conflict remains one of the major barriers to the attainment of the Education for All (EFA) and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Conflict-affected countries are home to over 40% of the world's out-of-school population of primary school age.

We must not allow conflict to deprive children and adults of the crucial opportunity of literacy. Literacy is a fundamental human right, and the foundation of all education and lifelong learning. Literacy transforms the lives of people, allowing them to make informed choices and empowering individuals to become agents of change. Lasting peace depends on the development of literate citizenship and access to education for all. Amidst political upheaval and escalating violence in many parts of the world, literacy must be a priority in the peace-building agenda of all nations.

Peace and sustainable development are interdependent, and it is crucial for the two to develop and strengthen simultaneously. Literacy is also a development accelerator, enabling societies to grow more inclusively and sustainably. Literacy programmes can become a key component of future development strategies, opening new opportunities and skills for all. All of this is vital to achieving Education for All and the Millennium Development Goals.

Progress has been made toward reaching the 2015 targets for literacy, but formidable challenges remain ahead. These challenges need to be met with stronger international resolve, if we are to deliver on the promises made in Dakar in 2000. UNESCO estimates that the global adult illiterate population stands at 775 million, while there are still 122 million illiterate youth worldwide. Women and girls make up nearly two thirds of the illiterate adult and youth population. Great potential is being lost.

We can end this cycle of exclusion. We all have a shared interest in ensuring that the world becomes a more literate place. As we approach the Education for All deadline in 2015, we have gained new momentum. UNESCO has worked tirelessly to place education and literacy at the top of the global development agenda. The United Nations Secretary-General's "Education First" initiative, to be officially launched later this month, shall be a strong advocacy platform at the highest level.

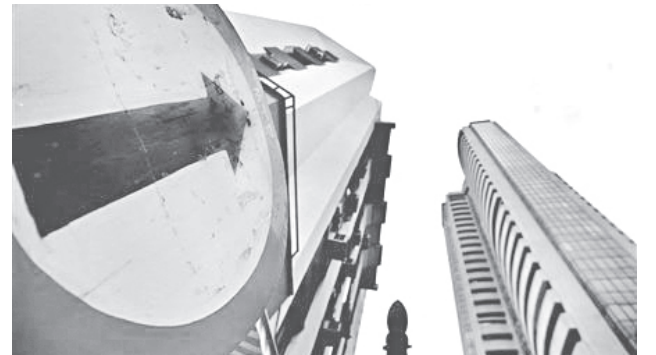
The winners of this year's UNESCO International Literacy Prizes demonstrate how successful literacy programmes can achieve outstanding results. They are living examples of the central role of literacy in promoting human rights, gender equality, conflict resolution and cultural diversity.

Today, I call upon stakeholders at all levels to strengthen partnerships that will accelerate quality literacy provision. It is essential that literacy programmes incorporate the values of peace, human rights and civic values, if literacy is to become a true means of empowerment. It can be the harbinger of peace and development. Let us make this happen, together and faster.

**Irina Bokova**  
Director-General of UNESCO,

## Market

### Sensex, Nifty join global rally on ECB's bond buying plan



WASHINGTON, 7 Sept—The Sensex gained 1.44 percent, while 50-share Nifty rose 1.45 percent in early trade, tracking a rally in global shares after the European Central Bank outlined its bond-buying scheme to help calm the euro zone's debt crisis.

The MSCI-Asia Pacific index excluding Japan rose 1.7 percent after European shares rallied to six-month highs and US stocks closed at multi-year highs on Thursday, cheering the ECB

move. Finance Minister P Chidambaram approved 11 foreign direct investment proposals worth 20.68 billion Indian rupees, including 8.08-billion-rupee plans of Mauritius-based Cloverdell Investments, on Thursday.

Bank shares were leading the gainers: ICICI bank gained 3.1 percent while HDFC Bank rose 1.1 percent \* Infosys up 1.8 percent, was leading the tech rally.—Reuters

## Alcohol, drugs common in fatal crashes

### Health

NEW YORK, 7 Sept—More than half of US drivers killed in car accidents had alcohol or drugs in their system at the time of the crash, according to a new study.

Using data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on fatalities in 14 states, researchers found that men and people driving at night were the most likely to have alcohol, marijuana or other illicit or prescription drugs show up on a toxicology screen after the accident.

The records couldn't show whether drivers had enough of a certain drug in their system to feel or act impaired or if prescription drugs were used incorrectly.

"All they really can say is that this is the frequency with which you see drugs in

the blood of fatally injured drivers," said Robert Voas, who studies alcohol and highway safety at the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation in Calverton, Maryland.

"But whether any of the drugs or a particular combination of drugs was causing the crash—their data can't tell you that," said Voas, who wasn't involved in the new study.

"There's a need for more testing, and more consistency within the testing," said Joanne Brady of Columbia University in New York, who co-authored the research.

For example, not all states test for the same drugs at the time of a crash, or have a policy to test consistently at all, Brady told Reuters Health. And there are still

questions about how multiple drugs might interact to affect a driver's ability to focus on the road.

Out of 20,150 fatally injured drivers in 2005 to 2009, 57 percent tested positive for at least one drug—including one in five who had multiple drugs in their system when the accident occurred. Alcohol was the most common drug to show up on tox screens, followed by marijuana and stimulants, which include Adderall and amphetamines.

Sixty percent of men killed while driving had drugs or alcohol in their system, compared to less than half of women. People who had an accident at night or on the weekend were also more likely to test positive than those driving on a weekday.

Blacks and whites were equally likely to test positive on a tox screen after a fatal accident—but Asians were much less likely to have drugs or alcohol in their system, and Native Americans much more likely, according to findings published in the journal *Addiction*.

The researchers didn't have data on the amount of the drug present in blood or urine samples, and cut-offs for levels that reflect impairment at the time of an accident aren't always clear, they added.—Reuters

## Air India takes delivery of its first Boeing 787 Dreamliner

### Business



Air India takes delivery of its first Boeing 787 Dreamliner.—REUTERS

CHARLESTON, 7 Sept—Air India took delivery of its first Boeing 787 commercial widebody airplane on Thursday at Boeing Co's (BA.N) final assembly plant after a months-long dispute between airline and manufacturer over compensation for a four-year production delay.

Three white 787s trimmed with red and orange Air India colours were parked at the Boeing plant near Charleston, South Carolina and ready for delivery at the end of May.

Delivery was held up for months while Air India and Boeing worked out a compensation settlement and waited for Indian government officials to approve it. Terms were not disclosed.

The Dreamliner was also at the heart of a recent Air India pilots' strike. In July, about 500 Air India pilots ended the almost two-month strike over exclusive rights to fly the Dreamliner.

The striking pilots had

demanding that their colleagues from the former Indian Airlines, the domestic state-run carrier that merged with Air India, not be trained to fly Dreamliners because they worried it could hurt their own career prospects.

Boeing said Air India is the fifth airline in the world to take delivery of a 787 Dreamliner. The ailing airline has ordered 27 Dreamliners in all.

"I am sure Air India and their customers will be thrilled to experience the revolutionary features on the 787, an airplane that will be the key focus of the airline's turnaround plan," said Dinesh Keskar, senior vice president of Asia Pacific and India Sales for Boeing Commercial Airplane, in a statement. The airplane delivered today was built in Everett, Washington and flown to South Carolina for delivery.

"The 787 will allow Air India to open new routes in a dynamic marketplace and provide the best in-flight experience for our

passengers," said Rohit Nandan, Air India Chairman and Managing Director.

Made primarily of lightweight carbon fiber materials, the new 787 is lighter than standard aluminum widebody jets. It is the first mid-size airplane capable of flying long-range routes, enabling airlines to open new, non-stop routes preferred by the traveling public, Boeing said in a statement.

Air India's Dreamliner is equipped with 18 business class seats and 238 economy class seats. The airplane is scheduled to fly to New Delhi on Friday. India, one of the fastest growing aviation markets in the world, offers tremendous growth opportunities to planemakers as more newly affluent Indians take to the skies. Boeing officials forecast passenger traffic to grow by 8.4 percent annually in South Asia, which includes India, and by 7 percent annually in China up to 2031.

Reuters



Alcohol, drugs common in fatal crashes.—REUTERS

## Peace and rule of law key to equality...

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efforts to bring an end to lengthy armed conflicts toward the goal of peace. National races affairs ministers need to give a helping hand in this process, leading their races.

Another case is to fight against drug. Efforts must be made to eliminate poppy cultivation, and substitute poppy business with other income-generating occupations. It is required to work with all-out efforts in cooperation with the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control to combat production, transportation and transactions of stimulant tablets.

The first and foremost requirement for socio-economic development in border regions is stability and the rule of law, only then effective support could be provided for agriculture, livestock farming, education, health and so on. Now, national races affairs ministers have to take responsibility for development of own region and work aggressively. The central government would be ready to fulfil the requirements if possible.

In conclusion, the President said that the objective of the government today is to bring about stability of the State and socio-economic development as aspired by the majority. Therefore, efforts are being made to stabilize the national

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political conditions, reduce foreign pressure, have economic sanctions lifted, and build internal peace for stability of the State while implementing rural development and poverty alleviation scheme and agricultural reforms, inviting foreign investment to establish industries and industrial zones to create jobs for socio-economic development.

The President then urged the national races affairs ministers to cooperate with the government leading their own national races to achieve goals of the government.

Next, national races affairs ministers explained matters related to their own national races and Union ministers U Hla Tun, U Soe Maung, and Lt-Gen Thein Htay discussed progress in redrafting of national races affairs ministers law, proposed promotion of emoluments, facilities and rights and the role of the national races affairs ministers in community development works including the border regions.

In his speech, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said the Education Ministry has arranged for teaching of national races literature and culture to students at primary level outside school hours. In so doing, Our Three Main National Causes should not be ignored. Plans have been formulated for learning without restriction. It is difficult to teach such subjects within school hours since there are over 130 national races in the country. However, arrangements has been made to provide training to teachers of schools concerned in order that they can teach local national race language to local people. If the school concerned find it difficult to teach local national race language, they can seek help from literature and culture committee concerned. With regard to culture, only a few number of national races had chance to take part in traditional cultural performing arts competitions previous years. It has been arranged to organize Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competition in regions and states beginning this year. Prize-winners in the contests will be awarded prizes under the arrangement of region/state government and prize-winning troupes and individuals will also be invited to central level competitions and awarded. These are the actions of the Union government for the sake of literature and culture of national races.

In his concluding remarks, the President said national races affairs ministers can attend the meetings of region/state government concerned if they have things to discuss. Likewise, they are to attend the meetings if invited by the government concerned to discuss national races affairs. The President added that he would try to meet national races affairs ministers twice a year. Likewise, all the national races affairs ministers would be invited to attend annually-organized Union day celebrations. It is prescribed in the constitution to safeguard the literature, culture and arts of different national races. Regarding teaching of national races languages, it is difficult to teach in some places and it is not in some. For example, there are languages of Danu, Lahu, Wa, Lwe, Kaw national races and so on apart from Shan language in Shan State. The government would take actions for those languages, but it would also be required to act with own approaches as much as possible.

With regard to peace-making process, most of the places have begun to see tranquillity without gunfire and thus it is fair to say that there has been security. In consequence, local people can make their living safely. Certain success has been achieved in making peace with the remaining groups. If peace agreement could be reached with KIO/KIA, peace-making process can be said nearly successful. Nonetheless, it would take time to negotiate for cent per cent success. It is required to reach ceasefire agreement first. As there are differences between one place from another, one race from another and



**Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham speaking in meeting with national races affairs ministers.**

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one armed group from another, it would take time reach ceasefire agreement and enter into political negotiations. At the final stage, discussion and decision would be made at the Hluttaw. Currently, peace negotiations are going on at two levels, the first at region/state concerned. The process at region/state level would be smoother with the participation of all local national races including national races affairs ministers. The President urged them to work hands in hands with the Union government. The meeting came to and end at 3.45 pm.

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## Hydropower on small scale for local people of Yamethin

**District News**

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

## Myanmar possesses a great deal of opportunities for further development

The Myanmar News Agency (MNA) conducted an interview with Mr. J Stapleton Roy, Director of Woodrow Wilson International Centre for Scholars, Kissinger Institute on China and the United States, who is one of those attending the second ASEAN-US Eminent Persons Group meeting.

**MNA:** Could you kindly let me know how the importance of the second ASEAN-US Eminent Persons Group meeting?

**Mr. Roy:** The ten ASEAN countries and the Eminent Persons Group representing the US were holding a meeting here to be able to give suggestions to leaders in the region. To strengthen the friendly ties between the ASEAN and the US with added momentum, we would be able to give suggestions together with the results coming out from the meeting to the heads of State/Government.

**MNA:** Is the meeting very important to you?

**Mr. Roy:** Through good relations with ASEAN countries, the US feels hopeful that mutual cooperation will improve all the more. In future, the ASEAN-US ties as well

as ties between each ASEAN nation and the US will be further strengthened.

**MNA:** May I know your assessment over potentials for Myanmar market?

**Mr. Roy:** Myanmar market is a good prospect for international companies including those from the US. The participation of Chief Executive Mr. Mubtar Kent of Coca Cola Company in the meeting is a sign that reflects the good prospect of Myanmar market. Mr. Kent, one of the eminent persons of the US will give suggestions based on outlooks of the US companies.

As you know, the Myanmar-US relations were cold in the past on account of domestic affairs. But, now the relations have been changed, pinning its hope on promoting of long-term cooperation.

**MNA:** Which salient points would be discussed at the meeting?

**Mr. Roy:** Our group will discuss about suggestions on strategic cooperation for further cementing the ASEAN-US ties.

**Mr. J Stapleton Roy  
(Woodrow Wilson International  
Centre for Scholars, Kissinger  
Institute on China and  
the United States)**

**MNA:** Which does the agenda of the Eminent Persons meeting focus on?

**Mr. Roy:** Our discussion will focus on obtaining of superb suggestions which we would present to the ASEAN-US leaders' meeting to be held in November 2012. We had a cordial discussion with Myanmar counterparts at today's morning session. And we will also actively participate in the afternoon session.

**MNA:** May I know your private point of view towards Myanmar?

**Mr. Roy:** Myanmar is on the right path of development. Myanmar possesses a great deal of opportunities for further development. We are very pleased to have opportunity to meet with the President in Nay Pyi Taw and we would like to say that our trip to Myanmar is a happy and fruitful one.

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## Main purpose of Farmland Law...

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These tasks are :

- (a) mindset reform
- (b) growing marketable and high-yield strains for all crops
- (c) growing with the use of modern farming system
- (d) systematic revamping of farm lands
- (e) transforming from traditional to mechanized farming



**Vice-President U Nyan Tun views displays inside the assembly hall of the Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry.**

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Land reform is under implementation, which is the fundamental for reform in agriculture sectors. In so doing, The State is now practising the new farmland laws. Farmland Law, Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Laws have been passed on 30-3-2012 under the 2008 Constitution in line with democracy political system and market economy.

Under the section 2 of Farmland Law, Farmland Law has come into effect on 31 August, 2012. It was announced by President Office with Announcement No.62/2012, dated 31-8-2012.

Under the Section 42, Sub-section (a) of Farmland Law, Farmland Bylaws were announced with the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation's Notification No.2/2012, dated 31-8-2012, and Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Bylaws, with the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation's Notification No.1/2012, dated 31-8-2012 and with the approval of the Union Government, under the Section 34, Sub-section (a) of Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Laws.

Land Use Right Registration is most basic and important one for farmers as the main purpose of Farmland Law is to

enable all farmers across the country to enjoy Land Use Right.

Farmland management bodies at different levels will have to scrutinize application of land use right registration by farmers across the country in line with farmland law and bylaws.

It is of special importance for Region/State government's agriculture and live stocks ministers and departments concerned to know and follow laws and provisions in order that farmers can clearly understand land use right and apply for it in line with law.

Farmland Law and Bylaws prescribe each para and each chapter of Farmland Management tasks such as application

of farmland use and scrutinizing and allowing, handing over of farmland in accord with the law and application for changing the name, other application of farmland except for public interest, probe of conflict and appeal.

Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Laws and Bylaws prescribes the effective management of agriculture, livestock and mine explorations and other lawful businesses that have been allowed by government only, with the use of vacant, fallow and virgin lands for the economic development of the country.

Under the provisions of Farmland Law, Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Laws and Bylaws, those who obey the prescribed laws would have to bear the fruits while those who fail to follow it would face legal action.

Region/State governments under which the chief ministers lead have been formed in the Region/State, respective Region/State governments are to supervise and manage the cases of farmland management and vacant, fallow and virgin land management in accord with prescribed laws and bylaws.

Only when the trainees have through understandings of ways and duties, in actual practices, will they perform their

**News in Brief**

**More aged admitted at home**  
Aungthabye Home for the Aged opened in Pantanaw Township in April 2011 beside Yangon-Pathein Road will admit older persons of above 70 from various regions of the country in line with prescribed rules of the home.

**Free health care services given**  
Bawa Alin Parahita Association is giving free health care services to the local people with the use of western medicines in Tagaung Ward of Sagaing.

**Unlicensed motorcycles legalized**  
Departmental officials of Muse District give one stop service of issuing licences to unlicensed motorcycles, battery cycles and tuk-tuks at Muse District Directorate of Road Administration in Shan State (North).

**Short-term administrative course conducted**  
The short-term reform administration course was opened at the hall of Shwegu Township General Administration Department on 17 August. Township Administrator U Nyi Nyi gave lectures to trainees.

duties without error and mistakes. He urged the Region/State agriculture ministers and responsible persons from the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation to have sound knowledge of laws and bylaws and officials to follow prescribed law and bylaws for the long-term interest of the State and people.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister U Khin Zaw explained mechanized farming in the world and progress in modern mechanized land reclamation in Myanmar with the use of power point.

Deputy Minister U Ohn Than explained law and bylaws. After that, Director-General U Myint Swe of Settlement and Land Records Department and officials reported on each chapters and each section of Farmland Law and Bylaws. Region/State Agriculture and Livestock Ministers presented each sector.

After that, scholars from Union Attorney-General Office and those present gave supplementary reports. The course came to an end in the evening.

A total of 95 attendees—Region/State Agriculture and Livestock Ministers and heads of Region/State/District Settlement and Land Records Departments under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation—participated in the course. The discussion will go on till 9 September.

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## Seoul of Korea organizes ASEAN Food and Beverage Exhibition

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept—Organized by ASEAN-Korea Centre, ASEAN Food and Beverage Exhibition will be held at Convention & Exhibition Centre from 6 to 9 November in Seoul of Korea. Myanmar entrepreneurs have displayed yearly their products with the help of ASEAN-Korea Centre at that exhibition.

The purpose of the exhibition is to penetrate

ASEAN products in Korean market and to promote trade. Dry fruits, juicy, coffee and tea, beer and wine, fruit seeds, frozen food, sea food like prawn, crab and tuna fish, fish balls, frozen vegetables will be displayed at the exhibition. A total of 30 companies from ASEAN countries will attend the exhibition.

Experts group from ASEAN-Korea Centre will be selected three companies'

products quality, commercially production and flexibility in Korean market. ASEAN-Korea Centre will be offered to and fro air ticket and accommodation of each official from three companies.

Those interested Myanmar companies may enlist to International Trade Promotion Division, Exhibition Branch under the Ministry of Commerce Ph 067-408411 Fax 067-408311 and Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Ph 01-214344 not later than 14 September.—MNA



**Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin being welcomed by Brazilian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Jose Carlos da Fonseca Junior at reception to mark the 191<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Independence Day of Brazil that falls on 7 September, held at Strand Hotel, Yangon.—MNA**

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

# PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 8 September, 2012

## No Jack

Things never stay the same in this world but what has not changed is the need for the money. If you do not believe, just answer this question, why are we working? The answer to the majority should be to fulfil own requirements, needs and even the dreams apart from self-actualization which many people fail to achieve.

But, most of the time, we are not just struggling with our own wishes and ambitions, we are also bearing the burden of hopes of families and relatives. It is all work and work again to earn money to have our wishes fulfilled, never ending but ever demanding. Unconsciously, we have become the servants of work.

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. As the time goes by working day in day out, we begin to feel exhausted mentally or physically or both. Taking a short rest would probably do for physical exhaustion, but mental and emotional exhaustion are difficult to be cured, leaving scars in our immune system.

Keeping a balance between work and play is always easier said than done. Driven by unlimited wants, we have become workaholic, chasing after material possessions. What is worse is many people are spending money before they have earned it, forcing themselves to borrow troubles.

How can we cope with stress of day-to-day work? While relaxation is a must to ease the stress, professional competence is key to stress management and sense of achievement. Working hard produces good results but working smart generates better outcomes, which would require effective time management plus a focus on specialization.

We have to work for our interests as well as for the sake of family and friends. But, we would lose our capacity to enjoy ourselves without proper rest. Are you exchanging your blood and flesh for wealth?



Maung Maung Lay

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs received an OIC delegation led by Ambassador Ufuk Gokcen, OIC Permanent Observer to the UN in New York at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here, at 9 am today.

At the meeting, the Union Minister explained that invitation has been extended to the OIC delegation to visit Myanmar as requested to witness the true situation on ground of Rakhine State. He said that the incidents in the Rakhine State are sectarian conflicts which are purely internal affairs of Myanmar, and Myanmar is ready to welcome any international relief assistance if they are non-discriminatory for both affected communities, and will not accept any pressure on religious or racial ground.—MNA

## Union Foreign Affairs Minister receives OIC delegation



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Ambassador Ufuk Gokcen, OIC Permanent Observer to the UN in New York.—MNA

## Cash provided to people in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept— On account of recent situation that broke out in Rakhine State, the people in the state have lost houses and properties. To relieve their suffering, the cash, foodstuff and clothes have been provided to the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

On 6 September, U Nyunt Maung+Daw Aye Aye Than and family from acres 1000 Nay Pyi Taw donated K 50,000. The responsible persons accepted the donation.

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## Workshop on Development of Communication and Information Technology held

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept— Today workshop aims how to carry out National Level Communication Sector for development of communication and information technology following ideas and ways discussed at the ministry and in Mandalay and Yangon, use of telephone and internet in Myanmar has legged behind in comparison with those in neighbouring countries, said Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun at the workshop on development of communication and information technology held at Myanmar International Convention Centre today.

The Union Minister pointed out that today discussion was intended to imitate communication sector of neighbouring and ASEAN countries, it has different views concerning operator, there are only three operators in Singapore, China and Korea for undertaking communication services, systematic competition in communication sector will be allowed.

Plans are under way to implement 3G system for sustainable development of Myanma Communication sector, he added. The Union Minister invited good advices from attendees.

At today's workshop, reforms for Myanma communication sector, challenges of communication reform, reform for postal service, future of Yatanarpon Teleport, amendment of communication laws in accord with present age and market methods in modern spectrum management were discussed.

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## LIGHT WHERE DARKNESS WAS

- \* Illiteracy exacerbates cycles of poverty, Causing ill health and deprivation in community. Through marginalization and exclusion, Societies suffer impacts and destabilization.
- \* Illiteracy continues to afflict millions of people Especially women and girls fall prey as well. It's an infringement of human rights; A threat to peace and security in life.
- \* Literacy unlocks the capacity of individual To create a brighter future to be immortal. It opens the way to greater justice, Accompanying equality and progress to the public.
- \* Literacy can help societies heal, Contributing to the common weal. Literacy is a development accelerator, Representing peace of the world all over.
- \* Literacy and education is a basic need In striving sustainable development indeed. To broaden the educational horizon, People participate in the movements of eon.
- \* We're striving to raise literacy rate, Making arrangements for adult illiterates. Through self-reliant libraries across the nation, People have easy access to publications.
- \* Literacy is a key component of strategy To promote living standard in reality. It's central to achieving Education for All; Millennium Development Goals have been called; Myanmar's endeavours are still standing tall...

Maung Swe Ngae



## Literacy, a vaccine for peace

On the eighth of September every year, a community of nations hosts local and national events celebrating the International Literacy Day (ILD) that recognizes the value of literacy to individuals, families, and communities. Thousands of professional teachers, students, parents and volunteers are recognized for their daily work and dedication. This year's ILD adopts the theme of "Literacy for Peace", emphasizing the important role played by literacy and education as pivotal function in peace building and peace keeping, and also the empowering role of literacy and its importance for participation, citizenship and social development. On this day, the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and its people will salute and applaud all teachers, volunteers and other individuals who have made dedicated efforts to improve the learning environment of children and adults for improving access to basic literacy, and also to encourage them to sustain their commitment for achieving the Education-for-All goals.

Myanmar is currently a nation in transition, and all nationals are undertaking a great efforts to ensure long term stability, increase prosperity, and evolve into a stronger and unified nation. Therefore, the heroic work of all people working to achieve the literacy goals of the nation is even more important, as research studies and history around the world have shown that the improvements in nationwide literacy make significant impacts on multiple aspects of social and economic development, particularly in facilitating a unified and peaceful nation.

The Honourable President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar had stated that the Government has been trying to lessen the conflicts based on disagreements with local political forces, and the democratization process is flourishing. He had urged all citizens to have a strong sense of democratic spirit for the type of freedom that is in conformity with the culture and society of Myanmar. By recognizing the achievements of teachers, workers and officials alike working in achieving the national literacy goals, and also by increasing awareness and emphasizing the importance of literacy, the national goals of the President and the people are aiding the process.

Dr. Paulo Friere, the late Brazilian educator and philosopher, deftly summed up the theme of this year's Literacy goal—"Learning to read not only allows one to read the word, but learns to read the world." His statement actually refers to the phenomenon of how in the post-conflicts societies, the facilitation of literacy and promoting education on conflict-resolutions and peace building programmes have profound impacts on alleviating local and national conflicts and violence. Across the world, many countries have been able to reduce local and national conflict, by focusing on achieving literacy. It is the indirect impact of literacy that results in social transformation. Literacy is a vehicle to promote individual and collective action for economic and social development, combat poverty, and enhance social justice and equal opportunities.

Evolutionary psychologists have long pointed out that at the core of all human behavior, human, as organisms, accept that there are limited resources in the world. Furthermore, all individuals strive to obtain such resources with craving and greed, and use all available tools to achieve their reproductive successes. In a nation that is in the conflict situation, especially a nation where there are limited resources, higher proportion of illiterate population, and where there is a tilted sense of social justice and opportunity, individual and communal violence is often being used as the tool to obtain precious resources from others, including government. Thus, by providing alternate tools such as conflict-resolution skills, or education through literacy, the struggle for resources will not totally be eliminated, but the tools that society utilizes will result in a national transformation, which leads to stronger social justice, economic mobility, and better access to the necessary physiological requirements. Literacy will achieve a climate of responsiveness to the psychological and practical aspirations of individuals and communities, and begin the process of forgiveness and reconciliation. Literacy can contribute to personal healing and development and aid in the reconstruction of community, society, economy and nation.

A major trend in the global health today is the emphasis on mental health promotion; looking at the prevention and control of psychological detriments of the human behavior.

Much has already been said about how the literacy can improve the health of the nation, especially in promoting education for girls and women. The theme of the 2010 World Literacy day was on the literacy and health. The theme of this year-literacy for peace, can be viewed significantly more on psychological aspects of human health. It literally means how the literacy promotion can make great impacts on the behavior of individuals and communities, to move them towards a more peaceful nation. To elucidate the psychology at its core, it refers to the idea that people have their own perception of what the world is, and based on their perception and what they believe, they will continue to survive in ways that they have found to be effective. Simply, someone who believes their environment to be hostile will reciprocate hostile behavior to survive, thus, creating a vicious cycle. Literacy promotion can break this cycle. The literate people will have the opportunity to understand their world differently. They will be able to develop conflict resolution skills, improve their own opportunities, and increase the awareness of themselves as well as others.

With this new way of understanding the world that their own actions can begin the process of creating a peaceful world, and also the new ways of dealing with future conflicts that violence is not the only way to resolve their local problems, the cycle for conflicts can be broken, and the personal healing can begin. As people would see that their new ways of dealing with the conflicts in a non-violent manner is effective, people will learn to adapt these behaviors.



Conflict-resolution management employed by many nations experienced with communal conflicts would often alleviate symptoms of the current conflicts, rather than focusing on the literacy promotion. Literacy promotion will have much greater, longer lasting impacts, by having an educated population that will grow to learn to deal with problems in a much more civilized manner, and reduce the chances of having new conflicts in the future.

One prime example of the cycle of conflicts and violence could be observed by looking at the school attendance in the conflict-areas. Children are unable to attend school because schools may be targeted or destroyed, teachers may be fighting, the building may be used as barracks, or even simply the fear of abduction or the risk of rape and sexual abuse. These basic security and safety needs are so overwhelming, that it deters the students and parents from emphasizing education. With this virtual collapse of the education system at its core, children and adult resort to hiding and fleeing, or the youths resort to becoming child soldiers. When survival becomes the priority, school loses its importance.

The denied opportunities for education could result in a multitude of negative effects, in all aspects of their lives, and overall social and economic losses. Security fears have led to the closure of schools, parents unwilling to send children to schools, and teachers being targeted for giving classes. Therefore, when the conflicts ease out, it is of utmost importance to provide education opportunities, and to promote literacy in all culture and ethnicities so that the reconstruction and peace building can be facilitated. Thus plays a vital role in helping adults and children alike in rebuilding their lives.

Expansion in literacy, especially in the remote border areas, usually deficient in reaching out, making more social and economic disparities. It is this social and economic inequity that could potentially create unnecessary social tensions and political upheavals. Inadequate social and cultural knowledge on the society and a nation as a whole has led to many communal tensions, and sometimes developing into social and military conflicts. As the societies emerge from conflict situations into a peaceful state, earliest introduction of various types of literacy programmes provides the opportunity to confront the legacy of the past, and to make education and literacy conducive for a peaceful future. Literacy programmes that had focused on adults, both men and women that are heavily affected by armed conflicts, showed the promising results for peace

development. Various themes for development, such as citizenship, peace and cooperation, local leadership, local development, social and health promotion, were in particular focus. This approach allowed citizens to reflect upon their traumas, and as a community, moving towards a more constructive action.

Literacy and cultural development are also linked with introduction, maintenance and development of language skill. In Myanmar, there are hundreds of ethnic groups, some of which have their own traditional languages and manuscripts. Some ethnic groups have only spoken languages of their own, but used the Myanmar script for writing. Widespread literacy of a "single united national language", i.e., Myanmar, would facilitate the cross-culture sharing of ideas and also improve social and cultural integration, that would contribute towards a united country. In order to maintain the cultural diversity a unity, continued development of mother-tongue ethnic language is also an important asset. Research studies throughout the World have consistently shown that the learning to speak, read and write in one's own mother tongue facilitates the access to literacy in other languages. Thus, it is important to preserve the nations's uniqueness that we call Myanmar by making all people of Myanmar to be literate for both their own ethnic languages as well as Myanmar, as a single united national language as a whole.

Based on the evidence, while ethnic equality is a much deeper and profound issue that cannot simply be eliminated by education and literacy expansion alone, the ethnic-wide literacy is the first step into beginning the reconciliation step and has shown much promise. Literacy can bestow an individual with confidence and self-esteem. Empowering the individuals with education wherever they stay inside the country could in turn empower the whole society. Teaching ethnicities with education programmes tailored to their needs to speak, read and write will help unifying the nation, and at the same time preserving the culture. Literacy provides a unique and powerful tool to eradicate poverty and a strong means for social and human progress. Literate parents are inclined to send their children to schools, and are prone to access continuing education and learning opportunities. The balanced literacy programmes really empower the individuals, help alleviate ethnic disparities, and ultimately facilitate the move towards a more united nation. Literacy, therefore, is a foundation of human resources development, critical to alleviating poverty and to enhancing the general quality of life of the people.

Education opportunities of the children are shaped around the family and its immediate neighbours, long before they entered their classrooms. The linguistic, cognitive and social skills they develop during early childhood (between 3-5 years) are the real foundations for lifelong learning. Evidence from the successive household surveys in Myanmar, latest being done in 2009-2010, consistently pointed to the maternal education as one of the strongest factors influencing children's prospect of survival. It has been clearly shown that the deaths of infants and young children below five-years of age are related to the gender (being born as male or female), maternal education status (literate, secondary education or higher), wealth (rich or poor by income), residency (urban or rural), and birth order (primary or more than 5<sup>th</sup> child). Studies in other developing countries also showed the same findings.

In conclusion, the overwhelming evidence states that literacy in all its simplicity is a vaccine for peace, protecting from violence and conflicts. Literacy actually promotes economic and social prosperity. Literacy reduces economic disparities among ethnic populations. "Literacy allows for the teaching of conflict resolution skills. Literacy empowers everyone, regardless of gender, age, or ethnicity. Literacy changes how people view the world, and by seeing how people view the changing world, they can change their actions. Myanmar is celebrating this year's international literacy day with the theme of "Literacy for Peace" emphasizing the importance of literacy for individuals in conflict-areas. Ways can be found to establish lasting foundations for peace and education by building mutual trust among all children and their parents, and the place to start is in the classrooms.

## International News

### Migrant boat sinks off Turkey, children among 61 dead

AHMETBEYLI, (Turkey), 7 Sept—At least 61 migrants including Palestinians and Syrians, more than half of them children, died after their overcrowded boat sank just tens of meters off Turkey's western Aegean coast on Thursday, officials said. Tahsin Kurtbeyoglu, governor of the coastal district of Menderes in Izmir Province, told *Reuters* an initial investigation showed the small vessel sank around dawn due to overcrowding. Its destination was unclear but the small Turkish town of Ahmetbeyli from where it set out is only a few

kilometers from the Greek island of Samos. Greece is a common entry point for migrants trying to get into the European Union. "The total death toll is 61, including 12 men, 18 women, 28 children and three babies," the governor's office in Izmir said in a statement. Turkish media said the reason the death toll was so high was because the women and children were in a locked compartment in the lower section of the vessel, although there was no official confirmation of this.

Kurtbeyoglu said 46 people had so far been

rescued alive, including the ship's Turkish captain and assistant, who had been placed under arrest. He said there were no bodies left on the boat and he did not expect the death toll to rise any further. The Izmir governor's office said the survivors were Palestinian and Syrian nationals and that they had been taken to Ahmetbeyli for health checks. Two people were admitted to hospital. Turkish media said there were also Iraqis on the boat, although that could not be confirmed.

Turkey's position as a bridge from Asia to Europe, as well as its wealth compared with neighbouring states, has long made it both a destination and a transit point for migrants from the Middle East and as far afield as Africa and South Asia.—*Reuters*

### British terrorism suspect may face private trial

LONDON, 7 Sept — A British businessman has taken the unusual step of seeking a private prosecution against a computer expert wanted in the United States on terrorism charges, his law firm said on Thursday. Karl Watkin, who made a fortune from bio-fuel and internet companies, said it was a "disgrace" that Babar Ahmad had not been brought to trial in his home country eight years after he was arrested. Ahmad has been held in a British jail while his lawyers have been fighting

his extradition. The European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg is currently reviewing whether sending Ahmad to the United States is lawful. Watkin accused the British government, police and prosecutors of failure and said he hoped his private action would end a "saga which has become a stain on this country's long-held principles of fairness and justice". US officials accuse Ahmad of running a website that supported the Taliban and raised money for Islamist militants in Afghanistan and

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Chechnya. The website was run from London, but was hosted by a US-based company. "We do not need to outsource our criminal justice system to America," Watkin said in a statement. "If the tables were turned, the Americans would undoubtedly have tried their own citizens in America many years ago. I smell politics." London and Washington signed an extradition treaty in the aftermath of the 11 Sept, 2001 attacks on the United States. *Reuters*

### BP executives sought to blame "blue collar rig workers": US

WASHINGTON, 7 Sept — BP executives wanted to concentrate blame for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill disaster on "blue collar rig workers" in order to save themselves, US government lawyers wrote in a court document that until Thursday was partially redacted. According to the newly public and complete version

of the court document, Justice Department lawyers are taking an even harsher tone against BP Plc for the 2010 oil spill than previously thought, invoking the language of class conflict. The 31 August document from the Justice Department was already notable for its strong wording about what the government considers gross negligence on the part of the London-based

oil giant and its management. BP denies it was grossly negligent in the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, which was the largest in US history, and the resolution of that point will help determine how much the company will owe the government in pollution damages. In a statement on Thursday, BP disputed the latest criticism of its executives. "BP believes it was not grossly negligent and looks forward to presenting evidence on this issue at trial in January," the company said. The document shows the Justice Department is preparing for a bruising court fight that is headed for trial in January 2013, unless the sides reach an agreement before then. They have not commented on settlement talks. Justice Department lawyers blacked out two sentences before they filed the document in federal court in New Orleans. *Reuters*



A decomposed fish lies in the water as workers pick up oil balls from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in Waveland, Mississippi in this 7 July, 2010 file photo. **REUTERS**

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### Fire brakes out in gas stove show room



YANGON, 7 Sept—A fire broke out at gas stove and accessories show room in the compound of railways staff quarters at the corner of Strand Road and Lamadaw (1) Road in ward-1 of Lanmadaw Township, here, at 1.40 pm today. The fire destroyed the sale shop, 165 stoves, a brick plus wooden house and one wooden house. 218 members

of Fire Services Department, 107 auxiliary fire brigade members and 100 Red Cross members and supporting vehicles, water tankers and fire engines from Yangon Region Fire Station rushed to the incident. The fire was under control at 2.55 pm. According to the Yangon Region Fire Services Department, the fire started when the gas stove was used

without knowing the leak of gas from it. "No blast was heard when the fire started, but I see big flame", said a person who was near the scene. A fire brigade officer said, "Fire brigade members have to move some leaked containers in the face of danger". Action is being taken in connection with the case. *MNA*

### Accused Quebec gunman an eccentric, kilt-wearing lodge owner **QUEBEC**

MONTREAL, 7 Sept—The gunman accused of opening fire outside a crowded political rally in Montreal this week was viewed as a kilt-wearing eccentric in his rural Quebec home, and was frustrated in his plans to expand his fishing lodge business, according to people who know him. But local residents, in interviews with *Reuters* and other media, said they saw few clues of anything seriously amiss with Richard Henry Bain, 61, who appeared in a Montreal courtroom on Thursday to face 16 charges, including

first-degree murder, attempted murder and arson. "Certainly when you see someone in a kilt in this region, it's not like New York. It stands out a bit more," said Marie-France Brisson, the municipal director general in La Conception, Quebec, who handled Bain's frequent requests for permits to expand his fishing and horseback riding operation. "He seemed like a very normal person. A little marginal, maybe, a little eccentric because of the kilt. But he was a business man

and he had clients and business contacts. He spoke French very well, he seemed well settled here in the region." The shooting came as an election victory for the separatist Parti Quebecois in the French-speaking Canadian province highlighted tensions between Quebec's English-speaking minority and the PQ, which ultimately wants to break away from the rest of Canada but for now will try to toughen laws to ensure French remains Quebec's dominant language. *Reuters*

## Chinese, Vietnamese presidents meet on ties

VLADIVOSTOK, 7 Sept — Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum. Chinese President Hu Jintao and his Vietnamese counterpart Truong Tan Sang exchanged views on bilateral ties here on Friday on the sidelines of the annual Asia-Pacific

countries keep regular contact and exchange views on bilateral ties as well as regional and international issues. Hu said that it is important for the development of friendly relations between China and Vietnam that the leaders of the two neighbouring

Sang said he is glad to meet Hu less than one year after their last meeting at the 2011 APEC forum and wishes the upcoming 18th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party a great success.

At the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting slated for Saturday and Sunday, President Hu and leaders of other APEC members will discuss trade and investment liberalization, regional economic integration, food security as well as cooperation in fostering innovative growth.

Xinhua



Chinese President Hu Jintao (2nd R) meets with his Vietnamese counterpart Truong Tan Sang (2nd L) in Vladivostok, east Russia, on 7 Sept, 2012.—XINHUA

## Indonesia to set prices for wind, solar plants to lure investment

INDONESIA

JAKARTA, 7 Sept — The Indonesian government is preparing a new pricing regulation for micro-hydro, wind and solar plants as an effort to lure investment in the sectors, media quoting official reported here on Friday. Deputy Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry Rudi Rubiandini said that the government expected the new policy would increase the proportion of renewable energy in the country's energy mix.

The deputy quoted by the *Jakarta Post* as saying

that the current cost of electricity produced from renewable energy sources was not investor-friendly. Rudi said the government planned to increase the price of electricity generated by micro-power plants to between 975 rupiah (some 10 cents) and 1,050 rupiah (about 11 US cents) per kilowatt hour (kWh) from the current price of 656 rupiah (some 7 cents) per kWh. In July, the government raised the price for geothermal power plants to between 10 US cents and 17 cents per kWh, depending on their

locations, from an initial 9.7 cents per kWh.

Xinhua



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (4th R, back) and Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong (4th L, back) attend a signing ceremony after their talks at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China, on 6 Sept, 2012.—XINHUA

## Malaysia summons German ambassador over fund to NGO

MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR, 7 Sept — The Malaysian Foreign Ministry has asked the German ambassador to Malaysia to explain the funding to a non-governmental organization (NGO) which the government said has "political agenda", local media reported on Friday. Anifah Aman, Malaysian Foreign Minister, said the channeling of fund by German embassy to Suaram, an NGO, could be seen "as interfering in the internal affairs of a sovereign state."

Malaysia was also disappointed with the involvement of the German embassy in activities which showed its partiality on certain issues which have implications on the domestic

situation in Malaysia, Anifah said in a statement. Suaram has been outspoken in criticizing some of Malaysian government's policies, and Anifah said the group is "known to have a certain political agenda."

"Foreign missions should be sensitive to the sensitivity of the host country and how the good relations could be forged and maintained," he was quoted as saying. Guenter Georg Gruber, German ambassador to Malaysia, admitted earlier this week that German embassy has contributed funds to a company that linked to Suaram back in 2010. He stressed the funding was based on project-specific initiatives and the amount was limited.—Xinhua



A visitor takes photos of a robot model at the 2012 China Advanced Materials Industry Exposition (CIAMIE) in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 6 Sept, 2012. The 2012 CIAMIE started in Harbin on Thursday, attracting more than 1000 enterprises, universities and science institutions from 8 countries and regions.—XINHUA

## REGIONAL



A performance is staged during the opening ceremony of the 2012 China Nanjing World Historical and Cultural Cities Expo, in Nanjing City, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 5 Sept, 2012. More than 50 Chinese and foreign cities attended the five-day expo, which kicked off on Wednesday evening. XINHUA

## Chinese premier calls for further cooperation with Singapore

NEIGHBOUR

BEIJING, 7 Sept — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao called for further cooperation with Singapore on Thursday as he met with Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong. Noting that China and Singapore have maintained close contact and enjoyed fruitful cooperation over the years, Wen said the development of the two countries' relations brought

benefit to both people and generated a positive influence in East Asia.

Wen called on the two countries to further enhance strategic communication and respect each other's major concerns.

"The two sides should upgrade the construction of Suzhou Industrial Park and Tianjin Eco-city to a higher level, explore effective means of cooperation in investment, finance and the green economy, strengthen coordination on marine protection and anti-piracy, and expand communication between young people and between the media," he said. Wen said East Asia had maintained stability during the international financial crisis and enjoyed rapid economic growth.

He said it was of vital importance to strengthen ties between China and ASEAN and deepen their cooperation

to promote mutual benefit so as to maintain the good situation.

"China hopes Singapore will continue to play its important role in this regard," he added. Lee said it was in both interests to promote the two countries' relations and that Singapore was willing to further enhance the comprehensive development of relations by deepening the mutual understanding. He is also looking to explore new cooperation fields and strengthen the friendship between the people of the two countries.

"Singapore will continue to help promote cooperation between China and ASEAN and work with China to safeguard regional peace, stability and development," he said. Wen and Lee attended the signing ceremony of bilateral cooperation documents after their meeting.—Xinhua

## Cambodia, UNESCO sign agreement to continue safeguarding Angkor Wat Temple

CULTURE

PHNOM PENH, 7 Sept — The Government of Cambodia and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on Thursday signed an agreement on safeguarding of the Angkor Wat Temple, one of the World Heritage sites. The deal was inked between Sok An, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister in charge of the Council of Ministers, and Anne Lemaistre, UNESCO

Representative to Cambodia.

The two-year phase II project will be focused on the restoration of an extension span of the moat embankment at the Angkor Wat Temple, said Rome University's Professor Valter Maria Santoro, head of the Italian technical mission for stone consolidation in the temple. Speaking after the signing ceremony, Sok An said that the second phase

project will cost 250,000 US dollars including 200,000 US dollars granted by Italian government and 50,000 US dollars by Cambodian government.

He said that Italian government, through UNESCO, has involved in helping safeguard the Angkor Wat Temple since 1994. "The continuous support signifies a further cooperation among Cambodia, UNESCO

and Italy," he said.

Sok An said currently, Cambodia has been collaborating with 14 countries and 28 international teams in implementing over 60 different projects to preserve, safeguard and develop the temple. Anne Lemaistre said, "UNESCO is proud to help Cambodia in the preservation and conservation of the World Heritage site of Angkor."—Xinhua

## Many rush out of buildings as 5.7-magnitude quake hits southwest China

EARTHQUAKE

KUNMING, 7 Sept — Many people rushed out of buildings in southwest China on Friday as an earthquake measuring 5.7 jolted the border area of Yunnan Province and its neighbouring province of Guizhou. The earthquake hit the border area of Yiliang county of Yunnan and Weining county of Guizhou at 11:19 am and the depth of its epicenter was

about 14 km at 27.5 degrees north latitude and 104.0 degrees east longitude, according to the China Earthquake Networks Centre (CENC). Just an hour

later, another quake measuring 5.6 hit Yiliang county again, said a CENC statement. Many people rushed out of buildings in Shaotong city, which administers Yiliang, as the buildings were shaken when the quake struck the area, bloggers said on the popular microblogging website weibo.com.

Luo Shaojiang, a resident of Shaotong, said that she felt dizzy in the quake. The water bucket and desks were shaking in her third-floor office. Tremor was also felt in the neighbouring province of Sichuan.—Xinhua

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## The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Union Civil Service Board

Vacancy Announcement

Announcement No. 14/ 2012

14<sup>th</sup> Waxing of Wagaung 1374 ME

( 31 August 2012 )

1. The Foreign Economic Relations Department under the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following position-

Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
Staff Officer	4	L.L.B
	7	B.A(English)
	4	B.A(International Relations)
	2	B.A(Eco)
	6	B.Com/ B.Econ(Economics)/ B.Econ(Statistics)/ B.Dev.S
	2	B.C.Sc

2. The applicants -
  - (a) must be citizens of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
  - (b) must not be over 35 years of age (40 years if service personnel ) on 28 September 2012.
  - (c) must be in good health, must be physically fit and possess well intact limbs.
3. Applications must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board, Nay Pyi Taw in person, or by expedited Mail Service, or by registered letter not later than 28 September 2012.
4. With regards to filling in the application form, documents to be attached, mode of payment of Ks.500/ for examination fee, subjects to be studied for written examinations and personal interview, candidates applying for the vacant positions will have to follow the instructions manifested in the Guide Booklet published under Letter No. 1/ Selection (Main)/ 2012, dated 2 January 2012.
5. For service personnel, his or her original application altogether with the recommendation of the ministry concerned and a passport photo of the applicant must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw through the Head of Department by 28 September 2012. An extra copy of the application together with photo must also be attached.
6. Written examinations will be held in Nay Pyi Taw. Candidates will be examined in Myanmar and General Knowledge examination papers on 3 November 2012 (Saturday) and English examination paper on 4 November 2012 (Sunday).
7. Identity cards for candidates sitting for the examination will be issued at Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw commencing 1 November 2012.
8. The Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development has prescribed specific rules and regulations for successful candidates in discharge of their duties. In this context candidates wishing to obtain further information may contact in person or by phone to Office No.(1) of the Foreign Economic Relations Department of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development in Nay Pyi Taw (Tel: 067 - 407152, 067 - 407153).
9. For more information, applicants may contact Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in person or by phone ( 067 - 409052, 067 - 409430 ).
10. This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: ucsb.imis.com.mm and www.ucsb.gov.mm.

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### US pension fund buys Festival Place Shopping Centre for \$446 million

LONDON, 7 Sept — A US pension fund has paid 280 million pounds to buy a shopping centre 50 miles west of London from a property firm owned by the Duke of Westminster, one of Britain's richest men. The deal for the one million square foot Festival Place mall built in Basingstoke in 2002 is the largest mall deal in almost two years in a UK market hit by government austerity measures.

The Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association and College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF) completed the deal on Wednesday despite a huge slowdown in shopping centre openings and sales due to investor concerns over the euro zone debt crisis and the spending power of Britons. Festival Place is one of a group of large UK shopping centres that dominate their catchment area that are prized by investors as they have weathered the tough retailing climate better than their smaller rivals.

It had attracted interest from Australian developer Lend Lease, Canadian investor Oxford Properties and the Canadian Pension Plan Investment Board, two sources familiar with deal told *Reuters*. No major shopping centres are set to open in the UK this year and property consultancy CBRE Group said in May that investment in Europe's shopping centres fell to its lowest level since the collapse of Lehman Brothers investment bank in 2008.—*Reuters*

### APEC

## Asia-Pacific nations agree to slash duties on 'green' technology

VLADIVOSTOK, (Russia), 7 Sept — Asia-Pacific nations have made a breakthrough in promoting trade in 'green' technology, and the United States is pressing ahead with efforts to carve out a regional free-trade zone, a senior US official said on Friday. Speaking before a summit of leaders of the 21-member Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), Deputy US Trade Representative Demetrios Marantis said the group had agreed to slash import duties on technologies that can promote economic growth without endangering the environment.

"This is really a significant achievement, in that it shows how APEC can lead," Marantis told *Reuters* in an interview after ministers finished their preparations for the summit on Saturday and Sunday in the Russian Pacific port of Vladivostok. "It allows us to accomplish the twin goals of liberalising trade and green growth."

Ministers agreed on a list of 54 green technologies that will be subject to import duties of 5 percent or less from 2015, following through on a commitment made by leaders at the last APEC summit in Honolulu a year ago.

According to summit documents seen by *Reuters*, the list includes equipment used in generating power from renewable energy sources such as the sun, wind and biomass; treating waste water; recycling and environmental monitoring.

*Reuters*

### UK

**Drive with care**

ENTERTAINMENT

Green Day on for MTV awards after dehydration scare



Billie Jo Armstrong (L) of Green Day performs during the 2012 Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremony in Cleveland, Ohio on 14 April, 2012.—REUTERS

LOS ANGELES, 7 Sept— Punk rock band Green Day will perform as planned at the MTV Video Music Awards in Los Angeles on Thursday after a case of severe dehydration sent frontman Billie Joe Armstrong to the hospital and forced the cancellation of a weekend concert in Italy. Bass player Mike Dirnt told

MTV News on Thursday that Armstrong, whose illness had not been explained, came down with "heavy, heavy dehydration" in Italy but was recovering well on a regimen of "push-ups, prayers and vitamins". "It was like severe dehydration, influenza, and it was just a really, really bad situation," Dirnt told MTV

Actors Amy Poehler, Will Arnett separating

LOS ANGELES, 7 Sept— "Parks and Recreation" star Amy Poehler and her actor husband, Will Arnett, have split after nine years of marriage, celebrity magazine *Us Weekly* reported on Thursday.

Poehler's publicist confirmed to *Reuters* that the couple had decided to separate.

The pair, who often appeared together on screen, have been married for nine years and have two

young sons.

"It's very amicable," an unnamed source told *Us Weekly*.

Poehler, 40, is the star of TV comedy "Parks and Recreation" and became a household name performing on "Saturday Night Live."

Arnett, 42, is a Toronto native known for his roles on TV series including "Arrested Development" and "Up All Night."—*Reuters*

UK boy band One Direction big winner at MTV video awards

LOS ANGELES, 7 Sept— British boy band One Direction were the big winners at the MTV Video Music Awards on Thursday, edging out Rihanna and taking home three prizes to crown their arrival on the US pop scene just six months ago.

The five baby-faced guys, contestants on the British version of TV singing contest "The X Factor," beat Justin Bieber and Rihanna for best pop video, and fellow all-boy British outfit The Wanted as best new artists.

They also won the most-shareworthy video award—which was voted on by fans—for their debut hit single "What Makes You Beautiful" and later performed their latest release "One Thing" to hordes of screaming girls at the two-hour Los Angeles ceremony.

"To win one Moonman is amazing, to win two is incredible," said Harry Styles, as the band collected the silver VMA trophy for best new artists.

"Thank you so much! We have grown up watching this show and

to collect one of these straight away is incredible," said a jubilant Niall Horan.

One Direction, which is managed by British TV entrepreneur Simon Cowell, made history in March when it became the first UK group to see its first album, "Up All Night," debut at the top of the Billboard 200 chart.

Rihanna, who went into the VMA's sharing a leading five nominations with Canadian rapper Drake, came away with just one award.

But it was the most coveted award of the night—video of the year—and the Barbados-born superstar won it for her dizzying visual romp in hit single "We Found Love."

"I love you guys! This is awesome," Rihanna told her fans as she collected the Moonman trophy and showed off a new pixie hair cut.

In a hip-hop-heavy show, rapper Nicki Minaj won best female video for "Starships," while Chris Brown won two awards - best male video and best choreography for "Turn Up the Music."

*Reuters*



News in a break for rehearsals for the VMA award show.

"He woke up in the morning and it was bad. Let's put it this way, if you're in your hotel room and you're vomiting profusely, it's not fun.

So what are you gonna do? It's hard to sing while you're puking," he added. The band canceled a show in Bologna on Sunday but said they hoped to make their way back to the Italian city as soon as possible.

*Reuters*



Will Arnett and Amy Poehler



Actor Tom Cruise

Tom Cruise demands hotel be vacated to dine alone

LONDON, 7 Sept—Actor Tom Cruise reportedly left the authorities at a hotel worried when he demanded that the hotel be vacated so that he could dine in peace.

The 49-year-old visited a five-star hotel Forza Mare in Dobrun, Montenegro near Adriatic, when he made this demand. However, his wish was not fulfilled by the hotel manager.

"Who does Mr Cruise think he is," *thesun.co.uk* quoted a source as saying. "The hotel was full. It would have been unfair to other guests," the source added.

However, the actor, who is on a vacation, got the hotel staff to deliver food on his private yacht later.—*PTI*

Fashion is surreal: Natalie Portman

LONDON, 7 Sept—Black Swan star Natalie Portman says the fashion industry is very surreal. The 31-year-old actress, who wed French choreographer Benjamin Millepied in August after meeting him on the set of the 2009 hit, said one of the strangest moments of her life was being fitted for an haute couture gown in the middle of Benjamin's family home, reported *Contactmusic*.

"Fashion has put me in some strange situations. I was being fitted for a Christian Dior couture dress last year at my husband Benjamin Millepied's house. "His whole family were sitting there, just having a cup of tea, while all these amazing artisans worked around me to create this absolute incredible dress, that was pretty surreal," she said.

The brunette beauty is widely admired for her classic and elegant look, but she said it is fun to take fashion risks and make drastic changes to her appearance. "I make many sacrifices for my job—if I'm in a period film, I know I can't be a certain shape because I need to be able to adapt to the costume.

"It is a lot of fun as an actor to be able to disguise yourself, like shaving my head in 'V for Vendetta'. It's good to surprise people and to be different from what they expect you to be."—*PTI*



'Black Swan' star Natalie Portman says the fashion industry is very surreal.

Redford acts in, directs thriller about ex-radical



Actor Robert Redford

VENICE, 7 Sept—In "All the President's Men", Robert Redford famously played a reporter hunting clues that led to President Richard Nixon's downfall. In "The Company You Keep", the Oscar winner is the one who is hunted by a journalist, this time played by Shia LaBeouf.

Unlike the 1976 account of the Watergate scandal, *The Company You Keep* is a fictional thriller based on a 2003 novel by Neil Gordon, and follows a former leftwing American militant whose past comes back to haunt him.

Redford plays Jim Grant, a

respectable lawyer and widower with a young daughter whose life is thrown into turmoil when his secret identity, as a member of The Weather Underground decades earlier, is revealed by a tenacious reporter.

LaBeouf, one of several up-and-coming stars to feature at this year's Venice film festival where the movie has its world premiere on Thursday, appears as Ben Shepard, an ambitious writer working for a struggling local newspaper.

When an ex-member of The Weather Underground (Susan Sarandon) gives herself up, he uncovers a network of former militants who went into hiding in the 1970s and are still wanted by the FBI for a robbery and murder.

One of those is Grant, who is forced to leave his daughter behind to search out the one person who may be able to save him.

*Reuters*

## Oakland's McCarthy "stable" after fracturing skull

Baseball

LOS ANGELES, 7 Sept— Oakland pitcher Brandon McCarthy, who suffered a fractured skull when he was hit on the head by a baseball on Wednesday, is in stable condition after having surgery to ease pressure on his brain, the team said.

McCarthy was struck by a line drive off Erick Aybar's bat during a game against the Los Angeles Angels. A CT scan later revealed an epidural hemorrhage and brain contusion.

"Our first concern is Brandon's health, and we are heartened to learn he has

shown progress in his recovery after surgery," Oakland General Manager Billy Beane said in a statement on Thursday.

"We are glad to report he is stable, awake and alert. The team will provide further updates as they become available in the coming days. Brandon remains in everyone's thoughts as we wish him a speedy recovery."

After being struck by Aybar's line drive, McCarthy sat on the mound for several minutes with Oakland's head trainer Nick Paparesta by his side before he left the field



Oakland Athletics pitcher Brandon McCarthy winds up during the fifth inning of his MLB American League baseball game against the Texas Rangers in Oakland, California on 7 June, 2012.—REUTERS

unaided. The right-hander was immediately taken to hospital to have a scan. The

29-year-old is 8-6 with a 3.24 ERA in 18 starts this season.—Reuters

## Golf Woods' rivalry with McIlroy takes shape at Crooked Stick

CARMEL, 7 Sept— First there was Tiger Woods and Ernie (Els), then there was Tiger and Sergio (Garcia) and Tiger and Phil (Mickelson).

Now it is Tiger and Rory

(McIlroy) and it shows every of sign of becoming one of golf's great all-time rivalries as the young Northern Irishman and veteran American went toe-to-toe at

the BMW Championship on Thursday.

After carding birdies on their opening holes, it was clear the massive gallery was in for a special treat on a sweltering Thursday at Crooked Stick Golf Club as Woods and McIlroy showcased their considerable talents. While the third stop of the FedExCup playoff series features an elite field of 70 golfers, the first round quickly turned into a two-man show with Woods and McIlroy whipping the crowd into a frenzy with a display of quality shot-making.

Some of Woods' rivalries over the years have been

manufactured but his rivalry with McIlroy has been allowed to develop naturally, blossoming into a battle of the generations.

Now aged 36, Woods is staring at the downside of a brilliant career. At 23, McIlroy's star is on the rise, the richly gifted heir to Woods' throne.

"As Jack (Nicklaus) said numerous times, it was nice to be part of the cross-generational conversations we had with Gary (Player) and Arnold (Palmer) really," said Woods. "He was kind of on his way out but he was part of the (Tom) Watson and (Tom) Weiskopf and (Lee) Trevino and all those guys." It was nice to be a part of it, be in it for over 20 years. "This is my 17th year out here. The guys I battled head-to-head are early 40s if not late 40s, like Vijay (Singh) is late 40s. This is the next generation of guys."

Reuters



Rory McIlroy (L) of Northern Ireland talks with Tiger Woods of the US as they approach the first green during round one of the BMW Championship golf tournament in Carmel, Indiana 7 Sept, 2012.

REUTERS

## Paralympic Games

LONDON, 7 Sept— There was more disappointment at the Paralympics for South Africa's Oscar Pistorius after he was left trailing in the wake of Britain's Jonnie Peacock in the men's 100m final on Thursday.

Pistorius, who courted controversy last week when he complained that his opponent's blades were too long after losing in the 200m final, could only finish fourth behind Peacock, American Richard Browne and South Africa's Amu Fourie. Peacock stormed out of the blocks and finished five hundredths of a second outside the world record in a time of 10.90. It was the first time in the Paralympics that anyone had run under 11 seconds.

"I didn't think it was quite going to be that crazy," Peacock told Britain's Channel Four. "I was thinking who is going to get the biggest cheer Oscar or me. This time I actually knew I could push. My drive phase was probably the best it has ever been in the race. It was crazy."

## Pistorius gracious after 100m defeat to Peacock

"I should have run quicker than that. I should be going about 3/10ths faster than that. I got up to 60-70 meters and I thought I can win this." Pistorius came into the event as defending champion,

legitimacy of his defeat. Pistorius, dubbed the "Blade Runner", suggested that his opponent's prosthetics were too long which had artificially lengthened his stride, giving



Britain's Jonnie Peacock (C) wins the men's 100m T-44 final ahead of South Africa's Amu Fourie (L) and Richard Browne of the US in the Olympic Stadium at the London 2012 Paralympic Games on 6 September, 2012.

REUTERS

just as he did in the 200m on Sunday when he prompted controversy by complaining about the length of winner Alan Oliveira's prosthetic blades.

Moments after that loss, his first in the 200m in nine years, he used a post-race interview to question the

him an unfair advantage. Pistorius apologized for the timing of his comments in a statement on Monday, but maintained there was still a fundamental issue about the length of athletes' prosthetics that needed to be addressed.

Reuters

## International Sports

US OPEN

## Ferrer survives marathon slugfest to reach semi-final

NEW YORK, 7 Sept— Fourth-seeded Spaniard David Ferrer edged Janko Tipsarevic of Serbia 6-3, 6-7, 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 on Thursday in a see-saw slugfest marked by gutsy, gritty play to reach the semi-finals of the US Open.

Ferrer, who was a break down early in the fifth set, won the pressure packed four-hour, 31-minute quarter-final by claiming the climactic tiebreaker 7-4 when Tipsarevic hit a backhand into the net from deep in the corner.

"I don't have words. I am really happy," said the 30-year-old Ferrer, who went

Serbia or 2009 Open winner Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina in Saturday's semi-finals.

The win was another highlight in a career season for Ferrer, who has captured five titles on three different surfaces and made at least the quarter-finals of all four grand slams.

"I think it was a high, intense match with not too many ups and downs," said Tipsarevic about the level of play. "Both of us are baseline players, both of us are big fighters on court, so something like this was only expected."



David Ferrer of Spain is congratulated by Janko Tipsarevic (R) of Serbia after their men's singles quarterfinals match at the US Open tennis tournament in New York 7 Sept 2012.—REUTERS

down on his knees in relief after the final point before raising both fists to the cheering Arthur Ashe Stadium crowd.

"It was an emotional match. It was a really tough match. Janko is an amazing player. He fights a lot."

Ferrer will play either champion Novak Djokovic of

Ferrer likened the intensity and emotions of the match to a Davis Cup tie and tipped his cap to Tipsarevic.

"My opponent, he deserved also to win this match," he said. "In one tiebreak it's a lottery and I was lucky in important moments. My respect to Janko Tipsarevic."—Reuters

## Soares, Makarova win US Open mixed doubles title

NEW YORK, 7 Sept— Russia's Ekaterina Makarova and Brazil's Bruno Soares completed an unlikely run to the US Open mixed doubles title by beating fourth-seeded Kveta Peschke of the Czech Republic and Marcin Matkowski of Poland on Thursday.

Makarova and Soares committed to the tournament at the last minute and the unseeded duo rode the partnership to a grand slam triumph when Peschke failed to return a baseline backhand from Makarova to end their tiebreak 12-10 after splitting the first two sets 6-7, 6-1.

"The best feeling," said Soares, who became the first South American men's player to win the event after coming from a set down and

facing a championship point at 9-10 in the tiebreak.

Soares played two grand slam events last year with Makarova but had since teamed up with Australian Jarmila Gajdosova, with whom he played the last four grand slams.

But as the entry deadline time approached, the Brazilian found he would not

gain direct entry into the field because his combined ranking with Gajdosova was too low.

Makarova, a mixed doubles runner-up with Jaroslav Levinsky at the 2010 Australian Open, had asked Soares about competing at Flushing Meadows but he told her he was already committed.—Reuters



Ekaterina Makarova (R) of Russia and Bruno Soares of Brazil celebrate with their trophy after defeating Kveta Peschke of the Czech Republic and Marcin Matkowski of Poland in their mixed doubles finals at the US Open tennis tournament in New York on 6 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

**Focus Myanmar TV Programme**

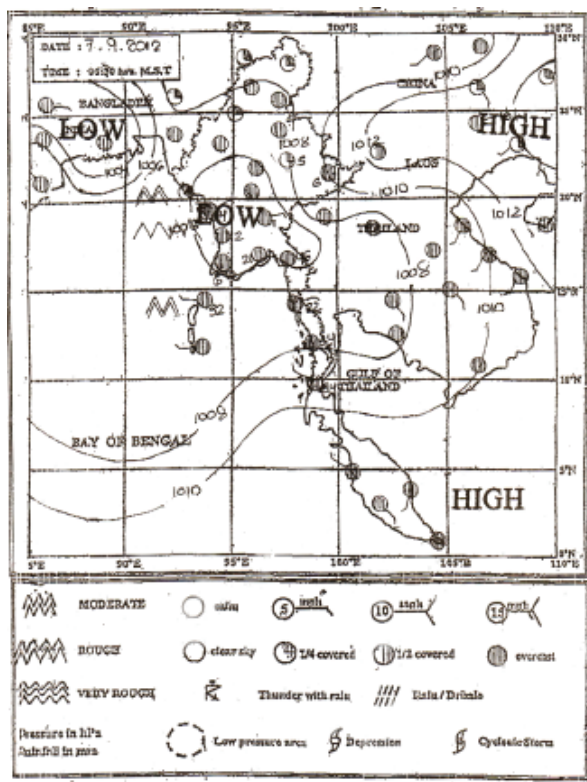
**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**

- (8-9-12 09:30 am ~ 9-9-12 09:30 am) MST
- \* News
  - \* Shwe Kyet Yet-Shwe Kyet Kya's Boat Race Festival
  - \* A Day of Religious Significance (Full Moon Day of Wagaung)
  - \* News
  - \* Asia Masters Tourism & Hospitality Training Centres (Part-1)
  - \* News
  - \* Asia Masters Tourism & Hospitality Training Centres (Part-2)
  - \* News
  - \* Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Thai Style Fried Rice"
  - \* Road to 27th SEA GAMES 2013 (Weight-lifting)
  - \* News
  - \* "Songs for you" Maung
  - \* News
  - \* BOT System Precise & Speedy For The People Cooperate Shall We... (Mandalay-Lashio-Muse) Road Section
  - \* News
  - \* Myanmar Movie Impact "Amy, Aye Mi's Ko Ko"
  - \* News
  - \* Park Royal Yangon Bridal Show 2012
  - \* Myanmar Movie "Great Goodwill"

**MYANMAR TV**

- (8-9-2012) (Saturday)
- 7:00 am**
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:45 am**
2. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:15 am**
3. Poem Garden
- 8:30 am**
4. Selected Songs For 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2012) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Basic Education Level) (Men)
- 8:45 am**
5. Singing In Different Version
- 11:00 am**
6. Martial Song
- 11:10 am**
7. Musical Programme
- 11:20 am**
8. Game For Children
- 2:10 pm**
9. Songs of National Races
- 2:30 pm**
10. Cultural Dances
- 4:40 pm**
11. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Botany)
- 5:00 pm**
12. Beautiful "ASEAN"
- 6:35 pm**
13. Celebrity and Dinner
- 8:00 pm**
14. News
  15. Cartoon Series
  16. TV Drama Series
  17. Gitadagale Phwinfaohin

**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**



**Weather forecast for 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2012**

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	34/93	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
2	Kayah	31/88	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
3	Kayin	31/88	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
4	Chin	21/70	16/61	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	32/90	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	34/93	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
7	Taninthayi	30/86	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
8	Bago	32/90	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
9	Magway	33/91	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
10	Mandalay	32/90	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
12	Yangon	31/88	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
13	Rakhine	32/90	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	27/81	17/63	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	31/88	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	29/84	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	30/86	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	31/88	24/75	One or two rain or thundershowers	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	22/72	Some rain or thundershowers	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	32/90	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

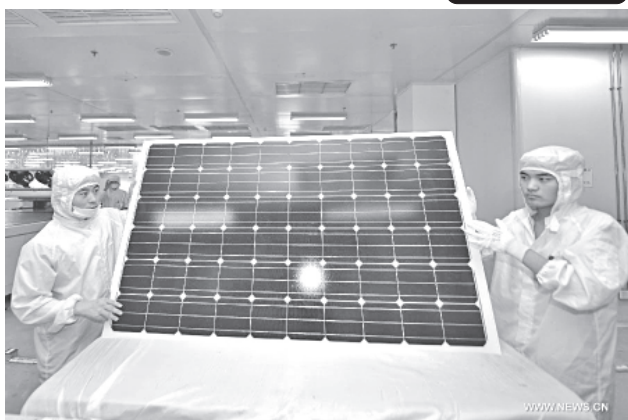
During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Region, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State, scattered in Mandalay Region, Rakhine and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Magway and Bago Regions, Shan and Chin States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Magway Region and isolated heavy falls in Yangon Region and Mon State. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Kayan (4.17) inches, Paing (3.39) inches, Mawlamyine, Kyeikmanaw and Kawkaayet (2.52) inches each, Taunggyingyi (1.82) inches and Aungmyan (1.66) inches.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea: Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea.

**Chinese industry group strongly opposes EU's solar anti-dumping probe** CHINA



Staff workers check a photovoltaic product at a solar energy company in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 24 May, 2012. European Commission filed an antidumping investigation over Chinese photovoltaic (PV) products on Thursday. XINHUA

BEIJING, 7 Sept — A chamber of commerce announced on Thursday that it strongly opposed to an anti-dumping probe made by the European Union (EU) towards solar imports from China. China's purchase of EU raw materials and equipment in the solar energy sector benefits the EU in terms of employment and its own green growth, the China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Machinery and Electronic Products (CCCME) said in a statement.

Solar energy industry has developed quickly in recent years driven by EU technology and low costs in China, said CCCME. Recently, Chinese solar products have been more competitive than their EU rivals because of slumping prices in raw materials and domestic technological progress instead of dumping or government subsidies, the

CCCME said. However, the EU probe has overshadowed bilateral cooperation, harming the interests of companies from both sides, endangering development of the industry, and even having no regard for the interests of the hundreds of thousands of employees in the industry in EU countries, said CCCME.

Given the global trend of solar energy, the CCCME urged the EU to refrain from employing trade remedy measures and redress its protectionist measures, in order to benefit long-term development of the industry. The European Commission said in a notice on Thursday that it will probe the possible dumping of solar panels by Chinese producers, marking the biggest such complaint filed by the EU in terms of import value. Xinhua

**District News**  
**Repairing of damaged bridge completed in Shwegu**

SHWEGU, 7 Sept— Nampha Creek Bridge, damaged in torrent water and heavy rain recently, has been repaired on Mandalay-Shwegu-Bhamo Strategic Road near Ngabatgyi Village of Shwegu Township. The bridge is 40 feet long and 18 feet wide. Deputy Commissioner U Teza Aung of Bhamo District

Administration Department of Kachin State, Shwegu Township Administrator U Nyi Nyi, the district senior engineers, the district head of Irrigation Department and the district manager of District Agriculture Department inspected completion of the bridge on 21 August afternoon. They attended to the needs.—Myanma Alin

**Canada PM says CNOOC's Nexen bid to be closely studied** CANADA

VANCOUVER, 7 Sept — Canada will study CNOOC's \$15.1 billion bid for oil producer Nexen particularly closely because the deal is large and the Chinese oil company is a state-owned

government are uneasy about the idea of a Chinese firm buying Canadian assets.

"Our definition of net benefit will be very broad in terms of the overall interest of the Canadian economy and in the long term," Harper said at a Bloomberg summit dealing with Pacific region.

"In making this decision, because of the size and nature of the proposal ... the government has to put in place a pretty clear policy framework that indicates why it would or would not accept this decision or subsequent such decisions."

Canada says it needs at least C\$500 billion (\$510 billion) in foreign investment in the oil-rich tar sands over the next decade. One obvious source of the money is China. This concerns those who say Chinese state-owned enterprises have business advantages such as easy access to credit and an ability to ignore the need to make a profit.— Reuters



Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper speaks during an event announcing the establishment of the Naats'ihch'oh National Park Reserve, in Norman Wells, Northwest Territories on 22 Aug, 2012.— REUTERS

enterprise, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said on Thursday. Under the terms of the Investment Canada Act, Ottawa must examine the bid to determine whether it is of net benefit to Canada. Some members of the Conservative

**Djokovic topples Del Potro to reach semi-finals** Golf

NEW YORK, 7 Sept—Novak Djokovic took a giant step in his quest to repeat as US Open champion by beating Juan Martin del Potro 6-2, 7-6, 6-4 to reach the semi-finals at Flushing Meadows on Thursday. The second-seeded Serb gained the decisive edge in the quarter-final by winning a titanic second-set struggle against the 6-foot-6 Argentine, who won here in 2009.

The set lasted 84 minutes and featured a 17-minute game at 6-5 when 23-year-old Del Potro saved three set points to force a tiebreaker. It was tennis of the highest order as the players sent each other from corner to corner, and from net to baseline and back again, but Djokovic emerged with the set after taking the tiebreak 7-3 over the seventh seed, who more than once draped himself over the net in exhaustion.

"Even though it was a straight set win, it was much closer than the score indicated. He's a great player," said Australian Open champion Djokovic, 25, who reached his 10th successive grand slam semi-final as he pursues a sixth slam title.

Djokovic will meet fourth-seeded David Ferrer of Spain, who beat eighth seed Janko Tipsarevic of Serbia 6-3, 6-7, 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 by taking the fifth-set tiebreaker 7-4.

Saturday's other semi-final will pit Olympic champion Andy Murray of Britain against Tomas Berdych, who beat Roger Federer in the quarter-final.—Reuters



Novak Djokovic of Serbia

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar****President Office****Order No. 30/2012**6<sup>th</sup> Waning of Wagaung, 1374 ME  
(7<sup>th</sup> September, 2012)**Appointment of Union Ministers**

In accord with Section 232 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 12 of the Union Government Law, following persons were appointed as Union Ministers at the ministries shown against each.

- |                        |                                 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| (1) U Aye Myint Kyu    | Ministry of Culture             |
| (2) Maj-Gen Zeyar Aung | Ministry of Rail Transportation |

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| (3) Dr Myint Aung             | Ministry of Mines                                      |
| (4) U Kyaw Lwin               | Ministry of Construction                               |
| (5) U Win Shein               | Ministry of Finance and Revenue                        |
| (6) Dr Kan Zaw                | Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development |
| (7) U Maung Myint             | Ministry of Labour                                     |
| (8) Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin | Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement    |
| (9) Dr Ko Ko Oo               | Ministry of Science and Technology                     |
| (10) U Htay Aung              | Ministry of Hotels and Tourism                         |

*Sd/Thein Sein*

President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar****President Office****Order No. 31/2012**6<sup>th</sup> Waning of Wagaung, 1374 ME  
(7<sup>th</sup> September, 2012)**Assignment of Union Ministers**

Following Union Ministers were assigned at the ministries shown against each.

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| (1) U Thein Nyunt     | Ministry at the President Office (1) |
| (2) U Soe Maung       | Ministry at the President Office (2) |
| (3) U Soe Thein       | Ministry at the President Office (3) |
| (4) U Aung Min        | Ministry at the President Office (4) |
| (5) U Tin Naing Thein | Ministry at the President Office (5) |
| (6) U Hla Tun         | Ministry at the President Office (6) |

*Sd/Thein Sein*

President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar****President Office****Order No. 32/2012**6<sup>th</sup> Waning of Wagaung, 1374 ME  
(7<sup>th</sup> September, 2012)**Appointment of Union Minister**

Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min was assigned original military duties, and in accord with Section 232 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 12 of the Union Government Law, Lt-Gen Wai Lwin of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) was appointed as Union Minister for Defence.

*Sd/Thein Sein*

President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar****President Office****Order No. 34/2012**6<sup>th</sup> Waning of Wagaung, 1374 ME  
(7<sup>th</sup> September, 2012)**Appointment of Auditor-General of the Union**

In accord with Section 242, Sub-section (a) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 5 of the Union Auditor-General Law, Union Minister U Thein Htaik was appointed as Auditor-General of the Union.

*Sd/Thein Sein*

President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar****President Office****Order No. 33/2012**6<sup>th</sup> Waning of Wagaung, 1374 ME  
(7<sup>th</sup> September, 2012)**Reshuffle of Union Ministers**

In accord with Section 232 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 12 of the Union Government Law, following Union Ministers were assigned duties at the ministries shown against each.

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| (1) Lt-Gen Thein Htay | Ministry of Border Affairs |
| (2) U Khin Maung Soe  | Ministry of Electric Power |

*Sd/Thein Sein*

President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

## Main purpose of Farmland Law enables all farmers across the country enjoy Land Use Right

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept—A course on Farmland Law, Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Law and Bylaws for Region/State Agriculture and Irrigation Ministers, was held at Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, here, this morning, with an opening speech by Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Tun.

It was also attended by Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Deputy Ministers for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than and U Khin Zaw, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Myint Shwe, Region/State Agriculture and Livestock Breeding ministers, departmental heads, heads of Region and State Settlement and Land Record Departments and officials.

Vice-President U Nyan Tun inspected hybrid paddy, hybrid sunflower, beans and pulses, farm produces, scale model to be used in line with Farm Land Law and Bylaws and model of Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Law.

After that, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing explained the drafting of Farmland Law, Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Law and Bylaws and the purpose of the course.

In his speech, Vice-President U Nyan Tun said that the President has given guidance on five reforming tasks for the development of agriculture sector.

(See page 7)



*Vice-President U Nyan Tun speaks at course on Farmland Law, Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Law and Bylaws for Region/State Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Ministers.—MNA*