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## President U Thein Sein accepts Credentials of Iranian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Mr Hossein Kamalian, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, presented his credentials to U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at Presidential Palace, here, at 11 am today.

Present on the occasion were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung and Acting Director-General U Tha Aung Nyun of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—MNA



*President U Thein Sein receives Iranian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Hossein Kamalian at the Presidential Palace.—MNA*

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## President U Thein Sein accepts Credentials of Nigerian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Mr Chukwudi Newington Okafor, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, presented his credentials to U Thein Sein, President of

the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at Presidential Palace, here, at 11.30 am today.

Also present on the occasion together with President U Thein Sein were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna

Maung Lwin, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung and Acting Director-General U Tha Aung Nyun of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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*Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham meeting with Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Li Junhua at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace.*

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## Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives Chinese Ambassador and party

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received a delegation led by Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here at 4 pm today.

Also present on the occasion together with Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham were Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung,

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Zin Yaw, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Hset Aung and heads of department.

At the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on mutual friendship and cultural cooperation, development of small- and medium-scale industries and cooperation in the sectors of sports, human resource development and health.

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*Keepers move Bali, a 7 metre (23 feet) long reticulated Python from its enclosure ahead of a health check and ultrasound heart scan at Chester Zoo in Chester, northern England on 5 Sept, 2012.*

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**England vs South Africa Twenty20 abandoned**



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**Deal reached to resume construction on 11 September museum**



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## Union Information Minister receives Israeli Ambassador, US Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi received Israeli Ambassador Mr. Hagay Moshe Behar at his office at 1 pm today and discussed matters on providing technical assistance in broadcasting. Likewise, at 4 pm, Union Minister U Aung Kyi received US Ambassador Mr. Derek Mitchell and held discussions on conducting training by experts from American film world to promote Myanmar movie standard, development of libraries and training for capacity building of staff of Myanmar Radio and Television.—MNA

## Union Construction Minister inspects construction sites of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun)



NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin inspected ground erosion at mile post 20/3 on Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Natmauk Road, digging of bore pile and laying of concrete at Sonchaung bridge construction site (Taungdwingyi-Myothit) being implemented by Bridge Construction Special Group (3), upgrading of 11 miles and two furlongs Thityakok-Migyoungye-Pahtanago road into 18-ft wide tar road by Airport Construction Special Group (5) and construction of new Migyoungye bridge being undertaken by Special Project Group (4). At Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) construction site, the Union minister met with Superintending Engineer U Soe Min of Road Special Group (3) and deputy superintending engineers and officials from airport special group (5), road special groups (3) and (7) and called for systematic carrying out the tasks meeting the set standard. The Union Minister then inspected laying of concrete between RP1 and RP4, fixing of steel truss between RP5 and RP6, water course and carrying of steel truss. Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) is a linking one from Migyoungye in Magway Township to Malun bank which main bridge is 3215 ft long, it has flanked by two rail roads on each side and steel truss fixing is under construction. The Union Minister inspected completion of three bridges on Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Chaungnet road. MNA

## Heads from Buddha images lost in Thamangon

### Crimes

SAGAING, 11 Sept—The heads of Buddha Images and statues of Arhats from Thamangon Pagoda in Podan Ward of Sagaing were lost recently. Acting on tip-off, SIP Hlaing Myint of Sagaing Police Station-1 and party inspected the pagoda

### Pagoda of Sagaing

and they saw losses of two 7-inch high heads from Buddha images, two stone Arhat statues and one head from a stone Buddha image from the cave of Thamangon Buddha Image. The works were lost in the evening of 8 September.

## Bridge damaged in erosion on Taungdwingyi-Aunglan railroad

TAUNGDWINGYI, 11 Sept—Due to heavy rains from 4 to 10 September, Bridge No. 325 was damaged between Chaukgauk Koebin and Paratkel on Taungdwingyi-Aunglan railroad in Taungdwingyi Township on 6 September.

Due to the damage, trains waited for three hours on the delayed railroad. Officials supervised repairing of eroded railroad for regular runs of trains.—Myanma Alin

## OIC delegation calls on Union Minister, signs MoU with Border Affairs Ministry

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay received Ambassador Mr. Ufuk Gokcen of Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and party at his office here this noon. The meeting focused on aids to be provided for Rakhine State and participation in rehabilitation tasks by OIC without political or religious creed; providing shelters, food and utensils to both local nationals and Bengalis regardless of race; and improvement of rehabilitation and urbanization plan of Rakhine State. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department of the Ministry of Border Affairs and OIC Humanitarian Department on humanitarian aids for Rakhine State. The MoU signing ceremony was attended by Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Zaw Win, directors-general and officials. MNA

## Dy CPT Minister tours Mandalay, Yatanarpon Myothit

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thaug Tin met responsible persons of Myanmar Computer Professionals Association and Computer Industrialists Association at the hall of Myanmar Computer Industrialists Association (Mandalay Region) at Shwebyu Plaza in Mandalay on 8 September. The deputy minister gave instructions on opening of modern technology course for development of human resources, efforts to be made for creation of job opportunities and improvement of software outsourcing and software factory in Myanmar. At the hall of the Deputy General Manager of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications, the deputy met officers of MPT. On 9 September, the deputy minister met officials of Yatanarpon Teleport Co Ltd at its hall near PyinOoLwin and inspected the control rooms at main building and functions of Yatanarpon Solar Factory. MNA

Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thaug Tin inspects control room at Yatanarpon Teleport. MNA



## FOB camp opened at Shwewetwun Jetty in Kawthoung

KAWTHOUNG, 11 Sept—Under the supervision of Taninthayi Region Government, an FOB inspection camp was opened at Shwe Wetwun Jetty in Kawthoung Township at 9 am on 1 September. Taninthayi Region Minister for Agriculture and

Livestock Breeding Dr Win Aung, Head of Taninthayi Region Fisheries Department Dr Nyunt Win and Deputy Commissioner U Myint Thein of District General Administration Department formally opened

the camp. The camp was opened on the starting day of fishery season. Fishery entrepreneurs are to receive checking of their commodities at the FOB Camp.—Myanma Alin

## Cash assistance provided to dead, injured persons of capsized boat

PAKOKKU, 11 Sept—A ceremony to present cash assistance to 13 dead and injured persons in boat capsized case at the jetty in Kanmaphyu Village of Pawk Township was held at the hall of Pawk Township General Administration Department on 7 September.

Deputy Commissioner U Khin Maung Yi of Pakokku District GAD and Pawk Township Administrator U Htay Win presented K 2.6 million, 39 bags of rice donated by the Magway Region Chief Minister and K 2,437,500 by local wellwishers to them. On the occasion, each household got K 387,500, three bags of rice and three T-shirts. Myanma Alin



**WORLD**



An aviation division of the air force under the Guangzhou Military Area Command (MAC) of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) has conducted live-fire attack training on the sea recently. It improves the pilots' offshore low altitude offense and defence capability.— XINHUA

**US, Israel still at odds over Iran "red line"**

**MIDDLE EAST**

JERUSALEM/WASHINGTON, 11 Sept — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel and the United States were in talks on setting a "clear red line" for Iran's nuclear programme, but the two allies remained at odds on Monday over whether to spell out a clear threshold for military action against Teheran. The Israeli leader, who has been pressing President Barack Obama for a tougher line against Iran, again signaled that a sharper US ultimatum for Teheran could deter it from developing nuclear weapons and mitigate the need for a military response.

sanctions imposed on the Islamic Republic more time to work to rein in Iran's nuclear work peacefully. But Obama has not ruled out military action if all else fails.

Recent heightened Israeli rhetoric has stoked speculation that Israel might attack Iran before the US elections in November, believing that Obama would give it military help and not risk alienating pro-Israeli voters. In his latest call for an unambiguous message on boundaries that Teheran must not cross, Netanyahu said in interview with Canada's CBC television aired late on Sunday: "We're discussing it right now with the United States." But he has yet to define publicly what he wants.

Senior US officials offered no sign that the United States and Israel were any closer to narrowing their differences. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton made comments that were interpreted by Israeli media as



Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu attends the weekly cabinet meeting in Jerusalem on 9 Sept, 2012. — REUTERS

rejecting Netanyahu's call for a red line and drew admonishment from a senior Israeli official. In an interview with Bloomberg Radio, Clinton was asked about Netanyahu's demand that a red line be set and also whether she thought a time limit should be put on negotiations with Iran over its nuclear programme.

Clinton responded only to the second part of the question, saying, "We're not setting deadlines." Israeli media seized on those comments as a rejection of Netanyahu's red-line demand.

Reuters

**Iran plans to unveil cruise missile, dismisses US deployment of air defence shield in region**

**Iran**

TEHERAN, 11 Sept — Iran's Defence Ministry announced on Sunday it will unveil a new cruise missile, dismissing US deployment of air defence shield in the region. Deputy Defence Minister and head of the ministry's Aerospace Organization General Mehdi Farahi said on Sunday that his ministry plans to unveil a highly advanced cruise missile, the semi-official *Fars* news agency reported. "God willing, Meshkat (Lantern) cruise missile with a range of 2,000 km will be unveiled in the near future," Farahi told *Fars*. "Meshkat Cruise Missile can be fired from land, air and sea," Farahi was quoted as saying. According to the report, Iran's former cruise missile can travel a distance of no more than 300 km.

The senior Iranian defence official downplayed the US plan to deploy air missile shield in the region, saying that these defence systems lack the capability to confront Iranian missiles, according to the report. "They (Americans) make claims that are mostly void, exaggerated and unreal," Farahi was quoted as saying. Farahi said that part of these claims about US air defence capabilities is true, but "they can never stand against the barrage of incoming Iranian missiles through this partial capability," according to *Fars*. "We hope nothing happens, but in case of a conflict they will see that all their claims have been futile," he added. In April, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton held talks in Saudi Arabia about plans for a Persian Gulf missile shield system against alleged Iran's threats. Addressing a first Gulf-US security forum in Saudi capital Riyadh, Clinton said Washington was committed to the security of the six-country Gulf Cooperation Council as its allies in the region.—Xinhua

**United States transfers Bagram prison to Afghan control**

**AFGHANISTAN**

KABUL, 11 Sept — The United States handed control of the controversial giant Bagram prison and its 3,000 suspected Taliban inmates to Afghan authorities on Monday, amid concerns by activists over rights abuses and US questions about Kabul's ability to keep key detainees behind bars.

Hundreds of Afghan soldiers watched as an Afghan flag was hoisted in front of the prison at the huge US-run airfield north of Kabul, as part of a plan to withdraw foreign troops from combat operations in 2014. "Today is a historical and glorious day for Afghanistan where Afghans are able to take charge of the prison themselves," acting Defence Minister Enayatullah Nazari told a large crowd including US military officials.

But, in a move that has angered the Afghan government, the US plans to keep at least one block at the prison, where any suspected

Taliban fighters or terrorists captured in future raids will be held before being handed over. Since the agreement on the handover was signed in March a further 600 people have been jailed at Bagram. The United States has no time frame on when these new prisoners will be handed over, and how long they plan to keep future captives.

The United States is also keeping another roughly 30 of

the original group of detainees, amid concerns that Kabul might process them out instead of keeping them behind bars, as stipulated in the transfer agreement. US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta said on Monday he spoke with Afghan President Hamid Karzai about the need to "continue to detain those that are a threat to their country," pursuant to the handover agreement.—Reuters



An Afghan National Army soldier (C), wearing a prison uniform, stands in line with his comrades during a ceremony handing over the Bagram prison to Afghan authorities, at the US airbase in Bagram, A resident displays used bullet cartridges after an attack in Kilelengwani village in Tana River Delta in Kenya's coastal region, on 10 Sept, 2012.— Reuters

**Canada may have cut ties with Iran to avoid retaliation**

**CANADA**

DUBAI/OTTAWA, 11 Sept — Canada's surprise decision to sever relations with Iran may well have been triggered by Ottawa's fear of retaliation for stepping up its denunciations of Teheran and a parallel move to list Iran as a state sponsor of terrorism. The break in relations, announced on Friday, has led to speculation that it was a prelude to Israeli or US military action against Iran's nuclear facilities. Canada has categorically denied having any information about planned attacks.

"Canada wants to be able to continue to speak up on the Iranian regime's behavior, and we didn't want our guys in there as hostage," said Andrew MacDougall, chief spokesman for Prime Minister Stephen Harper, explaining the decision to close the Teheran embassy and order Iranian diplomats out of Canada. The Canadian announcement offered a long list of reasons for cutting ties: Iran's nuclear programme, hostility toward Israel, Teheran's military assistance to Syria, and what Ottawa said was Iran's support for terrorist groups.

But none of those reasons had surfaced overnight, leaving people asking, why now? Indeed, the decision appeared to catch Canada's Western allies off-guard.

Reuters

**Yemen says kills deputy regional head of al-Qaeda**

**YEMEN**

ADEN/WASHINGTON, 11 Sept — A Saudi national freed by US authorities from detention at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, who then became second-in-command of al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, or AQAP, was killed in Yemen, a Yemeni government website said. The Yemeni Ministry of Defence website said Said al-Shehri was killed on Monday, along with six other militants, in what it called a "qualitative operation" by Yemen's army in the remote Hadramout Province in eastern Yemen. It gave no further details.

There were conflicting reports on how Shehri died. A Yemeni security source said

Shehri was killed in an operation last Wednesday in the Hadramout that was thought to have been carried out by a US drone, rather than the Yemeni military. The source said another Saudi and an Iraqi national were among the others killed. US officials declined to comment on whether a drone strike had occurred. US officials described Shehri as one of the most important al-Qaeda-linked militants to be released from the Guantanamo detention facility, where he was taken in January 2002 after being handed over by Pakistan to US authorities.

A former officer in Saudi Arabia's internal security



Deputy leader of al-Qaeda in Yemen, Said al-Shehri, a Saudi national identified as Guantanamo prisoner number 372, speaks in a video posted on Islamist websites, in this 24 Jan, 2009 file photo. — REUTERS

force, Shehri allegedly joined al-Qaeda and helped to facilitate the movements of Saudi militants seeking to travel to Afghanistan via Iran,

according to a classified Pentagon report made public by WikiLeaks. According to the Pentagon document, Shehri was "assessed to be a HIGH risk" prisoner because "he is likely to pose a threat to the US, its interests and allies." A US official familiar with the case said Shehri was one of numerous Saudi militants at Guantanamo released by the administration of President George W Bush under heavy pressure from Saudi authorities and the US court system.

Shehri was released to Saudi Arabia in 2007 and put through a Saudi rehabilitation programme for militants.

Reuters

## Lenovo launches ThinkPad X1 Carbon ultrabook in India

### Technology

## Advanced Micro launches low-power server platform

MUMBAI, 11 Sept— Chinese computer-maker Lenovo, which also sells the IBM brand of PCs, launched ultrabook named ThinkPad X1 Carbon and said it plans to scale up its Think range of exclusive retail outlets to 30 in the domestic market.

The ThinkPad X1 Carbon, priced at Rs 85,000, weighs just under three pounds.

“Currently, we have two exclusive Think Business Stores at Jaipur and Pune. We put up only Think products in these stores based on customer feedback. We now aim to put across 30 such stores,” Lenovo India MD Amar Babu told PTI here on the sidelines of the ThinkPad X1 Carbon launch, which the company claims is the world’s lightest business Ultrabook.

Babu, however, did not offer a timeline for the rollout of these stores.

Besides, the company has also plans to add another 500 retail outlets in its bid to penetrate deeper, he said.

Basu said the company is quite bullish both in the medium and long-term notwithstanding the current dip.

“The PC penetration in the domestic market is in single-digits as against about 30 percent in other emerging markets like Brazil and Russia. So we have a huge



*The ThinkPad X1 Carbon, priced at Rs 85,000, weighs just under three pounds.*

opportunity here. May be there is a temporary dip but in the medium and long-term we are quite bullish about the growth,” he said.

Babu said Lenovo India has grown faster in the last few years, “Last year we grew about 48 per cent, which was seven times the industry growth.”

The company commands 17.1 per cent market share with consumer segment accounting for nearly 12 per cent and SMB segment seven per cent, last quarter, he said.

“Our enterprise business was strong and now has become even stronger, while consumer and SMB segments have actually gained

market share with the kind of synergy that we have put in place,” he said.

Declining to offer investment plans here, Babu said that Lenovo has made significant investments to expand its consumer and SMB portfolios besides positioning the brand.

“We have also set up 1,000 odd exclusive franchisees, and have built service network to support our expansion. This investment has helped us grow our market share,” he said. However, the company has not cut down on investment despite the choppy market conditions as Lenovo is here for the long-term, he said.—PTI

SAN FRANCISCO, 11 Sept— Advanced Micro Devices unveiled an energy-efficient server platform aimed at Big Data and cloud computing, the first major fruit of its acquisition of SeaMicro this year as the chipmaker struggles to diversify beyond a stagnant PC industry.

The new technology, which works with processors made by AMD as well as Intel, has more bandwidth while using less electricity than previous products, Andrew Feldman, formerly CEO of SeaMicro and now at AMD, told reporters at an event.

AMD bought Silicon Valley startup SeaMicro in March for \$334 million to gain a foothold in smaller, lower-power computer servers, a potential area of growth as Internet services expand and corporations look to save on electricity bills.

Its focus on low-power servers comes as ARM Holdings, whose

energy-efficient technology has become ubiquitous in smartphones and tablets, turns its attention to data centers, an area traditionally dominated by powerful “x86” chips made by AMD and Intel. AMD and Intel are both rushing to expand beyond their traditional PC market as consumers increasingly turn to tablets and smartphones.

The rapid adoption of cloud computing — where data and applications are stored on or hosted on remote computers via the Internet — is driving worldwide server demand. AMD plans to market its chip technology along with SeaMicro’s platforms to its corporate partners: Hewlett Packard, Dell Inc and IBM. It has said the platforms consume a quarter of the power and take up a sixth of the space of the typical servers that make up the massive “farms” that corporations now maintain.—Reuters



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## Science helps Spain’s natural cork industry pop back

### Science

MADRID, 11 Sept—For three generations Antonio Gorgot’s family have carried axes into the mountainous

bottled wine. “We’re totally in debt to the labs. It’s great for our market that they have shown that cork has

musty odor caused by the chemical trichloroanisole (TCA). The Catalan Cork Institute (ICC) in Girona, the largest research institute of its kind, has had its public funding cut but continues its work due to contracts with cork producers and wine bottlers wanting improved standards to give them an edge.

The laboratory tests wine corks and bottles of wine from producers to see which stoppers perform best. It tests whether corks emit smells or contaminating molecules, does a microbiological analysis and also checks out torque and extraction to see how strong the cork is.—Reuters



*A laboratory worker shows a jar filled with cork stoppers at the laboratory of the Catalan Cork Institute in Palafrugell, near Girona, on 23 Aug, 2012.—REUTERS*

forests of northern Spain to cut slabs of bark off their cork oaks. A few years ago their livelihood was under threat as the cork business lost its buoyancy.

Sales of Spanish cork plummeted between 2008 and 2010 as plastic wine stoppers or metal screw tops made headway globally alongside declining wine consumption.

But now the traditional cork business has recovered, rescued by unlikely saviors: cutting-edge laboratory researchers in white coats who are demonstrating why nature’s stopper may still be one of the best ways of preserving and serving

advantages over other competitors,” said Gorgot, 53.

Now natural wine cork production is back at levels of its best times, a bright spot in a Spanish economy that is mired in its second recession in just three years. Cork cutters and wine producers say the turnaround is largely due to scientists helping them boost the quality of cork production by introducing a strict new European protocol to certify quality corks.

Spain’s cork-producing regions of Catalonia, Andalucia and Extremadura have set scientists the task of ensuring corks don’t have any infamous “cork taint”— a

## Ozone hole over Antarctica healing, says New Zealand scientist

### Science

WELLINGTON, 11 Sept—International efforts to curb emissions of ozone-depleting substances appear to be paying off as the hole of the ozone layer over the Antarctic slowly diminishes, a New Zealand scientist said on Monday.

However, it was too difficult to say when the ozone would return to natural levels because of the complexity of interactions between greenhouse gases and their impacts at different levels of the atmosphere, said Dr Adrian McDonald, of the physics and astronomy department at the University of Canterbury.

“Ozone levels above Antarctica are projected to return to 1980 levels (previous to the ozone hole) after 2050. The Montreal Protocol means that emissions of ozone depleting substances (CFCs) have largely been banned worldwide,” McDonald said in a statement. The thin layer of ozone about 25 kilometres up in the Earth’s stratosphere acts as a filter of ultraviolet radiation from the sun, and its depletion has led to health and environmental problems in Southern Hemisphere countries such as New Zealand.

CFCs, which were once widely used in common household items such as refrigerators and aerosol sprays, were blamed for the hole in the ozone layer, but their uses were curbed under the Montreal Protocol which was agreed by the international community in 1987.

Most CFC emissions occurred in the Northern Hemisphere, but ozone depletion is a worldwide issue and global atmospheric air circulation has resulted in the worst hole in the ozone layer over Antarctica. “The increasing ozone hole has until now acted to change the circulation of the southern hemisphere so that the strong winds linked to the jet streams have moved towards the pole,” said McDonald.—Xinhua

## Web host Go Daddy hit by technical problem, sites down

### Technology

NEW YORK, 11 Sept—Go Daddy, one of the world’s biggest Internet hosting firms, said that some customer web sites and email accounts went down on Monday. An anonymous hacker claimed responsibility for the service disruption. It was not clear how many customers were affected by the outage. The website of Scottsdale, Arizona-based company was inaccessible late on Monday afternoon.

“Hey all. We’re aware of the trouble people are having with our site. We’re working on

it,” the Scottsdale, Arizona, Monday afternoon. It did not company said via Twitter on explain the cause of the outage



*GoDaddy, the massive Web hosting company, went down on Monday, taking an untold number of websites with it. REUTERS*

and company officials could not be reached. Later in the afternoon, the company that targets its products at small businesses said via Twitter that “Some service has already been restored. Stick with us.”

Somebody using the handle “Anonymous Own3r” claimed responsibility for the outage via Twitter, saying it was the work of one person and not a group. Go Daddy describes itself as the world’s largest web hosting company and also the top provider of domain names.—Reuters

## Philips ups cost cuts to 1.1 billion euros, axes more jobs

AMSTERDAM, 11 Sept — Philips Electronics raised its cost-cutting target to 1.1 billion euros (\$1.4 billion) and said it would axe a further 2,200 jobs as it battles a tough economic backdrop and pension costs.

The group, which had previously targeted 800 million euros of cost savings, announced the plan on Tuesday ahead of an investor event in London. Last year it announced 4,500 job cuts.

“The identified additional overhead cost reduction measures will help us mitigate the effects of macro-economic headwinds and changes in pension-cost accounting, while making us a more agile innovation company serving our customers effectively across the world,” said Chief Executive Frans van Houten.

Europe’s largest consumer electronics producer, the world’s biggest lighting maker and a top-three maker of hospital equipment reported bumper second-quarter earnings in July, giving investors hope that a drastic overhaul of the business, Van Houten started just over a year ago, is starting to pay off.

In his first year at the top, Van Houten started overhauling the company where he worked most of his life, including trying to change the corporate culture which he says isn’t entrepreneurial enough.

In his first years as CEO, he issued two profit warnings, reset financial targets, cut thousands of jobs, replaced his entire top executive team and, eventually, hived off the loss-making TV business.



Teamsters Mark A Owsianiak (L) and Mark Bishop put up a sign at the Philips Electronics booth before the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) at the Las Vegas Convention Centre on 3 Jan, 2008. —REUTERS

After two quarters of better-than-expected results, Van Houten told *Reuters* in July that the firm is now in “sustainable recovery mode,” although he wouldn’t rule out taking further measures to cut costs.

As expected, Philips didn’t give a detailed outlook

for the remainder of the year on Tuesday, but reiterated it is set to meet its previous guidance for sales growth of between 4 and 6 percent in 2013, an EBITA margins of 10 to 12 percent and a return on invested capital of 12 to 14 percent.

*Reuters*

## New iPhone could boost US GDP by up to 0.5 percent, JP Morgan says

MARKET

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept — The next generation iPhone 5, which Apple Inc. plans to release this week, could not only boost the tech giant’s bottom line — but could give a significant boost to the overall US economy. Sales of the new iPhone could add between a quarter and a half percentage point to fourth quarter annualized growth in the US, according to JP Morgan’s chief economist, Michael Feroli in a note to clients on Monday. Such an impact would be significant.

“Calculated using the so-called retail control method, sales of iPhone 5 could boost annualized GDP growth by \$3.2 billion, or \$12.8 billion at an annual rate,” Feroli wrote. That 0.33 percentage-point boost, he added, “would limit

They expect the sales price to be about \$600. With about \$200 in discounted import component costs, the government can factor in \$400 per phone into its measure of gross domestic product for the fourth quarter.

Feroli said the estimate of between a quarter to a half point of annualized GDP “seems fairly large, and for that reason should be treated skeptically.” But, he added, “we think the recent evidence is consistent with this projection.”

Feroli said that when the last iPhone was launched in October 2011, sales significantly outperformed expectations. “Given the iPhone 5 launch is expected to be much larger, we think the estimate mentioned ... is



the downside risk to our Q4 GDP growth protection, which remains 2.0 percent.” Feroli laid out his math. JP Morgan’s analysts expect Apple to sell around 8 million iPhone 5s in the fourth quarter.

reasonable,” Feroli wrote. According to a recent *Reuters* poll of Wall Street dealers and economists, US GDP was seen at 2.0 percent on average in 2013, down slightly from estimates this summer. —*Reuters*

## Health

LONDON, 11 Sept — The world’s most advanced vaccine against dengue fever, being developed by French drugmaker Sanofi SA, proved far less effective than hoped in a clinical trial in Thailand, researchers reported on Monday.

The result leaves uncertain the future of a product that Sanofi has

## Sanofi dengue vaccine less effective than hoped

previously said could generate more than 1 billion euros (\$1.3 billion) in yearly sales.

Overall efficacy was 30.2 percent — statistically insignificant and a far cry from the 70 percent-plus protection that researchers had anticipated at the start of the company-funded trial.

The poor outcome was

down to the failure of the vaccine to protect against one type of dengue virus, which turned out to be the prevalent one in Thailand at the time of the study.

The mosquito-borne disease, also known as “breakbone fever”, is a threat to nearly 3 billion people and is caused by four different types of virus, none of which confers immunity from the others.

“This result knocked me off my chair,” Scott Halstead, a senior scientific adviser for the non-profit Dengue Vaccine Initiative, who was not involved in the study, told *Reuters*.

“This is a very sobering outcome and a lot of thought and further experimentation is going to have to be done in order to understand what happened.

“You can’t be very confident that this vaccine is going to significantly reduce human illness.”

Hopes had been high for the closely watched Thai trial, given the fact that dengue belongs to the same virus class as yellow fever and Japanese encephalitis, both of which are controlled with highly effective existing vaccines.

But it seems that making a mixed dengue vaccine containing four different virus strains can produce uneven results.

*Reuters*

## Ovarian cancer screening still gets thumbs down

NEW YORK, 11 Sept — There is no evidence that getting screened for ovarian cancer helps women beat the dread disease, according to updated recommendations from a US government-backed expert panel. The US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) said it continues to discourage screening in women at average risk, adding that there is no reason to believe women at higher risk would benefit either.

“There simply is not currently a method of screening (for ovarian cancer) that works,” Dr Virginia Moyer, who chairs the USPSTF, told *Reuters Health*. “The two most common methods actually result in greater harm than benefit.”

A survey earlier this year showed many doctors believe ovarian cancer screening is effective and would offer it to patients. Yet clinical trials show it leads to unnecessary

surgeries and doesn’t find tumours any earlier than when doctors rely on symptoms.

“There is no major organization anywhere that recommends screening for ovarian cancer,” Moyer said. “The interesting thing is that it does get done.” Just over one percent of women will get ovarian cancer at some point in their life, usually when they are older, according to the National Cancer Institute. But in most cases symptoms don’t start until the cancer has spread, making the disease harder to treat.

Screening is typically done either by transvaginal ultrasound or a blood test called CA-125. The blood test costs less than \$100, while an ultrasound typically runs a few hundred dollars. According to the largest clinical trial published so far — known as the Prostate, Lung, Colorectal and Ovarian, or PLCO, trial — women screened annually for ovarian cancer were no less

likely to die from the disease than those who didn’t get regular screening.

About one in ten screened women had a false positive result, and of those a third had one or both ovaries removed. Overall, screening detected one cancer for every 20 surgeries, the USPSTF notes. Moyer added that screened women actually appear to have higher death rates than those who aren’t screened for ovarian cancer, likely due to the risks of surgery. She also said the screening tests don’t seem to detect tumours any earlier than when doctors rely on symptoms alone.

“The tests that we have are not likely to discover it early enough,” Moyer explained. “The likelihood is that this particular cancer, once it is discoverable at all, is pretty aggressive.” Studies show about half of women with ovarian cancer survive five years. —*Reuters*



The logo of French drugmaker Sanofi-Aventis is seen on the facade of their headquarters in Paris on 4 August, 2010. *REUTERS*

## Australian health risk factors to rise: AIHW

CANBERRA, 11 Sept — Many health risk factors of Australians are growing, although some, such as smoking and excessive alcohol consumption, have dropped among young people, according to a report released on Tuesday by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

The report “Risk factor trends: age patterns in key health risk factors over time” presents comparisons over time for different age groups on key risk factors for health including overweight and obesity, physical inactivity, poor diet, smoking and excessive alcohol consumption.

Although there is a good

news that rates of smoking have fallen substantially among young people, particularly teenagers, in the last decade, AIHW spokesperson Dr Lynelle Moon indicated these growing factors for diseases such as cardiovascular disease, Type 2 diabetes and chronic kidney disease were the key risk factors.

According to the report, between 1995 and 2007-08, measurements of body mass index and waist circumference among adults rose. This resulted in higher rates of overweight/obesity for all ages, with the largest rise among females aged 12 to 44.

Additionally, between

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1989-90 and 2007-08, the proportion of adults who were physically inactive remained high at over 50 percent for all age groups, with a rise in physical inactivity seen in 15-24 year olds between 1995 to 2007-08.

Most adults and people aged 12 to 17 did not eat enough vegetables in 2004-05 and the trend increased across most age groups by 2007-08, the report found.

*Xinhua*



## INTERNATIONAL NEWS



Keepers move Bali, a 7 metre (23 feet) long reticulated Python from its enclosure ahead of a health check and ultrasound heart scan at Chester Zoo in Chester, northern England on 5 Sept, 2012. The zoo's two reticulated pythons are taking part in cardiological study as part of a joint research programme between the zoo and Cardiff Metropolitan University.

REUTERS

## In US, 2012 so far is hottest year on record

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept — The first eight months of 2012 have been the warmest of any year on record in the contiguous United States, and this has been the third-hottest summer since record-keeping began in 1895, the US National Climate Data Centre said on Monday.

Each of the last 15 months has seen above-average temperatures, something that has never happened before in the 117 years of the US record, said Jake Crouch, a climate scientist at the data centre. Winter, spring and summer 2012 have all been among the top-five hottest for their respective seasons, Crouch said by telephone, and that too is unique in the US record.

There has never been a

warmer September-through-August period than in 2011-2012, he said. "We're now, in terms of statistics, in unprecedented territory for how long this warm spell has continued in the contiguous US," Crouch said.

He did not specify that human-spurred climate change was the cause of the record heat. However, this kind of warmth is typical of what other climate scientists, including those at the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, have suggested would be more likely in a world that is heating up due in part to human activities.

Alyson Kenward of the non-profit research and journalism organization Climate Central said in a statement, "Extreme heat is

closely tied to climate change, and this summer's heat wave left a global warming signature in the data, particularly in the ratio of record high to record low temperatures."

Normally, the number of record highs and record lows would balance out, with an average ratio of one to one.



Cattle eat hay on 23 Aug, 2012 near Eads, on the plains of eastern Colorado.— REUTERS

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This year, 25 states have had high to low temperature ratios of 10 to one or greater; 14 have had a ratio greater than 20 to one; and three have had greater than 40 to one ratios, Climate Central said. Ohio topped this list with 49 record high temperatures for every record low.—Reuters

## IAEA chief urges Iran to open nuclear access "without further delay"

## IAEA

VIENNA, 11 Sept — The UN nuclear watchdog chief on Monday urged Iran to open access of its military base Parchin to inspectors "without further delay." Yukiya Amano, Director General of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) also expressed "frustration", as no concrete results have been achieved "despite the intensified dialogue between the Agency and Iran since January 2012."

"We consider it essential for Iran to engage with us without further delay on the substance of our concerns," Amano said in his opening statement to the IAEA board of governors. Though Iran stated in a letter in late August that the allegation of nuclear activities at Parchin was "baseless", "the activities observed further strengthen our assessment that it is necessary to have access to the location at Parchin without

further delay in order to obtain the required clarifications," Amano added.

A recent IAEA report said that Iran has expanded its potential capacity to refine uranium in an underground site by doubling its

centrifuges from 1,064 to 2,140. The report also said it has cleansed another site where the agency suspects the country conducted explosive experiments linked to production of nuclear weapons.—Xinhua

## Iraq's al-Qaeda claims responsibility for deadly attacks

## IRAQ

BAGHDAD, 11 Sept — Al-Qaeda militant group in Iraq on Monday claimed responsibility for a series of deadly bomb and gunfire attacks across Iraq on Sunday which killed and wounded hundreds of Iraqis.

The self-styled Islamic State of Iraq (ISI), al-Qaeda front in the country, confirmed in a statement posted on an Islamic website that its fighters "carried out a new wave of attacks targeted the criminal government and centres of its security, militias and followers."

It said the attacks came in response to the "campaign organized extermination and torture of Sunni Muslim

detainees in the prisons of the Safavid government," referring to the Iranian dynasty (1499-1736) that established Shiite Islam in Iran as an official state religion and frequently fought the Islamic Sunni world. The authenticity of the statement could not be immediately verified. On Sunday, a series of bomb and gunfire attacks across the country during the daylight hours and at night killed a total of 85 people and wounded more than 370 others, in what appeared to be an attempt by insurgent groups to destabilize the country and undermine confidence in the Iraqi government.—Xinhua



Two spectators dressed as Elvis Presley wait for the start of the second International T20 cricket match between England and South Africa at Old Trafford cricket ground, Manchester, England on 10 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

## China's economy in soft landing

TIANJIN, 11 Sept — China's economy is in the process of soft landing and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) supports policy easing by the government to stabilize growth in the world's second largest economy, IMF Deputy Managing Director Zhu Min said on Tuesday. "We think China's economy is in the stage of soft landing and the overall development is stable," Zhu told reporters on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting of the New Champions held in north China's Tianjin city. To stabilize growth is China's "top priority" and this will greatly help the world economy, Zhu said at a panel discussion during the forum, which is also known as the Summer Davos Forum.—Xinhua

## Israel launches air strike against Palestinian militants in Gaza

BEIJING, 11 Sept — Israel has launched an air strike against Palestinian militants in Gaza. Israeli airplanes struck a training site for the Islamic Hamas movement in response to a rocket attack on the Jewish state. There have been no reports of injuries. Earlier Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told visiting German Foreign Minister, Guido Westerwelle, Palestinian militants in Gaza would pay the price for firing 3 Grad rockets at southern Israel on early Sunday.—Xinhua

## No big break-ups in reform of Europe's banks

BRUSSELS, 11 Sept — The European Union will insist on higher reserves from banks and impose stricter oversight to protect taxpayers and savers from further bailouts caused by risk-taking, but will not break them up to separate investment banking from retail activities.

While there may be public backing for such a move, EU officials and banking experts said the splitting up of banks to lessen risks to the general public across the European Union would be too complex to achieve in the short term.

European banks, such as Barclays, Germany's Deutsche Bank or France's BNP Paribas, combine high street banking alongside that of riskier trading of stocks, debt and other securities. Royal Bank of Scotland's rush to extend its investment arm resulted in it seeking the largest state bailout of the crisis in Europe.—Reuters

## Japan Airlines sets IPO at \$8.5 billion in sign of strong demand

TOKYO, 11 Sept — Japan Airlines Co Ltd set the pre-market price for its initial public offering at the top end of the range, raising \$8.5 billion for state coffers in a sign of solid demand for the world's second-largest IPO this year. Japan Airlines (JAL), which has emerged from its 2010 bankruptcy with a clean balance sheet and industry topping profits, set the IPO price at 3,790 yen (\$48.55) per share on Monday after gauging investor demand at 3,500 to 3,790 yen. It will list on the Tokyo Stock Exchange on 19 September.—Reuters

## At least 29 killed in bus crash in Western Nepal

KATHMANDU, 11 Sept — At least 29 people died and 11 others injured in a bus crash in Kalikot in remote western part of Nepal on Monday night, a witness said on Tuesday. Sitaram Pandey, a local resident, said the bus fell some 250 meters below the road and plunged into a river. "The bus apparently tried to move back after it failed to make a complete turn in the narrow highway. As it was backing, the bus fell down the road," Pandey said. The injured are being treated in a local hospital.—Xinhua

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*Dancers perform during the final scene of the Future Cinema outdoor screening of the 1978 film "Grease" in Barnes, southwest London on 9 Sept, 2012. London-based Future Cinema, which specialises in immersive events fusing film, theatre, music and dance, transformed Barnes Common park into the movie's fictional setting of Rydell High School. Over 9,000 participants, donning 1950s attire, were expected at three showings over the weekend.— REUTERS*

**Japan forecaster keeps view El Nino likely till winter**

**EL NINO**  
TOKYO, 11 Sept — Japan's weather bureau said on Monday its climate models indicate the El Nino phenomenon, which can affect global weather, is under way and there is a high chance it will last until winter.

In its monthly assessment of the six-month outlook for El Nino, the Japan Meteorological Agency said last month an El Nino weather pattern had already emerged and would last until winter. Last week the US

government forecaster issued its most definitive report since first raising an El Nino alert three months ago, forecasting a weak phenomenon that will last until the Northern Hemisphere spring. Reuters

**Mexico's Calderon eyes labour, fiscal law reforms in final months**



*Mexican President Felipe Calderon (L) shakes hands with President-elect Enrique Pena Nieto after attending a private meeting at Los Pinos Presidential Palace in Mexico City on 5 Sept, 2012.— REUTERS*

SINGAPORE, 11 Sept — Mexican President Felipe Calderon said on Tuesday he hopes to push through labor reforms needed to create jobs and boost economic growth, but was not certain if the proposals will pass Congress before he leaves office. Earlier this month, he sent a new proposal to liberalize the country's antiquated labor laws to lawmakers as he sought to fast-track the legislation before leaving office at the end of November.

The proposed labour reform could be a litmus test of how incoming President Enrique Pena Nieto's Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) and Calderon's conservative National Action Party (PAN) cooperate in the new Congress, which lasts

three years. Calderon also plans to push through fiscal transparency laws to ensure greater accountability in government. "I don't know if I will get a positive answer from Congress, but I hope that if Congress keeps the law, I will get at least one answer," Calderon told bankers and business executives in Singapore, noting it could take up to a month to get an answer.

"I am proposing to the Congress that any public tax revenue will be tracked for the people since the very beginning to the very end. That is possible today at Federal level because we are supporting transparency but that is not possible, not yet, at local level," he said. Mexico's labour laws needed reform so that young people and women

can work in the most favourable conditions, he said. "Mexico, in order to complete this transformation toward a more competitive economy, needs to provide for its significant labour market," he said, adding that more than 1 million people were entering the labour force every year.

Turning to the global economy, Calderon said the outlook had improved from a year ago although there were still many risks. He also said that governments needed to keep a cap on spending despite economic weakness. "The public deficit is like a one-shot gun. Once you fire it, you have to take measures to reload and of course stabilize public finance. The big mistake of several economies during this crisis

was that they forgot this little dictate," he said. He added that Italy and Spain, unlike Greece, were capable of resolving their problems although the euro zone countries needed to act quickly.

"Countries like Italy and Spain have enough economic strength to honour their commitments... We are talking about a problem of liquidity but if you don't act quickly you could convert a liquidity problem into an insolvency problem," he said. Mexico, Latin America's second-largest economy and the chair of this year's G20 summit, has been attracting investor attention in recent months despite its widely publicized problems with violent drug gangs. Reuters



*Vehicles move through a flooded street in southern Pakistan's Hyderabad on 9 Sept, 2012. At least 17 people were killed and over 20 others injured in several rain-related accidents in eastern and southern Pakistan on Sunday, local media and officials said.— XINHUA*

**Cameroon's forest elephants under threat of extinction by 2020** **WILD LIFE**

YAOUNDE, 11 Sept — Cameroon's forest elephants could disappear from the wild within eight years if no urgent measure is taken to combat international illicit ivory trade and curb habitat loss, a senior official of the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife (MINFOF) has warned. It followed the seizure on Aug. 29 of 23 tusks from poachers on-the-run at Messok, a locality in east Cameroon. This seizure came after the confiscation of 89 tusks in June and July on the outskirts of the Dja and Campo-Ma'an forest reserves close to the border with the Republic of Congo and Gabon.

"This is an indication that at least 56 forest elephants were massacred in southeastern Cameroon within three months," Julien Desire Mbelley, MINFOF delegate for the South Region, said over the weekend. "The number could even be much higher because forest guards in these two

reserves say they have come across several carcasses of this huge wild beast without their tusks, which means they were also dismantled and carried away," Mbelley said. "Our forest elephants are under very serious threat. They are declining in huge numbers every passing day, weeks and months of the year because of the booming lucrative international illegal trade in ivory," said Mbelley.

Statistics in 2008 put the forest elephant population at 140,000 in the Congo Basin in general and 15,000 in Cameroon (12,000 in the east region and 3,000 in the southwest), which had fallen by about 75 percent compared to 40 years ago. Only a few of them are in protected areas while the vast majority roam in the wild jungle and are difficult to monitor and know the exact number. Environmentalists blamed growing demand for ivory from Asia for the pressure on the forest

elephants in recent decades.

"The situation is aggravated by deforestation and loss of their natural habitat due to growing human population, the majority of whom are farmers seeking more land to grow both cash and food crops. They access deep into the heart of the jungle thanks to increasing logging and mining companies that dig up roads," added the MINFOF delegate. Moreover, he stated, there is an involvement of soldiers from countries in this border area including particularly Cameroon, Central African Republic (CAR), and Congo and to a certain extent Gabon. "Villagers tell us that the soldiers not only loan their more sophisticated weapons, including Kalashnikovs (AK47 assault rifles) to poachers to facilitate killing of the animals, but also take part in hunting during non-working hours," said the official.— Xinhua

**MEXICO**



*A rickshaw driver sits on his rickshaw while he waits for passengers along the streets of Kathmandu on 10 Sept, 2012.— REUTERS*

**One third of Cubans to be over 60 by 2030** **CUBA**

HAVANA, 11 Sept — About 31 percent of Cubans will be aged above 60 by 2030, according to a government study released on Monday. In 2010, this age group accounted for 17.8 percent of the total population, and the percentage increased to 18.1 in 2011, according to the study, published in the *Trabajadores* weekly.

Most of the elderly live in and around the capital and the central provinces of Villa Clara and Sancti Spiritus, and cities with the largest proportion of the aged are Cabaiguan, Yaguajay and Sancti Spiritus, showed the research. Meanwhile, cities with the youngest population are Moa and Isle of Youth, in the eastern province of Guantanamo and Holguin respectively.

Statistics also showed that Cubans have an average life expectancy of 78 years, 76 for men and 80 for women. According to the study, population growth in the island country has generally slowed down since 1959, the year of the revolution, when the population numbered 6 million, though growth spurts were registered in the middle of the 1960s and 1970s.

The population reached 9 million in the 1970s, hit 10 million between 1981 and 1984, and surpassed 11 million between 1995 and 2005. According to the latest population count, conducted in 2010, there were 11,241,161 people living in Cuba. Cuba will kick off its 18th census next Saturday, its first demographics update in 10 years.— Xinhua

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Should you have a good cry?

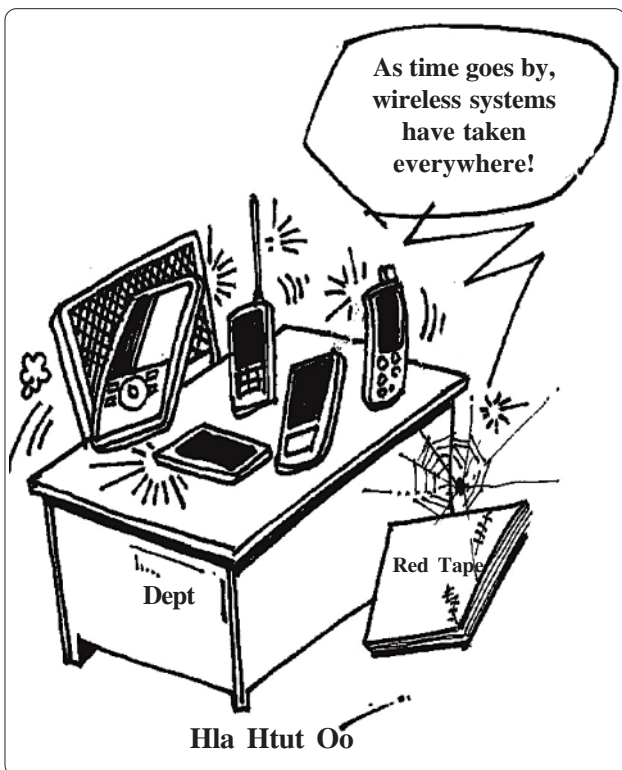
Humans are the only creatures who have developed the ability to cry emotional tears. It is the only excretory process we have that animals don't. Scientists believe there is growing evidence that cry is good for body and soul.

Tears contain at least two of hormones produced by the body as a reaction to stress. So, the expression 'crying it out' may be literally true. Studies have shown that people feel better after having a good cry.

The physiological functions of tears are relatively clear-cut, flushing out foreign bodies, protecting the eye against bacteria and reducing reflection and glare. The tear film is made of three layers, namely, inner mucus, middle water and outer lipid (or fatty), each component being produced by separate glands in the eye. Tears are a complex combination of salts, proteins and enzymes. Even more complicated is the relationship between mind and body which leads to crying.

Men cry fewer tears and less often than women, but whether the difference is biological or cultural is unknown. Although literature is awash with lachrymose imagery, weeping is regarded as a sign of weakness, particularly for men, contrary to popular belief that "a man without tears is a man without heart".

Stress can aggravate all kinds of conditions from ulcers to hypertension, and it may be a mistake not to cry because you may be ignoring an important mechanism for alleviating it. So, when you are upset you should allow all yourself to sweep even if tears can be a problem for other people, not the shedder.



### Moderate earthquake jolts outside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—A moderate earthquake of magnitude 5.0 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Yunnan, China), about 270 miles Northeast of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 09 hrs 51 min 50 sec M.S.T today, announced Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.

MNA

## Union Foreign Affairs Minister receives ambassadors, guests of Daily Telegraph

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received Mr Hossein Kamalian, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at his office, here, this afternoon. They discussed matters on further enhancing bilateral relations and cooperation between Myanmar and Iran.

Similarly, he received Mr Chukwudi Newington Okafor, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at his office this afternoon. They discussed matters on further promoting bilateral relations and cooperation between Myanmar and Nigeria.

After that, he received Mrs Sorcha Hellyer, VP-



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Iranian Ambassador Mr Hossein Kamalian.—MNA

Strategic Planning and Mr Development of The Daily Kingdom at his office, this evening.—MNA

## Education: pivotal role for development of human resources

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Education is playing a pivotal role in development of human resources, said Member of Union Civil Services Board Dr Win Myint at the opening ceremony of refresher course for basic education teachers held at Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) yesterday morning.

Mandalay Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing and responsible persons and trainees totaling 1508 attended the opening ceremony.

Member of Union Civil Services Board Dr Win Myint made discussions on distribution of primary education level stationery free of charge, presenting scholars and stipends at basic and higher education level, promotion of old service teachers, nurturing the students with good morals, gaining knowledge concerning code of conducts, training of physical and sports activities and promoting of English competency tasks.

MNA

### Traffic rules enforced in Mandalay

CRIMES

MANDALAY, 11 Sept—Member of Traffic Police Force of Mandalay discharge duty of controlling traffic works at the junction of 26<sup>th</sup> and 80<sup>th</sup> streets in Mandalay on 5 September.

The traffic policemen educated traffic users on wearing of helmets and systematic driving of motorcycles, use of correct traffic ways and other works.—Myanma Alin



### Seller slips from train

MAWLU, 11 Sept—A death case occurred on board Mandalay-Myitkyina uptrain on 8 September morning.

Myo Khin, 18 of Myamalar Ward 5 in Mawlu jumped on No. 6 coach of the 57-up train between mile post 606/6 to sell goods onboard the coach at 9.20 am. He slipped from the coach and fell on the ground. In the incident, he hit his head at the rail track and died on the spot.

Mawlu Police Station opened a file of lawsuit on the death case.—Kyemon

### Garbage van hits cars in series



YANGON, 11 Sept—At AD traffic light junction in Mayangon Township, a traffic accident occurred at 7.40 am on 9 September.

A 12-wheeled garbage van with number plate 3C/... driven by U San Win, 45, son of U Win of Hteinbin Staff Quarters in Hlinethaya Township carrying a full load of garbage hit red colour Suzuki Saloon with number plate 1C/... on the beside way due to out of break control.

The accident of two cars hit one taxi saloon again in series.

Members of Traffic Police Force arrived at the scene and checked the damaged cars. There was no one injury in the accident.—Myanma Alin

### Unlicensed liquor sellers seized

MAWLU, 11 Sept—A combined team comprising personnel of Mawlu Police Station, Village Administrator and Development Affairs Committee checked restaurants in Mawlu Model Village of Indaw Township on 2 September.

The team took action against 10 shops for their sales of unlicensed liquors.

Kyemon



## Union A & I Minister inspects groundnut, soya bean and Paletwe hybrid paddy plantations in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing yesterday inspected Ngalaik irrigated area thriving soya bean plantations at farmer educative research farm 5-acre and thriving groundnut plantations near Koeywa Thabyegon Village. The Union Minister then viewed thriving 37-day old groundnut plantation at 10-acre farmer educative farm of Ngalaik irrigated area near Shadaw Village of Zabuthiri Township and urged the officials to disseminate knowledge for farmers who mainly cultivate oil crops from Magway, Mandalay and other regions.



The Union Minister proceeded to Chaing Village in Dekkhinathiri Township where he viewed thriving 6-day old groundnut 10-acre plantation at 40-acre farmer educative farm, thriving 50-

acre 31-day old Paletwe hybrid paddy plantations near Chaing Village, thriving 76-day old Paletwe hybrid paddy plantations at 100-acre farm of Ngalaik irrigated area near Tegyigon Village

and growing of 3.5-acre groundnut plantation at farmer educative advanced farm land near Mehtee Village in Dekkhinathiri Township.

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## Waso robe offering ceremony held at Maha Withutayama Monastery (Central)

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—A waso robe offering ceremony was held at Maha Withutayama Monastery (Central), Pakokku, Magway Region on 9 September with the attendance of staff families from the Ministries

of Religious Affairs, President Office, Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and Nay Pyi Taw Council.

At the ceremony, Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, Union Minister at the President

Office U Soe Maung and wife, Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun and wife, member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Saw Hla, well-wishers, departmental heads and congregation received

the Nine Precepts from Presiding Sayadaw of Maha Withutayamataik Monastery Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Wisara and donated offertories to sayadaws.

They then shared merits gained and offered a day meal and cash donation to sayadaws.—MNA

## MoU on Ayeyawady Dolphin Research and Conservation extended

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—A ceremony to hold second extended signing of MoU on Ayeyawady Dolphin Research and Conservation, jointly conducted by Fisheries Department and New York-based WCS, was held at the Ministry of Livestock and Fishery, here, this morning, with an address by Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint.

In his speech, he said that research and discovery of Ayeyawady Dolphins started in 2002 for the first time. Ayeyawady River between Mandalay and Kyaukmyaung in Sagaing Region has been designated as Ayeyawady Dolphin Conservation Area on 8 December, 2005.

Ayeyawady Dolphins Conservation Group is carrying out protecting dolphins and disseminating the knowledge to fishermen and local people in cooperation with officials from local fishery industry. After the second MoU has been signed, conservation and research of resources in fresh water, plant and animals species in the sea in addition to the conservation of Ayeyawady dolphin conservation, can be conducted.

After that, Asia Program Director of WCS Mr Colim M Pole and Director-General U Khin Ko Lay of Fisheries Department signed and exchanged MoU.

Afterwards, the Union Minister met with resident representative to Myanmar Mr Shin Man Shik of KOICA and attended the signing ceremony of Small Grant Agreement, which will be implemented under the programme of KOICA FDM project.—MNA

## Myanmar parasports team arrives back

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—A seven parasports members led by President of Myanmar Parasports Federation Maj-Gen Nay Lin arrived back at Yangon International Airport at 8 am today after taking part in the London Paralympic Games from 24 August to 11 September. They were welcomed back by Executive Committee members of Myanmar Parasports Federation and officials of Sports and Physical Education Department.

Over 4200 athletes from 166 countries participated in 17 sports events of the London Paralympic Games. Win Naing of Myanmar stood 13<sup>th</sup> position in men's polio one-hand javelin event and Naing Sit Aung 9<sup>th</sup> in the men's polio two-hand 100-m and 50-m swimming event.—MNA

## Abandoned baby adopted

BAGO, 11 Sept—A local informed Ward Administrator U Aung Soe that female baby of about three days was abandoned near Moeyan Lottery Shop on Min Road of Zaypaing Ward in Bago at about 7 am on 8 September.

Daw Hla Hla Win of Zaypaing Ward Maternal and Child Welfare Association and the ward administrator took the baby to the administrative office and nurtured her.

At about 10 am, U Kyaw Min Lwin-Daw Thi Thi Oo of No. 3/138 of 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Myothit B Ward in Bago signed the contract for adoption.—Myanma Alin

## News in Brief

### Relief aids donated to flood victims

Ayeyawady Region Commissioner and wife, staff of Region General Administration Department, Kangyidaunt Township Administrator, wife and staff donated 50 bags of rice, 396 packets of instant noodle, 368 packets of traditional medicines, 557 shirts, 18 male sarongs, 48 towels and packets of rice to 368 flood victim households in Deedok Village in Ayeyawady Region on 2 September.

### Cash and kind donated to locals of Rakhine State

Well-wishers donated cash and foodstuffs to Fire Services Department (Head Office) on 7 September. So far, donations for Rakhine State locals amounted to K 339,463,223 and donations have been handed over to Rakhine State government.

### Stake driven for Pin Creek Bridge

A ceremony to drive stake for construction of Pin Creek Bridge was held at the project pandal on Yangon-Pyay-Mandalay Highway in Yenangyoung Township on 9 September. The bridge will have 720 feet long and will withstand 75 tons of loads.

### i-Office 2010 course, Web-builder course opened

Yangon City Development Committee opened i-Office 2010 course No. 1 and No. 2 and Web-Builder (Static Website Advance) course No. 1 were opened at city hall in Yangon on 10 September morning. Altogether 150 trainees are attending the one and a half months course.

### International Literacy Day observed

The 2012 International Literacy Day was observed at Zwegabin Hall in Hpa-an on 8 September. A similar ceremony was also held at U Utama Hall in Sittway on the same day.

### Middle school upgraded

The upgrading of Basic Education Middle School branch was held at its building in Ngwetaung Village of Dimawhso Township on 10 September. Kayin State Minister for Social Affairs U Koe Yel and officials opened the BEMS branch.

### Judge refresher course commences

The refresher course No. 8 for township judge was opened at the training school of the Supreme Court of the Union on 10 September morning. Altogether 48 trainees are attending the 8-week course.

### Reckless driving truck plunges into roadside



SWA, 11 Sept—A 10-wheeled truck with number plate 3B/... carrying oil barrels from Yangon plunged into the roadside near Asia World Toll Gate due to reckless of driver, at the entrance to Swa of Yedashe Township at 9.30 am on 10 September.—Myanma Alin

## An old man died in fire on 38<sup>th</sup> Street in Kyauktada

### CRIMES

YANGON, 11 Sept—A fire broke out at a flat of building on 38<sup>th</sup> Street (middle), here, at 2.10 pm today.

The fire started from the swift board at 171 B on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of 38<sup>th</sup> Street (middle) in Kyauktada Ward 6. Fire Services Department of Kyauktada Township managed to control the fire at 2.25 pm and put out the fire at 2.42 pm.

UNyunt Thein (a) U Khin Maung Win, 81 died in the fire. All property of the flat were lost at all.

A youth from the road committee said, "Two persons live at the room. In the fire, son was out. As soon as fire broke out, we all ascended onto the room. We saw the closed door and then broke the door to enter it. So we threw water at fire. Afterwards, fire engines put out the fire."—Myanma Alin



## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Mexican opposition leader Lopez Obrador leaves coalition

MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, 11 Sept — Mexican opposition leader Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, who twice contested second-place losses in presidential elections, said on Sunday he would leave his coalition, a move that threatens to create a rift among leftists in Congress.

"I have separated from the parties that form the Progressive Movement," Lopez Obrador said. "This isn't a rupture, I leave in the best of terms." Lopez Obrador said he would dedicate all his efforts to change Mexico with a new organization called Morena that has yet to be legally incorporated as a

party. Lopez Obrador accused President-elect Enrique Pena Nieto of laundering money and buying votes in July's presidential election, but he lost a legal bid at the end of August to overturn the results.

Pena Nieto will be sworn in 1 December and has promised fiscal, labour and energy reforms, which Lopez Obrador is likely to resist. Lopez Obrador's supporters blocked many of Mexico City's main thoroughfares for weeks after he narrowly lost the 2006 election. There were a few protests this year, but they failed to reach the scale of 2006. Lopez Obrador called for a "peaceful civil



**Election runner-up Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador waves to supporters as he arrives at a rally at the Zocalo main square in Mexico City on 9 Sept, 2012.** — REUTERS

resistance" before thousands of his supporters in the capital's main square, but he once again refused to recognize Pena Nieto as Mexico's legitimate president.

Javier Oliva, a political scientist at the National Autonomous University of Mexico, said as many as 15

deputies in the lower house and two or three senators from the leftist coalition will likely join Lopez Obrador in his new movement.

"This is going to have important repercussions," Oliva said. "This will create divisions and a future rupture among the left."

Reuters

## West Coast rail franchise to be nationalised — paper

UK

LONDON, 11 Sept — The British government is preparing to nationalise Virgin Trains' West Coast railway train operating franchise following its attempts to delay the handover of the network to rival operator First Group which won the franchise renewal bid, the *Sunday Times* newspaper said.

Virgin's campaign for a judicial review of the government's decision to award the franchise to First Group has delayed the signing of the contract and could put back indefinitely the handover, which is due to take place on 9 December. Ministers are now

preparing to transfer the service to state-owned Directly Operated Railways, the paper said, quoting the Department for Transport as saying it was "looking at our responsibilities under section 30 of the Railways Act and it is only prudent to increase our focus on contingency planning".

The Department for Transport declined to comment further. Virgin Trains, a joint venture of entrepreneur Richard Branson's Virgin Group and trains and buses operator Stagecoach, could not be reached for comment.

Reuters

## Mali militants say army killing of preachers declaration of war

MALI



**Fighters from the Al Qaeda-linked militants group MUJWA, who were travelling with a convoy including Burkina Faso foreign minister Djibril Bassole, stand guard in Gao, northern Mali, on 7 Aug, 2012.** — REUTERS

BAMAKO, 11 Sept — Mali militant group MUJWA said on Sunday the killing of 16 preachers including eight Mauritians and eight Malians by an army patrol in Mali was a declaration of war. The Movement for Unity and Jihad in West Africa (MUJWA) is one of the Islamic groups that has hijacked a Tuareg rebellion in northern Mali since April with the

intention of imposing sharia law in the country.

"With this barbaric act that was not warranted, I don't see any future for Malian army or the Malian government because we are going to continue our southward push to Bamako. This was a declaration of war," said Oumar Ould Hamaha, a senior Islamist speaking on behalf MUJWA. "The 16 were

moderate Islamists.

They were killed at a checkpoint in Diabaly in the Segou region, close to the Mauritanian border," he told *Reuters* by telephone. He said the preachers were travelling in a convoy to the capital Bamako for a conference when an army patrol opened fire.

After initially limiting its presence to the three regions of Gao, Timbuktu and Kidal, MUJWA retook the town of Douentza at the crossroads of north and south Mali on 2 September, raising concerns it would move towards Bamako.

The Malian government confirmed in a short statement on Sunday evening that: "An incident occurred at the Diabaly checkpoint on Saturday evening during which 16 people including eight Mauritians and eight Malians were killed by gunshot."

Reuters

## Florida police officer escorting Obama motorcade crashes, dies

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept — A Florida police officer involved in setting up security for US President Barack Obama's motorcade was killed on Sunday after his motorcycle was hit by a pickup truck. Palm Beach County Sheriff's spokeswoman Teri Barbera said the officer was entering a major roadway when he was hit by a Ford F-150 truck.

The officer was part of the security team responsible for setting up a rolling roadblock for the president's motorcade, Barbera said. The officer was taken to a local hospital, where he died. White House spokesman Jay Carney said the accident happened ahead of the president's motorcade and no other vehicles were involved. An ambulance that was part of the motorcade was released immediately to assist on the scene, he said. Carney said the president had been informed of the incident. "His thoughts and prayers are with the officer's family," Carney told reporters on Air Force One. Obama was in Florida for a two-day campaign bus trip. The identity of the officer was not immediately released. — *Reuters*

## Tropical Storm Leslie slowly moves past Bermuda, bound for Canada

HURRICANE LESLIE

HAMILTON, 11 Sept — Tropical Storm Leslie churned east of Bermuda on Sunday, buffeting the island with stiff winds and rain and heading on a path that may carry it to Canada's easternmost province of Newfoundland. A tropical storm warning remained in effect across Bermuda, where forecasters warned hazardous surf and rip currents were expected to continue through Monday. Most flights in and out of the

island were cancelled on Sunday. Bus and ferry services were suspended.

At 5:00 pm (2100 GMT) Leslie was 175 miles (280 km) east-northeast of the British territory, heading north at 14 miles per hour (22 kph) with the centre of the storm beginning to move away from the island, the US National Hurricane Centre said. It had sustained winds of 60 miles per hour (96 kph) and could strengthen to a Category 1 hurricane over the open Atlantic on Tuesday with winds reaching 75 miles per hour (120 kph).

An affluent island home to some 65,000 people and a global reinsurance centre, Bermuda has strict building codes and is well-prepared for storms that sweep across the

Atlantic during the June-through-November hurricane season. As Leslie pushes north, swells generated by the storm are expected to affect parts of the US East Coast, the northern Leeward Islands, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Forecast models show Leslie may approach Canada's Newfoundland on Tuesday as a full-blown hurricane.

Farther out in the Atlantic, Hurricane Michael was downgraded to a Category 1 storm. Michael, the first Category 3 storm of the Atlantic season, had sustained winds of 90 mph (150 kph) on Sunday and was forecast to become a tropical storm by Tuesday, the hurricane centre said.

Reuters

## Massive wildfire drives hundreds from homes in Idaho

WILDFIRE

SALMON, 11 Sept — A massive Idaho wildfire forced hundreds of people from their homes on Sunday as high winds pushed the blaze to within miles of two communities. Managers of the 260,000-acre Mustang Complex fire, ignited by lightning in July in mountainous pine forests dissected by steep, narrow canyons in the Salmon-Challis National Forest, prepared to defend threatened houses along a strategic stretch of highway near the two towns in east-central Idaho.

Fire trucks from a number of Idaho cities took up positions near the tiny towns of North Fork and Gibbonsville,

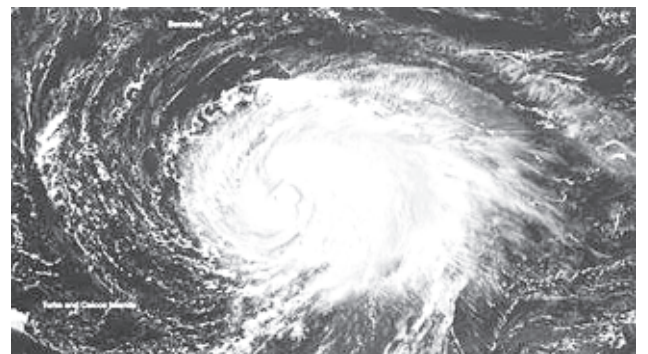
which sit within a 21-mile stretch of US Highway 93, near the Montana border. "It's going to test us," fire information officer Bill Swartley said of the wildfire. "We will defend homes. But if it becomes a safety hazard to fire personnel, we will step aside and let the fire pass." The Mustang Complex is one of several large fires burning mostly unchecked across the US West in a destructive fire season that has already seen record-breaking fires in Colorado, New Mexico and Oregon.

A cold front bringing winds predicted to gust up to 45 miles per hour sparked the

latest round of Idaho evacuations, centered on an estimated 400 residences and vacation homes. Authorities last week advised some residents to leave and others to be prepared to evacuate at a moment's notice. Fire engines were stationed at many properties. Houses with just one access road were to be guarded by hundreds of firefighters. Those crews were assigned to activate the gas-powered pumps of sprinkler systems when needed and then depart.

But not all were heeding the order to evacuate. Jon Cummings, co-owner of 100 Acre Wood Lodge, an

upscale resort in North Fork, chose not to leave, and said he was slightly unnerved when authorities warned that emergency services may not be provided and asked him to identify his next of kin. "It's possible that embers from the fire could rain down on us like who knows what, but we're keeping everything watered down," he said. A firefighter was taken to a local hospital on Saturday but the extent of his injuries and his condition were unclear on Sunday. The blaze, manned by more than 1,100 fire personnel, is near a 2003 fire northwest of Salmon that overran and killed two young firefighters. — *Reuters*



**Hurricane Leslie is seen in this NOAA satellite image taken at 1515 EDT (1715 GMT) on 5 Sept, 2012.** — REUTERS

REGIONAL

**China pushes wind power, but no quick payoff for producers**

HONG KONG, 11 Sept — China will order its dominant electricity distributors to source up to 15 percent of their power from renewable energy including wind, but slow compliance means it may be years before the country's struggling wind power developers benefit, industry executives say.

The quota system will apply to State Grid Corp of China and China Southern Power Grid Co Ltd by the end of this year, the executives say. China boasts the world's largest wind power capacity,

but a third of it sits idle as renewable energy is a money-losing business for grid operators and network construction has lagged capacity expansion. As a result, China struggles to transmit electricity from generating zones in the northwest, north and northeast to population hubs in the south and east. "With the roll-out of the quota system and acceleration of grid construction, the problem of distributors holding back on wind power purchases will ease," said Hu Yongsheng,

president of China Datang Corp Renewable Power Co Ltd.

But until China reforms a pricing policy that makes selling wind power and other renewables like solar energy unprofitable, the country's powerful grid operators have little commercial incentive to follow the new quotas. That means wind power developers such as China Longyuan Power Group Corp Ltd, Huaneng Renewables Corp Ltd, Datang Renewable and China Power New Energy Development Co Ltd will continue to struggle. Chinese wind power developers posted worse-than-expected results for the first half of 2012, with grid operators increasingly reluctant to distribute the costly and unpredictable source of power amid a sharp economic downturn. Their shares are languishing near record lows.

"Renewables should boom in China in two to three years but not now," said Joseph Jacobelli, an independent energy analyst who was formerly head of global cleantech research at

**WIND POWER**

HSBC Holdings PLC. "The key barrier is the current tariff-setting mechanism gives no commercial incentive whatsoever to the grids to connect and dispatch renewables," Jacobelli said, adding that it would also take China several years to build ultra high-voltage lines needed to deliver the power produced at remote wind farms to users in the south and on the coast.

Grid operators buy wind power at government-dictated on-grid, or wholesale prices, of 0.51-0.61 yuan (\$0.08-\$0.10) per kilowatt-hour (kwh), while the prices of electricity purchased from coal-fired plants can be as low as 0.3 yuan. The government subsidises grid firms for selling renewable energy to help shift China away from polluting coal, but the subsidies are not enough for them to make a profit. China's waning power demand growth because of the economic slowdown has also reduced the subsidies, which are closely tied to electricity sales to consumers. — Xinhua



Indian fishermen leave a jail after their release in southern Pakistani port city of Karachi on 10 Sept, 2012. Pakistan released 48 Indian fishermen, 10 of them teenagers, as a goodwill gesture during the visit of Indian Minister of External Affairs SM Krishna who is on an official visit to the country.

XINHUA

**Australia can't rest easy on terror threat: FM**

**AUSTRALIA**

CANBERRA, 11 Sept — Australia can't rest easy and a surprise terror attack could happen at any time, Foreign Minister Bob Carr warned on Tuesday.

"We can't rest for a moment. The threat is real," Carr told ABC Television as the United States mark the 11th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

"We can't rest easy. We have achieved the appropriate balance in this country

between alertness to the threat and respect for civil liberties," he said.

"I live and our security people live with the reality that a surprise strike could come at any time."

Carr said that the world needs to worry about the ultimate threat of terror groups using fissile material to detonate a backpack or suitcase nuclear bomb in a major capital.

Xinhua

**China on track to hit ambitious public housing target**

**CHINA**

BEIJING, 11 Sept — China has this year invested 820 billion yuan (\$129 billion) in 6.5 million public home building starts as of the end of August, the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development said, putting it on track to achieve an ambitious construction target. Construction of affordable housing is a crucial part of China's spending this year, and its importance is heightened as China's cooling trade sector forces the country to fall back on state investment to drive growth.

China aims to start building 7 million such homes and complete construction of 5 million in 2012, compared with actual starts of 10.4 million units and completion of 4.3 million in 2011. The ministry added that China finished building 4.2 million units as of the end of August. Faster construction of public homes drove annual growth in China's real estate investment up by 17 percent in August, from July's 9.6 percent rise.

China's real estate sector directly affects more than 40 other industries, from steel to furniture, and its investment accounted for 14 percent of gross domestic product in the first half this year. Still, faster real estate investment has failed to counter weakening growth in the world's No 2 economy. Dismal economic data from trade to factory output in the past two days has raised expectations for further stimulus and monetary easing. — Reuters

**Downpour batters SW China's quake zone, forcing thousands to evacuate**

**DISASTER**

YILIANG, 11 Sept — A heavy downpour started to strike southwest China's quake-hit county of Yiliang on early Tuesday morning, triggering floods and forcing thousands to evacuate.

Local fire department has dispatched 22 rescue teams to help evacuate people to safe places after receiving calls for help before dawn.

Rainfalls in the mountain region in Yunnan Province reached 152 millimeters on average within seven hours, causing floods to hit a dozen of temporary settlements where thousands of quake victims live, said a spokesman

with the provincial fire department.

A bridge in front of the county's hospital was submerged by river flooding on Tuesday morning.

Landslide and mud-rock flows triggered by the rain were also reported in Yiliang, where multiple quakes have claimed 81 lives since Friday. — Xinhua



A waterlogged relocation site is seen at Yiliang People's hospital in the quake-hit Yiliang County, Zhaotong City, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 11 Sept, 2012.

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A wind turbine is seen near a gate of the ancient city of Wushu in Diaobingshan, Liaoning Province on 18 Jan, 2011. — REUTERS

**Japan's PM Noda likely to keep party leadership**

**JAPAN**

TOKYO, 11 Sept — Japan's Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda looked very likely on Monday to hang on to one of the worst jobs around — leading the demoralized ruling party to almost certain crushing election defeat. The Democratic Party of Japan election commission confirmed on Monday that besides Noda, there would be three fringe contenders running in the 21 September leadership contest — former farm ministers Hirofumi Mikami and Michihiko Kano and an ex-internal affairs minister Kazuhiro Haraguchi. With no party heavyweights on the roster, Noda is likely to retain his post as government and party chief.

In his election pledge, Noda said he would bring a lasting end to deflation that has plagued Japan for a decade and hit a 1 percent inflation target within a year. The Democrats' third prime minister in as many years also promised to work towards ending reliance on nuclear power, though he gave no deadline. "I cannot abandon the government halfway through. With that in mind, I've decided to run in the leadership race," he told a joint news conference with the other candidates. But

Noda's days in power appear numbered with opinion polls showing the Democrats trailing the opposition Liberal Democratic Party and a new grouping led by a popular Osaka mayor Toru Hashimoto which plans to contest the next general election expected before the end of the year.

"It looks certain that Noda will win," Hidenori Suezawa, chief strategist at SMBC Nikko Securities said. "But financial markets are focusing on the main opposition's leadership race later this month and Hashimoto's 'Ishin no Kai' party, as they will play a key role in a political reshuffle after general elections, not the Democrats," Suezawa said. LDP leader Sadakazu Tanigaki said on Monday he would not seek re-election. The party's former defence and foreign ministers are in contention, with media reporting that the party's current No 2 Nobuteru Ishihara and former prime minister Shinzo Abe will also join the race slated for 26 September. The lower house's term ends in August 2013, but Noda promised to call an election "soon" in return for the opposition backing for his plan to raise

sales tax to offset rising social security costs.

Last month's passage of the tax bill marked a rare break in Japan's long political gridlock and the biggest accomplishment of Noda's one-year tenure, but it came at a steep price. About 70 lawmakers left the Democrats, with the rest bracing for voter backlash for backing the tax hike and other unpopular policies, such as Noda's push to restart nuclear reactors idled after last year's Fukushima disaster. The government is due to present a national energy plan in coming days that will try to respond to the growing anti-nuclear sentiment among voters without alienating pro-nuclear industrial lobbies, but risk satisfying neither side. If he is reelected, Noda's immediate challenge will be to win approval of the opposition-controlled upper house for new borrowing in the current budget to avoid a government shutdown. Whoever takes over after the election, many expect to be held in November, will face substantial unfinished business and a long list of deep-rooted problems dogging the world's third-largest economy and its 10th most populous country.

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**Russia is most important foreign partner for Belarus:**

**Lukashenko**

MINSK, 11 Sept — Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko said on Monday that Russia is the most important foreign political and economic partner for Belarus. Lukashenko reaffirmed the course towards strategic partnership with Russia while appointing Igor Petrishenko Ambassador Extraordinary and


Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Belarus to the Russian Federation on Monday.

"I hope very much that you will be a worthy representative of Belarusian state interests in the Russian Federation," Lukashenko said.

According to the Belarusian leader, the ambassador to the Russian

Federation, same as the Ambassador to Venezuela and other prime regions, is more than just an ambassador. "Russia is our most important partner in foreign politics and foreign trade. I have high hopes that you will decently represent interests of Belarus in the Russian Federation," he added.

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**The Republic of the Union of Myanmar**  
**Union Civil Service Board**  
**Vacancy Announcement**  
**Announcement No. 16/2012**  
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**( 5 September 2012 )**

- The Myanma Economic Bank under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following position-
 

Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
Assistant Manager	24	M.Com/M.Act/ M.Econ(Economics)/ M.Econ(Statistics)/MPS/MPA/ MBA/M.Dev.S
- The applicants -
  - must be citizens of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
  - must not be over 35 years of age (40 years if service personnel ) on 2 October 2012.
  - must be physically fit and possess well intact limbs, must be in good health and capable of serving the duty at any assigned place.
- 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 2 October 2012.
- 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.
- 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 2 October 2012. An extra copy of the application together with photo must also be attached.
- 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).
- 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.
- For more information, applicants may contact Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in person or by phone ( 067 - 409052, 067 - 409430 ).
- This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: [ucsb.imis.com.mm](http://ucsb.imis.com.mm) and [www.ucsb.gov.mm](http://www.ucsb.gov.mm).

**Over 30 feared killed in bus accident in northern India** ACCIDENT

NEW DELHI, 11 Sept—More than 30 people were feared killed as a bus skidded off road and fell into a 500-foot-deep gorge on Monday evening in the northern Indian state of Himachal Pradesh, local media reported on Tuesday.

The 42-seat bus, ferrying passengers from Palampur to Asha Puri, a village known for a hilltop shrine, was overcrowded. A joint rescue operation by police and the army is underway, said *Indo-Asian News Service*.— *Xinhua*

**Small helicopter crashes in Texas**

HOUSTON, 11 Sept— A small helicopter crashed on Monday afternoon in the US state of Texas, local media reported. The crash happened just before 4 pm on Monday in northeast Harris County, Texas, which includes the city of Houston, local TV channel ABC13 reported.

Emergency personnel are at the scene of the crash. So far there has been no confirmed information from the crash, although there may a fatality because of the crash, said ABC13.— *Xinhua*



*Pigs race at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona, California on 5 Sept, 2012. The nation's largest county fair, running from 31 August to 30 September, is celebrating its 90th anniversary.— REUTERS*

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR  
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT  
DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

INVITATION TO PREQUALIFICATION

Date of issue : 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2012  
Name of Project : Private Sector Participation in the Development of Mandalay International Airport

1. The Department of Civil Aviation (DCA), Ministry of Transport, intends to develop Mandalay International Airport as a major logistic hub with private sector participation. Accordingly, DCA will accept submissions for prequalification from interested local firms and foreign firms in joint venture or consortium under the Myanmar Foreign Investment Law.
2. The DCA intends to prequalify firms for private sector participation in the operation, management and maintenance of all of the following service/work sectors of Mandalay International Airport.
  - (a) Development of an airport master plan
  - (b) Passenger Terminal Operations
  - (c) Airside and Landside Operations
  - (d) Ground Handling Facilities and Services
  - (e) Catering Facilities and Services
  - (f) Cargo Facilities and Services
  - (g) Maintenance Services for pavement, visual aids, electrical systems and navigational aids and other facilities
  - (h) Upgrading and expansion of the airport terminal and related facilities including expansion of the aircraft parking apron, according to the master plan
3. The DCA will implement the above development arrangements as a whole with a form of public-private partnership with private sector financing.
4. The successful prequalified firms may expect that the invitation for bids will be made in November, 2012.
5. The prequalification documents may be obtained by interested firms upon submission of evidence of payment of a non-refundable fee of USD 1000 to DCA. The method of payment shall be to Current Account No. MD 010019, Myanmar Economic Bank by means of bank transfer through Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank.
6. To obtain further information, interested firms should contact the address indicated below:  
Deputy Director General,  
Department of Civil Aviation, Myanmar  
Telephone : 951 533001, 951 533013 Fax: 951 533016  
Email : dydg@dca.gov.mm, ddassd@dca.gov.mm
7. Place and deadline for submission of Prequalification documents:  
Dead line for application submission:- 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2012 at 1500 Hrs Myanmar Standard Time.  
Director General,  
Department of Civil Aviation, Myanmar  
Telephone : 951 533015 Fax: 951 533016  
Email : dgca@dca.gov.mm

**“Avengers”  
director  
Whedon swaps  
superheroes for  
Shakespeare**

TORONTO, 11 Sept—Joss Whedon’s blockbuster comic book smash “The Avengers” would seem to have little in common with William Shakespeare.

The writer and director, however, also known for creating the cult TV hit “Buffy the Vampire Slayer,” calls the legendary playwright a major influence, visible in much of his work from the banter of his superheroes to the structure of his stories.

Such is his admiration, that in the wake of delivering “The Avengers” — the biggest movie hit of 2012 — Whedon has adapted “Much Ado About Nothing,” a low-budget black-and-white labour of love devoted to the Bard that debuted at the Toronto International Film Festival.

“I find myself aping his rhythms and occasionally stealing his phrases, without even realizing it most of the time,” Whedon told *Reuters* in an interview on Monday.

“Shakespeare’s not afraid to go from high drama to low comedy in a heartbeat, and to ping-pong back and forth between them in a scene, which is something else that I took from him in my own work.”

*Reuters*

**Turbulent Somalia gets new president in vote for change**

MOGADISHU, 11 Sept — Members of parliament overwhelmingly elected political newcomer Hassan Sheikh Mohamud as president of Somalia on Monday, a result hailed by supporters as a vote for change in the war-ravaged country. Bursts of celebratory gunfire crackled through the streets of the capital, Mogadishu, after the first vote of its kind in decades in Somalia drew to a close. Mohamud won in a secret ballot with 190 votes, against 79 lawmakers voting for Ahmed.

“I congratulate all Somalis. The people are taking a new direction. You are now ending the difficult path and taking a new one,” Mohamud said to a cheering crowd of well-wishers. Although Mohamud is a relatively new face in Somali politics, the one-time academic will be confronted by old problems: acrimonious clan politics,

rampant corruption, maritime piracy and a stubborn Islamist insurgency. Mohamud, seen as a moderate, unexpectedly defeated incumbent President Sheikh Sharif Ahmed after two of the four candidates who made it to the second round of voting dropped out.

One of them, outgoing Prime Minister Abdiweli Mohamed Ali, who threw his weight behind Mohamud, said the result heralded a new era for Somali politics. “Somalia voted for change,” Ali told *Reuters*, adding it was too early to say whether he would take part in the next administration. Somalia has lacked an effective central government since the outbreak of civil war in 1991. The capital, however, which until last year witnessed street battles between al-Qaeda-linked al-Shabaab militants and African soldiers, is now a vibrant city where recon-



Security officers inspect voters and election observers from the African Union arriving at the voting hall in Xamarjajab district of southern Mogadishu, on 10 Sept, 2012.— *REUTERS*

structed houses are slowly replacing bullet-riddled structures.

Monday’s vote was seen as a culmination of a regionally brokered, UN-backed roadmap to end that conflict, during which tens of thousands of people were killed and many more fled.

**SOMALIA**

**Nicaragua’s highest volcano cools down**

**VOLCANO**

MANAGUA, 11 Sept — San Cristobal, Nicaragua’s highest volcano, returned to relative calm on Monday following a series of eruptions that have shot gas, sand and ash into the sky since last Saturday. Standing 1,745 metres high above the sea level in western Nicaragua, San Cristobal showed low-level activities, in which gas and steam emissions reached only 250 to 300 meters above the crater’s western edge, according to the data from the Nicaraguan Institute of Territorial Studies (Ineter).

Researchers also found that concentrations of sulphur dioxide decreased sharply from last Sunday to Monday, which were measured in the nearby communities of Chinandega and El Guasaule. Ineter Director Javier Mejia said his agency was also monitoring two other volcanoes, Telica and Apoyeque, because of their increased volcanic activities recently.

According to Ineter’s latest report, Telica, located in western Leon province, currently is an active volcano, letting out a jet-like rumble and emitting columns of steam that went up hundreds of meters high. Telica’s last major eruption was in 1984. Apoyeque, located in Chiltepe Peninsula southwest of the capital Managua, caused the recent 7.6 magnitude earthquake that hit Nicaragua and Costa Rica on 6 September, said Mejia.

Meanwhile, Nicaragua’s Agriculture and Forestry Minister Ariel Bucardo dismissed fears that volcano activities would affect crops and shrimp farms in northwest Nicaragua. Bucardo said peanut farms, sugar cane fields and other agricultural businesses in western Nicaragua were operating normally, as was the nearby shrimp industry. The Nicaraguan government issued a medium-level yellow alert that was still in effect in Chinandega, and a low-level green alert in Leon Province, both in western Nicaragua.— *Xinhua*

*Reuters*

## International Sports

### England vs South Africa Twenty20 abandoned

MANCHESTER, 11 Sept—The second Twenty20 international between world champions England and South Africa in Manchester on Monday was abandoned due to persistent rain. The match was reduced

to nine overs per side and South Africa were led by a spectacular 47 not out from Hashim Amla as they notched up 77 for five wickets. Steven Finn took two for 17 from his two overs as the batsmen and fielding side

#### Cricket

struggled in the greasy conditions, Jacques Kallis (13 not out) helping to boost the score at the end with a seven-ball cameo.

The rain showed no sign of abating as England's batsmen took the field and they never got going, opener Craig Kieswetter swiping desperately at Morne Morkel's first over.

England were 29 for two off 4.1 overs when the umpires, aware that five balls were required to force a result under the Duckworth-Lewis method, called the players off the field.

South Africa won the first match on Saturday and can seal a series victory in the third game on Wednesday ahead of the 18 September to 7 October Twenty20 World Cup in Sri Lanka.—Reuters



England's James Anderson bowls as South Africa's Hashim Amla (L) looks on during the fifth one-day international cricket match at Trent Bridge cricket ground in Nottingham on 5 Sept, 2012.—Reuters

### Boxing-Fighting midwife hangs up her gloves

TOKYO, 11 Sept—Japanese boxing midwife Naomi Togashi, a former women's world flyweight champion, announced her retirement from the sport on Monday.

"Ten years ago I began boxing as an amateur," the 37-year-old told reporters after deciding to focus solely on delivering babies. "I have continued working and training and I have no regrets."

Togashi turned professional in 2007, two years before women's boxing was even recognised in Japan, and won the World

Boxing Council's flyweight crown the following year.

She successfully defended her title seven times before losing a decision to Mexico's Esmeralda Moreno. "I really wanted to retire on a victory," said Togashi. "But I feel glad I chose to become a boxer."

Reuters

Naomi Togashi of Japan (C) celebrates after defeating Oa Kokietgym of Thailand at the women's WBC light flyweight title bout in Tokyo on 2 May, 2009.

REUTERS

#### BOXING



### McIlroy buys time on flag decision for 2016 Games

RIODEJANEIRO, 11 Sept—World number one Rory McIlroy, in a bid to dampen mounting speculation over whether he will represent Britain or Ireland at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, says he is no rush to make a decision.

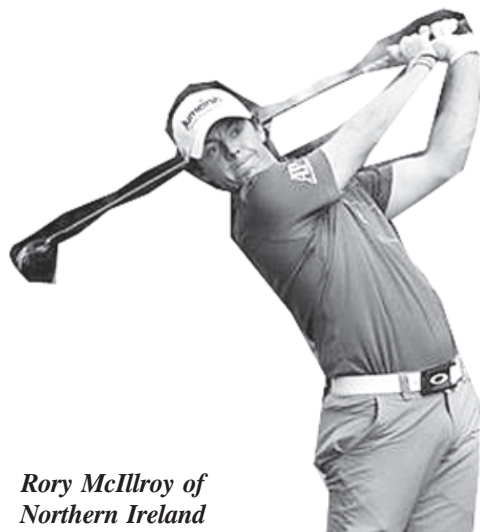
The 23-year-old Northern Irishman eased to a third win in four PGA Tour starts at the BMW Championship in Carmel, Indiana, on Sunday and, for the moment, wants to devote his entire golfing focus to tournament play.

"I wish to clarify that I have absolutely not made a decision regarding my participation in the next Olympics," McIlroy wrote on Monday in an open letter via his Twitter account.

"On a personal level,

playing in the Olympics would be a huge honor. However, the Games in Rio are still four years away and I certainly won't be making any decisions with regards to participating any time soon.

"...my focus right now is on being the best player I can be, trying to win major championships and contributing to what will hopefully be a victorious European side at the forthcoming Ryder Cup



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland



Britain's Andy Murray (R) and Serbia's Novak Djokovic hold their trophies after Murray defeated Djokovic in the men's singles final match at the US Open tennis tournament in New York, on 10 Sept, 2012. REUTERS

NEW YORK, 11 Sept—Novak Djokovic hates to lose, but the five-times grand slam champion was happy for his friend Andy Murray, who beat him in a pulsating, five-set struggle for the US Open title on Monday.

"Any loss is a bad loss. There is no question about it," the Serb told reporters after his 7-6, 7-5, 2-6, 3-6, 6-2 defeat that denied him back-to-back US titles. "I'm disappointed to lose the

match. "I had a great opponent today. He deserved to win this grand slam more than anybody, I'm sure, because over the years he's been a top player. He's been so close, lost four finals. Now he has won it, so I would like to congratulate him.

"Happy that he won it." The long-awaited victory made Murray the first British man to win a singles grand slam title since Fred Perry 76 years ago.

Djokovic, who is one week younger than fellow 25-year-old Murray and friendly off the court with a rival he has known since junior tennis days, welcomed Murray to the grand slam club after the Scotsman's triumph.

He walked around the net to give the dazed Murray a hug and a pat on the back after surrendering the nearly five-hour match with a forehand blasted long.

Reuters

### Cameroon football federation offices under security guard

#### SOCCER

YAOUNDE, 11 Sept—Armed security forces have formed a tight cordon around the Cameroon football federation offices in Yaounde following an embarrassing defeat for the national team.

Cameroon's Indomitable Lions, four-times winners of the African Nations Cup, are in danger of missing out on a place at the next finals in South Africa after

losing 2-0 to the tiny Cape Verde Islands in Praia on Saturday in the first leg of the final round of qualifiers.

Angry fans demonstrated outside the offices after the defeat, leading to the deployment of police and military personnel.

"A new visitor to this country may have thought we were at war or facing an invasion," said Martin Ndzinga who lives next to the offices in the Tsinga

does not merit this, not at all," local football coach Kisito Eloundou told Reuters. "It is as a reason of poor preparation and the poor spirit in the team."

But under fire coach Denis Lavagne said there was still a home leg to be played.

"I think we can win that with a big score. We are in a difficult situation but everything is still possible," he told state radio.

Cameroon, who host the

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matches against the USA."

Long regarded as heir apparent to Tiger Woods as the game's leading player, McIlroy has enjoyed a career-best season on the 2012 PGA Tour highlighted by four wins, including a second major title at last month's PGA Championship.

His swashbuckling approach to golf, coupled with his down-to-earth, almost boyish, demeanor with the fans, has made him arguably the most popular player in the game.

However, ever since the decision was made for golf to the return to the Olympics in 2016 for the first time since 1904, McIlroy has felt pressured to signal which flag he would prefer to represent at global sports showpiece.

Reuters



Cameroon's Mohamadou Idrissou (L) and teammate Rigobert Song participate in a training session at the Kasarani stadium in Kenya's capital Nairobi, on 6 January, 2010.—Reuters

neighbourhood.

The unexpected defeat, the latest disappointment for a side also hit by the decision of captain Samuel Eto'o to boycott what he described as an amateurish team, has consumed the airwaves across the central African country.

"I'm very disappointed by the defeat of the Indomitable Lions. Cameroon

Cape Verdians on 13 October, missed out on the last Nations Cup in a mini crisis for the country who have long been one of the dominant forces in African football.

They were the first Africa country to reach the World Cup quarter-finals and won Olympic gold in Sydney in 2000.

Reuters

**Focus Myanmar TV Programme**

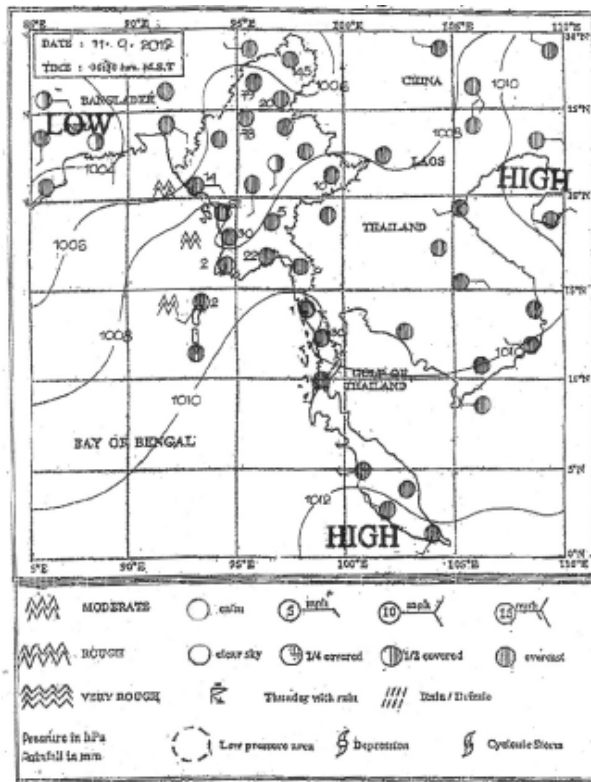
**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**

- (12-9-12 09:30 am ~ 13-9-12 09:30 am) MST
- \* News
  - \* To The Blue Ridge Mountains of Rhododendrons
  - \* News
  - \* Music Programme
  - \* "1st Technical Field-Wise Seminars" JICA Alumni Association
  - \* News
  - \* Taste of Myanmar (Noodle Salad)
  - \* News
  - \* How to Extract Timber Using Elephants
  - \* News
  - \* UNICEF & Ministry of Health host Press Conference
  - \* News
  - \* Youth & Technology (Chin Twin Technology Training School)
  - \* Yearning For Khin Art Exhibition
  - \* News
  - \* Business Matching Between Myanmar-Thai Entrepreneurs
  - \* Launching Ceremony of "The Chilies Journal"
  - \* News
  - \* "Product of Myanmar" Seashells Products
  - \* Myanmar Movie "By Means of Love"

**MYANMAR TV**

- (12-9-2012) (Wednesday)
- 7:00 am**  
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am**  
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:40 am**  
3. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am**  
4. Cultural Dances
- 8:30 am**  
5. Selected Songs for 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition (2012) (Oldies & Mono Clasiak) (Basic Education Level) (Women)
- 4:00 pm**  
6. Martial Song
- 4:25 pm**  
7. Song of National Races
- 4:30 pm**  
8. Teleplay (Health)
- 4:50 pm**  
9. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Myanmar)
- 5:00 pm**  
10. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:05 pm**  
11. Classical Song
- 5:15 pm**  
12. Documentary
- 5:35 pm**  
13. ASEAN "Programmes"
- 6:20 pm**  
14. Traditional Boxing
- 7:30 pm**  
15. Programme in honour of the Harpist Inlay U Myint Maung (Part-2)
- 8:00 pm**  
16. News  
17. TV Drama Series  
18. Dramatic Arts Competition (Narration of religious Stories)

**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**



**Weather forecast for 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2012**

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	31/88	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
2	Kayah	26/79	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayin	29/84	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
4	Chin	21/70	16/61	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	31/88	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	32/90	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
7	Taninthayi	30/86	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
8	Bago	31/88	26/79	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	31/88	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
10	Mandalay	35/95	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
11	Mon	29/84	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
12	Yangon	31/88	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	29/84	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	22/72	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	30/86	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	29/84	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	30/86	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	32/90	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	23/73	Some rain or thundershowers	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	35/95	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, scattered in Upper Sagaing Region and Shan State, fairly widespread in Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin and Mon States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Upper Sagaing Region and Rakhine State and isolated heavy falls in Kachin State. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Putao (5.75) inches, Taungap (3.66) inches, Manauq (3.58) inches, Myauki (3.46) inches, Homalin (3.42) inches, Hkamti (3.11) inches and Maungdaw (2.99) inches.

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

State of the Sea: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of increase of rain in the Northern Myanmar Areas.

**District News**

**Fingerlings released into lakes in Taikkyi Township**

TAIKKYI, 11 Sept—With the aim of increasing fish resources, developing fishery industry and ensuring food sufficiency, Taikkyi Township Fisheries Department released 87000 fingerlings into 15 lakes in Tawkhayan Village and its surround areas and 16 lakes in Kalawthok and Kataingsein villages in Taikkyi on 7 September.—*Myanma Alin*



**Turkey says will not hand over fugitive Iraqi**

**Middle East**

ISTANBUL, 11 Sept—Turkey will not hand over Iraq's fugitive Vice President Tareq al-Hashemi, who faces a death sentence against him in Baghdad, and he can remain in Turkey as long as he needs to, Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan said on Tuesday.

"I'll say it very clearly. We will be willing to host Mr Hashemi as long as he wants, and we will not hand him over," Erdogan told a news conference in the capital Ankara. An Iraqi court sentenced Hashemi to death by hanging on Sunday after a trial on charges that he ran death squads.

**VP Hashemi**

*Iraq's fugitive Vice President Tareq al-Hashemi gestures as he addresses the media in Ankara on 10 Sept, 2012.*

REUTERS



among Shi'ite, Sunni and Kurdish blocs.

"There is no truth in the accusations against him. To the contrary, Hashemi has unfortunately lost family members in Iraq," Erdogan said. "It is out of question for him to be involved in such acts."—*Reuters*

**Coach crash kills three, injures 50 in Brit Britain**

LONDON, 11 Sept— A tourist coach crashed into a tree in Surrey, Southeast England on Monday night, causing three people dead and 50 injured, local media reported on Tuesday.

The vehicle veered off the road and hit a tree on an embankment of the northbound side of the A3 at 11:50 pm local time (2250 GMT), Sky news reported, quoting a spokesman for the emergency service on the scene.

The injured passengers have been sent to several hospitals for treatment, while service personnel are still recovering bodies trapped in the coach.

The cause of the crash was put under investigation, while the spokesman said the road was dry and the road condition should not have caused the crash.—*Xinhua*

**Deal reached to resume construction on 11 September museum**

**US**

NEW YORK, 11 Sept—A deal has been reached to resume construction on a National September 11 Museum in New York, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said on Monday on the eve of the 11th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Centre towers.

A cost dispute between the foundation that controls the museum and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which is building the ambitious subterranean structure, has halted

construction of the project for months. Diverging estimates on the cost of the project, which had been scheduled to open this week prior to the delays, from each side range from \$700 to more than \$1 billion.

"I'm very gratified that on the eve of this important anniversary we are able to announce an agreement that will ensure the completion of the 9/11 museum," Bloomberg's statement said.

"My goal during this period has been to get

construction of the museum restarted. This agreement ensures that it will be restarted very soon and will not stop until the museum is completed," he added.

The museum is designed to extend seven levels underground and will include artifacts from the day of the attacks, from firefighters' helmets to pieces of rubble to models of the site before the attacks, which killed 2,751 people in New York.

Bloomberg chairs the National September 11th Memorial and Museum foundation. The Port Authority is controlled by Governors Andrew Cuomo of New York and Chris Christie of New Jersey. Under the agreement, representatives for all three will participate in a committee that oversees annual events, including Tuesday's September 11th ceremony.

The foundation had said in July that politicians would be excluded this year from speaking roles at the ceremony to focus on victims' families, who traditionally read the names of the dead.

Reuters



*The Tribute in Light is illuminated next to the Statue of Liberty (C) and One World Trade Centre (L) during events marking the 11th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Centre in New York, on 10 September, 2012. —REUTERS*

## Curriculum Vitae of H.E Mr. Wu Bangguo, Chairman of the Standing Committee of 11<sup>th</sup> National People's Congress of PRC

## Chairman of the Standing Committee of the 11<sup>th</sup> National People's Congress of PRC and wife to pay a goodwill visit to Myanmar



H.E Mr. Wu Bangguo is Chairman of the Standing Committee of the 11<sup>th</sup> National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China.

He was born in July 1941 in Feidong County, Anhui Province. He is Han ethnic nationality. He graduated from the Department of Radio Electronics of

Tsinghua University in 1967. He worked in Shanghai No.3 Electron Tube Factory as technician, deputy chief and chief of Technical Section from 1967 to 1976. After that, he served deputy factory director and factory director of Shanghai No.3 Electron Tube Factory from 1976 to 1978. At the same time, he also worked as deputy secretary

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—At an invitation of Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann of Pyithu Hluttaw of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, a delegation led by Mr. Wu Bangguo, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Party Committee.

Then, he was a deputy manager of Shanghai Electronic Elements Company and Shanghai Electron Devices Company from 1978 to 1981. After that, he was posted as a deputy secretary of the Party Committee of Shanghai Meters, Instruments and Telecommunications Bureau. From 1983 to 1985, he became a member of the Standing Committee of the Shanghai Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China and concurrently worked as party secretary of the Shanghai Municipal Science and Technology Work Committee. From 1985 to 1992, he became a deputy secretary and later became a secretary of the CPC Shanghai Municipal Committee.

He served as a member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee from 1992 to 2002 and became a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee in 2003 and till now.

At the same time, he also served as a secretary of the CPC Shanghai Municipal

Committee of the 11<sup>th</sup> National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China and wife Madam Zang Ruizhen will pay a goodwill visit to Myanmar from 12 to 15 September.—MNA

Committee from 1992 to 1994, a member of the Secretariat of the CPC Central Committee from 1994 to 1997, Vice-Premier of the State Council from 1995 to 2003 and Secretary of the Central Work Committee of Large Enterprises from 1998 to 2003. He took responsibility of Chairmanship of the Standing Committee of 10<sup>th</sup> National People's Congress from 2003 to 2008. Currently, he is Chairman of the Standing Committee of the 11<sup>th</sup> National People's Congress.

He also serves as alternate member of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> CPC Central Committees and member of the Political Bureau of the 14<sup>th</sup> CPC Central Committee. He was elected as an additional member of the Secretariat of the CPC Central Committee at the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the 14<sup>th</sup> CPC Central Committee, member of the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> CPC Central Committees and member of the Political Bureaus of the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> CPC Central Committees. He was a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> CPC Central Committee.

### Argentina retains pack to test Australia



Argentina coach Santiago Phelan takes part in their Captain's run at Eden Park in Auckland 7 October, 2011.—REUTERS

NEW ZEALAND, 11 Sept—Argentina coach Santiago Phelan has kept faith with the forward pack that made life difficult for New Zealand last week and made just two changes to his backline for their Rugby Championship clash against Australia on Saturday. Martin Landajo has replaced Nicolas Vergallo at scrumhalf, while Lucas Gonzalez Amorosino

takes the place of Martin Rodriguez at fullback.

Both Vergallo and Rodriguez were dropped to the replacements bench for the clash at Skilled Park on the Gold Coast.

It was little surprise Phelan retained the forward pack who held the All Blacks in check for more than 65 minutes in Wellington last Saturday before the world

champions snatched a 21-5 win courtesy of two late tries. The Wallabies have struggled in the forward exchanges during the Rugby Championship, which the Pumas are likely to exploit with their traditional scrummaging power combined with a ruthless defence around the fringes and at the breakdown.

Their backline defence should also present a problem for the misfiring Wallabies' backs, who have failed to score a try in their three matches in the Rugby Championship and appear to be struggling for rhythm and creative inspiration.

The Pumas backs were praised by the All Blacks after the Wellington match, with their drift system quickly shutting down the space they appeared to leave wide, while they barely missed a one-on-one tackle.

Phelan resorted to a traditional 4-3 split on his bench for the game against the Wallabies after choosing five forwards and two backs last week. Winger Juan Imhoff will cover the outside backs from the bench, while versatile prop Marcos Ayerza has dropped out of the 22-man squad altogether.—Reuters

### Students show off skills in graduation performance

MANDALAY, 11 Sept—Students of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Mandalay) of Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture presented the 8<sup>th</sup> graduation performance for 2011-2012 academic year at the National Theatre in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay on 7 September.

The performance was aimed at enabling the faculty members to assess the fine arts skills of the students on paintings, sculpture, music and

theatrical dramas.

Works of students in painting and sculpture were displayed at the entrance to the National Theatre and the

students showed off their performances of music and theatrical dramas on the stage.

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### Mexico's Calderon eyes labour, fiscal law reforms in final months



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An aviation division of air force under Guangzhou Military Area Command of PLA has conducted live-fire attack training on the sea recently.

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### Djokovic welcomes friend Murray into grand slam club



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### Boxing-Fighting midwife hangs up her gloves

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### Slight earthquake hits 14 miles north of Mawlaik

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—A slight earthquake of magnitude 4.8 Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar, about 14 miles North of Mawlaik, about 200 miles Northwest of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 17 hrs 40 min 56 sec M.S.T today, Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced.—MNA