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President U Thein Sein looks forward to stronger ties with Beijing

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein called for fostering bilateral ties as he met the general secretary of Yunnan Province Communist Party and party members during a stopover in Kunming on 18 September morning on the way to Nanning to attend the 9th ASEAN-China Expo.

Present on the occasion were Union ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Thein, Thura U Myint Maung, U Nyan Tun Aung, U Win Shein and Dr Kan Zaw and Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut of Commander-in-Chief's Office (Army).

The Myanmar delegation then proceeded to Xian of Shaanxi Province from Kunming and stayed for the night at the Shangri-La Hotel.

The Myanmar delegation visited Museum of Qin Terracotta Warriors and Horses, the world's cultural heritage site listed by UNSECO in 1987, in Xian yesterday morning. The President signed the visitors' book and posed for a documentary photo together with the museum personnel.—MNA



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein meets the general secretary of Yunnan Province Communist Party.—MNA

Vice-President U Nyan Tun inspects preparation tasks for 27th SEA Games



Vice-President U Nyan Tun views athletes training hard at Nay Pyi Taw Rowing Sports Camp.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept—Patron of the leading committee for preparation of the 27th SEA Games Vice-President U Nyan Tun paid an inspection tour of No. 2 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Training Camp of Lewe Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and sports grounds and gymnasiums, here, this morning.

At the meeting hall of the camp, the Vice-President heard reports presented by Chairman of the committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan on undertakings for successfully holding the SEA Games and preparation tasks including progress of intensive training of Myanmar athletes to clinch

victory. The Vice-President urged those present to put emphasis on timely completion of construction of the sports grounds and holding games at international level.

The Vice-President viewed athletes training at No. 2 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Training Camp, who are going to take part in track and field, billiards and snooker, Sepak Takraw, judo, Pencak Silat, badminton, acrobatics, table tennis, karatedo, taekwondo, weight lifting, wushu and shooting matches, and gave encouragement to athletes doing body building exercise at Gym & Fitness Center.

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Arsenal's Wilshere back in full training after 14 months

LONDON, 20 Sept—Arsenal midfielder Jack Wilshere returned to full training on Thursday after 14 months out with a persistent ankle problem.

The 20-year-old had

become a regular for the London club and forced his way into the England side before being struck down.

"We are so pleased Jack is back in full training. It's been 14 months and that's a

long time for someone at his age. It's an eternity, but it's great news," manager Arsene Wenger told the club website (www.arsenal.com).

"We have to give him a few training sessions to see how he copes and responds to it. That's the delicate, sensitive stage - to choose when to bring him in and out. We'll have to handle that day-by-day."

Fellow midfielder Emmanuel Frimpong has also resumed full training after injuring his cruciate ligaments when on loan at Wolverhampton Wanderers in February.

Reuters



Obama, Karzai discuss 'insider' attacks in Afghanistan



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Mexican President Felipe Calderon Hinojosa (C), First Lady Margarita Zavala (R) and the Mexican Secretary of the Interior Alejandro Poire (L), participate in the ceremony of the national flag raising at half mast, in memory of the victims of the earthquake of 1985, in the Zocalo Square of Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 19 Sept, 2012.

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Messi double gives Barca comeback win over Spartak



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NATIONAL

Social security board important for satisfactory health care service delivery

Labour

YANGON, 20 Sept—Union Minister for Labour U Maung Myint underlined the important role of social security board in providing medical treatment to laborers as he visited Yangon Workers' Hospital on 18 September morning.

The Union minister called on the hospital staff to take

good care of patients with goodwill and patience, putting heart and soul in their health care service delivery.

The Union minister then inspected round the patient wards and comforted the patients.

MNA

Myanmar Red Cross Society holds 70th meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept— To be able to effectively carry out social welfare tasks, relevant region and state red cross committees should form red cross societies not losing sights on their training, welfare, keeping their spirit up and discipline, said Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin.

In his address at the 70th Meeting of the Central Council of the Myanmar Red Cross Society at its headquarters here at today, the Union minister also stressed the importance of the cooperative efforts of Myanmar Red Cross Society in the interests of the country and the people to be in conformity with the framework laid down by the State and basic principles of the red cross, he added.

Myanmar Red Cross Society has made efforts for educating the people on communicable diseases for many years, and has also carried out rescue and rehabilitation tasks, disaster preparedness and disseminating knowledge on first aids in cooperation with other red cross/red crescent societies, said the Union minister.

The members of the MRCS and volunteers across the country have been carrying out the disaster preparedness tasks and made rescue efforts on the country.

Eighty percent of the association's Emergency Management Fund amounted US\$ 500,000 has been saved at the bank and arrangements are being made to spend the interests of the saving on rescue works.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Minister for

Health Dr Daw Thein Thein Htay and departmental heads, President of Myanmar Red Cross Society, members of the region/state red cross committees. The meeting will continue tomorrow.— MNA

MYANMAR RED CROSS SOCIETY

70th Central Council Meeting

20-21 September, 2012

Assembly Hall

Myanmar Red Cross Society Headquarters, Nay Pyi Taw



The 70th Meeting of the Central Council of the Myanmar Red Cross Society in progress.

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Medical servicemen give health care in Maungtau Township

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept—Members of local medical battalion of Maungtau Township are giving health care services to the people at the relief camps in Maungtau.

They provided medical checkups to the local people, distributed pamphlets about health knowledge, talked about health care knowledge, fumigated relief camps against dengue hemorrhagic fever and chlorinated the water of wells and tanks at relief camps in Shweyinaye village and Khayemyaine village on 18 September and the camps in Thayekhonbaung village, Kainegy village and Mawyawady village in Maungtau Township yesterday.

They provided health care services to 232 local people of various relief camps in Maungtau Township.

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Dr Pyae Phyo Aung, son of U Hla Min and Daw Aye Aye, of Dagon Myothit (East) Yangon Region, donates K 500,000 to the fund of Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint Secretary of the executive committee U Nyi Nyi Lwin.—NLM

Prepaid top up card worth K 5000 come out

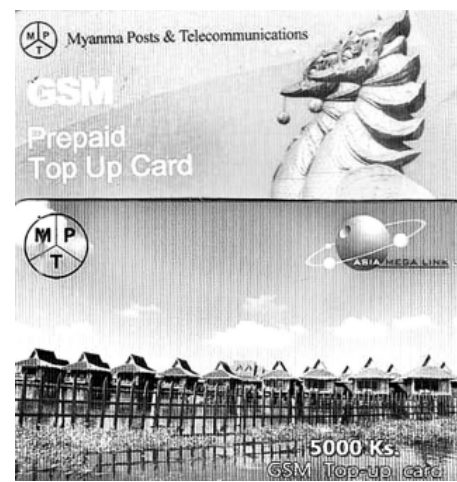
YANGON, 20 Sept—The Prepaid Top-up Card worth K 5000 are available at telephone and accessories shops and some shops in wards through Myanma Posts and Telecommunications as of 19 September.

It is good news for those facing difficulties to install the pre-paid top up cards by the end of every month.

Thus, Prepaid Top-up Card worth K 5000 are now high demand at the telephone shops.

At present, mobile phone sales centres in various townships including Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay are selling the top up cards in competitiveness.

"K 5000-worth top up card is included in the list of today's best seller goods," said a



responsible person of the mobile phone shop.—Myanma Alin

Winners awarded in Sepak Takraw Contest

KATHA, 20 Sept—The Township Administrator's Cup Inter-Ward/Village (Inter-Club) Sepak Takraw Contest concluded in Katha Township for 2012.

On 22 August morning, the prize presentation ceremony took place at Ayeya Shweli Gymnasium. Hluttaw representative U Sein Tun presented the first prize to Ywathit Village and Township Administrator U Zaw Min Htaik, the second prize to Dauntgyi Village.

Myanma Alin

Damaged road repaired in Madauk

MADAUK, 20 Sept—Continuous torrential rains hit Madauk of Nyaunglebin Township, Bago Region, in July.

Due to heavy rains, Sittoung River was swollen. The maintenance of Pan Ngwe Yon Tawyakyaung Road damaged in the overflow of the river was carried out on 16 September morning.

Under the leadership of road donors Captain Khin Win

Two motorcycles head on collision

BAGO, 20 Sept—According to the information that the injured persons arrived at the hospital due to collision of two motorcycles at 4 pm on 16 September in front of Kalyani Ward Administrator's Office on Shwethalyaung Pagoda Road in Bago, SIP Maung Maung Kyaw and party inspected the incident.

Win Hsan, son of U Thein Lwin of 6th Street in Oktha Myothit Ward 1 and Thein Kyaw, son of U Tin Aung of Maha Zedi Lake Road in Mazin Ward of Bago were injured and their motorcycles were destroyed in the incident.

Myanma Alin

(Rtd)-Daw Mu Mu and U Tin Aung Soe-Daw Khaing Wah Wah of Yangon, local people from Hleseik Ward, Thauggyi Village administrator U Win Oo and local people, Headmaster U Arnt Kyaw of Myoma (1) Basic Education Primary School, teachers and students and local people participated in the maintenance of the road.

They upgraded the road to a 1500 feet long, 12 feet wide and one foot high facility.

Myanma Alin

Action taken against reckless driver

BAGO, 20 Sept—Daw Khin Cho Myint, daughter of U Tin Myint on bicycle from Indagaw to Kawa was hit by a Trawlgyi driven by Han Zaw Tun, son of U Than Htay between mile post No 4/1 and 4/2 on Indagaw-Kawa Road in Bago Township at 12.50 pm on 17 September.

In the incident, Daw Khin Cho Myint fell on the pile of gravels beside the road.

Indagaw Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against reckless driver Han Zaw Tun.—Myanma Alin

District News

WORLD



EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton (R) and Iran's chief negotiator Saeed Jalili (C) walk before their meeting in the garden of the Iranian Consulate in Istanbul on 18 Sept, 2012. REUTERS

Obama, Karzai discuss 'insider' attacks in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, 20 Sept— President Barack Obama and Afghan President Hamid Karzai agreed on Wednesday to press forward with a US-Afghan security pact, the White House said, despite the curtailment of NATO operations in response to a surge in "insider" attacks on foreign servicemen.

On Tuesday there would be no change in Obama's timeline for gradually handing over security responsibility to Afghans and eventually withdrawing US troops. NATO has agreed to remove most of its forces in 2014.

Afghan security personnel have turned their weapons on their Western mentors.

NATO ordered a cutback on Tuesday in operations with Afghan forces in response to a surge of insider attacks, but said the restriction was temporary and would not derail the security handover.

Reuters



US President Barack Obama (R) talks during a meeting with Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai at the NATO Summit at McCormick Place in Chicago, on 20 May, 2012.—REUTERS

Iran says six powers to meet before more nuclear talks

Iran

ISTANBUL, 20 Sept— Iran's chief nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili said on Wednesday he and European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton had agreed to defer more nuclear talks until she has consulted the six world powers she represents next week.

Jalili said his talks with Ashton had been constructive. "We evaluated the common points and what we could do for further cooperation and future meetings," Jalili told a news conference in Istanbul, after meeting Ashton late on Tuesday.

He said they had agreed to renew contact after Ashton has met the six powers seeking to rein in Iran's nuclear programme. The United States, Russia, China, France,

Germany and Britain have sought to persuade Iran to scale back its nuclear work by intensifying economic sanctions and diplomatic pressure. They fear Iran is developing an atomic bomb capability, but Tehean says its nuclear programme has only peaceful purposes.

Ashton is expected to meet the six powers on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly in New York next week.

Though three rounds of talks with Iran since April have made little progress, neither side wants to stop negotiating because of concerns that a breakdown of diplomacy could lead to war.

Israel, believed to be the Middle East's only nuclear-armed state, says any Iranian atom bomb would threaten its

existence and that it may attack Iran if diplomacy and sanctions fail.

In Vienna, the head of Israel's atomic energy commission said Iran carried out its nuclear activities "with impunity" as international measures had no effect on the programme. "Iran is utterly indifferent to decisions and wishes of the international community," Shaul Chorev told the annual assembly of the 155-nation International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).—Reuters

"The two presidents discussed a range of issues, including efforts to stem insider attacks on US, coalition, and Afghan forces," the White House said in a statement summarizing a video conference call between the two leaders.

They also agreed to continue implementation of a Strategic Partnership agreement signed in May during Obama's visit to Afghanistan, the White House said.

The White House said

Amid court challenges, early voting begins in US election

US

WASHINGTON, 20 Sept— The 6 November election is still seven weeks away, but early, in-person voting begins in two states on Friday, even as Democrats and Republicans battle in court over controversial plans to limit such voting before Election Day.

Idaho and South Dakota are the first states to begin early voting on Friday, although North Carolina has been accepting absentee ballots by mail since 6 September. By the end of

September, 30 states will have begun either in-person or absentee voting, and eventually all the states will join in.

Much of the focus of the early voting period will be on the politically divided states of Ohio and Florida, which could be crucial in deciding the race between Democratic President Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney.

The states have also been the venues for court battles in which Democrats have accused Republican-led legislatures of trying to limit early voting periods in order to suppress turnout of working-class and minority voters.

Such voters make up large percentages of those casting ballots before Election Day, and they tend to back Democrats. Absentee ballots, popular among military voters, tend to favour Republicans.

The restrictions on early voting are among several election laws passed by Republican-led legislatures since 2010. Other new laws, also challenged by Democrats and voting-rights groups, have been aimed at limiting voter registration and requiring voters to show photo IDs. Republicans say the laws are aimed at preventing voter fraud.

Reuters

World Bank, IMF see worsening Palestinian fiscal crisis

Palestine

RAMALLAH, 20 Sept— A gathering crisis in the Palestinian economy will worsen unless foreign funding increases and Israel eases long-standing curbs on development, the World Bank and International Monetary Fund said on Wednesday.

"Looking ahead, with persisting restrictions, financing difficulties with aid shortfalls, and stalemate in the peace process, there is a high risk of a continued economic slowdown, a rise in unemployment, and social upheaval," the IMF said.

In a separate report issued ahead of a conference on Palestinian aid in New York next week, the World Bank forecast a \$1.5 billion (924.3 million pounds) deficit in the

PA budget in 2012, with donor funds expected to cover just \$1.14 billion of this shortfall.

"Donors do need to act urgently in the face of a serious fiscal crisis facing the PA (Palestinian Authority) in the short term," Mariam Sherman, the World Bank's country director for the West Bank and Gaza Strip, said in a statement.

The PA, which exercises limited self-rule in the West Bank, receives most of its aid from the United States, the European Union and Arab nations. But over the past several years there has been a shortfall in aid coming from Arab states resulting in the PA being unable to pay salaries to its 153,000 civil servants on time, on several occasions this year.—Reuters



A sign is seen outside a polling place in Brooklyn, New York on 24 April, 2012. REUTERS

Violent storm hits Paraguay, Bolivia, Uruguay, killing seven

Disaster

MEXICO CITY, 20 Sept— A violent storm with winds up to 150km per hour (kph) ripped through west-central South America early on Wednesday, especially Paraguay, Bolivia and Uruguay, killing at least seven people and injuring many others, according to reports reaching here.

In Paraguay, the storm

killed five people and injured 80, civil rescue units told local press.

Among the victims were four Armed Forces cadets who died when the roof of their dormitory collapsed, and a woman whose car was crushed by a falling water tank in the Paraguayan capital

of Asuncion.

The severe storm began in Paraguay on Tuesday afternoon, pummeling its southern cities of Encarnacion and Pilar with hail, and ripping off roofs and uprooting trees in the country's central and southern regions.

The worst hit area was the

suburbs of Mariano Roque Alonso, 15km from Asuncion, where the cadets were stationed and many homes were destroyed.

Medical and rescue units said the injured were being treated at different facilities, including the Military Hospital and Police Hospital.

In Bolivia, at least two people died after an eight-hour torrential downpour that began at 5 am local time (0900 GMT) sparked flash floods in the eastern city of Santa Cruz, where scores of homes were damaged. A local police report identified the two victims as teacher Sara Rivera, 74, and her son Marco Antonio, 47, who died when their vehicle was swept up by floods.

Xinhua



A fire man retrieves a tree that fell over a vehicle killing a young woman in front of a storm affected mall, in Roque Alonso, Paraguay, on 19 Sept, 2012.—XINHUA

Three killed in explosion in Kandahar, Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 20 Sept— At least three people were killed in a blast targeting a police vehicle in Kandahar, capital of the southern Afghan province of Kandahar, on Wednesday, a provincial government spokesman said.

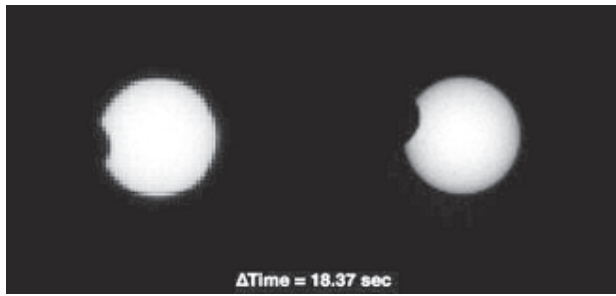
"A bomb fixed in a motor tricycle was detonated at around 7:45 pm local time when a police vehicle was passing by in the 14 sub-district of Kandahar city," Jawid Faisal told Xinhua.

The dead included two policemen and a passer-by child and the wounded were five policemen and a civilian, he said.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack but Taliban militants have been behind most suicide and roadside bomb attacks across the war-ravaged country.

Kandahar, the birthplace of Taliban, has seen increasing violence despite constant military operations.—Xinhua

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

NASA rover snaps pictures of an eclipse from Mars **Science**

The Curiosity rover observes the moon Phobos grazing the sun's disk on Martian day, or sol, 37 (13 Sept, 2012) in this NASA handout image. —REUTERS

CAPE CANAVERAL, 20 Sept— NASA's Mars rover Curiosity, dispatched to determine if the planet most like Earth in the solar system could have supported microbial life, has taken on a second job — moonlighting as an astronomer.

Last week, Curiosity outfitted its high-resolution camera with protective filters and took pictures of the sun as Phobos, one of Mars' two small moons, sailed by. It was a tricky shoot.

Phobos and its sister moon Deimos are closer to

Mars than our moon is to Earth, so they shoot across the sky relatively quickly. Phobos takes less than eight hours to circle Mars. Deimos takes about 30 hours to make the trip.

Last Thursday, the moons started to cross paths.

"Phobos grazed the edge of the sun, as seen from Curiosity. We had basically a partial eclipse," astronomer Mark Lemmon, with Texas A&M University, told reporters during a conference call on Wednesday.

The rover took more than

600 images with its left and right cameras, about 100 of which captured some part of the eclipse.

Not all the pictures have been radioed back to Earth. Curiosity has a partner in the project. From the other side of the planet, the rover Opportunity was expected to try to shoot the eclipse on Wednesday.

Aside from pretty pictures, the images should help scientists learn more about Mars' internal structure. Like Earth's moon, Mars' moons have some gravitational pull that slightly change the planet's shape.

"That in turn changes the moons' orbits — Phobos is slowing down, Deimos is speeding up, like our moon," Lemmon said. "This is something that happens very slowly over time."

In 10 million to 15 million years, Phobos is expected to be so close to Mars that it will be torn apart by the planet's

gravity.

The moons' passages by the sun, captured by NASA's rovers, help scientists nail down their orbits and determine how fast they are changing.

That information in turn is used to assess how much Mars is deformed as the moons go by.

Curiosity resumed skywatching on Tuesday, when both moons passed overhead.

"This was a really hard thing to do. The timing was very precise," Lemmon said.

The next Martian eclipses will take place in about 11 months. By then, Curiosity should be in a better vantage point.

The rover's eventual science target is a three-mile-high mound of sediment rising from the floor of the Gale Crater impact basin where Curiosity landed six weeks ago.

Reuters



JPMorgan Chase & Co's international headquarters are seen on Park Avenue in New York on 13 July, 2012.

REUTERS

customers. The problems followed issues with the website of Bank of America Corp on Tuesday amid threats on the Internet that a group was planning to launch cyber attacks on a US bank.

JPMorgan Chase spokesman Patrick Linehan said: "We're experiencing intermittent issues with Chase.com. We apologize for any inconvenience and are working to restore full connectivity."

A Bank of America spokesman reported no continuing problems on Wednesday. "Our online banking services have been, and are, up and running," Mark Pipitone said. "The vast majority of our customers have not experienced any issues."

'ENSURE CONSTANT DILIGENCE'

The short advisory from the industry group urged banks and other industry members to "ensure constant diligence in monitoring and quick response to any malicious events."

The Reston, Virginia-based group is owned by dozens of firms, including the two banks, as well as Citigroup Inc, Goldman Sachs Group Inc and Morgan Stanley. Insurers including American International Group, Allstate Corp and State Farm Insurance also belong to the group, as do credit card companies MasterCard Inc and Visa Inc.

The advisory also cited a warning from Microsoft Corp that hackers have attacked some of its customers by means of a security bug in its widely used Internet Explorer browser.

Microsoft has yet to release software to fix that security flaw. The German government advised the public to stop using Internet Explorer until an update is released. The US Department of Homeland Security has advised users to follow steps recommended by Microsoft to reduce the risk of attacks but noted that those measures may not fully secure the browser.

Reuters

Tech giants form new Internet lobby group **Tech**

SAN FRANCISCO, 20 Sept— Google, Facebook, Amazon and 11 other technology heavyweights on Wednesday announced that they have formed a lobby group, vowing to strengthen and protect a free and innovative Internet.

The group, called "The Internet Association," is the first trade association representing the interests of the Internet economy in the United States, it said in a Press Release. The association now has 14 members, namely Amazon.com, AOL, eBay, Expedia, Facebook, Google, IAC, LinkedIn, Monster, Rackspace, Salesforce.com, TripAdvisor, Yahoo and Zynga. Although Apple and Microsoft are absent from the list, the group said it represents "the unified voice of the Internet economy."

"A free and innovative Internet is vital to our nation's economic growth," said Michael Beckerman, President and CEO of The Internet Association. He said those companies "understand the future of the Internet is at stake" and they "must work together to protect it." Beckerman

recently stepped down as a top aide to US House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton. The group is based in Washington.

Tech giants have been more politically savvy these years as US lawmakers are putting more attention to issues like on-line privacy and competition.

Google spent a record 5.03 million US dollars on lobbying during the first quarter this year, a big increase from 1.48 million dollars in the same period last year. Facebook also



Photo shows logos of Google, Facebook, Amazon and eBay.

REUTERS

broke its lobbying record in the second quarter of 2012, the quarter during which the company went public. It spent 960,000 dollars in wooing politicians, tripling the money it spent in the same period of 2011.—Reuters

RIM shares rise on Microsoft file technology license deal **Tech**

TORONTO, 20 Sept— Research In Motion's shares jumped on Tuesday after it signed a patent licensing deal with Microsoft Corp to use one of the technology company's file storage systems. Microsoft said the patent being licensed by RIM greatly expands the size of files that flash memory devices can handle and increases the speed at which those files can be accessed. The technology also provides the ability to seamlessly transfer data between a variety of different devices.

"This is potentially money out of RIM's coffers for the right to use the ex-FAT patent in its technology. But what it does for investors and others is provide a glimpse into what the BlackBerry 10 devices can do," said Kevin Restivo, a mobile device analyst at global research firm IDC.

RIM has seen its once dominant position in the smartphone market slip away to Apple Inc, Samsung and other competitors, and the company's fate may depend on the success of its new line of devices, the BlackBerry 10, which is set to hit the market early in 2013. RIM hopes the BlackBerry 10 will help it regain market share that has been ceded to snazzier devices such as Apple's iPhone and others that run on Google Inc's Android operating system.

"I think there is some anticipation and speculation around the devices that RIM will launch as a result of the announcement today," Restivo said. RIM shares closed 21 Canadian cents higher at C\$7.24 on Tuesday on the Toronto Stock Exchange. On Nasdaq, they closed 2.3 percent higher at \$7.42.—Reuters



A sign of Research in Motion (RIM) is seen at its headquarters in Waterloo, Ontario, on 22 Jan, 2012. —REUTERS

Bank group warns of heightened risk of cyber attacks **Tech**

SAN FRANCISCO, 20 Sept—A financial services industry group warned US banks, brokerages and insurers on Wednesday to be on heightened alert for cyber attacks after Bank of America and JPMorgan Chase experienced unexplained outages on their public websites.

The Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Centre, which is widely known as FS-ISAC, raised the cyber threat level to "high" from "elevated" in an advisory to members, citing "recent credible intelligence regarding the potential" for cyber attacks as its reason for the move.

The problems with the websites at the two banks came after an unidentified person posted a statement on the Internet threatening to attack Bank of America and the New York Stock Exchange as a "first step" in a campaign against US companies. The posting said the attacks would continue until the firm that had stirred up anti-US protests across the Middle East was "erased" from the Internet.

It was not possible to identify the person who posted the statement. Nor was it clear if the threat had anything to do with the issues at either of the two banks.

Dan Holden, director of security research at Arbor Networks, said that several US banks were under assault by a distributed denial of service (DDoS) campaign. He declined to identify them by name.

An outside security contractor who was familiar with the attacks said that they were "massive" in scope.

Denial-of-service attacks seek to disrupt websites and other computer systems at the targeted organization by overwhelming their networks with computer traffic.

FRAUDALERT

The move by FS-ISAC came just two days the FBI published a "fraud alert" advising financial services firms that cyber criminals may be disrupting service to their websites in a bid to keep banks from noticing a recent surge in fraudulent large-sized wire transfers. (1.usa.gov/SUGCDZ)

"Often these DDoS attacks are part of a more sophisticated blended threat - One that utilizes DDoS as a diversion for more complex, difficult to detect techniques with the intention to extract customer data or financial information," said Holden of Arbor Networks.

An FBI spokeswoman declined to say if the tactics cited in the fraud alert were related to the problems experienced by the two banks.

On Wednesday the consumer banking website of JPMorgan Chase & Co was intermittently unavailable to some

BUSINESS & HEALTH

BofA cutting 16,000 jobs by year end in cost-plan acceleration: WSJ Business

CHARLOTTE, (North Carolina), 20 Sept— Bank of America Corp (BACN) is planning to cut 16,000 jobs by year end as it speeds up a company-wide cost-cutting initiative amid declining revenues, the *Wall Street Journal* reported on Wednesday.

The job cuts would put the second-largest US bank

a year ahead of schedule in eliminating 30,000 jobs under a programme called Project New BAC.

The job cuts could shrink the bank's workforce below that of rivals JPMorgan Chase & Co (JPM N) and Wells Fargo & Co (WFCN).

The reductions were outlined in a document given

to top management, the *Journal* reported.

Since taking the helm in 2010, Chief Executive Brian Moynihan has been working to streamline and reduce risk at a company that has lagged rivals in recovering from the financial crisis, largely due to mortgage-related losses.

Bank of America spokesman Larry Di Rita declined to comment. The bank had 275,460 employees at the end of the second quarter.

Under Project New BAC, Bank of America has said it planned to eliminate \$5 billion in annual expenses and 30,000 jobs by the end of 2013, largely through cuts in consumer and technology areas.

A second phase is expected to eliminate \$3 billion in annual expenses by mid-2015 by making undisclosed cuts in capital markets, commercial banking and wealth management areas.

In the second quarter, cost savings from the first phase were running at an annual pace of \$970 million, behind a goal of \$1 billion, the *Journal* said, citing the document.

Bank of America is one of many financial companies slashing thousands of jobs amid new regulations and a tepid economy that are crimping revenue.

Reuters



A woman smiles as she walks past an electronic board displaying graphs showing recent movements of Japanese market indices, outside a brokerage in Tokyo on 15 Feb, 2012. Asian shares, oil and copper extended losses on 20 Sept, 2012 after data indicated little respite for Chinese manufacturers, keeping the outlook unclear whether policymakers in the world's second-largest economy will feel compelled to follow the global rush of stimulus action.—REUTERS



Pedestrians are reflected in the window as customers conduct transactions at a Bank of America ATM in Washington on 19 July, 2011.—REUTERS

Six million Americans likely to pay healthcare tax in 2016 Health

WASHINGTON, 20 Sept— US budget experts raised their forecast on Wednesday of how many Americans will probably have to pay a penalty in 2016 for not buying health insurance to 6 million from 4 million. The 50 percent increase was likely to draw fire from Republicans on the campaign trail who want to repeal President Barack Obama's signature healthcare law and who reject the penalty as a government intrusion into the lives of individuals.

But the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said some of the increase reflects state opposition to an expansion under the healthcare law of the Medicaid programme for the poor, which is most unpopular in states with Republican governors or Republican-majority legislatures. CBO, which issued its last forecast in April 2010, also attributed the larger number of people

facing penalties to a bleaker economic picture that will mean higher unemployment and lower wages and salaries.

There are now 49 million people without health insurance in the United States, according to the US Census Bureau. Under the Affordable Care Act, better known to the public as "Obamacare," more than 30 million people would become eligible to buy subsidized private insurance or receive Medicaid coverage in 2014.

The law requires most Americans to have some form of health insurance — known as the individual mandate. The law stipulates that those who do not acquire health coverage will face a penalty.

The penalty is scheduled to rise in 2016 to \$695 or 2.5 percent of household income, whichever is greater. That year is when the law's provisions are expected to operate fully.—Reuters

Bottles of Zocor, the Merck & Co Inc cholesterol fighting drug, are shown in a pharmacy in Westfield, New Jersey, on 28 Nov, 2005. REUTERS



Corporate investment in US start-ups rises 16 percent in second quarter Business

SAN FRANCISCO, 20 Sept — Corporate-backed venture groups invested \$2.1 billion in the quarter ended 30 June, up 16 percent from the same period in 2011, underscoring the continued allure start-ups hold for their more established competitors.

The corporate-backed funds invested in some 118 companies in the United States, according to a report released on Thursday by consultancy CB Insights, with internet companies winning almost one-third of the cash.

Healthcare and the automotive/transportation sectors each took 20 percent.

Most deals involved co-investors from traditional venture capital firms such as First Round Capital, Index Ventures, and Sequoia Capital.

Big companies like to invest in start-ups to keep an eye on potential new technologies and players in their fields. Financial gains are typically less important than the strategic insights the bigger companies gain.

Reuters

Smoking, drinking tied to earlier pancreatic cancer Health



Two shots of liquor and cigarette are seen at a bar in Prague on 12 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

NEW YORK, 20 Sept—People who smoke or drink heavily may develop pancreatic cancer at an earlier age than folks who avoid those habits, a new study suggests.

It's long been known that smoking is a risk factor for developing pancreatic cancer — a disease that is rarely caught early and has a grim prognosis. Only about five of every 100 people diagnosed with the cancer are still alive five years later. The evidence on heavy drinking has been more mixed, but some studies have suggested it's also a risk factor. Now, the new results show the disease may strike smokers and drinkers earlier in life.

"If you do have these habits, and you're going to develop pancreatic cancer, the age of presentation may be younger," said lead researcher Dr Michelle A Anderson, of the University of Michigan Health System in Ann Arbor.

Her team also found that the effect disappeared for

former smokers or drinkers if they had quit 10 years or more before being diagnosed.

On average, the risk of developing pancreatic cancer in your lifetime is about one in 71. And the average age at diagnosis is 72, according to the American Cancer Society.

But in this study, current smokers and heavy drinkers were diagnosed a decade earlier than that.

That could be an important motivator for people to quit smoking or curb their drinking, according to Anderson. "That's potentially an extra decade of life," she said.

The findings, reported in the *American Journal of Gastroenterology*, are based on 811 patients in a pancreatic cancer registry. Those who were current smokers were typically diagnosed around age 62, versus age 70 among non-smokers. Heavy drinkers, meanwhile, were typically diagnosed at age 61 — almost a decade earlier than non-drinkers. Heavy drinking was defined as roughly three or more standard drinks a day. A 12-ounce beer or five ounces of wine would equate to a standard drink.

The findings do not prove that smoking or drinking led to the earlier cancers. But Anderson's team did account for a number of other factors, like body weight and family history of pancreatic cancer. And smoking and heavy drinking were still linked to earlier diagnoses.

What's more, Anderson noted, there was a "dose" effect. Smokers who went through more than a pack a day were diagnosed at a younger age than people who smoked less than a pack per day. And once people had refrained from smoking or heavy drinking for a decade, the excess risk of an early cancer seemed to disappear.

According to Anderson, the findings could have implications in the future, if widespread screening for pancreatic cancer becomes a reality.—Reuters

WORLD

US official says Benghazi consulate was "terrorist attack"

US

WASHINGTON, 20 Sept—The assault on the US consulate in Benghazi last week in which four Americans died was a "terrorist attack" that may have had an al-Qaeda connection, a top US counterterrorism official told Congress on Wednesday.

Rocket-propelled grenades and mortars struck the consulate on 11 September, the anniversary of the 2001 attacks on the United States. US Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans died.

"They were killed in the course of a terrorist attack on our embassy," Matthew

Olsen, director of the National Counterterrorism Centre, said in response to a question at a Senate hearing.

Olsen said whether the attack was planned for 11 September was under investigation, but the information so far indicated it was "an opportunistic attack" that "began and evolved, and escalated over several hours."

There were well-armed militants in the area, he said. "What we don't have at this point is specific intelligence that there was a significant advance planning or coordination for this attack."

Whether or not the attack was planned well in advance has become a point of dispute between the Obama administration and Republican lawmakers who say it bears the hallmarks of a premeditated assault. Senior Libyan officials have said the attack was planned in advance.

At the same hearing, Republican Senator Susan Collins said she agreed with Libyan officials that the attack was premeditated, planned and associated with the 11 September anniversary. She expressed concern about the security at the



The US Consulate in Benghazi is seen in flames during a protest by an armed group said to have been protesting a film being produced in the United States on 11 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

consulate, where no Marines were present and security was handled by foreign nationals. Olsen told lawmakers US authorities are investigating who was responsible for the

attack, and it appeared that a "number of different elements" were involved, including individuals connected to militant groups. Reuters

An Israeli Defence Forces' (IDF) artillery soldier takes part in a major day-long drill on the Golan Heights on 19 Sept, 2012. Israeli Air Force and army's northern and central command ground units on Wednesday held a major day-long drill on the Golan Heights.

XINHUA



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European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso addresses a news conference after meeting Egypt's President Mohamed Mursi (unseen) at the EU Commission headquarters in Brussels on 13 September, 2012.—REUTERS

BRUSSELS, 20 Sept—European Union and Chinese leaders will try to bridge growing differences over trade and find common ground on tackling Europe's debt crisis at a summit in Brussels on Thursday. Overseas trade is

EU, China leaders meet amid growing trade disputes

one of few bright spots in Europe and a critical source of growth for the region's economy, which has slumped under the weight of the debt and banking crises, with EU gross domestic product falling and unemployment steadily rising.

Trade between China and the EU, the world's biggest trading bloc with a market of 500 million people, rose to 428 billion euros in 2011, having doubled in size since 2003. Chinese companies are increasingly investing in Europe, while the Chinese government is an important buyer of the debt of euro zone

governments. China's foreign exchange reserves are the world's largest at \$3.24 trillion, and economists say roughly a quarter of that consists of euro-denominated assets.

At the same time, trade disputes are intensifying. In the latest spat, the European Commission accused China of selling solar panels below cost on the EU market, angering Beijing and threatening wider business ties. Beijing has not linked purchases of EU government bonds to trade disputes, said Zhang Yongjun, an economist at the China Centre for International Economic

Exchanges, a Beijing government think-tank.

"But the two issues concern the bilateral relations and cannot be separated." An EU official played down the problems ahead of Thursday's summit, which he said would not be a summit for big decisions but rather a meeting focused on "consolidation". Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao will meet European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso and Herman Van Rompuy, president of the European Council, which represents national governments. —Reuters

Mexico's Pena Nieto optimistic on labour reform bill

SAO PAULO, 20 Sept—Mexico's incoming president Enrique Pena Nieto on Wednesday raised pressure on his Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) to back a labour reform proposed by the outgoing administration, saying he was optimistic Congress would pass it.

The draft bill put forward this month is viewed as a litmus test of cooperation between the centrist PRI and President Felipe Calderon's conservatives. The lower house of Congress has 11 more days to either approve or reject it.

The reform aims to soften Mexico's antiquated labour laws and force its trade unions to become more transparent, which has raised the hackles of the PRI's powerful union base.

However, Pena Nieto, who takes office on 1 December, fell short of a majority in the new Congress and is likely to need support from Calderon's National

Action Party (PAN) to pass his own economic reforms.

The labour reform is also a test of whether the PRI, which has sought to reinvent itself behind the youthful Pena Nieto, is prepared to break with the past by risking the wrath of unions.

Speaking at a news conference after a meeting with Brazilian business leaders in Sao Paulo, Pena Nieto talked up the bill's chances of success when he was asked about it.



Mexico's President-elect Enrique Pena Nieto attends a media conference after a business meeting at the FIESP (Sao Paulo Industry Federation) in Sao Paulo on 19 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

"I am very optimistic. I think there's a great chance the debate on this plan will allow common ground and consensus to be found among different political forces," he said.

"I support it and hope all political forces work towards constructing rather than obstructing."

The bill aims, among other things, to make public the accounts of trade unions, which have long been viewed as corrupt and prone to self-enrichment.

PRI union leaders in Congress have already said the bill contains elements they cannot accept. But reformers within the PRI, which became a byword for corruption during the seven decades it ruled Mexico between 1929 and 2000, say failure to pass a bill would send a message that the party has not changed, and complicate working with Calderon's PAN. Reuters

Police begin enforcing controversial Arizona immigration measure

US

PHOENIX, 20 Sept—Arizona police on Wednesday began enforcing a controversial "show-your-papers" provision of a state law targeting illegal immigration as civil rights groups prepared to document allegations of racial profiling.

Police in the border state with Mexico are now authorized to begin conducting immigration status checks of anyone they stop for any reason and suspect of being in the country illegally after a federal judge on Tuesday lifted an injunction against the provision requiring such checks.

The measure, upheld by the US Supreme Court in June, is part of a broad Arizona clampdown on illegal immigration signed into law in 2010 by Republican Governor Jan Brewer, an outspoken foe of President Barack Obama's administration on immigration. Brewer has said the law

was needed because of the federal government's failure to secure the border with Mexico. She said enforcement would be free of any racial profiling.

"It's definitely a new phase, and one where we'll be looking very carefully to monitor for civil rights violations in the state," said Karen Tumlin, managing attorney with the National Immigration Law Centre, one



Arizona Governor Jan Brewer listens to a question from a media member about the Supreme Court's decision on SB1070 in Phoenix, Arizona, on 25 June, 2012. REUTERS

of a coalition of groups that challenged the law.

"There is a hotline set up ... where folks can report any violations or questionings or detentions that happen under the law," she added.

The US Supreme Court, in upholding the measure even as it struck down three other Arizona immigration provisions, has left open the door for legal challenges, saying constitutional or other challenges could proceed once the measure took effect.

Rights activists who have fought a two-year legal battle against the measure have said they are ready to go to court quickly if they learn of instances of racial profiling or illegal detention.

Opponents of the measure are also pinning hopes on a legal challenge filed with the 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals that seeks an injunction to halt the law's enforcement. Reuters

WORLD



Mexican President Felipe Calderon Hinojosa (C), First Lady Margarita Zavala (R) and the Mexican Secretary of the Interior Alejandro Poire (L), participate in the ceremony of the national flag raising at half mast, in memory of the victims of the earthquake of 1985, in the Zocalo Square of Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 19 Sept, 2012. —XINHUA

Colombia's Santos faces tougher peace talks—Pastrana

Colombia

BOGOTA, 20 Sept—The last Colombian president to negotiate with Marxist rebels says current leader Juan Manuel Santos will face an even tougher time in new talks because of opposition from the far right and doubts about whether rebel leaders are united.

Andres Pastrana led the last attempt at peace more than a decade ago, but those talks collapsed and they were seen as having helped the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, build up their fighting forces.

Half-way through his four-year term, Santos is staking his reputation and political future on a new round of peace talks set to start in October with the drug-funded FARC rebels, who took up arms almost 50 years ago in a conflict that has killed tens of thousands.

Pastrana is warning that possible divisions inside the FARC could make it a lot more difficult to reach a peace deal.

“Are the FARC united? Are all the (FARC divisions) in the negotiation?,” Pastrana asked rhetorically in an interview late on Tuesday

with *Reuters* at his office.

“During our negotiation, one knew that when (FARC founder Manuel) Marulanda was there and took a decision, it was monolithic. Today, are these decisions monolithic or is there a front that wants to continue drug trafficking or that doesn't want to enter into a peace process? That is the doubt.”

Pastrana's negotiations from 1999 to 2002 gave rebels a demilitarized area the size of Switzerland, but further talks collapsed after guerrillas hijacked an airplane.

The failure paved the way

for conservative Alvaro Uribe to take over the presidency with a clear mandate to crack down on the FARC.

A decade of Uribe's US-backed offensive more than halved the guerrilla army's ranks and pushed it back to remote jungle and mountain hide-outs.

Down but not out, the FARC increased its attacks in the last two years of Uribe's government and has continued to harass government forces since Santos took office.

Reuters



Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos (R) and Mexico's President-elect Enrique Pena Nieto wave to the media during Pena Nieto's visit at the presidential palace in Bogota on 18 Sept, 2012. —REUTERS

Russia says USAID's exit due to intervention in domestic political affairs

Russia

MOSCOW, 20 Sept—Russia confirmed on Wednesday that the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will leave the country from 1 Oct, accusing the agency has tried to influence domestic political affairs.

“This decision (to shut down USAID) is made due to attempts of the agency to influence political processes, civil society institutions, and elections at various levels, through distribution of grants,” Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Lukashevich told reporters here. “Serious questions arose from USAID activities in Russian regions, especially in the North Caucasus,” he said. Moscow has warned Washington several times that such activities did not in line with aims of bilateral humanitarian cooperation, the spokesman added. However, Lukashevich also noted that Russia would like to cooperate with USAID in the third country over humanitarian aid projects. “But such cooperation should adhere to principles of equality, respects of each other's interests and non-interference in domestic affairs,” he stressed. USAID is America's primary official foreign aid agency.

Xinhua

US warship visits Russia's Vladivostok

VLADIVOSTOK, 20 Sept—A US guided-missile frigate called at the Russian Pacific Fleet base in Vladivostok on Thursday for an official visit. The *USS Vandergrift* was hosted by the Varyag guided-missile destroyer.

The programme of the three-day visit includes meetings with fleet officers, a ceremony of laying wreaths at the Memorial of Combat Glory of the Pacific Fleet and sightseeing tours in the Russian Far-Eastern city.

The US sailors will also visit the children oncology center and the “Sail of Hope” rehabilitation centre.—*Xinhua*

Unemployment mounts as Iran's economy falters

Iran

DUBAI, 20 Sept—A wealthy Iranian businessman sits in the lobby of one of Dubai's most luxurious hotels, shaking his head as he laments the state of Iran's economy.

“Business is drying up, industry is collapsing. There's zero investment,” he said. “I know. I see it with my own eyes.”

He is en route from Europe, where he runs a company that makes electrical goods, to Iran, a trip he makes several times a year.

Iranians are reeling under tough economic sanctions imposed by Western countries since the start of the year over the Islamic Republic's pursuit of its nuclear programme, which Washington says is a drive to develop a weapons capability.

Inflation is running at 25 percent officially, and could in reality be double that, economists say, and hundreds of thousands have lost their jobs as trade embargoes have curbed export prospects and made it difficult for many Iranian companies to obtain vital raw materials.

Even when they do so, a plunge in the rial currency—which has halved in value over the last 12 months—has pushed up overheads, forcing employers to cut payrolls.

“We're close to seeing mass unemployment in cities and queues for social handouts. There are few alternatives for those people

and many will end up on the bread line,” said Mehrdad Emadi, an Iranian-born economic adviser to the European Union, who is based in the UK.

A series of conversations conducted by *Reuters* with Iranians by telephone reveal how widespread unemployment is becoming. They requested that their identities or the names of their employers not be revealed because of the sensitivity of the issue.

Mona, 31, lost her job in the human resources department of a large private contractor in the oil, gas and construction industries six

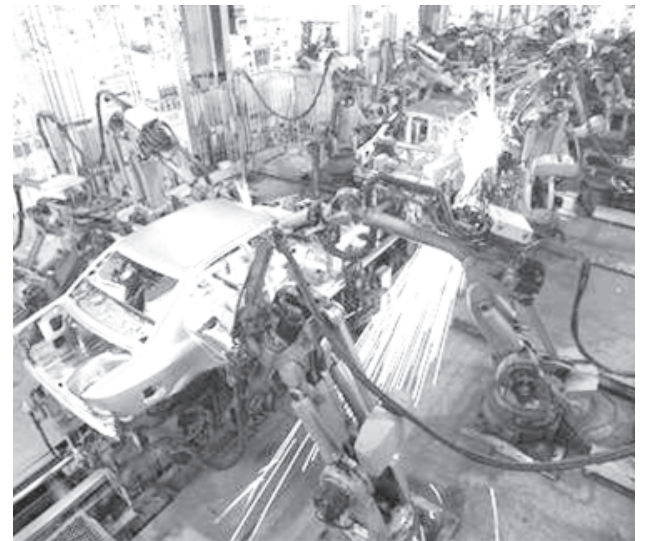
months ago and has struggled to find work since.

The company started to trim its workforce of 6,000 three years ago but conditions sharply deteriorated last year and many staff didn't receive their wages for months.

Mona says she lost her job after she and some of her colleagues wrote a letter to their managers protesting about their withheld wages.

“At first I was only concerned about how to spend my time but soon the reality of the horrible economic situation kicked in,” she said by telephone from Teheran.

Reuters



Robots work on a production line of carmaker Iran Khodro, west of Tehran, in this 19 June, 2011 file photo. Iranians are reeling under tough economic sanctions imposed by Western countries since the start of the year over the Islamic Republic's pursuit of its nuclear programme, which Washington says is a drive to develop a weapons capability.—REUTERS

Hillsborough disaster policeman referred to watchdog

LONDON, 20 Sept—A senior police officer accused of helping orchestrate a cover-up to place blame for Britain's worst football stadium disaster on drunken, rowdy fans could face an investigation leading to possible prosecution, officials said on Wednesday.

The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC), which investigates complaints against the police in England and Wales, said West Yorkshire police had referred Chief Constable Norman Bettison's case to it on Tuesday following complaints from members of the public.

Bettison worked on the flawed operation at the Hillsborough Stadium in 1989 when 96 football fans died in a crush.

He used to serve in the South Yorkshire police in northern England and is currently the most senior officer on the West Yorkshire

force. A report published last week by the Hillsborough Independent Panel produced evidence of a police cover-up after the crush caused by overcrowding at the 1989 FA Cup semi-final between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest.

The report said more than 100 statements taken at the time had been doctored to remove evidence that painted the police in a

negative light. The authorities sought to shift the blame to Liverpool fans, portrayed as drunk, aggressive and ticketless.

It also criticised the emergency services for their poor handling of the incident.

The first complaint alleges that Bettison “was involved in the production and supply of misleading information” relating to Hillsborough.—*Reuters*



Tributes are seen on the gates at Anfield stadium in Liverpool, northern England on 12 Sept, 2012.

REUTERS

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 21 September, 2012

Knowledge promotion for all

The scope of library services go far beyond library science as there are restrictions concerning literary and artistic works and the rules of intellectual property rights staff of the profession should know well and observe. So they must have the knowledge on protecting intellectual property rights and related rights as well. Only then they can offer better services for the public in connection with the intellectual property.

Intellectual property or IP refers to all kinds of the creations of the mind. IP is divided into two categories: Industrial property and Copyright, which includes literary and artistic works. IP we are dealing with daily at the libraries concerns with Copyright, which includes novels, poems and plays, films, musical works, artistic works such as drawings, paintings, photographs and sculptures, and architectural designs and those of performing artists in their performances, producers of phonograms in their recordings, and those of broadcasters in their radio and television programs.

Systematic establishment of a fair and effective copyright protection system will be much valuable for socio-economic development of every country.

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Truly, libraries and library services can enhance public knowledge or in other words intellectual development in one way or another. Leaders of world nations and academics of various fields unanimously herald the 21st century as "Knowledge Age". In fact, all fields of knowledge are facing challenges of the knowledge age itself. And the only way to overcome these challenges is the knowledge promotion for all. Here, libraries and library services are the core of knowledge promotion for all.

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Thein Tun

NATIONAL



President U Thein Sein being welcomed by officials of Yunnan Province at Kunming International Airport (News on page 1)

MNA

Union Rail Transportation Minister calls for unity among staff

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept—Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Zeyar Aung called for effective management and employment of advancing technologies as he met officials, staff, trainees, and officials of Transport Planning Department, Directorate of Road Administration Department and Road Transport at Central Institute of Transport and Communications School in Meiktila Township, Mandalay Region on 18 September.

The Union Minister then visited commodity transportation division of Transport Planning Department and Directorate of Road Transport in Meiktila.

While visiting coach and wagon workshop (Myitnge), he stressed the need for service delivery out of goodwill. He

called on them to work cooperatively for accomplishment of the ministry's objectives, demanding the quality of locomotives and coaches.

The Union Minister met officials of Myanmar Railways and Transport Planning Department and Directorate of Road Administration Department at Mandalay Railway Station yesterday morning, warning against corruption, bribery and misuse of power. He urged them to share responsibility and authority to subordinates, instilling a sense of accountability to them.

He viewed round the related facilities in Mandalay before inspecting the sections and stations from Ywahtaung Station to Nay Pyi Taw Station by train.—MNA

Kayin State chief minister, KNU peace-making group say prayers for peace

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept—Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min and KNU peace-making group led by Brig-Gen Johnny said prayers for peace at Kayin Baptist Church in Paingkyon as they elaborated on peace process to local people of Paingkyon and surrounding villages at Kayin Baptist Church in Paingkyon on 16 September, donating two sets of computer

in honour of the peace process.

Kayin State Immigration and National Registration Department issued citizenship scrutiny cards to 440 local national people, male or female, for free in a day at Kapali Village in Hlinebwe Township the same day.

The Kayin state chief minister and the KNU peace-

making group were present on the occasion together with station commanders of border guard forces, and national race leaders from Myainggyingu.

The state chief minister and KNU peace-making group members handed over citizenship scrutiny cards and donated cash assistance to elderly persons.

A medical team led by

the head of State Health Department and the medical superintendent of State People's Hospital gave medical treatment to the citizenship scrutiny card applicants for free, presenting spectacles to patients with impaired vision.

The chief minister and KNU peace-making group donated a set of computer each to Paingkyone Basic Education High School and Myoma Parahita Minastic School in Paingkyone.

MNA

Sawn teak timber seized

District News

BAGO, 20 Sept—A team led by Senior Forester U Win Hsan of Bago Township Forest Department together with members of Bawnatgyi Police Station, acting on tip-off, searched a Super Custom driven by Win Lwin (a) Wai Phyo Than, son of U Tun Win of Shwepyiaye Village in Tawkywein Village-tract,

near mile post 42/7 on Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw Expressway on 15 September afternoon.

The authorities seized 39 pieces of sawn teak timber weighing 1.2538 tons worth K 313,450.

Bawnatgyi Police Station opened a file against him.—Myanma Alin



In memory of U San Mya-Daw Saw Mya Phu and younger brother Sai Kham Hla of Anawrahta Housing in Kamayut Township, the family donated K 330,000 for medical fund and a day meal to Hnizigon Home for the Aged through Joint Secretary U Maung Maung Gyi on 24-9-2012.—NLM

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

NATIONAL



Vice-President U Nyan Tun giving encouragement to athletes doing body building exercise at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Training Camp No. 2 (Lewe). MNA

Vice-President U Nyan Tun...

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On his arrival at the construction site of Wunna Theikdi Advanced Sports Ground in Zabuthiri Township, Chairman of the subcommittee for opening and concluding the SEA Games Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu reported to the Vice-President on the preparation tasks being carried out. The Vice-President and his entourage looked around

Wunna Theikdi Advanced Sports Ground and Advanced Gym including progress of the construction of an advanced swimming pool.

Afterwards, the Vice-President viewed athletes training hard at Nay Pyi Taw rowing training camp.

The Vice-President then arrived in the sports village where he inspected sportsmen/women's hostels, Gold Camp management hostel and mess halls.

MNA

Versatile outstanding students to be honoured

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept—Students who are outstanding in academic learning and are healthy with high standard of morality will be honoured as part of efforts for promoting the education and producing good

citizens.

A student's participation in social welfare activities will also be used as a criteria for assessing the abilities of an all-round outstanding student, said Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye at

the meeting on selecting all-round outstanding students and on forming committees for youth volunteers troops and scouts troops at basic education schools.

Afterwards, U Bo Win, Director-General of the Education Planning and

Training Department, clarified the drafts of the programme for selecting the all-round outstanding students and for forming youth volunteers troops and scout troops.

Deputy Ministers U Aye Kyu and Dr Myo Myint also attended the meeting.

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District News

Surgical operation for hip conjoined twins for the first time

MANDALAY, 20 Sept—The hip conjoined twin brothers are now at Mandalay Children's Hospital (550-bed). The surgical operation for them will be for the first time in Myanmar of hip conjoined twin.

Aung Khant Kyaw and Aung Myat Kyaw of the twins were born through surgical operation in Mandalay on 15 May 2011 and their parents reside in Htonbo Village of Sagaing Township.

The children are now in good health condition. The hospital is providing medical checkup to them. Surgical operation for hip conjoined twins will be more difficult than Siamese conjoined twins. In the third week of November 2012, the surgical operation at them will be performed by child surgical specialist Prof Dr Aung Mya and other specialists, anesthetic specialist and bone specialist at Mandalay Children's Hospital (550-bed), said Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Kyaw Myint.—Myanma Alin



Photo shows hip conjoined twin brothers Aung Khant Kyaw and Aung Myat Kyaw to be given surgical operation as the first time of Myanmar.

MNA

Hinthada District secures champion in Region's Inter-District Football Tourney



HINTHADA, 20 Sept—The final match of Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister's Cup Inter-District U-25 Football was held at the people's sports ground on 14 September afternoon.

In the match, Hinthada District emerged champion with a 3-0 victory over Maubin District.

Region Minister for Forestry and Mines U Soe Myint awarded championship trophy to first prize winning Hinthada District team.

Deputy Commissioner U Mya Aye of the District General Administration Department presented medal and K 500,000 to Hinthada District team, Commander of District Police Force Lt-Col Min Lwin to the

second prize winning Maubin District, Deputy Director of Region Sports and Physical Education Department U Soe Nyunt best player awards to the winners in the respective places.—Myanma Alin

21st Century English-Myanmar Pocket Dictionary comes out

YANGON, 20 Sept—The second edition of 21st Century English-Myanmar Pocket Dictionary compiled by Writer Maung Maung Aye (MMA) has come out. The writer recommends the dictionary suitable for those who study English, including students of middle school, especially for translators. Sharing his experiences in the capacities of editor, deputy chief editor, chief editor and adviser in translation of news and articles, the writer gathered the useful vocabularies and usages in his book. The dictionary is available at K 3000 per copy at Unity Publishing House at No. 5 on Yadana Theinga Road, Sangyoung Township, Yangon, Tel: 09-5130977.—NLM

News in Brief

Plans of Social Security Board explained

The chairman of Social Security Board explained extended works for Yangon Region and implementation for low-cost housing projects in line with Social Security Law in 2012 at the office of Yangon Region Government on 18 September.

National races take part in Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

19th Myanmar National Races Traditional Performing Arts Competition was held in Myawady District on 14 September. Participants took part in the competition, and members of Kayin literature and culture association entertained the guests with don dances.

Ecotourism course 22 Oct-16 Nov

Ministry of Hotels and Tourism will conduct the course on ecotourism from 22 October to 16 November. The course will admit 60 trainees only. Those wishing to attend the course may contact the training school at 458/460 on Maha Bandoola Street in Pabedan Township, Tel: 01-373972 and 01-385017.

Computer science course opened

Mon State Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee jointly organized the computer science course at AITI Computer Training Centre in Mawlamyine on 18 September. Altogether 16 trainees are attending the course.

Supply of electricity launched

The supply of electricity was launched in Zeedaw, Mingan and Bok villages of Patheingyi Township on 18 September. One each of 11/0.4 KV (315) KVA transformer is installed at the three villages to supply electricity to 69 households in Zeedaw, 73 in Mingan and 74 in Bok villages.

Farmers interested in cultivation of sugarcane

As various kinds of crops are damaged in natural disasters, farmers in Yedashe Township are more interested in cultivation of sugarcane. At present, sugar mills purchase one ton of sugarcane per K 10,000 and provide fertilizers and agricultural loans to sugarcane growers.

University Council of ITBMU 25 Sept

International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University will hold its University Council meeting 1/2012 at the university in Mayangon Township at 1 pm on 25 September.

Golf tourney of YPGG 30 Sept

Yudana Plaza Golfers Group (YPGG) holds 47th golf tourney at Thanlyin Golf Course at 6.30 pm on 30 October. Those wishing to take part in the tourney may dial 09-5105435 of U Chit, 09-5168178 of U Tin Shwe, 09-5154418 of U Kyaw Win and 09-5016616 of U Tun Tun Oo.

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WORLD

Mexico

Mexico detains 16 guards over prison break

MEXICO CITY, 20 Sept—A local judge on Wednesday ordered the detention of 16 prison guards in connection with Monday's mass prison break at a northern Mexican jail along the border with the US state of Texas.

The prison's director and 15 guards are to be detained for 40 days while prosecutors investigate their possible role in the escape, the Coahuila state attorney general's office said in a statement.

After taking testimony from the guards, Coahuila state prosecutor Homero Ramos said investigators were looking into the possibility that several inmates escaped through the prison's gate with the help of the guards. Coahuila's Public Security Secretary Jorge Luis Moran indicated at a Press conference that recaptured inmates "confirm the hypothesis that inmates escaped through the main gate and that there was total complicity, collusion and betrayal on the part of prison employees."

Moran said the majority of the escaped inmates had connections with the Zetas drug cartel, and its leaders, with the help of the prison staff, had arranged the jailbreak. State police officers were attacked by gunmen with high-caliber weapons and grenades when they tried to reach the prison immediately after the escape, raising suspicions that the Zetas were involved, he added.—Xinhua

A worker walks out of a collapsed tunnel on the Daqing-Guangzhou Expressway in Longnan County in the city of Ganzhou, east China's Jiangxi Province, on 19 Sept, 2012. The 16 workers were all rescued after being trapped in the collapsed tunnel for about 44 hours. A tunnel which was still under construction collapsed on Monday night.—XINHUA



Liu Yunshan (R), publicity chief of the Communist Party of China (CPC), meets with Alejandra Sota Mirafuentes (L), general coordinator of media and communications of the Mexican Presidential Office, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on 19 Sept, 2012.—XINHUA

China, Mexico vow to enhance press cooperation

BEIJING, 20 Sept—China and Mexico on Wednesday vowed to establish a regular exchange mechanism between the press of the two countries and strengthen their cooperation.

The pledge came out of a meeting between Liu Yunshan, publicity chief of the Communist Party of China (CPC), and Alejandra Sota Mirafuentes, general coordinator of media and communications of the Mexican Presidential Office, at the Great Hall of the People

in Beijing.

China is ready to take this year, the 40th anniversary of bilateral ties, as an opportunity to strengthen exchanges between the press, especially new media, and cooperate in various ways in order to contribute to the two countries' political mutual trust and friendly relationship, Liu said.

He added that China will work with Mexico to further develop their strategic partnership and promote the long-term and stable

development of bilateral reciprocal cooperation.

Sota, who is on her first China visit, said she hopes to learn more about China during the visit, promote press cooperation and establish a regular exchange mechanism. She said enhancing dialogue and cooperation between Mexico and China, two influential developing countries, will benefit the two countries and peoples and help maintain the overall interests of all developing countries.—Xinhua

Spain to have 6 million unemployed in 2013:

CEOE

MADRID, 20 Sept—The Spanish Confederation of Business Organizations (CEOE) reported on Wednesday that Spain will have almost 6 million people unemployed in 2013. According to the data released by the business organization, despite the labor reform adopted by the Spanish government, unemployment will continue to grow and in 2012 will reach 5.8 million people. This means that the unemployment rate will be 25.2 percent in 2012 and will reach 26.5 percent in 2013.

This report also revealed data on economic growth. The CEOE said that the Spanish economy will contract by 1.6 percent in 2012 and in 2013.

These data do not correspond to those provided by the Spanish government, which forecasted that the Spanish GDP would contract by 1.5 percent in 2012 and 0.5 percent in 2013.

Regarding the Spanish government, the CEOE says it will not be able to meet the deficit targets. Spain should reach 6.3 percent of deficit

Spain

and according to the report released on Wednesday it will reach 6.9 percent in 2012.

In 2013 the Spanish deficit will be 4.9 percent, meanwhile the European Union asks for a 4.5 percent.

The CEOE worsens its forecast since last March when it reported that the Spanish GDP would contract by 0.7 percent and the unemployment rate would be 23.9 percent in 2013.

This is because domestic demand has worsened along with the international context perspectives.—Xinhua



A primary school student is instructed to examine her classmate's teeth in Xiangyang City, central China's Hubei Province, on 19 Sept, 2012. The country's "national day for dental care" falls on 20 Sept every year.—XINHUA

UK needs more ambitious electric car grant scheme — MPs

UK

LONDON, 20 Sept—Britain needs a more ambitious programme to encourage the uptake of low-carbon vehicles, as sales of the cars have disappointed, a committee made up of MPs said on Thursday.

As part of its aim to reduce carbon dioxide emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050, the government has offered 25 percent off the price of a plug-in electric car capped at 5,000 pounds.

Plug-in cars, such as the Chevrolet Volt, Nissan Leaf, Toyota Prius and Vauxhall Ampera, typically cost in excess of 20,000 pounds. The government expects to see tens of thousands of plug-in vehicles, which have a longer driving range than all-electric vehicles but which still need to be charged, on the roads by 2015, but demand has been weak, said a report by the Transport Select Committee.

In 2011, 1,052 vehicles eligible for the plug-in car grant were registered. The committee said consumer demand was lagging behind and that the subsidy was ineffective because the purchase price was still too high.

"So far, Department for Transport expenditure on plug-in cars - some 11 million pounds - has benefited just a handful of motorists," said Louise Ellman, chair of the committee.

"Ministers should not sit back and hope that the government's policy on plug-in cars will reduce transport carbon emissions. Far more work is required to ensure that this programme is a good use of public funds."

Emissions from domestic transport account for around a quarter of the UK's total carbon dioxide emissions, with car emissions accounting for over half of that amount.

There is also uncertainty over the number of charging points being installed across the country.

"It is unclear whether the provision of public charging infrastructure encourages demand for plug-in cars. Indeed, the government does not even have a register of all the charge points installed at public expense," Ellman said.

The government should set milestones for the number of plug-ins it expects to see on the roads so the success of its low-carbon vehicle strategy can be assessed, the report said.

Reuters

One inmate shot, 12 stabbed in California prison riot

US

SACRAMENTO, 20 Sept—A California prison inmate was shot and wounded and 12 others were sent to the hospital with stab and slash wounds and head trauma on Wednesday after a riot at the California State Prison-

Sacramento in the city of Folsom, prison officials said.

Rioting involving 60 inmates broke out in the late morning, prompting prison officers to fire six shots with a rifle, wounding one of the inmates, officials said.

The prisoner who was shot had undergone surgery, a spokeswoman for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation said, but his condition was unknown.

California's state prisons have been plagued by hunger strikes, occasional violence and overcrowding and remain at more than 50 percent above capacity, despite a massive shifting of

low-level offenders to county jails that began last year.

The effort to shift the prison population followed a US Supreme Court directive to cut the state inmate population to 110,000 after the nation's top court ruled that overcrowding in the 33-prison system was causing "needless suffering and death."

No prison staff were injured during the Folsom brawl, authorities said. Four of the 12 wounded inmates sent to hospitals were treated and returned to the prison, officials said. The condition of the other wounded inmates was not provided.

Reuters

REGIONAL

China's top legislator pledges cooperation with Malaysia's easternmost state **Malaysia**

KOTA KINABALU, (Malaysia) 20 Sept—China will encourage its enterprises to step up cooperation with Malaysia's easternmost state of Sabah, said China's top legislator Wu Bangguo on Wednesday.

The pledge was made during a meeting between Wu, chairman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress (NPC), and Musa Aman, chief minister of Sabah State of Malaysia.

Wu is paying a stopover

visit to Kota Kinabalu, capital of the Sabah state, before heading for Fiji, the last stop of his four-nation tour which also involves Iran, Myanmar and Sri Lanka.

China encourages relevant provinces and cities to conduct mutually-beneficial cooperation with Sabah state in such areas as infrastructure, port construction and manufacturing, and supports Chinese enterprises to take positive attitudes to explore market in the state, said Wu.

As the Sabah state has rich tourist resources, the two sides should make joint efforts to make tourism a new growth point for pragmatic cooperation, Wu said.

On China-Malaysia relations, Wu said China has always fostered bilateral ties from a strategic and long-term perspective, and will work together with the Malaysian side to deepen political trust and win-win cooperation so as to bring about benefits for the two peoples.—Xinhua



Wu Bangguo (R), chairman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress (NPC), shakes hands with Musa Aman, chief minister of Sabah State of Malaysia, in Kota Kinabalu, capital of the Sabah state of Malaysia, on 19 Sept, 2012.—XINHUA

Radioactive shipment returned to India

COLOMBO, 20 Sept—Sri Lanka has returned a metal shipment that arrived on an Indian vessel after local tests showed they were radioactive, the Power and Energy Ministry said here on Wednesday.

The consignment, contaminated with a radioactive material, has been discovered by the port authorities in a 40-foot container and upon testing it has been found that 125 units of stainless steel and aluminum products were all contaminated.

The tests, which were carried out by the Atomic Energy Authority (AEA), had revealed significant traces of Cobalt 60, which is a highly radioactive element used in the treatment of cancer, Power and Energy Ministry spokesman D. Ramanayake told Xinhua. "The container has been returned to India and the AEA will inform the Indian authorities of the radiation contamination. Sri Lanka's AEA will continue to test materials shipped to Sri Lanka," he said.

The AEA also kept the container secluded for about a week after it arrived at the Colombo port.

Sri Lankan authorities have not decided whether they would take legal action against the owners of the shipment.—Xinhua

Cambodia's flash floods kill two, force evacuation of nearly 4,000 families

PHNOM PENH, 20 Sept—At least 2 people were drowned and nearly 4,000 families have been evacuated to higher ground due to flash floods that have been hitting the provinces of Banteay Meanchey, Preah Vihear, Siem Reap, and Kampong Thom, according to the latest report of the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM) on Wednesday evening.

"The two dead persons

were adults," Keo Vy, chief of the Cabinet of the NCDM, told Xinhua by telephone. "One was in Kampong Thom and the other in Banteay Meanchey."

He said that all the evacuees are in Banteay Meanchey only because other affected provinces are not in serious conditions.

According to Keo Vy, the floods also submerge 8,033 hectares of rice paddy and 1,530 hectares of cassava crops in Banteay Meanchey.

Cambodia's Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology on Monday warned of heavy rains throughout this week and said some 13 provinces out of the country's 24 cities and provinces could suffer from flash floods.

Possible flood-hit

Cambodia

provinces are Oddar Meanchey, Preah Vihear, Banteay Meanchey, Battambang, Pursat, Kampong Chhnang, Siem Reap, Kampong Thom, Kampong Speu, Takeo, Kandal, Prey Veng and Kampot.

Floods usually hit Cambodia between August and October. Last year, the floods killed at least 250 Cambodian people and affected some 1.4 million people in the country, according to the NCDM.

Moreover, nearly 3,000 kilometers of gravel roads and some 180 kilometres of national roads had been damaged.

Last year's floods cost the country about 521 million US dollars.

Xinhua

Israeli air strike kills three Hamas officers in Gaza **Middle East**

GAZA, 20 Sept—An Israeli air strike on a vehicle killed three Palestinian security officials in the Hamas-Islamist ruled Gaza Strip on Wednesday, Palestinian medics and Hamas said.

The Israeli military confirmed it had launched an air strike in Gaza but had no further comment.

Hamas and Palestinian hospital officials said a raid after darkness fell in the town of Rafah on Gaza's border with Egypt killed three officials responsible for overseeing tunnels used to import goods from Egypt.

In a statement, Hamas said "Israel has assassinated three of our officers as they were doing their duty in protecting the security of our people."

Israel accuses Hamas of using the subterranean



Palestinians inspect a destroyed car following an Israeli aerial bombing in the southern Gaza Strip city of Rafah on 19 Sept, 2012. Three Palestinian militants were killed on Wednesday night in an Israeli airstrike on a car that drove in Rafah, medics and witnesses said.

XINHUA

conduits to smuggle in weapons used to attack the Jewish state.

Israel has often targeted Gaza militants by aerial attack in response to rocket fire at its

southern towns. Last week Israel killed three gunmen suspected of firing short-range missiles at an Israeli town.

Reuters



Soldiers and students release peace doves to commemorate the upcoming International Day of Peace on the Pearl River estuary Zhongshan, south China's Guangdong Province, on 19 Sept, 2012. The International Day of Peace, observed annually on 21 Sept, is dedicated to peace and was first celebrated in 1982.—XINHUA

Pakistani military says kills 29 Taliban near Afghan border **Pakistan**

PESHAWAR, 20 Sept—The Pakistani military said it killed 29 Taliban fighters on Wednesday in the final stage of an operation aimed at forcing hundreds of insurgents back across the border into Afghanistan.

Soldiers used artillery, helicopter gunships and fighter jets against the insurgents, accused of beheading 17 Pakistani soldiers in June.

The battle was the culmination of weeks of operations in the remote valleys of the Batwar area of Bajaur tribal agency near the border.

It highlighted once again the difficulty of preventing insurgents from crossing the border to launch attacks or flee from Pakistani or NATO forces bolstering the Afghan government.

Around 400 militants had crossed from Afghanistan into Pakistan on 23 August and attacked villages, said a senior security official based in Khar, the main town of Bajaur.

The army launched operations that killed around 120 militants, another security official said from the border town of Peshawar. Twenty-five soldiers also died in the

fighting.

"The militants escaped to their sanctuaries in Afghanistan and even left the bodies of their slain fighters," said the Peshawar-based official.

He said the armed forces were now establishing posts along that section of the Afghan border to thwart future incursions.

A spokesman for the militants confirmed the attacks were staged by fighters from several regions.

Pakistan and the United States, which has by far the largest foreign contingent in Afghanistan, have accused each other of failing to secure the border.

Some US officials say

Pakistan deliberately lets some insurgents through, a suggestion Pakistan strongly rejects.

Joint efforts to secure the long and mountainous border were hampered by a NATO strike against a Pakistani base last November that killed 24 Pakistani soldiers and severely damaged relations between Pakistan and the United States for several months.

A bomb in Peshawar killed at least 10 people and wounded more than 30 on Wednesday, police said. The bomb seemed to be targeting a van carrying officials from the Pakistan Air Force, said local police official, Imtiaz Ahmad.—Reuters



A resident walks past a damaged vehicle at the site of a bomb attack on the outskirts of Peshawar on 19 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

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**Streamlined
visa process
draws more
tourists to
US**

WASHINGTON, 20 Sept—Mexico, China and Brazil, along with other countries, are contributing more to the US tourism industry thanks to a streamlined visa process and reduced wait time, the White House said on Wednesday.

The White House released a progress report saying the Departments of State and Homeland Security were surpassing the goals set by President Barack Obama in January in terms of visa interview time and visa processing capacity to boost the tourism industry in the country.

The report said 88 percent of non-immigrant visa applicants worldwide are interviewed within three weeks of submitting their applications, as against the goal of 80 percent envisioned by Obama.

"In key markets such as China, consular officers are keeping interview wait times to an average of five days in 2012 while managing a year-on-year 37 percent increase in visa demand," the report said. Like Mexico and Brazil, China has passed the 1-million-visa milestone, the report noted.—Xinhua

**British bankers see average
bonus shrink to 12,000 pounds**

LONDON, 20 Sept—Britain's financial workers watched their bonuses fall to 12,000 pounds on average last year, down about 11 percent from a year earlier, as regulation and tough economic conditions squeezed the sector, official data showed.

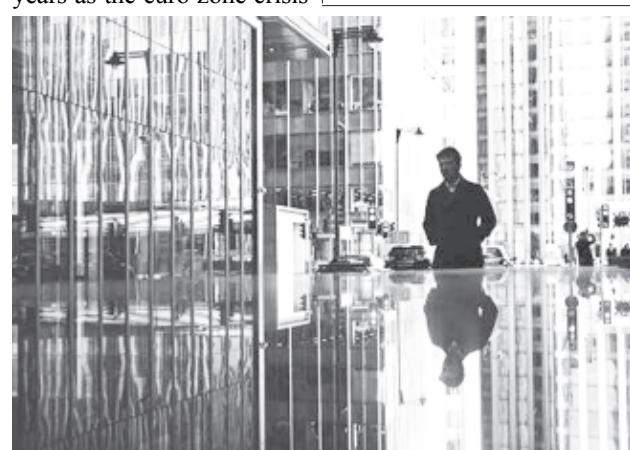
The handouts were still more than eight times the national average, according to the figures released by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) on Wednesday.

British banks like Barclays and Royal Bank of Scotland have been under pressure to stop a high-reward, high-risk culture that was blamed for the financial crisis. Pay structures have also been changed, with many firms lifting base salaries while cutting bonuses.

The total amount of bonuses paid out to British financial service staff fell to 13 billion pounds in the latest financial year, down almost a third from the peak of 19 billion pounds four years ago, the ONS said.

Banks are also trying to cut costs to lift profitability as tougher regulations and a slowdown in investment banking bite.

Up to 15 percent of the 500,000 jobs in investment banking globally could disappear in the next five years as the euro zone crisis



People walk through the the Canary Wharf business district in London on 3 February, 2012.—REUTERS

and stiffer regulation hammers revenue, profitability and risk-taking, Roland Berger Strategy Consultants said on Wednesday. The financial sector accounted for more

than a third of the 37 billion pounds paid in bonuses across Britain in the year to the end of March, even though the industry accounts for just 4 percent of workers, the ONS said.—Reuters



Workers harvest crude salt in Lianyungang, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 9 Sept, 2012. Covering an area of about 3,300 hectares, the salt fields in Lianyungang witnessed the harvest season recently.—XINHUA

**Nike approves \$8 billion share
repurchase programme**

NEW YORK, 20 Sept—Nike Inc is beefing up its capacity to use its cash to purchase its own shares, with the board of the world's largest sportswear maker approving an \$8 billion buyback programme. The new \$8 billion four-year repurchase programme for Nike's class B stock will follow the company's current \$5 billion buyback plan once that programme is completed during the second quarter of fiscal 2013, Nike said on Wednesday.

"Over the past 10 years, Nike has returned \$10 billion to shareholders through the repurchase of more than 167 million shares," Chief Executive Mark Parker said in a statement, adding that share buybacks are a prudent use of Nike's cash.

Nike has a market value of \$44 billion based on its closing share price Wednesday of \$97.66 and its 453.87 million shares outstanding. Another US company, CVS Caremark, also announced a big \$6 billion share buyback programme on Wednesday.—Reuters

ENTERTAINMENT

Lindsay Lohan arrested in NY for hitting pedestrian

NEW YORK, 20 Sept— Lindsay Lohan was arrested on Wednesday after a pedestrian told police that her car struck him as the “Mean Girls” actress was driving into a hotel in New York, New York City police said.

Lohan’s vehicle clipped a 34-year-old man in an alley, around 2:30 am, police told Reuters, and the man later went to a nearby hospital saying he had an injured knee.

The 26-year-old actress, who has been in and out of court, rehab and prison since a 2007 drunk driving arrest in Los Angeles, was arrested

for leaving the scene of an accident. Police arrested her as she left the Dream hotel in lower Manhattan.

She was charged with a misdemeanor and released, the New York police department’s Office of Public Information said.

Lohan’s spokesman in Los Angeles said he believed the claims would not be proved.

“While some of the facts are still being gathered, it appears that this is much ado about nothing. We are confident this matter will be cleared up in the coming weeks and the claims being made against Lindsay will be

proven untrue,” spokesman Steve Honig said in a statement.

Celebrity website TMZ.com, quoting sources at the hotel, said surveillance video of the incident made it hard to tell whether Lohan’s car made contact with the pedestrian or, if it did, how hard.

The New York Daily News identified the man as Jose Rodriguez, a cook who was leaving his workplace, the adjacent Maritime hotel, when the incident occurred.

A Los Angeles judge released Lohan from formal probation in March, but she was instructed to obey all



Actress Lindsay Lohan. REUTERS

laws until 2014. A conviction in the New York case could trigger a violation of those conditions.

Lohan, who rose to fame as a child star in the 1990s, has been trying to make a comeback after her once promising movie career was derailed. She stars as screen legend Elizabeth Taylor in a Lifetime TV movie, “Liz & Dick,” due to air in November.

Reuters

Singer Shakira pregnant with first child

LOS ANGELES, 20 Sept— Colombian singer Shakira said on Wednesday she is expecting her first child, with her Spanish soccer player boyfriend Gerard Pique.

“As some of you may know, Gerard and I are very happy awaiting the arrival of our first baby! At this time we have decided to give priority to this unique moment in our lives and postpone all the promotional activities planned over the next few days,” Shakira, 35, wrote on her website.

The singer, who did not specify a due date, is bowing out of a music festival in Las Vegas this weekend.

In the near future she will be juggling both motherhood and work. Earlier this week the singer, along with R&B star Usher, were confirmed to replace Christina Aguilera and Cee Lo Green for the fourth season next year of NBC’s hit singing contest “The Voice.”



Colombian pop star and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) ambassador, Shakira, and her boyfriend, Barcelona soccer player Gerard Pique.—REUTERS

Shakira burst onto the international pop scene with her 2006 single, “Hips Don’t Lie.”

Pique, 25, plays for FC Barcelona. The couple first met in 2010. This will be their first child.—Reuters

Disney film to show how “Mary Poppins” flew from book to screen

LOS ANGELES, 20 Sept— The tale of how the world’s most beloved nanny, Mary Poppins, flew from the pages of a popular book onto the big screen is the subject of a new film starring Tom Hanks and Emma Thompson, Disney said on Wednesday.

The film called “Saving Mr Banks” began production on Wednesday. It tells of Walt Disney’s 20-year pursuit of the film rights to author PL Travers’ novel “Mary Poppins,” Walt Disney Co’s movie studio said in a statement.

Hanks will play Walt Disney, marking the first time the legendary animator and film producer has ever been depicted in a dramatic film. Thompson will play Travers, who reluctantly granted Disney the film rights while demanding script and character control that clashed with Disney’s vision for the movie musical.

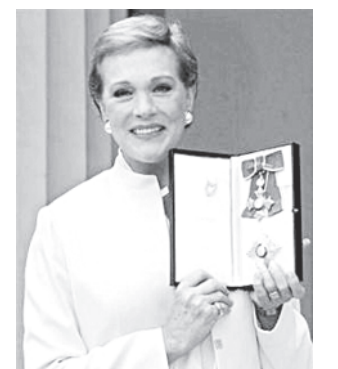
“Mary Poppins” was released in 1964 and won five Oscars, including a best actress award for Julie Andrews in the title role, best original score and best song for “Chim Chim Cher-ee.”

The story of the magical English nanny who flies with her umbrella has also been made into a hit stage musical, playing on Broadway. The Cameron Mackintosh production was also a hit in London’s West End.

John Lee Hancock, whose best-known films include “The Rookie” and “The Blind Side,” will direct “Saving Mr Banks.” The film also stars Colin Farrell as Travers’ father and Rachel Griffiths as her aunt.

“Saving Mr Banks” will be released sometime in 2013, Disney said.

Reuters



Dame Julie Andrews, star of Mary Poppins and the Sound of Music. REUTERS

Dave Matthews Band’s “Away From the World” debuts at No 1

LOS ANGELES, 20 Sept— US rock group Dave Matthews Band’s new album, “Away From the World,” landed in the top spot on the Billboard 200 on Wednesday - the band’s sixth straight No 1-debuting studio

album. But the album’s 266,000 sales figure was the band’s smallest album launch since 1996’s “Crash,” which sold 254,000 copies in its first week, according to Nielsen SoundScan figures.

For only the second time in history, the top six albums on the Billboard 200 chart are debuts, the music publication said.

Country music quartet Little Big Town’s new arrival, “Tornado,” took the second place slot after selling 113,000 copies. It was the group’s best ever sales week.

Bob Dylan’s latest studio album, “Tempest,” landed in the N 3 spot. It sold

110,000 copies. In fourth position, The Avett Brothers’ “The Carpenter” sold 98,000 copies.

Rock act the xx’s second album, “Coexist,” landed in the No 5 spot, while ZZ Top’s “La Futura” came in at No 6 — the legendary rock band’s highest debuting album ever.

On the digital songs chart, country-pop crossover artist Taylor Swift held on to the top spot for the fifth straight week with her single “We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together.”

US album sales so far in 2012 stand at 207.29 million units, down 5 percent from the same time last year.

Reuters

Dave Matthews of The Dave Matthews Band sings during a special pre-game show honouring the Super Orleans Saints who are hosting the Minnesota Vikings in the NFL’s 91st season opener in New Orleans, on 19 Sept, 2010.

REUTERS



Basquiat poised to set record at New York art auction

NEW YORK, 20 Sept— An early work by Jean-Michel Basquiat could set an artist’s record in November when it is expected to sell for some \$20 million, auction house Christie’s said on Tuesday.

The untitled 1981 work, which has been in a private collection for two decades and has been featured in virtually every major Basquiat retrospective, depicts a fisherman displaying his catch hanging at the end of a line.

Christie’s estimates the painting will sell for about \$20 million, which along with its commission would bring the price to well above Basquiat’s auction record of \$20.1 million, set in June in London.

“Great works by Basquiat have become close to impossible to find in recent years,” said Loic Gouzer, international specialist of post-war and contemporary

art at Christie’s, said in a statement. “The market has been waiting a long time for a work of this caliber and freshness.

“Basquiat is increasingly being recognized as a grand master of post-war art alongside de

Kooning, Warhol and Pollock,” Gouzer said.

“We expect it to set a new record.”

The auction house did not identify the seller but catalogs from recent exhibitions of the work identified him as French



A visitor looks at “Orange Sports Figure” by Jean-Michel Basquiat during a contemporary arts exhibition in Doha on 25 Jan, 2012. The painting is estimated to fetch between \$4,680,000 and \$4,240,000 when it is auctioned off in London on 15- 16 Feb.

REUTERS

fashion photographer Patrick Demarchelier.

Basquiat burst onto New York’s burgeoning art scene more than 30 years ago and quickly drew attention and respect for his powerful, jarring and sometimes controversial canvases that drew heavily on his Haitian and Puerto Rican heritage. Basquiat, whose career was the subject of a feature film and a documentary, died in 1988 at the age of 27.

Gouzer said that unlike most artists who win acclaim, “Basquiat created his best paintings at the beginning of his career. ‘Untitled 1981’ unites all the elements of energy, freedom and boldness that one looks for in Basquiat,” he said.

The painting will be sold on 14 Nov following public exhibitions scheduled for London, Paris and New York.

Reuters

SPORTS

Tiger happy with 2012 season, despite major drought

ATLANTA, 20 Sept—Tiger Woods has not won a major title in more than four years but he is delighted with his progress this season, highlighted by three victories on the PGA Tour, after a frustrating 2011 campaign cut short by injury.

The American former world number one missed three months, and two of the four majors, last year after injuring his Achilles during the Masters in April.

"This has been a really good season to come back from last year, not being able to play at all, and then being able to train properly and practice properly," Woods told reporters on Wednesday ahead of this week's Tour Championship.

"Hence I'm producing the results I know I can produce. I've made some great strides

this year. I went from probably most of my career not being a very good driver of the ball to now being one of the better ones out here on tour.

"That is exciting for me. That is one of the reasons why my scoring average is where it's at right now. I've been very consistent."

Helped by his three wins on the 2012 PGA Tour, Woods lies second behind Rory McIlroy in the FedEx Cup points standings coming into this week for the fourth and final playoff event of the season.

He also occupies second place in the scoring average charts, his 68.892 being trumped only by McIlroy's 68.836.

"My short game is finally starting to come around too, which is nice," said Woods. "I made some good changes this



Tiger Woods of the US hits his tee shot on the second tee during the final round of the PGA Championship golf tournament in Carmel, Indiana on 9 Sept, 2012.

REUTERS

summer, and they're finally starting to click in."

Asked what he still needed to do to clinch a 15th major title, Woods replied: "I think just putting it all together at the right time. I've put it together at three events this year. They just happen to be

not the major championships."

"I just need to have those weeks where I put it together and coincide with a major. They're not easy to do. I haven't really done it that often. I've done it 14 times...so they're a little harder to do."

Reuters

Soccer

Bayern banish final demons with Valencia win

MUNICH, 20 Sept—Bastian Schweinsteiger and Bayern Munich cast aside the bitter memories of their

Schweinsteiger, whose spot-kick miss in the final shootout on home turf allowed Chelsea to score and

out crowd in Munich.

Midfielder Toni Kroos added a second when he scored with a 20-metre drive in the 76th minute.

Defensive-minded Valencia, in their first encounter with Bayern since losing to the Germans in the 2001 Champions League final, cut the deficit with a header from Nelson Valdez in stoppage time.

Bayern should then have made it 3-1 but substitute Mario Mandzukic saw his penalty saved by keeper Diego Alves after Adil Rami was sent off.

Bayern coach Jupp Heynckes sprang a surprise with his starting lineup, leaving top scorer Mandzukic on the bench and bringing in the experienced Claudio Pizarro. He also gave 40-million euro signing Javi Martinez his first competitive

start.

The hosts enjoyed the majority of possession but were made to work hard as cautious Valencia defended deeply.

Kroos tried his luck from 20 meters with a powerful drive but Alves was well-placed to save. Bayern, who are top in the Bundesliga, kept at it and Schweinsteiger broke the deadlock after a well-timed pass by Arjen Robben.

Valencia, with only one win in four league games in Spain so far, posed no real threat, waiting for a chance to break and mainly relying on Algerian Sofiane Feghouli's speed for any offensive spark.

Kroos forced another good Alves save with a 20-metre missile on the hour before finally beating the Brazilian after he was left unmarked outside the box.

Reuters

Motor Racing

and fourth places in the other races here.

Even if he fails to finish in Singapore, Alonso (179 points) will retain his title lead heading to Japan on October 7 but the Spaniard will be keen to keep a cushion between himself and the three former champions behind him in the standings.

McLaren's Lewis Hamilton (142 points) is the form driver on the grid after two wins in the last three races, the Briton one point ahead of 2007 champion Kimi Raikkonen with defending double champion Sebastian Vettel a further point back in fourth.—Reuters



Ferrari Formula One driver Fernando Alonso of Spain smiles after cycling on the Marina Bay Street Circuit ahead of the Singapore F1 Grand Prix on 19 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

ground since he won the scandal-tainted inaugural race in 2008, notching up another win two years later and third

Floyd Mayweather must pay Manny Pacquiao over \$113,000 for legal fees

Boxing

NEW YORK, 20 Sept—Manny Pacquiao is still waiting to fight Floyd Mayweather Jr, but he claimed a victory of sorts on Wednesday when a federal judge ruled Mayweather must pay Pacquiao more than \$113,000 for failing to give a deposition in a defamation suit, according to several media reports.

The majority of the money will likely go to Pacquiao's attorneys, who had filed suit on behalf of their boxer client for defamation after Mayweather told reporters and others that Pacquiao uses performance-enhancing drugs.

"Calling a professional athlete a cheater is the most serious charge one can make," Pacquiao's original lawsuit said. "Accusing an athlete of using performance-enhancing drugs—however baseless and lacking in evidence—is toxic."

Mayweather was scheduled to sit for a deposition sometime between June and October last year, but never showed up. One of his arguments was that he was too busy training, but investigators obtained photos of Mayweather at various nightclubs across the country showing him dancing, drinking and spending significant amounts of money.

"Mayweather decided that he, not the court, would determine if and when his deposition would take place," according to the motion.—Reuters

Floyd Mayweather Jr of the US celebrates his victory over WBA super welterweight champion Miguel Cotto of Puerto Rico following their title fight at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada on 5 May, 2012.—REUTERS



Messi double gives Barca comeback win over Spartak

Soccer

BARCELONA, 20 Sept—Lionel Messi started his and Barcelona's Champions League campaign with a bang when he struck twice to secure a 3-2 comeback win for the favorites at home to Spartak Moscow in their Group G opener on Wednesday.

Barca were flirting with a first home defeat in 17 European games when Spartak took a shock 2-1 lead in the 59th minute at the Nou Camp before Messi, top scorer in the competition the past four seasons, leveled 19 minutes from time.

The Argentine World Player of the Year was set up by Cristian Tello, scorer of the home side's 14th-minute opener, and then nodded in the winner in the 80th minute

from a center by substitute Alexis Sanchez.

It was an impressive comeback from the La Liga side, bidding for a third European crown in five years, and ensured a winning debut in the competition for new coach Tito Vilanova.

Spartak were level 15 minutes after Tello's opener without even having to shoot on goal when fullback Daniel Alves turned the ball into his own net.

The visitors' ultra-defensive tactics frustrated Barca and they snatched a shock breakaway goal in the 59th minute when Brazilian midfielder Romulo shrugged off Adriano's challenge and finished low past Victor Valdes.—Reuters



Barcelona's Lionel Messi (C) scores his second goal against Spartak Moscow's Dmitri Kombarov (R) and goalkeeper Andriy Dykan during their Champions League Group G soccer match at Nou Camp stadium in Barcelona, on 19 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS



Bayern Munich's Toni Kroos (R) celebrates with teammates after scoring their second goal against Valencia during their Champions League Group F soccer match in Munich, on 19 Sept, 2012.

REUTERS

Champions League final defeat in May to begin the new campaign with a 2-1 Group F victory over Valencia on Wednesday.

be crowned European champions, fired Bayern into the lead with a deflected shot in the 38th minute, much to the delight of the 68,000 sold-

Alonso seeks to tighten grip in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 20 Sept—Ferrari's Fernando Alonso will aim to consolidate his Formula One championship lead around the streets of Singapore on Sunday, seeking a third win in the night race to extend his 37-point advantage in the standings. The twice world champion has been a master of consistency this season, winning three races and claiming a top-five spot in seven others, and goes into the final seven races of the season in prime position to win his first title since 2006.

While his Ferrari has often struggled in qualifying,

his race pace has been competitive and he arrives in southeast Asia buoyed up by another rousing drive at his team's home track in Monza, where he finished third after starting 10th on the grid.

"In all the simulations and all the predictions we had, it was never a podium finish, so basically it's much better than expected," the Spaniard said after the Monza race.

"The race went like a movie for us, like a dream."

More encouraging for Alonso is that the 23-turn Marina Bay Street Circuit has proved a happy hunting

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Real back on track after rousing night in Europe



Real Madrid's coach Jose Mourinho takes his seat before the start of their Champions League Group D soccer match against Manchester City at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid, on 18 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

MADRID, 20 Sept—Jose Mourinho got the response he wanted from his players and Cristiano Ronaldo is celebrating his goals again after Real Madrid's rousing fightback to snatch a 3-2 Champions League win at home to Manchester City on Tuesday.

Needing a convincing performance in Europe after a dreadful start in La Liga, Real twice came from a goal down in the Group D opener at the Bernabeu before Ronaldo struck a 90th-minute winner to send the home fans into raptures and silence the boisterous City supporters high up in the giant arena.

The fight the Real players showed to turn the game around was in stark contrast to the limp displays

that led to shock domestic defeats at Getafe and Sevilla.

The victory against the English champions has transformed a club on the verge of crisis into a team full of belief they can secure the 10th European title that has eluded them since 2002.

Mourinho launched a series of stinging attack on his players after the La Liga setbacks but after wildly celebrating Ronaldo's goal the Portuguese told reporters Real could scarcely have played better.

"In Seville (on Saturday) we had players who did not win a ball in 90 minutes," he said.

"Today was the opposite. The team was solid, compact, recovered balls and

were committed to play aggressively.

"Real Madrid wants that historic tenth title and we will fight for it."

Concern in the Spanish capital about Real's early-season wobble was exacerbated by Ronaldo's revelation at the start of this month that he was "sad" for professional reasons.

The Portugal forward's bombshell prompted speculation he was seeking an improved contract and could even leave the club that made him the world's most expensive player when they bought him from Manchester United for 94 million euros (\$122.72 million) three years ago.

Reuters

FSA warned Barclays on Diamond approval

LONDON, 20 Sept—Britain's financial regulator warned Barclays Plc two years ago that its approval of Bob Diamond as chief executive could change if there was an adverse outcome from the Libor interest rate rigging investigation, documents showed. Andrew Tyrie, the chairman heading a parliamentary inquiry into the Libor scandal at Barclays, said

the evidence in the documents was "at variance" with the impression it received from Barclays Chairman Marcus Agius when it quizzed him in July.

The Financial Services Authority (FSA) released documents to Tyrie after a report by his committee indicated the regulator had not raised Libor as a concern at the time it approved Diamond's promotion to CEO. The regulator said on Wednesday that a September 2010 file note of a meeting between its CEO Hector Sants and Agius, at which the approval of Diamond was discussed, said Sants "stressed that this is an ongoing (Libor) investigation and the FSA's position could change so the board should be aware."

Diamond resigned in July after Barclays was fined over \$450 million (277.4 million pounds) for rigging Libor benchmark interest rates. The Libor inquiry unearthed long-standing criticism by the FSA of Barclays for having an aggressive culture and for

taking too many risks.

Lawmakers at the inquiry also accused Diamond, who had long been one of the most high profile and highest paid bankers and who became Barclays CEO at the start of 2011, of misleading them.

The file note, released by Tyrie's Treasury Select Committee, also said Sants told Agius that the regulator's relationship with Diamond had to improve.

"HS (Sants) explained that the relationship with BD (Diamond) had not reached the level of openness, transparency and willingness to air issues with the FSA as is the case with John Varley," it said, referring to Diamond's predecessor as CEO.

It said Agius agreed and would make sure Diamond "steps up" to improve and that Varley would "coach" him to help the relationship.

The note said Agius said "whilst BD (Diamond) is very competitive ... he suspects he will now see him mature and relax given he has now achieved his goal" of becoming CEO.—Reuters

Louisiana man arrested in university bomb threat case

NEW ORLEANS, 20 Sept—A man has been arrested in connection with a bomb threat that led to the evacuation of Louisiana State University, but he does not appear to be linked to recent threats against other universities, school police said on Wednesday. William Bouvay, 42, of Baton Rouge, was arrested late on Tuesday on charges of communicating false information of a planned bombing, the university police said. LSU's Baton Rouge campus was evacuated after receiving a phone call on Monday warning of multiple bombs.

Students were later allowed to return to their dormitories after police swept buildings at the university, which has 29,000 students and 4,700 faculty and staff. No explosives were found. Police said the bomb threat was made from a deactivated cell phone that was only able to make emergency calls. Investigators pinpointed a GPS location from which the call was placed, then searched the area and identified Bouvay as a suspect. When questioned, he admitted making the threat, police said. The Louisiana case was similar to several other recent cases. On Friday, threats were phoned in to the University of Texas at Austin and North Dakota State University, prompting evacuations of both campuses. No bombs were found.

Also on Friday, Hiram College in Ohio was evacuated following an e-mailed bomb threat, and Indiana's Valparaiso University, issued a security warning, saying that an unspecified threat was made via a graffiti message. Captain Cory Lalonde of the LSU Police Department said authorities "have found nothing whatsoever that would link this incident" with others. "Quite the opposite, we have every indication that this is strictly an isolated incident to LSU and the Baton Rouge area," Lalonde said.

University of Texas police have determined that "some of these threats nationally are related, but our investigation is still open," said spokeswoman Rhonda Weldon, who declined to elaborate.—Reuters



Bob Diamond, Chief Executive of Barclays PLC, stands next to the eighteenth green during the final round of the Scottish Open golf tournament at Castle Stuart golf course near Inverness, Scotland 10 July, 2011.—REUTERS

Cambodia launches telecoms regulatory body

PHNOM PENH, 20 Sept—Cambodia officially launched the Telecommunications Regulator of Cambodia (TRC) on Thursday in a bid to supervise the country's fast-growing telecoms sector, officials said.

Speaking at the launching ceremony, So Khun, Minister of Posts and Telecoms, said the TRC will govern rules and regulations in the sector with authority over spectrum and fair price setting for telecoms operators.

"This is a new achievement for the country in reforming telecoms sector," he said. "The regulatory body will help to build more confidence among investors."

The TRC is authorized to inspect and supervise on techniques and administration on the construction, operation, distribution and use of networks and telecommunications as well as information technologies.

At the event, Mao Chakrya, TRC's newly-appointed director general, vowed to strengthen existing laws and regulations, to formulate new rules and regulations to keep up with the development of sophisticated technologies and to ensure a fair and transparent atmosphere for telecommunications operators.

Telecommunications witness a significant progress in recent years.

According to the ministry's report, by June this year, the country's eight mobile phone operators have sold out 19.64 million SIM cards, exceeding the country's population of about 14.5 million.

In terms of internet use, the kingdom has about 30 internet service providers serving 1.86 million customers.

Xinhua

Nation-building task of Myanmar made possible by the reform measures instituted by President U Thein Sein Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivers an address at ceremony to accept Congressional Gold Medal

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept—Chairperson of Pyithu Hluttaw Rule of Law and Tranquility Committee Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received the Congressional Gold Medal which is the highest award for civilians presented by the US Congress, yesterday (Wednesday).

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and former first lady Laura Bush together with US House and Senate leaders attended the congressional medal ceremony at the United States Capitol and praised her.

Also present on the occasion were Union Minister at the President Office U Aung Min and Myanmar Ambassador to the US U Than Swe.

Nation-building task of Myanmar was made possible by the reform measures instituted by President U Thein Sein, said Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in her acceptance speech. Under the leadership of the President, she said that the legislative body which is young but rapidly maturing and the entire Myanmar people who adore the democracy values will join hands in full swing to march towards the deserved position in the modern world. She acknowledged

the presence of Union Minister U Aung Min from Myanmar in the audience. She expressed her belief over future processes of reform and national reconsolidation of Myanmar. She showed off her belief that she would successfully overcome all difficulties along the future



Chairperson of Pyithu Hluttaw Rule of Law and Tranquility Committee Daw Aung San Suu Kyi receives the Congressional Gold Medal which is the highest award for civilians presented by the US Congress.—MNA

path with the help of friends of the world. She said that as she goes forward together with countrymen and women along the difficult path of building a truly democratic society where all

Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw receives Director of IRI of US

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept—Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa received Director Ms Johanna Kao and party of International Republican Institute (IRI) of the US at the Hluttaw committee meeting hall No. 1 of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 9 am today.

During the meeting, they discussed experiences of parliaments in international community, exchange of experiences for raising capacity in the Hluttaw, and cooperation in conducting workshops and trainings.

Also present at the call were the Chairman of Pyithu



Hluttaw Bill Committee, secretaries and members of commission.—MNA

Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa receives Director Ms Johanna Kao and party of International Republican Institute (IRI) of US.—MNA

Truck rolls on vehicle repairer

YEKYI, 20 Sept—A GMC truck carrying gravels for the road in Aingthabu driven by Zaw Min Khaing suddenly stopped due to break error between mile posts 61/6 and 61/7 on Pathein-Monywa Road in Yekyi Township on 27 August.

Sithu Tun, Zaw Min Khaing and Zaw Lin Aung from the truck repaired the vehicle. Meanwhile, Sithu Tun started engine to fill air compressor, the truck rolled on. So, the truck rolled on Zaw Lin Aung (a) Shwe Ah, 21, son of U San Hlaing of Thauang Village-Yenatha Village-tract in Yekyi, who repaired the parts of the truck under it. In the incident, Zaw Lin Aung (a) Shwe Ah was injured at forehead, pelvic and fracture of neck bones and he died on the spot.

Konbyin Police Station took action against Sithu Tun for his reckless act.—Myanma Alin

Fertilizer collectively broadcast in Maubin

MAUBIN, 20 Sept—A collective fertilizer broadcasting was held at the one-acre farmland of Palethwe paddy strain of farmer Daw Mar Mar in Aingwaing Village in Maubin Township on 17 September.

It was participated by Chief Executive Officer of Central Cooperative Union U Kyaw Thein, General Manager U Soe Myint, officials, Staff Officer of Township Cooperative Department U Thet Naing, Staff Officer U Nyi Lay Maung of Township Agriculture Department and staff, members of Township Agricultural Development Committee, village administrators and local people.

Maubin Township has put 123 acres of land under Palethwe hybrid paddy in rainy season of 2012-2013.

Myanma Alin

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Tiger happy with 2012 season, despite major drought

Chelsea face reality check as quest begins to emulate Milan

LONDON, 20 Sept—If Chelsea are to become the first club in the Champions League era to win back-to-back titles, they are going to have to eliminate the mistakes that cost them victory in their 2-2 draw with Juventus on Wednesday.

The Italian champions handed them a reality check at Stamford Bridge as Chelsea began their quest to emulate

Franco Baresi's AC Milan side that boasted the Dutch trio of Ruud Gullit, Marco van Basten and Frank Rijkaard and were the last to lift successive European Cups in 1989 and 1990.

That trophy was paraded around Stamford Bridge before the opening Group E match against Juve, but if Chelsea are to retain their glittering prize, they cannot let

teams escape as Juventus did.

Coach Roberto di Matteo said before the game they would not underestimate Juve, back in the competition after a two-year absence and coming to London after going unbeaten for 42 games in Serie A.

"So far, it's been impossible for anyone to win it twice, so we will try to do the impossible," di Matteo said on Tuesday.

After his side established a 2-0 lead with both goals



coming from Brazilian debutant Oscar, di Matteo watched on helplessly as Juve fought back to draw with Arturo Vidal scoring before halftime and substitute Fabio Quagliarella grabbing the equaliser in the 80th minute.—Reuters