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## President U Thein Sein leaves for New York to attend 67<sup>th</sup> UN General Assembly

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein left here for New York, the United States of America, today by special flight to attend the 67<sup>th</sup> UN General Assembly.

The delegation led by the President was seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-Presidents Dr Sai Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief

(Army) General Soe Win, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko, U Thein Nyunt, U Kyaw Hsan, U Ohn Myint, U Thein Tun, U Khin Maung Soe and U Tint Hsan, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Aye, Deputy Minister Police Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun, departmental officials, Mrs Virginia Murray, Charge d' Affaires of the US Embassy, and Mr Ashok Nigam,

resident representative of the United Nations.

Members of the delegation are Union ministers Lt-Gen Thein Htay, U Soe Thein and U Khin Yi, deputy minister Dr Win Myint and departmental officials.

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin left for New York in advance.

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*President U Thein Sein being seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Charge d' Affaires Mrs Virginia Murray of US Embassy and UN Resident Representative Mr Ashok Nigam.—MNA*



## Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker and party back from China

YANGON, 24 Sept— A delegation led by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint arrived back here by air this evening after attending International Day of Peace of the People's Republic of China.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker and party were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win, Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung, chairmen, secretaries and members from Amyotha Hluttaw committees and commissions and Charge d' Affaires Mr Lu Zhi of Chinese Embassy.

Together with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker, delegation members Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee



Member Dr Nyi Nyi Tun, responsible personnel from Hluttaw Office and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs arrived back on the same flight.—MNA

*Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint being welcomed back by Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe.—MNA*

## Over 3000 telephones installed at PACs

MANDALAY, 24 Sept— Public telephone-boxes installed with 3627 phones have been opened in 1427 village-tracts in seven districts of Mandalay

Region.

A plan is under way to install more GSMs and CDMA's in populous villages for coverage of communication systems.

If the number of user increases, the small-scale communication stations will be built for taking voice of data.

The multi-play services are built in the main points and 12 public access centres in urban and rural areas.

Myanma Posts and

Telecommunications will install Internet at the GSM system service available areas.

Moreover, Multi-play Service Centre will be established in the villages to enjoy Skynet and TV programmes.

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NATIONAL

**Electric Power Ministry lures investors**

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept—Ministry of Electric Power wooed local and foreign investors at the electricity development seminar at the ministry on 21 September.

The seminar aimed at inviting domestic and foreign investments was attended by Union Ministers U Tin Naing Thein, U Khin Maung Soe and U Than Htay, deputy ministers U Aung Than Oo, U Myint Zaw and U Set Aung, representatives from local and foreign companies and officials.

The ministry has already organized regional seminars in each region and state and the national seminar in third week of August.

Union Minister U Than Htay said energy deposits in



Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay speaking at seminar to invite investors.—MNA

Myanmar should be tapped as soon as possible as energy exploration has to be done in limited time, pointing out that

the hesitation could delay the country's development. Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe highlighted the

environmentally friendliness of investments and the need of comprehensive legislation for privatization.

The meeting focused on electricity sufficiency, incorporation of public companies and privatization.

The government has adopted policy to set schedules of projects sector-wise at Planning Commission meeting and international aids management central committee meeting on 19 and June.

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**Myanmar to host Asian youth weightlifting championship**

YANGON, 24 Sept—Myanmar hosts Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships at Theinbyu Gymnasium from 5 to 12 November.

The annual event is

organized by Asian Weightlifting Federation.

A coordination meeting was held at Sports and Physical Education Department here this evening.

Deputy Minister for

Sports U Thaug Htaik said in his address at the meeting that the championship would contribute to the thriving of the weightlifting sports in Myanmar. He called for collecting experiences at the event which could be turned into victory in upcoming SEA Games.

Myanmar Weightlifting Federation President U Thet Lin elaborated on preparations for the event.

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**Corrigendum**

Please read U Khin Maung Win, Country Project Coordinator, Australian Aid instead of Ambassador U Khin Maung Win (Retd) in first line of third paragraph in second column on page 2 of this newspaper issued on 24-9-2012.—NLM

**5-Up train collides with express bus at Toungoo Station**

TOUNGOO, 24 Sept—Locomotive DF 1352 of 5-up Train running from Yangon to Mandalay and Shwe Yazar express bus carrying 42 passenger from Loikaw of Kayah State to Yangon bumped at the level crossing near Toungoo All Bus Line Terminal between mile post 176/11 and 167/12 at the exit of Toungoo Station at 10 am on 22 September.

The locomotive hit the trunk of express bus and pushed it to a 400 feet

distance. In the incident, seven passengers onboard the express bus were injured.

A coach behind the locomotive derailed and blocked the railroad. In consequence, up and down trains suspended their runs for nine hours.

Root cause of collision was not blocking the level crossing. In the past, a similar collision between a bus and a train had occurred at the level crossing.

In the collision, car body

and five double seats and front part of the locomotive were damaged. The up-trains stopped over at Toungoo Station and the down-trains at Yedash Station. At 7 am on 23 September, the up-train route was reopened and at 11 am, all the trains run along the railroad regularly. The departments concerned conducted the investigation for the incident and performed regular runs of the trains.

Myanma Alin



**Crime reduction discussed in Htantabin Township**

HTANTABIN, 24 Sept—The educative talks on crime reduction was held at the hall of Htantabin Township General Administration Department on 14 September.

The Acting Commander of Township Police Force gave talks on crime reduction and prevention against

crimes in the township.

It was attended by ward and village administrators and local people.

Myanma Alin

**District News**

**Special civil appeal cases heard**

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept—A special appellate bench comprising Chief Justice of the the Union U Tun Tun Oo and judges of Union Supreme Court U Soe Nyunt and U Myint Han passed verdicts on seven special civil appeal cases at Room No. 1 of Supreme Court of the Union at 9.30 am today. They also heard six special civil appeal cases.—MNA

**Upper Paunglaung Hydropower Project to generate 454 kwh million on completion**

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept—Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe together with Deputy Minister U Myint Zaw arrived at the gravel production site of the Upper Paunglaung Hydropower Project being implemented by No. 1 Hydropower Implementation Department on Paunglaung River 26 miles east Pinyinana and inspected work being carried with the use of roller compacted concrete (RCC).

The Union Minister looked into installation of machinery, urban works carried out at the plant and progress of concrete walls, concrete works of RCC stage 5B-1 and 6A, concrete works of conduit and samples for making concrete by RCC.

At the briefing hall, the Union minister gave instructions on meeting the set standards, timely completion of work, prevention of natural disasters and worksite safety.

The main embankment of the hydropower project is of RCC (Roller Compacted Concrete), and on completion, it will be complete with two 7-magawatt turbines capable of generating 454 kwh million.—MNA

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Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and wife being welcomed by Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Talai M S Abdul Salam at the reception to mark National Day of Saudi Arabia at Sedona Hotel on 24 September. MNA

**TE truck collided with motorcycle on Pathein-Monywa Road**

PADAUNG, 24 Sept—A TE Hino carrying bags of cement driven from Kyangin on Pathein-Monywa Road bumped with a motorcycle driven by U Nyein Maung, 46, son of U Aung Shwe of Nyaungbin Village in Padaung Township, at Ledi Village in Yegyaw Village-

tract in Padaung Township of Pyay District at 6.30 pm on 18 September.

The motorcycle was damaged in the incident.

The motorcyclist jumped down from the motorcycle and was injured at his knee.

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**WORLD**

**UN chief warns Iran's Ahmadinejad on fiery rhetoric**

**UN**

**rhetoric**



UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon listens to a speech in the Swiss National Council during his visit in the Autumn Parliament Session in Bern on 11 Sept, 2012.

REUTERS

UNITED NATIONS, 24 Sept—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon warned Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of the dangers of incendiary rhetoric when two men met in New York on Sunday before this week's annual gathering of world leaders at the UN General Assembly.

"The secretary-general drew attention to the potentially harmful consequences of inflammatory rhetoric, counter-rhetoric and threats from various countries in the Middle East," Ban's press office said in a statement.

Amir Ali Hajizadeh, a brigadier general in the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, was quoted as saying on Sunday that Iran could launch a pre-emptive strike on Israel if it was sure the Jewish state was preparing to attack it.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has hinted that Israel could strike Iran's nuclear sites and criticized US President Barack Obama's position that sanctions and diplomacy should be given more time to stop Iran getting the atomic bomb.

Iran denies that it is seeking nuclear arms and says

its atomic work is peaceful, aimed at generating electricity.

The UN statement said Ban told Ahmadinejad that Iran should "take the measures necessary to build international confidence in the exclusively peaceful nature of its nuclear programme."

The two men also discussed Syria. Iran has been accused of using civilian aircraft to fly military personnel and large quantities of weapons across Iraqi airspace to Syria to aid President Bashar al-Assad in his attempt to crush an 18-month uprising against him, according to a Western intelligence report.

"The secretary-general stressed the grave regional implications of the worsening situation in Syria and underlined the devastating humanitarian impact," the statement said.

Speaking to reporters in New York, German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle said that "to increase pressure and to increase the isolation of the regime of Assad is one of the goals this week."

Reuters

**Iran says World War III may erupt if attacked by Israel**

**Iran**

TEHERAN, 24 Sept—Iran says on Sunday that the World War III may erupt if the Islamic republic is attacked by Israel.

Brigadier General Amir-Ali Hajizadeh, commander of the Aerospace Division of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), warned on Sunday that an Israeli strike on Iran could trigger the World War III, Press TV reported.

Israel, threatening to destroy Iran's nuclear facilities these days, has always been highly concerned over Iran's nuclear programme, which is believed by the West to head for acquiring nuclear weapons under the cover of civilian purposes.

Iran has insisted that its nuclear programme is solely for peaceful purposes, and warned that it will retaliate if

it comes under attack.

Hajizadeh said in case of the eruption of such a war against Iran, the situation would be out of control, according to Press TV.

"This war is likely to degenerate into the World War III," Hajizadeh said, adding that it means some countries might enter the war in favor of or against Iran.

"We see the United States and the Zionist regime (of Israel) alongside one another and we can by no means imagine that the Zionist regime would initiate a war (against Iran) without the US support," he was quoted as saying.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran considers the US bases in the region as part of American soil and will definitely target them if a war

breaks out," he added.

On Saturday, Iran's Commander of the IRGC, Major General Mohammad Ali Jafari, said that a war on Iran "will eventually happen," Press TV reported.

"War will happen but it is not clear where and when," Jafari said, adding that Iran is ready to confront any possible strike against the country.

The Israeli officials currently consider war as the only way to confront Iran, he claimed, insisting that if they begin a war, it will spell their destruction and will be the end of their adventure.

The Iranian commander said that the armed forces of the Islamic republic enjoy capabilities and equipment in hardware and software fields, according to the report.

Xinhua

Captured Taliban militants stand beside their ammunitions in Baghlan province, north Afghanistan, on 23 Sept, 2012. Around six Taliban militants were captured with their ammunitions during an operations in Baghlan province on Sunday, officials said.

XINHUA



A pensioner sits in a wheelchair in the Andalusian capital of Seville on 20 Sept, 2012.

REUTERS



**EU**

**Euro zone to boost bailout fund firepower to 2 trillion euros**

BERLIN, 24 Sept—Euro zone states are preparing to allow the bloc's permanent bailout fund to leverage its capital in the same way as its predecessor so it can reach a capacity of more than 2 trillion euros and rescue big countries if necessary, Der Spiegel said on Sunday.

The weekly news magazine said that the European Stability Mechanism (ESM) would have two instruments like its predecessor, the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF), that would only allow public money to be used for particularly risky transactions such as buying Spanish bonds, while private investors would provide the rest.

It had always been expected that the ESM, which is expected to come into force

on 8 October with a capacity of 500 billion euros, would have the same leverage ability as the EFSF and euro zone finance ministers reiterated this at their meeting in Cyprus earlier this month.

If the ESM gets approval to use the same leverage techniques as the EFSF, it would have a lending power of around 2 trillion euros without countries having to contribute any more capital to the fund.

But these leverage options have not been approved by all euro zone member states and Finland is especially reluctant to agree to them. German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble supports the plan but Finland is preventing the Eurogroup from passing it quickly, the report said.—Reuters

**Analysis - For Romney, some troubling signs among older voters**

**US**

WASHINGTON, 24 Sept—Even before his running mate was booed by a lobbying group for older Americans on Friday, Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney was losing support among such voters, whose backing is crucial to his hopes of winning the 6 November election. New polling by Reuters/Ipsos indicates that during the past two weeks—since just after the Democratic National Convention—support for Romney among Americans age 60 and older has crumbled, from a 20-point lead over Democratic President Barack Obama to less than 4 points.

Romney's double-digit advantages among older voters on the issues of healthcare and Medicare—the nation's health insurance programme for those over 65 and the disabled—also have evaporated, and Obama has begun to build an advantage in both areas. Voting preferences among seniors could change in the final six weeks of the campaign, but the polling suggests that a series of recent episodes favouring Obama and the Democrats could be chipping

away at Romney's support among older Americans.

Romney's selection of Wisconsin congressman Paul Ryan as his vice presidential running mate put the federal budget and Medicare at centre stage in the campaign. But the debate over spending and entitlement programmes that Romney seemed to be seeking has not unfolded the way Republicans wanted.

At the Democratic convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, on 5 September, former President Bill Clinton gave a folksy but blistering critique of Ryan's plan to revamp Medicare, warning that it could leave seniors

unprotected from escalating healthcare costs.

Meanwhile, Democrats' efforts to portray Romney as a wealthy former private equity executive with little sympathy for the less fortunate got a boost last week, from Romney himself.

On a secretly recorded video released by the liberal magazine Mother Jones, Romney was shown telling supporters at a \$50,000-a-person fundraiser that 47 percent of Americans would never vote for him because they do not pay federal income taxes, feel they are "victims," and depend on government benefits.—Reuters



Republican presidential candidate and former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney greets audience members at a campaign rally in Denver, Colorado on 23 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

**Two still missing in Russian shipwreck**

**Russia**

MOSCOW, 24 Sept—Two crew members of a sunken Russian refrigerated cargo vessel were still missing, the Russian Emergency Situations Ministry said on Sunday. The vessel, heading to the Far Eastern city of Manily, sank at around 1:15 pm Moscow Time (0915 GMT) on Sunday in the Sea of Okhotsk off Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula.

Earlier reports from the Emergency Situations Ministry said that all eight crew members on board were rescued, but latest information showed there were actually 10 people on the ship.

"Eight sailors were picked up from life rafts. The fate of two other crew members is unknown... A search operation is underway," the ministry said. According to the ministry, one of the missing sailors, born in 1969, was believed to have "remained on the sunken ship." Two fishing boats and an Mi-8 helicopter were involved in the rescue operation.—Reuters



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Twitter CEO promises interactive tweets, defends curbs



A Bank of America customer uses an ATM in Charlotte, North Carolina on 18 April, 2012.—REUTERS

Tech

Iranian hackers target Bank of America, JPMorgan, Citi

NEW YORK, 24 Sept— Iranian hackers have repeatedly attacked Bank of America Corp, JPMorgan Chase & Co and Citigroup Inc over the past year as part of a broad cyber campaign targeting the United States, according to people familiar with the situation.

The attacks, which began in late 2011 and escalated this year, have primarily been “denial of service” campaigns that disrupted the banks’ websites and corporate networks by overwhelming them with incoming web traffic, said the sources.

They said there was evidence suggesting the hackers targeted the three banks in retaliation for their enforcement of Western economic sanctions against Iran. Whether the hackers have been able to inflict more serious damage on computer networks or steal critical data is not yet known.

Iran has beefed up its

cyber capabilities after its nuclear program was damaged in 2010 by the Stuxnet virus, widely believed to have been developed by the United States. Teheran has publicly advertised its intentions to build a cyber army and encouraged private citizens to hack against Western countries.

The attacks on the three largest US banks originated in Iran, but it is not clear if they were launched by the state, groups working on behalf of the government, or “patriotic” citizens, according to the sources, who requested anonymity as they were not authorized to discuss the matter.

The hackers also targeted other US companies, the sources said, without giving specifics. They said the attacks shed new light on the potential for Iran to lash out at Western nations’ information networks.

Reuters

Tech

SAN FRANCISCO, 24 Sept— Twitter will soon roll out a free tool for users to handpick and publish selections of tweets, reflecting the company’s commitment to remain a neutral, interactive platform rather than become a media company, CEO Dick Costolo said on Friday.

The new tool will allow users, including journalists, to manually curate and display tweets to accompany breaking news events.

“We’ve known for a long time that for events in the real world, the shared experience is on Twitter,” Costolo said at the Online News Association conference in San Francisco. “We want to create an ability to curate those events.”

Costolo dismissed speculation that Twitter had plans to operate like a traditional media company,

following a recent move to restrict access to tweets only through its website or official app. Previously, many users could read tweets through third-party applications with extra features.

Observers had widely predicted that Twitter, founded in 2006, is intent on treating its stream of published tweets much like a traditional media product that it has full control over, and which it can charge for advertising.

“It’s not about being a destination,” Costolo said. “I’m a huge believer in syndication. Platform companies always outflank and outlast point solutions and individual products.”

The decision to tighten control over tweets came after the company realized it had invested significant resources in its service, but other companies were making



Twitter’s CEO Dick Costolo gestures during a conference at the Cannes Lions in Cannes on 20 June, 2012. Cannes Lions is the International Festival of creativity.—REUTERS

money off of it without adding “accretive value,” Costolo said.

“We were spending all this money” eliminate fake accounts and improve the Twitter experience, Costolo said, but users still had a “choice” of “experiences.” Fake accounts may be created

by spammers or impersonators.

But the company has promised to unlock Twitter’s full interactive potential once it has regained control over how users access Twitter across desktop computers and mobile devices.

Reuters

Workers walk out of the entrance to a Foxconn factory in Chengdu, Sichuan province on 4 July, 2012. REUTERS



TAIPEI, China, 24 Sept— Taipei’s Foxconn Technology Group closed its Taiyuan plant

Foxconn closes China plant after 40 injured in brawl

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in northern China on Monday after a personal dispute



spiraled into a brawl involving 2,000 workers in a dormitory late on Sunday night, injuring

40.

The Taiyuan plant, which employs about 79,000 workers, makes automobile electronic components, consumer electronic components and precision moldings. An employee told Reuters the plant also makes parts and assembles Apple’s iPhone 5.

In a statement, Foxconn cited police as saying about 40 people were taken to hospital for medical attention and a number were arrested.

The company said the incident escalated from what it called a personal dispute between several employees at around 11 pm on Sunday in a privately managed dormitory, and was brought under control by local police at around 3 am.

“The cause of this dispute is under investigation by local authorities and we are working closely with them in this process, but it appears not to have been work-related,” Foxconn said.

China’s Xinhua News Agency, citing Taiyuan City’s public security bureau,

reported that about 10 people were hurt in the fighting and around 5,000 police were sent to the scene, bringing it under control as of 9 am.

“The plant is closed today for investigation,” said Foxconn spokesman Louis Woo.

Foxconn, the trading name of Hon Hai Precision Industry Co and the world’s largest contract maker of electronic goods, has seen a few violent disputes at its sprawling plants in China, where it employs a total of about 1 million workers.

By late morning, Hon Hai shares were down 1.03 percent, lagging the broader market’s rise of 0.1 percent.

In June, about 100 workers went on a rampage at a Chengdu plant in southwestern China. The company has faced allegations of poor conditions and mistreatment of workers at its China operations, and has been spending heavily in recent months to improve the work environment and to raise wages.—Reuters

Boost for carbon capture from new non-toxic absorber Science

LONDON, 24 Sept— Researchers have created a new material that could solve some of the problems holding back projects to combat global warming by capturing and burying carbon emitted from power stations.

The material, made from aluminum nitrate salt, cheap organic materials and water, is non-toxic and requires less energy to strip out the carbon when it becomes saturated, the scientists said.

Carbon capture has not yet been proven on a commercial scale and pilot projects have been hindered by concerns that the ammonia-based materials, or amines, used to absorb carbon can themselves produce toxic emissions.

They are also expensive and need large amounts of heat to boil out the carbon so it can be taken away and stored.

The researchers say their

new absorber, dubbed NOTT-300, could overcome all these problems.

“I feel this can be viewed as a revolution to a certain degree,” Sihai Yang from Nottingham University, who worked on the project, told Reuters. “It is non-toxic, and zero heating input is required for the regeneration. There is promising potential to overcome the traditional amine material on both environmental and economic

grounds.”

Timmy Ramirez-Cuesta, who worked on the project at the ISIS research center at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in Oxfordshire, said the new material could simplify carbon capture by using interchangeable filters.

“When the material is saturated, the exhaust gases are diverted to the second container where the process continues,” he said.

Reuters

US judge finds Rambus destroyed evidence in Hynix case

Tech

LOS ANGELES, 24 Sept— Technology licensing company Rambus Inc destroyed records that could have been evidence in its patent dispute with South Korea’s Hynix Semiconductor Inc, a US judge ruled, but the court has not yet decided on a penalty for the American firm.

Hynix said it believes the ruling will “substantially limit” the royalties it will be required to pay Rambus for infringing on the company’s patents. Judge Ronald Whyte of the US District Court for the Northern District of California said in his ruling, which was dated on 21 September, that Rambus’ patents should still be seen as valid. Still, Rambus’ destruction of evidence “should preclude it from entitlement to a royalty that places Hynix at a competitive disadvantage,” Judge Whyte wrote in his ruling. Both companies have been ordered to submit briefs to the court on what they believe would be a reasonable royalty rate for the patents.—Reuters



China’s first aircraft carrier is delivered to the Chinese Navy at the port of Dalian on 23 Sept, 2012. REUTERS



**BUSINESS & HEALTH**

**Health**



**Novartis's drug reduces heart failure deaths: study**

ZURICH, 24 Sept— Novartis's investigational medicine RLX030 reduced the number of deaths in patients with acute heart failure, the drugmaker said on Monday based on the results of a late-stage trial.

RLX030 is form of the human hormone relaxin-2. Serelaxin acts by relaxing the blood vessels, leading to reduced stress on the heart and kidneys, the firm said in a statement.

Reuters

**Rupee rallies; govt continues reform drive**

**Business**

MUMBAI, 24 Sept— The rupee rose on Friday to its highest level in over four months after the government cut a tax for overseas borrowing by local companies, giving them access to cheaper funds.

More broadly, the announcement was seen by investors as a signal of the government's commitment to continue implementing long-awaited reforms after tackling last week major measures such as raising diesel prices.

Although the reform drive cost the ruling coalition the support of key ally Trinamool Congress, investors were comforted after a key regional party, Samajwadi Party, said it would continue providing outside support to the government.

"The global liquidity is already positive for the rupee. I see the current measures will lead to a continued rupee rally," said Satyajit Kanjilal, chief executive at Forexserve.

He expects the rupee to rise to 50.80-51 levels to the dollar in the near-term, which would mark a remarkable recovery for a currency that just in late June had hit a record low of 57.32 to the dollar.

The partially convertible rupee ended at 53.45/46 to the dollar from its Thursday close of 54.385/395, securing a third consecutive week of gains with a 1.8 percent advance.

The rupee rose to an intraday high of 53.33, its highest since 10 May.

Gains accelerated after Finance Minister P. Chidambaram announced the withholding tax on overseas borrowing by local companies will be reduced to 5 percent from 20 percent, in a move expected to increase fundraising abroad.

The moves were well received, as they come after recent action to attract foreign direct investment into a country that had a record high current account deficit as of the June quarter.—Reuters



A Kashmiri shopkeeper staples together Rupee notes to make a garland at a market in Srinagar on 3 Sept, 2012.

REUTERS

**Fiat, Italy govt to examine export-focused measures**

**Business**

MILAN/ROME, 24 Sept— Italy's Fiat and the Italian government said on Saturday they will look for ways to improve the company's manufacturing efficiency, as the automaker pledged to keep building cars in Italy while shifting its focus to foreign export markets.

Fiat's (FIA MI) decision in late August to freeze planned investments to avoid further losses in a weak car market has sparked a firestorm of criticism from trade unions and politicians.

Unions are worried about potential job losses if the company eventually shifts manufacturing to countries where wages are lower.

Fiat said in a statement it planned to "re-orient" its business model in Italy "to focus on exports, particularly outside of Europe."



A logo of Fiat is seen at the Fiat plant in Pomigliano D'Arco, near Naples, in this on 14 December, 2011 file photo.—REUTERS

That means, a person familiar with the situation said, Fiat could focus on possibly making Jeep and Chrysler models for export.

Italy's Prime Minister Mario Monti and three cabinet ministers met for five hours with Fiat chief executive Sergio Marchionne and chairman John Elkann at the prime minister's office in Rome. At the meeting, Fiat outlined its forecasts for the Italian and

European markets, focusing on the strategic prospects offered by its integration with its US unit Chrysler, the statement said, without providing any details.

Fiat CEO Marchionne has previously said he does not see the Italian car market recovering until at least 2014. Fiat recently postponed the launch of its new Punto compact to 2015.

"Fiat also confirmed its strategy of investing in Italy, at the right moment, to develop new products to take full advantage of the recovery of the European market," the statement said, mentioning research and development as an example.

The Industry Ministry will set up a working group to examine how to improve Fiat's export capacity, the statement said.—Reuters

**Bank of America Merrill Lynch loss linked to options error: WSJ**

**Business**

NEW YORK, 24 Sept— Bank of America Merrill Lynch sustained a loss of nearly \$10 million on Friday due to an "operational error" in handling of stock option trades known as dividend trades by the company's Merrill Pro unit, the Wall Street Journal reported on Saturday.

The unit's clients were

not affected and the error has been corrected, WSJ said, citing unnamed sources familiar with the matter.

Bank of America Merrill Lynch is a division of Bank of America Corp (BAC N).

Dividend trades involve placing trades a day before shares of a company or exchange traded fund issuer go "ex-dividend," seeking to

capitalize on a typical drop in share prices after that date.

Trading data released early on Friday showed that nearly a quarter of call options on the SPDR exchange-traded fund were not exercised, suggesting a likely error in processing dividend trades in the contracts, the newspaper said.

Reuters

**China will not ease grip on property market: paper**

**Business**

BEIJING, 24 Sept— China plans to stick to its tight property sector policies and a nationwide rebound in home prices remains unlikely, a senior official at the housing ministry said in remarks published by state media on Sunday.

The comments underscore Beijing's determination to keep a lid on rising home prices, a source of social discontent, especially in the run-up to a once-a-decade leadership transition this year.

To curb price rises, Beijing is urging local authorities to increase

housing supply and to strictly implement a policy aimed at restricting home purchases, said the People's Daily, the ruling Communist Party's official newspaper. It quoted an unnamed official at the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development. "With more affordable housing projects put into operation and market expectations kept stable, the conditions do not exist for a full-scale rebound in house prices," said the official.

The comments came amid new concerns that a new round of property inflation was in the offing, with data

showing a pick-up in housing sales as well as an increase in property prices following eight consecutive monthly declines.

Latest figures showed that Chinese house prices rose 0.1 percent in August from July, extending a modest price increase into a second straight month.

Revenues from property sales in the country rose for the third month in a row in August from a year earlier, reinforcing signs of a recovery in the sector.

But the official played down worries about a rapid revival in the property market, saying the recent price increase was mainly a result of stronger real demand from first-time buyers rather than speculative demand from investors.

Officials have rejected calls to relax restrictions on the property market in order to bolster the economy, on course for its seventh straight quarterly slowdown over the July-September period.

Full-year growth for 2012 is likely to fall to 7.7 percent, the weakest showing since 1999.—Reuters



Residential and commercial buildings are seen reflected in a window during a sunset in Central Business District (CBD) of Beijing on 19 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

**Mice experiment may point to new ways to protect female fertility**

**Health**

HONG KONG, 24 Sept— Egg cells can repair themselves from damage caused by radiation far better than doctors ever thought, a finding researchers say gives fresh hope in protecting women undergoing cancer therapy from infertility.

Although the experiments have only been in mice, researchers believe they have relevance for female cancer patients and women who suffer premature menopause, a condition that puts them at risk of early infertility, osteoporosis and heart disease.

In a paper to be published in the 9 November issue of the journal Molecular Cell,

scientists in Australia found that egg cells, or oocytes, are killed not by radiation, but by two proteins — puma and noxa — which snap into action when they detect DNA damage to egg cells.

In experiments using mice that did not carry these proteins, the scientists found that their eggs survived radiation and they went on to produce normal offspring.

"This is very exciting. It means if you get rid of those proteins that kill, the oocytes or specialized egg cells can actually repair their DNA and that has never been known before," said lead author Clare Scott, an associate professor and oncologist at

The Royal Melbourne and Royal Women's Hospitals.

Between 50 to 80 percent of eggs survived in these mice. "These were enough to result in normal fertility in those mice and they could produce normal pups. Those pups went on to be fertile themselves and lived a normal lifespan with no evidence of tumors or other abnormalities," she said by telephone.

Scott's colleagues are conducting similar trials on human egg cells to see if the two proteins work in the same way. If all goes well, they hope a drug can be designed to block the two proteins from killing egg cells.—Reuters



## WORLD

## Obama's foreign policy bright spot now

US

## looking dimmer

WASHINGTON, 24 Sept—If you thought Mitt Romney was the only presidential candidate whose problems were piling up in the final stretch of the 2012 election campaign, think again.

From Middle East upheaval to the troubled Afghan war effort to a more assertive Russia, President Barack Obama is facing pressures that threaten to chip away at a foreign policy record his aides hoped would be immune to Republican attack.

The White House is increasingly concerned but isn't hitting the panic button, yet. Administration officials are heartened by Republican

challenger Mitt Romney's own recent foreign policy stumbles and doubt Obama's critics will gain traction in a campaign focused mainly on the US economy.

As a result, when Obama speaks inside the cavernous UN General Assembly hall on Tuesday exactly six weeks before the US election, he will seek to reassure American voters as well as world leaders he is on top of the latest global challenges. But he won't propose any new remedies or bold initiatives.

There will be close scrutiny of how far he goes in talking tough about Iran's nuclear programme—but even on that point, aides say

privately he will not break new policy ground.



Obama's final turn on the world stage before facing voters will be a reflection of where his priorities lie. Despite simmering global crises, he will skip traditional

US President Barack Obama speaks at a campaign rally at the Henry Maier Festival in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on 22 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

private meetings with foreign counterparts and squeeze his UN visit into just 24 hours so he can jump back on the campaign trail.

Reuters

## Indonesian anti-terror police arrests eight terror suspects

Indonesia

JAKARTA, 24 Sept—Indonesian anti-terror police squad has arrested eight suspected terrorists in Surakarta city known as Solo city of Central Java, local press reported on Monday.

Two suspects, with initial names of BH and RK, out of the eight suspects are believed to have played a key role in a new terrorist group, the name of which is still unknown. "BH and RK are the main figures in this new group," National Police Spokesman Brig General Boy Rafli Amar was quoted by the *Jakarta Post* as saying.

Thorik is a terrorist suspect whose house in Tambora, West Jakarta was discovered with explosives stored inside it.

The group allegedly has plans to attack police stations and facilities.

RK, 45, was apprehended near the Solo Square shopping mall in Serengan district, Surakarta at 11:24 pm on Friday, while BH, 45, was caught near his home in the Kampung Griyan neighborhood in Laweyan district at 5:50 am on Saturday. From BH's house, police confiscated handmade rifles, a handmade detonator, sulfur and potassium.

Following the arrests of RK and BH, the anti-terror police squad subsequently apprehended six other terrorist suspects. "They are all under investigation. We have not yet brought them to Jakarta. They are still in Surakarta," Boy said. According to police, the other six arrested terrorist suspects were allegedly tasked with storing explosives and learning how to make bombs.—Xinhua



A staff member of Qingyun Zhong'ao Group Co, Ltd selects newly-born ducklings in Qingyun County of Dezhou City, east China's Shandong Province, on 22 Sept, 2012. The group has brought along more than 100,000 local people to engage in duck breeding business.—XINHUA

## Belarus says election turnout strong, despite opposition boycott

Lukashenko denounced opposition leaders as "cowards" for urging people

election which they said would produce a token parliament to rubber-stamp directives by Lukashenko.

"Elections took place in the course of which 109 deputies were elected ...," Lidiya Yermoshina, head of the central election committee, told a news conference early on Monday.

She said turnout had been strong at 74.3 per cent, but made no comment on whether the boycott call by the opposition had had any effect. Asked whether any opposition candidates had been elected, she replied: "It seems doubtful to me".

The call for voters to

shun the election prompted a sneering rebuke from Lukashenko, a populist who has run the former Soviet republic of 9.5 million with an iron fist since 1994 and has stifled any opposition to his rule.

"They are cowards who have nothing to say to the people," he told journalists on Sunday after voting in Minsk.

In the one seat which had not been decided, an opposition candidate failed to secure more than half the votes and a second round of voting would be held, Yermoshina said.

Reuters

A member of the local electoral commission empties a ballot box at a polling station after the parliamentary election in Minsk, on 23 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS



MINSK, 24 Sept—Authorities in Belarus said they had a strong turnout in a parliamentary election on Sunday after hardline President Alexander

to boycott it as a sham exercise. The two main opposition parties had called on people to go mushrooming or fishing and abstain from voting in an

## 28 Taliban militants killed, 54 arrested in Afghanistan within day

Afghanistan

KABUL, 24 Sept—About 28 Taliban militants were killed and 54 others detained in different Afghan provinces within the past 24 hours, the country's Interior Ministry said on Monday morning.

"Afghan National Police (ANP), Afghan army and NDS or intelligence agency supported by the NATO-led coalition forces, launched nine joint clearance operations in Nangarhar, Baghlan, Kandahar, Zabul, Wardak, Ghazni, Ghor, Helmand and Nimroz provinces, killing 28 armed Taliban insurgents and detaining 54 others during the past 24 hours," the ministry said in a statement providing daily operational updates.

They also found and seized weapons, the statement said, without saying if there were any casualties on the side of security forces.

In addition, the ANP also discovered and defused one anti-vehicle mine and 100 kilograms of explosives as a result of separate security operations in eastern provinces of Parwan and Khost on Sunday, according to the statement.

The Taliban insurgent group has yet to make any comments.

The Taliban-led insurgency has been rampant since the militant group launched an annual spring offensive dubbed "Al-Farooq" from 3 May against Afghan and some 100,000 NATO-led troops stationed in the country.

Xinhua



A Lao businesswoman shows handicrafts at the ninth China-ASEAN Expo in Nanning, capital of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 23 Sept, 2012. XINHUA

## Hamas bans import of Israeli fruits to Gaza, except apples, bananas

Palestine

GAZA 24 Sept—The deposed government of Islamic Hamas movement, which ruled the Gaza Strip, surprised fruit dealers and vendors when it suddenly decided to ban the import of Israeli-grown fruits except apples and bananas.

The decision outraged many who considered it a hasty and unstudied decision, especially as the coastal densely populated Gaza Strip doesn't produce many fruits.

Mamdouh Bahtiti, a 55-year-old Gaza fruit vendor, told *Xinhua* that the Hamas' decision "is wrong and wasn't made in the proper time. The decision was a shock to vendors and will deprive Gaza populations of these fruits."

Bahtiti and dozens of fruits vendors explained that the ban will weaken the Palestinian economy

"because there will be no compensation for these losses," adding that "If there is an alternative to some kinds of Israeli fruits, how much would it cost?"

The Gaza Strip has been importing various kinds of summer and winter fruits such as yellow dates, peaches, pears, plums, mangos, pomegranates, kiwifruits, avocados, pineapples, apples, bananas and apricots, while the Gaza Strip only produces Guavas, grapes, figs, citrus and red dates.

"The fruits that the Gaza Strip produces can never be sufficient to the population for more than two months, because it only produces for one limited season of the year, while during the rest of the year the Gaza Strip will remain without any other kinds of fruits," said Bahtiti.

In addition to creating

such a crisis by Hamas rule, fruit vendors said this would negatively affect their personal living. "All of us will join the army of unemployed people," said Bahtiti.

According to official figures of international organizations, the poverty rate in the Gaza Strip has reached 60 percent, while the unemployment rate is sometimes over 60 percent. A large portion of agricultural land in the Gaza Strip has been bulldozed by the Israeli army or inhabited by the Palestinians' growing population.

Ihab al-Turok, a 35-year-old fruit dealer, worried that if Hamas bans fruit importation from Israel except apples and bananas, Israel might also ban the export of Israeli apples and bananas to the Gaza Strip in retaliation.—Xinhua



**WORLD**

**US-led drill in Persian Gulf causes insecurity in Iran region: IRGC commander**

TEHERAN, 24 Sept— A senior commander of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said the ongoing maneuver of the United States and its allies in the Persian Gulf can cause insecurity in the region, Press TV reported on Saturday.

"The maneuver is a passive reaction but the US presence in the region, like its presence in Iraq, Afghanistan and many other regions in the world, has only stoked insecurity," IRGC Navy Commander Rear Admiral Ali Fadavi was quoted as saying on Friday.

The United States and

its allies are holding the drill to claim that they can resist against the Islamic republic, but they should know that they are the cause of insecurity in the region, he added.

Another Iranian senior navy commander, Second Rear Admiral Hossein Azad, said Iran's Armed Forces are fully monitoring the naval exercise of the United States and its allies in the Persian Gulf, Press TV reported on Friday. The United States and its allies are performing the maneuver in the Persian Gulf under the pretext of improving security, but history has

proven the falsehood of their claims, Azad was quoted as saying. He emphasized that only regional countries can safeguard security in the region.

The United States and about 25 of its allies started Sunday a largest-scale mine-sweeping exercise in the Persian Gulf, in a show of unity and defensive step to prevent Iran's attempt to block oil exports through the Strait of Hormuz.

Iranian military officials have threatened to close the Strait of Hormuz in the face of mounting Western pressure. *Xinhua*

*A man chalk-draws on the pavement during first Chalkupy Vancouver event in Vancouver, Canada, on 22 Sept, 2012. People from all walks of life descend on Robson Street in downtown Vancouver at noon to create beautiful sidewalk chalk art together. —XINHUA*



**Austerity in the dock as Europe's debt-stricken leaders meet**

ROME, 24 Sept—The leaders of countries at the centre of the euro zone debt crisis met in Rome on Friday after steep upward revisions to Italy's public debt targets raised growing doubts about the austerity policies being pursued.

"Prime Minister Monti has been very pragmatic in what he set out here, clearly he has raised the question of the extent of austerity which can be applied in Italy," Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny told reporters when asked about Italy's new targets.

Italy said on Thursday that its recession would be much deeper than previously forecast and virtually abandoned plans to cut the debt in the near term, forecasting the debt-to-GDP ratio at 120 percent in 2015, the same level as posted last year.

"The government should recognise that only focusing on fiscal rigour is continuing to worsen our

crisis and that it must pursue different policies," said Susanna Camusso, head of the country's largest trade union, the left-wing CGIL.

Monti, an unelected economics professor, replaced Silvio Berlusconi last November and rushed through more than 20 billion euros of austerity measures to head off a debt crisis.

However, the measures have sapped consumer morale and deepened the recession in the euro zone's third largest economy, eating into tax revenues and pushing up the deficit as a proportion of output.

Credit Suisse economist Gianluca Zanni welcomed the deficit hikes as a sign that austerity is finally going out of fashion.

"It's good, it seems that they want to ease back on the restrictive policies, which is what we are beginning to see at the European level," he said.

Monti met separately with Kenny and the leaders of Spain and Greece at a

gathering of European Christian Democrat leaders.

All four economies, in what is often referred to as the euro zone's "periphery," have buckled under tough austerity measures used to tackle debt problems. Italy, Spain and Greece are mired in recession, while Ireland is showing slightly more resilience.

Greece and Ireland have been bailed out by their euro zone partners, Spain has received aid for its banks and is under pressure to seek broader help to lower its borrowing costs.

If it does so, the pressure will rise on Italy, which faces an uncertain election by next spring, to follow suit.

"The severity of the downturn is making the politics of austerity and structural reform all the more difficult at a time when there is growing uncertainty about the Italian political scene," said Nicholas Spiro, head of Spiro Sovereign Strategy. *Reuters*

*A coconut vendor pushes his wooden cart through the flood brought by tropical storm Jelawat in Quezon City, the Philippines, on 22 Sept, 2012. Tropical storm Jelawat is located at around 380 km east of Borongan, eastern Samar. XINHUA*



**Turkey deploys heavy weapons to Syrian border**

ISTANBUL, 24 Sept — Turkey's military deployed armored vehicles and heavy weaponry to the border with Syria on Saturday, near a crossing that has seen intense fighting between rebels and government forces, local media said.

The deployment is reportedly in an area where earlier this week Turkish civilians were wounded when stray bullets and shelling crossed the border from the Syrian province of al-Raqqa.

CNN Turk television said artillery fire had landed close to the Turkish border overnight, causing panic among local residents.

The Turkish army moved three Howitzers and one anti-aircraft weapon to the border, the channel said.

Turkey, a member of NATO, has conducted a number of troop deployments in recent months along its 911-km (566-mile) border with Syria, where rebels are fighting to topple President

Bashar al-Assad. Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan has been an outspoken critic of Assad's handling the uprising that has killed an estimated 27,000 people since it began as a peaceful protest in March 2011. —*Reuters*

**Hollande's popularity plummets on weak economy, high joblessness**

PARIS, 24 Sept—The approval rating of French President Francois Hollande hit a new record low in September, just four months after he took office, the latest opinion poll showed.

According to an Ifop poll for the weekly *Le Journal du Dimanche*, Hollande's positive rating was only 43 percent, down from 54 percent in August, which Frederic Dabi, director of the opinion division at Ifop institute, said was "the sharpest decline in popularity."

It is a sign that growth stagnation and high unemployment still weighted on French optimism about the country's economic outlook. In a joint press conference with German Chancellor Angela Merkel in Germany, the French president said, "I ask to be judged on results and these will take time."

"My duty is to ensure that by the end of my mandate, France is in a better state than it was at the beginning," he said.

Elected to be the first Socialist president in 17 years with nearly 52 percent of votes, Hollande pledged to revive economy, reach balanced public finances and provide jobs to millions of jobseekers. Ifop poll questioned 1,869 respondents from 13 to 21 Sept. —*Xinhua*



*Local residents watch aerobatic flight at the Africa Aerospace and Defence 2012 Exhibition in the Waterkloof Airforce Base Centurion in Pretoria, South Africa, on 22 Sept, 2012. The Africa Aerospace and Defence 2012, which kicked off on 19 Sept, opened to the public from Saturday. XINHUA*

**AU looks forward to successful summit of presidents of Sudan, South Sudan**

ADDIS ABABA, 24 Sept — The African Union (AU) on Saturday said it looks forward to the summit between Presidents Omar Hassan al Bashir of Sudan, and Salva Kiir Mayardit of South Sudan, scheduled to take place in Addis Ababa on Sunday.

In a statement AU announced that Jean Ping, Chairperson of the AU Commission, would like to encourage the presidents to take advantage of this unique opportunity to reach agreement on the outstanding issues in the post-secession relations between their two countries.

Over the years, the AU has maintained an intense and sustained engagement with the Sudanese stakeholders and people.

In October 2009, the Peace and Security Council (PSC) established the AU High-Level Implementation Panel (AUHIP)

in its engagement and through which, AU has maintained the view that solutions to the challenges at hand lie with the Sudanese people themselves, said the statement.

The AU also recognizes that the crisis affecting Sudan and South Sudan is an African crisis, and as such, Africa has a duty to assist the two States to achieve a lasting solution.

It was in this spirit that the PSC, deeply concerned by the outbreak of fighting along the border between Sudan and South Sudan, issued its Communiqué and Roadmap of 24 April 2012, in an effort to assist the Parties to return to the negotiating table and overcome the challenges facing their relationship, the statement recalled. The PSC was also concerned at the eruption of armed conflict in the "Two Areas" of Southern Kordofan and Blue Nile, which lie within the Republic of Sudan. —*Xinhua*



# PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 25 September, 2012

## Should we use mobile phones excessively?

Mobile phones have become such a part of everyday life that it is hard to imagine how people managed without them, given the convenience, freedom of movement and ease of social networking these gadgets bring. But not everyone is a fan and there are those who would be quite happy to return to the pre-cellphone days.

High on the list are security forces whose lives have been put in danger by cellphone-triggered bombs and parents who have to bear the brunt of costs stemming from the extensive use of cellphones by their offspring. And crimes are easily committed with the use of the devices. Meanwhile, the prolonged use of mobile phones is a growing health problem and it is an increasingly important issue in developing countries.

Today, the world is moving in a faster pace and that we all must work day and night along the tune with an up-beat to keep abreast of the changing world since the clock has been set forward for prosperity. At such a time, use of mobile phones is a must but we need to weigh the consequences of excessive use of the gadgets.

It turns out that the proper use of mobile phones is not only the right thing to do, it is the smart thing to do for families with low incomes and thrifty practice should be introduced in order to offset the increased cost of living. Only then, will those who are completely obsessed with mobile phones be free from serious financial problems.

### Outbreak of fire leaves 51 homeless

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 24 Sept—A fire broke out from Nilar Win grocery shop of U Horkey in Ward 4 of Mawlamyinegyun at 4.15 pm on 23 September while workers were taking out petroleum.

Members of Township Fire Services Department, Auxiliary Fire Brigade and members of social organizations together with local people put out the fire. They controlled the fire at 5 pm and totally put out it at 6 pm.

Five houses including the house of U Horkey were destroyed in the fire. It was reported that there was no casualty. Ma Mon Thuzar, daughter of the house owner, was burnt at her left hand and leg. She underwent medical treatment at Mawlamyinegyun Township Hospital (100-bed).

A total of 51 people from 14 households of nine houses became homeless. Myoma police station takes action against outbreak of fire.—*Myanma Alin*



# NATIONAL

## Injustice, dominance and breaches of fundamental ...

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It could be seen that most of the world population could not participate in socio-economic development. They are being victimized by various conflicts, violence, ignorance and restrictions. Injustice, dominance and breaches of fundamental human rights for years caused adverse consequences.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker continued to say that pursuit of power, property and pride by human beings in political, economic and social arenas led to the manipulation of their capacity for terrorist activities. Terrorism in each and every corner of the world could not give the answer that endures the passage of time.

As the technology of the current age transformed the world into a village, every society or nation requires the person who understands commonly accepted disciplines, norms and long-term impacts in serving regional and national interests.

In the age of globali-



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and Mr Han Qide, Vice-Chairman of Standing Committee of National People's Congress and President of Chinese People's Association for Peace and Disarmament exchange souvenirs.

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zation, the societies should be guided with commonly accepted rules. Lack of activities and actions by particular citizens and leaders has impacts on neighbouring countries, the whole region and beyond.

Committed efforts should be made to overcome terrorism. The sought-after lasting peace would be established only when lasting peace, equality, authority and inclusiveness in the society are retained.

As the social security of

the people is key to development, every nation should establish lasting peace and create the better future. Meanwhile, the mutual understanding, mutual interests and equality among the world nations should be respected.

He pinned his hope on the event for exploring valuable and new visions that could guarantee the world and future generations the sustainable development, lasting peace and safe future.

He expressed his

sympathy towards the Chinese government and the people for the deadly quake that shook Yunnan Province of China earlier this year, affected 740,000 people and caused the damage of Yuan 3.5 billion. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker then attended dialogues on peace, reduction of territorial disputes, safeguarding regional stability held under the agenda of International Day of Peace and China-Southeast Asia Peace and Development Forum.

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## District News



### Ship sinks Thayawphone Creek

MYAUNGMYA, 24 Sept—Ship Thiha Zaw driven by Aung Pyay Nyein, 28, son of U Tin Nyein of Labutta that left Myaungmya at 7 am on 22 September carrying 10 barrel of diesel, 20 bags of fertilizer, other personal goods and passengers sank at the bund of Thayawphone Creek near Myaungmya Kontha Village.

Villagers led by Kontha Village administrator salvaged the ship together with the passengers and some goods with the use of six motorboats and five boats during two hours period.

*Myanma Alin*

### Danger of narcotic drugs talked in Mohnyin Township

MOHNYIN, 24 Sept—A talk on danger of narcotic drugs was held at the school in Ywathitgon Village of Mohnyin Township on 22 September, attended by over 100 local people from Ywathitgon, Kandawgon and Htantabin villages.

Departmental officials gave talks on danger of narcotic drugs. A similar talk was also given at Aungthabye Ward Administration Office.

The officials held the talks in Myoma, Nakha and Ashaysu wards yesterday and Nanma, Mawhan and Lonton villages today. The commander of Township Police Force said that the educative talks will be held up to second week of October. Drug abuse and trafficking brings about infection of AIDS and other diseases in the region. Therefore, the local people are specially worried about follow-up problems of drug cases.—*NLM-001*





NATIONAL

JICA provides low interest loan for development of Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept— With the help of low interest loan of official development assistance (ODA) from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), five-year plans of the State, sector-wise and region-wise programmes would be effectively implemented for fulfilling people's needs. The today's coordination is to implement people centered development in line with the policy of JICA and to draw priority plans agreed by two sides, said Union Minister at the President Office U Tin Naing Thein at the coordination meeting for implementation projects in regions and states with the use of low interest loan assisted by official development assistance at the meeting hall of the National Planning and Economic Development Ministry here this morning.



Union Minister at the President Office U Tin Naing Thein makes a speech at coordination meeting for implementation projects in regions and states with the use of low interest loan from ODA.—MNA

National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw explained the needs of the regions in line with the policy adopted by the State in coordinating regional and sector projects and proposal presented by JICA.

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Shein discussed taking of Japan official development loan for implementation the projects and delivery programmes.

Deputy ministers from respective ministries, planning and economic ministers from regions/

states and representatives of JICA discussed matters related to the projects in detail.

The interest rate of the official development assistance is 0.01 and repayment period is 20 years including pending period 10 years.

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Symposium on Rabies on 26 September

YANGON, 24 Sept—The Microbiology Society of Myanmar Medical Association will hold a symposium on Rabies, in commemoration of World Rabies Day which falls on 28 September. The speaker includes Dr. Gongal (WHO), Professor Kyi Kyi Thin (University of Medicine-1) and Professor Chit Soe (University of Medicine-1).

The symposium will be held on 26 September (Wednesday) at the Summit Parkview Hotel and is sponsored by WHO and invited guests may participate in the discussion.—MNA

Gold wares snatched in Kawthoung Market

KAWTHOUNG, 24 Sept— While sale-in-charge of Gold Shop U Saw Lin from Annawah Ward of Kawthoung together with Ko Thay Lwe Wah and Ko Kyaw Min Tun selling at Phyto Phyto, Moe Moe, Toe Toe, Soe Soe Gold Shop at Bayintnaung Market on Dhammayon Street at 4 pm on 16 September, an unknown man arrived at the shop.

He said that he wanted to buy gold ware and asked to show two gold chains with fish skeleton shape weighing five ticals, one chain shaped gold chain weighing five ticals, one gold chain with dragon shape weighing five ticals and one gold chain weighing five ticals, totaling 25 ticals worth K 18,973,500. After he had checked the gold chains for about one hour, the seller took back three gold chains.

However, the unknown person asked to show the chains again and then took five gold chains away.

The people nearby the gold shop seized and investigated him. The snatcher was Maung Kyaw Htet, 36, son of U Sein Win of Bannaung Ward in Ranong of Thailand.

Kawthoung Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against him.

Myanma Alin

Illegal sawn teak timber seized on

Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw Expressway

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept—A team led by Senior Forester U Win Than together with witnesses searched a Toyota car near mile post 48/7 on Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw Expressway on 20 September.

They seized 297 pieces of illegal teak sawn timber weighing 1.0706 tons.

The Bawnatgyi Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against driver Kyaw Soe, son of U Tin Kyi.—Myanma Alin

Visitors have easy access to wi-fi

MANDALAY, 24 Sept—Pilgrims have access to wi-fi at Maha Myat Muni Buddha Image in Mandalay, said a member of the Pagoda Board of Trustees recently.

The wi-fi system is being served to foreign visitors and local pilgrims as of 10 September. The service is to be used with card in limitation. The foreign visitors may apply wi-fi once 30 minutes.

The wi-fi service is being installed at the precinct of the pagoda with the aim of giving service to the foreigners at the SEA Games.—Kyemon

Applications for political party scrutinized and passed

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept—The Union Election Commission is scrutinizing and permitting the applications for registration as political party. The UEC passed the application for establishment of Myanmar Farmer's Development Party by U Kyaw Swa Soe and 18 other persons today as it was found that the establishment is in accordance in line with laws and by-laws.—MNA

District News

Myanmar women's volleyball team leaves for Thailand



YANGON, 24 Sept—The Myanmar national women's volleyball team left here by air on 22 September to take part in the 17th SEA Youth Women's Volleyball Tournament to be held in Thailand from 24 to 28 September 2012.

The team was seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials of the Myanmar Volleyball Federation. The team

comprised manager U Myo Wunna Tun, Chief Coach U Thein Swe, Assistant Coach U Kyaw Soe Aung, Trainer U Hlwan Moe, referees U Tun Tun Naing and U Phyto Thu Aung, players Cho Cho Win and U Myat Mon of Ministry of Defence, Thi Thi Aung and Khin Thet Wai of Ministry of Home Affairs, Ohnmar Than, Aye Nanda Kyaw and Moh Moh Myint of Sports and Physical

Education Department, San San Htay and Phyu Phyu Wai of Ministry of Industry, Aye Nanda Myint, May Thu Aung and Zar Zar Hlaing of Ministry of Construction.

Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam and Laos will participate in the tournament. Myanmar women's team set the aim to seek experiences in the tournament.—MNA

News in Brief

Training of artistes inspected

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe viewed training of artistes at the camp to take part in the 19th Myanmar National Races Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition at No 1 Transit Centre in Hline Township on 23 September and provided K 718,000 to 359 artistes.

Yangon Lifestyle Furniture 28 Sept-1 Oct

Yangon Lifestyle Furniture Fair will be organized by Thousand Islands Business Group at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Yangon from 28 September to 1 October. A total of 164 booths will display personal goods and furniture at the fair.

Medical servicemen give health care

Servicemen of local medical battalion provided health care services to local people at relief camps in Kinchaung and Bawdigon villages in Maungtau Township on 21 September and Kanthaya and Shweyinae villages.

Boxing referee refresher course concludes

Boxing referee (refresher) course and coaching course organized by Sports Ministry and Myanmar Boxing Federation concluded at the office of Myanmar Boxing Federation at Youth Training Centre in Thuwunna on 22 September. The Union Minister for Sports presented certificates to trainees.

Roundtable reading held

Roundtable reading was held at the library in Yadana Mying Village of Kyeintali Sub-township on 9 September. Township level officials explained development of library and advantage of reading and then donated books.

Mobile medical team gives health treatment

Doctors, traditional medicine practitioners and health staff led by the Township Medical Officer together members of social organizations of mobile medical team provided health care services to the local people in Kyaiklat Township on 13 September. They give treatment to 140 general patients, 29 dental patients and traditional medical treatment to 46 people.



**WORLD**

**Israel helped Jordan establish nuclear energy plan, not otherwise** **Israel**

JERUSALEM, 24 Sept— An Israeli Atomic Energy Commission (IAEC) said that Israel had helped Jordan in developing its nuclear energy plan and provided it with valuable information, local media reported on Sunday.

The declaration contradicts Jordanian King Abdullah II's recent claims that Israel tried to thwart its plan to establish nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, which was flatly denied by Israeli officials.

Israel has helped Jordan

in 2010 by supplying it with a comprehensive geological study of its territory, the *Ha'aretz* daily reported, quoting an official.

"We told them we had a lot of data from the Geophysical Institute, which did a comprehensive study of the Eilat region and the Gulf of Aqaba as part of its preparations for the possibility of an earthquake and we gave them the material," IAEC deputy-director David Daniel said.

Following the information Israel provided them

with, the Jordanians decided to move a reactor site from Aqaba to an area north of Amman, Daniel said.

"We have no problem with a civilian nuclear programme in Jordan, and it's a good question why the Jordanians are saying otherwise," he added.

The conflicting accounts of Israel's approach towards the Jordanian nuclear plan were made amid last week's conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) held in Vienna.—*Xinhua*



People dressed up as imperial troops of Darth Vader in *Star Wars* participate in a parade in Malaga, Spain, on 23 Sept, 2012. The event was motivated by the Luis Olivares Foundation which is a charity that helps children and their families with cancer. **XINHUA**

**Over-fishing of tuna reported off**

**Mozambique**

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MAPUTO, 24 Sept— The Mozambican Ministry of Fisheries announced on Sunday an allegedly over-fishing of tuna off its Indian Ocean coast, saying there is need for increasing supervision to mitigate the trend.

This was announced soon after a supervision mission ended on Sunday alongside the Green Peace International, an organization seeking to defend the environment and sustainable development.

The mission started on 6 Sept, supported by a vessel from Greenpeace International baptized as rainbow warrior,

and together with a group from the Mozambique Fishery Ministry.

It had representatives from 18 other countries including Spain, Italy, New Zealand, Russia, Britain, the United States and Canada.

The mission supervised an area estimated at 133,500 square km from the southern part of the southern African country in the Maputo Ponta d'Ouro to the central region of Save. It reported the supervision of four fishing vessels, three from Japan and one from Spain.

An official of the Fishery Ministry Joao Sanete told journalists that the mission is

part of the efforts in fighting illegal fishing and to guarantee that the activity is executed according to the laws established in the country.

Most of the fishing vessels found operating in the areas targeted tuna and sharks, according to the official.

Owing to its extensive areas off the coast and lack of resources for supervision, Mozambique is vulnerable to illegal fishing. The just-concluded operation only covered 33 percent of the entire waters of 400,000 square km. Tuna is at risk of extinction due to overfishing, the authorities warned.—*Xinhua*



Two Asian girls with lanterns attend a street fair for the upcoming Mid-Autumn festival at Chinatown in San Francisco, the United States, on 22 Sept, 2012. The 22nd Mid-Autumn Street Fair held by the San Francisco Chinatown Merchant Association kicked off here on Saturday.—**XINHUA**

**Iran denies hacking into**

**Iran American banks**

DUBAI, 24 Sept— Iran denied its hackers attacked American banks, the semi-official *Fars* news agency reported on Sunday, following a *Reuters* report that three of the largest American lenders were repeatedly targeted over the past year.

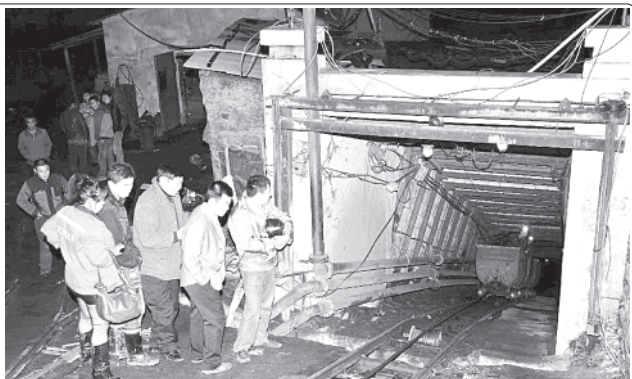
The hacking of websites and corporate networks at Bank of America Corp, JPMorgan Chase & Co and Citigroup Inc began in late 2011 and escalated this year, people familiar with the situation told *Reuters*.

"We officially announce that we haven't had any attacks," Head of Iran's civil defence agency Gholam Reza Jalali told *Fars*, when asked about the report. *Reuters* reported the hackers targeted the three banks in retaliation for their enforcement of Western economic sanctions against Iran's disputed nuclear programme.

Iran says the programme is aimed at generating electricity and not, as the United States, Israel and others allege, at making nuclear weapons. A senior Iranian lawmaker accused the head of the United Nations nuclear watchdog on Sunday of passing confidential information about Iran's nuclear activities to Israel. The Islamic state has beefed up its cyber capabilities after the nuclear programme came under attack in 2010 by the Stuxnet computer worm which caused centrifuges to fail at its main enrichment facility. Teheran accused the United States and Israel of deploying Stuxnet. Intelligence Minister Heydar Moselehi said in June that Iran had detected a planned "massive cyber attack" against its nuclear facilities, blaming the United States, Israel and Britain. Jalali said Stuxnet was used against Iran to delay the country's nuclear activities.—*Reuters*

Relatives of trapped miners wait at the entrance of the Longshan coal mine in Youyi County of Shuangyashan City, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 23 Sept, 2012. Eleven people were left trapped after a fire broke out at around 11 am.

**XINHUA**



**Japan finance minister Azumi tapped for ruling party Post:**

**NHK**

**Japan**

TOKYO, 24 Sept— Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda is set to appoint Finance Minister Jun Azumi as the ruling Democratic Party's acting secretary-general, public broadcaster NHK said on Monday.

The report did not mention if Azumi would retain the finance portfolio. Noda was re-elected as the head of the Democratic Party of Japan last week.

*Reuters*



Japan Finance Minister Jun Azumi gestures while answering questions during a news conference after the 15th ASEAN plus 3 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' meeting in Manila on 3 May 2012.—**REUTERS**

**Nearly 1,000 prisoners facing floodwaters in Cambodia's Northwestern province**

**Cambodia**

PHNOM PENH, 24 Sept — Nearly 1,000 prisoners and culprits detained in Cambodia's Banteay Meanchey Provincial Prison are facing floodwaters after heavy rains in recent weeks, according to the website of the National Police on Monday.

The prison, situated nearby Sirisophorn River, has been submerged by flash floods since last Friday, said Prison's Chief Col Hin Sophal, adding that as of Sunday, the floodwaters in the vicinity of the prison have risen as high as 0.8 metres. "The water has not flown into the prisoners' cells yet because we have used 2 pumping machines to pump out the water 24 hours on 24 hours," the website quoted Hin Sophal as saying on Sunday. "We also prepare some 10,000 sandbags to place

in front of waterways to prevent the prison from more serious flooding," he said.

The prison has been hit by floods in three consecutive years since 2010, he said. Flash floods have hit Banteay Meanchey province bordering Thailand since last Monday, forcing nearly 4,000 families to evacuate to higher ground, according to the report of the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM). It said that some 8,033 hectares of rice paddy and 1,530 hectares of cassava crops have also inundated. Floods usually hit the country between August and October. Last year, the floods killed at least 250 Cambodian people and affected some 1.4 million people in the country, the NCDM said.—*Xinhua*

**Tropical Storm Miriam gains strength in Mexican Pacific**

MEXICO CITY, 24 Sept— Tropical Storm Miriam gathered strength off Mexico's Pacific coast on Sunday, threatening to turn into a hurricane by nightfall, said the Mexican weather service. The storm, according to the Miami-based National Hurricane Centre (NHC), was located about 760 km south of the tourist resort of Cabo San Lucas, in the state of Baja California Sur, with maximum sustained winds increasing to 110 km per hour. The NHC, however, said no coastal watches or warnings were in effect, and no hazards were reported to affect land. Mexican weather forecasters warned the storm would bring clouds to states along Mexico's west coast, as well as high winds and waves. The National Civil Protection System has called a low-level blue alert for the coastal states of Colima and Jalisco, as well as the islands of Socorro and San Benedicto.—*Xinhua*



**REGIONAL**

**Japanese fishing boat hits cargo ship, 13 missing**

TOKYO, 24 Sept— A Japanese fishing boat with a crew of 22 collided with a cargo ship in the Pacific Ocean off eastern Japan early on Monday and 13 of them are missing, the Japan Coast Guard said.

The 119-ton Horiei Maru with 17 Japanese and five Indonesians on board clashed into the Panama-

registered 25,047-ton *Nikkei Tiger* in waters about 900 kilometres east of Miyagi around 2:30 am and may have sunk, the 2nd Regional Coast Guard Headquarters said.

Nine of the 22 on the Horiei Maru—five Japanese and four Indonesians—were rescued by another fishing boat around 7:00 am, the

**Japan**

coast guard said, adding they are searching for the missing.

The coast guard received a distress call from the Horiei Maru, from Mie, western Japan, at around 2:30 am on Monday.

The crew members of the cargo vessel are all safe.

Xinhua



*Women compete during the 6th Women's Race in Bogota, capital of Colombia, on 23 Sept, 2012. Over 15,000 women participated in the race.*

XINHUA

**Cambodia**

**Cambodian King pays state visit to Vietnam**

PHNOM PENH, 24 Sept— Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni left here on Monday morning for Vietnam for a 3-day state visit to boost traditional and friendly ties between the two neighbours.

At the Phnom Penh International Airport, the king was seen off by National Assembly President Heng Samrin, Prime Minister Hun Sen, 1st Vice-President of the Senate Say Chhum, senior government officials and royal family members.

In a royal message to his peoples on 22 Sept, the king said that the visit was made at the invitation of Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang. "During my absence, the President of the Senate Chea Sim will assume the title of the acting head of state of Cambodia," he said.

Cambodia and Vietnam established diplomatic ties on 24 June, 1967.

The ties have been constantly strengthened and expanded through the exchange of visits by both sides' leaders.

The two neighbours have also had good trade and investment relations.

According to the figure of the Vietnam's Trade Office in Phnom Penh, the two-way trade volume was valued at 1.96 billion US dollars in the first seven months of 2012, a 23 percent rise compared with the same period a year ago.

Xinhua

**Fire breaks out in Dhaka high-rise building**

DHAKA, 24 Sept— A fire broke out in a high-rise building in Bangladesh's capital Dhaka on Sunday night and officials said scores of people were quickly evacuated and no one was hurt. On receiving information about the incident, fire fighters rushed to the spot and doused the blaze which lasted for about two and a half hour.

A fireman who refused

to be named said black smoke rose from the 15-story Alauddin Tower in Dhaka's Uttara area and the firefighters eventually brought it under control.

The building is partly residential and partly occupied by shops and businesses, he said.

The fireman said they are striving to rescue some people feared to have been trapped inside the burning

**Bangladesh**

upper floors of the tower. Army troops have been called in to support the fire brigade rescuers. The cause of the fire could not be known immediately. Fire accident is not a rare scene in the South Asian country. At least 119 people died in a devastating home fire in a very congested area of Dhaka's old part in June 2010.—Xinhua



*A college student controls a robot during the First Beijing University Robocon in Beijing, capital of China, on 22 Sept, 2012. About 300 students from 17 universities participate in the robot contest on Saturday.—XINHUA*

**N Korea**

**North Korea plans agriculture reforms**

BEIJING, 24 Sept—North Korea plans to allow farmers to keep more of their produce in an attempt to boost agricultural output, a source with close ties to Pyongyang and Beijing said, in a move that could boost supplies, help cap rising food prices and ease malnutrition.

The move to liberalize agriculture under new leader Kim Jong-un, who took office in December 2011 after the death of his father, would reverse a crackdown on private production that started in 2005. It comes amid talk that the youngest Kim to rule the impoverished North is considering reforms to boost the economy.

"Peasants will have incentive to grow more food. They can keep and sell in the market about 30-50 percent of their harvest depending on the region," said the source.

At present, most farm output is sold to the government at a state auction price that has diverged from the market rate.

It was impossible to verify the plan independently in North Korea, one of the world's most closed states, although the source has proved reliable in the past, predicting North Korea's first nuclear test in 2006 days

before it was conducted, as well as the ascent of Kim's uncle, Jang Song-thaek.

The plans come as some websites run by North Korean defector groups have said the price of rice—a staple food—more than doubled at the end of August from the start of June.

The surge in rice prices, cited by DailyNK, a North Korean defector website (www.dailynk.com), was driven by a fear of economic reforms that could in fact be punitive, like a 2009 currency revaluation that confiscated most peoples' savings. This report also could not be independently verified.

North Korea experienced a devastating famine in the 1990s from which its economy has not recovered, and a third of its population is malnourished, according to UN estimates. The country needs about 5 million tons of grain and potatoes to feed its people and since the early 1990s its annual harvest has been 3.5-4.7 million tons, according to most observers.

Experts in South Korea believe the North desperately needs fertilizer to boost yields in a country where soil has been degraded by erosion due to poor farming techniques.

Reuters



*A fruit grower picks apples in an orchard in Dongjing Village, Yongxiang Township of Luochuan County, northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 23 Sept, 2012. The apple-planting area in Luochuan covers 500,000 mu (about 33,333 hectares), which could yield to an estimated yearly production of 700,000 tonnes.—XINHUA*

**Europeans among 10 climbers killed in Nepal avalanche **Nepal****

KATHMANDU, 24 Sept— An avalanche swept away climbers and their camps on the world's eighth highest mountain in north-western Nepal on Sunday, killing at least 10 people, officials said.

Mountaineering officials in Nepal and France said they had been told most of the dead climbers were French.

"There were seven French victims ... We got the information directly from base camp," said Denis Crabieres, head of the French Mountain Rescue Association. He said rescue operations on Mount Manaslu had been stopped until morning.

A former president of Nepal Mountaineering Association, Ang Tshering

Sherpa, said most of the dead were French and that other victims were from Italy, Germany and Spain.

A French Foreign Ministry spokesman would not confirm any deaths but said "at least three" French climbers had been rescued and were being treated for injuries.

Nepalese authorities said earlier that the dead included climbers from Nepal, Germany and Spain, and that four people were missing. Five injured climbers were rescued by helicopters and flown to the capital Kathmandu.

German climber Andreas Reitero, 26, said he was sleeping in his tent when the avalanche struck at about 4 am local time (2315 GMT on

Saturday). His camp was about 7,000 metres (22,950 feet) above sea level.

"It was a big sound. I was afraid," Reitero told Reuters

from hospital in Kathmandu after being rescued by a helicopter from the mountain, 100km (60 miles) northwest of the capital.—Reuters



*An ambulance carrying victims of an avalanche at Mount Manaslu, airlifted from the Base Camp, heads for the hospital in Kathmandu on 23 Sept, 2012.*

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Britain's Business Secretary Vince Cable speaks at the Global Investment Conference 2012 in London on 26 July, 2012. —REUTERS

**Government pledges 1 billion pounds for state-backed business bank**

BRIGHTON, 24 Sept—The government said on Monday it would allocate 1 billion pounds towards a new state-backed business bank designed to expand lending to smaller firms currently starved of loans from Britain's main lenders.

The government hopes its backing will be matched by a similar amount from private capital and could support up to 10 billion pounds of new and additional lending, Business Secretary Vince Cable said.

The as yet unnamed institution would operate through the wholesale market and would support the supply of loans and long-term capital to smaller firms through existing banks and other financial providers.

"We need a new British business bank with a clean balance sheet and an ability to expand lending rapidly to the manufacturers, exporters and high growth companies that power our economy," said Cable, who is attending his Liberal Democrat party's conference in Brighton, southern England. "Many new promising, growing companies simply can't get the loans they need to expand on reasonable terms. We are going to help fix this," he added, in remarks released by his office.

Earlier this month Cable said such a bank could be run through a new generation of so-called "challenger" banks, which the government has been encouraging to expand in Britain as a way of increasing competition among lenders.

Aides said the scale of the government's commitment was significant compared to the current 50 billion pounds of outstanding loans to smaller companies in Britain and that the new bank could be operating within 12 to 18 months.

Reuters

**China, Italy showcase environmental initiatives at World Tourism Expo**

ROME, 24 Sept— Environmental cooperation between Italy and China took center stage at the World Tourism Expo held in the Italian town of Assisi from Friday to Sunday.

The expo, sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), provided the two countries with an opportunity to present details of the projects they have undertaken to protect environment over the past decade.

Claudio Ricci, mayor of Assisi and head of Italy's UNESCO heritage association, has been behind the expo since it was first held in the town in 2010.

"The initiative is being held exactly 40 years since the

UNESCO World Heritage List was created," Ricci said. "The theme of the expo is harmonious tourism, of emotions and memories."

Li Pei, an official from the Chinese Ministry of Environmental Protection, introduced the efforts China has taken to protect environment and its rich cultural heritage in the past decade.

Li also noted that many joint initiatives between China and Italy have produced "concrete results" over the past 10 years. Cooperation between the two countries has resulted in investments of more than 1.35 million euros (1.75 million US dollars).—Xinhua



ENTERTAINMENT



Sharon Stone

MILAN, 24 Sept—US actress Sharon Stone bounced back from a hospital admission at Milan fashion week to chair a star-studded fundraising gala on Saturday. Stone, 55, was admitted to hospital with a migraine after attending a runway show by Italian fashion house

Sharon Stone bounces back from migraine at Milan fashion week

Fendi on Friday, raising questions over whether she could chair the Saturday AIDS research fundraiser as planned.

The “Basic Instinct” star suffered a health scare in 2001 when she was hospitalized for a brain aneurysm — bleeding in the brain that can cause stroke—after suffering severe headaches.

Dressed in a deeply plunged long black draped dress, the actress smiled at cameras and reassured reporters outside the event about her condition.

“Thank you. I feel fine and I’m good and I’ve got a clean bill of health and I’m happy to be here,” Stone told Reuters Television.

“I’m totally happy to be here for something so meaningful to me.”

The American Foundation for AIDS Research said in a statement: “She was examined and given a clean bill of health. And as she said, wild horses couldn’t keep her away.”

The gala was attended by Italian designers Silvia Venturini Fendi and Roberto Cavalli and Fiat heir Lapo Elkann. It featured performances by DJ Mark Ronson and rapper Theophilus London.—Reuters

Robert Pattinson is sensitive because he “grew up with lots of girls”

LOS ANGELES, 24 Sept—Robert Pattinson blames the women in his life for his sensitive nature. The Twilight star recently reconciled with long-term girlfriend Kristen Stewart after her affair with her Snow White and the Huntsman director Rupert Sanders and has so far refused to discuss the cheating scandal.

But the 26-year-old heartthrob has admitted he is very sensitive in the new book Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart and Taylor Lautner—In Their Own Words by Talia Soghomonian, The English actor said: “I guess I’m like relatively sensitive. Also, I had two older sisters so I grew up with lots of girls and so I guess I kind of have a different mentality cause of that. And I never really played any team sports or



Robert Pattinson recently reconciled with his longtime girlfriend Kristen Stewart

anything, (laughs) so I guess all those things add up to that.”

Meanwhile, Robert has

weighed in on speculation he is in the running to land the lead role in the big screen adaptation of the bestselling novel Fifty Shades of Grey. He said: “I think the author has written me out of it. I saw some interview recently, and they went ‘Oh, it could never be him.’ And I’m like: ‘Hey, I’m going to make you pay for that.’”

“It’s funny seeing all these other actors so openly vying for it. I’ve never seen that happen before. It’s so strange. I haven’t read the whole thing. I read bits of it, there’s a book called Fifty Sheds of Grey. Have you seen that book? That’s amazing, just a picture book of fifty grey sheds, and it’s literally on the New York Times Best Seller list. People have got the wrong read.”—PTI

Salma Hayek’s secret to eternal youth

LONDON, 24 Sept—Actress Salma Hayek says she achieves her skin perfection by never washing her face when she wakes up in the



Actress Salma Hayek

morning.

The 46-years-old star, who looks much younger than her age, said her less than hygienic regime is the secret behind her skin perfection, reported Daily Mail.

“One strange tip - don’t wash it in the morning, at all, never. Because at night your skin is rebuilding some of the oils that you need to keep your skin young, and it balances the PH.

“So in the morning if you take them off—you can splash it with water, do something mild—but you don’t want to get rid of that. And if your skin is dirty in the morning, it means you didn’t clean well at night,” she said. The mother-of-one has developed her own range of beauty products that she uses all the time.

“I’m not very trim, but I don’t have as many wrinkles as probably I should. But I do use, I use my products but you don’t sell them, I just sell them in only one drug store in the States.”—PTI

Emma Watson admits to painful experiences in love

LONDON, 24 Sept—Actress Emma Watson used to believe love was a “pain” and admits she has had some bad experiences in the past.

The 22-year-old is currently dating student Will Adamowicz. “When I started dating, I had this kind of ‘Romeo and Juliet’, fateful, romantic idea about love.

It was almost that you were a victim—that there was a lot of pain involved and that was how it should be,” femalefirst.co.uk quoted Watson as saying.

“Shakespeare said the course of true love never did run smooth and I had a sense it had to be painful.

It was such a revelation to realise it shouldn’t be that way and you get to choose who you love and who you give your heart to.”

“The sad thing is you only learn from experience, so as much as someone can tell you things, you have to go out there and make your own mistakes in order to learn,” she added.

PTI

Nicolas Cage sued by ex-security guard for \$115,000



Actor Nicolas Cage

LOS ANGELES, 24 Sept—Actor Nicolas Cage is reportedly sued by one of his ex-security men Richard

Brun for \$115,000.

Brun has filed a lawsuit in Orange County, saying that he was hired by the actor in September last year, and was fired after two weeks without any reason. The security guard was later denied the money that was promised to him according to the security contract, reports tmz.com.

According to the security man, he was at the loss of \$115,000 and has sued the actor with the same amount. When contacted representatives of the 48-year-old actor, the calls were not returned.—PTI

Siddharth Mallya to make TV debut

MUMBAI, 24 Sept—Siddharth Mallya, son of industrialist Vijay Mallya, is set to make his debut on the small screen as a host and judge of the fourth season of Hunt for the Kingfisher Calendar Girl.

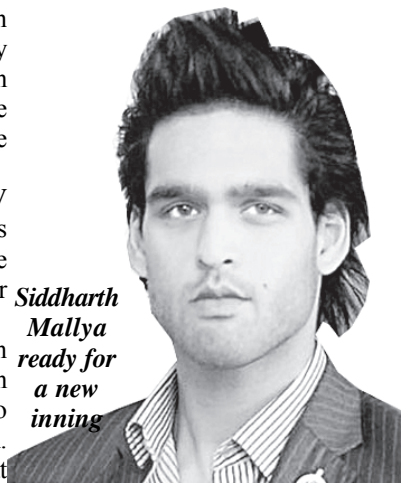
The show, to be aired on NDTV Good Times starting on 29 Oct, is a hunt for a model to feature in the annual glamorous Kingfisher Calendar.

Siddharth Mallya will join model-turned actress Lisa Haydon and ace lensman Atul Kasbekar to hunt the calendar girl this season. Together, they will be on the lookout for a girl, who boasts of oomph, charisma and has a fit bikini body.

As many as 12 lucky contestants will dive into different avatars and challenges in a bid for a spot on the Kingfisher Calendar.

“Following the decade-long heritage of the Kingfisher Swimsuit Calendar, this edition of the hunt for the Kingfisher calendar girl will prove to be more exciting than ever before with larger than life names, a bigger format and a wider canvas,” Samar Singh Shekhawat, senior vice president marketing, United

Siddharth Mallya ready for a new inning

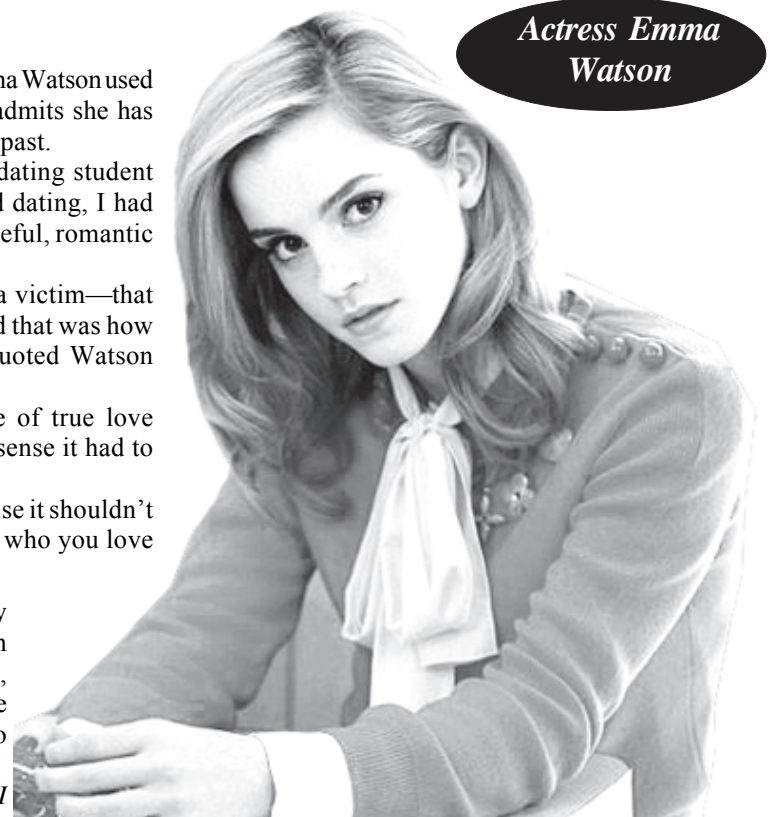


Breweries Ltd, said in a statement.

Started in the year 2010, the Hunt for the Kingfisher Calendar Girl is a platform that provides nascent models an opportunity to prove themselves in the fashion industry and gain instant fame.

The ‘Hunt’ has provided jumpstart to many popular faces such as Himarsha Venkatswamy, Angela Johnson and Nathalia Kaur in the past. Others like Katrina Kaif, Deepika Padukone, Esha Gupta, Ujjwala Raut and Nargis Fakhri have also featured on the calendar.—PTI

Actress Emma Watson





**SPORTS**

**Van Persie sinks Liverpool, Man City held**

LONDON, 24 Sept—Robin van Persie's late penalty earned below-par Manchester United a 2-1 victory over 10-man Liverpool in an emotionally-charged Premier League clash at Anfield and champions Manchester City were held to a 1-1 home draw by Arsenal on Sunday.

United's prolific Dutchman sealed the points when he fired his spot-kick past the win under new manager Andre Villas-Boas.

Demba Ba scored in a 1-0 win for Newcastle United over their former manager Chris Hughton's Norwich City.

The first match at Anfield since this month's Hillsborough report cleared Liverpool's fans of blame for the deaths of 96 of supporters at the 1989 FA Cup semi-final sparked into life after 39 minutes when Jonjo Shelvey was red-carded.

However, Liverpool deservedly went ahead straight after halftime through Steven Gerrard's volley, only for United to hit back six minutes later through a curling effort by fullback Rafael.

Van Persie's late strike, his fifth league goal of the season, left Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers still awaiting his first league win of the season after five games, the club's worst start to a Premier League campaign.—Reuters



**Manchester United's Robin Van Persie celebrates scoring a penalty against Liverpool during their English Premier League soccer match at Anfield in Liverpool, northern England on 23 September, 2012.**  
REUTERS

**Soccer**

Chelsea.

City drew for third time in their opening five games, Laurent Koscielny equalising late for Arsenal after Joleon Lescott had headed the hosts into a halftime lead.

Both sides are unbeaten with nine points.

Tottenham Hotspur have eight after Jermain Defoe scored the winner in a 2-1 victory over Queens Park Rangers, Spurs's first home

despairing dive of Pepe Reina after Glen Johnson had brought down Antonio Valencia.

Despite being well below their best, United moved into second spot with 12 points, one point behind leaders

**Factbox**

LONDON, 24 Sept—Factbox on former England captain John Terry who retired from international soccer on Sunday.

\* Born on 7 December, 1980 in London.

**CHELSEA CAREER**

\* Joined Chelsea aged 14 as a trainee before spending seven weeks on loan at Nottingham Forest in 2000.

\* Chelsea's most successful captain since they were founded in 1905, having led the club to Premier League titles in 2005, 2006 and 2010, FA Cup success in 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012 and two League Cup trophies in 2005 and 2007.

\* Missed a chance to win the 2008 Champions League final against Manchester United in Moscow when his penalty in the shootout struck the post after he slipped on the wet pitch.

**Soccer-Former England captain John Terry**

\* Chelsea win the Champions League for the first time in 2012, but Terry misses the final against Bayern Munich through suspension.

**INTERNATIONAL CAREER**

\* Has played 78 times for England after making his debut in 2003.

\* Played at Euro 2004 and the 2006 World Cup, after which he was named England skipper by former manager Steve McClaren.

\* Was then re-appointed captain in August 2008 after Fabio Capello took charge of England.

\* Sacked by Capello as England captain in February 2010 after intense media speculation following allegations about his private life.

\* Continued to play for England and is part of the team that is heavily criticized for their disappointing

**Ivanovic seeking to recapture former glory**

TOKYO, 24 Sept—Former world number one Ana Ivanovic insisted she still had the game to challenge for grand slam titles after booking a spot in the second round of the Pan Pacific Open on Monday.

The Serb, seeded 11th in Tokyo, beat Andrea Hlavackova 6-3, 2-0 to

winning the 2008 French Open, told Reuters.

"I already achieved two of my biggest dreams in winning a grand slam and being number one in the world.

"But I believe I can still be at the top level and winning grand slams. Otherwise I wouldn't be here," added the

major tournaments.

"I need to work on my strength in the off-season, get a little stronger," said Serbia's tennis pin-up, who reached the quarter-finals of the US Open earlier this month.

"But it's also confidence. Beating the top players can really boost your confidence and make you start to believe."

Ivanovic, beaten by eventual champion Serena Williams in New York, will face Poland's Urszula Radwanska in the second round in Tokyo after the Polish player's 6-2, 6-4 win over Japan's Kurumi Nara.

Russia's Nadia Petrova overpowered China's Peng Shuai 6-1, 6-4, knocking out one of three Chinese players appearing despite their country's fierce political row with Japan over disputed islands.

In other first-round matches, qualifier Pauline Parmentier beat fellow Frenchwoman Alize Cornet 6-3, 6-4.

American Jamie Hampton was another qualifier to advance, ousting France's Caroline Garcia 6-2, 6-2.—Reuters



**Ana Ivanovic of Serbia makes a return to Serena Williams of the US during their women's quarter-final match at the US Open tennis tournament in New York, on 5 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS**

**Tennis**

advance after the Czech retired with a thigh injury after just 44 minutes.

"That's the only reason I'm still here," Ivanovic, who climbed to the top of the women's rankings after

24-year-old winner of 11 WTA Tour titles.

Ivanovic, who has won more than \$9.6 million career prize money, admitted she still had a little work to do to seriously challenge at the

performance at the World Cup in South Africa in 2010 when they are eliminated by Germany in the second round.

\* Reinstated as England captain in March 2011 but stripped of the role for a second time 11 months later after he was accused of racially abusing Queens Park Rangers defender Anton Ferdinand.

\* Terry is later cleared in a court of law but the Football Association's decision to strip him of the armband before his case was heard prompted the resignation of manager Capello.

\* Despite being acquitted in the law courts, the FA chose to bring a case against Terry and he is due to face a tribunal on Monday.

\* Terry announced his retirement from international soccer on Sunday, issuing a statement saying his position in the national team had become untenable.—Reuters



**Red Bull Formula One driver Sebastian Vettel of Germany gestures after winning the Singapore F1 Grand Prix at the Marina Bay Street Circuit in Singapore on 23 September, 2012.—REUTERS**

**Streetfighter Vettel takes title brawl to Alonso**

**Motor racing**

SINGAPORE, 24 Sept—Sebastian Vettel displayed all the guts and determination of a world champion to haul himself back into the Formula One title race with a Singapore victory that sets up a mouth-watering finale to the season.

Vettel kept his focus to win a "killer" race that ran for a full two hours on a balmy Sunday night, enabling the German to cut championship leader Fernando Alonso's advantage to 29 points with six rounds remaining as he seeks a hat-trick of crowns.

To say the title showdown has come down to a duel between Vettel's Red Bull and Alonso's Ferrari could be premature given the topsy-turvy nature of this season but while both men have bemoaned a lack of pace, they make up for it in consistency.

Alonso has spent all season claiming his car is not competitive, yet he has forged ahead by picking up big points from average positions on the grid, a feat he repeated in Singapore by finishing third after starting fifth.

"On track, we manage to make the most of what we have, making few or no mistakes, thanks to great work from the team," Alonso told reporters after chasing home Vettel and McLaren's Jenson Button.—Reuters

**Swimming Britain's Adlington rules out competing at Rio Olympics**

LONDON, 24 Sept—Britain's Rebecca Adlington, who won two golds in Beijing and two bronze medals in London, has ruled out competing at the 2016 Olympics in Rio, she has told the Mail on Sunday.

"Rio is out of reach. I'll be 27 then and swimming, especially for distance swimmers, is a young person's game," said Adlington, who finished third behind 15-

year-old American Katie Ledecky in the 800 metres freestyle at the London Games.

"If I was a sprinter I'd go to Rio. But I don't have an ounce of sprinting in me, and that's why my Olympics are over," added the golden girl of British swimming. Adlington, who holds the world record in the 800 freestyle, is Britain's most successful Olympic swimmer

and before her no British woman had won swimming medals in successive Games.

Having ruled out another Olympics, she has not yet decided whether she will compete at next year's world championships in Barcelona or the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in 2014. "Swimming is still in my heart but, physically, I'm ready to finish completely," she said. "If I were to race in Glasgow



**Chelsea's John Terry**



**Bronze medallist Britain's Rebecca Adlington**



**GENERAL**

**Focus Myanmar TV Programme**

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**  
(25-9-12 09:30 am ~ 26-9-12 09:30 am) MST  
\* News  
\* Myanmar Nobel College Graduation Ceremony and Fresher's Welcome  
\* News  
\* Road to Buddhism in Russia  
\* News  
\* From Now On...(Part-I)  
\* News  
\* From Now On...(Part-II)  
\* News  
\* "Topic on Journal" Medicinal Tea Plant  
\* 16th Concluding Ceremony of the University of Arts and

Culture (Yangon)  
\* News  
\* Collective Charitable Deed in Significant Month, Waso  
\* News  
\* Myanmar International Frontier "Myanmar-Israel Bilateral Relations"  
\* News  
\* Jetro Business Support Centre Yangon  
\* Myanmar Movie "Never lie to your Heart"

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7:25 am  
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:40 am  
3. Nice & Sweet Song  
7:50 am  
4. Health Programme  
8:05 am  
5. Songs Of Yester Years  
8:15 am  
6. Teleplay (Traffic)  
8:20 am  
7. Dance Of National Races  
8:25 am  
8. Selected Songs For 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2012) (Classical Song) (Basic Education) (Level Men & Women)  
4:10 pm  
9. Musical Programme  
4:55 pm  
10. Songs For Upholding National Spirit  
5:10 pm  
11. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies  
5:35 pm  
12. Sweet Melody  
6:55 pm  
13. Sing A Song  
7:00 pm  
14. TV Drama Series  
8:00 pm  
15. News  
16. Bakery World  
17. TV Drama Series  
18. India Drama Series

**DISTRICT NEWS**

**Bridge collapses in Nyaunglebin Township**



NYAUNGLEBIN, 24 Sept—A 95 feet long and five feet wide wooden bridge across Chein Creek collapsed near Kaukmethu Village of Gwaygon Village-tract in Nyaunglebin Township of Bago Region on 20 September evening. Village administrator UHla Oo informed the collapse of bridge about the township level officials and organized the local people for construction of a temporary bamboo bridge downstream of the bridge. A local people said, "About 100 students of Gwaygon, Chon-in and Kaukmethu villages go to Basic Education High School of Tawwi Village through the bridge. So, we all built a temporary bridge in time."—Kyemon

**As a model, Chitrangada Singh never walked the ramp**

KOLKATA, 24 Sept—Before turning to the silver screen, Chitrangada Singh never walked the ramp despite being a model as she was not tall enough. "I am happy that as a package of being an actor I also get to do different things. I never walked the ramp earlier because I was not tall enough," Chitrangada said after setting the ramp on fire in a sizzling gold and black evening wear by designer duo Pankaj and Nidhi at the Blenders Pride Fashion Tour here. After working in advertisements and music videos, the 36-year-old wife of Indian golfer Jyoti Randhawa had impressed everybody with her debut role in Sudhir Mishra's 2005 film 'Hazaaron Khwaishen Aisi'. While at the backstage of the fashion show, Chitrangada said she felt out of place. "Now I have done enough of catwalks but yet I am nervous everytime I set my foot on the ramp," she said. Based on the issue of gender politics, Chitrangada would soon be shooting for another Sudhir Mishra film 'Inkaar' where she is cast opposite Arjun Rampal. "It is a film about sexual harassment. It shows that proving rape is easier than proving sexual harassment," she said. The dusky actress would also be seen in a romantic film 'I, Me, aur Main' with John Abraham. For now she is disappointed that the Akshay Kumar-starrer 'Joker', where she had an item number 'Kaafrana', bombed at the box office. "The film's fate is disappointing but I am happy that people liked me in an item song," Chitrangada said adding she is open to doing item numbers.



The buffalo-fighting festival is held in Hai Phong, north Vietnam, Sept. 24, 2012. Buffalo-fighting, the unique festival in Hai Phong, is held annually on the ninth day of the eighth month according to the lunar calendar. XINHUA

**Basquiat poised to set record at New York art auction**

NEW YORK, 24 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 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 November 14 following public exhibitions scheduled for London, Paris and New York.

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