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## Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker visits Shenzeng, Shaoguan, Guangzhou

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Sept—U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw, met with the personnel from the Chinese state-owned media in Shenzeng, the People's Republic of China on 22 September.

The Speaker answered questions raised by journalists from Xinhua News Agency and China Radio International focusing on issues related to Myanmar-China cultural exchange, Myanmar's political, economic and social reforms and good prospects and investment opportunities and relations in the trade sector between Myanmar and Shenzeng and all-round efforts to be made for the peaceful development in the China and ASEAN region.

After the press conference, the Myanmar delegation led by the Speaker attended the peace and development ceremony.

Afterwards, the delegation visited Shenzeng Museum where officials concerned conducted them around, showing the rapid development of Shenzeng and main businesses in the town.

In the afternoon, the delegation went to Shaoguan by train.

In the evening, Chairman of Shaoguan People's Congress Mr Zheng Zhentao hosted a dinner in honour of the Myanmar delegation.

On 23 September, the Myanmar delegation visited a world's cultural heritage of Modern Agriculture Park in Shaoguan. They also visited Guangdong Furan Agricultural



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint visits Shenzeng Museum.  
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Tech Co Ltd where they observed the plantations of tea and other oil crops, oil production and packaging.

In the evening, they left Shaoguan for Guangzhou by

train and enjoyed the night scene of Guangzhou in a boat in the Pearl River.

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### Sharapova tested, Azarenka dynamite in Tokyo



TOKYO, 25 Sept—Maria Sharapova pushed the envelope on winning ugly to squeak past British qualifier Heather Watson 6-7 6-3 6-4 and reach the last 16 of the Pan Pacific Open on Tuesday.

The French Open champion's performance bordered on the farcical at times with the second seed carelessly frittering away three set points to surrender the initiative before pulling off an escape act.

By contrast, world number one Victoria Azarenka took 63 minutes, exactly a third of the time Sharapova spent on court, to crush Austrian Tamira Paszek 6-1 6-1 and book her

spot in the third round of the \$2.16 million Tokyo event.

Li Na, last year's Roland Garros winner, shrugged off a nasty cough to beat Russian Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 7-5 4-6 6-2.

Sharapova left herself with work to do after a string of double-faults and horror misses gift-wrapped the first set tiebreak to Watson 9-7.

The errors continued to mount but the Russian, her squealing growing increasingly louder with the effort, did just enough to restore parity by winning the second set.

A forehand miss gave Sharapova the break for 4-3 in the decider and the twice Tokyo champion crawled over the line with a big forehand after three hours and nine minutes.

"I definitely felt rusty today," said Sharapova, who served 14 double-faults and finished with 67 unforced errors. "It's one of those matches you're just happy to get through."

One of three Chinese players who made the trip to Tokyo despite a blazing political row between her country and Japan, Li's experience told after a wobble in the second set.

Reuters

### Southwest monsoon has withdrawn

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Sept—During the past 24 hours, southwest monsoon has withdrawn from the northern Myanmar areas, the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced.—MNA

### Local people under care of mobile clinic

TATKON, 25 Sept—The mobile clinic jointly organized by Tatkon Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Township Health Department and Township Traditional Medicine Department gives health care services to the local people.

On 23 September, the clinic provides health care services to 39 expectant mothers, 22 children patients, 15 older persons and 56 general patients and transferred two children patients and two expectant mothers to Tatkon Township People's Hospital (100-bed).—Kyemon



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**NATIONAL**

**Korea eyes to invest in Myanmar's energy sector**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Sept—6<sup>th</sup> Energy and Natural Resources Joint Implementation Committee Meeting between Myanmar and Korea took place at the conference hall of the Energy Ministry here this morning. The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister U Htin Aung and officials from the Energy Ministry, responsible persons of the Ministry of Mines and the Ministry of Electric Power and a delegation led by Deputy Minister Mr Moon Jaedo of the Ministry of Knowledge Economy from the Republic of Korea.

Deputy Minister U Htin Aung and Deputy Minister Mr Moon Jaedo of the Ministry of Knowledge Economy delivered

addresses.

Officials from Myanmar and Korea cordially discussed for joint-venture in Shwe Natural Gas Project, worksite proficiency training course for staff and cooperation for technical development in oil and gas tasks, further cooperation of Korean companies in oil and gas projects of Myanmar, cooperation for exploring natural resources, mines refinery for sustainable development in mining sector, hydropower generation, construction for natural gas-fired hydropower plant.

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**ITBMU holds university council meeting**

YANGON, 25 Sept—The International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University Council held its 1/2012 meeting at the university on Dhammapala Hill in Mayangon Township this afternoon, with an address by Rector of the University Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Dr Nandamalabhivamsa.

Chairman of the Council Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung supplicated on history of the university, aims and a accomplishment on religious affairs.

The master of ceremonies supplicated on the minutes of the meeting 1/2010. Deans of the university sought the approval for graduates of PhD (Buddha Dhamma), MA (Buddha Dhamma) and those who passed the PhD qualification course for 2012-2013 academic year.

The registrar submitted the report on progress of translation from Tipitaka Pali-Myanmar Dictionary to English and achievements in research.

The pro-rector, the dean, the director-general of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana and faculty members of Yangon University and Yangon University of Foreign Languages supplicated on suggestions for the university. The Union minister gave concluding remarks.—MNA

**MECF holds forum on development of forest sector, socio-economy of people in Kachin State**



**Union Minister U Win Tun makes a speech at forum on development of forest sector and rapid development of socio-economy of people in Kachin State.**  
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NAY PYI TAW, 25 Sept—A forum on development of forest sector and rapid development of socio-economy of the people in Kachin State was held at the Town Hall in Myitkyina, Kachin State, yesterday.

During the forum, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun stressed the need for development of the socio-economy of the people in Kachin State and prevalence of peace in Kachin State likes other

regions and states.

In his address, he also said that the forum is aimed at implementing the tasks which can help to get quick win and adopting the ways for laying good foundations for the projects which will take time to be implemented for future governments.

He also stressed the need for conservation watershed area of the Ayeyawady River and to prevent the illegal timber

extraction in Kachin State.

In attempts to maintain the balance between the economic development and environmental conservation, Initial Environment Examination (IEE), Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Social Impact Assessment (SIA) should be carried out, he added.

He also called on companies for taking Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) to maintain the socio-economic development and environmental conservation.

The forum was attended by Chief Minister of Kachin State U La John Ngan Hsai, state ministers, representatives of Kachin State Hluttaw, departmental officials, owners of private forest plantation, saw mills, timber companies and responsible personnel from NGO and INGOs.—MNA

**Hotels in Nay Pyi Taw urged to build presidential suites**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Sept—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung called on hotels in Nay Pyi Taw to build at least two presidential suites, stressing the need for providing high standard of hotel service to leaders of the foreign governments.

There should be at least 21 presidential suites in total in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, the Union minister said at the meeting with general managers and responsible officials from the hotels in

Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone held at the ministry here today.

It is found that hotels in Nay Pyi Taw are giving priorities to getting the customers according to the market, not considering the standard of their rooms, he added.

Some hoteliers failed to set up the rooms meeting international standard because of their lack of experiences for hotel service and shortages of investment, he said.

The Union minister

called for setting up at least two presidential suites at every hotel in Nay Pyi Taw with the aim of providing high standard of service to leaders from foreign governments who will attend international summits likes ASEAN Summit Conference.

Hotels in the Hotel Zone are urged to built a presidential suite each at their hotel, to complete the work on October, 2013, and to open the presidential suites in January, 2014.

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**Gold chain theft from neck**

YANGON, 25 Sept—On 18 September, Daw Than Than Htay, 52, Manager of High Wind Prawn Industry of Nyaung U 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Shwepyitha 11/33 Ward slept in the mosquito net near the window in the front room of the house.

At 3.10 am, a man took off one gold chain worth K 732,000 from the neck of Daw Than Than Htay and run away. Shwepyitha Police Station opened a file under section 380 of the criminal law.—Kyemon

**Land management multiplier course opened**

MANDALAY, 25 Sept—The multiplier course for farmland law and vacant, virgin and fallow land management law and rules was opened at Mandalay Education College in Mandalay on 24 September.

On the occasion, Deputy Commissioner U Zaw Tin Moe of Mandalay District General Administration Department made an opening speech. Head of Region Settlement and Land

**District News**

**Hailstones drop in Pyin Oo Lwin**

PYIN OO LWIN, 24 Sept—Strong winds and heavy rains hit Pyin Oo Lwin at 2 pm on 24 September.

The strong winds fell down the trees on the road. Hailstones dropped on Mandalay-Lashio Road in Ward 4 of Pyin Oo Lwin.—Myanma Alin

**Danu Leading Body Chairman's Cup kicks off**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Sept—The Danu Self-Administered Zone Leading Body Chairman's Cup U-25 Men's Football Tournament 2012 was kicked off at the sports ground in Pindaya on 17 September afternoon.

Chairman of the Leading Committee U Htoo Ko Ko delivered an address and opened it.

In the debut, Myinkadon Villate team hammered Inlon Village team 6-1. Altogether 34 ward and village teams are taking part in the tournament.—MNA

**30-year town plans for Bagan, Nyaung U, Ngazun**

MANDALAY, 25 Sept—Bagan and Nyaung U see increased population day by day. With the estimation on increasing number of population within 30 years, the town plans and village plans are being drawn according to the fourth regular session of the First Mandalay Region Hluttaw.

At present situation, Bagan-Nyaung U region is

located in the Archaeological Region. So, its geographical condition is not equal to the natures of other regions. The region government will place emphasis on betterment of the region.

Likewise, towns and villages in Mandalay Region including Ngazun Township are also facing increasing number of population day by day. The region government

plans to upgrade them in line with the 30-year long-term plan. In so doing, the towns and villages will be facilitated with roads, drains, markets, schools, hospitals, sports grounds and systematic allotment of plots for local people. The region government arranges to draw town plans and village plans for Bagan, Nyaung U and Ngazun.—Kyemon



WORLD

Tables turn on Spain with pressure to seek bailout



Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy leaves after a parliamentary session at the Spanish parliament in Madrid on 12 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

BRUSSELS/MADRID, 25 Sept—Spain once pushed hard for Ireland and Portugal to ask for bailouts from their partners in the euro because it was keen to shelter itself from an accelerating sovereign debt crisis.

Now the tables are turned and Madrid is holding back from applying for help, not least because the Spanish government knows all too well what befell its Portuguese and Irish peers once they did seek help—voters dumped them.

Facing an important

regional election on 21 October, Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy is in no rush to yield to nervous pleas, from France, Italy and indeed Ireland, that he request a rescue deal that might dampen investors' concerns about their own debt.

Dublin and Lisbon fought shy of EU and IMF help for long months in 2010-11, fuelling turmoil in the bond markets, in forlorn attempts to avoid a humiliating loss of sovereignty and lenders' demands that they draft

unpopular budgets. Now Rajoy, in office for nine months, is doing the reverse of what his Spanish predecessors urged on others, and insisting Madrid may not need help—at any rate not right now.

Part of the procrastination is down to Rajoy's personality. The dour conservative Gallego from rainy northwestern Spain built his career on digging in his heels and letting everyone else wear themselves out until he decides he's ready to act.

People in Rajoy's homeland, Galicia, are renowned for being noncommittal and answering a question with a question. Meet a Gallego on the stairs, a Spanish saying goes, and it's hard to tell whether he is going up or coming down.

"Rajoy is resistant. That's his life. He prefers to take a bad decision in three months to taking a good one tomorrow," said a former government official from Rajoy's People's Party.

Such is Rajoy's poker-faced ambiguity that even

longtime associates cannot tell when he will come off the fence. This month's offer of potential support from the European Central Bank has eased Spain's borrowing costs somewhat, giving Rajoy a breathing space. Germany, whose voters dislike funding bailouts, has also made clear there should be no rush.

But tension remains, with those leaders most concerned about their own debt levels fretting that Spanish delay could unsettle markets and raise the risks they too may need some form of help.

"Spain was much in favour of moving quickly in the case of Portugal, to cut contagion," said a senior euro zone official, recalling pressure from Madrid in the months before Lisbon finally applied for a bailout programme in April.

"It's clear that countries such as France and Italy would like to see a request from Spain coming soon," the official said. "But Germany, for instance, is clearly not in hurry."—Reuters

Spain

1,000 Congolese flee to Uganda over renewed fighting in eastern DRC

Congo

KAMPALA, 25 Sept—At least 1,000 Congolese refugees have fled into Uganda in the last two weeks following renewed fighting in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), local media reported here on Monday.

The state owned New Vision daily reported that the new wave of fighting between the government forces and M23 rebels in DRC's Rutshuru area has forced another 1,000 people to take refuge in Uganda.

The rebels are reported to have overrun Nyamirima, Buganza and Nyakakoma towns, all in Rutshuru area, after heavy fighting with the government forces, forcing people to flee.

The refugees, mostly women and children, began trickling into the East African country through Ishasha border post on 14 Sept, the paper reported. The refugees were temporarily being sheltered at Kihiihi Police Station awaiting to be transported to Nyakabande transit centre in the western Ugandan district of Kisoro.

Jean Bosco Kamanzi, a refugee who is a teacher by profession, on Saturday said that he had counted five dead

bodies of civilians as he fled towards Ishasha.

"The situation has become unbearable because there is nobody to care for the civilians. The fighting forces are only showing off their superiority," said Kamanzi.

Juuko Kasiita, Kanungu deputy Resident District Commissioner, who is supervising the exercise of receiving refugees, said they have been registering about 200 people every day except for Friday when the number shot higher.

"We have seen more refugees coming in unlike in the past when they would come in groups of 10 or 20. Our duty is to ensure that they are all registered," said Kasiita.

Meanwhile, security authorities in Kanungu have asked Ugandan citizens to stop crossing into eastern DRC with immediate effect, saying their security cannot be guaranteed.

Several people in Butogota, Kihiihi in Kanungu and areas bordering DRC have been doing brisk business with their counterparts across the border while others have gardens which they till during the day and return in the evening.

Xinhua

Venezuela's Capriles edges toward Chavez as vote nears

Venezuela

CARACAS, 25 Sept—Venezuelan opposition candidate Henrique Capriles edged closer to President Hugo Chavez in an opinion poll but remained 10 percentage points behind the socialist leader in the run-up to the 7 October election, according to two sources who have seen the poll. Recent Datanalysis' polls show support for Capriles, a 40-year-old state governor, growing in the waning days of the campaign as he continues campaigning across the country. Capriles has vowed to create a Brazilian-style "modern left" that balances free enterprise with social welfare

programmes. Investors expect him to end a five-year nationalization crusade and reduce state intervention in the economy.

Chavez, who has been in office for 14 years, says he will deepen his oil-financed socialism if he wins another six-year term. That would likely feature continued confrontation with the private sector and efforts to support leftist allies in the region.

Capriles on Monday led a massive caravan in the sweltering state of Vargas, alongside the Caribbean Sea, waving to supporters from atop a truck. He at times narrowly averted being dragged to the ground by



Venezuela's opposition presidential candidate Henrique Capriles (L) greets supporters during a campaign rally in La Guaira outside Caracas on 24 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

female fans trying to hug him.

"Let me tell you, someone who hasn't done what they were supposed to do in 14 years is not going to do it in the next six years," Capriles told supporters, who sang and danced to salsa in the spirit of Venezuela's political rallies, which often look more like street parties.

A group of about 100 Chavez supporters waited at the end of the caravan carrying signs that said "Get out, thief" and throwing water bottles at Capriles. The confrontation fizzled without incident, in contrast to recent skirmishes at rallies that have left several people wounded.—Reuters

Some 2,000 evacuated as wildfire hits east Spain

MADRID, 25 Sept—Around 2,000 people have had to be evacuated on Monday due to a wildfire that hit the Autonomous Community of Valencia in east Spain.

The fire, which broke out around 50 kilometres north-west of the city of Valencia has sent villagers of Chulilla, Gestalgar, Pedralba and Bugarra to be evacuated because of the threat of the advancing flames. Over 600 people are currently combating the fire, among them firemen and members of Spain's Emergency Military Unit (UME), with the help of a total of 31 planes and helicopters.

However, fire-fighting has been made more difficult by strong gusts of wind in the region, while the smoke and dust has led to eight small roads being closed to the public. Authorities are optimistic that the arrival of cooler weather from the north-west will see a fall in temperatures and a reduction in wind-speeds, while there is also the possibility of some rain falling in the afternoon.—Xinhua

Iran tests home-built anti-aircraft system

Iran

DUBAI, 25 Sept—Iran successfully tested a domestically made anti-aircraft system, its English-language Press TV said on Monday, the latest in a series of military exercises Teheran has trumpeted in the face of hints that its nuclear sites could be attacked. "The mid-range system ... is capable of intercepting targets at a range of 50 km (30 miles) and can fly at an altitude of 75,000 feet (22,860 metres)," state-run Press TV's website said. An Iranian Revolutionary Guards commander, Brigadier General Amir Ali Hajizadeh, said at a military parade displaying the weapons on Friday: "The system has been manufactured with the aim of confronting (hostile) US aircraft."

"The Ra'd air defence system is the first completely indigenous system of the Sepah (Revolutionary Guards), which has been designed and manufactured by committed Iranian technicians in the struggle for self-sufficiency," Hajizadeh was quoted as saying by the Mehr news agency.

Reuters

White House said to plan executive order on cybersecurity

US

SAN FRANCISCO, 25 Sept—The White House is preparing to direct federal agencies to develop voluntary cybersecurity guidelines for owners of power, water and other critical infrastructure facilities, according to people who said they had seen recent drafts of an executive order.

The prospective order would give the agencies 90 days to propose new regulations and create a new cybersecurity council at the Department of Homeland Security with representatives from the Defence Department, Justice Department, Director of National Intelligence and the Department of Commerce, a former government cybersecurity official told Reuters.

"It tells those who have the ability to regulate to go forth and do so," said the person, who is currently outside the government and spoke on condition of anonymity in order to preserve access to government officials.

The draft executive order includes elements of what had been the leading cybersecurity overhaul bill in the Senate, which was defeated this summer amid opposition from industries opposed to increased regulation. Senate Homeland Security Committee Chairman Joe Lieberman, an independent and one of the principal authors of that bill, on Monday urged the White House to issue such an order.

Reuters

A journalist checks the US Senate's website in Washington, DC on 13 June, 2011, after it was hacked over the weekend. REUTERS



## SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY

Huawei sees steady 30 percent revenue growth from consumer devices **Tech**

SHENZHEN, 25 Sept—China's Huawei Technologies Co Ltd, the world's second-largest telecom equipment maker and No 6 handset maker, expects revenue from its consumer devices unit to grow by about 30 percent next year from the \$9 billion forecast for this year.

Huawei also plans to launch smartphones using Microsoft's Windows 8 operating system later this year or early next year, Wan Biao, CEO of Huawei Device, said in an interview on Monday at the company's headquarters in the southern

city of Shenzhen.

"We're still in the mode of investing actively for the next 1-2 years, so it will be a big challenge to achieve high profitability," Wan said. "We expect our consumer devices division's revenues to increase by 30 percent next year, with smartphones growing at least 40 percent."

Huawei, which has diversified into mobile phones, expects sales of its consumer devices — including mobiles, tablets and data cards—to rise by around a third this year from \$6.8 billion last year, a senior

executive said in May, adding the business could hit sales of \$30 billion in five years as the unit matches the flagship telecoms gear business as a revenue driver.

The company has said it aims to ship more than 100 million mobile phones this year, including 60 million smartphones to increase its global market share.

Global smartphone shipments will reach 1.7 billion in 2017, up from 450 million last year—of which around 160 million were sold in emerging markets—Ovum said in a report on Monday.

Wan said Huawei is considering developing its own smartphone operating system, but he gave no timeframe for this.

While its consumer products are widely accepted, Huawei's telecoms equipment business has hit roadblocks in the United States and more recently, in Australia, over security issues.

In July, Huawei posted a 22 percent drop in first-half operating profit, citing the "significant challenge" of the global economy and the telecoms equipment market.—Reuters



Wan Biao, CEO of Huawei Device, poses with a Huawei MediaPad tablet device during an interview in the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen on 24 Sept, 2012. China's Huawei Technologies Co Ltd, the world's second-largest telecom equipment maker and No 6 handset maker, expects revenue from its consumer devices unit to grow by about 30 percent next year from the \$9 billion forecast for this year.—REUTERS

iPhone 5 defines Apple success, Tim Cook-style **Tech**

SAN FRANCISCO, 25 Sept—Tim Cook is no Steve Jobs when it comes to leading Apple Inc (AAPL O). As the debut of the new iPhone 5 just proved, that may not be a bad thing.

The taller, thinner and lighter phone prompted a rush on Wall Street to raise price targets for Apple stock, but the optimism was not because of a big technological advance or design breakthrough; the "wow" factor that was the trademark of the late Apple co-founder Jobs was decidedly absent.

Rather, it was the speed of the global launch that astounded, validating the new CEO's much-touted wizardry at the essential but unglamorous task of managing a supply chain. "We are positively surprised regarding the pace of the rollout, since we had expected a bigger impact from component constraints," Barclays analyst Ben Reitzes said.

By next Friday, the iPhone 5 will be in 31 countries, and will be in 100 by the end of the calendar year. That would be 30 more than the rollout of the predecessor phone, the 4S, over a similar period, Jeffries



Apple Inc CEO Tim Cook takes the stage after the introduction of the iPhone 5 during Apple Inc.'s iPhone media event in San Francisco, California on 12 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

analyst Peter Misek calculated. That means Apple has worked out supply constraints and inked deals now with 240 carriers. It will get enough phones out the door in the next 10 days to have a material effect on earnings.

"His skills fit the time period and the flow of product," said Raymond Miles, professor emeritus at Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley, adding that Apple may be at a stage where it needs "someone with a production vision."

The iPhone launch offers some other, subtler indications of how Apple is changing

under Cook. In public events, Jobs stood out in his black turtleneck, and performed carefully crafted one-man stage shows. At the press event for the iPhone 5, Cook blended into a pack of executives all sporting a uniform of jeans and untucked casual dress shirt.

Indeed, one might say that practical, low-flash, but high-impact actions are emerging as the Cook trademark. He has introduced a dividend to pay out part of the more than \$100 billion cash stockpile, raised salaries for a rabidly loyal but low-paid workforce in the Apple stories, and sped up product rollouts.

Reuters

Iran readies domestic Internet system, blocks Google **Tech**

DUBAI, 25 Sept—Iran plans to switch its citizens onto a domestic Internet network in what officials say is a bid to improve cyber security but which many Iranians fear is the latest way to control their access to the web.

The announcement, made by a government deputy minister on Sunday, came as state television announced Google Inc's (GOOGL) search engine and its email service would be blocked "within a few hours".

"Google and Gmail will be filtered throughout the country until further notice," an official identified only by his last name, Khoramabadi, said, without giving further details. *The Iranian Students' News Agency (ISNA)* said Google ban was connected to the anti-Islamic film posted on the company's YouTube site which has caused outrage throughout the Muslim world.



Technicians monitor data flow in the control room of an internet service provider in Teheran on 15 February 2011. REUTERS

There was no official confirmation. Iran has one of the biggest Internet filters of any country in the world, preventing normal Iranians from accessing countless sites on the official grounds they are offensive or criminal. But many Iranians believe the block on sites such as Facebook and YouTube is due to their use in anti-government protests after the disputed re-election of President Mahmoud

Ahamdinejad in 2009. Sites expressing views considered anti-government are also routinely blocked.

Iranians commonly overcome the government filter by using virtual private network (VPN) software that makes the computer appear as if it is based in another country. But officials have long spoken of creating an Iranian Internet system which would be largely isolated from the World Wide Web.—Reuters

Florida wants NASA land to develop commercial spaceport **Science**

CAPE CANAVERAL, (Florida), 25 Sept—With an eye toward developing a commercial spaceport, Florida has asked NASA to transfer 150 acres of land north of the shuttle launch pads and the shuttle runway to Space Florida, the state's aerospace development agency.

"Florida believes that the properties identified in this request are excess to the needs of the US government," Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll, who is also chairwoman of Space Florida, wrote in letter

to NASA chief Charles Bolden and Ray LaHood, secretary of Department of Transportation, which oversees commercial space transportation in the United States. The letter, dated on 20 September, was posted on the state's Sunburst public records website.

A week earlier, Space Florida agreed to spend \$2.3 million for environmental studies, land surveys, title searches, appraisals and other activities to lay the groundwork for Cape Canaveral Spaceport, a proposed state-owned

commercial complex that would be licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration and operated like an airport.

"If we want to be satisfied with 10 to 12 government launches a year, I don't have to do anything," Space Florida president and chief executive Frank DiBello told Reuters. But he said those launches would likely end when commercial sites elsewhere are able to offer affordable rates. "What has existed for decades has been good, but the marketplace has been largely governmental.—Reuters

Google shares hit record high, find favour on Street **Tech**

SAN FRANCISCO, 25 Sept—Google Inc shares set an all-time high on Monday, with the Web giant's reliable advertising business back in vogue among Wall Street investors disenchanted with younger social media companies. The stock reached \$748.90 in afternoon trading, inching past a previous record set in November 2007 of \$747.24. It traded below \$300 in 2009 during the global economic crisis and remained under pressure in the ensuing years as investors worried that Google's best years were behind it.

The world's No 1 search engine, which generated \$38 billion in revenue last year, now looks increasingly attractive

compared with a new crop of social Web companies, analysts say. Facebook Inc, as well as once-hot companies Zynga Inc and Groupon Inc, came to the public markets amid sky-high expectations during the past year, but have fallen out of favor on concerns about their future business prospects.

"The markets have to

come to appreciate that Google's been making money hand over fist all this time," said Brian Wieser, an analyst at Pivotal Research Group.

Google's lucrative search advertising business, as well as its efforts expanding into display and mobile advertising, have helped the company maintain robust revenue growth.

Reuters



A security personnel answers a call at the reception counter of the Google office in the southern Indian city of Hyderabad on 6 Feb, 2012. REUTERS

**BUSINESS & HEALTH**

**World Health Organization says has found new SARS-like virus**

**Health**

LONDON, 25 Sept— A new virus belonging to the same family as the SARS virus that killed 800 people in 2002 has been identified in Britain in a man who had recently been in Saudi Arabia, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Sunday.

The United Nations health body, which issued a statement through its “global alert and response” system, said tests on the patient, a 49-

year-old Qatari man, confirmed the presence of a new, or novel, coronavirus.

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses which includes the common cold and SARS.

“Given that this is a novel coronavirus, WHO is currently in the process of obtaining further information to determine the public health implications,” the statement said.

SARS, or Severe Acute

Respiratory Syndrome, appeared in China in 2002 and killed some 800 people globally before being brought under control.

Peter Openshaw, director of the Centre for Respiratory Infection at Imperial College London, said at this stage the novel virus looked unlikely to prove a concern, and may well only have been identified due to sophisticated testing techniques.

“For now, I would be watchful but not immediately concerned,” he told Reuters.

The WHO said the Qatari patient had first presented to doctors on 3 September, 2012 with symptoms of an acute respiratory infection.

On 7 September, he was admitted to an intensive care unit in Doha, Qatar, and on



The World Health Organization (WHO) headquarters are pictured in Geneva on 27 April, 2009.—REUTERS

11 September, he was transferred to Britain by air ambulance from Qatar.

“The Health Protection Agency of the UK conducted laboratory testing and has confirmed the presence of a novel coronavirus,” the WHO said.

It said scientists at the HPA compared gene sequences of the virus from the Qatari patient with samples of virus sequenced

by Dutch scientists from lung tissue of a fatal case earlier this year in a 60-year-old Saudi national.

The two were almost identical, it said.

Openshaw said the fact the two cases found so far are apparently unrelated suggests “that what has been picked up is just some rare event that in past times might have been undiagnosed”.

Reuters

**Health**  
**BioLineRx patent protection extended for schizophrenia drug**

TEL AVIV, 25 Sept— Israeli biopharmaceutical development firm BioLineRx received a new patent from the US Patent and Trademark Office for BL-1020, an experimental schizophrenia treatment.

The patent will be valid at least until 2031, extending the existing patent protection of the product by nine years.

“There is now a significantly longer period of exclusivity to our lead product, which reflects substantial additional progress in its development towards commercialization,” Kinneret Savitsky, chief executive of BioLineRx, said on Monday.

“We believe that the market potential for BL-1020 has increased over the past several months, as some larger pharmaceutical companies have reported failures during late-stage clinical trials or have reduced the operations surrounding their schizophrenia therapies due to loss of patent protection.”

Almost 1 percent of the world’s population suffers from schizophrenia, Savitsky said, adding that BL-1020 has shown to significantly improve cognitive function in schizophrenia patients.

The company is conducting a Phase II/III trial with BL-1020’s cognition enhancement as its primary objective. Results are expected in the second half of 2013.—Reuters



**Survey shows britons’ inflation fears rise again**

**Business**

LONDON, 25 Sept— Britons’ worries about inflation grew this month, though their view of their future finances was the least pessimistic in 2-1/2 years, a survey showed on Monday.

The Markit Household Finance Index (HFI) dipped to 38.4 in September from August’s 20-month high of 38.9, indicating that consumers’ finances worsened over the month as the index was well below the 50 mark that would mark no change.

The latest reading was still one of the highest in the past two years, and households reported a reduced squeeze on their savings and cash available to spend, survey compiler Markit said.

“September’s survey suggests that the gradual easing of pressure on real incomes so far in 2012 continues to support household finances,” said Markit economist Tim Moore.

Forty percent of those surveyed anticipated a worsening in their finances in the next 12 months, while 29 percent expected an improvement — making it the least downbeat financial outlook since March 2010.

“However, households appear to have become more concerned about the inflation outlook, with cost of living expectations rising sharply since August,” Moore said.

Around three-quarters of the survey respondents noted that their costs of living had increased since August and the month-on-month rise in the index measuring inflation perceptions was the greatest since January 2011.

Reuters

**General Motors readies \$10 billion credit**

NEW YORK, 25 Sept— General Motors Co (GM N) is in market with \$10 billion in revolving credit facilities that will beef up liquidity and refinance existing debt, sources told Thomson Reuters LPC.

JP Morgan is leading the deal that has launched to 10 senior lenders. The 10 senior lenders are understood to be part of the company’s existing bank group.

GM spokesman Jim Cain declined to comment. JP Morgan declined to comment.

The company is asking its lenders for at least \$8 billion and as much as \$10 billion, split between a \$5 billion, five-year revolver and a \$5 billion, three-year revolver, sources said. The final amounts have yet to be determined since discussions are said to be ongoing.

The company is

currently in active dialogue with top-tier lenders. At the top level, the company is asking lenders for commitments of \$600 million apiece. The company expects to line up top-tier commitments this week. A second tier of commitments of \$350 million will be offered to lenders during a second round of syndication to take place in the next three weeks.

Individual commitments will be allocated across both the three-year and the five-year credit facilities.

If the company draws down on the facilities, pricing is expected to be around 250bp over Libor. The revolvers are expected to pay 37.5bp on an undrawn basis.

The company is offering upfront fees between 30bp and 50bp, depending upon the size of a bank’s commitment. The company

**Business**



A view of the General Motors headquarters at the Renaissance Centre in Detroit, Michigan is seen in this file photograph taken on 25 August, 2009.

REUTERS

is also offering a flat fee in addition to the upfront fee.

The financing will refinance an existing facility of \$5 billion, other debt and provide added liquidity.

Reuters

**Apple sells over 5 mln iPhone 5, supply constraints loom**

**Business**

NEW YORK, 25 Sept— Apple Inc (AAPLO) sold over 5 million iPhone 5 smartphones in the three days since it hit stores, but shares sagged as the company struggled to meet demand. While sales were solid, the company said on Monday it had run out of its initial supply and many pre-orders were scheduled to go out in October.

Apple Chief Executive Tim Cook said the company is “working hard to build

enough iPhone 5s for everyone.”

Expectations for new Apple products were so high — some analysts forecast Apple selling as many as 10 million phone over the weekend — that Wall Street was not wowed by the latest numbers. The stock was down 1.7 percent at \$688.64 in afternoon trade.

Given the demand, Apple, the world’s most valuable company, is being closely watched for any

supplier problems that may slow down the smartphone production.

“We believe that sales could have potentially been much higher if not for supply constraints,” William Power, an analyst with Baird Equity Research, wrote in a note.

Supply limitations are likely to weigh on Apple as the iPhone 5 is launched in another 22 countries on Friday.

To complicate matters, Apple’s largest contract

manufacturer Foxconn Technology closed a factory in the northern Chinese city of Taiyuan after a riot broke out among 2,000 employees. Foxconn did not confirm which plants supply Apple, but an employee told Reuters the Taiyuan plant is among those that assemble and make parts for Apple’s iPhone 5.

Apple referred questions on the factory to Foxconn. The California company also assembles its devices at factories run by Pegatron Corp (4938.TW).—Reuters



Apple’s iPhone 5 is seen on display at the Apple store in Manhasset, New York on 21 Sept, 2012.

REUTERS

**WORLD****Clinton reassures Egypt's Mursi on US assistance**

NEW YORK, 25 Sept— Secretary of State Hillary Clinton reassured Egypt's new Islamist president on Monday that the United States would forge ahead with plans to expand economic assistance despite anti-American protests that cast new shadows over US engagement with the region.

Clinton met Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi in New York, where both are attending this week's UN General Assembly meeting, and reinforced the Obama administration's continued commitment to provide both military and economic aid for Cairo, a senior State Department official said.

"What he heard from the secretary is that she is committed to following through on what she has said we will do," the official said following the 45-minute meeting.

US officials said earlier this month they were close to a deal with Egypt's new government for \$1 billion (616 million pounds) in debt relief to help Cairo shore up its ailing economy in the aftermath of its pro-democracy uprising, which ousted autocratic President Hosni Mubarak.

The aid package had languished during Egypt's 18 months of political turmoil and progress appeared to reflect a cautious easing of US suspicions about Mursi, who was elected in June.

Egypt was among the countries swept by violent anti-American protests over an anti-Islam video made in California, and some US lawmakers have raised questions about the future of US assistance to the region, particularly given sharp budget constraints at



*US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton meets with Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York on 24 Sept, 2012. —REUTERS*

home.

The senior official said Clinton, who has personally lobbied lawmakers to keep US aid to Egypt and other Arab countries on track, believed these concerns had been laid to rest.

"Of course we

understand that there may be (of Congress) who have questioned (the aid), but there is strong bipartisan support for Egypt being a democratic success because it's in our national security interest that that occur," the official said.—Reuters



*US President Barack Obama waves from the steps of Air Force One at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington, on 24 Sept, 2012. Obama is travelling to New York for the United Nations General Assembly. —REUTERS*

**Obama detours from campaign trail to world stage**

NEW YORK, 25 Sept— President Barack Obama will step onto the world stage on Tuesday just long enough to address simmering crises centred on Iran, Syria and the broader Muslim world, and he will then jump quickly back on the campaign trail.

In a speech at the United Nations exactly six weeks before the US election, Obama will seek to reassure American voters as well as world leaders that they can count on him to handle the latest global challenges, even as Republican challenger Mitt Romney seizes the chance to pan his foreign policy.

Obama will talk tough with nuclear-defiant Iran, take Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to task for efforts to

crush an 18-month uprising and reflect on a recent eruption of violent anti-American protests in Muslim countries, aides say.

But he is not expected to offer any new solutions to problems that have cast a cloud over this week's high-level gathering at the UN General Assembly and now threaten to chip away at a foreign policy record his aides hoped would be immune to Republican attack.

With campaign pressures building in a close race, Obama's final turn on the world stage before facing voters has left little doubt about his immediate priorities.

He skipped the customary one-on-one meetings with foreign

counterparts but went ahead with the taping of a campaign-style appearance on the popular television talk show "The View" - a tradeoff that drew Republican criticism.

Obama planned to be in and out of New York in 24 hours, one of the briefest presidential visits to the annual UN session in recent memory, and he will be off to the election battleground state of Ohio on Wednesday.

Despite Obama's latest international woes, administration officials are heartened by Romney's own recent foreign-policy stumbles and doubt the president's critics will gain traction in a campaign that remains focused mainly on the US economy.

Reuters

**Six killed in US drone strike in NW Pakistan Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD, 24 Sept— At least six people were killed in a US drone strike on Monday night in Pakistan's northwest tribal region of North Waziristan, local media reported.

TV channel Ary quoted unidentified government sources as saying that a US drone fired two missiles at a house suspected of being a

militant hideout in the Mir Ali area of North Waziristan at about 9:00 pm local time Monday. The target house is located in the Haider Khel village some 5 kilometres southeast of Mir Ali, a militant stronghold near Pakistan-Afghan border.

Identities of the slain people are not known at this moment.

Monday's US drone strike is the 30th of its kind in Pakistan in 2012. So far this year, at least 219 people have reportedly been killed in such strikes.

The latest US drone strike came when Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari is scheduled to address the UN General Assembly in New York on Tuesday.—Xinhua

**Report shows most Mexican prisons controlled by inmates Mexico**

MEXICO CITY, 25 Sept— Six out of 10 Mexican prisons are "self-governed" by prison gangs or drug cartels, according to a report issued on Monday by the country's human rights commission.

Commission representative Andres Aguirre said at a news conference that Mexico's prisons also are plagued by overcrowding, a shortage of guards and corrupt employees who sometimes help with breakouts.

Aguirre said 60 percent of the country's 430 prisons or jails are controlled by criminal elements. He added that the escape of 521 inmates over 14 incidents since 2010—often with the help of corrupt prison officials—constitutes a grave problem for the country. Earlier this month, more than 130 inmates

escaped from a prison near the US border in Piedras Negras, Coahuila, one of numerous mass breakouts tied to organized crime in the past few years. Initial reports indicated the Piedras Negras inmates escaped through a 23-foot-long underground tunnel, but it was later revealed that they had merely walked out the facility's front door with the help of prison guards.

"A good number of (Mexico's) prisons feature similar conditions to those at Piedras Negras," Aguirre said.

Overcrowding of the country's prisons and jails is another problem facing the national penal system. As of July, Mexico's overall prison population stood at 48,872 inmates, or 25 percent above the system's official capacity.

Reuters

**Americans to spend more on Halloween this year: survey US**

WASHINGTON, 25 Sept — When the black cats, witches and trick-or-treaters come out for Halloween this year, a record 170 million people in the United States will dress up, celebrate, and spend up to \$8 billion, according to a retail industry survey.

Seven in ten Americans will take part in the festivities, and the average person will spend \$79.82 on decorations, costumes and candy - up from \$72.31 last year, according to the National Retail Federation's 2012 Halloween consumer spending survey conducted by research group BIGinsight.

Halloween, observed on 31 October, is the eighth-biggest selling season in the United States. It is far behind the winter holidays which rank as the No 1 retail selling season.

Last year, retailers raked in \$471.5 billion during the winter holidays, according to NRF. Halloween sales were about \$6.9 billion, lower than

holiday spending associated with Mother's Day (\$18.6 billion) and the Super Bowl (\$11 billion).

Among people celebrating Halloween this year, more than half will decorate their home or yard, up from 49.5 percent last year, and 45.0 percent plan to dress in costume, also up from last year, according to the survey.

The study, which has a margin of error of plus or minus 1.0 percent, polled 9,393 consumers from 5 to 11

September. More than one-third plan on throwing or attending a Halloween party and 33.2 percent will take children trick-or-treating.

Despite the expected increase in Halloween spending this year, one-fourth of US consumers said the state of the economy will affect their Halloween plans. To compensate, many said they will spend less overall, while others plan to make a costume instead of buying one, or will buy less candy.

Reuters



*A autumn display of pumpkins and gourds adorns the White House lawn on Halloween on 31 Oct, 2011. —REUTERS*

**Five militants killed in eastern Afghan operations**

KABUL, 25 Sept— Afghan forces and the NATO-led coalition troops have eliminated five militants in operations launched in eastern Afghan provinces within a 24-hour period, the coalition forces said in a statement on Tuesday.

"Afghan and coalition forces killed five insurgents,

detailed one, located two weapons caches and cleared seven improvised explosive devices (IEDs) during operations in eastern Afghanistan throughout the past 24 hours," coalition's Regional Command-East (RC-E) said in the statement.

The operations were launched in eastern Logar, Laghman, Ghazni, Khost,

Paktia and Nangarhar provinces. The operations in RC-E are still ongoing, the statement added.

However, the Taliban insurgent group, which announced the launching of an annual spring offensive from 3 May against Afghan and NATO forces, has not to make comments yet.

Xinhua

**WORLD**

**France**

**France confirms death of four national climbers, two still missing**

PARIS, 25 Sept—France confirmed on Monday the death of four French climbers after an avalanche hit the base of Manaslu Mountain in Nepal on Sunday.

“At this stage, the provisional toll reported four French nationals died. Two (others) were still being sought,” said Helene Conway-Mouret, minister in charge of French Nationals abroad. Three other French climbers were hospitalized and expected to return home later in the day, she added.

Search and rescue operations were suspended on Monday as “there is no hope to find the missing people,” Christian Trommsdorf, vice president of the National Union of Mountain Guides was quoted by Europe 1 radio as saying.

At least nine people including foreign climbers were killed while seven others were still missing when they were hit by a wall of snow in the Manaslu Mountain.

About 18 other tourists were injured in the avalanche, most of them from Germany and France, reports said.

Xinhua

**US corn and soybean supplies seen at eight-year low**

CHICAGO, 25 Sept—US corn stocks fell to the lowest level in eight years at the end of the 2011/12 season (Sept-Aug) even as the early harvest of this year’s crop pumped more than 1 billion bushels of the grain into the supply pipeline, analysts polled by Reuters said.

The 17 analysts surveyed expected the US Department of Agriculture’s quarterly stocks report on Friday to show stocks as of 1 September—also the ending stocks for the 2011/12 marketing year — at 1.113

billion bushels.

The tally would be down 15 million bushels from a year ago and the lowest supply of corn on that date in eight years, since 958 million bushels in 2003/04. In its 12 September supply/demand report, USDA pegged 2011/12 ending stocks at 1.181 billion.

The worst drought in half a century devastated this year’s corn and soybean crops, rallying prices to all-time highs this summer, although prices have eased 10 to 12 percent since.

**US**

But the early harvest of this year’s corn crop has raised questions over how much of those supplies were used in the 2011/12 season, when old-crop supplies were considered to be tight and prices were high. “The quick maturity and fast harvest I think brought over 1.0 billion bushels to market before the end of the crop year and that’s going to complicate things,” said Shawn McCambridge, analyst for Jefferies Bache, whose stocks estimate of 1.261 billion bushels was the highest of the 17 analysts’.



*Drought-damaged ears of corn in varying degrees of development are seen on a farm near Georgetown, Illinois on 24 July, 2012.—REUTERS*

The estimates ranged from 887 million to 1.261 billion bushels. Executive Vice President Roy Huckabay of the Linn Group had the lowest estimate at 887 million, and said he was not accounting for any of the early harvested corn harvested.

Reuters



*Canada’s Foreign Minister John Baird (L) speaks during a news conference with Britain’s Foreign Secretary William Hague (R) on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on 24 Sept, 2012. Canada and Britain agreed to share space in each other’s embassies around the world, John Baird announced here on Monday.—XINHUA*

OTTAWA, 25 Sept—Canada and Britain agreed to share space in each other’s embassies around the world, Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird

announced here Monday. Under the Memorandum of Understanding for Enhancing Mutual Support at Missions Abroad, signed by Baird and his British

**Canada, Britain agree to share space at diplomatic missions**

counterpart William Hague, both sides will explore “further co-location and enhanced collaboration on consular services and assistance.”

“We are not moving to merge all of our embassies and consulates in the world,” said Baird, adding that Canada and Britain would also not share ambassadors as part of the agreement.

“Each country will continue to have complete independence on policy,” said Baird. This allows Canada “to focus on smart diplomacy without spending large amounts of taxpayers’ dollars on bricks and mortar.”

He said the document allows Canada to pursue “a

small number of administrative arrangements where we can co-locate” with Britain, such as giving British diplomats an office at the Canadian embassy in Haiti where Britain has no presence and allowing a Canadian diplomat to work at the British embassy in Myanmar, where Canada plans to soon open a mission.

Hague explained that the diplomatic partnership is “about speed, flexibility and practicality,” and is “not about diplomats working for two countries at the same time.”

However, Monday’s bilateral agreement did not

indicate which embassies, consulates or high commissions would jointly fly the Canadian Maple Leaf and British Union Jack flags.

Prior to the joint news conference, Baird told the House of Commons during the daily question period that Britain shares embassy space with Canada in Mali, and that Canada has similar sharing arrangements with Australia. “Canada will continue to pursue a strong, principled, value-based, independent Canadian foreign policy,” said Baird in response to a question from Official Opposition Leader Thomas Mulcair.

Xinhua

**Man killed, at least 20 homes lost in brush fire east of San Diego**

**US**

SAN DIEGO, 25 Sept—California firefighters battled to contain a brush fire on Monday that has damaged or destroyed at least 30 homes, forced dozens of others evacuated and claimed one life east of San Diego near the US-Mexico border. The body of an unidentified man was found on Monday in the charred rubble of a house after authorities said they were searching for an 82-year-old man who resides in the area and was reported missing.

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection declined to immediately confirm that the missing man turned up as a fatality.

But a neighbour who spoke to Reuters by telephone, Bob Gookin, said sheriff’s deputies have been inside the scorched ruins of the missing man’s home, and he believes they had found a body. “His truck is pretty distinctive and it’s parked out front,” Gookin said. “It’s the

house down from us, next to the Boot Hill Ranch.”

The so-called Shockey Fire erupted near the Campo Indian Reservation in southeastern San Diego County at midday on Sunday and has scorched at least 2,000 acres of dry brush, authorities said.

By Monday afternoon, crews had managed to carve containment lines around 10 percent of the fire’s perimeter, CalFire incident manager Rick Vogt said.

The origin of the fire was under investigation, but Blanca Mercado, a spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, said officials are looking into the possibility that the blaze started in Mexico.

Property losses from Sunday in the fire zone, about 50 miles east of San Diego, are estimated at more than 20 houses and 15 other buildings destroyed, with about 10 other dwellings damaged, Mercado

said. The overall area is sparsely populated with clusters of homes and ranches scattered throughout.

Mercado said on Sunday evacuation orders remain in effect and fire managers were expecting hot, dry Santa Ana winds from the desert to gust up to 25 miles per hour later in the day. Gookin, who breeds Clydesdale horses with his wife on their property, said he returned to his ranch after a close call with the flames.

“The fire went right past us,” he said. “We drove our golf cart up and watched it come up over a ridge to the west. ... It went down through the church camp across the road and burned up the house on Boot Hill Ranch and then on down the road.”

As of Monday, 18 fire crews consisting of nearly 400 personnel were assigned to the blaze, along with six airplane tankers, six water-dropping helicopters and five bulldozers, Mercado said.

Reuters

**Gaza fuel crisis grows as smuggling from Egypt declines**

**Palestine**

GAZA, 25 Sept—The fuel smuggled to the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip through tunnels with Egypt have declined within the last five days to 70 percent, leading the fuel crisis in the coastal enclave to deteriorate, officials said on Monday.

Mohamed al-Abadela, spokesman of the Gas Stations Association in the Gaza Strip, told Xinhua that the amount of fuel used for cars and electric generators dropped from 600,000 liters to 200,000 liters per day.

“The percentage of fuel that enters the Gaza Strip through the tunnels is only 30 percent of the Gaza Strip’s needs,” said al-Abadela,

adding that “this is due to strict Egyptian security measures and closing down dozens of tunnels.”

The Egyptian security forces carried out intensive security measures and shut down hundreds of smuggling tunnels that were dug underneath the borderline between Gaza and Egypt following an armed attack on 5 Aug that killed 16 Egyptian soldiers in Sinai.

Al-Abadela said his association started to deliver shares of fuel to all gas stations in the Gaza Strip following the same programme of delivery adopted in the previous crises.

He added that members

of the association and fuel dealers are holding daily contacts with the Egyptian side, asking them to allow the sufficient amounts of fuel to avoid the crisis.

He also called on both the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) in the West Bank and Hamas authorities in the Gaza Strip to resolve the crisis. Meanwhile, Ahmed Abu al-Amreen, spokesman of the Palestinian Energy Corporation, which belongs to Hamas in the Gaza Strip, revealed that the Gaza Strip on Monday bought 600,000 liters of industrial diesel from Israel for the first time in two months to operate Gaza’s only power station.—Xinhua

**Explosion ignites factory fire in Australia’s Queensland**

**Australia**

BRISBANE, 25 Sept—Firefighters are currently working to bring a large blaze under control at an asphalt plant in Narangba, north of Brisbane, Australia’s Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS) said on Tuesday. An explosion at the plant sparked the fire at around 12:20 pm on Tuesday (local time).

The blaze has completely engulfed bitumen tanker, the QFRS said. Paramedics are on standby at the scene but all people at the plant have been accounted for.—Xinhua

# PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 26 September, 2012

## Driving forces behind a democratic state

Since the elected government has taken office in March 2011, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has been in the reform process. The first year saw the political reform, and the by-election was held on 1 April 2012 for political all-inclusiveness. Accordingly, political stakeholders are now in the parliaments at all levels, and the country is gaining more and more political unity and stability.

All hands are in harmony and union amending the existing laws and enacting new laws as and when necessary for national development. Moreover, we all witness the government signing peace agreements with ethnic armed groups.

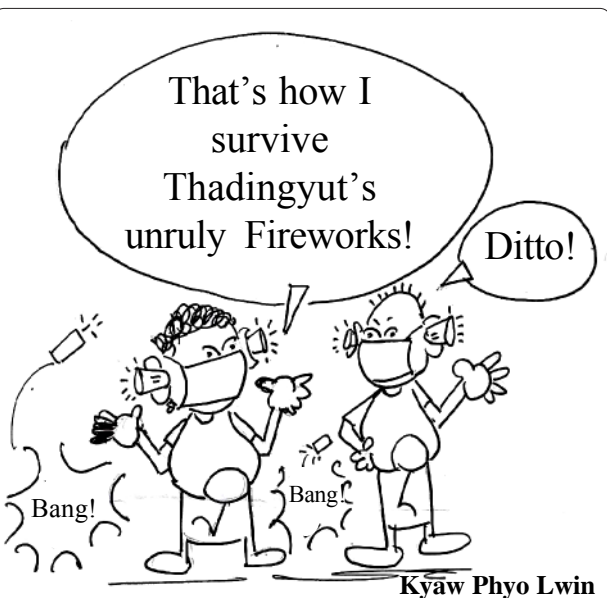
The President has been seeking advice from independent bodies such as the Political Advisory Council and the Economic Advisory Council formed with experts within the country, and finding best solutions through talks and negotiations. We have also adopted the people-centred economic development in the second year.

Currently, Myanmar is in the process of devising and delivering political and economic reforms. So, the country has now become favorable to international order. As the country can improve relations with many world countries including the US, economic sanctions against Myanmar were eased to a certain degree, and the country is receiving international investment and aids offers.

The important thing here is we should also form a pilot agency like the Ministry of Internal Trade and Industry-MITI of Japan or the Economic Planning Board-EPB of South Korea that steered the development drive of those countries.

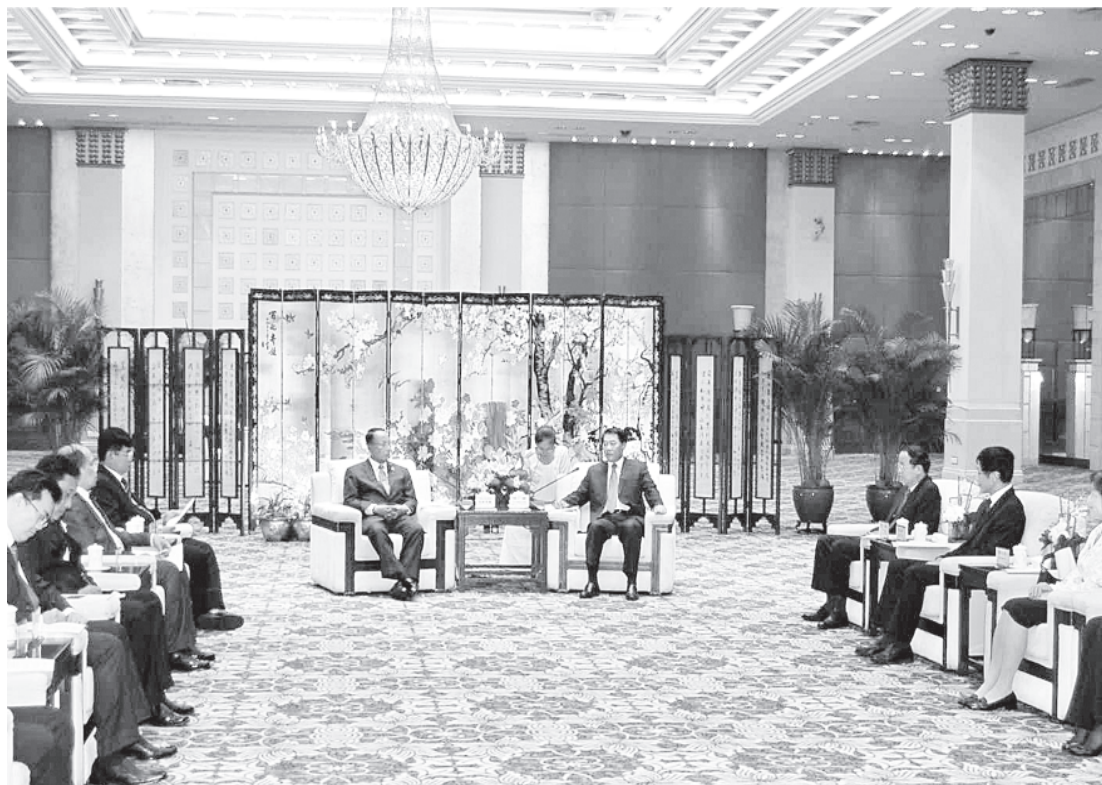
We also need systematic foreign aid management mechanism in channeling international assistance proportionately to regions that really need help and sectors ensure long-term benefits for the public.

All in all, Myanmar will become a developed, glorious and prosperous country in the world if we all work hard in establishing the characteristics and the driving forces that give birth to a democratic state.



## NATIONAL

### Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker visits Shenzeng, Shaoguan, Guangzhou



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint meeting with Chairman of the Standing Committee of Guangdong Province People's Congress Mr Ou Guangyuan and party at Tonfeng Hotel.

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On 24 September, they visited the 600-meter-high Guangzhou Tower and Chan ethnic tribe village museum.

In the afternoon, Chairman of the Standing Committee of Guangdong Province People's Congress Mr Ou Guangyuan called on Speaker U Khin Aung Myint.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters on establishing relations between Guangdong and

parliaments of Myanmar and cooperation in cultural exchange, mining and tourism sectors and economic and trade issues.

Afterwards, the Myanmar delegation attended a dinner hosted by Mr Ou Guangyuan.

Afterwards, they went to Baiyun International Airport in Guangzhou and left for Myanmar.

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### First day session Rakhine State Hluttaw commences

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Sept— The Fourth Regular session of the first Rakhine State Hluttaw was held for the first day at Hluttaw Hall of Rakhine State Government's Office at 10 am yesterday.

It was attended by Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, Speaker of State Hluttaw U Htein Lin and the Deputy Speaker, the Chief Justice of the State High Court, the State Auditor-General, the

State Ministers and the representatives of State Hluttaw.

At first, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin delivered an address. At the session, six questions were answered, the plan to demand the supplementary budget for 2012-2013 fiscal year submitted and one proposal submitted.

The session ended at 4 pm.

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### Illegal logs seized, owners to be prosecuted

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Sept— Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry is taking constant legal actions against illegal log extractors with the help of the public.

Four trucks loaded with illegal timber were seized by an 11-member team of Mandalay Region Forest Department in a surprise check in Chanmyathazi Township in Mandalay District on 19 September.

Legal actions will be taken against the owners of the logs who are being chased by the authorities.

A similar team raided an illegal sawmill in Oktwin Township of Bago Region the next day and seized illegal woods but the owner managed to escape from the scene. Authorities are in the chase of the owner to prosecute.

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### Kachin State Hluttaw continues its fifth day session

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Sept— The Fourth Regular Session of the First Kachin State Hluttaw continued for the fifth day at the State Hluttaw Hall yesterday afternoon, attended by Chief Minister of Kachin State U La John Ngan Hsai, Kachin State Hluttaw Speaker U Rawam Jone and 47 Hluttaw representatives.

At the session, nine questions were answered, the budget of Kachin State

for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, approval for expenditure of Myanmar Correctional Department of Kachin State exceeding the estimated accounts in 2011-2012, scrutiny report of Hluttaw legislative committee submitted to the Hluttaw, a bill and two proposals discussed and two new proposals submitted.

The Hluttaw came to an end at 5.05 pm.

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U Than Aung and family residing in Mingala street, Sawbwayigon, Insein Township donated K 500,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Vice-Chairman U Aung Than recently.

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**News in Brief**

**YESB concludes on-job technician course**

On-job basic technician training course 2/2012 of Yangon City Electricity Supply Board (Head Office) concluded at its training school in Ahlon Township on 24 September afternoon. Altogether 59 trainees attended the two-week course.

**Cultural symposium 1-3 October**

Ministry of Culture and Foundation for International Human Resource Development (FIHRD) of Thailand will jointly organize the Symposium on Cultural Conservation in Myanmar Cultural Heritage Site and Culture as the Tourism Related at Asia Plaza in Yangon from 1 to 3 October. A total of 50 participants from ministries and organizations are invited to attend the symposium.

**Bags of rice distributed to Putao**

The Chief Minister of Kachin State inspected loading of bags of rice onboard F-28 of Myanma Airways to be sent to local people and departmental personnel of Putao on 22 September. The Kachin State Minister for Social Affairs and the State Attorney-General inspected distribution of rice to local people in Airport Ward in Putao.

**Fingerlings released into Ayeyawady River**

Kachin State Fisheries Department and Jade Land Myanmar Co Ltd jointly organized the releasing of fingerlings into Ayeyawady River at the jetty at the corner of Strand Road and Yongyi Road in Myitkyina. The state authorities and departmental officials released 200,000 fingerlings into the river.

**Farmland law, land management law multiplier course opened**

The multiplier course for farmland law and vacant, fallow and virgin land management law was held at Zabuthiri Township General Administration Department on 24 September morning. The course was provided till on 25 September.

**Mon State MCWSC opens ten house leader course**

Mon State Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee organized the 10-house leader course at the hall of Mawlamyine Township MCWA on 24 September. Altogether 30 trainees from Mawlamyine and Thaton districts attended the two-day course.

**MMA to conduct hospital management course**

Under the CME programme, Hospital Management Society of Myanmar Medical Association will conduct the four-day hospital management course as of 20 October and another batch of course as of 3 November. The courses will be provided from 12 noon to 4 m daily. The course will be opened at Public Health University in Lanmadaw Township.

**Kayah State honours outstanding farmers**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Sept—Kayah State Chief Minister U Khin Maung Oo praised farmers for their hard work to yield 200 baskets of Palethwe hybrid paddy per acre, adhering 14 Good Agricultural Practices adopted by Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation at the ceremony held at Loikaw Irrigation Department yesterday.

He said enthusiasm and resourcefulness contributed to the success, calling for extension of the high yield paddy fields.

The chief minister and State Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Minister U Po Rel Yan Aung awarded outstanding farmers. The average yield of Palethwe paddy fields in the state is 171.11 acres.

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**Public service broadcasting expected to emerge soon**

YANGON, 25 Sept—"Public broadcasting performs a crucial role in ensuring the public's right to receive a wide diversity of independent and non-partisan information and ideas. It also serves as a meeting place where all citizens are welcomed and considered equals and where social issues are discussed. It has probably been the greatest of the instruments of social democracy to be accessible to all and meant for all," said Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi at the Conference on Public Service Media at Inya Lake Hotel, here, at 9 am yesterday.

The Union Minister went on to say that it also helps to create a greater sense of national identity, foster democratic and other important social values, provide quality educational and informational programming, and serve the needs of minority and other specialized interest groups.

Recent abolishment in media censorship and relaxation on internet rules ensure that the government's policies are in line with democracy practices. These processes are aimed to promote the accountability and transparency of the government which will eventually increase the public trust towards the government. The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has laid down "People-centered strategy" for the democratic reforms in every arena. And as

media reform is more favourable and effective when it is part and parcel of a broader democratic governance reform, he hoped that public service broadcasting will become a part of democracy promotion asset in Myanmar soon.

Chairman Harlad Bockman of Democratic Voice of Burma presided over the first session of the conference and resource persons read the paper under the title Public Service Journalism. In the second session of the conference chaired by Director Gayathry Venkiteswaran of SEAPA, the resource persons read the paper under the title Public Service Broadcasting in Theory and Practice. U Soe Thein (Maung Wun Tha-Writer/Journalist) presided over the third session and resource persons read the paper under the title PSB in Myanmar. They replied to questions and discussions of the attendees.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Information U Ye Htut, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, representatives from political parties, responsible persons from DVB, Swedish Radio Media Development Office, International Media Support (IMS), Myanmar journalist associations and Ministry of Information.

The conference concluded today.—MNA

**Union Education Minister meets BEHS headmasters who got doctoral degree**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Sept—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye met with BEHS headmasters who got doctoral degree at auditorium of the ministry here this noon. At the meeting, the Union minister urged them to emphasize for promotion on basic education quality, to maintain dignity of teachers and to turn out new generation for the State.

Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu explained expansion of formation in basic education sector, Director-General U Bo Win of Education, Planning and Training Department and officials the



Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye meets doctoral degree holder headmasters of Basic Education High Schools.—MNA

needs for expansion education tasks.

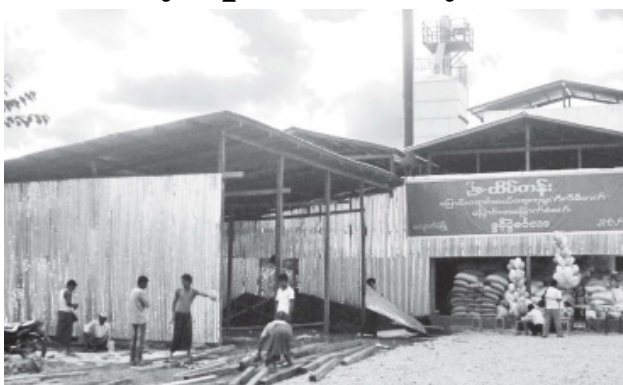
The meeting was also attended by Deputy

Ministers for Education U Ba Shwe and Dr Myo Myint, directors-general, deputy directors-general, officials

from departments and BEHS headmasters who got doctoral degree.

MNA

**Maize dryer and milling factory opened in Kyaukme**



KYAUKME, 25 Sept—Hteiktan Maize Seed Trading Co Ltd launched the 100-ton maize dryer and milling factory in Mwedaw Village of Kyaukme Township, Shan State (North), at 10 am on 23 September.

Thanks to the factory, the local maize growers can earn income early. Today, maize seeds may be sold at K 350 per viss.

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farmers from Naungpein, Pintein, Sakhantha, Lonwe, Kywegon, Khonohn and Khomone villages sold 12,000 baskets of maize seeds by light truck to the factory recently.

It was reported that the company will distribute high yield TP hybrid maize to the local farmers.

Kyemon

**Development of technology discussed**

YAMETHIN, 25 Sept—The second workshop of Technological University for development of technology in Yamethin District was held at the hall of District General Administration Department at 1 pm on 22 September.

Deputy Commissioner U Kyaw Kyaw Tun of District General Administration Department made a speech. Principal Dr Aung Ko of Technological University and four deans explained the purpose of giving training. It was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw and Region Hluttaw



representatives of Yamethin and Pyawbwe Townships, departmental personnel, industrialists and local people.

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## WORLD

## Vietnam jails three bloggers in crackdown on dissent

Vietnam

HANOI, 25 Sept—A Vietnamese court sentenced three high-profile bloggers to jail terms ranging from four to 12 years on Monday, in the latest crackdown on dissent as booming Internet usage threatens to undermine the Communist government's authority.

Bloggers in Vietnam, which has one of the world's fastest growing Internet populations, have grown bolder in criticising the government over issues ranging from land rights to corruption, and China's growing regional influence.

That comes as Vietnam's economy, not long ago a star of Southeast Asia, faces a slowdown in the wake of debt scandals at its huge state enterprises that have undermined investor confidence and exposed

divisions in the Communist leadership.

The government has responded to the growing dissent with a crackdown that has earned it the title of "Enemy of the Internet" from media freedom group Reporters Without Borders, which says only China and Iran jail more journalists.

Nguyen Van Hai, who criticised government policies under his blogging name Dieu Cay, was jailed for 12 years for "anti-state propaganda", according to a lawyer for the bloggers who attended the brief trial in southern Ho Chi Minh City on Monday.

Fellow bloggers Ta Phong Tan and Phan Thanh Hai got 10 years and four years respectively, said the lawyer, Ha Huy Son. All three were founding members of

the Free Journalists Club, a website set up for bloggers to post their writing.

"These harsh sentences against bloggers are absolutely outrageous, and show the depth of the Vietnam government's intolerance of views that oppose its own," said Phil Robertson, Asia deputy director for Human Rights Watch.

"Today's sentences show how deep-seated the Vietnam government crackdown on basic human rights really is."

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said she raised concerns over human rights and the three bloggers during a visit to Vietnam in July, but Washington and Europe have stopped short of sanctioning the country over its worsening rights record.

Reuters

## Family of Arizona grandfather shot dead by police files suit

US

PHOENIX, 25 Sept—The family of an Arizona man who was shot dead while holding his 7-month-old grandson by a police officer responsible for five other fatal shootings on Monday filed a wrongful death lawsuit against a Phoenix valley city.

The suit alleging police misconduct was filed against the City of Scottsdale on behalf of the surviving daughter and father of John Loxas, 50, who was killed with a single rifle shot to the head in February by city officer James Peters.

Police said they were called to Loxas' home after neighbours said he threatened them with a gun. Officers confronted Loxas with the baby cradled in his arms at his front door and Peters fired without warning as Loxas stooped to possibly

go back inside the house.

"My father was literally ripped from my son's arms by a bullet from a man who used his badge of authority as an excuse for his poor judgment and target practice," Alexandria Loxas, his 23-year-old daughter, told a reporters at a news conference.

The lawsuit, which seeks unspecified damages, also alleges that the department failed to properly review the shooting by Peters, who has shot seven people in the line of duty since November 2002, six of them fatally.

Peters was cleared of any wrongdoing in the previous shootings and received a department Medal of Valor in one of the incidents involving a hostage situation.

A Scottsdale police spokesman said Peters has retired from the police

department and that the 14 February shooting incident is still under investigation.

Officer Dave Pubins said the department has been advised that no criminal charges will be filed in connection with the incident. He declined to comment directly on the suit.

"We urge the community to allow this very complex process to take place," Pubins said. "When the entire process is complete, the results will be made public."

The lawsuit, filed in US District Court in Phoenix by the American Civil Liberties Union of Arizona and the Chicago-based firm of Loevy & Loevy, claims that Peters has a "long history of excessive use of force against civilians."

Reuters

## Breathing European air shortens lives

EU

BRUSSELS, 25 Sept—Air pollution is shortening lives by almost two years in parts of the European Union, the European Environmental Agency (EEA) said, strengthening the case for a tightening of emissions restrictions in the bloc.

Legislation had managed to cut the amount of some toxins belched out by exhaust fumes and chimneys across Europe, an EEA report published on Monday said.

But there were still dangerous levels of microscopic particles, known as particulate matter and linked to diseases such as lung cancer and cardiovascular problems, it added.

On average, air pollution was reducing human lives across the region by roughly eight months, the report said. It also quoted separate European Commission-funded research showing that a reduction in particulates levels could extend life expectancy by 22 months in some areas.

The report did not spell out where those areas were, but it said that Poland and other

industrial regions of eastern Europe had particularly high levels of particulate pollution.

Alone among British cities, London also exceeded daily EU limits for particulate matter. Speaking after the launch of the report, EU Environment Commissioner Janez Potocnik said that a review of EU air quality laws next year needed to bring EU limits on pollution levels closer to the stricter World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations on safe levels of pollutants.

"This (the report) is a really serious warning about the importance to our quality of life and health," Potocnik told Reuters.

Apart from the impact on health, EEA Executive Director Jacqueline McGlade said that the pollution cost the bloc 1 trillion euros a year in healthcare and dealing with the wider impact on ecosystems.

"European Union policy has reduced emissions of many pollutants over the last decade, but we can go further," she said.—Reuters

*Children pose for a photo with a panda statue at the National Zoo in Washington on 24 Sept, 2012. On Sunday, the week-old panda cub born to Mei Xiang died at the zoo. The death of the baby panda could be linked to an abnormal liver, the zoo's chief veterinarian said on Monday.*

REUTERS



## Giant panda cub that died at US zoo had abnormal liver

WASHINGTON, 25 Sept—The death of a six-day-old giant panda cub at the National Zoo in Washington—an agonizing blow to wildlife conservation efforts—could be linked to an abnormal liver, the zoo's chief veterinarian said on Monday.

A day after the zoo's staff failed to revive the cub with lifesaving measures, including CPR, the initial results of an examination showed the panda was likely a female whose body displayed no obvious signs of trauma or infection.

"Her coat was beautiful.

It was in very good condition," veterinarian Suzan Murray said at a press conference.

The cub was born on 16 September but had not yet been given a name, in line with a Chinese tradition that pandas are not named for 100 days. The arrival was cause for celebration among zoo officials and wildlife conservationists given the daunting odds for the endangered species reproducing in captivity.

Fewer than 1,600 giant pandas are known to exist in the wild, and about 300 live in zoos and wildlife centres

around the world. Breeding is a critical challenge. One in five cubs born in captivity die in their first year of life, the National Zoo said on its website. Preliminary results of an examination of the cub show the tiny animal had a discolored liver, which was hardened in some areas, Murray said. "This can suggest there was a liver component to the death," Murray said.

Another unusual finding, according to Murray, was fluid in the cub's abdomen, normal for adult pandas but odd for a juvenile. Pathologists were analyzing the fluids, Murray

said. "The amount appears moderate to increased for such a small cub," she said, adding that further testing was necessary to confirm a cause of death. The body of the cub weighed about 3.5 ounces (100 grams).

Zoo officials said they were concerned about the reaction of the cub's mother, Mei Xiang, who had given birth after years of failed efforts at conception, including five "pseudo pregnancies" in which her hormone levels and behavior indicated she was carrying a cub when she was not.—Reuters

## One dead, several injured in Italy's train accident

Italy

ROME, 25 Sept—One person was killed and at least four others were injured as a train ran over a truck in southern Italy on Monday.

According to local reports, a "Eurostar" high-speed train travelling from Italy's capital Rome to Lecce in the south crashed against a truck at a level crossing and derailed.

The train driver reportedly died from the impact, while four passengers were injured. First investigations said the truck had crossed the level crossing while it was pulling down, and remained stuck on tracks while the train was arriving. Train traffic on the railway line was briefly interrupted.

Xinhua

## Six killed in building collapse in western India

India

NEW DELHI, 25 Sept—At least six people were killed and 16 others still trapped under debris in a building collapse in the western Indian city of Pune in the state of Maharashtra on Monday, a senior police official said.

"The mishap happened at 2:00 pm (local time) when the Somnath building in the Dhankavli area of the city caved in. Police and fire brigade teams have been trying to rescue those still trapped in the collapse," he said, on condition of anonymity. While two people died on the spot, four others succumbed to their injuries on way to hospital, he said, adding that the death toll may go up. A probe has been ordered into the incident, the official added.—Xinhua



A view of ILVA steel plants in Taranto, Italy on 4 Aug, 2012.—REUTERS

REGIONAL

**China announces formal handover of first aircraft carrier**

**China**

BEIJING, 25 Sept— China's first aircraft carrier officially entered service on Tuesday and the Defence Ministry said it would help project maritime power and defend Chinese territory.

The handover of the vessel comes as China and Japan are embroiled in a dispute over islands they both claim and China is concerned over renewed US military interest in Asia.

The carrier, called the Liaoning, was originally purchased from Ukraine and has undergone extensive renovation in the Chinese port of Dalian.

"The entry into the ranks of this aircraft carrier will raise the level of modernization of China's overall naval operational forces," the ministry said on its website (www.mod.gov.cn).

The Liaoning will help "effectively protect national sovereignty, security and

development interests", it said. However, military experts expect the carrier, named after the northeast province of which Dalian is capital, to have a limited operational role and to be used mainly for training. It is,



*China's first aircraft carrier, which was renovated from an old aircraft carrier that China bought from Ukraine in 1998, is seen docked at Dalian Port, in Dalian, Liaoning province in this on 22 Sept, 2012 file photo. China's first aircraft carrier, the Liaoning, officially entered naval ranks on 25 Sept, 2012 the country's Ministry of Defence announced, in a move that it said would help project maritime power and defend Chinese territory.—REUTERS*

nonetheless, a point of pride for a major navy that has never had a carrier in its fleet.

"When all the major powers, and even some small and medium-sized countries, own aircraft carriers, it is natural that China should

have its own aircraft carrier," Rear Admiral Yang Yi wrote in a commentary in the *China Daily* on Tuesday.

"China has vast sea areas and huge maritime rights and interests that it needs to protect, and China's growing overseas interests require a strong navy to provide security guarantees," said Yang, a former director of the Institute for Strategic Studies at the People's Liberation Army National Defence University.

The Liaoning will mainly engage in scientific research and training, Yang said, while adding it would also help China assert its military power.

"China is tough-minded and will absolutely safeguard its sovereignty and national dignity," Yang said. "We stand for peace, but we are not afraid of any threats or intimidation."

Reuters



*Rescuers pave a way for rescue work next to a coal mine pit of Qusheng Coal Mining Co in Baiyin, northwest China's Gansu Province, on 25 Sept, 2012.—XINHUA*

**13 dead, 7 trapped in coal mine accident in NW China**

LANZHOU, 25 Sept — Thirteen miners were confirmed dead and seven remained trapped after a locomotive that transported them to ground slipped down a pit in northwest China's Gansu Province early on Tuesday morning, the provincial administration of work safety said. The locomotive with 34 workers aboard its two carriages slipped down and overturned 150 metres further at 0:25 am when a steel wire powering the vehicle up a 28-degree 704-metre-long slope broke 80 metres away from the entrance of a colliery pit in the city of Baiyin, the agency said in a new update.

A total of 27 workers at the Qusheng Coal Mining Co have been taken out of the pit, but 13 of them were dead, it said. The rescue operation is still underway. The coal mine, which began operation in 2003, has a designed annual production capacity of 90,000 tonnes. —Xinhua

**Lightning kills 91 Cambodians in eight months, down 37 pct**

**Combodia**

PHNOM PENH, 25 Sept — Lightning strikes had killed 91 Cambodian people in the first eight months of this year, down 37 percent compared with 146 deaths at the same period last year, a senior disaster official said on Tuesday.

Keo Vy, chief of the Cabinet of the National Committee for Disaster Management, said that 19 out

of the dead persons were female and most of them lived in rural areas.

In addition, the lightning strikes had injured 69 others and killed 32 heads of cattle, he said.

The decrease in death toll this year is thanks to the government's efforts in educating people about how to keep themselves safe from lightning strikes, he said.

"Also, rural people themselves are very careful and stay in their houses when there are heavy rains and lightning," he said.

Lightning happens every year in Cambodia, especially in rainy season, which begins from May through October.

In 2011, lightning strikes killed 165 people and injured 139 others.—Xinhua

**Ten hurt in train derailment in Japan due to mudslide**

**Japan**

TOKYO, 25 Sept — Ten people were hurt after a commuter train from Tokyo ran into a pile of mud that covered the tracks after heavy rain in Kanagawa midnight on Monday, local media said on Tuesday.

The three front cars of the eight-carriage train were derailed on the Keikyū main line. The police said nine passengers sustained minor

to serious injuries, Kyodo reported. The 24-year-old driver of the train with around 700 passengers on board also sustained minor injuries, the report said.

According to the Japan Meteorological Agency, around 100 millimetres of rain was recorded in one hour to 11:00 pm on Monday in the Yokosuka area,

Kanagawa Prefecture, which is part of the Tokyo Greater Area. A local weather observatory had issued heavy rain, flood and landslide warnings.

Keikyū Corp suspended operations on part of its lines on Tuesday. The Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Ministry has sent investigators to the site, where the police are also inspecting for details of the accident.—Xinhua

**Floods, landslides displace 1 million in India; 33 dead**

**India**

GUWAHATI, 25 Sept — Floods and landslides caused by relentless rain in northeast India have killed at least 33 people and displaced more than a million over the past week, officials said on Monday.

At least 21 people were killed in landslides and another eight were missing in the mountainous state of Sikkim, said state government spokesman AS Tobgay. In Assam, still recovering from deadly floods that hit the tea-growing state in July, eight people were killed and 20 were missing, police said.

Floods displaced nearly one million in that state alone, and many were now sheltering in camps or beside roads, which tend to be built above the land they pass through, a senior official in Assam's disaster management authority said.

Four people were buried and killed in mudslides in the state of Arunachal Pradesh, police said.

The military and federal disaster response teams have launched operations to move people to higher ground by helicopter or in rubber boats. Nearly 100 shelters have been opened to accommodate the displaced.

In July, at least 110 people were killed and more than 400,000 people were left homeless in Assam during floods which Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said were among the worst in recent times.

Over the past 60 years, successive governments have built levees along most of the Brahmaputra, which is Assam's main river and is fed by Himalayan snow melt and some of the world's



*Villagers cross a flooded road at Lachi Bishnupur village in the northeastern Indian state of Assam on 22 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS*

heaviest rainfall.

But experts say the embankments are not only poorly maintained but are a discredited form of flood management.

Floods have inundated three national parks in

Assam including Kaziranga National Park, where two-thirds of the world's Great One-horned Rhinoceroses live. Some animals have been forced out of the park to nearby hills.

Reuters

**New Zealand prepares for big quake test nationwide**

**New Zealand**

WELLINGTON, 25 Sept — More than 1.2 million people have signed up to take part in New Zealand's first earthquake "shakeout" to test disaster readiness.

New Zealand has a total population of around 4.4 million.

Almost 2000 schools and nearly as many businesses will join the government-organized nationwide event which warns people what to do if a quake strikes.

The first shake-out is at 9:26 am local time on Wednesday.

The message is to drop to your knees, cover your head and neck and get under a sturdy table and hold on to the shelter during an earthquake.

Signs publicizing the

event have been up on motorways throughout the country.

Vince Cholewa, public information manager at the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management, urged everyone in New Zealand to take part in the exercise.

"This is the first nationwide shake-out event we have organized and the response has been overwhelming. People need to know what to do if an earthquake hits and this gets you thinking about the aftermath as well," he said in a media statement on Tuesday.

"The three steps are very simple and it's great that as many people as possible take part and know what to do if this happens," he added.

Xinhua

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**Indonesia's car demand to rise 275 pct by 2025**

**Indonesia**

JAKARTA, 25 Sept— Domestic demand for automobiles in Indonesia is going to increase dramatically by 275 percent by 2025, driven by rising per capita incomes, robust economic growth and urbanization, a consulting group was quoted as saying on Tuesday.

The ratio of local car owners would jump significantly from 80 to 300 units per 1,000 people by 2025, an increase of 275 percent, boosted particularly by increased consumer purchasing power, said Masaki Honda, the principal consultant for automotive and transportation at Frost & Sullivan Asia Pacific.

"Indonesia's gross domestic product (GDP), which was 700 billion US dollar in 2010, is expected to reach 4.6 trillion US dollar by 2025, making it the world's 10th largest economy. By that time, the GDP per capita will be 17,000 US dollar, up from around 3,000 US dollar at present," Honda was quoted by the *Jakarta Post* as saying here.

The consultant said that basic cars would be more affordable by 2025, pushing original equipment manufacturers to expand production capacity to meet higher demand.

According to Honda, another trend that would influence car demand by 2025 was urbanization, which will create more megacities, or cities with populations of around 8 million; megarregions, with populations of around 15 million; and megacorridors, with more than 25 million inhabitants.

Xinhua



Fang Li (R), Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Toronto, and Stephen Woodworth, member of the Parliament of Canada, watch photos during the "Xinhua Gallery" photo exhibition at the museum in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, on 23 Sept, 2012. The photo exhibition displaying over 20 pictures featuring Chinese folk custom art offers Canadian an opportunity to experience the diversity of Chinese culture.—XINHUA

**Mexican president-elect promotes trade ties with Peru**

**Peru**

LIMA, 25 Sept— Visiting Mexican President-elect Enrique Pena Nieto on Monday told Peruvian business leaders here his government plans to promote trade and investment ties with Peru. Addressing a group of 180 members of Peru's National Confederation of Private Business, Pena Nieto noted trade and investment ties between the two countries are healthy, but could be expanded.

In recent years, Peru has become Mexico's second largest investment destination in Latin America, with trade flow between the two growing by more than 500 percent, according to Pena Nieto. "If these favorable conditions continue in Peru, larger investments can be attained and trade exchange will grow," said Pena Nieto, adding Mexican private investment in Peru has reached 14 billion US dollars in the past few years.

Peru's business community is interested in improving conditions for bilateral trade and investment, and concerned about the effects of organized crime and drug trafficking in both countries.—Xinhua

**China Library opens at Tanzania's National Central Library**

DAR ES SALAAM, 25 Sept— Chinese government donated computers and publications concerning China at the opening ceremony of China Library at Tanzania's National Central Library on Monday, in an effort to deepen Tanzanian people's understanding of the Asian giant.

Chinese Ambassador to Tanzania Lu Youqing said at the ceremony that culture exchanges continue to increase with the expansion of bilateral cooperation in recent years, and Chinese government has always supported the development of culture and education in Tanzania and offered help within its capacity.

"Books are the carriers of knowledge and stepping stones to human progress. Moreover, books are envoys of culture exchange and links of friendship," Lu said, adding that he hopes the China Library could become a new window for Tanzanian people to learn about China and a new bridge of deepening traditional friendship between China and Tanzania.

Chinese government donated 20 computers, 1000 paper

publications and videos and 100,000 digital publications to China Library, which was co-established by China's State Council Information Office and Tanzania's National Central Library. Covering Chinese politics, economy, culture, history, art, science, etc, the donated publications offer a integrated image of China to Tanzanian people.

The extensive cooperation between Tanzania and China in social, economic, political and cultural areas has benefited the two countries' people, and China's generous donation is the best example of the good relationship, said Celestine Gesimba, Permanent Secretary of Tanzania's Ministry of Education and Vocational Training.

China Library would open to the public as soon as possible, he added.

The opening ceremony and books donation were part of a series of cultural exchange events called "Experience China at Tanzania", which has been going on in Tanzania since last month.—Xinhua



An aircraft is operated by remote control during a demonstration in Lianyungang, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 23 Sept, 2012. China's State Oceanic Administration verified and accepted a pilot programme of using pilotless aircraft for marine surveillance in Lianyungang on Sunday. The program will be carried out in the hope of upgrading the state's ability on marine surveillance.—XINHUA

ENTERTAINMENT

**Obama offers himself up as “eye candy” on “The View”**

NEW YORK, 25 Sept—President Barack Obama on Monday sought to woo women voters at a taping of the daytime talk show “The View,” by flirting with his wife and bearing gifts for the hosts, but he could not escape tough questions on the economy that have dominated the election.

When host and veteran journalist Barbara Walters kidded Michelle Obama about bringing the president as her “date,” Obama quipped, “I’ve been told I’m just eye candy here.”

The appearance, which will air on Tuesday on the ABC television network, marks the first time the Obamas have appeared together on the one-hour show, which features four female hosts, including Hollywood icon Whoopi Goldberg, and is popular with middle-income women voters.

The taping in New York was squeezed in before Obama’s obligations at the United Nations General Assembly’s annual meeting, where he is delivering a Tuesday morning speech.

During the show, the Obamas joked about their upcoming anniversary and presented the hosts with White House cloth napkins, golf balls, candy and bottles of Obama’s home-brewed beer. The couple’s 20th anniversary will fall on the day of the first presidential debate, on 3 October.

“Our first wedding anniversary, I totally forgot,” Michelle dead-panned.

The president jokingly responded: “Cold.”

Obama and his Republican opponent, Mitt



US President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama take part in a taping of the “The View” chat show at ABC’s studios in New York on 24 Sept, 2012. The show will air on 25 Sept.

REUTERS

Romney, are both fighting hard for the women’s vote.

In 2008, middle-class women were key to Obama’s presidential win, and Obama has worked to get them to the polls again. His campaign this summer renewed its focus on social issues such as birth control, women’s health and reproductive rights.—Reuters

**Bollywood’s Aishwarya Rai Bachchan named UN HIV/AIDS envoy**



Bollywood actress Aishwarya Rai Bachchan.

REUTERS

UNITED NATIONS, 25 Sept—The United Nations appointed Bollywood actress Aishwarya Rai Bachchan a goodwill ambassador on Monday, with a mission to help stop new HIV infections in children and promote increased access to anti-retroviral treatment.

Rai, who gave birth to her first child in November, will work with the UN programme on HIV/AIDS, known as UNAIDS, advocating the “Global plan towards the elimination of new HIV infections among children and keeping their mothers alive.”

“Spreading awareness on health issues, especially related to women and children, has always been a priority for me,” Rai said in a statement. “And now, as a new mother, I can personally relate to this—the joys and concerns of every mother and the hopes that we have for our children.”

The plan Rai will be promoting focuses on 22 countries, including India, which account for more than 90 percent of new HIV infections among children. Of those, 21 are in sub-Saharan Africa, where the estimated number of children newly infected by HIV fell by 25 percent between 2009 and 2011, UNAIDS said.

Rai, who often features on “most beautiful” lists and is married to actor Abhishek Bachchan, won the Miss World crown in 1994. She went on to build a successful Bollywood career with hits such as “Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam” and “Devdas.”

She has also worked in Hollywood films such as “The Pink Panther 2” and is a regular at the Cannes film festival.—Reuters



Chris Brown performs at the 2012 BET Awards in Los Angeles on 1 July, 2012.

REUTERS

say impacts a lot of people.”

Brown’s lawyer, Mark Geragos, said his client had “completed all of his community service.”

Brown, who won a Grammy award earlier this year, was sentenced to five years of probation and six months of community service after pleading guilty to criminal assault for beating Rihanna on the eve of the Grammy awards in 2009.—Reuters

**Chris Brown tests positive for marijuana while on probation**

LOS ANGELES, 25 Sept—R&B singer Chris Brown has tested positive for marijuana, leading a Los Angeles judge on Monday to set a November hearing to decide whether he violated his probation stemming from a 2009 assault on then-girlfriend Rihanna.

According to a probation report presented in court, Brown tested positive in June in Virginia, where he is fulfilling his community service, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Patricia Schnegg said. Brown, who is midway through a five-year probation sentence, produced a medical marijuana card after the positive test, Schnegg said.

Schnegg said mandatory drug testing was not a condition of Brown’s probation. But she scheduled a 1 November hearing to decide whether he had violated his probation on that and other matters, including travel restrictions and fulfillment of his community service.

Schnegg gave Brown, 23, a warning in court, reminding him that he was a role model.

“You are not an ordinary person who can sit in your living room and do whatever you want to do,” Schnegg told the “Turn Up the Music” singer. “More importantly, a lot of people look up to you, a lot of kids. What you do and what you

**Schwarzenegger memoir includes “failures” over love child**

LOS ANGELES, 25 Sept—Arnold Schwarzenegger says his estranged wife has not read his upcoming memoir in which he discusses the secret child he fathered with a family housekeeper.

But in a TV interview with CBS programme “60 Minutes,” the action star turned politician said he was determined to write a book that included what he called his “failures” as well as his successful and multi-faceted career.

Schwarzenegger’s book “Total Recall: My Unbelievably True Life Story,” is to be published on 1 October.

Publisher Simon & Schuster has said the former California governor began writing it before the May 2011 scandal over the son he fathered years earlier with his housekeeper while married to Maria Shriver.

The revelations led the couple to start divorce proceedings ending their 25-year marriage, and brought

media ridicule for the “Terminator” star.

In an interview with “60 Minutes,” to be broadcast in full on 30 September, journalist Lesley Stahl asked Schwarzenegger, 65, if Shriver knew he was writing about the affair in his book.

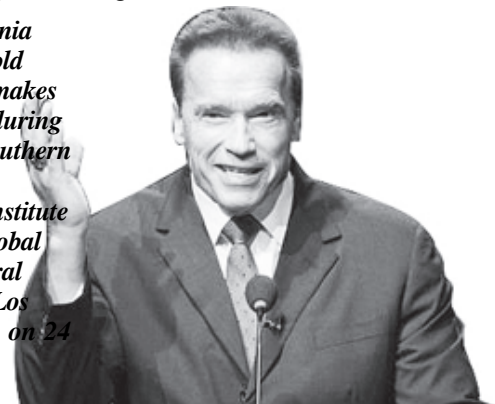
“I think that Maria is, you know, wishing me well with everything that I do,” he replied, in an excerpt shown on Monday on breakfast show “CBS This Morning.”

While admitting that Shriver had not read the memoir, Schwarzenegger continued, “She knows that it’s about my whole life and that I would not write a book and kind of leave out that part and make people feel like, ‘Well, wait a minute. Are we just getting a book about his success stories and not talk about his failures?’ And that’s not the book I wanted to write. I wanted to write about the book about me. Here’s my life.”

Reuters

Former California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger makes opening remarks during the University of Southern California’s Schwarzenegger Institute for State and Global Policy inaugural Symposium in Los Angeles, California on 24 Sept, 2012.

REUTERS



**Actress Bonnie Franklin diagnosed with pancreatic cancer**

LOS ANGELES, 25 Sept—Actress Bonnie Franklin, who starred as the harried single mother of two teenage girls on the 1970s and ‘80s television comedy “One Day at a Time,” is being treated for pancreatic cancer, her family said in a statement on Monday.

Franklin, 68, a petite redhead, is best known for her role as divorcee Ann Romano on the show, which debuted in December 1975 and ran for nine seasons on CBS. It co-starred Valerie Bertinelli and Mackenzie Phillips as her two head-strong daughters.

The show followed their day-to-day lives as she and the girls made a new start in an Indianapolis apartment, befriended by the building superintendent, Schneider, who becomes virtually part of their family.

Franklin previously earned a Theatre World Award and a Tony nomination for her work in the 1970 Broadway musical “Applause.” She was nominated for an Emmy in 1982 for her performance on “One Day at a Time.” The brief statement from her family, circulated by CBS, said was being treated for pancreatic cancer and was “continuing her normal schedule during this time.” “She and her family remain extremely positive and thank everyone for their support and concern,” the statement said, concluding with a request that her privacy be respected.

Franklin earlier this year appeared on the daytime drama “The Young and the Restless” and last year made a guest appearance on the on TV Land cable channel’s sitcom “Hot in Cleveland,” co-starring Bertinelli.—Reuters



Actors Bonnie Franklin (L to R), Pat Harrington Jr, Mackenzie Phillips and Glenn Scarpelli arrive for the 10th Annual TV Land Awards at the Lexington Avenue Armory in New York on 14 April, 2012.—REUTERS

**SPORTS**

**Real labour to 2-0 win at lowly Rayo Vallecano** **Soccer**

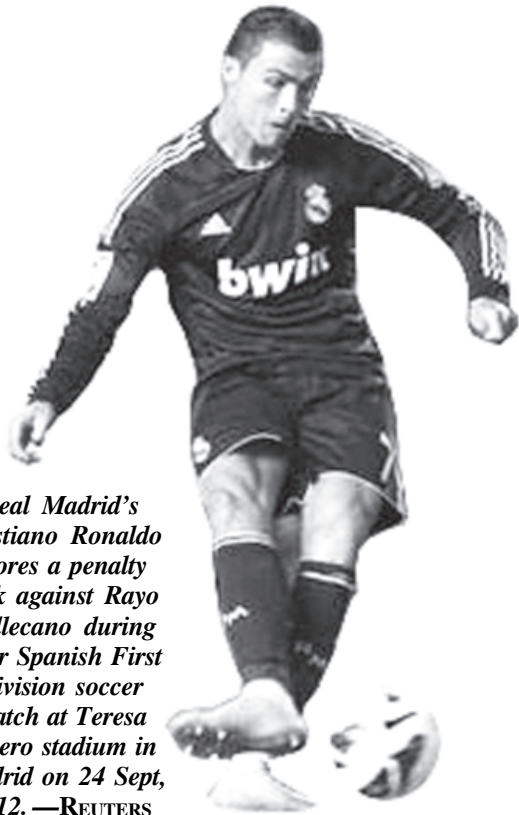
MADRID, 25 Sept— Real Madrid got back to winning ways in La Liga but were far from convincing in a laboured 2-0 victory at lowly city rivals Rayo Vallecano on Monday.

Karim Benzema finished off a swift breakaway in the 13th minute and Xabi Alonso had to clear a Rayo effort off the line before Cristiano Ronaldo netted from the penalty spot 20 minutes from time.

The victory, only their second success in five games this season, lifted Jose Mourinho's side to seventh on seven points, eight behind leaders Barcelona, who were 2-0 winners at home to Granada on Saturday.

Real have already lost twice in La Liga — at Getafe and Sevilla — the same number of defeats the champions suffered in the whole of last season, while arch rivals Barca have won all five of their games.

Monday's match had been due to be played on Sunday night but was postponed because of alleged sabotage to the lighting at Rayo's Vallecas stadium.—Reuters



Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo scores a penalty kick against Rayo Vallecano during their Spanish First Division soccer match at Teresa Rivero stadium in Madrid on 24 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

**Hodgson disappointed with Terry retirement decision**

LONDON, 25 Sept—England manager Roy Hodgson has reluctantly accepted John Terry's retirement from internationals but said he was disappointed in the defender's decision.

Terry, who is due before a Football Association tribunal on Monday facing a charge of racially abusing Queens Park Rangers defender Anton Ferdinand, announced on Sunday he was quitting international soccer.

The former England captain, capped 78 times in an international career stretching back to 2003, said the impending case against him had made his position in the national team untenable as he was cleared in the criminal trial over the affair.

"I'd like to thank John Terry for his commitment to the England team since I became manager," Hodgson said in an FA statement.

"I am of course disappointed to lose a player of John's international experience and exceptional ability.

"I have enjoyed a good relationship with John during my

Chelsea's John Terry reacts during a team training session at Stamford Bridge in London on 18 Sept, 2012. REUTERS



time as England manager and I reluctantly accept his decision.

"I can also confirm that he had the courtesy to call me prior to announcing his retirement from the England team. I'd like to wish John well for the future with Chelsea."

If found guilty by the FA of abusing Ferdinand, Terry could face a lengthy ban similar to the eight-game suspension served by Liverpool's Luis Suarez last season for racially abusing Manchester United's Patrice Evra.—Reuters

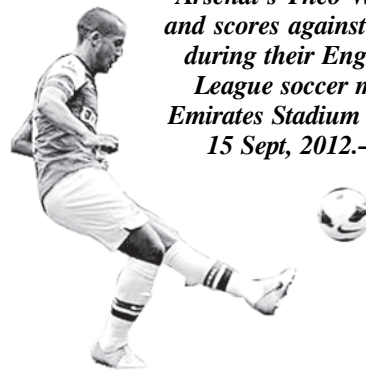
**Walcott wants to stay at Arsenal as contract talks continue**

LONDON, 25 Sept— England international Theo Walcott expressed his desire to stay at Arsenal on Monday although he said he was happy to let contract negotiations with the north London club run their course.

The 23-year-old has been the subject of intense speculation about his future as he and club officials have been unable to agree on an extension to his current deal which ends next year.

British media reports have said money was the contentious issue with Walcott valuing himself significantly higher than the club did. "I've never said I wanted to go. I've always said I wanted to be an Arsenal player," Walcott told Reuters at an English Football

Arsenal's Theo Walcott shoots and scores against Southampton during their English Premier League soccer match at the Emirates Stadium in London on 15 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS



Association (FA) "Just Play" event north of London.

"I've never been influenced by the money, it's never been about that. I'm not that sort of person at all. It's always been a football decision for me. If it was about the money, I would've gone in the summer.

"Hopefully, something can be sorted...we're just

an encouraging start.

The high-profile departures of Robin van Persie and Alex Song and a number of new signings in key positions could have destabilised Arsene Wenger's squad but they have been playing well.

A thumping 6-1 win over Southampton was followed by a 2-1 victory at French champions Montpellier in the Champions League and Arsenal drew 1-1 at Premier League champions Manchester City on Sunday.

"We've had two very positive away matches against top teams," Walcott said. "I think we could've done better against Man City as well but you've got to take that. We're only going to get better."—Reuters

**Li beats sniffles to advance in Tokyo** **Tennis**

TOKYO, 25 Sept— Former French Open champion Li Na shrugged off a nasty cough to beat Russia's Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 7-5, 4-6, 6-2 and reach the last 16 of the Pan Pacific Open on Tuesday.

One of three Chinese players who made the trip to Tokyo despite a blazing political row between her country and Japan, Li's experience told after a wobble in the second set.

"Obviously I'm still not 100 percent," Li told Reuters. "Just trying to stay healthy and taking (cough) medicine every morning and every night."

However, 2011 Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova was bundled out in the first upset of the \$2.16 million tournament, suffering a 6-4, 6-4 defeat by Croatia's Petra Martic.

Li's appearance in Tokyo was a relief for organizers after China withdrew its badminton players from the Japan Open earlier this month amid escalating tensions over disputed islands in the East China Sea.

Playing on an outside court, last year's Roland Garros winner lacked sharpness after a whirlwind book-signing tour in China following the release of her autobiography.

But the 30-year-old Li saved her best for the big points, putting the match away by smashing a cross-court backhand into the corner after two hours, 37 minutes.

"I practiced on every court because you never know where they are going to put you," said Li. "It was very windy in the morning but I felt fine."

Fourth seed Kvitova frittered away several opportunities against her 72nd-ranked opponent, who closed out the match with a fierce serve which almost knocked the Czech over.

"That was the biggest win of my career so far," Martic told Reuters. "The last five or six days have been really weird. I've played bad in practice and just couldn't do anything.

"I just decided to enjoy the tournament and see what



happens, not put any pressure on myself," added the 21-year-old, who reached the fourth round of this year's French Open.

"I played great today. I played at a very high level so I hope that continues."

Martic next faces Russia's Nadia Petrova after the 17th seed beat Romania's Simona Halep 7-6, 6-0.

World number one Victoria Azarenka and twice Pan Pacific champion Maria Sharapova were among the top-ranked players also playing later on Tuesday.

Nine of the world's top 10 women are appearing in the WTA premier five event, US Open champion Serena Williams the only player absent.

Germany's Angelique Kerber made short work of Japanese wildcard Ayumi Morita, the fifth seed comfortably winning 6-3, 6-4 to reach the third round.

Sixth seed Sara Errani of Italy beat Sweden's Johanna Larsson 6-3, 7-6 and next faces Frenchwoman Marion Bartoli after the ninth seed's 6-2, 7-5 win over German Julia Goerges.

Reuters

Li Na

**Chelsea face Monterrey or Asian champs in Club World Cup**

ZURICH, 25 Sept— European champions Chelsea will face either Monterrey of Mexico or the winners of the Asian Champions League in the semi-finals of the Club World Cup following draw for the tournament on Monday.

Chelsea received a bye in the first round of the competition, to be held in Japan from 6-16 December, and will enter at the semi-final stage on 13 December.

The Asian champions will be decided in early November. The champions of the Japanese J-League, which ends on December 1, will open the tournament against New Zealand's Auckland City at Nissan Stadium in Yokohama.

With eight games remaining in the J-League, Sanfrecce Hiroshima lead Vegalta Sendai by two points and former Asian champions Urawa Reds are a further three points back.

The winners of that first match will then play the African champions, who will be decided on 10 November with the victors going on to face Brazil's Copa Libertadores champions Corinthians in the last four on 12 December.—Reuters



The third-fourth place match and the final are both in Yokohama. REUTERS

**GENERAL**

**Focus Myanmar TV Programme**

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**

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- \* News
- \* Future Youth and Success Mind
- \* Song for you
- \* News
- \* Astrology & Astronomy "Horoscope for 12 Sign of Ascendants in October, 2012"
- \* News
- \* Launching Ceremony of the Public Image Journal
- \* News
- \* 1st Technical Field-Wise Seminars JICA Alumni Association

- \* News
- \* Taste of Myanmar (Fried Flat Noodle)
- \* News
- \* Bagan; The Land of Pagoda
- \* Fine Arts Podium "Open Ended Drum"
- \* News
- \* The Chillies Journal Launch Party
- \* Myanmar Movie "Forgive and Forget"

**MYANMAR TV**

(26-9-2012, Wednesday)

- 7:00 am**  
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am**  
3. To Be Healthy Exercise

- 7:40 am**  
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am**  
7. Cultural Dances
- 8:20 am**  
9. Selected Songs For 19 Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition (2012)(Oldies & Mono Classial)(Amateur (First Division)(Level Men)
- 4:00 pm**  
1. Martlal Song
- 4:25 pm**  
4. Classical Song
- 4:55 pm**  
6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:05 pm**  
7. International Science News
- 5:15 pm**  
8. Road to 27 SEA GAMES (Billiards&Snooker)
- 6:00 pm**  
11. Evening News
- 6:20 pm**  
13. Traditional Boxing
- 6:30 pm**  
14. Shwe Yin Chone Than
- 8:00 pm**  
18. International News
- 20. The 19th Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition (2012) Interview (Songs) (Modern Music)**
- 21. TV Drama Series**
- 22. Dramatic Arts Competition (Opera)**



**John Terry**

LONDON, 25 Sept—The English Football Association (FA) have rejected Chelsea defender John Terry's claims that an investigation into his alleged racial abuse of an opponent during a Premier League match last year had forced him to retire from England duty.

The 31-year-old former national captain brought his England career to an abrupt end on Sunday, saying his position in the national team had become "untenable" due to the FA's impending case against him.

The Chelsea skipper stood before an FA tribunal set to

**FA reject Terry claim of forcing his retirement**

last four days on Monday, facing charges of racially abusing Queens Park Rangers defender Anton Ferdinand last October despite being acquitted in the law courts in July.

FA general secretary Alex Horne dismissed Terry's objections to the hearing, saying that the governing body was not responsible for the player's decision to retire.

"It's a personal decision. I don't see how we have made it untenable, they are two very separate processes," Horne told the British media on Monday.

"It's something that happened in a match - it shouldn't be taking a year to resolve but we feel we are reaching a conclusion on that.

"That's a very different process from our England procedures; they sit in different compartments and I could separate the two in my mind, but it doesn't look like he could."

If found guilty of racially abusing Ferdinand, Terry could face a lengthy ban similar to the eight-match one served by Liverpool's Luis Suarez last season.

London-born Terry, capped 78 times since his debut in 2003 including appearances in two World Cups, has spent his entire career with Chelsea since joining the European champions as a 14-year-old.—Reuters

**Int'l conference on Russian Sakhalin oil and gas projects kicks off**

VLADIVOSTOK, 25 Sept—Over 400 participants of an international conference are discussing the prospect of Russian Sakhalin oil and gas projects, RIA Novosti news agency reported Tuesday.

Held in southern Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk city of Russia on Sept. 24-27, the "Sakhalin Oil and Gas 2012" is the 16th annual conference for oil and gas professionals either active or interested in energy projects of the Russian Far East. The managers of oil and gas companies will present the latest information on the Sakhalin shelf projects, as well as on the shelf of Magadan, Kamchatka, Chayandinskoye field and others.

The first nine similar conferences were held in London, popular with Western businessmen. The forum has been held in the Russian Far Eastern Sakhalin Island since 2006.

The Sakhalin region has the fourth largest oil reserves in Russia, with main consumers coming from Asia-Pacific countries, including Japan, China, South Korea, and the United States. The international projects being implemented on the regional shelf include Sakhalin 1 and Sakhalin 2.—Xinhua

**Czech begins to construct high-tech institute**

PRAGUE, 25 Sept—The Czech Republic Monday officially began to construct the main buildings of the Central European Institute of Technology (CEITEC) with the total costs of 5.246 billion crowns (about 264million US dollars).

The buildings will emerge on the campus of Masaryk University and Brno University of Technology in the city of Brno.

Along with Masaryk University and VUT, the project has been joined by Brno-based Mendel University, University of Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Sciences Brno, the Veterinary Research Institute and the Institute of Physics of Materials.

Although the CEITEC infrastructure is only in the making, some research teams are already working in the laboratories of Brno universities. In the past months, the researchers reached success in the development of ultra firm varnish that can replace natural enamel.

In all, the planned laboratory area is 25,000 square metres and there will be up to 1,000 jobs for scientists. The research programs focus on nanotechnologies, advanced materials, structural biology, molecular medicine and brain research.

The researchers want to overcome the boundaries of natural sciences and technical fields, said Jaroslav Koca, one of the scientific directors. He said the results will contribute to improvement in the quality of life and human health. The CEITEC scientists are planning cooperation with commercial and application spheres.

Czech Education Minister Petr Fiala said CEITEC was an example of a project that was not being established from scratch. It follows up the work of scientific teams that have already scored some good results. This project was one of the biggest investments in scientific infrastructure in the Czech Republic.—Xinhua

**DISTRICT NEWS**

**Traffic jam cleared around Yadanabon Diamond Plaza**

MANDALAY, 25 Sept—Road users are informed not to stop their vehicles on Yadanabon Diamond Plaza on 78<sup>th</sup> street between 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> streets and 77<sup>th</sup> street between 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> streets in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay and to stop their vehicles at the designated place. The warning latter describes discipline brokers will be punished with K 5000 fine.

Those who collect fee for wheel tax were allotted to 33<sup>rd</sup>, 34<sup>th</sup> and 77<sup>th</sup> streets. Those shopping at the plaza face traffic jam in front of Yadanabon Diamond Plaza.—Kyemon



**35 Mexican police officers arrested over drug cartel links**

MEXICO CITY, 25 Sept—The Mexican Navy announced Monday the detention of 35 police officers in eastern Mexico for alleged involvement with the Zetas drug cartel.

The Navy said in a statement that 19 were captured in Veracruz state capital of Xalapa and 16 in neighboring San Luis Potosi state, among whom were four women.

"All of them were police officers in the Ministry of Public Security of Veracruz and allegedly collaborated with the criminal organization of Los Zetas," said the statement.

The captured were brought to Mexico City before the public prosecutor under the Office of Special Investigations into Organized Crimes.

Veracruz has been one of the main states that suffered drug-related violence and witnessed the killings of 35 people last September.

The Zetas, a gang formed in the 1990s by deserters of special military forces, is seen as one of the most powerful drug trafficking groups in Mexico.

The Mexican government has deployed thousands of troops and police forces in a bid to curb violence between Zetas and rival groups since launching "Safe Veracruz Operation" last October.—Xinhua



**Volunteers take a portion from the world's biggest vegetable salad after a Guinness World Record attempt in Bucharest, Romania, Sept 23, 2012. The salad is made of 4 tonnes each of green salad and cucumbers, 2 tonnes each of sweet peppers, onions and carrots, 400 kg olives, 400 liters of olive oil and 400 kg of salt.—XINHUA**

# Japanese aids for anti-malaria combat “much contributive”

YANGON, 25 Sept— Japanese government has provided Myanmar with anti-malaria drugs, mosquito nets, pesticides and fumigation equipment worth of US\$ 3.4 million as of 2008.

The aids were distributed to Rakhine State and Magway and Bago Regions.

The report of anti-malaria fight up to 2011 was handed over to the Japanese government at the ceremony held at Chatrium Hotel here this morning.

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin acknowledged the “much contributive cooperation” between Myanmar and Japanese governments in health sector.



Minister Counsellor/ Deputy Chief of Mission Mr Ichiro Maruyama of Japanese Embassy, on behalf of the Japanese

Ambassador to Myanmar, delivered an address. Deputy Director-General Dr Saw Lwin of Health Department explained

“Achievement of Malaria Control Programme Supported by Japan Grant Aid”.

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Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin speaks at ceremony to hand over the report on accomplishment of malaria control project.

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## Myanma Tourism Service arranges package tours for tourists

YANGON, 25 Sept—Myanma Tourism Service of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism opens information counters across the nation for ensuring smooth and convenient travelling of local and foreign tourists.

Package tours are sold to the foreigners and the local package tours to the local travelers for vacations.

The local visitors in individuals or groups or students from basic education

schools may contact Myanma Tourism Service for their trips.

For detail information, contact may be made to Myanma Tourism Service (Yangon Branch), No. 118, Maha Bandoola Park Street, Kyauktada Township, Tel: 01-252859, 371286, 374281 and the head office (Nay Pyi Taw Office No 33), Tel: 067-406097, 067-406169 and 067-406105.

Kyemon

## MFF President grants cash award for second prize winner Myanmar Women’s Team

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Sept—President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw will award K 15 million to Myanmar women’s football team that secured second prize in the AFF Women’s Championship.

In the championship, Myanmar women’s football team lost to a 3-4 result under victory of host Vietnamese team.

With respects to their plays, President of MFF U Zaw Zaw said, “My players defended the rivals for over 120 minutes showing off their brilliant efforts. In the penalty decision, they lost to the rivals. Trying hard to win over strong Thai team in

the semifinal, Myanmar encountered against host Vietnam in the final. I praised the whole team for its concerted efforts.”

MFF plans for both men’s and women’s football teams to have victories in the future.

At present, the Myanmar women’s team will be trained for securing champion in the coming SEA Games 2013. The salaries of the players were raised to K 500,000 from K 300,000, said U Zaw Zaw. The second prize winning Myanmar selected women’s team arrived back in Yangon on 23 September evening.

Kyemon



## Loew still “ideal” coach for Germany-federation boss

BERLIN, 25 Sept— Germany coach Joachim Loew remains the best choice to lead the team despite their Euro 2012 semi-final exit that extended their 16-year run without a trophy, German football association boss Wolfgang Niersbach said on Tuesday.

Loew, who took over after the 2006 World Cup, has steered the team to a Euro 2008 final spot and last four appearances at the 2010 World Cup and this year’s Euros.

Following their 2-1 semi-final loss to Italy in June, Loew has been under growing criticism for failing to deliver a trophy. His contract runs to the 2014

World Cup in Brazil.

Germany’s opening two World Cup qualifying wins have also been less than impressive.

“Joachim Loew is competent, straightforward, serious. He is and remains for the DFB the ideal national team coach,” Niersbach told the WAZ newspaper group.

“We should also not forget that we are second in the world rankings and it cannot be that after every Euro 15 coaches are fired and only one stays on.”

Among those critical of Loew’s work has been Bayern Munich president Uli Hoeness, who said the coach should be tougher

with his players.

“It is wise for the DFB to stick with continuity,” said Niersbach. “Only Denmark’s Morten Olsen has been longer in his job than Loew in Europe. All other teams have changed coaches many times.”

“I ask with what success? By the way Spain had to wait 44 years for another title before winning (Euro) 2008.”

Reuters



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