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## President U Thein Sein in New York

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein left here on 24 September to attend 67<sup>th</sup> UN General Assembly to be held in New York, USA, and arrived at Changi International Airport of Singapore at 9.20 pm local time and then at Frankfurt Airport of Germany at 7 am local time on 25 September from which to John F Kennedy Airport in New York, USA, at 10.35 am local time the same day.

The Myanmar President was welcomed by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Myanmar Permanent Representative to the UN U Kyaw Tin and US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell at the airport.

The President and his entourage Union Ministers Lt-Gen Thein Htay and U Khin Yi, deputy minister Dr Win Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Soe Yel, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Saw Tun Mya Aung and departmental heads then proceeded to the Mark Hotel.

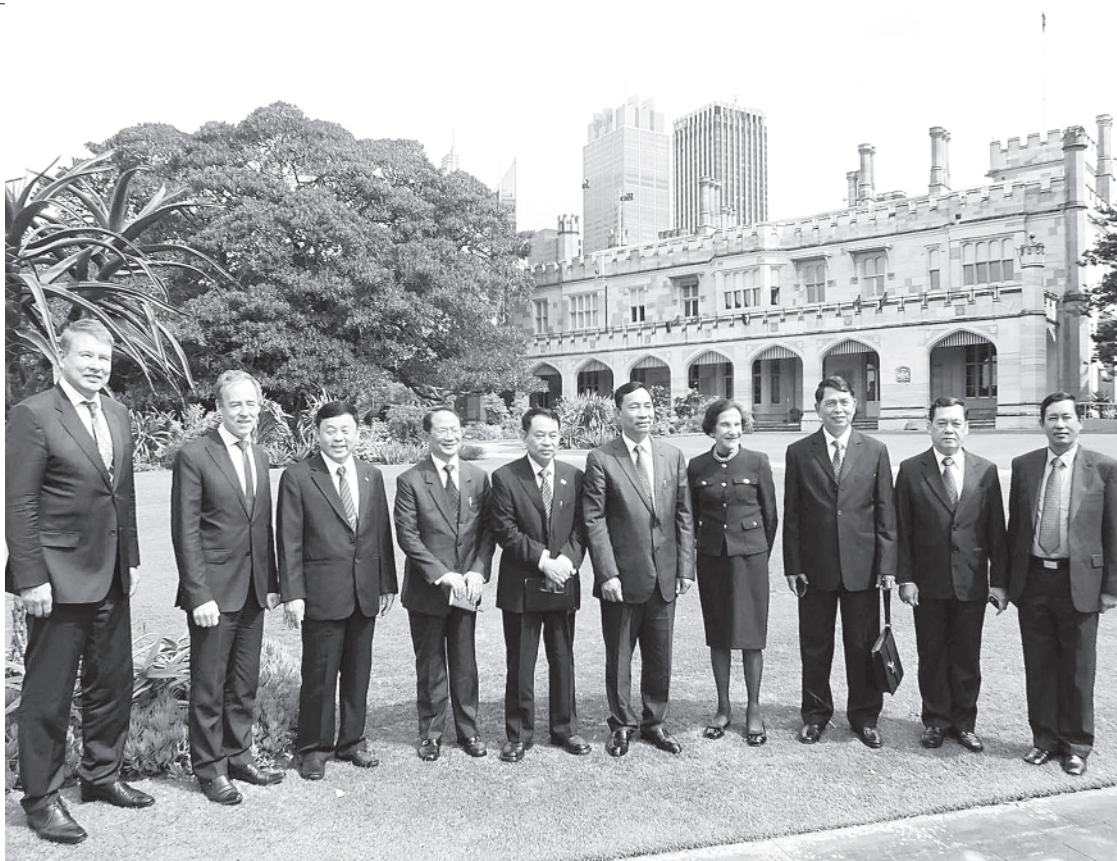
Visiting Chairperson of National League for Democracy Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Daw Aung San Suu Kyi paid a call on President U Thein Sein at the Mark Hotel at 6.45 pm on 25 September.—MNA



*President U Thein Sein meets Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in the US.*

## Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker finds new areas of Myanmar-Australia cooperation

*Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann together with New South Wales Governor Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO.*  
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NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—A goodwill delegation led by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann, who was on a goodwill visit to Australia and Singapore, on 17 September, arrived at Sydney Airport in Australia at 10.20 local time through Singapore.

On 18 September, Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and party held talks with a delegation led by Speaker of Australian House of Representative Mr Peter Neil Slipper and Australian Senator Mr John Haff, at Parliamentary Building in Canberra. After that, Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and party attended a dinner at Australian Parliamentary Building.

On 21 September, Chairman of Australian House of Representative Mr

Peter Neil Slipper and wife hosted a dinner to the Myanmar goodwill delegation, on Sydney Harbour dinner cruise in Sydney.

On 17 September, Myanmar goodwill delegation held talks with Governor of New South Wales Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, at Government House. In the evening, Speaker of New South Wales Mr Shelly Hancock and Chairman of Legislative Council Mr Don Harwin MLC discussed parliamentary affairs and hosted a dinner to Myanmar delegation.

On 18 September, Myanmar delegation met with Australian Foreign Minister Senator Bob Carr, at Australian Parliamentary House of Representative Mr  
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### Home Ministry emerges champion in Bando C'ship

YANGON, 26 Sept—The final matches and prize presentation of the 10<sup>th</sup> Myanmar National Sports Committee Chairman's Cup Bando Championship was held at Aung San Gymnasium, here, this morning.

Patron of Myanmar Martial Arts Federation Police Brig-Gen Thura Bo Ni, Vice-President of MMAF U Ye Myint and officials presented prizes to the winners.

The Ministry of Home Affairs secured championship trophy.

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### China's top legislator meets with foreign guests attending WCIF



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### Dazzling Bayern beat Wolfsburg, Dortmund draw at Frankfurt



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**NATIONAL**

**Workshop on Viniççaya cases held** **Religious Affairs**

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung called for patience and cooperation in taking disciplinary measures against members of Sangha who do not adhere Viniççaya at the workshop on enforcement of resolutions on Viniççaya cases at the ministry here this morning.

The workshop was presided over by Deputy Minister U Soe Win who again called for cooperation in drafting a work

plan to reduce Viniççaya cases.

Advisor to the President Office U Arnt Maung, Director-General of Religious Affairs Department U Moe Zaw Shwe and Director-General (Retd) of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana Dr Myo Myint read out papers and answered queries raised by those present.

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**Myanmar Permanent Representative presents Credentials to UNSG**

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—U Kyaw Tin, Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations, New York, presented his Credentials to the Secretary-General of the United Nations His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon at New York on 19 September 2012.—MNA

**Myanmar Ambassador presents Credentials to Brazilian President**

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—Thiri Pyanchi U Tun Nay Linn, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Federative Republic of Brazil, presented his Credentials to Her Excellency Ms. Dilma Vana Rousseff, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, on 20 September 2012 in Brasilia.—MNA

**Myanmar Ambassador presents Credentials to Serbian President**

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—U Zaw Tun, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Serbia, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr. Tomislav Nikolic, President of the Republic of Serbia, on 19 September 2012 in Belgrade.—MNA

**Union Minister for Commerce discusses smooth flow of trade**

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint met with the Myanmar Article VIII Mission of International Monetary Fund at the ministry, here, this afternoon.

They discussed easing of export and import policies of Myanmar and trade development and further cooperation in ensuring smooth flow of trade, trade promotion and development of the payment system being practised in international community.

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**Education** **Union Education Minister calls for respect to personal morality**

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—"Increased emoluments have been provided to teachers for their social life development and thus educational staff are to respect personal morality and dignity," said Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye while meeting heads of region/state and district and township

education departments at the ministry here this morning.

The Union minister called for sound foundation of basic education sector urging educational staff to accomplish own duty with good will adhering to civil servants code of conduct and principles.

Deputy Minister U Aye

Kyu explained promotion scheme, extension of organizational structure of education departments at different levels, calling for collaborative efforts of educational staff for promotion of quality of basic education sector.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Education

Ministers U Ba Shwe and Dr Myo Myint, directors-general, deputy directors-general, and heads of region/state, district and township education departments.

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**Reproductive health project discussed**



**Review and Planning Meeting on Comprehensive RH service for communities in Myanmar in progress.—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—The Review and Planning Meeting on Comprehensive RH service for communities in Myanmar (German Funded Project) was held at Sky Palace Hotel, here, at 9

am today. The reproductive health project is jointly being implemented by Maternal and Child Health Section of Health Department of the Ministry

of Health, Health Education Branch of Health Planning Department and UNFPA/JOICFP(German Funded) for enabling everybody to have reproductive health knowledge.—MNA

**Workshop on job opportunity held**



YANGON, 26 Sept—Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Switzerland-based Innovative Finance Foundation (IFF) jointly organized the workshop on Myanmar Innovated Financing Initiative at the UMFCFI Office Tower on 14 September with the aim of enabling the entrepreneurs to know financial and management concepts for development of Myanmar's foreign investment and economy, creating health, education and job opportunities and developing SMEs industries.

President of UMFCFI U Win Aung made a speech. President of IFF Mr Robert Fillop introduced functions of IFF. Co-founder and Senior Joint President of IFF Mr Leonardlerer read the paper on Myanmar innovated financing initiative.

The participants discussed agriculture and livestock breeding, food-stuff and health, investment and raising proficiency of financial management, technology for economic development of Myanmar and monetary affairs.

Myanma Alin

**Gambler seized in Letpadan**

BAGO, 26 Sept—Acting on tip-off, a squad searched Zaw Min Min restaurant beside Yangon-Pyay Highway in Kyungale Village-tract of Letpadan Township, Bago Region at

10.30 pm on 15 September.

They seized documents and papers related to gambling, one GSM and K 1500 from the bag of Win Tin, son of U Hla Win, of Ohpodan Village in

**Lost air-conditioner found in paddy field**

BAGO, 26 Sept—A duty-conscious person informed Laymyethna police station on 15 September that a Sanyo brand air-conditioner installed at microwave Kyungale Village-tract.

Letpadan Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Win Tin under section 15(a)/16(a) of Gambling Act.

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station one mile east of Pyidawtha Street in Chaungna Village of Zayathla Village-tract of Zigon Township was found under the tree in the paddy field west of U Soe Hla Myint's rice mill near Chaungna Village.

The information was forwarded to in-charge of Zigon Township microwave station U Min Min Htaik.

**DistrictNews**

According to the information, one of two air-conditioners worth K 300,000 each was lost recently. Therefore, the air-conditioner found in the paddy field was brought to the station.

Laymyethna Police Station opened a file of lawsuit for loss of air-conditioner.

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**WORLD**

**Obama at UN calls for end to intolerance, warns Iran**

**UN**

UNITED NATIONS, 26 Sept—President Barack Obama urged world leaders on Tuesday to put an end to the intolerance and violence that led to the recent killing of the US ambassador in Libya and warned Iran he would do what it takes to prevent Teheran from getting

nuclear arms. In a 30-minute address to the 193-nation UN General Assembly, Obama called anew for the ouster of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad following an 18-month civil war without saying how to make it happen. He also offered no fresh ideas on solving the

Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Beginning and ending his remarks by evoking Christopher Stevens, the US ambassador to Libya who died with three other Americans in a 11 September assault on the American Consulate in Benghazi, Obama called on nations to fight such violence.

“Today, we must affirm that our future will be determined by people like Chris Stevens, and not by his killers,” said Obama, who seeks re-election on 6 November. “Today, we must declare that this violence and intolerance has no place among our United Nations.”

US missions also came under attack in Egypt, Tunisia, Indonesia and other Muslim nations.

Obama, while repeating his

condemnations of the video as “crude and disgusting” and stressing that the US government had nothing to do with its production, staunchly defended free speech.

“The strongest weapon against hateful speech is not repression, it is more speech—the voices of tolerance that rally against bigotry and blasphemy,” Obama said.

Saying it is necessary to “honestly address the tensions between the West and the Arab world” moving toward democracy, Obama said he did not expect everyone to agree with him.

“However, I do believe that it is the obligation of all leaders in all countries to speak out forcefully against violence and extremism,” he said. “There is no speech that justifies mindless violence.”

Reuters



US President Barack Obama addresses the 67th United Nations General Assembly at the UN headquarters in New York on 25 September, 2012. —REUTERS

**Brazil’s Rousseff criticizes rich countries at UN**

**UN**

UNITED NATIONS, 26 Sept—Brazil’s President Dilma Rousseff harshly criticized the economic policies of rich nations at the United Nations on Tuesday, saying they were failing to end the global crisis and harming emerging markets such as hers.

The left-leaning Rousseff said budget cuts and expansionary monetary policies in the United States and Europe were having severe negative side effects elsewhere in the world, causing Brazil’s currency to appreciate and damaging its exports. She was the first head of state to address this year’s 193-nation UN General Assembly. Rousseff’s comments came as she faces growing political pressure at

home over an economy that has barely grown over the past year. She has also endured intense criticism from Washington and elsewhere over her recent decision to raise tariffs on about 100 goods, a move that fanned fears of rising protectionism among emerging markets.

The leader of Latin America’s biggest economy addressed those concerns head-on, saying Brazil will continue to protect its industries within legal means as long as rich countries continue to flood the world with cheap money.

“We cannot accept that legitimate trade defence initiatives by developing countries be unfairly



Brazil’s President Dilma Rousseff addresses the 67th United Nations General Assembly at the UN Headquarters in New York, on 25 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

classified as protectionism,” Rousseff said.

Brazil and the United States publicly sparred last week over the tariffs, with US Trade Representative Ron Kirk urging Rousseff’s government to reconsider. Brazil retorted that US monetary policy had unleashed a flood of imported

goods at artificially low prices.

Rousseff and other Brazilian officials have been lashing out at rich nations for years now — for example, popularizing the term “currency war” to describe how rich countries have weakened their currencies by printing money.—Reuters

**Wildfire stabilizes in east**

**Spain**

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MADRID, 26 Sept—More than 800 people including firemen and military personnel finally stabilized the wildfire in the region of los Serranos, around 50 km north-west from the city of Valencia in east Spain, on Tuesday.

The fire, which began on Sunday afternoon, has destroyed around 5,500 hectares of woodland and 2,000 people were evacuated from villages in the region on Monday.

Over 170,000 hectares of countryside have been destroyed by over 4,000 different fires this summer. A majority of these fires were

caused either deliberately or accidentally by people and over 370 people have been arrested this year.

A combination of higher temperatures and lower rainfall this summer has made ideal conditions for the spread of wildfires.

But ecological groups also highlighted the fact that economic cutbacks have impacted the ability of fire brigades to react rapidly.

In addition, the undergrowth has not been cut down this year, making it faster for fires to spread and grow.

Xinhua

**Feds crack down on Los Angeles medical marijuana shops**

**US**

LOS ANGELES, 26 Sept—Federal authorities moved to close down 71 medical marijuana dispensaries in Los Angeles and a neighboring community on Tuesday, marking the latest broadside in an ongoing war over California’s cannabis trade.

The move also comes on the heels of a municipal ban on storefront pot shops in Los Angeles that was put on hold after activists challenged it in court and by referendum.

The number of medical marijuana stores in Los Angeles, estimated to number between 472 and nearly 1,000, has made it a hub for America’s medicinal cannabis trade and put the

city at the center of legal and political battles over the issue.

“Over the past several years, we have seen an explosion of commercial marijuana stores, an explosion that is being driven by the massive profits associated with marijuana distribution,” US Attorney

André Birotte Jr. said in a written statement.

“As today’s operations make clear, the sale and distribution of marijuana violates federal law, and we intend to enforce the law,” he said. “Even those stores not targeted today should understand that they cannot continue to profit in violation

of the law.”

The drive by federal prosecutors to shut down dispensaries has caused friction with California, which in 1996 became the first state to decriminalize medical marijuana. Sixteen states and the District of Columbia have followed suit.

Reuters



Mayor of San Francisco Edwin M. Lee (2nd R) presents a congratulatory card to Gao Zhansheng (1st R), Consul General of China in San Francisco, during a ceremony to mark the 63rd anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China, in San Francisco, the United States, on 25 Sept, 2012. —XINHUA



Wu Bangguo (R, front), chairman of the Standing Committee of China’s National People’s Congress (NPC), meets with Abdul Hamid, speaker of the Bangladesh National Assembly, in Chengdu, capital of southwest China’s Sichuan Province, on 25 Sept, 2012. Hamid is here to attend the 13th Western China International Fair. —XINHUA

**China’s top legislator meets with foreign guests attending WCIF**

**China**

CHENGDU, 26 Sept—China’s top legislator Wu Bangguo on Tuesday met with foreign guests attending the 13th Western China International Fair (WCIF) on exchanges and cooperation. Wu, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress, called on Bangladesh and Macedonia to enhance cooperation with China on the development of western China.

While meeting with Abdul Hamid, speaker of the Bangladesh National Assembly, Wu said that China attaches importance to developing relations with Bangladesh and is willing to strengthen bilateral exchanges and cooperation in various fields.

Western China has changed dramatically and become one of the country’s most economically active areas since the country carried out the western development strategy, Wu said, calling on the Bangladeshi side to develop the western China market with a more active attitude so as to promote bilateral development.

The Bangladeshi side is ready to work with China in the fields of economy, trade, investment, aviation and infrastructure, among others, Hamid said, noting that China’s achievements have created a broader space for mutually beneficial cooperation.

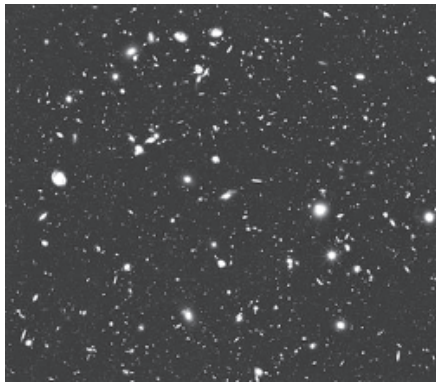
While meeting with Macedonian Deputy Prime Minister Vladimir Peshevski, Wu said that good political relations provide a strong guarantee for the promotion of bilateral economic and trade cooperation.

China recently announced some new measures to improve its cooperation with Central and Eastern Europe, Wu said, calling on the Macedonian side to seize opportunities to strengthen cooperation with China in infrastructure, energy, resources, high-technology and other fields.—Xinhua

## SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY

## New "extreme" Hubble shows deepest view yet of night sky

Science



A new, improved portrait of Hubble's deepest-ever view of the universe, called the eXtreme Deep Field, or XDF, which shows a small area of space in the constellation Fornax, created using Hubble Space Telescope data from 2003 and 2004, is seen in this composite image released to Reuters on 25 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

CAPE CANAVERAL, (Florida), 26 Sept—Piecing together 10 years of Hubble Space Telescope images, astronomers on Tuesday unveiled the deepest view yet of a small sliver of the night sky, revealing a kaleidoscope of galaxies and other celestial objects.

The Hubble eXtreme Deep Field, or XDF, adds another 5,500 galaxies to Hubble's 2003 and 2004 view into a tiny patch of the farthest universe.

Hubble returned to the same target more than 50 times over the past decade, racking up an additional 2 million seconds of exposure time. The most distant objects found date back to about 500 million years after the universe's formation some 13.7 billion years ago.

The early universe was a violent place, filled with colliding and merging galaxies that radiate in bright blue light, a telltale sign of new star formation.

The Hubble portrait also shows brilliantly shining spiral galaxies and older red fuzzy galaxies whose star-formation days are over.

More than 2,000 images of the same field, taken by Hubble's Advanced Camera for Surveys and its near-infrared Wide Field Camera 3, were combined to form the XDF.

"XDF is the deepest image of the sky ever obtained," astronomer Garth Illingworth, with the University of California at Santa Cruz, said in a statement. "It allows us to explore further back in time than ever before.—Reuters

## Nokia unveils two new mid-range cellphones

Tech

HELSINKI, 26 Sept—Troubled cellphone maker Nokia unveiled two new affordable touch-screen cellphone models on Tuesday to defend its mass market position while it struggles to compete in high-end smartphones.

Basic cellphones have generated most of Nokia's sales, holding up much better than smartphones, where it has rapidly lost share to rivals like Samsung and Apple. With a profit margin of over 20 percent, these phones are still the company's bread and butter even though consumers are increasingly switching over to smartphones.

"Although they don't get as much attention as its smartphones, mobile phones play a key part in Nokia's future. Mobile phones account for the majority of Nokia's revenue today and they are also vital for building loyalty with potential smartphone users in the future," said Ovum analyst Nick Dillon.

Nokia said on Tuesday it expects the Nokia Asha 308 and the Nokia Asha 309 to retail for about \$99, excluding taxes and subsidies, with deliveries to start in the fourth quarter of 2012. Analysts have said offering phones around or under \$100 is crucial for the company if it wants to compete with cheaper smartphones using Google's Android software.

Nokia still sells almost 1 million basic phones a day but it has reported operating losses of 3 billion euros (\$3.9 billion) in the last 18 months, all while closing sites and cutting tens of thousands of jobs.

Analysts say the new phones will buy it time but that its new Windows smartphones must succeed to secure its turnaround.

"The new Asha devices are essential to defend Nokia from a raft of low-cost Android alternatives," CCS Insight analyst Geoff Blaber said.

"The continued strength of the mobile phone

business is testament to Nokia's scale and distribution advantages. Defending that business is critical if Nokia's smartphone business is to weather the storm."

The new phones use Nokia's low-end Series 40 software platform and hence most analysts do not count them as smartphones, even though Nokia itself sells them as smart devices in emerging markets.

"The smartphone-feature phone distinction is largely irrelevant in emerging markets. The Asha devices provide all the features most users need, including



Picture shows a Nokia logo at a shop in Warsaw, on 26 January, 2012.—REUTERS

apps, web browsing and Facebook access," said Blaber.

Nokia has to use its low-end software for the new \$100 phones as Windows Phone requirements for hardware are too high for such cheap phones. Nokia's cheapest Windows Phone retails for around \$200.

Shares in Nokia were up 1.8 percent at 2.14 euros, outperforming 0.5 percent rise in STOXX 600 European technology index.

Separately on Tuesday, Nokia said it would cut 725 jobs at its South Korean factory as part of its global cost savings programme unveiled in June.—Reuters

## Sharp to win bank nod for \$2.7 billion bailout

Tech

as early as Thursday

TOKYO, 26 Sept—Cash-strapped Sharp Corp will win approval from its banks as early as Thursday to secure as much as 210 billion yen (\$2.7 billion) in fresh loans with a plan that commits the loss-making company to return to profit, a source at one of its main lenders said on Tuesday.

Sharp has already submitted its proposed revival plan which must outline how it will make a profit in the six months starting on 1 Oct and beyond, the source told Reuters on condition he isn't identified.

The banks may yet seek revisions to that plan before agreeing to new lending, but ultimately are expected to approve new loans that Sharp needs to stay in business because by refusing to do so they risk having to write off Sharp's existing debts.

Sharp has to repay as much as 360 billion yen of short-term commercial paper loans and needs to secure financing from lenders led by Mizuho Financial Group and Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group.

The maker of Aquos TVs has already mortgaged nearly all of its domestic offices and factories, including one that makes screens for Apple Inc's iPhone 5, to secure up to 150 billion yen of loans.



Sharp's logo is seen behind a traffic sign outside an electronics shop in Tokyo on 7 Sept, 2012. REUTERS

Sharp is predicting a net income of 15 billion yen in the 12 months to 31 March, 2014, compared with a net loss of 250 billion yen projected for this year, Kyodo news reported on Tuesday.

Sharp and the two banks declined to comment.

The company's shares

ended up 0.5 percent on Tuesday against the broader market's 0.25 percent rise. Sharp's shares are down nearly 70 percent so far this year, the biggest loser among constituents of the benchmark Nikkei index, which is up 7.5 percent.

Reuters

## Google starts selling Nexus 7 in Japan for

\$250

Tech

TOKYO, 26 Sept—Google Inc said it began selling its Nexus 7 tablet in Japan on Tuesday, with a starting price of 19,800 yen (\$250). Sales of the 7-inch tablet started on the Google Play website on Tuesday and will be available in physical stores from 2 October, the world's No 1 search engine said.

By taking a greater role in the tablet arena, Google hopes to ensure that its online services remain at the forefront for consumers, as tablets increasingly becoming gateways to the

Web and Web-based content such as movies and music.

(\$1 = 77.8750 Japanese yen)—Reuters



An attendee uses a Google Nexus 7 tablet during Google I/O 2012 Conference at Moscone Centre in San Francisco, California on 27 June, 2012.—REUTERS

## Toys R Us sued over kids tablet trade

secrets

Tech

SAN DIEGO, 26 Sept—The maker of the Nabi tablet computer for children sued Toys R Us Inc on Monday, saying the world's largest toy retailer stole trade secrets in preparing to introduce the rival Tabeo tablet this month.

The lawsuit filed in federal court in San Diego, California, seeks to stop Toys R Us from selling Tabeo ahead of the all-important holiday season. Nabi creator Fuhu Inc contends that Toys R Us agreed to become the exclusive seller of the Nabi last year to learn product secrets before bringing Tabeo to market.

The introduction of Tabeo heated up the market for tablets designed specifically for children, which also includes players like LeapFrog Enterprises Inc's LeapPad. Fuhu accused Toys R Us of fraud, breach of contract, unfair competition and trade secret

that the reason for Toys R Us's behavior did not become clear until it introduced Tabeo this month.

"Toys R Us used Fuhu's trade secrets and confidential information to start selling Tabeo, which systematically attempts to replicate the Nabi experience, far earlier than



The Tabeo tablet in an image courtesy of Toys R Us. REUTERS

misappropriation. Fuhu also said that Toys R Us copied Nabi's butterfly-shaped bumper, which is used to help protect the tablet, for Tabeo.

According to the lawsuit, Toys R Us agreed in October 2011 to become the exclusive Nabi distributor, but in the end did "virtually no promotion" and only ordered for the holiday season a little more than what Toys R Us said could be sold in one day.

The companies ended their exclusive agreement in January.

Fuhu said in the lawsuit

Toys R Us could have done otherwise, if at all," the lawsuit said. Aside from the order to stop selling Tabeo, Fuhu is asking that any Tabeos be turned over to Fuhu. It is also seeking unspecified monetary damages.

A spokeswoman for Toys R Us said the company could not comment on the lawsuit as it has yet to have an opportunity to review it.

The case is Fuhu Inc v Toys "R" Us Inc, Case No 12-CV-2308, US District Court, Southern District of California.—Reuters

**BUSINESS & HEALTH**

**Evolution of India reform a factor for policy — Gokarn Business**



**A man walks past a logo of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in front of its building in Kolkata on 21 May, 2012. —REUTERS**

NEW YORK, 26 Sept— India’s persistent inflation and sub-par economic growth has the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) caught in a monetary policy vise but conditions in the economy should not be considered static, Deputy Governor Subir Gokarn said on Tuesday.

The RBI left its main policy rate unchanged on 17 September at 8 percent, disappointing those who wanted a lower rate to spur growth and dovetail with a spate of

unexpected economic reforms unveiled by the government. The 8 percent repo rate, its main lever for monetary policy, has been in place since April while economic growth has underwhelmed at 5.5 percent in the latest quarter, not much better than the first three months of the year, spurring questions of whether this is a “new normal” environment.

“I think the concept of new normal has to take into account structural conditions and to the extent there are very visible and effective responses to what is clearly becoming, for example an entrenched source of inflation, which is food,” Gokarn told reporters on the sidelines of the India Investment Forum.

Citing the fluid situation in India and authorities’ response to spiking inflation and fiscal deficits, Gokarn said the bank will look at how the government is addressing these economic stress points by the next policy meeting.

“It is the evolution of these responses that is really going to shape the growth and inflation trajectory so we have to be sensitive to that,” he said.

Gokarn expressed less concern about spiking fuel costs and the possible long-term inflationary effects of a rise in diesel fuel prices, mainly because of the weak global economy.

Global oil prices have in the last week fallen back from the recent 2-1/2 month run-up to \$100 a barrel.

*Reuters*

**UN Secretary General’s Message on World Tourism Day**

**27 September, 2012**

The Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development emphasized that well-designed and well-managed tourism can make a significant contribution to the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. One of the world’s largest economic sectors, tourism is especially well-placed to promote environmental sustainability, green growth and our struggle against climate change through its relationship with energy.

“Tourism and Sustainable Energy: Powering Sustainable Development” is the theme of this year’s World Tourism Day, selected to advance the goals of the 2012 International Year of Sustainable Energy for All. Hundreds of millions of people around the world depend for income on this energy-intensive sector. Sustainable energy will allow tourism to continue to expand while mitigating its impact on the environment.

Many in the tourism industry have already shown leadership in developing and deploying clean energy solutions, cutting energy consumption and carbon emissions in some regions by up to 40 per cent through initiatives such as the Hotel Energy Solutions toolkit developed by the UN World Tourism Organization and the UN Environment Programme. Other concrete advances include the growing use of energy-efficient fuels in air travel, sustainable procurement strategies and increasingly popular carbon offsetting schemes.

Everyone has a role in sustainable tourism. I commend the tourism community for its growing commitment to sustainable energy. I also thank the tourists who play their part by off-setting their own carbon emissions, choosing ecologically friendly destinations and providers, or simply by postponing having their towels laundered. Every action counts. This year, one billion international tourists will travel to foreign destinations. Imagine what one act multiplied by one billion can do.

On this World Tourism Day, I appeal to all who work in and enjoy the benefits of this global sector to join in building a more sustainable future for all.— *UNICYangon*

**Walkable neighbourhoods tied to lower diabetes risk Health**

NEW YORK, 26 Sept— People living in communities that lend themselves to walking had a significantly lower risk of developing diabetes than those living in the least walkable neighbourhoods in a large new study from Canada.

“If you have fewer opportunities for physical activity in your daily life, then you may gain more weight...and you’re also more likely to develop diabetes,” said Dr Gillian Booth, the lead author and a researcher at St Michael’s Hospital in Toronto.

Booth said earlier studies have looked at potential links between diabetes and the pedestrian-friendliness of neighbourhoods, and have found similar connections — but that research took only a snapshot in time, making it difficult to determine which came first, the neighbourhood style or the elevated diabetes risk.

The researchers found that, among long-term Ontario residents, 6,003 out of about 210,000 of those who lived in the least walkable neighbourhoods developed diabetes, compared to 5,290 out of 245,000 who lived in the most walkable areas. This corresponds to a 32 percent increase in diabetes risk for those who live in the least-walkable areas.

Among new immigrants to the region in the previous 10 years — most foreign born — more than twice as many people

in the least-walkable neighbourhoods developed diabetes as in the most-walkable areas, translating to a 58 percent increased relative risk for those in the walking-unfriendly neighbourhoods.

Although the new study could not prove that walking was responsible for the lower diabetes risk in certain neighbourhoods, Dr Ethan Berke, associate professor at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth in Hanover, New Hampshire, who was not involved in the research, thinks that something in the neighbourhood environment is likely responsible for the findings.

“Whether that’s due to social capital or opportunities for healthy behaviours, such as physical activity, or opportunities for access to healthy foods isn’t clear, because a walkable neighbourhood is usually associated with a lot of those things,” Berke said.

Other research has linked walking to a lowered chance of having diabetes. One recent study showed that people who are at high risk for diabetes and who walk more are less likely to ultimately develop the blood sugar disorder. Booth said that aside from the weight benefits of physical activity, exercise itself might help ward off diabetes by improving the body’s use of insulin.— *Reuters*

**BlackRock raises S&P 500 target, but says rally over Business**

NEW YORK, 26 Sept—BlackRock Inc (BLK N), one of the world’s largest asset managers, has raised its expectations for the US stock market in 2012 but believes this year’s equity rally has run its course, according to targets provided by the firm on Tuesday.

The Standard & Poor’s 500 index .SPX will finish 2012 at 1,450 and rise to 1,525 by mid-2013, according to Chris Leavy, BlackRock’s chief investment officer, fundamental equities of the Americas.

The new targets are up from the firm’s earlier forecasts and reflect a 7 percent rally in the benchmark index since early August. Earlier, the firm projected the S&P 500 would finish the year at 1,350 and rise to 1,400 by mid-2013.

BlackRock provided the targets to *Reuters*, which is releasing its broad global equity poll on Wednesday.

The firm had assets under management of about \$3.56 trillion on 30 June, including \$297 billion in equities under management.

Late Tuesday afternoon, the S&P 500 was down 0.5 percent at around 1,450, where BlackRock says it will finish the year, but 4.8 percent below its target for mid-2013. The index reversed earlier gains around midday after BlackRock updated its targets.— *Reuters*

**Xbox games get kids moving, but benefits unclear Health**

NEW YORK, 26 Sept— Kids burned more calories while playing dance and boxing video games than they did during a sedentary car racing game, in a new UK study.

Researchers said it’s not surprising children would get their body working harder while playing a game on Kinect for the Xbox 360 that requires being off the couch and jumping around.

But it’s still not clear whether that translates to real weight and health differences for youngsters who have those games at home.

“If the kids played the games exactly as they played them in this study and they did that for the amount of time they normally play video games, that could be very beneficial,” said Jacob Barkley, an exercise science researcher from Kent State University in Ohio who wasn’t involved in the study.



**Attendees play the Dance Central 2 for the Xbox 360 Kinect during the Electronic Entertainment Expo, or E3, in Los Angeles on 7 June, 2011. —REUTERS**

“I would stop short of saying, ‘Well then just buy your kids the Xbox and they’ll lose weight,’” he told *Reuters Health*. That’s because kids may opt for the less-intensive games on the system, or they may substitute outdoor physical activity for video gaming, he added.

The new study involved 18 kids aged 11 to 15. Researchers from the University of Chester had the kids play three different

Kinect games for 15 minutes each: Project Gotham Racing 4 (a sedentary game), Dance Central and Kinect Sports Boxing. Kids wore a heart rate monitor as well as a facemask measuring oxygen consumption so the researchers could calculate how many calories they were burning. Heart rate and energy expenditure were both higher with the active games than the sedentary comparison, Michael Morris

and his colleagues reported in the Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine.

On average, kids burned calories at a rate of 90 per hour playing the racing game, 180 per hour during Dance Central and 264 per hour while virtual boxing.

That’s a higher expenditure than has been shown with other active gaming systems, according to Barkley - possibly because Kinect doesn’t use a controller, so it’s harder for kids to sit down while playing. Calorie expenditure during the boxing game was comparable to what a person would burn while playing volleyball or table tennis, according to Morris.

“Moderate activity is obviously very good for you,” he told *Reuters Health*. But, he added, this study just provides a “snapshot” into possible benefits from the games.— *Reuters*



**The BlackRock logo is seen outside of its offices in New York on 18 Jan, 2012. REUTERS**

## WORLD

## EU rejects US claim to have weaned Boeing off subsidies

EU

GENEVA, 26 Sept—US aircraft giant Boeing is still getting US subsidies despite Washington's claim to have stopped the handouts, the European Union said on Tuesday in the latest round

from illegal payments. The United States had until 23 September to comply.

"We had expected that the US would have finally complied in good faith with its international commitments

with no other choice but to insist on proper compliance before the World Trade Organisation. We are confident that this process will finally lead to a level playing field in the aircraft sector."

A spokeswoman for the US Trade Representative's office said the United States was confident it has fully complied with the WTO ruling against US subsidies for Boeing, but was still studying the EU's claim it had not.

"Based on our initial review, the EU simply does not account for many of the changes announced by the United States. For example, the EU included programs in its request that we made clear have been terminated," USTR spokeswoman Andrea Mead said.

The US has set out very clearly how it had complied with the WTO ruling, and the numerous steps it has taken to insure full compliance, Boeing spokesman Charlie Miller said.

Reuters



The Boeing logo is seen on a Boeing 787 Dreamliner airplane in Long Beach, California on 14 March, 2012.—REUTERS

of the world's biggest trade dispute.

The EU's claim came one day after the US Trade Representative's office said it had complied with a ruling by a World Trade Organization dispute panel that found Boeing had benefited

and would have abided by the WTO rulings that clearly condemned US subsidies to Boeing", EU Trade Commissioner Karel De Gucht said in a statement.

"We are disappointed that this does not seem to be the case. So, the US leaves us

## Egypt Egypt's Mursi calls for cooperation between cultures

NEW YORK, 26 Sept—Egypt's new Islamist president Mohamed Mursi delivered a call on Tuesday for "genuine cooperation" between cultures, but in the wake of violent assaults on US diplomatic missions in the Muslim world he also cautioned that a joke in one culture may not be funny in another. Speaking at a philanthropic meeting convened in New York by former US President Bill Clinton, Mursi signaled an embrace of multiculturalism as an alternative to a single culture seeking dominance.

"The world cannot become one culture or one civilization. However, can we have civilizations that live side by side, not against one another? It is possible," said Mursi. "Maybe a joke in one country is not funny in another country. That's the nature of culture."

Mursi's speech, one day before he is to address the United Nations General Assembly, came at a delicate time for relations between the United States and Egypt.—REUTERS



Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi speaks during the final day of the Clinton Global Initiative 2012 (CGI) in New York on 25 Sept, 2012. The CGI was created by former US President Bill Clinton in 2005 to gather global leaders to discuss solutions to the world's problems.—REUTERS

## Italy's Sardinia struggles to leave state aid behind Italy

CARBOSULCIS, (Italy), 26 Sept—Four hundred meters below the surface dozens of

miners risk their lives at Sardinia's Carbosulcis, Italy's only coal pit, digging

low-quality carbon that no-one wants to buy.

In nearby Portovesme, workers at the country's largest aluminium smelter are fighting for their jobs after high energy bills, tight EU regulation and falling aluminium prices prompted US commodity giant Alcoa to leave Italy.

With more than 1,000 jobs at risk, the industrial crisis hitting the impoverished Mediterranean island of Sardinia is a political hot potato for technocrat Prime Minister Mario Monti as he fights to keep costs down and contain Italy's high debt.

A protest by Sardinian workers in Rome this month turned violent and the government is wary of letting tensions rise to boiling point in the run-up to general elections in the spring.

In both cases the solution appears to be an old Italian remedy for its poor southern regions: the state will help.

"This is a whole system that has gone belly up: the mine, the aluminium, everything," said a government source with direct knowledge of the situation.

Reuters



A Sardinian miner closes a gate during a protest 400 metres (437 yards) underground blocking the entrance of the Carbosulcis mine in Carbonia, west of Cagliari on 31 Aug, 2012.—REUTERS

## Vitol trades Iranian fuel oil, skirting sanctions

sanctions

SINGAPORE, BEIJING, 26 Sept—Vitol, the world's largest oil trader, is buying and selling Iranian fuel oil, undermining Western efforts to choke the flow of petrodollars to Teheran and put pressure on Iran's suspected nuclear weapons programme.

Vitol last month bought 2 million barrels of fuel oil, used for power generation, from Iran and offered it to Chinese traders, Reuters established in interviews with 10 oil trading, industry and shipping sources in Southeast Asia, China and the Middle East. A spokesman for Vitol declined to comment.

Swiss-based Vitol is not obliged to comply with a ban imposed in July by the European Union on trading oil with Iran because Switzerland decided not to match EU and US sanctions against Teheran.

The company earlier in the year stopped trading Iranian crude oil from its main European offices before the 1 July EU embargo deadline.

But the trading sources said it has continued to deal in Iranian fuel oil from the Middle East.

The tale of the cargo of Iranian fuel oil involves tanker tracking systems being switched off, two ship-to-ship

March by the Prime Minister's office as having dined with David Cameron at his private apartment in Downing Street amid the fall-out from a "cash for access" party funding scandal. Britain is a vociferous critic of Teheran's



A sign is pictured in front of Vitol Group trading commodities company building in Geneva in this 4 October, 2011 file photo.—REUTERS

transfers, and blending of the oil with fuel from another source to alter the cargo's physical specification.

Privately-held Vitol SA is led by its long-time CEO Ian Taylor, a Briton. Taylor was among leading donors to Britain's ruling Conservative Party named in

nuclear programme and a leading advocate of the EU sanctions. Vitol has said previously it is in compliance with sanctions against Iran, but has declined to say whether or not it would follow the strict EU regulations rather than Switzerland's.

Reuters

## Death toll climbs to 20 in NW China mine carriages crash

China

BAIYIN, 25 Sept—The death toll has climbed to 20 after two carriages carrying mine workers back to the ground crashed early on Tuesday in a pit of northwest China's Gansu Province.

A steel cable pulling a locomotive that carried 34 miners in two carriages snapped shortly after midnight in a pit in Baiyin city near Lanzhou, the provincial administration of work safety said. The two carriages slipped and overturned, sending all the workers aboard down into the pit, it said in a news update.

Rescuers had retrieved all the miners as of midday. Most of the 14 survivors were in hospital with injuries.

Company sources said the cable that snapped was replaced on 29 July, but an

initial investigation suggested the carriages were overloaded.

The coal mine, run by Qusheng Coal Mining Co, was operating illegally, as it was one of the 55 mines safety authorities had ordered to halt production for an industrial reshuffle.

The planned reshuffle was aimed at incorporating the 55 small mines into 10 larger ones.

The Qusheng pit began operation in 2003 and has a designed annual output of 90,000 tonnes.

In the wake of the accident, the provincial government of Gansu has demanded a temporary shutdown of all mines with annual output below 300,000 tonnes for a safety overhaul.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 25 Sept, 2012 shows the coal mine pit where a locomotive with 34 workers aboard its two carriages slipped down, in Baiyin, northwest China's Gansu Province.—XINHUA

**WORLD**

**Door for Israeli-Palestinian peace may be closing —UN**

UNITED NATIONS, 26 Sept—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said on Tuesday the “door may be closing, for good” on a two-state solution

which countries he was talking about, after criticizing Israeli settlement building, Ban told the assembly: “I also reject both the language of delegitimi-

**United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon speaks during the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the Rule of Law at the United Nations headquarters in New York on 24 Sept, 2012. —REUTERS**



to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, saying the continued growth of Jewish settlements undercuts peace.

“The two-state solution is the only sustainable option. Yet the door may be closing, for good,” Ban told the UN General Assembly. “The continued growth of Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territory seriously undermines efforts towards peace. We must break this dangerous impasse.”

In an apparent reference to recent comments by Israeli, Iranian and US officials, Ban also told the 193-nation assembly at the opening of its annual gathering of world leaders that he rejected threats of military action by one state against another.

While he did not specify

zation and threats of potential military action by one state against another. Any such attacks would be devastating.”

On the question of Syria’s 18-month conflict, Ban said the world must “stop the violence and flows of arms to both sides, and set in motion a Syrian-led transition as soon as possible.”

“The international community should not look the other way as violence spirals out of control,” he said. “Brutal human rights abuses continue to be committed, mainly by the government, but also by opposition.”

Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff and US President Barack Obama are also due to address the assembly on Tuesday morning.

Reuters

**Japan opposition LDP picks Abe as new leader, possible**

**Japan next PM**



**Japan’s main opposition Liberal Democratic Party’s (LDP) lawmaker and former prime minister Shinzo Abe bows to parliamentarians of the LDP after he was chosen as the party president at the party presidential election at the party headquarters in Tokyo on 26 Sept, 2012. REUTERS**

TOKYO, 26 Sept—Japan’s main opposition Liberal Democratic Party picked former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, 58, as its new leader in a run-off vote on Wednesday.

Abe could become Japan’s next prime minister as opinion polls suggest the LDP will win most seats in an election for parliament’s lower house expected in the coming months, putting it in a pivotal position to form the next government of the world’s third-largest economy.

Among issues needing to be resolved, Japan faces a territorial row with China, a long list of economic ills and the need to overhaul its energy policy after the Fukushima radiation crisis.—Reuters

**Facing tough road in Ohio, Romney and Ryan embark**

**US on bus tour**

DAYTON, (Ohio), 26 Sept—Facing a tough path to victory if they cannot win Ohio, Republicans Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan launched a two-day bus tour on Tuesday to try to boost their fortunes in a state that polls show could be slipping away from them.

The Republican nominees for president and vice president appeared together for the first time in more than three weeks, part of what aides vow will be a more aggressive phase of campaigning after Romney spent much of the past two weeks raising money and holding few public rallies.

Romney emphasized his claims that Democratic President Barack Obama’s policies are preventing the US economy from a full recovery and that Obama has not been tough enough in pushing back against Chinese trade practices that have led to cheap goods flooding the US market and killing American jobs.

Romney accused China of a wide variety of trade abuses, from holding down the value of its currency to keep its products cheap, to stealing US intellectual property. “We cannot compete with people that don’t play fair, and I will not let that go on,”



**Republican presidential candidate and former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney speaks at a campaign rally in Dayton, Ohio on 25 Sept, 2012. REUTERS**

Romney said.

Romney’s message on China has been a central part of his stump speech all year.

Obama’s campaign has responded with a television ad that accuses Romney of outsourcing jobs to China during his time as a private equity executive at Bain Capital.

Reuters

**Chavez calls for crime fight as Venezuela vote nears**

CARACAS, 26 Sept —Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez called for a new fight against crime on Tuesday, acknowledging an issue that voters say is their top concern ahead of an election in less than two weeks.

Speaking at a graduation ceremony for more than 8,000 police officers, the socialist leader said the South American country still lacked the specialized forces it needed to solve



**Venezuela’s President Hugo Chavez poses using boxing gloves during a campaign rally in Acarigua in the state of Portuguesa on 24 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS**

problems that hit poor neighbourhoods the hardest. “We need preventative, scientific and community-based police who can help resolve the conflicts in the barrios, between relatives and neighbours, and to fight against the crime that causes so much

damage to society,” Chavez said.

Armed robberies and murders are common in Venezuela, where more people have been killed during the last five years than have died in Mexico’s drug war. Many city dwellers are reluctant to venture out after dark, and both candidates ahead of the 7 October vote are promising safer streets if they win.

Chavez’s rival, 40-year-old state Governor Henrique Capriles, says he has heard the same story of day-to-day problems—crime, unemployment, inefficient public services - on every campaign stop around the country of 29 million. At a rally in the eastern city of Maturin on Tuesday, the opposition leader asked the crowd to raise a hand if they knew a victim of violence. A forest of arms went up.

“How can they (the government) speak about independence when 50 Venezuelans are killed every day here?” Capriles asked. Local researchers say more than 19,000 people were murdered in Venezuela last year. The government rarely publishes any figures, but says the number was closer to 15,000. Capriles, who is promising to replace 14 years of Chavez’s self-styled revolution with an administration that would be roughly modeled on Brazil’s government - business-friendly but with strong social welfare programme. Chavez says those pledges are a ruse to win over undecided voters, and that “the candidate of the right” is in the pay of a rich elite who held power before he took office in 1999.—Reuters

**Venezuela**

**Ex-Murdoch editor Brooks due in court on hacking plot charges**

**UK**

LONDON, 26 Sept—Rebekah Brooks, a former executive in Rupert Murdoch’s media empire and friend of British Prime Minister David Cameron, faces charges in court on Wednesday that she conspired to hide evidence from police investigating a phone hacking scandal.

The charges are part of the criminal inquiry into assertions that UK newspapers intercepted messages on the phones of celebrities, politicians and crime victims, and made illegal payments to public officials. The scandal has damaged the reputation of Murdoch’s global media operations, raised questions about Cameron’s judgment and exposed the close relations between British politicians, police and journalists. Brooks, 44, was expected to enter a plea on three counts of conspiracy to pervert the course of justice between 6 and 19 July, 2011. The hearing will take place at the Central Criminal Court in London. The Crown Prosecution Service said the first charge alleges she conspired with her husband Charlie Brooks, a racehorse trainer, to “conceal material from the officers of the Metropolitan Police Service” in London.

The second accuses Brooks and Cheryl Carter, her one-time personal assistant, of plotting “to remove seven boxes of material from the archive of News International”, Murdoch’s UK newspaper business. The third alleges that Brooks, her husband and three others conspired “to conceal documents, computers and other electronic equipment from officers”.

Cameron’s ex-media chief Andy Coulson, who also worked as a Murdoch newspaper editor, is due in the same court for a preliminary hearing on charges that he conspired to intercept phone messages.

Brooks is separately charged with conspiracy to intercept phone messages, allegations she has denied. Wednesday’s hearing will encompass both the charges of conspiracy to pervert the course of justice and those related to phone messages.—Reuters



**Former News International chief executive Rebekah Brooks leaves Westminster Magistrates Court in London on 3 Sept, 2012. REUTERS**

# PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 27 September, 2012

## Greener tourism

Smokeless industry is celebrating “World Tourism Day” today under the theme “Tourism and Sustainable Energy: Powering Sustainable Development”. As it has become one of the world’s largest businesses, the call for “responsible tourism” is heard louder. Third world countries depend largely on tourism to play catch-up.

Tourism, compared with other industries, caused less impact on the planet. But it could not reduce it to none. Badly managed tourism spoils some destinations and changes ecosystems. Innlay Lake is an example.

Struggling against climate change, the world has started to pursue sustainable development or green growth. Eco-friendly tours could contribute a lot to the world’s bid for green growth. One billion tourists will travel to destinations in every part of the world this year. As the market is expanding larger and larger, it would become a great emitter of chlorofluorocarbon.

As Myanmar has opened up to the world, more tourists are attracted in a flurry of positive signs for boom of tourism industry which is tagged as the engine for sought-after economic development of the country.

The tourism will develop even more in years to come. The question we have yet to answer is how smart we can design the tourism industry of our country. The attractive tourist destinations will be spoiled significantly in the near future if we continue to turn a blind eye on them. We should start to adopt greener approach in tourism.

## Indian motorcycle marketable in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 26 Sept—FZ brand motorcycle of Yamana Company based in Kolkata of India flows into the market in Mandalay. The motorcycle equipped with 150CC, radiator, 4 strokes engine and electronic start and mechanic system are in high demand among the youth from PyinOoLwin, Mogok and Phakant regions.

The motorcycle is sold at K 1.4 million without licence. Registration fee will be cost at K 140,000.—Kyemon



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## NATIONAL

## Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker...

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Building in Canberra. After that, they hold discussion with Merit Protection Officer and Deputy Commissioner Ms Annyn Godvin.

On 19 September, Myanmar delegation met with Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade and Deputy Leader of the Opposition Ms Julie Bishop and Chairman of Australian Parliamentary Political, Trade and Defence Committee Mr Michael Danby.

Afterwards, Myanmar delegation had a cordial discussion on Parliamentary Affairs with Chief of Government Whip Mr Joel Fitzgibbon MP and Chief of Opposition Whip Mr Warren Entsch. Then, they met with the representatives led by Ms Janelle Saffin from Australia-Myanmar Parliamentary Affairs.

Afterwards, Myanmar delegation held a discussion with former Australian Prime Minister Mr Kevin Rod on amity and cooperation between two countries. They visited question-and-answer session at Australian Senate Chamber and House of Representatives Chamber. Then, they held talks with Acting Secretary Mr Russell Grove PSM of Australian Parliament and visited library there. In the evening, they also met with Australian Employment and Financial Services Minister Mr Bill Shorten.

On 20 September, Myanmar delegation held discussion with Committee



Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and party pose with Speaker of Australian Senate Mr John Haff.—MNA

chairmen led by Mr Harvey Jenkins, at Australian Parliament dining room. After that, they held talks with Mr Richard Marles of Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs and officials from Aus AID and Chief Executive Officer Dr Nick Austin of Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research.

On 20 September, Director General Mr Alan Gyngell of Australian Office of the Nationals Assessments hosted a lunch to Myanmar goodwill delegation and held discussion.

On 21 September, the Myanmar delegation led by the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw visited the Sydney University.

In the afternoon, the Myanmar goodwill delegation visited CSIRO, Riverside Life Science Center where the general manager of the CSIRO and the south-east Asia adviser explained them on research works.

On 22 September, the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw held talks with Ms Jenny Mc

Gregor, Chief Executive Officer of the Asia Link, and Mr Justin Shmith of the Ashurst.

After the meeting, the delegation visited the agriculture and livestock breeding farming of the Northern Metropolitan Institute of TAFE.

The delegation visited Sydney Opera House on 17 September evening.

The visit of the goodwill delegation led by Thura U Shwe Mann, the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw to Australia is aimed at promoting the friendship and cooperation between the parliaments of the two countries, strengthening the friendship between the two governments and the peoples and the cooperation, promoting the investment and trade sectors and cooperation in the technology, education and health sectors which are important for socio-economy of the people.

During the visit, Australia assured its support of Myanmar’s political and

economic reforms and expressed its interest in doing investment in Myanmar.

Besides, the Speaker and members of the delegation answered the questions over matters related to investment in Myanmar. During the visit, Myanmar delegation led by the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw held meetings with the speakers of the parliaments of Australia, chairmen of the parliamentary committees, opposition leaders and ministers.

Besides, the delegation also held talks with officials of the universities, research departments and agriculture and livestock breeding farms during its visits.

On 23 September evening, the delegation left Melbourne for Singapore. Mr Geoff Barnett and officials from the International and Community Relations Office and U Paw Lwin Sein, Ambassador of Myanmar to Australia, saw off the delegation at Melbourne International Airport.

MNA

## Export and import food should be of high quality

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—Union Minister for Industry U Aye Myint called for exporting and importing quality food at the workshop on Myanmar’s food quality at the ministry here this morning.

He said the emergence of ASEAN Free Trade Area would give more options to distributors and consumers, boosting competitiveness in the market and creating more job opportunities.

Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo said consumers demand quality, safe and eco-friendly products as the low-quality products have threatened lives of the people.

Resource persons read papers on “Procedure of Standardization in Myanmar”, “Food Safety and Standards of Food and Drug Administration”, “Specification of Pesticide Residue in Agricultural Commodities (MRLs)”, “Registered Private Food Industries in Myanmar and International Food Additives Standards”, “Development of Food Industries, Requirements of Food Standards and suggestions”, and “Issues and Recommendation for Development of Edible Oil Industries”.

Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Food Producers and Exporters Association U Sein



Union Minister U Aye Myint speaking at workshop on Myanmar food quality.

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Thaung Oo, Director of the Ministry of Health Dr Zaw Win and Deputy Director-General U Win Khaing Moe

of Ministry of S&T headed group discussions. The experts drew conclusions from the discussions.—MNA



**NATIONAL**

**World School Milk Day celebrated**



*Union Minister U Ohn Myint delivers an address at ceremony to mark World School Milk Day.*  
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NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—World School Milk Day was celebrated at No. (54) Basic Education Primary School in Pobbathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

Union Minister for Livestock and Fishery U Ohn Myint said the celebration was aimed at improving the production of small scale cow breeding, developing dairy products market chain and increasing incomes for cow breeders.

Mya Sein Yaung milk processing factory in 500-acre model mechanized farm will provide Nay Pyi Taw Council Area with dairy products. Ten more similar factories will be

established in regions and states.

UN Food and Agriculture Organization regional project coordinator Dr Thanawat and General Secretary of Myanmar Breeding Federation Dr Khin Hlaing elaborated on the World School Milk Day celebrations.

The Union minister and party awarded winners in commemorative essay and painting contests.

The Union minister then visited the Mya Sein Yaung milk processing factory.

Every Wednesday of last week of September is designated as World School Milk Day.—MNA

**News in Brief**

**Winners awarded in performing arts competition**

The prize presentation for the 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar National Races Traditional Performing Arts Competition was held at the city hall in Monywa on 22 September. Chief Minister U Tha Aye of Sagaing Region presented trophies and cash awards to Monywa, Kalay and Shwebo Districts.

**Outstanding farmers honoured in Kayah State**

A ceremony to honour outstanding farmers who produced high yield of Palethwe hybrid paddy was held at the hall of Irrigation Department in Loikaw on 24 September morning. A total of 32 farmers from 11 village-tracts produced 171.11 baskets of paddy per acre on 54 acres of farmland. Of the, seven farmers produced over 200 baskets of paddy per acre.

**Performing arts competition kicks off**

The 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar National Races Traditional Performing Arts Competition of Mon State commenced at Mon State hall in Mawlamyine on 24 September, with an address by Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint. The competition is being held in four places.

**Golf and mineral entrepreneurs meet**

Sagaing Region Gold and Mineral Entrepreneurs Association held the annual general meeting at the city hall in Monywa on 23 September, with a speech by Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye.

**Seeds provided to farmers for first time**

First seeds were provided to farmers for cultivation of crops on the flooded farmlands in Allakappa Village of Myinmu Township on 23 September. At the ceremony, 120 baskets of gram, 60 baskets of Yezin-8, 60 baskets of Yezin-3 ICCV, 100 baskets of groundnut Hsinpadetha, 135 kilos of Yezin hybrid strain-1 of sunflower and 75 baskets of white wheat were given to farmers.

**Farmland law and land management law discussed**

A multiplier course on farmland law and vacant, fallow and virgin land management law and rule was opened at the city hall in Dawei on 25 September. Altogether 56 trainees are attending the course.

**Health care services provided in Sittway**

Servicemen of local medical battalion in Sittway gave health care services to local people at relief camps on 24 September. They provided medical treatments to 71 of 470 people from 200 households at the camps.

**3MDG launches to reduce maternal and child mortality rate, fight 3 diseases**

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—The Three Millennium Development Goals Fund (3 MDG) will develop a program to reduce the maternal and child mortality rate and to fight the HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria in the five-year period.

The 3 MDG will spend US\$300 million to finance this efforts.

The ceremony to mark the three Diseases Fund and its contribution to the health of Myanmar and launching of the 3MDG was held at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon yesterday.

Ms Veronique Lorenzo, Counsellor of the European Union, delivered an opening address at the ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Pe Thet Khin, Union Minister for Health and Chairman of Myanmar-



*Dr Pe Thet Khin delivers address at a ceremony to mark three Diseases Fund and its contribution to Myanmar and launch of 3MDG.*

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Country Coordinating Mechanism (M-CCM), said the 3 Diseases Fund (3DF) has greatly effected the fighting for the three

diseases HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria from 2006-12.

The donors of the 3MDG consist of the Governments

of Australia, Denmark, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom and the European Union.—MNA

**District News**

**Vice-President of MPMEA leaves for India**



YANGON, 26 Sept—At the invitation of Pharmaceutical Export Promotion Council (Pharmaexcil) of India, an eight-member delegation led by Vice-President U Thant Zin of Myanmar Pharmaceuticals and Medical Entrepreneurs Association left here by air on 24 September to attend the India-Asia Pacific International Pharma Business Meet in

**World Heart Day marked in Mandalay**

MANDALAY, 26 Sept—A talk to mark the World Heart Day which falls on 29 September was observed by Cardiac Department of Mandalay General Hospital and Medical Companies on 23 September.

Cardiologist Prof Dr U Tun Shwe and Head of Medical Department Dr U Aung Gyi formally opened the ceremony.

Professor Dr Daw Thida gave talks on over obesity children and Professor Dr Daw Than Than Kyaing about women and cardiology.

Officials presented prizes to the winners in the quiz.

The commemorative talk was attended by 800 people.

Kyemon

Hyderabad of India from 26 to 28 September.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Joint Secretary Dr Than Nwe Win, CEC members Dr Myo Thant and Dr Aye Kyaw and executives.—Kyemon



**Free mechanic course at Central Workshop**

MANDALAY, 26 Sept—Central Workshop (North) of Public Works is providing mechanic course to enthusiasts free of charge at its workshop on Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Chanmyathazi Township.

Those who attended mechanic course have good opportunity to hunt the jobs, so the youth should study the course.—Kyemon

## WORLD

**18 killed in road mishap in western India** **India**

NEW DELHI, 26 Sept—At least 18 people, including some school children, were killed in a major road mishap in the western Indian state of Maharashtra on Wednesday, a senior police official said.

"The mishap happened when a state-owned bus, carrying over 55 passengers, plunged into Purna river in the state's Buldhana district.

The death toll is likely to go up as rescuers have been trying to recover more bodies from the river," he said, on condition of anonymity. A number of school children were traveling on the bus, operated by the Maharashtra State Transport Corporation, when the mishap happened in the district which is some 500 km from state capital Mumbai.

"While 17 bodies have been recovered so far, a teenage girl died on the way to hospital. Those injured in the incident have been admitted to a local hospital where the condition of some are said to be serious," the official said.

A probe has been ordered into the incident, he added.—MNA/Xinhua

**11 killed, 25 injured in insurgents' attacks****Iraq**

BAGHDAD, 26 Sept—A total of 11 people were killed and 25 others injured on Tuesday in bomb and gunfire attacks in Iraq, the police said.

In Iraq's western province of Anbar, a booby-trapped car went off near a police patrol in the town of Amriyat al-Fallujah, just near the city of Fallujah, some 50 km west of the capital Baghdad, killing one policeman and wounding seven others, a local police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Two police vehicles were badly damaged by the blast, the source said.

In the same town, a schoolchild was killed and six others injured — some in

critical conditions, when a bomb detonated before midday at the entrance of their primary school named Ammar bin Yasir, the source said. Also in Amriyat al-Fallujah, a member of the town hall and his brother were wounded in a sticky bomb explosion in the town, the source added.

In a separate incident, Mohammed Salih al-Jumaily, a university teacher and an advisor at the Iraqi ministry of electricity was killed when a sticky bomb attached to his car exploded in central the city of Fallujah, he said.

Meanwhile, Fallujah Mayor Adnan Hussein escaped unharmed a roadside

bomb explosion near his convoy in central the city of Fallujah, the source added.

In Iraq's eastern province of Diyala, a policeman was killed and four others were injured when gunmen attacked their checkpoint in the village of al-Mukhisa, near the provincial capital city of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, a provincial police source anonymously told *Xinhua*.

In addition, a suspected leader of al-Qaeda militant group was killed when a joint force from the Iraqi army and police carried out a raid on his safe house in Jawad al-Basho area, some 30 km south of Baquba, the source said.

*Xinhua*

**Great European wine grapes, just not many to harvest**

NEW YORK, 26 Sept—Europe is in the midst of another crisis: not debt, but grapes. Yields are sharply lower, down nearly 40 percent in some of parts of Portugal, which means winemakers will have fewer grapes to blend and, in the end, fewer bottles to offer.

The situation is even worse in parts of Burgundy, where hail storms pummelled vineyards in Pommard, Santenay and Volnay destroying nearly 80 percent of the harvest, according to the Burgundy Wine Board (BIVB). When the growers were not fighting cold weather or hail, mildew and fungus threatened.

"People have been fighting them strictly," Cecile Mathiaud, a BIVB spokeswoman, said. Noting the uneven growth of the grape bunches, a condition known as millerandage, she said it "is bad for quantity, but it is usually the promise of quality."

One Portuguese winemaker, Bernardo Cabral, of Casa Santa Vitoria, echoed Mathiaud's forecasts, saying, "Fortunately, small berries

are correlated with high concentration. So, at this moment, we have very high quality wines in process."

David Baverstock, the winemaker for Portugal's Esporao wines, who is about halfway through the harvest said, "There are cases of yields being down by as much as 40 percent compared to normal, probably it will turn out to be somewhere between 20-30 percent on average."

In the Loire, one of France's largest wine producing regions, they are just beginning to start the harvest, but they too anticipate lower quantities.

In Spain, the regulatory board of Rioja wines confirmed that its harvests would be smaller as well.

But "the good news is that consumers won't feel any effect of this lower-yields harvest as Rioja has sufficient reserves in terms of volume to fulfil global demand," a spokeswoman for the regulatory board said in an email.

Karl Storchmann, editor of the *American Association of Wine Economists journal*, said "it is safe to say the laws of supply and demand work on any market, including the one for grapes.—Reuters



A customer helps a vendor transport crates of grapes for wine production at Malveira farmer's market, north of Lisbon on 15 Sept, 2011.—REUTERS

**US Supreme Court to address blood testing for drunk driving**

WASHINGTON, 26 Sept—The Supreme Court will soon consider whether police must get a warrant before forcing a suspected drunken driver to submit to a blood test, a case that could set a new legal standard for motorists' privacy.

By agreeing on Tuesday to hear the case along with six others, the court has agreed to review close to 40 cases for the nine-month term that begins on Monday.

It will add others in months to come and typically hears 70 to 75 cases a year. Decisions are expected by the end of June.

In the blood-test case, police in the state of Missouri argued they should not have to wait for approval to draw blood given how quickly alcohol dissipates in the bloodstream. The state's highest court rejected that argument in a 17 January decision, saying the test violated the Fourth Amendment of the US Constitution, which protects against unreasonable searches and seizures.

According to the FBI, about 1.41 million people were arrested in the United States in 2010 for driving under the influence. About 28 people die each day in the United States as a result of drunken driving crashes, according to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data.

Lewis Katz, a criminal justice specialist at Case Western Reserve University School of Law in Cleveland, said a decision against Missouri could upend a longstanding practice by police to help thwart drunken driving.—Reuters



Traffic is seen on the 405 Freeway in Los Angeles, California on 14 July, 2011.—REUTERS

**Oil pipeline in southeast Yemen bombed****Yemen**

ADEN, (Yemen), 26 Sept—A bomb explosion ripped through an oil pipeline in Yemen's southeastern province of Shabwa early on Tuesday, a government official told *Xinhua*.

The pipeline in Shabwa province pumping about 10,000 barrels per day to Yemen's Belhaf export terminal in the Gulf of Aden was bombed by unknown gunmen, the local government official said on condition of anonymity.

"A bomb planted by unknown gunmen under the oil pipeline exploded and prevented the flow of thousands of barrels of oil," the government official said.

The attack occurred near the town of Attaq, the provincial capital of Shabwa, he said, adding that it will take a few days to make repairs to the pipeline and resume pumping oil.

Residents told *Xinhua* that the blast set off a large fire and flames could be seen from several kilometers away.

*Xinhua*

Chinese Ambassador to France Kong Quan (1st R) introduces Chinese noodles to French Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault (2nd R) during a reception held by Chinese Embassy to mark the 63rd anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, in Paris, on 24 Sept, 2012.

XINHUA

**Ghana, World Bank sign 210 m dollar Agriculture, Urban Water deal** **Ghana**

ACCRA, 26 Sept—The government of Ghana and the World Bank entered into an agreement here on Tuesday for the bank to support the country's efforts to sustain economic growth and maintain its middle income status, a release issued here by the World Bank country office said.

The deal signed by the Minister for Finance and Economic Planning, Kwabena Duffuor involves three projects to be funded by a total of 210 million US dollars from the World Bank.

They include a 60 million-dollar West Africa Agriculture Productivity project, a 100 million-dollar Ghana Commercial Agriculture Project and a 50 million-dollar urban water project.

"The Commercial Agriculture Project seeks to facilitate access to land, strengthen Ghana's investment promotion infrastructure for attracting agri-business investors, and promote public private partnerships and small-holder linkages in the Accra Plains the as well as the Savannah Accelerated Development Authority (SADA) Zone," the release indicated.

The funding for the commercial agriculture project, according to the release would concentrate on four main components of the government's Food and Agriculture Sector Development Policy project.

The four areas include Strengthening investment, promoting infrastructure

and facilitating secure access to land with funding of 11.8 million dollars; to be complemented by USAID co-financing of 5.9 million dollars and Securing Public Private Partnerships (PPPS) and small-holder linkages in the Accra Plains with a 45.4 million dollars funding.

The rest are Securing Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) and small-holder linkages in the SADA Zone with a funding component of 29.3 million dollars; to be complemented by USAID co-financing of 35.0 million dollars and Project management including M&E with 14.3 million dollars support; to be complemented by USAID co-financing 7.2 million dollars.

*Xinhua*

REGIONAL

**Beijing traffic authority warns of pre-holiday**

BEIJING, 26 Sept—Traffic jams could seriously clog Beijing's roads ahead of the upcoming eight-day national holiday, the city's traffic authority warned on Monday.

Heavy traffic is expected this week, and it could be further affected by possible rainfall, according to a statement from the Beijing Municipal Commission of Transport. Traffic congestion is expected ahead of the holidays to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival on Sunday and the National Day on 1 Oct. Congestion is expected during the evening rush hours from Wednesday to Saturday, according to the statement.

The commission also said it will pay special attention to the city's traffic on Wednesday and Friday nights, when heavy traffic jams are likely.

The statement said the commission based its expectations on traffic analyses and its experience in previous years.

The commission has urged residents to use public transportation ahead of the holiday. In a separate statement, the commission said Beijing's highways, which will exempt small passenger cars from road tolls for the first time over the holiday, are expected to face a sharp increase in traffic flows. During the holiday,



Photo taken on 24 Sept, 2012, shows several cars retrograde on side road of the Shuangjing highway overpass of east Third Ring Road, which is clogged with vehicles, in Beijing, the capital of China.

XINHUA

an average of 1.55 million vehicles are expected to travel each day on the city's 17 highways that have toll gates, a 33.6 percent increase from ordinary days, according to the statement.

The figure marks 124-percent growth from the same period last year, it said.

Statistics show that

highways linking Beijing with Hong Kong and Macau, Tibet, Chengde, Hebei Province, and Kaifeng, Henan Province, were all overstressed during last year's National Day holiday.

Traffic pressure is also expected to affect roads in the Beijing city proper.

Xinhua

**At least eight killed, scores missing after ferry sinks off Sumatra island, Indonesia**

JAKARTA, 26 Sept—At least 8 people were killed and scores were missing after a ferry with over 200 people on board sank following collision with a tanker ship in waters off Lampung Province on Sumatra island, Indonesia early on Wednesday, an official said.

Ferry Bahuga Jaya sailed from Merak port in Banten province on Java island to Bakauheni port on Sumatra island when it was hit by a Norr Gaster tanker ship at 4:58 am Jakarta time at a location 4 miles from Bakauheni port and it sank about one hour later, Budiharto, head of the disaster management and mitigation agency in Lampung Province, told Xinhua by phone.

"So far, eight people are dead and 215 people have been rescued, but search and rescue operation is still underway for the missing people," he said.

But Budiharto could not confirm the number of missing people whom the rescuers estimated at scores.

Meanwhile, a senior transport official stationed in Java's Merak seaport said that 7 passengers were confirmed dead, while 215 were evacuated from the collision scene in Sunda strait that separates Indonesia's Java and Sumatra islands early Wednesday morning, local TV station reported.

"The collision occurred on 4.50 am near Rimau Balak island, a few minutes away from Sumatra's Lampung seaport. Seven were confirmed dead in the collision and 215 were evacuated by vessels engaged in rescue," Supriyanto, a senior official of Sea and Lake Transport Firm Association (ASDP) at Java's Merak seaport branch said in the report broadcast by Metro TV.

The report said that the ferry was ripped by the tanker, leading to the sinking of the ferry.

The death toll is expected to increase as rescue efforts are underway at the moment.—Xinhua



People attend the delivery ceremony in Tianjin, north China, on 25 Sept, 2012. A ceremony of the delivery of the 100th Airbus A320 family aircraft assembled in Tianjin to Air China was held here on Tuesday.—XINHUA

**Seven trapped mountaineers on Philippines' highest peak rescued**

MANILA, 26 Sept—Seven mountaineers who were trapped in an expedition on the Philippines' highest peak were rescued on Monday night, a senior government official said on Tuesday.

National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) executive director Benito Ramos said that at around 12:00 noon Monday, seven local mountain climbers, ages 21 to 30, were trapped at Marbel river while descending from Lake Venado camp site through Kidapawan City at Mt Apo National Park, Kidapawan City in southern province of North Cotabato.

"They could not pass through the river due to its strong current and high water level caused by continuous rains. The climbers called for help from the City Investment Office because of lack of food supply," he said.

Ramos said that Kidapawan City Emergency Response Unit immediately launched a rescue operation, which ended almost 9:00 pm on the same day.—Xinhua



Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi (L front) shakes hands with Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari during their meeting at the United Nations headquarters in New York, the United States, on 25 Sept, 2012.—XINHUA

**Singapore needs foreigners to complement resident workforce**

SINGAPORE, 26 Sept—Singapore needs foreign manpower to complement its resident workforce and support such sectors as construction, health and social services, Trade and Industry Minister Lim Hng Kiang said on Tuesday.

Foreign manpower is also needed to anchor and build up new sectors in Singapore such as the biomedical and aerospace industries, he said.

"If you train Singaporeans to fill up the sector before you launch the sector, you may lose the opportunity, and you take too long," he said.

Singapore is adopting the strategy of bringing the sector in and allowing the companies to hire foreign talent and workers while it train Singaporean workers to fill up the jobs.

"If you tell Rolls Royce, wait until we train all the workers and technicians, I think we would have missed the investments," he said.

The Ministry of Trade and Industry released a paper on Tuesday to explain Singapore's strategy of calibrated immigration policy to deal with the prospect of an aging population.

It also aspires to explain the role of foreign manpower in Singapore, a city state of 5 million that has jumped from the third world to the first world economy over the past decades.

It is estimated that the number of Singaporeans who are professionals, managers and executives as well as technicians and associate professionals will rise by 2030, thereby creating the continued need for foreign workers in low-skilled jobs to complement the resident workforce, the ministry said.

The ministry said calibrating the inflow of foreign manpower is a delicate balance.

An overly liberal access to low-skilled foreign manpower could depress wages for low-skilled jobs or encourage businesses to rely on cheap labor instead of making productivity improvements. Too much high-skilled foreign manpower may lead to Singaporeans feeling a sense of displacement and pressure on the infrastructure in the short run.—Xinhua



Policemen attend a training session in Herat Province, west Afghanistan, on 24 Sept, 2012. The Afghan government and the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan have stepped up efforts to train and equip Afghan police and army.—XINHUA

**Indonesia, Malaysia to jointly patrol on border**

JAKARTA, 26 Sept—The Indonesian Armed Forces and the Malaysian counterpart will hold joint patrols to monitor the boundary between the two countries on Kalimantan island, local media reported on Wednesday.

A total of 37 border security personnel from Indonesia and 26 from Malaysia will take part in the week-long operation, an Indonesian senior military officer overseeing border area with Malaysia, Brig Gen Gadang Pambudi, said.

"The joint foot patrol will be (carried out) to check on border markers, but it will be more about (initiating a) border security arrangement," Gadang said on Tuesday.

The two-star general added that the sentry will check 316 border markers and determine whether they have been moved or not.

"We admit that there are several border markers with problems, whether they have disappeared or (been) moved. For the time being we will jointly define their position," he was quoted as saying by the Jakarta Globe.

Indonesia and Malaysia have long-standing differences regarding the exact position of the border markers, frequently igniting tension between the two countries.

Last month, officials in East Kalimantan called on the Indonesian government to immediately resolve the long-standing differences with Malaysia over the two countries' shared border there, warning that the fate of five villages hung in the balance.

Frederik Beth, head of the provincial office for border and remote area management (BPKP2DT), said earlier that unless the border between East Kalimantan's Nunukan District and Malaysia's Sabah state was clearly demarcated, isolated communities in Nunukan could be absorbed into the neighbouring country. Gadang maintained that the location of border markers should be decided bilaterally.—Xinhua

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4. Delivery Time : Within January/February 2012
5. Tender Documents and details information are available at the Department of Finance, Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours commencing 27-9-2012 on payment of the Myanmar Kyat One Hundred Thousand (Kyat 100,000) per set.
6. Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender document officially from Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise will be accepted for evaluation.

Managing Director  
Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise

**Sharp to cut 11,000 jobs and Japan sell assets worldwide**

OSAKA, 26 Sept—Troubled Japanese consumer electronics Sharp Corporation plans to cut a total of 11,000 jobs worldwide and sell its assets and factories to generate 213.1 billion yen (about 2.7 billion US dollars) to secure bank loans, local media reported on Wednesday.

According to the reports, the company, which has already announced its decision to lay off 5,000 employees, submitted the latest restructuring plan to financial institutions on Monday notifying them of further measures to improve its fiscal framework.

Under the new plan, Sharp will cut 19 percent of its 57,170 global workforce,

including reducing 3,100 domestically through voluntary and age-limit retirement by the end of March 2014.

The reports added that other employees subject to the cuts include those working at TV assembly factories in Mexico, China and Malaysia that the company plans to sell. The company will also cut wages to save almost 50 billion yen (about 642 million US dollars) in personnel costs in fiscal 2012.

After the new plan is finalized, the banks are expected to offer fresh loans totaling 360 billion yen (about 4.6 billion US dollars) to the cash-strapped firm within days, the reports said.

Xinhua

**A Palestinian vendor sells fruits at a market in Gaza City on 24 Sept, 2012. The Hamas-run ministry of agriculture in Gaza decided to ban the import of fruits from Israel except apples and bananas to support the local Palestinian products.**

XINHUA



**Lehman to pay creditors another \$10.5 billion**

NEW YORK, 26 Sept—Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc on Tuesday said it will pay about \$10.5 billion to creditors starting early next month, the second leg of a plan to eventually pay out more than \$65 billion.

Lehman will distribute the money to affiliates and subsidiaries, as well as to third-party creditors, according to a filing in Manhattan bankruptcy court.

Creditors have already received about \$22.5 billion under the first leg of the payout plan, unveiled in April. The additional \$10.5 billion will bring total payback to around \$33 billion.

While that is about half the total they are estimated to receive, it's a far cry from full payback on the more than \$300 billion in claims leveled by creditors against the defunct financial giant.

Lehman's collapse on 15 September, 2008 helped spur the global financial crisis. Creditors waited 3-1/2 years for payback as Lehman

trudged through a messy liquidation, fighting with bondholders and creditors like Goldman Sachs Group Inc for control of the terms of a payback plan.

In June 2011, Lehman proposed a plan it touted as a "global compromise," estimating about \$65 billion in total payback and giving many creditors recoveries of between 20 and 30 cents on the dollar. Creditors of Lehman's parent are projected to recover about 21 cents on the dollar, while

derivatives creditors, like Goldman, will get about 28 cents.

Actual totals depend on Lehman's success in marketing and monetizing its real estate and other assets, which could be affected by changes in markets.

A spokeswoman for Lehman could not immediately be reached.

Lehman said in a statement on Tuesday it anticipates making a third distribution around 30 March.—Reuters



**A logo of US investment bank Lehman Brothers is seen outside its Asia headquarters in 1 April, 2008.**

REUTERS

**Merkel, Draghi say eurozone needs reform to improve competitiveness**

**Germany**

BERLIN, 26 Sept—German Chancellor Angela Merkel and European Central Bank President Mario Draghi agreed on Tuesday that reform is needed for the eurozone to improve competitiveness and regain credibility, a German government spokesman said after the leaders' meeting.

Merkel and Draghi held closed-door talks over European banking supervision and European Union summit in October, Merkel's spokesman Steffen Seibert said.

"Considerable willingness to reform is

necessary in Europe—among nation states as well as within the currency union—in order to improve competitiveness and regain credibility," Seibert said in a statement.

The spokesman did not reveal details of the talks between Merkel and Draghi.

The ECB's plans for unlimited purchases of debt issued by deeply indebted eurozone countries in order to help them lower borrowing costs have caused scepticism in Germany, where some believe the move will compromise the ECB's independence and fan

inflation.

However, in his address to an industry conference in Berlin also on Tuesday, Draghi said the ECB aims to address "unfounded fears about the euro area that were affecting our ability to ensure price stability," stressing the central bank's commitment to its mandate of fighting inflation.

He said eurozone governments should take decisive actions for the common currency zone's future, adding the ECB's measures are to alleviate the debt crisis.

Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

**Katy Perry named Billboard's woman of the year**

LOS ANGELES, 26 Sept— Pop star Katy Perry was named Billboard's Woman of the Year on Tuesday, after a whirlwind 12 months in which she split up with her husband and turned their break-up into a hit single and film.

Perry, 27, channeled her split with British comedian Russell Brand in late 2011 into the chart-topping hit "Part Of Me" and a 3D behind-the-scenes film "Katy Perry: Part Of Me" that documented her personal and professional ups and downs.

The singer has won over a legion of fans, known as

'katycats,' on Twitter and Facebook with her quirky costumes and catchy bubble gum pop songs.

Forbes placed Perry at No 3 on their highest-earning female musicians list in December 2011, estimating her pre-tax earnings at \$44 million. She has sold 48 million tracks in the United States alone, according to Billboard, including the hits "Firework," "California Gurls," "ET" and "Hot N Cold" from her major-label 2008 debut "One Of The Boys" and 2010 album "Teenage Dream."

Perry has become a branding machine, lending her name to her own fragrance, nail polish and false eyelash lines. She is also the face of skin care line Proactiv and Popchips snacks. Billboard's editorial director Bill Werde said in a statement that Perry was chosen for her achievements, calling her "one of the most exciting and inspiring artists in the industry."

"Katy Perry broke into the industry not even five years ago, and has already accomplished more than most artists can hope for in an entire career," Werde said.



Cast member and singer Katy Perry.—REUTERS

The Billboard Woman of the Year award selects a female artist with trailblazing achievements. Previous recipients include Taylor Swift, Beyonce and Black Eyed Peas singer Fergie.

Perry will receive the award at the 2012 Billboard Women in Music event in New York on 30 November. Reuters

**Actress Helen Mirren to receive European film award**

LONDON, 26 Sept— British actress Helen Mirren will receive a lifetime achievement award from the European Film Academy when it hands out its annual movie prizes in December, the organization said on Tuesday.

The 67-year-old, best known for her Oscar-winning portrayal of Queen Elizabeth in "The Queen", will attend the awards ceremony held on December 1 in Malta.

"It was discovering the immense diversity of European film making that gave me an enduring love and respect for the art form," Mirren said in response to the announcement of the European Achievement in World Cinema honor.

"This award is therefore a very meaningful honor," she added in a statement. "I would be proud to be counted as an actor in the European tradition."

Mirren began her film career in the late 1960s, with titles including Michael Powell's "Age of Consent", and established her reputation in 1980 with gangster movie "The Long Good Friday" also starring Bob Hoskins.

She became a well-

known figure in Britain for her work on the police television series "Prime Suspect" which also won her a slew of prizes.



British actress Helen Mirren.—REUTERS

In "The Madness of King George" (1994) she played Queen Charlotte, but it was 14 years later, in the part of another queen, Elizabeth II, that she established herself at the very top of her profession.

Her portrayal of the current British monarch won her a best actress Academy Award, and she was nominated for the same award again for "The Last Station".

Mirren will portray the queen on stage in a play written by the script writer of "The Queen", Peter Morgan. "The Audience" opens in London in 2013. Reuters

**Psy vows topless show if "Gangnam-style" reaches No 1**

SEOUL, 26 Sept— A chubby South Korean singer who has taken the pop world by storm, topping Apple's iTunes downloads and getting 270 million Youtube views, has vowed to perform his "Gangnam Style" hit topless if it reaches number one. The rapper who does the foot-stomping "horse dance" and goes by the name Psy, returned on Tuesday to the upmarket Seoul suburb that he put on the world music map.

"If it ranks number one in the Billboard chart, then I will perform 'Gangnam Style' topless in a place where everyone can watch," Psy told a news conference on his return from the United States.

Gangnam is the most upmarket neighborhood in the South Korean capital. Known as Seoul's "Beverly Hills", its streets are lined with designer-brand shops and trendy bars and restaurants.

Psy, who sums up his style as "dress classy, dance cheesy", has become a surprise hit in the United States where he was feted on chat shows and signed a deal

with Island Records.

Psy, whose real name is Park Jai-sang, has always stuck out as an oddity compared with the svelte, well-scrubbed members of Korean girl and boy bands that have swept to fame in Asia and beyond.

After gaining recognition with a 2001 debut album, he landed in hot water several times. He says he was caught smoking marijuana and later had to repeat his mandatory military service after not taking it seriously the first time.

The 34-year-old was raised in Gangnam and went to the Berklee College of Music in the United States. He dropped out of a US business school which his traditional parents hoped would prepare him for taking over the family business.

Referring to his kitschy image, he said: "Honestly, I like being 'second class'... I was born 'B' class."

His hit, released in mid-July, was intended to be fun, he said. Doing a bit of his horse-riding dance, Psy declared in English that his aim was to have "fun by

music". While he hasn't taken over the family business, his new-found fame seems to have helped it considerably.

The value of his father's technology company, D I Corp's, which is listed on the Seoul Stock Exchange, has doubled since July. Its market capitalization has surged to 113.5 billion won (\$101.29 million) since he shot to fame.

Psy plans to release a new record in the United States in November. Reuters

Reuters

**Juan Luis Guerra leads Latin Grammy nominations**

LOS ANGELES, 26 Sept— Dominican singer, songwriter and producer Juan Luis Guerra scored six Latin Grammy nominations on Tuesday, ahead of Mexican pop duo Jesse & Joy, who earned five nods heading into Latin music's biggest night, the Latin Recording Academy said.

Veteran music star Guerra, 55, who won three Latin Grammys in 2010, including the coveted album of the year for his 11th studio set "A Son de Guerra," earned six nominations including record and song of the year for "En El Cielo No Hay Hospital." The awards will be held in Las Vegas on 15 November.

Brother-sister pop duo Jesse & Joy, winners of the best new artist Latin Grammy in 2007, scored nominations in the big three categories — album, record, and song of the year — for their third studio set "¿Con Quién Se Queda El Perro?" and their song "Corre!"

Veteran Latin musicians including Guatemalan singer



Dominican singer Juan Luis Guerra.—REUTERS

Ricardo Arjona, Colombian rocker Juanes, Cuban musician Arturo Sandoval, Brazilian singer-songwriter Ivete Sangalo and Brazilian singer-composer Caetano Veloso joined music engineer Edgar Barrera and Mexican pop singer Carla Morrison with four nominations each.

Veloso, 70, is also this year's Latin Recording Academy's person of the year, being honored for his life's work. Reuters

Newcomers Gaby Amarantos, Deborah De Corral, Elain, Ulises Hadjis, Los Mesoneros, Juan Magan, Rosario Ortega, Piso 21, 3Ball MTY and Ana Victoria will battle it out for the prestigious best new artist award.

The winners will be announced at the awards to be broadcast live from the Mandalay Bay Events Center in Las Vegas on the Univision television network. Reuters



Ronnie Wood of the The Rolling Stones.—REUTERS

**Ronnie Wood, ex-wife auction off Rolling Stones memorabilia**

LOS ANGELES, 26 Sept— Guitarist Ronnie Wood and ex-wife Jo Wood are auctioning off their shared collection of art and Rolling Stones memorabilia after their 24-year marriage ended in divorce. Auctioneer Darren Julien pegged the collection's initial value at \$300,000 to \$500,000 and said the sale, to be held at Julien's Auctions in Beverly Hills on 27 October, marked the first time a member of the Stones had held an auction of this kind. "We expect it to do very well," he said.

The rocker, 65, and Jo, 57, a former-model, separated in 2008 after his widely reported relationship with a young cocktail waitress named Ekaterina Ivanova. Their divorce was finalized in February 2011. The sale takes place ahead of the release next February of Jo Wood's memoirs that reveal her tales of life as the wife of a Rolling Stone. "They are still very good friends and they just decided it was time to simplify and sell some of their property," Julien told Reuters.

Part of the proceeds will go to MusiCares, the Grammys charity that offers recovery to people in the music industry, the auction company said in a statement. Reuters

Reuters



South Korean singer Psy dances after a news conference at a hotel in Seoul on 25 Sept, 2012. REUTERS

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SPORTS

**Dazzling Bayern beat Wolfsburg, Dortmund draw at Frankfurt**

**Soccer**

BERLIN, 26 Sept—Bayern Munich eased past VfL Wolfsburg 3-0 on Tuesday with Mario Mandzukic scoring twice as they moved two points clear at the top of the Bundesliga with a perfect record of five league wins so far this season.

Croatia forward Mandzukic headed in twice against his former team to take his tally to five after Bastian Schweinsteiger had given the hosts a 24th minute lead in an impressive display of attacking football by the Bavarians, who have 15 points.

Second-placed Eintracht Frankfurt came back twice, including from two goals down, to earn a 3-3 draw at

home to champions Borussia Dortmund, who dropped to fifth place on eight points.



Schalke04 beat Mainz05 3-0, with Jefferson Farfan scoring from the spot in the first half and Lewis Holtby

*Bayern Munich's Mario Mandzukic (9) scores a goal against VfL Wolfsburg during their German Bundesliga first division soccer match in Munich on 25 Sept, 2012.*

REUTERS

and Teemu Pukki striking late, as they moved up to third spot on 10 points.

Reuters

**Scotland's Naismith facing possible FIFA ban**

GLASGOW, 26 Sept—Scotland forward Steven Naismith is facing a FIFA disciplinary charge after allegedly elbowing Serbia's Srđan Mijailovic during a World Cup qualifier in Glasgow earlier this month.

The incident occurred when Swedish referee Jonas Eriksson was looking the other way but TV footage appeared

to show the Everton forward smashing his elbow into Mijailovic's face close to the centre circle.

If found guilty by FIFA the 26-year-old Naismith faces a possible three-match ban and could miss two World Cup ties against Wales and an away qualifier in Belgium.

"We can confirm FIFA

has now opened disciplinary proceedings against Steven Naismith," said a spokesman for soccer's ruling body.

Naismith, who has won 18 international caps, joined Everton at the start of this season after spending five years with Rangers.

The game between Scotland and Serbia ended in a 0-0 draw. —Reuters



Scotland forward Steven Naismith

**Terry's all gold for us, say Chelsea after 6-0 romp**

LONDON, 26 Sept—Chelsea had no qualms about selecting captain John Terry



Chelsea captain John Terry salutes the fans after their English League Cup soccer match against Wolverhampton Wanderers at Stamford Bridge in London on 25 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

for Tuesday's 6-0 League Cup third round win over Wolverhampton Wanderers despite his FA racial abuse hearing, said assistant manager Eddie Newton.

Terry has not trained for two days while appearing in front of the Football Association at Wembley over charges he racially abused Queens Park Rangers defender Anton Ferdinand in a Premier League match last October.

"We've been talking to John to see what his mindset is and he's been very positive and upbeat and he wanted to play," Newton told reporters after a much-changed Chelsea side crushed second tier Wolves before a 32,000 crowd at

Stamford Bridge.

"John is always very enthusiastic about playing. He's fine, he's been dealing with the situation at hand... and there was no problem with the selection process," added Newton.

"We wanted John to start. We got a phone call to say he was on his way back from Wembley nice and early so it was an easy decision. It was also a very positive thing for the club that he played another 90 minutes for us."

Newton said the European champions and Premier League leaders had no concerns about the former England skipper playing against Wolves despite having not trained this week.

Reuters

**Woods accepts responsibility for US Ryder Cup woes**

**Golf**

MEDINAH, (Illinois), 26 Sept—Tiger Woods may be the greatest golfer of his generation but at the Ryder Cup he has been Joe Average and on Tuesday accepted responsibility for the dismal US showing for the past 15 years.

During a period where Woods reigned supreme over the golf world winning 74 PGA Tour titles, including 14 majors, he has been unable to extend his dominance to the biennial competition that pits the US best against Europe's best.

A mediocre 13-14-2 mark from six Ryder Cups does not enhance the brilliance resume of Woods, who has been able to celebrate just one team win from six Ryder Cup appearances. Woods's struggles have coincided with lean times for the US with Europe hoisting the Cup in six of the last eight events.

"Well, certainly I am responsible for that because I didn't earn the points that I was put out there for," Woods told reporters. "I believe I was out there, what, in five sessions each time and I didn't go 5-0 on our side.

"So I certainly am a part of that and that's part of being

a team. I needed to go get my points for my team and I didn't do that.

"Hopefully I can do that this week, and hopefully the other guys can do the same and we can get this thing rolling." Medinah Country Club, which will serve as the scene for this week's 39th US-Europe showdown, represents a great chance for Woods to improve his record.

Medinah has been a happy hunting ground for the 36-year-old American, who picked up two of his 14 majors at the stately tree-lined layout with victories at the 1999 and

2006 PGA Championships.

"I've always loved coming here," said Woods, who is also a five-time winner of the PGA Tour event at nearby Cog Hill. "I enjoy playing in Chicago and for some reason, I've just had a lot of success here.

"I don't know what it is but I seem to be very, very comfortable here."

There have been differing theories behind why Woods has not been able to impose his will on the Ryder Cup in the same fashion he has been able to in PGA Tour events.

Reuters



US captain Davis Love III poses with Tiger Woods and the Ryder Cup during the 39th Ryder Cup golf matches at the Medinah Country Club in Medinah, Illinois, on 25 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

**Man City and Everton suffer League Cup exits**

**Soccer**

LONDON, 26 Sept—Premier League champions Manchester City and in-form Everton were both sent packing from the League Cup on Tuesday, their respective managers paying the price for making wholesale changes to their starting line-ups for the third round ties.

City lost 4-2 after extra-time to top flight rivals Aston Villa with a completely different team to the one that started against Arsenal on Sunday, while Everton made six changes and were beaten 2-1 by second tier Leeds United.

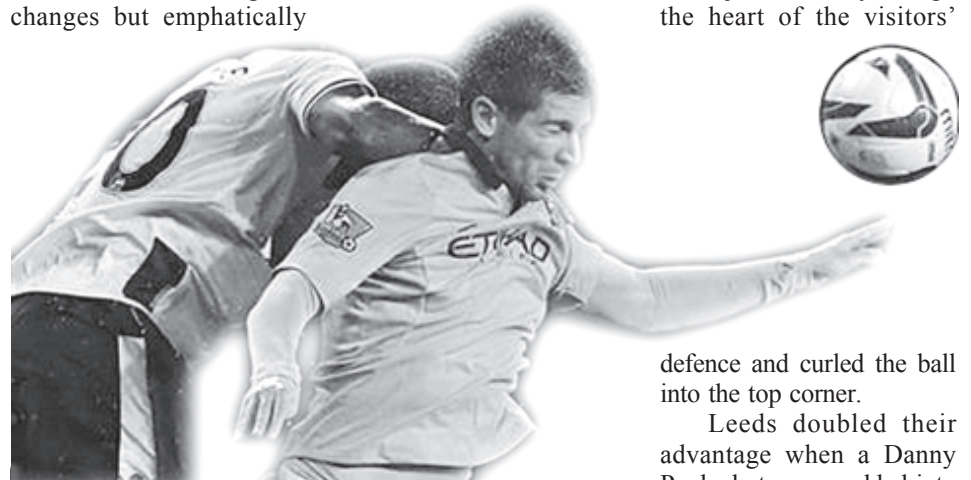
Chelsea also rung the changes but emphatically

booked their place in the fourth round with a 6-0 win over Wolverhampton Wanderers at Stamford Bridge.

Mario Balotelli drilled home a low shot to give City the lead with his first club goal since March, before Villa levelled when former

make it 3-2 and Agbonlahor wrapped up the tie with the aid of a big deflection that caused his shot to loop over City keeper Costel Pantilimon.

Everton, third in the Premier League, fell behind after four minutes when Aidy White jinked his way through the heart of the visitors'



Manchester City's Matija Nastasic (R) challenges Aston Villa's Christian Benteke during their English League Cup soccer match at The Etihad Stadium in Manchester, northern England on 25 Sept, 2012.

REUTERS

midfielder Gareth Barry deflected the ball into his own net.

Aleksandar Kolarov whipped in a free kick to give City the advantage for the second time on 64 minutes but Gabriel Agbonlahor levelled again five minutes later to force extra time.

Charles N'Zogbia pounced on a loose ball to

defence and curled the ball into the top corner.

Leeds doubled their advantage when a Danny Pugh shot was prodded into the bottom corner by Rodolph Austin in the second half before Sylvain Distin headed in a late consolation.

Garry Monk scored in the 90th minute for Swansea City who beat third tier Crawley 3-2, while Wigan Athletic won 4-1 in an all-Premier League encounter at West Ham United.

Reuters

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**Focus Myanmar TV Programme**

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**

(27-9-12 09:30 am ~ 28-9-12 09:30 am) MST

- \* News
- \* Myanmar International Frontier (Myanmar-Vietnam Bilateral Relation)
- \* News
- \* National Races from Shan State "Gon Shan and Li Shan"
- \* News
- \* Significant Festival of Wagaung
- \* News
- \* Bot System Precise & Speedy for the People Cooperate shall we...(Yangon-Mandalay Union Highway) (Part-2)

- \* News 7:40 am
- \* News Tid-Bits 5. Nice & Sweet Song
- \* News 8:00 am
- \* Applied Myanmar 7. Dance Variety
- Traditional Martial Art (Part-2) 8:10 am
- \* News 8. Documentary
- \* Personal Touch Art Show 8:20 am
- \* Myanmar Movie "Love between the Devil and Deep Blue Sea" 9. Selected Songs For 19 Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition (2012)(Oldies & Mono Classial)(Amateur (First) Division Level) (Women)

**MYANMAR TV**

(27-9-2012, Thursday)

- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
- 3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 8:40 am
- 10. International News
- 8:40 am
- 11. Dance of National Races
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martlal Song
- 4:22 pm
- 3. Cute Little Dancers
- 4:25 pm
- 4. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Myanmar)
- 4:40 pm
- 5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 4:45 pm
- 6. Science and Environment
- 5:30 pm
- 8. India Drama Series
- 6:20 pm
- 11. Songs Programme
- 6:40 pm
- 12. Approaching Science Discovery World
- 8:00 pm
- 14. News
- 8:00 pm
- 18. Documentary
- 19. TV Drama Series

**Two Los Angeles radio stations evacuated over beeping package**

LOS ANGELES, 26 Sept—Two Los Angeles news radio stations were evacuated for about two hours on Tuesday, along with a number of other offices in the 27-story building they share, after police were called to investigate a package that was making beeping noises. A Los Angeles police bomb squad later determined that the parcel was harmless and contained only promotional materials. The offices of KNX and KFVB, both CBS affiliates, were evacuated after calls to the police and fire departments at around 8:30 a.m., Los Angeles police spokesman Richard French said.

kind of ticking or beeping coming from" it, he said. An LAPD bomb squad responded to the building in the city's mid-Wilshire district, which also houses law firms and other offices, to examine the parcel. "The bomb squad examined it and discovered that it was promotional material," LAPD Commander Andrew Smith said. KNX said in a broadcast report that the package had been sent to a music radio station that shared the building and was considered suspicious because it was "oddly wrapped" and making beeping noises. KFVB said in a statement posted on its website that the building had been evacuated by law enforcement officials "due to a bomb threat."—Reuters



Rescuers return from the fire-stricken Longshan Coal Mine in Youyi County, Shuangyashan, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, 25 Sept, 2012. A fire broke out in the coal mine on 22 Sept, trapping 11 miners. Rescue efforts of the trapped miners are being hampered by falling ceilings and dense concentration of inflammable gas in the shaft. Experts are considering a new rescue plan.—XINHUA

**Magnitude 6.2 earthquake strikes near Mexico's Baja Peninsula**

MEXICO CITY, 26 Sept—A magnitude 6.2 earthquake struck off the southern tip of Mexico's Baja Peninsula, on Tuesday and caused panic, but local officials said there were no reports of damage or injuries.

The quake's epicenter was located 46 miles north of La Paz, Mexico, and was centered in the Gulf of California, according to the US Geological Survey.

"It felt pretty strong," said Ivan Calderon, a Baja California Sur state civil protection official, adding there were no reports of damages or injuries.

"So far there have just been some reports of people panicking, but nothing serious," Calderon said. He said school was suspended across the state on Wednesday while officials examined sites for damages. Some other public buildings would also be closed Wednesday for checks, he said. A magnitude 6 earthquake is capable of causing severe damage. Four more tremors, magnitude 4.8 or less, followed the bigger quake, all clustered north of La Paz, the USGS said.—Reuters



Map of Baja Mexico locating the epicentre of a 6.2 magnitude earthquake that struck Tuesday evening local time.—REUTERS

**Blast near hospital injures 20 in SW Colombia**

BOGOTA, 26 Sept— An explosion outside a hospital in southwest Colombia injured 20 people, Colombian Army officials said Tuesday.

The bomb was set off by the Comuneros del Sur Front, a faction of the National Liberation Army (ELN), on Monday night in the town of Samaniego, Narino state, Colombia's 35th Army Brigade commander Enrique Javier Morales told a press conference.

The remote-controlled explosive device was placed outside the hospital entrance. The hospital and 15 nearby residential buildings were damaged.

Among the 20 injured, four were sent to a local hospital. Two others, who were severely hurt, received treatment in state capital Pasto. Police Chief Rodolfo Palomino condemned the attack and traveled Tuesday morning to Pasto to hold a security council meeting.

Xinhua

**Salmonella sickens 30 in 19 states, peanut butter recalled**

WASHINGTON, 26 Sept— Thirty people in 19 states have fallen ill from Salmonella poisoning, probably from tainted peanut butter, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said on Tuesday.

Health officials and regulators point to Trader Joe's Valencia Creamy Salted Peanut Butter made with Sea Salt as the likely source of the outbreak of the Salmonella Bredeney strain, the CDC said

in a statement. The median age of those taken ill is 7, and four people have been hospitalized, the CDC said. The outbreak is scattered across the United States, and Massachusetts had the most cases with three.

Grocery chain Trader Joe's said on Saturday it was recalling its Creamy Salted Valencia Peanut Butter, Valencia Peanut Butter with Roasted Flaxseeds and Almond Butter with Roasted

Flaxseeds because of potential contamination with Salmonella. New Mexico nut producer Sunland Inc said on Monday it was pulling around 100 kinds of peanut butter and other products containing nuts and seeds.

The illness from the food-borne organism usually causes diarrhea, fever and abdominal pain. It can be fatal for old people, young children and people with weakened immune systems.—Xinhua



The Qinglan bridge under construction is seen in Wenchang, south China's Hainan Province, 25 Sept, 2012. The 1828-meter-long Qinglan bridge is the second cross-sea bridge of Hainan Province with an investment of 595 million yuan (94.4 million US dollars).—XINHUA

**Survey shows most Austrians do not see euro-problems solved by ESM**

VIENNA, 26 Sept— A majority of Austrians do not see that lingering eurozone debt crisis could be solved by the European Stability Mechanism (ESM), a survey showed on Tuesday.

According to Austrian news agency APA, the polling institute "Market" conducted the survey of 400 people over 16 years of age, of whom 63 percent responded that the ESM was "likely not" able to solve the euro issue.

At the same time 57 percent of respondents said they supported the currency and in hindsight saw its adoption in Austria as a positive thing, though 36 percent called it a "mistake."

The Market Insitute said that the percentage in favor of the euro was particularly high among those with a higher education, at 76 percent.

Opinions on the situation of Greece were mixed, with 33 percent expecting positive long-term developments, 26 percent negative developments, and 25 percent not expecting any significant consequences. Of the interviewees, 65 percent said Greece must stick to its austerity package and schedule. Meanwhile 70 percent feared that the European economy would stagnate in the coming years, while 18 percent expected an economic crisis, only 10 percent expected an improvement.

Xinhua

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Announcement No (3/2012)**

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**Pyithu Hluttaw goodwill delegation  
back from Australia, Singapore**

YANGON, 26 Sept—A goodwill delegation of Pyithu Hluttaw led by Chairman of Planning and Financial Development Committee U Soe Tha arrived back here by air at 3.50 pm today after paying goodwill visits to Australia and the Republic of Singapore.

They were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda

Kyaw Swa, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win, Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung, Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee Chairman U T Khun Myat and officials of the Hluttaw Office.—MNA

**MPs to report to Nay Pyi Taw  
Hluttaw Office**

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—As the fifth regular Hluttaw sessions are convened at 10.00 am on 18 October, 2012 (Thursday) at Hluttaw Halls here invitations have been sent to MPs to attend the Hluttaw sessions.

MPs whether they receive the invitation or not are to report to Nay Pyi Taw Office No (20), Hluttaw Office not earlier than 16 October and not later than 17 October, 2012 along with MP certificate and MP identification card.—MNA



*Chairman U Soe Tha being welcomed back by Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win at Yangon International Airport.*  
MNA

**Myanmar-Japan football chiefs  
vow to deepen cooperation**

TOKYO, 26 Sept—The chiefs of the Japanese and Myanmar soccer leagues vowed in Tokyo on Wednesday to deepen cooperation based on a partnership agreement signed in late August aimed at sharing the J-League's expertise with the new Myanmar soccer body.

J-League's Chairman Kazumi Ohigashi and Zaw Zaw, President of the Myanmar Football Federation and Chairman of the Myanmar National League, told Kyodo News that they plan to promote exchanges of professional soccer players, coaches and young trainees to raise the level of soccer in Myanmar.

Myanmar is 183<sup>rd</sup> in the world rankings of soccer governing body FIFA.

"The Myanmar National League was launched in 2009, but the J-League has a history of around 20 years. We'd like to learn a lot" on ways to manage the league, said Zaw Zaw in fluent Japanese. The J-League was established in 1993.

Ohigashi stressed the need to develop cooperative ties between the two leagues over the long term and said he expects J-League fans to increase in Myanmar, where European soccer teams are popular.

The J-League chairman said broadcasting of J-League games has recently begun in Myanmar following the partnership

accord signed in Yangon on August 27.

He also said the Japan Football Association sent Yoshinori Kumada in August last year to serve as the head coach of Myanmar's women's national soccer team.

Ohigashi and Zaw Zaw referred to the long-standing relationship between Japanese and Myanmar soccer players, with Kyaw Din having taught Japanese players how to improve their passing skills in the 1920s.

Kyaw Din, who came to Japan as a student of the predecessor of the Tokyo Institute of Technology, entered the Japan Football Hall of Fame in 2007 for his contribution to advancing the skills of Japanese soccer players.

Zaw Zaw and owners of Myanmar soccer clubs under the football federation later visited the J-League headquarters and asked questions regarding ways to effectively manage the league, such as how to secure income and sponsorships.

The J-League also inked cooperation agreements with soccer leagues in Thailand in February and Vietnam in August.

Kyodo News Agency



**China, Uzbekistan draw 1-1  
in AFC U-16 championship**

TEHERAN, 26 Sept—China snatched a 1-1 draw against Uzbekistan in the Group D match of the AFC U-16 2012 championship here on Tuesday.

China came from behind to salvage a point against its rival after India held Syria 0-0 in another Group D match earlier.

After two rounds of games, Uzbekistan tops the group with four points while China and Syria both have two points. On Tuesday, South Korea beat Japan 3-1 and Saudi Arabia lost to DPR Korea 2-1 in the Group C matches.—Xinhua



*Abdullaev Izzatilla (C) of Uzbekistan vies with players of China during a match of 2012 AFC U16 football Championship, in Tehran, Iran, on 25 Sept, 2012. The match ended 1-1—XINHUA*

**Entrepreneurs buy plots from  
farmers along Yangon-Pathein  
Highway**

NYAUNGDON, 26 Sept—Companies and entrepreneurs buy the vacant land plots from farmers along Yangon-Pathein highway, especially in Nyaungdon Township of Ayeyawady Region.

The entrepreneurs plan to build factories, workshops, fuel stations, restaurants, commodity brokerage, rice mills, paddy dryers and farming equipment showrooms.

At present, the plots are being fenced and are under land preparations. Therefore, the local people have easy access to job opportunities.—Kyemon

**High tide warning at Yangon  
River**

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—The public are here by informed that exceptionally high Spring of from 20 feet to 20.3 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period 30<sup>th</sup> September to 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2012. That it is not serious because the high tide have reached up to 21.7 feet high above datum in the year 2010 and 2011, and that the warning is issued only because high tide reaches over 20 feet high above datum, announced by Myanmar Port Authority.

MNA