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Myanmar will be participating more actively in activities of United Nations in various fields

Standing as a responsible and respectable nation on the world stage, we will take challenges of 21st century in a bold and resolute manner

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept— *President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein delivered an address at the 67th United Nations General Assembly today.*

Following is the full-text of the speech of the President.

Mr President,

Mr Secretary-General of the United Nations, Distinguished Delegates,

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate you on your well-deserved election as the President of the 67th session of the United Nations General Assembly. Your country, Serbia and Myanmar has traditionally enjoyed the close friendship and cooperation. Under your able leadership, the General Assembly will make deliberations on measures to address the challenges being faced by the world today. I am confident that your vast wisdom, rich experiences and high diplomatic skills would guide our deliberations to produce desired outcomes.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to your predecessor, H.E Mr Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, for his outstanding leadership at the 66th session.

Mr President,

Myanmar consistently pursues an independent and active foreign policy. One of the basic tenets of our foreign policy is to actively contribute towards the maintenance of international peace and security. In so doing, we encourage efforts to settle differences among nations by peaceful and amicable means. This position of ours matches well with the essence of one of the high-level themes of the current session, namely, "Settlement of disputes by Peaceful Coordination or Means."

Mr President,

There exist differing views and assessments on the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) held in Brazil in June this year. A number of important decisions were taken on various issues such as the renewing of commitments, the linkage of sustainable development to the Millennium Development Goals-MDGs, the renewable energy and the establishment of arrangements for a better coordination on

the sustainable development. It is necessary for the member states to turn these decisions into actions in order to leave behind the legacy of a safe and sustainable environment to our future generations.

Mr President,

Since becoming a member, Myanmar has always adhered to the founding principles of the United Nations. Our participation in the General Assembly here in New York amply demonstrates our commitment to an active participation in and cooperation with the work of the Organization.

The world today is replete with new challenges and opportunities. Urbanization and industrialization are taking place in developing countries in an unprecedented scale. The rapid progress in information technology is giving an impression that our world is getting smaller. On the other hand, the natural environment and climate is encountering new threats and challenges. In short, the world is changing as never before.

In addition, it is also timely and appropriate to pay our attention to issues like the post-2015 Development Agenda and Rule of Law during the current session.

Mr President,

Myanmar is making progress on her democratic path. But this has not been an easy task. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to share our experiences in this regard.

In the ongoing reform process, we are facing challenges as well as opportunities. Within a short time, the people of Myanmar have been able to bring about amazing changes. I feel greatly privileged and honoured to dutifully serve the people as their President at this crucial time in the history of our nation. I truly take my people as my own parents and elders.

After taking office about 18 months ago, the Parliament, the Judiciary, the Armed Forces, the national races, political parties,



President U Thein Sein delivers an address at 67th United Nations General Assembly.—MNA

civil societies and the people at large have been taking tangible irreversible steps in the democratic transition and reform process. Leaving behind a system of authoritarian government wherein the executive, legislative and judicial powers were centralized, we have now been able to put in place a democratic government and a strong, viable parliament following a practice of check and balance.

Despite the challenges, we can now witness encouraging progress and significant developments in the country. They include granting of amnesties to prisoners; the coming back with dignity of the exiled political forces; the successful convening of 2012 by-elections in a free, fair and transparent manner, the abolition of censorship of media, the fourth estate; freedom of internet access; the establishment of workers' and employers' organizations and the increased participation of the people in the political process.

At the current stage of the political

process, we can witness the emergence of democratic characteristics such as increasing of participation from different political forces and their mutual tolerance, the magnanimity, expansion of the scope of political participation of an representation and the accountability. Our government and other stakeholders have now been able to foster a new political culture of patience and dialogue.

Mr President,

The then main opposition leader Noble Laureate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is now participating in the Pyithu Hluttaw (Parliament) not only in her capacity as an MP (Member of Parliament) but also that of the Chairperson of the Rule of Law and Stability Committee of the Parliament.

During this week she is also in New York. As a Myanmar citizen, I would like to congratulate her for the honours she has received in this country in recognition of her efforts for democracy.

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The political progress in our country is enhancing its political legitimacy. This, in turn facilitates the creation of basic political stability thereby paving the way for economic and social transformation necessary for better living standard of the people.

Mr President,

The legislative body has also been progressive well and functioning more effectively at each session and the parliament has now been able to adopt landmark laws through the democratic practices.

Laws and bylaws are being promulgated bearing in mind that: the economic development must not lead to the widening of the rich-poor gap; citizens' rights are to be protected; the natural environment is to be preserved; our workers are to enjoy rights in line with international standards. We are giving a careful attention to the investments in the extractive sector like the energy to ensure transparency and impartiality.

Mr President,

We believe that cessation of all armed conflicts are a prerequisite for the building of genuine democracy. As such, we place high priority on achieving a lasting peace in the country. In accordance with our motto "From War to Peace", we are working hard to bring an end the longstanding difficulties in the regions of our ethnic nationalities. We have so far achieved ceasefire agreements with 10 armed groups. While further strengthening confidence building measures, we will continue the peace talks. National level peace negotiations will then continue to reach a final peace agreement that would completely end the armed hostilities.

In order to redress the situation in northern part of

Myanmar, the leaders of the Government Peace Work Committee and the Kachin armed group (KIA) are holding informal consultations and working to further strengthen the confidence building measures. We consider any loss of life and property from either side in the armed conflict as a loss for the country.

Mr President,

While the Government is resolutely pursuing political, social and economic reforms, some unfortunate and unexpected issues have come up in our way. A case in point is the recent communal violence in Rakhine State. In this connection, I would like to mention in the first place that the people inhabiting in our country, regardless of race, religion and gender, have the rights to live in peace and security.

As you are aware, a national level independent investigation commission has been established to investigate the issue. To ensure impartiality, the composition of the Commission is made up of representatives from all strata of the society, including the widely-respected personalities from the Buddhist, Muslim, Christian and Hindu faiths. Upon completion of its task, the Commission will be submitting its findings and recommendations to me.

Demonstrating our determination to resolve the issue in a transparent manner, we have facilitated field visits to the Rakhine State by the representatives from the OIC, ASEAN, UN agencies, the United States and resident foreign diplomats in Myanmar. When it comes to the relief assistance, access is being facilitated to those organizations who are willing to provide it to both the communities without discrimination.

The issue at hand cannot be solved overnight. It will be resolved by taking short-term and long-term measures through a multi-faceted approach taking into account political, economic and social aspects. I sincerely believe that as an independent and sovereign state, Myanmar has the right to secure our borders and also to safeguard and protect our sovereignty. We will do our utmost to solve this issue in line with international norms.

Mr President,

I am well aware of the fact that Myanmar's democratic transformation process would be a complex and delicate one that requires patience. To complete this process, we certainly need the understanding and support from the United Nations and its member states, the international community as a whole and, last but not least, the people of Myanmar. At the same time, it is equally important that Myanmar should be viewed from a different and new perspective. It is also necessary for us to be able to work in a more conducive and favourable environment than never before.

Mr President,

Myanmar is now ushering in a new era. As a member in the family of nations, Myanmar will be participating more actively in the activities of the United Nations in various fields. Standing as a responsible and respectable nation on the world stage, we will take the challenges of the 21st century in a bold and resolute manner.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on his re-election and on his achievements thus far.

Mr President,

Before concluding, allow me to mention briefly about an important figure. It is none other than U Thant, a brilliant son of Myanmar who had served as the third Secretary General of the United Nations. Even during his days, U Thant had had a vision of "One World". He envisioned a global society that is guided by a spirit of "One World", a world safe for diversity and a place of peaceful co-existence where global citizens practice the virtues of tolerance, cooperation, understanding and compassion. We believe that if we materialize his vision, we will be speedily achieving a state of the world which is more peaceful and prosperous.

U Thant's tireless endeavours for peace and his achievements during his tenure as the Secretary-General of the United Nations will never be forgotten. The people of Myanmar will always take pride of and remember him as a great son of Myanmar.

I thank you.

LOCAL SPORTS**Township Administrator's Cup begins in MraukU**

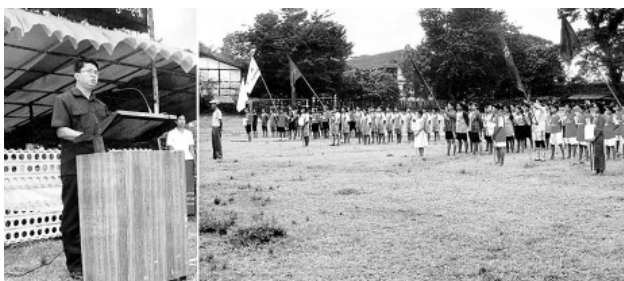
MRAUKU, 27 Sept—The MraukU Township Administrator's Cup Inter-Ward Women's Football Tournament kicked off at the sport ground on 24 September afternoon.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Ye Win made a speech. Among the spectators were departmental officials and responsible persons of NGOs.

Altogether six football teams are taking part in the tournament. In the debut, Taungyat Ward and Nyaungbin Market Ward played a 1-1 draw.

The tournament lasts up to 29 September.

Myanma Alin

**School council teams take part in football tournament**

YANGON, 27 Sept—The school council football tournament was held at the school sports ground of Basic Education Middle School No 1 in Seikkyi-khanaungto Township of Yangon Region on 21 September.

Headmaster U Aung Ko Lay presented championship trophy to first prize winning Kyansittha Team that beat Anawrahta Team in the tournament.—*Myanma Alin*

Billboard on anti-human trafficking erected in Bhamo

BHAMO, 27 Sept—A ceremony to erect the billboard on anti-human trafficking was held at the junction of the roads to Basic Education High School No 1 and No 2 in Thazi Ward of Bhamo on 13 September morning.

Chairman of Bhamo District Anti-Human Trafficking Committee Deputy Commissioner U Tezar Aung of Bhamo District General Administration Department, Vice-Chairman Commander of District Police Station Police Lt-Col Aung Myo Thein and departmental officials, members of Bhamo

District Anti-Human Trafficking Squad, members of social organization and local police members participated in erecting the billboard.

The in-charge of the Bhamo District Anti-Human Trafficking Squad disseminated knowledge about human trafficking to students of Bhamo Women's Vocational Training School with the use of projector.

Later, pamphlets on anti-human trafficking were distributed to students.

Myanma Alin

District News**Shwedah Village-tract illuminated with electricity**

YAMETHIN, 27 Sept—The local people are in happiness due to enjoying supply of electricity in Shwedah Thazi Village of Yamethin Township in Mandalay Region on 12 September.

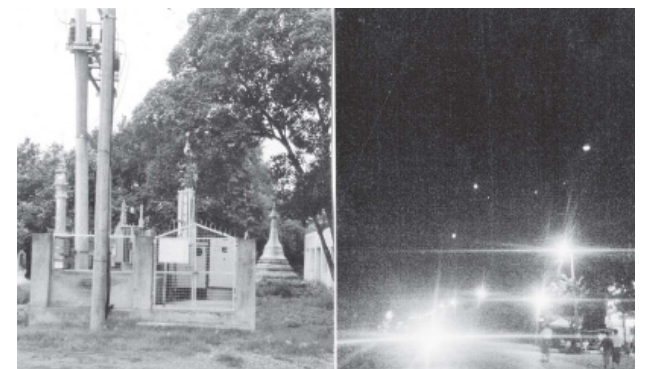
Thanks to supply of electricity, Shwedah Thazi Village on Yangon-Mandalay Highway is illuminated at night with lam-posts. Chairman of the electricity supply committee U Mya Win said that we face much difficulty in supply of electricity. Since last five years, the local people have been saving their money, accounting for over K 40 million and saved it at the bank for two years. Due to least generating volume of electricity, the village did not get permission.

Due to the fact that the project could not be implemented, the committee paid back savings to the villagers. So, the local people thought they would not enjoy electricity.

Former village head U Than Nyunt, over 70, said, "We all should thank the power supply committee for its strenuous efforts." On 12 September, electricians led by Township Electrical Engineer U Kyi Win inspected installation of 161 electric meters at the houses in Shwedah Village and allowed them to be supplied electricity at 5 pm.

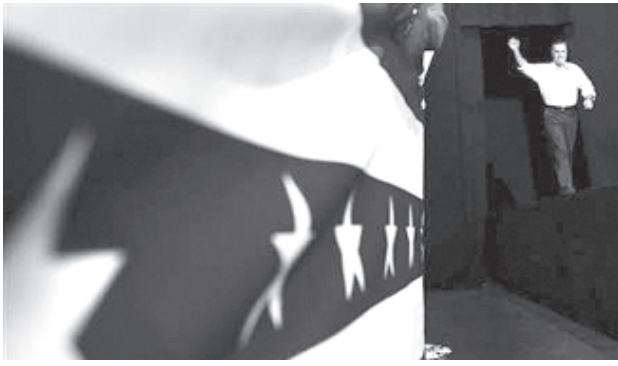
On the significant occasion, the local people young and old were delighted at illumination of electricity supply.

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WORLD

Losing ground in Ohio, Romney says his “heart aches” for jobless



US Republican presidential candidate and former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney takes the stage at a campaign rally in Toledo, Ohio 26 September 2012.

REUTERS

BEDFORD HEIGHTS/BOWLING GREEN, (Ohio), 27 Sept—The race for president focused squarely on the battle for working-class votes on Wednesday, as Republican Mitt Romney scrambled to make up ground on Democratic President Barack Obama in the crucial battleground state of Ohio.

On a day when the rivals held dueling events across the state, Romney mixed empathy for the unemployed — at one point, he said his “heart aches” for the jobless — with attacks on Obama’s trade policy toward China.

Foreign trade is a sensitive subject in a state where thousands of manufacturing jobs have gone overseas.

Romney’s cause was made more urgent by a new Quinnipiac University/*New York Times* poll that indicated Obama led the former Massachusetts governor by 10 percentage points in Ohio and was ahead by similar margins in two other important states — Florida and Pennsylvania. Other troubling signs: Obama held nearly a 20-point lead in Florida among women, while Romney’s lead among men

had dwindled to 3 points.

Ohio and Florida are politically divided states central to Romney’s hopes to amass the 270 electoral votes needed for victory in the 6 November election. Losing either state could be disastrous for the Republican, who trailed Obama in the nationwide *Reuters*/Ipsos daily tracking poll of likely voters by 49 to 43 percent.

The Quinnipiac survey suggested that Romney, who was trailing Obama by a smaller margin at the beginning of last week, had been significantly damaged by the disclosure of a secretly taped video of his remarks at a private fundraiser in May.

In the video, Romney—a former private equity executive with a fortune estimated at up to \$250 million—tells wealthy donors to his campaign that 47 percent of Americans are “victims” who depend on government, do not pay federal income taxes and are unlikely to support him. The airing of the comments last week sent Romney’s campaign into crisis mode. —*Reuters*

Iran pushes ahead in building nuclear reactor

VIENNA, 27 Sept—Iran appears to be making headway in building a research reactor that could yield potential nuclear weapon material, adding to Western concerns about Teheran’s atomic aims, experts and diplomats say.

The West’s worries about Iran are focused largely on underground uranium enrichment plants at Natanz and Fordow, but it is also pressing ahead with construction of a heavy-water reactor near the town of Arak, which analysts say could produce plutonium for nuclear arms if the spent fuel is reprocessed.

Iran now plans to bring Arak on line in the third quarter of 2013, moving up its timetable from 2014, according to the latest UN information, although there is uncertainty whether it will be able to meet that target date.

Iran, rejecting Western allegations it seeks to develop a capability to assemble atomic arms, says its nuclear programme is entirely peaceful and that the reactor will produce isotopes

for medical and agricultural use.

“There is no reason to seriously doubt Iran’s resolve to complete this project on time and begin operating the reactor,” said Mark Hibbs of the Carnegie Endowment think-tank.

Most of what is needed is “dual-use, off-the-shelf equipment that Iran can buy all over the world using the procurement network it has set up” for its nuclear programme, he said.

A UN report last month on Iran’s nuclear programme, which made headlines because it showed a doubling of the uranium

enrichment capability at Fordow, suggested Teheran was also carrying out new work at Arak.

The report by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said cooling and moderator circuit piping was being installed when inspectors visited the Arak facility in early August.

“They are certainly continuing to make progress on the reactor,” one Vienna-based diplomat said. “As long as we still don’t trust Iran’s nuclear intentions, even the elimination of its enrichment capability will not eliminate all the danger.”

Reuters



A view of the Arak heavy-water project 190 km (120 miles) southwest of Teheran on 26 August, 2006.—REUTERS

Five killed in attacks against police in central Iraq

BAGHDAD, 27 Sept—A police officer and four policemen were killed and two others injured on Wednesday in two bomb attacks in central Iraq, the police said.

In Iraq’s central province of Babil, three roadside bombs went off almost simultaneously near the convoy of Lieutenant Colonel Salman al-Khazraji, chief of al-Rafidian police station in the town of Jbela, some 60 km south of the capital Baghdad, a provincial police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity. The blasts killed the officer, his driver and one of his bodyguards, and wounded two others, the source said.

The town is part of the

once restive area, dubbed Triangle of Death, which is a cluster of towns scattered between south of Baghdad and north of Hilla city, the capital of Babil province, some 100 km south of Baghdad. In a separate incident, two policemen were killed in a roadside bomb explosion near their checkpoint in a village outside the city of Balad, some 80 km north of Baghdad, a local police source anonymously told *Xinhua*.

Violence and sporadic high profile attacks are still common in the Iraqi cities despite the dramatic decrease of violence over the past few years.

Xinhua

Insight — In US soldier’s death, a window into Afghan insider killings

WASHINGTON, 27 Sept—In the weeks before his death, 21-year-old Mabry Anders had grown increasingly worried that he might not come home from Afghanistan. The Army specialist was battling insomnia and would send brief, worried messages back to his family. “He talked to me in the day, which would be in the middle of his night,” his father, Dan Anders, said. “He didn’t sleep. He was just worried.”

There were good reasons for concern. During his six-month tour, the Taliban staged a major attack at his base, a suicide bomber had killed one of his brigade’s most revered leaders, and an Afghan villager threw a firebomb at a vehicle he was travelling in. But what Anders may not have expected is that his killer would be an Afghan army soldier, one of those the US military is supposed to be training to take over security of the country ahead of the withdrawal of most US troops by the end of 2014.

A surge in insider attacks (also known as green on blue attacks) has prompted NATO to temporarily curtail some joint operations. The move casts doubt on what exactly international forces can accomplish in those places

where they cannot work alongside their Afghan allies.

Interviews in Afghanistan and the United States have uncovered new details about the attack on August 27, which also took the life of another US soldier, Sergeant Christopher Birdwell. These include Taliban claims that the insurgents prepared the Afghan soldier for the killings.

“After the shooting incident a group of Taliban came to my house and said that Welayat Khan was their man,” said Nazar Khan, the brother of the Afghan soldier who was killed by US forces after he opened fire on the Americans.—*Reuters*



US Army specialist Mabry Anders, who was killed in an attack by an Afghan army soldier in Afghanistan on 27 August, 2012, is pictured in this undated handout family photo obtained by Reuters on 26 September, 2012.

REUTERS

Seven killed in head-on crash in Oklahoma

HOUSTON, 27 Sept—Seven people were killed Wednesday in a head-on crash in the US state of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol said.

An SUV was speeding on a highway near the Oklahoma Panhandle town of Elmwood when it crossed the center line and slammed head-on into an oncoming van carrying workers to a Texas meatpacking plant, authorities were quoted by local media as saying.

The crash killed both drivers and five of the six passengers inside the van, according to Betsy Randolph, spokesman for Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

A van passenger who survived was airlifted to a hospital, said Randolph.

Both lanes of the highway were temporarily closed but reopened about five hours later.

An investigation was underway, officials said.

Xinhua

Putin calls for accelerated negotiations on Russia-EU visa-free regime

MOSCOW, 27 Sept—Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday urged the European Union (EU) to speed up bilateral talks on visa-free travel between the two sides. During a Press conference following a Tuesday meeting with Luxembourg Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker, Putin said Russia wanted a visa-free regime with the EU as quickly as possible. “I am very pleased that Mr Prime Minister shares this approach. I hope that our other colleagues, including colleagues from the European Commission, will also work on implementing these joint goals more actively,” Putin said. Juncker, for his part, said the issue must be resolved adequately in line with “the ambitious objectives that stand before Russia and the European Union in their cooperation.”

He thanked Putin for “understanding Luxembourg’s concerns on eliminating visas,” while adding that “We fully understand Russia’s position.” The two leaders also discussed the debt crisis in the euro zone, Putin told reporters, noting that it is necessary to discuss the subject with Juncker, who has presided over the Euro Group for many years. Juncker thanked Russia for “its policies demonstrating loyalty and consistency toward the euro zone, which is of decisive importance for us.”

Xinhua

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

IBM aims for Amazon, Salesforce.com with midsize cloud plan

Tech

NEW YORK, 27 Sept—International Business Machines Corp (IBM N) will announce on Wednesday that it will ramp up efforts to sell cloud computing services to midsize businesses, the *Wall Street Journal* reported on Tuesday.

The move by IBM, a bellwether for the IT industry because of its global span and breadth of businesses, is aimed at grabbing market share from companies like Amazon.com Inc (AMZN O) and Salesforce.com Inc (CRM N), which have been successful in the mid-market, the paper said.

For Armonk, NY-based IBM, midsize companies



refer to those with less than 1,000 employees, the newspaper said.

The company's general manager in charge of small and medium-sized businesses, Andy Monshaw, told the *Journal* that the cheaper cost of cloud computing will let the company reach a bigger base of smaller customers.

Cloud computing is the delivery of computing and storage capacity that allows users to, for instance, rent servers and software to store data over a network. IBM officials could not be reached for comment outside regular US business hours.—*Reuters*

Chinese ministries test-drive China-made electric cars

Science

BEIJING, 27 Sept—Eleven Chinese ministries and government agencies are test-driving China-made electric cars and more will follow suit, state news agency *Xinhua* said, in the latest show of state support for the country's fledgling green vehicle industry.

Staff at the ministries will drive a fleet of 23 electric cars from Warren Buffett-backed BYD Co Ltd and Anhui Jianghuai Automobile Co, or JAC Motors, as their official vehicles in a one-year trial, *Xinhua* said on Wednesday.

Beijing has been providing heavy subsidies in a drive to develop the electric car market in China, the world's largest auto market and also the world's biggest emitter of greenhouse gases.

But sales remain dismal due to high battery costs and a lack of charging facilities.

Experts also say electric cars lack mass market appeal because they are either too costly or not stylish enough for the rich.

Ministries testing the cars include China's powerful economic planner, the National Development and Reform Commission, the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Culture.

More government units will join the trial, *Xinhua* said, without elaborating.

Beijing's latest show of support for Chinese car makers comes as Japanese automakers including Toyota Motor Corp and Nissan Motor Co cut back production in China following anti-Japan protests.

Reuters

Wells Fargo website hit by access issues amid cyber threats

Tech

LOS ANGELES, 27 Sept—Wells Fargo & Co on Tuesday became the latest bank to suffer problems with its website amid heightened concerns about cyber attacks against US financial institutions.

The fourth-largest US bank by assets confirmed that some of its customers experienced intermittent access issues on Tuesday. The bank was working to quickly resolve the issues, a spokeswoman said, declining to comment on the source of the problem.

A financial services industry group last week warned US banks, brokerages and insurers to be on heightened alert for cyber attacks after Bank of America Corp and JPMorgan Chase & Co experienced unexplained outages on their public websites.

Wells Fargo's problems came the same day that an unidentified person on the Internet called on

"cyberspace workers" to attack the bank's site. In a posting on pastebin.com, the person also warned of attacks later this week against US Bancorp and PNC Financial Services Group Inc.

A similar posting last week made threats against Bank of America and the New York Stock Exchange. The poster said the attacks will continue until the film that had stirred up anti-U.S. protests across the Middle East was removed from the Internet. A U.S. Bancorp spokesman said the bank was aware of the posting and was working closely with law enforcement authorities. A PNC spokesperson did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Senator Joseph Lieberman, chairman of the Senate's Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, said on Friday that he believes Iran was behind the attacks.

Reuters



The logo for Wells Fargo bank is pictured in downtown Los Angeles, California on 17 July, 2012.—*REUTERS*

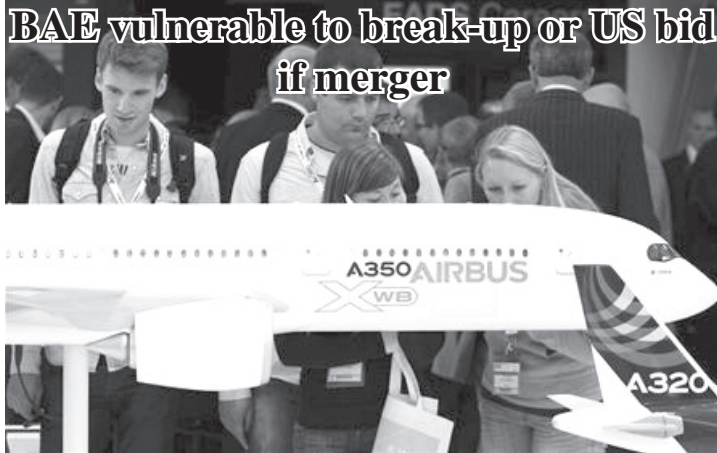
LONDON, 27 Sept—Visitors look at an A350 aircraft miniature at the EADS booth during the ILA Berlin Air Show in Selchow near Schoenefeld south of Berlin on 13 September, 2012.

BAE Systems (BAES L) needs its proposed merger

with Airbus parent EADS (EAD PA) to succeed if it is to avoid being cast adrift as a company without a clear strategy in a shrinking industry or a takeover target for predatory US rivals.

Reuters

BAE vulnerable to break-up or US bid if merger



Google buys wind power for Oklahoma data centre

Tech

SAN FRANCISCO, 27 Sept — US Internet company Google Inc on Wednesday agreed to buy 48 megawatts (MW) of wind energy for its Oklahoma data centre from the Canadian Hills wind power project in Oklahoma, which is expected to enter service later this year.

In a release, Google said it has been working with its local utility, the Grand River Dam Authority, to procure additional renewable energy since plugging in the Oklahoma data center in 2011.

In conjunction with the electricity the Grand River Dam Authority already supplies Google to operate its data center, Google said it would pay a premium to purchase renewable energy generated by Canadian Hills.

The Google data centre is located in Mayes County

about 170 miles northeast of Oklahoma City.

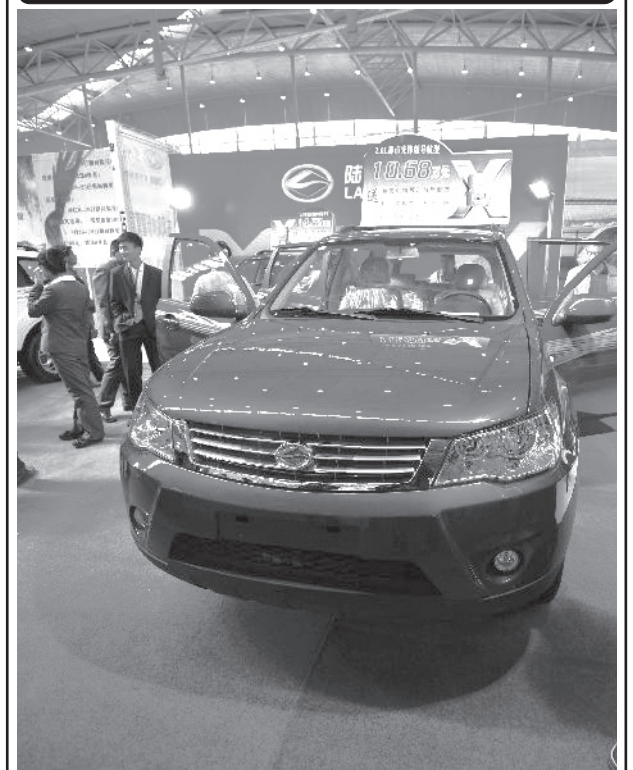
Google said the purchase brings the total amount of renewable energy it has contracted for to over 260 MW.

One megawatt can power about 1,000 homes. Boston-based power generator Atlantic Power Corp owns 99 percent of the 298-MW Canadian Hills wind farm, which is located in El Reno about 30 miles west of Oklahoma City, according to Atlantic Power's website.

Atlantic Power said it sells all of the power from Canadian Hills to three power companies: Southwestern Electric Power Authority, the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority and Grand River Dam Authority.

Reuters

Technology



A visitor walks past a domestic brand car at the autumn car expo in Urumqi, capital of northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 26 Sept, 2012. The expo, which kicked off on Wednesday, will last for four days in the International Conference and Exhibition Center in Urumqi. Domestic brands are popular choices among visitors.

XINHUA

BUSINESS & HEALTH

European woes drag Wall Street lower Business



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, on 20 Sept, 2012. —REUTERS

NEW YORK, 27 Sept—Stocks fell on Wednesday as protests in Spain and Greece over euro zone austerity measures raised fresh concerns over Europe's ability to get its debt crisis under control.

The Dow Jones industrial average .DJI fell 43.96 points, or 0.33 percent, to 13,413.59. The S&P 500 .SPX dropped 8.26 points, or 0.57 percent, to 1,433.33. The Nasdaq Composite .IXIC lost 24.03 points, or 0.77 percent, to 3,093.70.—Reuters

WHO issues guidance on new virus, gears up for haj Health

GENEVA, 27 Sept—The World Health Organization on Wednesday urged health workers everywhere to report patients with acute respiratory infection who may have been in Saudi Arabia or Qatar, following the discovery of a new virus from the same family as SARS.

Saudi Arabia said it had taken precautions to prevent disease spreading next month, when it expects over 2 million Muslims to flock to the annual haj pilgrimage, then return home.

WHO put out a global alert on Sunday saying a new virus had infected a 49-year-old Qatari who had recently travelled to Saudi Arabia, where another man with an almost identical virus had died.

The Qatari remained critically ill in hospital in Britain as of Tuesday, but the WHO said on Wednesday no new case of the new virus had been reported.

"We've got things in place should things change, should the behaviour of the virus change," spokesman Gregory Hartl said.

Tests showed that six people with respiratory infections in two hospitals in Denmark did not have the new coronavirus, and at least five of them had flu, Danish health officials said.

The new virus shares some of the symptoms of SARS, another coronavirus, which emerged in China in 2002 and killed around a tenth of 8,000 people it infected worldwide. So far scientists do not know how contagious the new virus is, or whether or not it spreads by contact between people.

WHO's clinical guidance to its 194 member states said health workers should be alert to anyone with acute respiratory syndrome and requiring hospitalization who had been in the area where the virus

SAN FRANCISCO, 27 Sept—California researchers and public health officials have launched what they describe as a groundbreaking series of studies of a rare mouse-borne virus that has infected at least nine Yosemite National Park visitors, killing three of them, since June.

By using the 1,200-square-mile (3,100-square-km) park and its rodent and human populations as a giant natural laboratory, scientists hope to gain new insights into how hantavirus is transmitted, how varied it might be and why certain people seem more susceptible than others.

The effort will include the first whole-genome se-

quencing for the hantavirus strain that struck Yosemite over the summer in the biggest cluster of cases since the disease was first identified in the United States in 1993.

Public health officials are also developing an unprecedented voluntary medical screening of the scenic park's 2,500-plus employees.

Dr Charles Chiu, an infectious disease specialist from the University of California, San Francisco, said researchers would take blood samples from workers in an effort to find clues to how the virus infects people and how it might be prevented.

Chiu already has begun performing genome se-

quencing of the virus using tissue samples taken from patients infected in this summer's outbreak, as well as with tissue taken from rodents carrying the virus in Yosemite and throughout California.

Danielle Buttke, a Na-

tional Park Service veterinary epidemiologist, said: "We want to take this opportunity to learn as much about the disease as we possibly can ... I think there's a lot to be learned here."

Reuters



A view of the locked tents in the Curry Village section of Yosemite National Park in California on 8 Sept, 2012.

REUTERS

Facebook shares drop after Barron's snub Business

SAN FRANCISCO, 27 Sept—Facebook shares dropped on Monday after financial weekly Barron's questioned the social networking company's value and priced its stock at just \$15.

Facebook's shares slid 10 percent to \$20.64 in mid-day trade on Nasdaq, about 46 percent off of its \$38 IPO price in May. The decline shed most of its gains from the previous week, when shares were boosted by news that the company was testing a new mobile advertising network.

"Is the stock a buy? The short answer is 'No,'" Andrew Bary wrote in the latest edition of Barron's over the weekend. "The stock trades at high multiples of both sales and earnings, even as uncertainty about the outlook for its business grows."

At \$15, Facebook would still be richly valued at 24 times its projected 2013 profit. That's

compared to established tech giants Apple and Google, which both now trade for about 16 times their 2012 earnings, Barron's argued.

Aside from the No 1 social network's struggle to adapt to the rise of mobile devices, Barron's also highlighted Facebook's stock compensation costs, which have ballooned as the company fights to hold onto its employees by dangling more shares.

Barron's estimated that Facebook's restricted-stock issues were "so large last year that it may have exceeded its cash compensation costs."

"CEO Mark Zuckerberg seems to have a cavalier attitude" about stock compensation, Barron's wrote, because of the company's policy of granting more shares to employees to make up for its declining stock price.

Reuters

was found or in contact with a suspected or confirmed case within the previous 10 days.

WHO has not recommended any travel restrictions in connection with



The World Health Organization (WHO) headquarters is seen in Geneva 9 November, 2009.—REUTERS

the new virus, but said it was working closely with Saudi authorities on health measures for the haj.

WHO said it was iden-

tifying a network of laboratories that could provide countries with expertise on coronaviruses.

"Though it is a very different virus from SARS, given the severity of the

two confirmed cases so far, WHO is engaged in further characterizing the novel coronavirus," it said.

Reuters

Fiat asks US court to help set Chrysler stake price Business



The Fiat logo on a Fiat 500 is pictured at a dealership in Vienna, Virginia on 26 April, 2012.—REUTERS

MILAN, 27 Sept—Italian carmaker Fiat (FIA MI) said on Wednesday it had asked a US court to help it

define the price of a 3.3 percent stake in Chrysler that Fiat has agreed to purchase from the workers' trust

fund VEBA. Fiat, which already owns 58.5 percent in Chrysler, said it was seeking confirmation of the price in the Delaware Court of Chancery through its US subsidiary Fiat America.

On 3 July, Fiat exercised the option to purchase a portion of the stake held by VEBA, or the Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Association. In its statement, the Italian company said it could not agree with VEBA on the price it would need to pay for the 3.3 percent stake.

"While it is unfor-

tunate that we were unable to resolve the issue without the assistance of the courts, we are hopeful the matter will be resolved swiftly," Fiat said in a statement. "We need to court assistance in the application of a specific pricing formula which was agreed in 2009 and as such unrelated to the value of Chrysler today."

VEBA owns the 41.5 percent of Chrysler that Fiat does not. The option gives Fiat the right to buy a 3.3 percent stake in Chrysler every six months.

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The Facebook logo is displayed on a computer screen in Brussels on 21 April, 2010.

REUTERS

Union Rail Transportation Minister on inspection tour of departments under ministry

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept— Administration Department and Road Transport.

The Union Minister looked around Yangon Station and viewed greenings of stations and railroad sections in a Yangon-Insein circular train thereafter.

They proceeded to Insein locomotive Shed, Insein Hospital of Myanmar Railways and the freight transport (Insein).

On 25 September morning, the Union Minister held a meeting with officers of Myanmar Railways, Transport Planning Department, Road Transport

branch of Myanmar Railways and the Transport Planning Department (Yangon branch), Sathsan shed of Myanmar Railways, locomotive factory (Mahlwagon) and the superintending engineer (Bridge)'s workshop (Mahlwagon).

They went on to the Road Transport Administration Department (Myintha) where they attended to the needs when the reports were presented by the officials concerned.—MNA



Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Zeyar Aung inspects Insein Locomotive shed.—MNA

World Tourism Day

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Tourism is one of the fastest growing economic sectors for developing countries seeking to maximize foreign exchange earnings, increase employment, poverty reduction and eradication through its multiplier effects. As a promising smokeless industry, both the direct and indirect incomes from tourism can contribute to national economy without tapping the natural resources.

To promote the systematic tourism development of the respective regions, tourism organizations have been formed locally, regionally and internationally such as Myanmar Tourism Federation (MTF), Japan Association of Travel Agents (JATA), Singapore Tourism Board (STB), Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT), Mekong Tourism Coordinating Office (MTCO), ASEAN Tourism Association (ASEANTA), Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA), World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) and United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).

In the United Nations, the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) is the largest and the most influential association of all associations related to tourism. There are 155 member states, 7 territories and 400 affiliated members in the UNWTO. The UNWTO is the United Nations specialized agency responsible for the promotion of responsible, sustainable and universal accessible tourism. As the leading international organization in the tourism field, UNWTO promotes tourism as a driver of economic growth, inclusive development and environmental sustainability and offers leadership and support to the sector in advancing knowledge and tourism policies worldwide.

The origin of WTO dates back to 1925 when the International Congress of Official Tourist Traffic Associations (ICOTT) was formed. In 1934, ICOTTO was changed to the International Union of Official Tourist Publicity Organizations (IUOTPO) as the originated organization of the UNWTO. At the end of the Second World War, the international travel numbers increased and the IUOTPO restructured itself into the International Union of Official Travel Organizations (IUOTO). Also at the end of the 1960s, IUOTO transformed its role on an international level. The 20th IUOTO general assembly which was held in Tokyo in 1967 declared that IUOTO needed to create an intergovernmental body that is closely linked with the United Nations.

As a result in 1970, the IUOTO general assembly voted in favor of forming the World Tourism Organization (WTO), based on the statutes of the IUOTO. After ratification by the prescribed 51 member states, the World Tourism Organization (WTO) came into operation on 1st November, 1974. The WTO general council and the UN agreed to establish the WTO as a specialized agency of the UN at the 15th general assembly in 2003 with the purpose of considering tourism on an equal footing with other major activities of human society.

The National Tourism Organizations, as well as non-

government tourism agencies annually celebrate 27th September as an auspicious occasion with various special events such as photo and essay competitions promoting tourism, and tourism award presentations with the aims of fostering awareness among the international community of the importance and its social, cultural, political and economic values. The event seeks to address global challenges outlined in the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The first World Tourism Day was celebrated in 1980 under the theme "Tourism's contribution to the preservation of cultural heritage and to peace and mutual understanding". It was at its third session (Torremolinos, Spain, September 1979), that the UNWTO general assembly decided to establish World Tourism Day, beginning in 1980. This date was chosen to coincide with an important milestone in world tourism: the anniversary of the adoption of the UNWTO Statutes on 27th September, 1970. World Tourism Day is celebrated by events around the themes selected by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) General Assembly, on the recommendation of the UNWTO Executive Council. So, the World Tourism Day for this year is the 33rd Commemorative Official Celebration of the day.

The timing of World Tourism Day is particularly appropriate in that it comes at the end of the high season in the northern hemisphere and the beginning of the season in the southern hemisphere, and tourism is on the minds of millions of people worldwide. UNWTO invites people of all ages and backgrounds to hold and take part in celebrations in their respective country or holiday destination. Official World Tourism Day Celebrations take place in a UNWTO Member State, on the basis of geographic rotation. All of the sectors involved (business, local communities, governments and tourists) must be aware of their respective responsibilities in order to achieve sustainable forms of tourism. Collaboration between all stakeholders is necessary.

World Tourism Day is celebrated annually and each year has a particular theme, for example the Theme for 2010 is "Tourism and Biodiversity" with official celebrations held in China and the Theme for 2011 is "Tourism Linking Culture" with celebrations held in Egypt. This year 2012 will be held under the theme "Tourism & Sustainable Energy: Powering Sustainable Development". Official celebrations will take place in Maspalomas, Spain. This year's theme aims to highlight tourism's role in a brighter energy future in which the world's entire population has access to modern, efficiency and affordable energy services.

Many in the tourism industry have already led in developing clean energy solutions, cutting energy consumption and carbon emissions in some regions by up to 40% through initiatives by the UNWTO 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.

Today the world's population stands at 7 billion and may increase to 9 billion by 2050. This mean great pressure on particularly crowded cities where more than half of all people live utilizing the natural resources and creating huge demand for food, water and energy. Sustainability has always been focused by public policy agenda on World Tourism Day.

Mr. Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary-General in his message for this year emphasized that everyone has a role in sustainable tourism. He also called for the tourism community for its growing commitment to sustainable energy. He therefore appealed to all who work in enjoy the benefits of this global sector to join in building a more sustainable future for all. Mr. Taleb Rifai, the UNWTO Secretary-General, has pointed out that tourism is leading the way in some of the world's most innovative sustainable energy initiatives. Nevertheless, there is still much work to be done in all parts of the world.

Today there is a great chance for Myanmar to promote tourism because Myanmar has a variety of tourism, especially cultural and natural tourism. In spite of the many challenges, the tourism in Myanmar achieved a standard that complies with the "clean and green" image of Myanmar.

During the visit of Mr. Taleb Rifai, the Secretary-General of UNWTO, to Myanmar at the invitation of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism from 5th to 7th May, 2012, he paid a courtesy call on the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein. Due to the tremendous tourism potential of Myanmar, the Secretary General promised to give full support to Myanmar's membership in UNWTO in June 2012.

Today, as a member of the UNWTO, Myanmar has now the privilege to celebrate this auspicious occasion here for the first time with special tourism events, which definitely demonstrate the commitment of Myanmar to the aims of UNWTO in fostering awareness among local people for the importance of tourism and its social, cultural, political and economic values.

World Tourism Day is celebrated with full essence of the theme in Myanmar this year and the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism has added value to the celebration with the launching of the Responsible Tourism Policy in Myanmar with the assistance of Hanns Seidel Foundation. This policy is the outcome of the public private partnership between the Ministry, the Myanmar Tourism Federation and international organizations. We achieved this milestone in the development of tourism in Myanmar as a result of the support of the Hanns Seidel Foundation in Germany. Myanmar is committed to develop tourism in a sustainable and responsible manner with the awareness that tourism plays an important role in reaching UN Millennium Development Goals.

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Singapore supports political and economic reforms in Myanmar, takes interest in investment in the country as well as in different economic spheres

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept— Visiting Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and party arrived in Singapore at 9.15 pm on 23 September via Australia at the invitation of Speaker of the Parliament of Singapore Mr Michael Palmer, and they were welcomed there by Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Singapore and officials, Myanmar ambassador to Singapore U Tin Oo Lwin and embassy

Speaker of Singaporean Parliament hosted a lunch to the Myanmar delegation.

In the evening, the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw and party met with Emeritus Senior Minister Mr Goh Chok Tong at the east drawing room and held discussions.

In the morning, the Myanmar delegation visited the National Library and the Parliament of Singapore. In the evening,

queries on the foreign investment law raised by those present. In the morning, the Myanmar delegation visited Land Transport Authority and observed the programme on meeting with the people at Bishan Toa Payoh Group Representative Constituency.

In the morning of 26 September, the Myanmar delegation visited the NE Water Visitors Centre and

observed the process of water treatment.

Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received media men of The Strait Times, the Channel News Asia and BBC at the Regent Hotel and replied queries raised by the media men.

During their stay in Singapore, the Myanmar delegation held discussions on friendship and cooperation between the two parliaments, further strengthening friendship between the two governments and peoples and boosting cooperation, investment and economy, promoting trade, technological cooperation and cooperation in education and health sectors.

Singapore pledged its support for political and economic reforms in Myanmar and expressed its interest in doing investment in Myanmar as well as in different economic spheres permitted by Myanmar. And the committee chairmen who accompanied the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw replied queries on investment raised by those present.

The Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw and party during the



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann cordially greets Acting Singaporean President Mr Jy Piliay.—MNA

visit have been able to meet with the Acting President, the Prime Minister, the Parliament Speaker, ministers and officials, those

from economic and social affairs and businessmen from Singapore and it is safe the visit was successful.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann holds discussion with Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong.—MNA

staff.

The Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw and party at 3 pm on 25 September met with Acting President Mr Jy Piliay at the west drawing room of the President Office in Istana and held discussions. And they met with Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong at the east drawing room in Istana at 4 pm and held discussions.

At noon on 24 September, the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw and party met with Speaker of the Parliament of Singapore Mr Michael Palmer at the Parliamentary Building and held discussions. Later, the

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Environment and Water Resources hosted a dinner to the Myanmar delegation at Shangri-La Hotel.

On the morning of 25 September, Singaporean businessmen led by CEO Mr Ho Meng Kit and Deputy CEO Mr Chua Taik Him of IE Singapore and Singaporean Business Federation hosted a lunch to the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw and party at the International Hotel (Ball Room). At the lunch, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann made a speech and replied

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann meets with Speaker of Singaporean Parliament Mr Michael Palmer.
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Fourth regular session of first Kachin State Hluttaw continues

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept— The fourth regular session of the first Kachin State Hluttaw continued for its seventh day at the State Hluttaw hall yesterday morning, attended by Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai, Speaker of State Hluttaw U

Rawan Jone and 49 representatives.

At the session, questions raised by representatives were replied the Hluttaw made renewal of the Legislative Committee, National Races Affairs Committee and Hluttaw Representative

Scrutinizing Committee which are formed by Kachin State Hluttaw submitted replacement of committee members, name lists, members, duties, authorities, rights and terms of the Committee's Chairmen and Secretaries to form seven acting committees for review

of the legislative and national races affairs. Afterwards, the representatives discussed the systematic running of private bus line bill and gem cutting and polishing bill.

They also discussed two proposals submitted yesterday and sought Hluttaw's decision submitted and one new proposal. The session ended at 3.45 pm.—MNA

UN providing humanitarian aids for Kachin, Rakhine

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept— Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin and UN Humanitarian Coordinator Mr Ashok Nigam met at SWRR Ministry here this morning to discuss matters

related to distribution of humanitarian aids to displaced families in Kachin State, and UN's cooperation in rehabilitation of Rakhine State, and disaster relief works.

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PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 28 September, 2012

Invest in education

Myanmar sees a flood of reforms in almost all sectors. She needs to promote her education standard for human resource development, which has great impact on all sectors. The country needs to make many reforms and changes in all levels of education sector. At first, there should be reforms in basic education level. It needs to have practical techniques to implement Basic Education Bill that has been passed by Hluttaw recently.

Government ministries, scholars and all Hluttaw affairs committee are to make efforts for emergence of laws, rules and bylaws regarding education sector at a time when Myanmar attempts to shift from its old system to new one.

Taking a look at the basic education sector, there are a few workshops in this sector. The education system should practice student-centered approach, but here the difficulty is that there is unbalanced teacher-student ratio. Due to it, student-centered approach would not be productive one. It is first priority for basic education reform. To handle this problem, it is important for emergence of private schools and

monastic education schools. The government should lend a helping hand for this drive. These schools can reduce the unbalanced ratio in State's schools to a certain degree.

In addition, there should be changes in syllabus. Here, refresher courses should be opened so as to improve the quality of teachers. The graduates from education colleges and universities should be appointed as teachers. Fund for education should be raised. There should not be centralization. We should encourage emergence of model schools funded by the government. These schools enable competitions among them. We should make much more investment in education sector.

NATIONAL

Vice-President U Nyan Tun receives JCCI President

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Vice-President U Nyan Tun received President of Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI) Mr Tadashi Okamura and party at Anteroom of the Presidential Palace here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Union Ministers U Aye Myint and Dr Kan Zaw, Deputy Ministers U Thant Kyaw and Dr Pwint Hsan, and departmental personnel. The discussion focused on strengthening of relations between the two countries and promotion of investment in Myanmar.

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Vice-President U Nyan Tun receives President of JCCI Mr Tadashi Okamura.

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Union Hotels and Tourism Minister meets hotel general managers

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung this noon held a meeting with general managers of foreign direct investment hotels in Yangon and Mandalay, at the meeting hall of the ministry. stressed that tourism industry had seen its increase as a fruitful result of reform process in the country urging them to cooperate with Myanmar Tourism Federation and its sister groups for sustainable development of Myanmar tourism industry.

While meeting with them, the Union Minister

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China-ASEAN beauty pageant and variety of arts show held

YANGON, 27 Sept—One of Myanmar Water Festival's trademark songs "Summer Girl" came floating out of the stage at Folk Songs Square in Nanning of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China on 24 September evening as the square hosted the eighth China-ASEAN beauty pageant and variety of arts show organized by China-ASEAN Expo Secretariat, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Communist Party Youth Committee and Guangxi Zhuang Cultural Exchange Association.

Two beauties from Myanmar, second-year undergraduates Ma Htoo Thinza Wai and Ma May Thin Khaing from National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) under the Ministry of Culture took part in the contest together with 34 beauties from ASEAN fellow countries and the host.

Two from the host won first and second awards and

Malaysia secured third place. In the men's contest which in 11 men participated, first and third prizes went to the host and the second to Malaysia.

In the previous contest, Ju Ju Kay from Myanmar

won the best performance of China-ASEAN award. Though Myanmar contestants did not win any prizes, their natural beauty in Myanmar traditional costume greatly attracted the camera shots of media

teams from China and ASEAN countries.

The China-ASEAN beauty pageant and variety of arts show came into existence in 2005 as China-ASEAN cultural exchange programme. It is held annually as part of China-ASEAN Expo which Nanning first hosted in 2004.—MNA



Winners of China-ASEAN beauty pageant and variety of arts show.

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



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President U Thein Sein holds talks with Chairman of Clinton Global Initiative former US President Bill Clinton at the Mark Hotel. (News on page 16)—MNA



President U Thein Sein cordially greets US Secretary of State Mrs Hillary Clinton. (News on page 16) MNA



Political parties to act in national interests: UEC Chairman



Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye extends greetings at the meeting.—MNA

YANGON, 27 Sept—Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye described cordial cooperation and coordination between commissions and political parties as the key to national development as he met political parties at Yangon Region Government Office this afternoon.

The chairman called political parties for adherence to existing laws in serving the interests of the nation, demanding to sacrifice party interests and self interests for national interests. The election commission would review the strong points and weak points of previous election and would make the best of coming election said the commission chairman. The election commission is undertaking its three main

responsibilities, holding free and fair election, examining and judging the complaints after the election, and registering and monitoring political parties. The commission chairman urged the political parties to abide by law. Political parties are to work in unison for national and public interests together with the government, said the chairman who described it is as the cause of national development.

The commission chairman said the commission could organize the best of 2012 by-election, reviewing the 2010 election, quoting the international analysts saying 2012 by-election as free and fair one. There was weakness in making ballot list though the 2012 by-election is said to be flawless,

assessed the commission chairman who promised to make the 2015 election the best and fairest one reviewing the weak points of 2012 by-election. He revealed the plan for real-time adjustment of ballot list by permanently keeping ballot list book at ward and village administrators' offices to remedy the weak point in previous by-election. Parties in debating electricity, labour issue and Rakhine incident are to make discussion within legal framework, urged the commission chairman. Parties are to stand for national and public interests, making efforts to become reliable parties, said the commission chairman who called for their frank and free discussions and unanimity in serving the national and public interests.

Next, chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and secretaries of political parties called on to allow political parties regularly meet commissions once every three months or every four months, publish announcements of the commission as commission handbook and publication of pre-voting lists, and cooperate with each other to have sanctions lifted.

Afterwards, the commission chairman said that he took the meeting as serving the interests of the State and people. He called for collaborative actions of parties, commissions, and administrative bodies for interests of the State and people. People, political parties, and commissions are to cooperate in harmony to organize 2015 election as fair and free one.

Present at the meeting were members of Union Election Commission, chairman and members of Yangon Region Election Sub-commission, chairpersons secretaries and members of political parties and personnel.

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News in Brief

Maintenance of roads, bridges inspected

Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint inspected maintenance of Pyapon-Bogale Road, Gonnyindan Bridge, erosion at Kyaiklat-Maubin Road and posts of Maubin Bridge, maintenance of Maubin-Salamauk Road, Bo Myat Tun Bridge and upgrading of Kyeinbinse-Sakkawt-Danubyu-Zalun Road on 24 September.

Health care services provided

Servicemen of local medical battalion provided health care services to local people at relief camps, gave talks on health knowledge, distributed pamphlets on health knowledge, chlorinated wells and tanks and fumigated relief camps in Maungtau Township on 24

September.

Table Tennis Tourney kicks off

The Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister's Cup Inter-Township U-26 Table Tennis Tournament kicked off at the hall of Myanmar Medical Association in Patheingyi on 26 September morning.

Exhibition & Car Show 1/2012 opened

The Most Amazing Taunggyi Exhibition & Car Show 1/2012 was opened at the city hall in Taunggyi on 25 September. Altogether six car companies and 90 other companies showcased their products at the show up to 29 September.

Land management course commences

The Farmland Law, and the Vacant, Virgin and Fallow Land Management Law and Rules Course of Magway Region was opened at the hall of Region

Agriculture Department in Magway on 26 September morning. A total of 52 trainees are attending the course.

Project implementation committee meets

The Chin State projects implementation committee held the coordination meeting on 26 September morning. Chief Minister of Chin State U Hong Ngai made an address on the occasion.

Teak log for carving Buddha Images sprinkled scented water

Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung sprinkled scented water on the teak log to be carved as four Buddha Images dedicating to Buddhas kakusan, Konagamana, Kassapa and Gotama to be kept at Shwedagon Replica Pagoda in Indonesia. The ceremony was held at Setsan timber yard in Pazundaung Township on 25 September.

NATIONAL

As a promising smokeless industry, tourism has both directly and indirectly increased incomes of local people, contributing to national economy without tapping natural resources

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept— Under the theme of Tourism & Sustainable Energy: Powering Sustainable Development, UN World Tourism Day 2012 ceremony was held at Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC), here, this morning, with an address by Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham.

It was attended by Union Ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads, Ambassadors and officials in foreign embassies in Yangon, representatives from social organizations, officials from Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Myanmar Tourism

month earlier. During his courtesy call on President U Thein Sein, the Secretary-General Promised to support Myanmar in taking full advantage of Myanmar's tremendous tourism potentials. Today, as a member of the UNWTO, Myanmar now has the privilege of celebrating this important day here for the first time with special tourism events, which definitely demonstrate commitment to the aims of UNWTO.

He continued to say that the theme designated for this year is "Tourism & Sustainable Energy: Powering Sustainable Development" which he

particularly on crowded cities, where more than half of the people relying on natural resources, having more demand for food, water and energy. If sustainability is to be focus of attention, that the year's theme definitely coincides with the advancement towards the goals of the "2012 International Year of Sustainable Energy for All".

Tourism is leading the way in some of the world's most innovative sustainable energy initiatives. In own capacity, contribution must be made in helping to cut tourism's carbon emissions, in a way to enable tourism business to grow and create

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses UN World Tourism Day. MNA



Industry Federation, tourism agencies and Myanmar Hoteliers Association, winners and guests.

In his speech, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that it is a great pleasure to be part of this celebration UN World Tourism Day. Today, many people around the world are celebrating the UN World Tourism Day, a special occasion for everyone in tourism industry aiming to foster awareness among the local and international community of the importance of tourism and its political, social, cultural and economic values.

Every year on September 27, the National Tourism Organization, together with non-governmental tourism agencies, celebrate this auspicious occasion with various special events such as photo and essay competition and tourism award presentations.

It is good to know that Myanmar has rejoined UNWTO in June this year, which resulted from the visit of the UNWTO Secretary General, Mr Tilab Rifai, a

believed is appropriate to the changing global tourism trends.

Tourism is becoming one of the fastest growing economies in the world and is recognized as an important sector for the developing countries seeking to maximize foreign exchange earning, and increasing employment opportunity, thereby reducing poverty through its multiplier effects. As a promising smokeless industry, tourism has both directly and indirectly increased incomes of local people, contributing to the national economy without tapping the natural resources.

As a member of the United Nations, and now as a member of the UNWTO, Myanmar must play its part in reaching the UN's goal of achieving sustainable energy.

If we look at the world population today, he said, it stands at seven billion, and the number will reach as high as nine billion by the year 2050. It shows that there is a great deal of pressure,

jobs, and to bring modern, affordable energy services to vulnerable communities.

Taking a closer look at the tourism data of the UNWTO for the year 2011, there were about one billion international tourists travelling around the globe and the receipts from that came to 1030 billion US\$. At the same time, it also created 6-7 % of the overall number of job worldwide, showing the extent of the economic contribution of tourism to a national economy.

For the young democratic country, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the tourism sector has considerably put in its concerted efforts for tourism development and management in a sustainable and responsible ways in line with the government's reform strategies and economic liberalization, evidently resulting in the positive trend, and dramatically increasing the number of international arrivals.

The total international arrivals during 2011 were over 800,000 including

arrivals through international border entry points along China and Thailand. From the Yangon and Mandalay International Airports, Myanmar received 381,000 which had a growth of 26% comparing to 2010. This year, for the last eight months, Myanmar had 340,458 arrivals by air and the growth rate was (40%) comparison to the same period of last year.

As the performance of the tourism industry gets more developed, and in the light of the reform strategy of the Government one of the best ways of improving the economic condition of the local people is tourism business.

Myanmar has become an interesting tourist destination for international travellers to experience it's abundantly rich, cultural and natural heritage, genuine hospitality and spiritual values. At the same time, it's becoming an attractive economic destination for foreign investments in different sectors too. In this regard,

the ministry of Hotels and Tourism has organized, very recently, tourism development workshops in key tourism destinations to discuss with the stakeholders on current and future needs and how to meet challenges of tourism. There are other factors which all needed to be aware of, that is, how Myanmar handles the visitors to experience comfort, convenience, safely and security during their stay in Myanmar.

When in this country, it is Myanmar's responsibility that they feel safe and healthy, well taken care of, and that they return home with pleasant memories which will be passed on to other people who are going to visit or revisit Myanmar.

In addition, the people in the front line, welcoming visitors are the licensed tour guides. It is important that those guides have qualitative trainings for presentation and a mastery of language skills.

He said that he was also aware of that the Responsible Tourism Policy in Myanmar

has been developed with the technical and financial support from the Germany based Hanns Seidel Foundation and will soon have the Tourism Master Plan, also supported by the Norwegian Government and the Asian Development Bank. In that regard he expressed his thanks.

In the meantime, it is Myanmar's responsibility, to adapt to her situation to the theme of World Tourism Day, by contributing towards sustainable energy and powering sustainable tourism development in Myanmar and by taking the regional and the World's best practices in tourism.

In conclusion, he urged all to join hands in building this nation through sustainable development and responsible tourism.

After that, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung delivered speech and UN resident representative Mr Ashok Nigam read out the message sent by UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon to the UN World Tourism Day 2012.

The message of Secretary-General of World Tourism Organization Dr Taleb Rifai was displayed with video. Afterwards, resident representative Mr Achim Munz of Hanns Seidel Foundation explained the drafting of responsible tourism policy for Myanmar and handed over the books on responsible tourism policy through Union Minister U Htay Aung.

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As a promising smokeless industry, tourism...

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After that, Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi presented the awards to winners in photo competition, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, in World Tourism Day commemorative essay competitions, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, to best efficiency-award winning hotels at home and abroad, Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan, to award-winning local and foreign tourism agencies.

After the ceremony, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham enjoyed documentary photos and books and publications put on display at the hall. Myanmar is a member country of UN and World Tourism Organization. Like other countries worldwide, Myanmar observed World Tourism Day ceremony.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham enjoys documentary photos and books and publications at World Tourism Day commemorative ceremony.—MNA



Myanmar, Japan CCIs focus on economic cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Myanmar-Japanese Chambers of Commerce and Industry held the joint meeting on economic cooperation at Myanmar International Convention Centre, here, this morning.

President of Japan Chambers of Commerce and Industry Mr Tadashi Okamura and President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung extended greetings.

Union Ministers U Than Htay, U Win Myint and Dr Kan Zaw said that energy sector plays a key role in building a modern and developed nation. They extend welcome to the investors to put investment in the sector and will provide necessary assistance to the investors. They said that it is opportune time

for Japanese entrepreneurs to investment in Myanmar. At present, they said that although Myanmar-Japan trade volume was remarkably in 2011-2012 fiscal year, it is still lesser than the prospect. Further economic cooperation between UMFCCI and JCCI will contribute to serving more interest of two nations. With the aim of developing State economy, emphasis is being placed on people centred development. As opportunities have been created in every business sector, cooperation of Japanese entrepreneurs will enjoy fruits of cooperation, they said.

After the ceremony, Union Minister U Win Myint and President of JICC Mr Tadashi Okamura cordially discussed bilateral trade and investment matters.—MNA

Winners of “World Post Day” essay contest for international youths (U-15)

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept— Hailing the World Post Day that falls on 9 October, 2012, a commemorative essay contest for international youths (U-15) was jointly conducted by UNESCO and UPU.

On 6 October, 2011, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs held such an essay contest named “Write a letter to an athlete or sports figure you admire to explain what the Olympic Games mean to you”, at the basic education schools in the townships separately.

At local level, Grade-10 student Maung Hein Htet Zaw from Wetlet BEHS got first prize, Grade-9 student Ma Hnin Wai Wai Aung from No. 1 BEHS (Minbu), second,

and Grade-9 student Ma Cho Zin Than from No. 2 BEHS (Bahan), third. Special prizes went to Grade-10 student Maung Aung Phyto Min from No. 2 BEHS (Kawkareik), Grade-8 student Ma Thin Nant Tha from No. 3 BEHS (Bago), Grade-9 student Ma Hnin Nanda Lwin from No. 2 BEMS (Kyaukpyu), and consolation prizes to Grade-10 student Ma Su Shin Thant from No. 6 BEHS (Mawlamyine), and Grade-9 student Ma La Min Thawda Myint Soe from No. 1 BEHS (Myaungmya) and Grade-8 student Maung Thiha Hein from No. 14 BEHS (Chanayethazan).

The first-prize winner’s letter was sent to involve international level essay contest in Switzerland.—MNA

Future of Middle East should be controlled by its people: Chinese FM

UNITED NATIONS, 27 Sept— Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said here on Wednesday that the future and destiny of the Middle East should be held in the hands of its own people.

Yang made the remarks when addressing a high-level meeting of the UN Security Council on the situation in the Middle East where UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and Secretary-General of the Arab League Nabil El-Arabi made their briefings.

Yang said the Middle East is undergoing unprecedented changes and has attracted wide attention from the international community. Peace, stability and development in the Middle East represent the shared aspirations of all people in the region and serve the common interests of the entire international community, Yang said. “The future and destiny of the region should be held in the hands of its own people,” he noted.

The Chinese foreign minister called on the

international community to respect the distinctive religious and cultural features of the region, listen to the aspirations and calls of the people living there, and urge the parties concerned to work out appropriate solutions through inclusive political processes to achieve durable peace and common prosperity.

Concerning the Palestinian issue, Yang said the question remains at the core of the Middle East issue. With drastic changes in the regional landscape, it is all the more imperative for the international community to recognize the importance and urgency of relaunching peace talks between Palestine and Israel.

“The international community should adopt a more active and constructive stance to promote peace talks and urge both the Palestinians and Israelis to take concrete steps to remove obstacles to peace talks, rebuild mutual trust, resume talks and make substantive progress at an



Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi (Front) attends a High-level meeting of the UN Security Council on peace and security in the Middle East, at the UN headquarters in New York, the United States, on 26 Sept, 2012.

early date,” Yang said.

As for the Iranian nuclear issue, Yang maintained that “dialogue and cooperation is the only right way to address the issue” and it is ill-advised to resort to force or unilateral sanctions.

“The parties concerned should have firm confidence and remain committed to a diplomatic solution and, at the same time, be flexible and pragmatic, seek common ground while overcoming differences, work for early progress in dialogue and negotiations and, over time, achieve a comprehensive, long-term and proper solution to the

Iranian nuclear issue,” he said. As a good friend and good partner of the Arab countries and people, China firmly supports and helps promote their just cause, Yang said.

“China will, as always, take a constructive part in the mediation and settlement of the hotspot issues in the Middle East, support the UN and its Security Council by continuously playing an important role in addressing the Middle East issue and help put this region on a path of peace, stability, economic prosperity and social progress at an early date,” he said.

Xinhua

Japanese officials take test rides on Osprey

TOKYO, 27 Sept— Local officials on Thursday took test rides on the US Marines’ Osprey aircraft at an air base in southwestern Japanese city of Iwakuni, ahead of their planned transfer to Okinawa.

The demonstration rides were conducted at the US Iwakuni Air Station in Yamaguchi Prefecture, where 12 MV-22 Ospreys are temporarily stationed amid lingering safety concerns over their controversial deployment at the US Marine Corps’ Futenma Air Station in Ginowan city of the southernmost Okinawa Prefecture.

The fleet is expected to go into full operation in mid-October.

The Defense Ministry on Wednesday notified Okinawa authorities that the aircraft will be deployed at the base as early as Friday.

The MV-22 Osprey is a hybrid aircraft with rotors that allow it to take off and land like a helicopter and engines that can tilt forward, enabling it to fly at a higher speed than a chopper.—Xinhua

Volcano erupts in Sumatra, Indonesia, spews ash

JAKARTA, 27 Sept—The most active volcano in Sumatra island of Indonesia erupted on Wednesday, spewing volcanic ash by up to 1.5 kilometres to the west, Head of National Volcanology Agency Surono said here. Mount Merapi locally known as Gunung Merapi located in West Sumatra erupted at 16:39 pm Jakarta time (0939 GMT), and the agency has warned the people to stay away from the radius of three kilometres from the crater, said Surono.

“If rains come down, the people living in downstream of the river whose upstream is on the slope of Merapi must be cautious over the flood of lava,” Surono told Xinhua over the phone.—Xinhua

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Central Bank of Myanmar

US President Barack Obama waves from Air Force One at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington, on 26 Sept, 2012.
REUTER



Belarus eyes on strengthening ties with China

MINSK, 27 Sept—Belarus shows big interest in strengthening mutually beneficial relations with China, Chairman of the Belarus-China Friendship Society Anatoly Tozik said on Wednesday.

Belarus and China are witnessing the best period in their bilateral relations which are gradually turning into strategic partnership, Tozik said at a meeting at the Minsk

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Second time is the charm for Air Force One landing

KENT, 27 Sept—The presidential jet Air Force One was forced on Wednesday to

abort an initial landing in Toledo, Ohio, due to fog and rain, and passengers including the president had a bumpy ride. The plane ferrying President Barack Obama to election campaign events in Ohio took two attempts to land while those aboard were shaken by turbulence.

White House Press Secretary Jay Carney, after consulting with the plane's crew, told journalists traveling with the president that weather was the cause. The plane landed safely on the second attempt and there were no injuries.—Reuters

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A labourer works at a cotton textile factory in Suining, Sichuan province on 27 Oct, 2010.
REUTERS

As cotton surged, China trader amassed \$510 million bet

NEW YORK, 27 Sept—A landmark US fine for excessive speculation in the benchmark cotton futures market has revealed a startling new dimension to last year's blistering winter price rally: the biggest bull was a Chinese trader with a \$510 million punt.

A little-known Shanghai firm called Sheenson Investments Ltd and its founder Weidong Ge, a former trader at China's vast state-owned agriculture trading company COFCO, have agreed to return \$1 million in ill-gotten gains and pay a \$500,000 civil penalty for exceeding federal limits on speculative bets in soybean oil and cotton futures, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission said on Tuesday.

It is the agency's biggest-ever "disgorgement" agreement associated with position limits and among the biggest civil fines, according to a review of a dozen such enforcement measures since 1995. It is the first against a Chinese firm.

The action is the latest sign that the CFTC is cracking down on excessive speculation harder than ever following years of political uproar over soaring grain and energy prices. Even tougher limits on commodity markets come into force next month amid the first big wave of Dodd-Frank financial reforms imposed following the 2008 financial crisis.

"If there was any question that we would vigorously enforce the new limits that go into effect in less than three weeks, I think these settlements speak for themselves," CFTC commissioner Bart Chilton said in an emailed statement.

But it is even more remarkable for the light it sheds on one of the most explosive periods in the volatile cotton contract's history, with prices on the Intercontinental Exchange surging by more than a third in two months to reach a post-Civil War high of \$2.27 by early March - just a few weeks after the CFTC told Ge's firms to reduce its position.

"This may be an 'aha' moment," said one 30-year veteran of the cotton market. "We knew there was something. So that's what it was. That's a huge position, particularly for someone who was then forced out of the market."—Reuters

Ocean rescue underway as 5 washed off rocks in Western Australia

SYDNEY, 27 Sept—Five people have been washed off rocks into the sea at a popular game fishing spot in the Gascoyne region of Western Australia, local media reported on Thursday.

West Australian police, volunteer marine rescue, the Department of Fisheries and the State Emergency Service were responding to the incident at Steep Point, the most westerly point of the Australian mainland around midday (local time) on Thursday, according to the Australian Associated Press.

Police helicopter is on its way to the scene for the rescue operation.

Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Potter author steps into unknown with adult debut



Author J.K. Rowling

LONDON, 27 Sept—JK Rowling takes a step into the unknown on Thursday with the publication of her debut adult novel, five years after the seventh and final instalment of the Harry Potter series became the fastest-selling book in history.

“Younger Mona Lisa” to be presented in Geneva

GENEVA, 27 Sept—A younger vision of Leonardo da Vinci’s “Mona Lisa” will be presented in Geneva on Thursday with the suggestion that it is the original version of what has been called the world’s most famous painting. The Swiss-based Mona Lisa Foundation organising the event said on Wednesday that detailed research over three decades strongly indicates that it is an earlier portrayal by the Italian genius of “the lady with the mystic smile.”

“We have investigated this painting from every relevant angle and the accumulated information all points to it being an earlier version of the Gioconda in the Louvre,” foundation member and art historian Stanley Feldman, told Reuters.

In Italy and France, the one currently recognised Leonardo “Mona Lisa” is known as “La Gioconda” or “La Joconde” after Lisa Gherardini, wife of early 16th century Italian nobleman Francesco del Giocondo who commissioned a portrait of her. But Leonardo never delivered it to him. The portrait to be presented to experts and media in Geneva shows a woman appearing to be in her early 20s — rather than the early 30s of the Louvre painting — in the same pose and with much the same enigmatic stare as the Louvre masterpiece.

The Irish-born Feldman and his brother David, long involved in the art world, said historical evidence, critical comparison and scientific examination using the most

to attract millions of buyers and give publishers and book stores a much-needed boost.

Yet even that may feel something of an anti-climax for an author who has rewritten the rules of publishing and generated the kind of media hype and public hysteria normally reserved for Hollywood royalty.

As each Harry Potter instalment hit the shelves, hundreds of thousands of fans dressed up as wizards and witches and queued outside book stores from Toronto to Tokyo, and the sales figures were staggering—450 million copies and counting.

The 47-year-old Briton said she was looking forward to a more subdued book launch this time around.

Reuters

A painting attributed to Leonardo da Vinci and representing Mona Lisa is pictured during a preview presentation in a vault in Geneva on 26 Sept, 2012.

REUTERS



modern techniques supported their view on what it really is.

Cautiously backing the “two versions” thesis — which if proven would create a major sensation in the art world — are leading Italian Leonardo specialist Alessandro Vezzosi, another foundation member, and US-based expert Carlo Pedretti.

But other experts on the artist, sculptor, architect and designer who bestrode the

LOS ANGELES, 27 Sept—Pop rocker Pink scored her first Billboard 200 No 1 on Wednesday as her sixth studio album stormed the charts, beating out new debuts from Kanye West’s GOOD music rappers, The Killers and Carly Rae Jepsen.

Pink’s “The Truth About Love” sold 280,000 copies in its first week according to Nielsen SoundScan, making it the third-highest debut of 2012, behind Justin Bieber’s “Believe” and Madonna’s “MDNA.” It is the singer’s best-selling debut to date.

Sales of the album were aided by a major Target promotional campaign as well as Amazon MP3 offering the record for a discount price of \$5. The lead single from the album, “Blow Me (One Last



Singer Pink

Kiss”) also topped Billboard’s pop songs airplay chart this week. “Cruel Summer,” the latest compilation release from Kanye West’s GOOD Music label featuring West collaborating with artists including Big Sean, Pusha T

and 2Chainz, sold 205,000 copies in its first week to secure the No 2 position.

Vegas rockers The Killers came in at No 3 with their fourth studio album “Battle Born,” selling 113,000 copies in its first week. Although the band went straight to No 1 in the UK last week, a chart-topping album in the Billboard 200 has eluded them. Newcomer Carly Rae Jepsen, who shot to fame with the catchy summer hit “Call Me Maybe,” released her debut set “Kiss” last week, and sold 46,000 copies, notching No 6 on the chart.

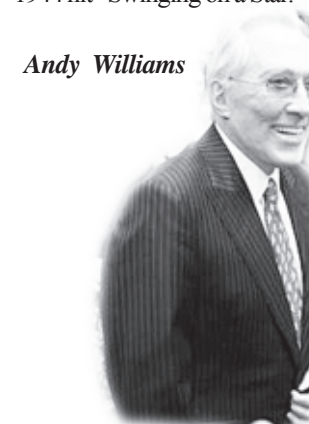
Jepsen was just below last week’s chart-topper Dave Matthews Band’s “Away From The World” at No 4 and Little Big Town’s “Tornado” at No 5. “Call Me Maybe” has sold 5.7 million copies in the US to date, making it 2012’s biggest selling single behind only Gotye’s “Somebody That I Used To Know.”

Reuters

Singer Andy Williams dies at age 84

MISSOURI, 27 Sept—Andy Williams, who charmed audiences with his mellow delivery of songs like “Moon River” and “Can’t Take My Eyes Off of You” in the 1950s and 60s, has died at his home in Branson, Missouri, his family said Wednesday. He was 84. The blue-eyed Williams, who continued touring and drawing crowds to his Moon River Theater in the music hub of Branson into his 80s, died on Tuesday evening after a yearlong battle with bladder cancer, his family said in a statement.

Williams had 18 gold record and three platinum hits and in his peak years was a regular on television with his own variety series. President Ronald Reagan called his voice “a national treasure.” Williams was born on December 3, 1927, in tiny Wall Lake, Iowa, and was singing professionally with three older brothers at age 8. The Williams Brothers had steady work on radio and even sang back-up on Bing Crosby’s 1944 hit “Swinging on a Star.”



Andy Williams

Williams went solo after the group broke up in 1951, drew attention with his appearances on “The Tonight Show” and began recording. His first No. 1 hit, “Butterfly,” came in 1957. Later hits included “Born Free,” “Days of Wine and Roses,” “The Shadow of Your Smile,” “Can’t Get Used to Losing You,” “Solitaire,” “Music to Watch Girls By,” “Can’t Take My Eyes Off of You” and the theme from the 1970 movie hit “Love Story.”

He came upon his signature song when asked to sing “Moon River” at the 1962 Academy Awards ceremony. Audrey Hepburn had performed the song in the movie “Breakfast at Tiffany’s.” “I still love it, as many times as I’ve done it,” Williams told a British newspaper in 2007. “It has a great melody and wonderful lyrics. It’s not a bad song to have. It could have been ‘Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weeny Yellow Polka Dot Bikini.’ We forgot to do it one night and 27 people wanted their money back.”

Williams’ first wife was Claudine Longet, a Folies Bergere dancer he married in 1961, and they had three children before divorcing. After their split, Williams supported Longet when she was charged with fatally shooting her boyfriend, skier Spider Sabich, in 1976 in Colorado. She was convicted of negligent homicide after claiming the gun went off accidentally.

Reuters

Rolling Stone Ronnie Wood angered by LA auction report

LONDON, 27 Sept—Rolling Stones guitarist Ronnie Wood and his ex-wife Jo Wood disagreed on Wednesday over the ownership of some items due to be sold off in an art and memorabilia auction next month as well as over how the sale was billed.

Both issued statements

claiming ownership of items reported to be included in an auction to be held at Julien’s Auctions in Beverly Hills on 27 October that was described as a “joint sale”. The two separated in 2008 and finalised their divorce in 2011.

“Ronnie was asked by Jo some time ago if he wished to add some items to an auction and he said he did not want to participate,” an emailed statement from his spokesman said. “He is therefore shocked and

disappointed that this auction is being misre-presented as a joint sale. This is not the case.”

A spokeswoman for Jo Wood said the former model was given the items as part of the divorce settlement.

“This is Jo’s auction, it includes all the items left to her following the divorce,” a statement read out to Reuters over the telephone said. “She’s had everything in storage for three years and can’t keep it any longer. Ronnie has been kept in the loop of the sale.”

Ronnie said he was “staggered” that some of the auction items were his personal belongings, which he said did not pass to Jo as part of the divorce proceedings. “The Tour Clothes being offered belong

to the Rolling Stones and are not hers to sell,” the statement said.

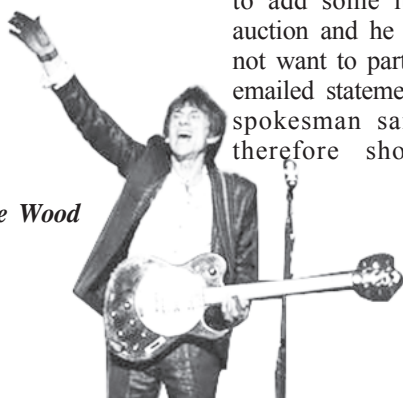
“Ronnie feels saddened that Jo has taken this course of action and wants the public to know he has NOT teamed up with Jo on this outrageous sale.” Auctioneer Darren Julien, the owner of Julien’s Auctions, has pegged the collection’s initial value at \$300,000 to \$500,000 and said the sale would go ahead.

“It is their (Ronnie and Jo’s) collection and it is part of their divorce settlement,” Julien told Reuters in Los Angeles on Wednesday.

“What we are doing is selling items that have shared ownership. These are items that are clearly owned by both Jo and Ronnie,” he added.

Reuters

Ronnie Wood



SPORTS

'Can do better' says Alexis after first year with Barca

Soccer



Barcelona's Alexis Sanchez (L) fights for the ball against Granada's Inigo Lopez.—REUTERS

MADRID, 27 Sept —Barcelona striker Alexis Sanchez gave himself five out of 10 when asked to rate his first year with the Spanish soccer giants, and said on Wednesday his best was yet to come.

Barca signed the Chile international from Italy's Udinese last year for a deal including variables that could rise to some 37 million euros, but he has yet to really make his mark at the Nou Camp.

"We haven't seen the best of Alexis yet," the 23-year-old told a news conference.

"I am finding some form and as each game goes by I am improving a little more."

Alexis was Barca's second-highest scorer behind Lionel Messi in La Liga last season with 11 goals, but suffered a string of niggly injuries in his first campaign.

Under new coach Tito Vilanova this year, however, he has yet to score and he is struggling to make the starting 11 with competition from players such as Pedro, David Villa and youngster Cristian Tello. "I need to get into the games more and take people on in one-on-one situations," he said. "I know I can win a place. Step by step I am making my name here because I am Alexis. I would rate myself with a five (out of 10)."

Barcelona top La Liga with five wins from five games and, after visiting Sevilla on Saturday, return to Champions League action away to Benfica next Tuesday.

They top Group G after last week's 3-2 home win over Spartak Moscow.

Reuters

Man United beat Newcastle, Arsenal and Spurs win

LONDON, 27 Sept—A youthful Manchester United team eased into the fourth round of the League Cup with a 2-1 win over Premier League rivals Newcastle United at Old Trafford on Wednesday.

Tottenham Hotspur beat Carlisle 3-0 and Arsenal strutted into the next round with a 6-1 win over third tier Coventry City.

United made 11 changes from the team that started against Liverpool on Sunday with Wayne Rooney returning for the first time since injuring his leg a month ago, and midfielder Darren Fletcher making his first start for 10 months.

Midfielder Anderson broke the deadlock with a spectacular left-foot strike from 25 metres a minute before halftime and Tom Cleverley doubled the lead with a right-foot strike before Papiss Cisse headed a consolation goal. Newcastle's Olivier Giroud scored his first goal for the club to put his side ahead before Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, Andriy Vertonghen, Andros Townsend and Gylfi Sigurdsson completed won through goals by defender Jan Vertonghen, Andros Townsend and Gylfi Sigurdsson. Reading came from 2-1 down to beat Queens Park Rangers 3-2 in an all-Premier League match and Norwich City won 1-0 at home to Doncaster.

Reuters

McIlroy aims to lead on course, but not off

room.

While McIlroy is the only multiple major winner in the 12-man European lineup, he knows he still has much to learn about the Ryder Cup as a 23-year-old making only his second appearance in the biennial competition.

"There are leaders on our team who will lead with experience," McIlroy told reporters on Wednesday before heading out on to the par-72 layout at Medinah Country Club for the second day of official practice.

"The way I've played the last couple of years, I don't think my role is a leader in the team room; I think it's more as a leader out on the

course and trying to lead in that way. Try to put points on the board and try to get my point.

"There's a lot more guys that have played more Ryder Cups than me and are more experienced in the team room and know when to speak up and have different views on things. I'm still getting to know and still learning about the Ryder Cup." Wet behind the ears though McIlroy might be when it comes to the cut-and-thrust of Ryder Cup golf, he is the game's hottest player having triumphed three times in his last five PGA Tour starts.

He romped to a staggering eight-shot victory in last month's PGA Championship

at Kiawah Island to claim his second major title and is a targeted player by the United States at Medinah this week.

"Obviously, he's a marked man," US Ryder Cup veteran Jim Furyk said last week. "He's the number one player in the world. He's going to garner all the attention, as well he should. He's played phenomenal this year. He's right now the present-day Tiger Woods where everyone's eyes are on him."

BROADER CONTEXT

McIlroy, who produced a 1-1-2 record on his Ryder Cup debut at Celtic Manor two years ago, prefers to view the team competition in a broader context.

Reuters

Tennis

Dizzy Azarenka reaches Tokyo quarters

TOKYO, 27 Sept—World number one Victoria Azarenka recovered from a bout of dizziness to beat Italy's Roberta Vinci 6-4 6-2 and reach the quarter-finals of the Pan Pacific Open on Wednesday.

Wrestling again with her service demons, second seed Maria Sharapova produced a laboured 6-2 7-6 victory over Czech Lucie Safarova to also reach the last eight in Tokyo.

Azarenka had her blood pressure checked during the changeover after going 4-3 down in the first set but somehow dug in to take it after Vinci dumped a forehand into the net.

"I felt dizzy on court and my head was spinning between points," said the Belarusian. "I was just trying to finish the points as quickly as possible."

Azarenka, who won this year's Australian Open and reached the US Open fi-

nal earlier this month, found her feet again to race to a 4-0 lead in the second set.

Still looking flushed between points, Azarenka offered her opponent a glimmer of hope by dropping the next two games before slamming the door firmly shut.

A sliced backhand brought business to a quick conclusion, although Azarenka was still grimacing as she shook hands with Vinci and waved to the crowd.

Reuters



Victoria Azarenka of Belarus.—REUTERS

Golf



Team Europe golfer Rory McIlroy of Northern Irish. REUTERS

MEDINAH, (Illinois), 27 Sept—Northern Irish world number one Rory McIlroy plans to lead by example out on the course at this week's Ryder Cup but says he prefers to play a background role in the European team

Sharapova reaches Tokyo quarter-finals

TOKYO, 27 Sept—Maria Sharapova overcame more problems with her serve to beat Czech Lucie Safarova 6-2 7-6 and reach the quarter-finals of the Pan Pacific Open on Wednesday. French Open champion Sharapova finished the match with an ace but

double-faults on big points almost cost the Russian the second set as the sun set over Tokyo.

"After a long match yesterday, I was just happy to win in two (sets)," said Sharapova, who had taken more than three hours to dispatch British qualifier

Heather Watson the previous day.

"Obviously, I had a bit of a let-down in the second set," added the second seed, almost forced into a decider having blown a 3-0 advantage in the set before digging in to claim the tiebreak 7-5.—Reuters

ways sit on the bench. I don't like this type of behaviour," he added in reference to city rival Manchester United's ground.

Mancini and United boss Alex Ferguson had to be separated in April after a touchline spat during City's 1-0 Premier League win that helped deliver the club's first top-flight title for 44 years.



Maria Sharapova of Russia.

In 2011, Mancini was involved in a row with then Fulham manager Mark Hughes, the man he replaced at City in December 2009, over an end-of-match handshake, where the Welshman said the Italian had not looked him in the eye. Mancini said Hughes had failed to shake his hand properly the previous year.

Reuters

Mancini bemoans touchline behaviour of rival managers

LONDON, 27 Sept—Manchester City's Roberto Mancini has expressed frustration with the treatment he receives from rival managers after his latest touchline altercation during Tuesday's League Cup defeat to Aston Villa.

The Italian exchanged words with Villa coun-

terpart Paul Lambert following a heavy tackle on Manchester City midfielder Gareth Barry by Joe Bennett in the 4-2 extra-time defeat.

"I only asked the fourth official if there was a yellow card, without moving my hands, and he (Lambert) comes over to me," Mancini

told British media.

"I am very tired with their behaviour. Sometimes these managers go to the big stadiums, and the other manager says everything and they say nothing.

"When they go to (Old) Trafford, they say nothing. When other managers talk about the referee they al-



Manchester City's manager Roberto Mancini

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- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:50 am
- 5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
- 6. Health Programme

- 8:10 am
- 7. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 8:25 am
- 10. Selected Songs For 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition (2012)(Oldies & Mono Classial)(Amateur (Second Division Level) (Women)
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
- 2. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm
- 3. Song of National Races
- 4:30 pm
- 4. Song of Yester Years
- 4:40 pm
- 5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures)
- First Years (Eco)
- 4:55 pm
- 6. Songs For Upholding National Sprit
- 5:00 pm
- 7. Myanmar Language
- 5:15 pm
- 8. Sports Highlight
- 5:30 pm
- 10. India Drama Series
- 6:20 pm
- 13. "Road to 27th SEA GAMES" (Badminton)
- 6:30 pm
- 14. Internet Garden
- 8:00 pm
- 16. News
- 17. International News
- 20. Just For Laughs
- 21. TV Drama Series
- 22. Song Lover (Roll 1 & May Phyu Phyu)

Russia's Putin speaks out against unilateral intervention

Moscow, 27 Sept— Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday that any attempt to unilaterally use force or interfere with events in the Middle East or North Africa would be counter-productive, rebutting growing calls to intervene in Syria's civil war.



Russia's President Vladimir Putin

Russia and China have strongly opposed the idea of foreign intervention in Syria, vetoing three United Nations Security Council resolutions backed by Western and Arab states that would have increased pressure on President Bashar al-Assad to stop the bloodshed.

Both countries have also voiced opposition to new sanctions on Iran and to any moves to attack it.

"Attempts to replace the universal principles of the UN Charter by unilateral actions or partisan deals, moreover to use force bypassing the UN

do not do any good, as is well known," Putin told foreign ambassadors in the Kremlin, where he was receiving their new credentials.

Putin said his warning concerned civil unrest in the Middle East and North Africa, adding that the UN Charter was meant to be used to solve problems "through negotiations, without external

interference".

"Incitement of violence in different forms in order to change the regime only pushes the situation into a dead end. Violence creates violence," Putin said.

Putin's warning came as Qatari Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani told the U.N. General Assembly in New York that Arab nations should intervene in Syria given the UN Security Council's failure to stop the conflict there.

The 18-month-old revolt, which began as peaceful street protests, has escalated into a civil war in which activists say over 27,000 people have died.

Russia accused NATO of overstepping a UN Security Council mandate for a no fly zone over Libya last year to help rebels overthrow former Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi.

Earlier this month, Putin condemned the attack that killed the US ambassador to Libya but made it clear he believed Western support for rebels in Arab countries was fuelling chaos.

"Most recently we received proof that such a position is right. It is time to learn some lessons from what is going on," Putin said on Wednesday.

Russia has also accused Western nations of encouraging Syrian rebels including armed extremists.

Reuters

Domino's Pizza confident as online sales grow

LONDON, 27 Sept— Country's biggest pizza delivery firm Domino's Pizza reported a 3.7 percent rise in comparable sales in its home market over the last three months, driven by higher online sales, and putting it on track to meet forecasts.

Domino's, which operates the British, Irish, German and Swiss franchises of the global delivery brand, on Wednesday said group sales grew 7.9 percent to 136.4 million pounds (\$221.71 million) in the 13 weeks to September 23, its fiscal third quarter.

Higher sales were driven by demand in the UK, where Domino's has just shy of 700 outlets and where people are increasingly ordering pizzas over the

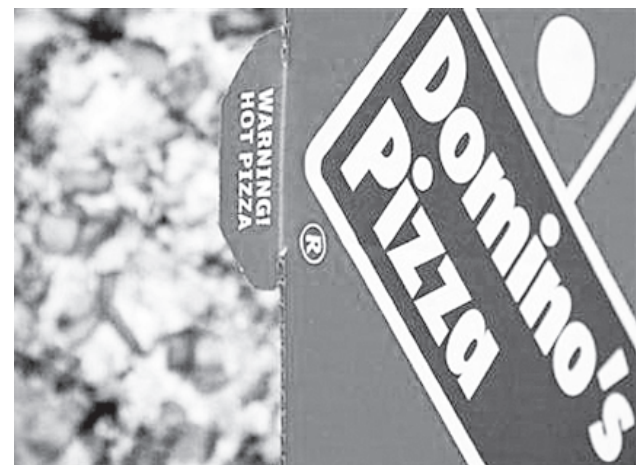
internet and mobile phones, with online sales accounting for over half of its delivered sales.

"We have exciting marketing initiatives in place across our markets and we are confident of meeting City consensus earnings for the full year," Chief Executive Lance Batchelor said in a statement.

The company said it expected its German business to be an engine for future growth, as it shrugged off a 2.1 percent decline in underlying sales in Ireland, where it operates 48 stores.

Shares in Domino's, up 20 percent over the last six months, closed at 563 pence on Tuesday, valuing the firm at 913.7 million pounds.

Reuters



A Domino's Pizza is pictured in its box in central London, on 15 Feb, 2009. —REUTERS

China draw 1-1 with Germany at U-17 Women's World Cup

BAKU, 27 Sept— China were held to a 1-1 draw against Germany Wednesday at the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup here in the second round of Group D matches.

After seven minutes, China's Zhang Chen created the first dangerous moment for the German defense with a mazy run into the box, but her efforts were eventually halted by the lunging Lena Luckel.

The Chinese had to wait until the 12th minute to get the game's opening goal. Miao Siwen picked up a fine pass from Li Mengwen before



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hammering a powerful shot from 20 yards into the top corner.

The half finished with a high tempo which bled straight into the second period, with China making the more impressive headway.

The introduction of striker Venus El-Kassem with 15 minutes to go improved Germany's attacks, forcing Chinese goalkeeper Fei Fei into a save, but was taken off soon after injury. This saw replacement Kiessling step up to the plate and nod home a free-kick with 94 minutes

on the clock to save a point.

Germany's coach Anouschka Bernhard said after the match: "We are very happy with this result. In the second half we put a lot of effort towards finding an equalizer and finally were rewarded at the end of the game. China, as we expected, were a strong opponent and they played very well."

Ghana cruised to a 5-0 win over Uruguay at Baku's Bayil Stadium. Ghana will now be hoping for a positive result from their final game against China on Sunday to ensure their progression to the last eight.

Japan took a decisive step towards qualifying for knockout in Group C, with a 3-0 winning over New Zealand moving them to within a point of the quarterfinals. Brazil left themselves with a strong chance of reaching the knockout phase by scoring the only goal in a play against Mexico. —Xinhua

Washington's recognition of Nay Pyi Taw's reforms encourages the latter to continue its chosen path

Washington hopes Myanmar citizens would have opportunities to sell their products into US market

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—US Secretary of State Mrs Hillary Clinton paid a call on visiting Myanmar President U Thein Sein at The Mark Hotel in New York on 26 September evening.

The President extended his special thanks to the secretary for her help to open new chapter in Myanmar-US ties as the diplomatic relations between the two countries have reached ambassadorial level. Myanmar citizens are especially pleased to hear that the US has relaxed economic sanctions, added the President who repeated his dedication to democratic transition, describing the US's recognition as a shot in the arm to Nay Pyi Taw to continue its chosen path.

Mrs Hillary Clinton said the meeting is the third one between her and the President. The United States has watched the steady process of reform continued by the President and his cabinet is responding to every step of Nay Pyi Taw to acknowledge its reform efforts and to encourage further reforms. In recognition of the continued progress toward reform, the United States is taking the next step in normalizing



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commercial relationship between the two countries. As the first step, restrictions on imports of Myanmar goods into the US will be eased. Washington hopes that the actions would provide opportunities to Myanmar people to sell their goods in US market. The secretary promised to continue consulting with Congress and other relevant stakeholders about additional steps.

The secretary recognized the several efforts of the President, acknowledging his political reform and endeavours to bring an end to

ethnic conflicts to ensure peace and stability in the country.

Present on the occasion were Union Ministers Lt-Gen Thein Htay, U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Thein and U Khin Yi.

Likewise, Thai Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra paid a call on President U Thein Sein on 26 September afternoon to discuss fostering of amity between the two neighbours and matters related to Dawei Deep Sea Port Special Economic Zone Project.

President U Thein Sein also held private talks with Chairman of Clinton Global Initiative former US President Bill Clinton and former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.—MNA

President U Thein Sein cordially greets Thai Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra.—MNA



Losing ground in Ohio, Romney says his "heart aches" for jobless



Insight — In US soldier's death, a window into Afghan insider killings



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Ronaldinho gets hostile reception on Flamengo return



RIODEJANEIRO, 27 Sept—Atletico Mineiro's Ronaldinho, returning to Flamengo for the first time since walking out on the club in May, was greeted with the deafening sound of 30,000 plastic whistles every time he touched the ball on Wednesday.

The former Paris St Germain, Barcelona and AC Milan player was also jeered and insulted by the home crowd and made little impact on the Brazilian championship match, which his team lost 2-1.

Former CSKA Moscow forward Vagner Love volleyed Flamengo in front midway through the first half after the Mineiro defence failed to clear a corner.

There were several angry exchanges before former Everton and Manchester City forward Jo turned in a loose ball to equalise for the visitors four minutes after

the break.

Flamengo won the match six minutes later when Liedson turned in Wellington Silva's cross, although tempers flared again when Mineiro defender Rever was sent off for elbowing Victor Caceres.

Mineiro, second in the Brazilian championship table, stayed four points behind leaders Fluminense on 52 points from 26 games while Flamengo climbed to tenth with 34.

Ronaldinho, who has enjoyed a revival with Mineiro, left Flamengo in May after winning a court injunction which released him from his contract.—Reuters

Low pressure area over West Central Bay of Bengal

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—According to the observations at 6.30 pm MST today, the low pressure area has formed over West Central Bay of Bengal, the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced.

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