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**Our Three Main National Causes**

\* Non-disintegration of the Union

\* Non-disintegration of National Solidarity

\* Perpetuation of Sovereignty

## Democratic culture which has been lost for a long time in Myanmar society must be resurrected

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Sept—President U Thein Sein gave a speech to members of Asia Society at Asia Society Headquarters in New York, US, on 27 September evening.

The translation of the speech delivered by the President is as follows:-

I would like to say Mingalabar to all personalities of Asia Society.

First and foremost, my gratitude goes to personnel of Asia Society who came in person to Myanmar to observe reforms initiated by the new government in the earlier period and spoke in support of it to the international community.

Whether in Myanmar or the United States of America, the governments would change one after another under the democracy system and thus the relations between the governments would change depending on the governments in office. But the amity between the peoples residing in the two countries needs to remain status quo no matter what government is in office. It needs to mutually understand cultural traditions, business principles and arts of the two



countries to help cultivate amicable relationship between US and Myanmar. Asia Society takes a very crucial role in cultivating mutual understanding between Asian countries and the United States of America. Success would not be

achieved with mere emergence of constitution and parliament and by holding election again in democratic transition of Myanmar. Therefore, democratic culture which has been lost for a long time in Myanmar society must be

resurrected.

The time now is important as efforts are being concentrated on revitalization of democratic values in the hearts of Myanmar citizens.

It is also the time when efforts are being focused on



*President U Thein Sein speaks at meeting with members of Asia Society at Asia Society Headquarters in New York, US.*

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emergence of a society that can accept diversities and coordinate with each other.

In shaping such society, the support of the civil society must be invited rather than the efforts of government alone. I believe this way. I owe gratitude to Asia Society which would assist in strengthening Myanmar society with suggestions, discussions and

capacity building.

Myanmar needs good friends like the United States of America as it is trying to build democratic society. I hope Asia Society would provide assistance and advices with goodwill to help deepen the amity between Myanmar people and the people of the United States of America.

Thank you all!

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## President U Thein Sein meets members of Asia Society

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Sept—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met with members of Asia Society in New York of the US, at Asia Society Headquarters at 5.20 pm local time yesterday.

At the ceremony, President U Thein Sein cordially greeted the members and delivered a speech. President U Thein Sein and Union Ministers Lt-Gen Thein Htay, U Soe Thein and U Khin Yi replied to the questions raised by those present on Myanmar's peaceful transition to democracy, programme for flourishing of democratic system, Myanmar's foreign

policy and international relations, measures for economic development, drafting of foreign investment law and investment opportunities, local peace-making process and issues in Rakhine State.

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*President U Thein Sein answers questions raised by members of Asia Society at Asia Society Headquarters in New York, US.*

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**NATIONAL**

**Myanmar, Germany eye cultural cooperation**

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Sept— Ms Cornelia Pieper, Minister of State at the Foreign Office of Germany, and party paid a call on Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu at the ministry to discuss matters related to mutual cultural cooperation, future programmes and promotion of cooperation.

Deputy Culture Minister Daw Sanda Khin and Ms Cornelia Pieper signed joint declaration on cultural cooperation. *MNA*

**Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister meets German counterpart**



NAY PYI TAW, 28 Sept— Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw received H.E Ms. Comelia Pieper, Minister of State (Deputy Foreign Minister) of the Federal Foreign Office of Germany and party at 9:15 am at Sa Tu Rin Ga Bala Hall, today.

They exchanged views on promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries. *MNA*

**JCCI president and party hold press conference**

YANGON, 28 Sept— President Mr Tadashi Okamura and party from Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI) held a press conference at Mindon Hall of Sedona Hotel here this evening.

At the conference, Mr Tadashi Okamura and Chairman Mr Kohei Watababe from Business Study Committee on Greater Mekong Sub-region, JCCI explained the main purpose of observing to Myanmar and holding discussions with union ministers including the vice-president and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI).

Mr Tadashi Okamura and Mr Kohei Watababe replied queries raised by correspondents from local and abroad.—*MNA*

**Export of Myanmar products to EU market discussed**

YANGON, 28 Sept— Head of Trade Section of European Commission (EU) Mr Antonio Berenguer of Bangkok-based European Union at the federation at 2.30 pm on 18 September.

They discussed development of trade in Myanmar, enhancement of SME industries, matters related to Cooperate Social Responsibility (CSR), Foreign Investment Law, assistance from EU Commission fro development of private sector in Myanmar, GSP to be granted for Myanmar, requirements for exporting Myanmar commodities to EU market, development of human resources, turning out of skillful workers, garment industry, agro-based basic

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foodstuff industries, development of marine production industry.

After that, the EU delegation met with garment entrepreneurs, those of Myanmar Agro-based Basic Foodstuff Producers and Exporters Association and Myanmar Fisheries Federation.

*Myanma Alin*

**Overheat breaks out fire at abbot training school**



MYITKYINA, 28 Sept—A fire broke out at Pyinnya Parami Hall of Abbot Training School in Yuzana Ward in Myitkyina on 19 September.

Overheat of wires installed from the upstairs of Pyinnya Parami Hall for matriculation started outbreak of fire at 3 am. In the incident, Acting Township Administrator U Win Than, the commander of Township Police Force, Head of Kachin State Fire Services Department U Aung Myint Swe and members, auxiliary fire brigade members, monks and local people put out fire with the use of three fire engines and they put out the fire at 3.55 am. The interior of two-storey building with 40 feet in length, 20 feet in width and 27 feet in height were destroyed in the fire and it lost K 1.2 million. Myitkyina No 2 Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against night reader guide Maung Pyae Phyo Aung, 18 under section 285 of Criminal Law.—*Kyemon*

**Union Hotels and Tourism Minister meets German delegation**

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Sept— Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung received a German delegation led by Minister of the State at the Foreign Office Mrs. Cornelia Pieper at the Ministry, here, this afternoon.

While meeting with the 15-member delegation, the Union Minister said that the 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games would be hosted on 11 December, 2013, and tourists would be properly served at the hotels with 2000 FDI rooms, as well as 6000 rooms hotels (national-owned) in Yangon. Myanmar expects quality more than quantity in entry of tourists. Besides, blue print for responsible tourism had been drawn in collaboration with Hanns Seidel Foundation based in Germany. Tourism industry of Myanmar is being advanced implementing its master plan with the use of fund of Norwegian government and following technical knowhow of Asian Development Bank.—*MNA*

**Myanmar-Japanese Businessmen meet**

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Sept— The 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of Myanmar-Japan CCI Business Cooperation Committee (MJBCCI) took place at Sedona Hotel, Yangon, this morning. At the ceremony, MJBCCI Chairman U Win Aung and Chairman of JMBCCI Mr Kouhei Wantanabe delivered speeches. After that, Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan read out the message sent by President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union Myanmar and Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Takashi Saito, by Japanese Prime Minister Mr Youshihiko Noda.

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*UMFCCI President U Win Aung and Chairman of JCCI Mr Tadashi Okamura exchange the MoU.—MNA*

Afterwards, Chairman of Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry Mr Tadashi Okamura delivered speech. President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and Mr Tadashi Okamura signed MoU. Officials from Myanmar and Japan discussed the matters relating to the sectors of mechanized farming, foodstuff, trade, industry, tourism and development of basic infrastructure.

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**BM in out of control hits two motorcycles**



BAGO, 28 Sept—A staff motorcycle driven by Nyein Lin Aung of Tharaphi Road in Zaypaing Ward on Thanatpin near Shweathtok Pagoda on Thanatpin Road at about 6 pm on 26 September.

Nyein Lin Aung, 27, and Daw San Win, 53, on the motorcycle died in action. Due to out of control, the BM hit another motorcycle at roadside and then stopped.

The police station concerned opened a file of lawsuit against the crime broker.—*Myanma Alin*



**WORLD**

**China urges lifting sanctions on Myanmar**

BEIJING, 28 Sept—Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei on Thursday urged related countries to lift sanctions on Myanmar.

Hong made the remarks at a daily Press briefing when asked to comment on the United States' move to lift an import ban on Myanmar on Thursday. "We have always been calling on related countries to remove their sanctions over Myanmar, which will benefit its development," Hong said.

While meeting with President of Myanmar U Thein Sein in New York on Thursday, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton announced that Washington will ease a ban on imports from Myanmar.

MNA/Xinhua

**NATO resuming more operations with Afghans, Pentagon says**

**Afghanistan**



US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta is greeted after arriving to greet troops at Forward Operating Base Shukvani, Afghanistan on 14 March, 2012.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 28 Sept —NATO-led forces are resuming operations alongside their Afghan counterparts in growing numbers, a week after commanders curtailed some joint missions due to a surge in insider attacks and tensions over an anti-Islamic video, the Pentagon said on Thursday.

The Pentagon did not provide precise figures on the extent of the increase in partnering since the new policy was enacted. But Defence Secretary Leon Panetta said most units in Afghanistan were conducting "normal partnered operations at all levels."

A US official said operations were still not back to normal levels and the new policy requiring case-by-case approval from regional commanders for joint operations for units smaller than 800-strong battalions remains in effect.

Reuters

**China says Iran nuclear talks at "crucial stage"**

NEW YORK, 28 Sept—China said on Thursday that the disagreement over Iran's nuclear programme had reached "a new, crucial stage," calling for Tehran to begin a new round of talks with world powers, something a US official said could happen at some point. Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi made the comment after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made a speech drawing a "red line" for Iran's nuclear programme on Thursday, despite a US refusal to set an ultimatum, saying Tehran will be on the brink of a nuclear weapon in less than a year. While Netanyahu was not entirely clear on the point, he appeared to suggest that if Iran were to acquire enough 20 percent enriched uranium needed for a single bomb, it would have crossed his proposed "red line" and could face military action.

Yang spoke several hours after Netanyahu's UN General Assembly address and after a meeting of officials from the five permanent members of the UN Security Council — the United States, France, Britain, Russia and China — and Germany yielded no obvious signs of progress toward a diplomatic solution. "The Iranian nuclear issue has reached a new, crucial stage," Yang said in a speech at the UN General Assembly. "The relevant parties should remain committed to a diplomatic solution and begin a new round of dialogue as soon as possible." A senior US official said "at some point" the group would likely return for a fourth round of talks with Iran. "I think we've got some additional work to do first, so I would not expect that to happen immediately, but I would hope that we will get there in the not-too-distant future," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The push to resume talks comes at a time when tensions between Iran and Israel are rising and diplomatic efforts to resolve the decade-long dispute over Iran's nuclear work have foundered.—Reuters

**Abbas says to seek upgrade of Palestinian UN status Palestine**

UNITED NATIONS, 28 Sept—Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said on Thursday he would seek to have the Palestinians' UN status upgraded to a sovereign country and cautioned that Israeli settlement expansion meant time was running out for a two-state solution.

"Despite all the complexities of the prevailing reality and all the frustrations that abound, we say before the international community there is still a chance — maybe the last — to save the two-state solution and to salvage peace," Abbas told the UN General Assembly.

But he warned the 193-nation assembly that Israel was "promising the Palestinian people a new catastrophe" if it continued with its current Jewish settlement policies in the occupied West Bank. The so-called



UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon (R) greets Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas prior to a bilateral meeting during the 67th United Nations General Assembly at the UN Headquarters in New York, on 26 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

two-state solution involves the creation of a state of Palestine to exist peacefully alongside Israel.

After failing last year to win recognition of full statehood for the Palestinians at the United Nations, Abbas is looking for a less-ambitious status upgrade at the world

body that would make it a "non-member state" like the Vatican. The Palestinians' current UN status is that of an "observer entity." If Abbas gets his way, that would change to "observer state."

Upgraded status for a Palestinian state could be uncomfortable for Israel. Be-

ing registered as a state rather than an entity would mean the Palestinians could join bodies such as the International Criminal Court (ICC) and file a raft of complaints against Israel for its continued occupation.

Abbas said that seeking an upgrade of Palestinian membership was not aimed at harming Israel. "In our endeavour, we do not seek to delegitimize an existing state — that is Israel — but to assert the state that must be realized — that is Palestine," he said. This time around, Abbas looks certain to get his way, UN diplomats say, but the resolution he plans will not bring true independence any nearer. It will also anger the United States as well as Israel, which is likely to retaliate with painful economic countermeasures.

Reuters

**Emerging countries need to rebuild buffers against future shocks:**

**IMF**

WASHINGTON, 28 Sept—Emerging countries need to improve their policy frameworks and rebuild policy buffers to maintain their resilience to new shocks from home



International Monetary Fund (IMF) economists attend a news conference at the IMF headquarters in Washington DC, capital of the United States, on 27 Sept, 2012.—XINHUA

and abroad, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said on Thursday. "The resilience of emerging market and developing economies — measured by their ability to sustain economic expansions and recover quickly from downturns — has increased markedly," the IMF said in the analytical chapters of its World Economic Outlook (WEO).

The Washington-based global lender noted in the flagship report that the increased duration of expansions during the past decade can be attributed to both good policies and a lower incidence of external and domestic shocks.

"These economies have not become immune to shocks, however," it cautioned. "Terms-of-trade busts in emerging market and developing economies could rise if commodity prices drop. Further spikes in global uncertainty are possible, and sudden stops could emerge once again if greater risk aversion leads to capital outflows," it added. The report cautioned that domestic vulnerabilities could also emerge and strong credit growth in some emerging market and developing economies, which likely supported domestic demand, may raise concerns about financial stability.—Xinhua

**19 confirmed dead including five Chinese in plane crash in Kathmandu**

**Accident**

KATHMANDU, 28 Sept—Nineteen people were dead including five Chinese after the *Dornier Aircraft 9N-AHA* of Sita Air crashed at the bank of Manohara River near Kathmandu International Airport (TIA) on Friday morning. Rishikesh Sharma, Flight Operation Director (FOD) at the Tribhuvan International Airport confirmed that five Chinese killed in the crash include Mr Wu-Hui, Qian-Mingwu and three women Wu-Lin, Wang-Jihua and Yang-Chen.

There are altogether 16 passengers and three crew members of the Sita Air aboard. Among the dead there were seven British citizens but their identities were yet to confirm, four Nepalese and three crew members.

Identification of the deceased is difficult to conduct as the bodies are completely burnt down.

The dead bodies are currently kept at the TU Teaching Hospital,

Maharajgunj for autopsies.

According to Sharma, the flight caught with fire after it struck with an eagle while it was taking its height.

Naryan Bastakoti, Deputy Inspector General of Nepal Police at TIA said the flight fell down to the ground at 6:20 am local time after the flight lost control at 6:18

am. "The pilots seem to have tried to land it safely on the banks of the river but unfortunately the plane caught fire when fell on the ground," said Bastakoti.

DIG Bastakoti said the flight took off at 6:15 am this morning and within a few minutes the flight all of sudden fell down to the ground.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 28 Sept, 2012 shows the plane crash site in Kathmandu, Nepal. —XINHUA



**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY****Demand for Apple's iPhone 5 lights up  
China's online market****Tech**

Apple employees hang an iPhone 5 sign at one of the company's retail locations shortly before sales began in San Francisco, California, on 21 Sept, 2012. —REUTERS

SHANGHAI, 28 Sept— Chinese gadget fans are scouring the Internet grey market to locate Apple Inc's new iPhone 5, giving an early indication of robust demand in Apple's second-biggest global market. Although smuggled iPhones are available offline, it is online, on platforms like Taobao Marketplace where about 150 million people shop, that is drawing the most interest.

According to Reuters calculations based on the Taobao Index, the consumer research data website of Alibaba Group, the iPhone 5 over the past six days had an average turnover value of 713 compared with the iPhone 4S that had an average turnover value of 314. A higher

turnover value indicates more transactions done on Taobao for an item. This indicates strong demand for the yet-to-be-officially released iPhone 5 on the mainland, where Apple is losing market share to smartphones running Google Inc's Android system. But while demand is strong, constraints on smuggled supplies are limiting sales online and a rough calculation shows sales of only about 4,000 units via Taobao.

Apple's latest iteration of its popular phone officially went on sale last Friday in the United States, Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore and the UK. It took little more than five hours for the first iPhone 5 to go on sale in China after

being smuggled across the border from Hong Kong.

"We smuggle our iPhone 5s from Hong Kong to the mainland. You don't need to worry about fake ones," said one online seller on Taobao Marketplace, whose shop has sold more than 700 units. Demand for smuggled iPhones is strong in China because the release in the mainland usually happens months after the product's release elsewhere. Local media reported on Wednesday that the iPhone 5 has received approval from China's product quality certification centre, but the phone still needs telecom network approval from the government before it can be officially launched.

In August industry data showed that Apple's share of China's smartphone market almost halved to 10 percent in April-June as buyers waited for the iPhone 5 or switched brands. But penny-wise customers are not jumping on the bandwagon just yet as the iPhones are sold at a hefty premium compared to official prices.

"I think the new iPhone 5 will be released at the end of this year, but I will wait for a while because I believe the price will go down," said Yu Xiaochen, 21, a graduate student in Shanghai. —Reuters

**New Zealand spy agency rapped over  
Megaupload blunder****Tech**

WELLINGTON, 28 Sept— New Zealand's spy agency illegally carried out surveillance on Megaupload founder Kim Dotcom, an official report showed on Thursday, prompting an apology from the prime minister and dealing a possible blow to a US bid to extradite him.

Washington wants the 38-year-old German national, also known as Kim Schmitz, to be sent to the United States to face charges of internet piracy and breaking copyright laws.

Thursday's report by the Inspector-General of Intelligence, the official watchdog for New Zealand spy agencies, found the Government Communications and Security Bureau (GCSB) had spied on Dotcom, despite a law prohibiting it from spying on New Zealand citizens and residents.

The flamboyant Dotcom attained New Zealand permanent residency status in 2010.

"It is the GCSB's responsibility to act within the law, and it is hugely disappointing that in this case its actions fell outside the law," Prime Minister John Key said in a statement, adding the blunder was the result of "basic errors".

Key apologized to Dotcom and all New Zealanders, saying they were entitled to

be protected by the law and that it had failed them.

New Zealand police asked the GCSB to keep track of Dotcom and his colleagues before a raid in late January on his rented coun-

million since 2005 by allegedly copying and distributing music, films and other copyrighted content without authorization.

Dotcom maintains that the Megaupload site was no



Megaupload founder Kim Dotcom talks to members of the media outside the New Zealand Court of Appeals in Wellington on 20 September, 2012.

REUTERS

try estate near Auckland, which saw computers and hard drives, works of art, and cars confiscated.

The illegal surveillance may deal another blow to the US extradition case after a New Zealand court ruled in June that search warrants used in the raid on Dotcom's home were illegal.

The raid followed a request by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for the arrest of Dotcom for leading a group that netted \$175

more than an online storage facility, and has accused Hollywood of lobbying the US government to prosecute him.

US authorities are currently appealing a New Zealand court decision that Dotcom should be allowed to see the evidence on which the extradition hearing will be based.

The extradition hearing has been delayed until March 2013.

Reuters

**Mars rover finds first evidence of water:  
a river of it****Science**

CAPE CANAVERAL, 28 Sept— NASA's Mars rover, Curiosity, dispatched to learn if the most Earth-like planet in the solar system was suitable for microbial life, has found clear evidence its landing site was once awash in water, a key ingredient for life, scientists said on Thursday. Curiosity, a roving chemistry laboratory the size of a small car, touched down on August 6 inside a giant impact basin near the planet's equator. The primary target for the two-year mission is a three-mile (five-km)-high mound of layered rock rising from the floor of Gale Crater.

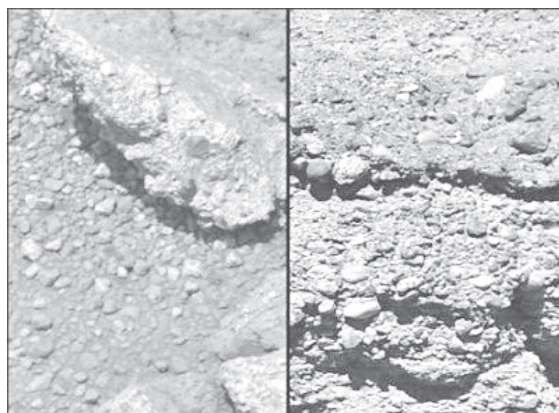
Scientists suspect the mound, known as Mount Sharp, is the remains of sediment that once completely filled the crater. Analysis of a slab of rock located between the crater's north rim and the base of Mount Sharp indicate a fast-moving stream of water once flowed there. Images taken by Curiosity and released on Thursday show rounded stones cemented into the rock, which rises like a piece of jack-hammered sidewalk from the planet's surface.

The stones inside the rock are too big to have been moved by wind, Curiosity scientist Rebecca Williams, with the Planetary Science Institute in Tucson, Arizona, told reporters on a conference call.

"The consensus of the science team is that these are water-transported gravel in a vigorous stream," she said. The rock is believed to be from the floor of an ancient stream which was once between ankle- and knee-deep.

The analysis is based on telephoto images taken by the rover, which is en route to a patch of land named Glenelg where three different types of rock intersect.

Scientists have not yet decided if the slab of rock warrants a chemical analysis, or if there are better targets for Curiosity to look for the building blocks of



This set of NASA handout images compares the Link outcrop of rocks on Mars (L) with similar rocks seen on Earth (R). The image of Link taken on 2 Sept, 2012 and released on 27 September, 2012, was obtained by NASA's Curiosity rover and shows rounded gravel fragments, or clasts, up to a couple inches (few centimetres), within the rock outcrop.

REUTERS

life and the minerals to preserve it.

"The question about habitability goes beyond the simple observation of water on Mars," said lead scientist John Grotzinger at the California Institute of Technology. "Certainly flowing water is a place where microorganisms could have lived. This particular kind of rock may or may not be a good place to preserve those components that we associate with a habitable environment," he said.

The \$2.5 billion Mars Science Laboratory Curiosity mission is NASA's first astrobiology mission since the 1970s-era Viking probes. —Reuters

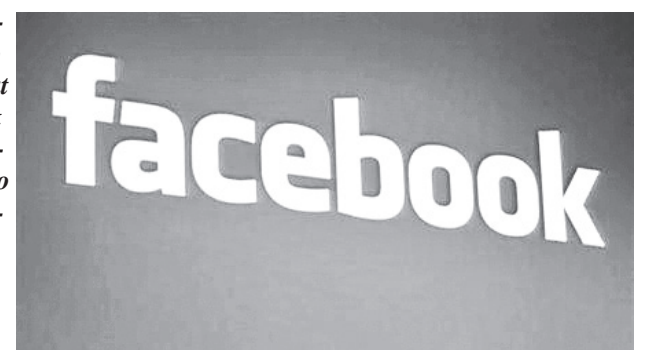
**Real gifts sold on Facebook as site  
taps commerce potential****Tech**

MENLO PARK, (California), 28 Sept—Facebook Inc is taking a small step toward becoming an e-commerce platform by launching a feature for users to buy and send real gifts worth as much as hundreds of dollars. As of Thursday, users can purchase and ship products from more than a hundred "Facebook Gifts" vendors with a few clicks on the company's website. The products include eyeglasses by Warby Parker, Starbucks coffee, and pastries from New York-based Magnolia Bakery. Coming four months after Facebook's troubled initial public offering, the feature marks the company's attempt to unlock a potentially significant new revenue stream.

Although it has sought to diversify its income sources, Facebook still relies heavily on display advertising. During the second quarter, more than 80 percent of its revenue of \$1.18 billion came from ads while roughly 15 percent came from game-maker Zynga Inc Facebook, which can store credit card data for users, will make money by taking a cut of each gift transaction. The amount varies based on the individual deals it has struck with vendor partners, the company said without disclosing specifics.

The world's No 1 social network, boasting nearly 1 billion user accounts, has long viewed commercial transactions as a massive opportunity for the platform. But marketing researchers have found that consumers have been slow to make purchases on the website because many treat it as a place to chat and post messages rather than go shopping. Facebook hopes to change that by getting users used to the idea of giving small gifts as part of their social routine. —Reuters

The Facebook logo is shown at Facebook headquarters in Palo Alto, California on 26 May, 2010. REUTERS





**BUSINESS & HEALTH**

**Nike's earnings and China orders fall Business**

LOS ANGELES, 28 Sept— Nike Inc (NKE N) first-quarter earnings were lower than last year and orders in China for the next several months fell for the first time in three years, choking off what had been a growth engine for the world's largest sportswear maker.



*Nike running shoes are seen in Los Angeles, California on 20 March, 2012. Nike, Inc plans to release its third quarter fiscal 2012 financial results on 22 March.*

REUTERS

Higher costs of materials used in Nike's shoes and T-shirts continue to hurt margins and Nike shares fell 2.3 percent in after-market trading.

Futures orders, or orders

of Nike branded shoes and clothes scheduled for delivery from September 2012 through January 2013, rose 6 percent.

In China, futures orders fell 5 percent, after rising 27 percent last year.

Nike is the latest global company to be hit by the economic slowdown in China, which has hurt demand for everything from tractors to trench coats.

Companies like Nike have come to count on China and other emerging markets for rapid growth, compared with mature markets like the United States.

"There is a fear, North America is not a growing market, you need China to work," Rahul Sharma, founder and managing director at retail consultancy Neev Capital, said. However, China is still not Nike's largest market.

He said investors were overreacting to the drop in orders from China which were no surprise.

Nike, which already had

some excess inventory there, is finding it difficult to tackle intense competition and frequent promotional sales by local brands, while distributors and retailers are wary of the economy.

The slumping orders overshadowed earnings that beat analysts' expectations.

For the quarter ended 31 August, Nike earned \$1.23 a share compared to \$1.36 a share last year. Analysts on average forecast \$1.12 a share, according to Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S.

Net income was \$567 million, compared with \$645 million last year in the same quarter. Revenue rose 10 percent to \$6.7 billion, compared with the average analyst estimate of \$6.42 billion. Gross margin fell to 43.5 percent from 44.3 percent a year earlier. The drop in gross margins has eased from recent quarters as higher prices and cost cuts have helped mitigate the impact of rising materials and labour costs.—Reuters

**Business**



*US Airways planes are seen lined-up at a passenger terminal at the Charlotte Douglas International Airport in Charlotte, North Carolina on 15 July, 2012. —REUTERS*

**US Airways flight attendants reject contract**

CHARLOTTE, (North Carolina), 28 Sept—US Airways (LCC N) said its flight attendants have rejected a tentative contract.

The Association of Flight Attendants (AFA) voted 51 percent against ratifying the proposed five-year agreement that would have amended existing contracts for 6800 flight attendants.

Shares of US Airlines were flat at \$10.44 in afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange.—Reuters

**China underestimated global slowdown: C bank adviser Business**

BEIJING, 28 Sept—China severely underestimated this year's global economic slowdown and further cuts to Chinese interest rates or bank reserve requirements hinge on any new deterioration in the external environment, a central bank adviser said on Thursday.

Chen Yulu, a professor at China's Renmin University and an academic adviser to the monetary policy committee of the People's Bank of China (PBOC), was speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a conference in the capital on global economic conditions and capital flows.

"We have indeed underestimated the severity of the external economic situation," Chen said, adding that the global economy could remain sluggish for an extended period.

Asked whether the PBOC would opt to boost the economy by further cutting interest rates or required reserve ratios (RRR) for banks to spur commercial lending, Chen said: "It will hinge on the degree of deterioration of the external situation."

The PBOC cut interest rates twice in June and July and lowered RRR three times since late 2011 freeing an estimated 1.2 trillion yuan for new lending.

But it has held off on more aggressive easing measures



*A man walks past the Bank of China Tower at Hong Kong's financial Central district on 9 Feb, 2009.*

REUTERS

since then, despite further signs of cooling demand at home and abroad. Instead, it has opted to pump short-term cash into money markets to ease credit strains, a move analysts say reflects Beijing's concerns about renewed property and inflation risks.

The central bank said on Tuesday that it will "fine tune" policy to cushion the economy against global risks while closely watching the possible impact from recent policy loosening in the United States and Europe.—Reuters

**Fear and suspicion in Pakistan hamper global polio fight Health**

PESHAWAR, 28 Sept— When Bill Gates hears about children like Fahad Usman, a two-year-old Pakistani boy crippled by polio before he learned to walk, the billionaire philanthropist sounds frustrated and fired up.

Fear and suspicion have prevented thousands of children like Fahad from being protected against the infectious and incurable disease. Now more than ever, it's time that stopped, Gates says. Rumours that polio immunization campaigns are "Western plots to sterilize Muslims" or that the vaccine is "George Bush's urine"

underline the need to take politics out of the fight to eradicate polio, he says. If Gates, the most influential of global health advocates, gets his wish—and in an interview he's pretty sure he will—the world won't stop at the 99 percent reduction in cases so far, but will rid itself of polio completely by 2018.

Yet evidence from Pakistan and Afghanistan, two of only three countries where polio is still endemic, suggests a battle lies ahead to overcome Taliban opposition, vaccine refusals, security and funding gaps to beat out that last one percent. "We are working hard

**Several ill in Canada after eating possibly contaminated steaks Health**

EDMONTON, (Canada), 28 Sept—Several people became ill after eating steaks that may contain E coli bacteria sold at a store in Edmonton, Alberta, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency said on Wednesday.

The announcement follows a series of beef product recalls that have raised concerns about meat processing standards in Canada.

The CFIA warned the public not to eat Kirkland brand beef steaks sold between 4 and 7 September at the Costco

Wholesale Corp store on 50th Street in Edmonton.

The agency has not identified the supplier of the potentially contaminated beef, said CFIA spokesman Tim O'Connor.

One of the suppliers to the store is XL Foods' Brooks, Alberta, plant. Beginning in early September, privately held XL Foods has voluntarily recalled more than 250 beef products made at the plant after positive findings of E coli.

E coli bacteria can cause serious and potentially life-threatening illnesses.

XL Foods issued a statement saying it is "deeply concerned" for the people who became ill, adding that there has been no definitive link between its products and the cases of illness.

The United States halted imports of beef products from the XL Foods plant in Brooks, which is one of the largest in Canada, on 13 September.

Canada is the sixth-largest beef and veal exporter in the world.

The CFIA has completed its review of the plant's food safety controls and found XL Foods could not demonstrate that it regularly updated its plan to control E coli in the facility, the agency said.

Reuters

Reuters



*A health worker administers a polio vaccine to a child during a nationwide drive against the disease in a hospital in Islamabad on 8 Aug, 2007.*

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## WORLD

Rescue workers search for survivors and victims in the rubble left after a powerful car bomb destroyed the Buenos Aires headquarters of the Argentine Israeli Mutual Association (AMIA), killing 85 people, in this 18 July, 1994 file photo.

REUTERS



## Argentina, Iran say to talk until 1990s bombings resolved

BUENOS AIRES, 28 Sept— Argentina and Iran will keep talking until they resolve diplomatically sensitive issues stemming from two 1990s attacks on Jewish targets in Buenos Aires that were allegedly sponsored by Teheran, both countries said on Thursday.

Dialogue with Teheran is risky for Argentina, even if the focus is on Teheran's possible culpability in a pair of bombings. The opening of a diplomatic channel with

Teheran could anger the United States and Israel, which are seeking to isolate Iran as it appears to pursue nuclear weapons.

Argentine President Cristina Fernandez surprised the United Nations General Assembly this week by announcing the talks.

The foreign ministers of the two countries held their first meeting at UN

headquarters in New York. They issued a statement saying their lawyers will meet next month in Geneva.

"The goal is to explore a legal mechanism that does not go against the systems of either Argentina or Iran," the statement said. "This process will continue until a mutually agreed solution is found to all issues concerning the case."—Reuters

## Foreign tourists to Cambodia likely to reach 3.3 million in 2012

PHNOM PENH, 28 Sept— Cambodia is expected to receive 3.3 million foreign tourists this year, a 15 percent rise year-on-year, Prime Minister Hun Sen said on Thursday.

"The country's cultural and eco-tourism has seen remarkable development, there is steady growth from year to year," he said in a message to mark the 33rd World Tourism Day. "This truly demonstrates that

Cambodia has peace, political stability, security and safety, better infrastructures, clean resorts and good services."

He said last year tourism industry attracted 2.88 million foreign visitors, earning 1.9 billion US dollars, equivalent to 12 percent of the nation's GDP.

Speaking at an event to celebrate the 33rd World Tourism Day on Thursday, Permanent Deputy Prime

Minister Men Sam On said that tourism is the country's green gold.

The country has two world heritage sites. One is Angkor Wat Temple in Siem Reap Province, situated 315 kilometres northwest of Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, and the other is Preah Vihear Temple in Preah Vihear Province, located about 500 kilometres northwest of Phnom Penh.

XINHUA

## US, Turkish chief diplomats meet at United Nations

WASHINGTON, 28 Sept— US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on Wednesday met with Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu on the sidelines of the annual United Nations General Assembly, said the State Department.

In their brief meeting, Clinton first thanked Davutoglu for Turkish government's support to the United States following the attack on American consulate in Benghazi of Libya which led to the killings of US ambassador Chris Stevens and three other US staffers, according to a statement issued by the department after the meeting.

The two chief diplomats also talked about the agenda for the ad hoc meeting on Syria at the United Nations on Friday and the "importance of setting that meeting up well," said the statement.

According to the statement, the Friday meeting will focus on continuing to support the Syrian opposition, "not only in the ways we have each chosen to do so on the ground, but also support efforts to unify them."

Xinhua

People select bedding at the 4th China Ningxia International Cashmere Expo in Yinchuan, capital of northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 26 Sept, 2012. The Expo, as well as the 3rd West China (Yinchuan) Clothing & Accessories Arts Festival, lasts from 25 Sept to 29 Sept.

XINHUA



## France's joblessness to hit 13-year high in August: Minister France

PARIS, 28 Sept— The number of unemployed people was expected to exceed 3 millions at 13-year high in August, increasing more pressure on the government to fulfil its commitment of high wealth and more jobs, a government official said on Wednesday.

"It's bad, it's necessarily bad. I also said in recent weeks at a pace that was already acquired in the summer, of course, I expect that the number of three million unemployed in France will exceeded," Michel Sapin, labour minister told state-run TV channel France 2.

"This is the result of a policy, it is basically 3 million unemployed we found when we arrived," he added. Blaming the "previous policy" of the former conservative Nicolas Sarkozy to worsen the employment situation, Sapin stressed the need to set adequate policies to absorb the growing army of jobseekers and limit the negative effects of social plans.

Early this month, French president Francois Hollande promised to abate the growing trend of joblessness in a year, urging social partners to help in finalizing "a historic compromise" to inject new blood in the sluggish labour market.

At the end of July, France reported 41,300 more jobless people, pulling the country's total number of jobseekers up to 2.987 million, up by 1.4 percent from June's data, labour ministry's data showed.—Xinhua

## New Zealand trebles investment in SE Asia over four years

New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 28 Sept— New Zealand's overseas direct investment (ODI) in Southeast Asia trebled in the four years to the end of March, the government statistics agency announced on Thursday.

The value of New Zealand ODI jumped from 700 million NZ dollars (577.13 million US dollars) in March 2008 to 2.2 billion NZ dollars in March this year, according to Statistics New Zealand.

"New Zealand's ODI in Southeast Asia has caught up with our ODI in Europe, which has fallen in recent years," balance of payments manager John Morris said in a statement.

Of New Zealand's total ODI of 24.3 billion NZ dollars, around half was held

in Australia at the end of March, according to the agency's Balance of Payments and International Investment Position report.

Total foreign direct investment (FDI) in New Zealand was 97.3 billion NZ dollars at the end of March, two thirds of it from Australia and the United States.

Since 2008, the value of FDI in New Zealand from the European Union also fell by 2.5 billion NZ dollars, down to 8.2 billion NZ dollars in March this year, which mainly represented a fall in the value of borrowing by New Zealand companies from their overseas parents, said the statement.

Meanwhile, FDI from Southeast Asia had risen by 1 billion NZ dollars since March 2010 to 3 billion NZ

dollars, mainly due to an increase in the value of Singapore-owned companies in New Zealand.

After Australia and the United States, the next-largest sources of FDI into New Zealand were, in order, the Netherlands, Japan, the United Kingdom and Singapore.

Overall, New Zealand had 304.1 billion NZ dollars of overseas liabilities at the end of March, and held 158.5 billion NZ dollars of assets overseas.

New Zealand's overseas liabilities were 64.5 percent in Australia, the United States, and the United Kingdom, while 56 percent of New Zealand's investment abroad was held in the same three countries.

Xinhua



A Jaguar F-TYPE sports car is unveiled during the launching ceremony at the Rodin Museum in Paris, France, on 26 Sept, 2012.

XINHUA

## Cambodia proud of close ties with China

Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 28 Sept— Cambodia is very proud of excellent relationship with China and believes that the ties will be further enhanced in the future, Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister Sok An, Minister in charge of the very proud that our relation has been strengthened and upgraded to the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership of Cooperation in recent years," he said during the celebration of the 63rd Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China (1 Oct, 1949—1 Oct, 2012).

The event was attended by some 300 people, including Cambodian senior government officials, foreign diplomats, Chinese businessmen and Chinese residing in Cambodia.

"I'm strongly confident that the long lasting bond of friendship between our countries and peoples, which has been enhanced

and expanded through our 54 years of diplomatic relation, will be crucially important for our future generations," he added.

Speaking at the event, Chinese Ambassador to Cambodia Pan Guangxue highly spoke on close relationship between China and Cambodia in politics, trade, investment, education and culture.

He said the ties have been constantly strengthened and expanded through the exchange of visits by the two countries' top leaders.

"China is ready to make joint effort with Cambodia and provide mutual support in order to strengthen traditional friendship and deepen cooperation between the two countries," the ambassador said.

Xinhua



NATIONAL

## Vice-President U Nyan Tun attends funds raising ceremony for 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competitions 2012

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Sept— Vice-President U Nyan Tun, Patron of the Leading Committee for holding 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competitions 2012 accepted cash from donors who funded for the competitions.

At the funds raising ceremony held by the sub-committee for fund raising

and prize presentation of the competitions at the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development today, the Vice-President thanked the donors who contributed cash of their own volition to the funds for the competitions.

The Vice-President, Union ministers and deputy ministers accepted the donations from ministries,

companies, banks and wellwishers.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-President U Nyan Tun said that the 19<sup>th</sup> competitions will be held in accordance with five objectives: (1) to uplift the morale and morality of the entire nation, (2) to uplift the national prestige and integrity and preserve and safeguard cultural heritage and national



Vice-President U Nyan Tun delivers an address at coordination meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition 2012. MNA



character, (3) to ensure flourishing of the Union Spirit, the true patriotism, (4) to bring about new generations capable of preserving and promoting cultural heritage and national character of national races through innovations to meet international standards, and (5) to participate in the building of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation through traditional performing arts.

The ceremony was also attended by Union Minister

for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu, the Chairman of the Leading Committee for holding 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition 2012, the secretary of the leading committee and members, work committees and sub-committees.

During the ceremony, K 81.4 million was contributed to the funds. A funds raising ceremony for the competitions will be held in the second week of October for second time.

MNA

## Union Electric Power Minister inspects Yeywa Hydropower Plant

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Sept— Accompanied by Deputy Minister U Myint Zaw, Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe yesterday morning inspected Yeywa Dam and Hydropower Plant which is

situated 31 miles southeast from Mandalay.

The Union Minister met factory manager and staff and urged them to uplift capacity-building, to maintain the machines for full running, to beautify its

environs and to ensure worksite safety.

Yeywa Hydropower Plant is complete with four machines and one machine has 197.5 megawatts and it can generate altogether 790 megawatts.—MNA

## MKF President and party leave for Thailand

YANGON, 28 Sept—A team comprising three coaches and seven athletes led by President of Myanmar Karatedo Federation Dr Win Zaw left here by air on 26 September to take part in the 1<sup>st</sup> Southeast Asian Karatedo Championship 2012 to be

held in Bangkok of Thailand.

The President of the federation will attend the Southeast Asian Karatedo Federation member countries' meeting. U Htein Win Myint, Sanda Myo Aye and Nan Hsaing Mein will sit for the Asian level

coach qualifying examination.—MNA

### District News

#### Fire destroys house in Kawa Township

KAWA, 28 Sept—A fire broke out at the house of Ma Marlar in Ward 9 of Honhne Village in Kawa Township on 24 September.

The fire started from the kitchen. Leaving embers at the kitchen, she left for the paddy field, and then fire broke out at 8.20 am.

The house was destroyed in the fire. Ohnhne Police Station took action against negligent fire user.

Myanma Alin

**CASH DONATED:** Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Pisanu Suvanajata donates Baht 100,000 to fund of Jivitadana Sangha Hospital (Yangon) through Chairman of Administrative Board U Maung Maung recently.

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## Scrutinizing movies for presenting Academy Award goes on

The Movie Outstanding Award Scrutiny Board was reconstituted with seven departmental officials, eight artistes and two professionals of literary and music fields totaling 17 in September and the board will scrutinize the movies for presenting Academy Award for 2011.

Eight film technicians are U Aung Myint Myat, film script writer U Aye Kyu Lay, cinematographic professional U Tin Aung (Pantha), sound technician U Kyi Min Thein, editor U

### Award goes on

Tin Nyein, playback technician U Win Kyaw, actor U Than Win and actress Daw Myint Myint Khaing, writer U Ohn Maung (Myinmu Maung Naing Moe) and musician U Maung Maung Latt.

The movies put under scrutiny for Academy Award are Hotshot-3 of Lucky Seven Production, Alanzayar of Lucky Seven Production, Ngahnmalay Pwathwarpi of Phyo & Min Production, Larhtar Abwar-2 of Country Star Production, I Love You of Lucky Seven,

Phlam Phlam Phytte Achit of LuSwanKaung Production, Arlonka Hothma Kyaikte of Royal Rubu Production, Chocolate Baby of Yamanya Production, Wukkyway of Kyaung Gabar Production, Eternal Rays of Yi Myint Production, Chain of Phoenix Production, Chitpanwawai of Hsaung Production, Ahmway Zayar of Lucky Seven Production, Yinkwe-nar of Tharawun Production and Pankya Wuthmon of Chindwin Production.

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# PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 29 September, 2012

## Healthy hearts

Held annually on 29 September, World Heart Day is a day designated to raise awareness and encourage individuals, families, communities and governments to reduce the burden of heart disease and stroke.

Cardiovascular diseases known as CVD including heart disease and stroke are the world's leading killers, claiming 17.3 million lives each year and the numbers keep to rising, according to WHO. CVD is a silent killer that takes lives prematurely and causes life-threatening illness and disability at high and devastating costs to families and societies.

CVDs are commonly considered lifestyle diseases that mainly touch older, affluent, male populations, but the truth is the killer has no mercy on women and children too, proving its lethality and devastating effect in all ages and population groups around the world. Myanmar people once described heart disease as "disease of the privilege" to which a life of ease is the sole remedy.

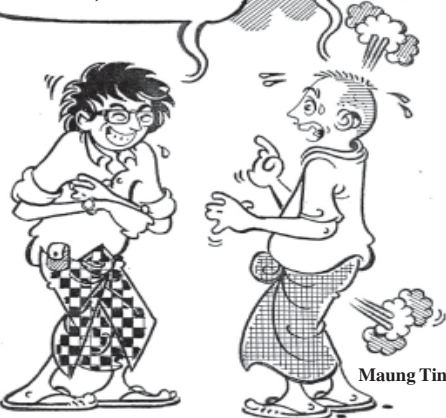
Concentrated efforts are to be coordinated on protecting the hearts of women and children through heart-healthy actions. Children are particularly at risk, since they have little control over their environment and can be limited in choices to live heart-healthy whereas women share almost the half of 17.3 million annual CVD deaths. Educative talks are to be targeted at women/mothers as they are often the "gate keeper" to their family's health.

It is expected that 23 million people will die from CVDs annually by 2030. This is a worrying trend but the salvation is not impossible. CVDs are closely associated with unhealthy lifestyles. At least 80 per cent of premature deaths from heart disease and stroke could be avoided if major risk factors like blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose levels, smoking, inadequate intake of fruit and vegetables, overweight, obesity and physical inactivity are controlled, said the World Heart Federation.

If the heart stops working properly, the body would cease to function normally. If the heart is stained with black dirt, the mind would cease to think clearly. Regular exercise is good for your heart. Sympathy and kindness would keep your heart healthy.

Address everyone as "Sir". Flattery will get you everywhere.

Yes, Sir!



Maung Tin Yu

## NATIONAL



*President U Thein Sein meets President of the 67<sup>th</sup> session of the UN General Assembly. (News on page 16)*

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**President U Thein Sein meets President of the 67<sup>th</sup> session of the UN General Assembly, President of the European Council and Bangladeshi Prime Minister**



*President U Thein Sein meets Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bangladesh. (News on page 16)—MNA*

### Fourth Regular session of first Bago Region Hluttaw continues for third day

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Sept— Fourth Regular session of first Bago Region Hluttaw continued for third day at Hluttaw meeting hall of the region government office on 26 September. At the meeting, the procedures of region court and the reports of the region hluttaw committees were presented and answered the queries and submitted a proposal.

Additional fund request for 2012-2013 financial year of Bago Region submitted at the first day session of the meeting, amended, estimated cash account and estimated budget for 2013-2014 financial year were presented to the hluttaw and hluttaw approved them and the meeting ended at 3 pm.—MNA

### Mon State Hluttaw session convened

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Sept— The fourth regular session of first Mon state Hluttaw was convened at state Hluttaw Hall yesterday, attended by State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint, State Hluttaw Speaker U Kyin Pe and State Hluttaw representatives.

Four proposals were put forward and 12 questions answered and development

affairs bill submitted at the session. The Hluttaw approved the systematic operation of private motor car transportation service bill which was suspended at third regular session.

Actions of Mon State government, Hluttaw Affairs Joint Committee and State Auditor-General were reported to the Hluttaw.

MNA

### Two special stamps available

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Sept— The Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs will sell two special postage stamps (K 500) to mark 2<sup>nd</sup> TELSOM-ATRC Leaders Retreat to be held in October, 2012, at Region/State/District/Township Communication Stations (Post Office) as of 1 October.



As a special programme, date seal will be put on stamps sold at Nay Pyi Taw Central

Post Office, Yangon Post Office and Mandalay Post Office on that date.—MNA



OPINION

For us, For blood, and For what

Tekathou Maung Myo Min

There can be no doubt that an important role of taxation looks like a driving force at the developmental process of a country across the world. On the other hand, it can also drive out the economic development of the country. Moreover, people are afraid of paying tax more than their President in the United States, it is said. On balance, no perfect taxation can be found and it can be practiced and administered in accord with their own custom and traditions. This is why there is a question whether we should pay tax or not and paying tax is really advantages to us.

Nowadays, a high-competitive-era where we live in, hardly people are under stress to make notes and coin from the morning till night. After getting money, they did consider how to use it well enough for their families and themselves. But, at that time, it is not easy to pay tax which is a part of their efforts for them whose nature is human behaviour that can be understandable. And a tax (from the Latin word 'taxo'; 'I estimate') is also not a voluntary payment or donation, but an enforced contribution made by law.

The reason why they think paying tax should be advantageous to them is that they don't know exactly about taxation and what is going on in their country concerning with the tax they pay. As a matter of fact, amongst the world, collecting tax is a part of national development plan for every government which tries to make the prosperity of her mother land, and it can be used for public services such as health, education, transportation, national security, research, social welfare, disaster area, and so on. Moreover, any government cannot do highly effective public services if she cannot collect taxes, and the impact of that condition is easy so to be understandable.

In addition, different countries have different taxation in accord with their custom and traditions. However, the fundamental principles of taxation are same in areas such as how to well collect it enough and how to allocate it to public services.

But, amongst the whites there is a black sheep such as a tax dodger or a tax exile in every society. Likewise, in our country, there are such the black ones live and those who avoid paying tax could not afford for public services in good faith, it can be said. Actually, in our country the percentage of collecting tax was 3.16% of GDP (2010) and it was lower than our neighbouring countries as well as ASEAN countries, it was interesting to note. Moreover, there are many reasons for collecting tax lower because of

NO	COUNTRY	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
1.	Brunei	30.30	34.40	36.40	24.00	40.60
2.	Cambodia	8.00	10.20	11.20	10.10	10.80
3.	Indonesia	12.30	12.40	13.30	11.10	11.60
4.	Laos	9.90	12.00	12.60	13.10	13.80
5.	Malaysia	15.10	14.80	15.20	15.70	14.30
6.	Myanmar	4.26	3.80	3.64	3.19	3.16
7.	Philippines	13.70	13.50	13.60	12.20	12.10
8.	Singapore	12.10	13.10	14.10	13.70	17.60
9.	Thailand	16.20	15.50	16.10	14.60	15.50
10.	Vietnam	24.30	23.50	24.40	22.30	24.30

A Figure of Tax Revenue as Percentage of GDP among ASEAN Countries (Source: Internal Revenue Department)

tax dodge, tax evasion, tax shelter, tax exiles, tax exemption, willingness of the people, misuse of public personnel, a lack of co-operation amongst governmental sections, and something like that.

This being so, from the tax policy of Office Assessment System (OAS) to Self-Assessment System (SAS) is changed and practiced today, and the policy of collecting tax is based on "Broaden the tax base and lower the tax rates" in our mother land. Besides, trying to put on our yellow hat, the collecting tax is used for public services in the national development plan and paying tax means doing public services as much as we can, as a dutiful citizen. So also, we have the duty to pay taxes to be levied in accord with the Article (389) of Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar (2008).

In a nutshell, paying tax is really beneficial to us and it can make our society and generation happiness and prosperity as well as the government should allocate her budget effectively to public services—so much so that let's pay tax for us, for our generation, and for our new blood, and for our country.

Brazilian government, people make contribution to "Rakhine Response Plan"

YANGON, 28 Sept — The Brazilian Government and people have made a contribution to support the "Rakhine Response Plan", in a humanitarian aid gesture to help the population affected by recent communal violence in Rakhine State, Myanmar.

The donation, amounting to US\$120,000 (one hundred and twenty thousand dollars), has been directed to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and will be primarily used in providing emergency assistance for the benefit of internally displaced persons from the different communities in Rakhine State.

Charge d' Affaires of the Embassy of Brazil in Yangon Mrs Daniella Ortega Menezes delivered the contribution to His Excellency Mr. Johannes G. ten Feld, UNHCR Representative in Myanmar, on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012.—NLM

Charge d' Affaires of the Embassy of Brazil Mrs Daniella Ortega Menezes presents cash donation to Mr. Johannes G. ten Feld, UNHCR Resident Representative.—NLM



Two cars in collision at Parami traffic light

YANGON, 28 Sept—A Hilux of Taikkyi-Yangon bus line driven from Yangon to Insein collided with a jeep driven from Bayintnaung at Parami traffic light on Yangon-Insein Road at 9.30 pm on 26 September. Three passengers from the bus of Taikkyi-Yangon line were injured in the incident.—Kyemon



Ship carrying sawn timber sinks into Toe River

YANGON, 28 Sept—SIP Nyein, 52, Maung Shay, 36, Khin Maung Lwin from Tawku Police Station in Kungyangon Township discharging duty of station commander inspected sinking of a boat in Toe River at 9 am on 17 September.

Tanke ship driven by Than Myint carried 20 tons of sawn timber from Bawmi Village in Shwethaungyan Township of Ayeyawady Region and workers U Tin Nyein, 52, Maung Shay, 36, U Thein Nyunt, 52, Maung Maung, 22 and Tha Cho on board the ship at 10 pm on 16 September. On arrival at Seikkyi Village, the ship capsized. In the incident, the ship lost about K 11 million. Kungyangon Police Station opened a file of lawsuit under Section 280 of criminal law.

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District News

News in Brief

New school building handed over

A new school building at No. 9 Basic Education Primary School (Ayegon) jointly donated by Yenangyoung oil field of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and Gold Petrol Company was handed over the Ministry of Education on 27 September morning. The 40x20 school building was constructed at a cost of K 7.5 million.

Winners awarded in performing arts competition

Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint, State Hluttaw Speaker U Kyin Pe, Deputy Speaker U Htay Lwin and officials presented awards to winners in the 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition in Mawlamyine on 26 September.

Yangon Region Chief Minister visits Myanma Energy Trade Show

The Myanma Energy Trade Show 2012, jointly organized by Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and Alpha Resources & Training Co Ltd, continued at MCC on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township on 26 September. Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and officials visited the show where 41 companies showcase their products at 55 booths.

Basic Digital Survey Training 13 Oct-4 Nov

Myanmar Engineering Society and Myanmar Credent Technology will jointly conduct the Basic Digital Survey Training at the MES hall from 13 October to 4 November on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 am to 4 pm daily. For further information, may dial 01-652285 and 01-652286. The candidates are to get registration, not later than 12 October.

Feasibility study for Ayeyawady Bridge (Hinthada) discussed

Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung received Project manager Mr Jin Hiroo and party of JFE Engineering Corporation of Japan at his office on 24 September and discussed progress of feasibility studies for Ayeyawady Bridge (Hinthada) Project. The bridge is earmarked to be built with the use of loan from Japanese Government.

Import licence for 3421 vehicles issued

Vehicle Permit Issuance Section of Import Commodity Branch of Directorate of Trade has issued import licence for 3421 vehicles including saloon, ban, wagon, light truck and truck worth K 20.55 million.



## WORLD

## Netanyahu draws "red line" on Iran's nuclear programme

Israel

UNITED NATIONS, 28 Sept—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu drew a "red line" for Iran's nuclear programme on Thursday despite a US refusal to set an ultimatum, saying Teheran will be on the brink of developing a nuclear weapon in less than a year.

By citing a time frame in an address to the UN General Assembly, Netanyahu — who has clashed with President Barack Obama over the urgency of military action against Iran — appeared to suggest no Israeli attack was imminent before the 6 November US presidential election.

Holding up a cartoon-

like drawing of a bomb with a fuse, Netanyahu literally drew a red line just below a label reading "final stage" to a bomb, in which Iran was 90 percent along the path to having sufficient weapons-grade material.

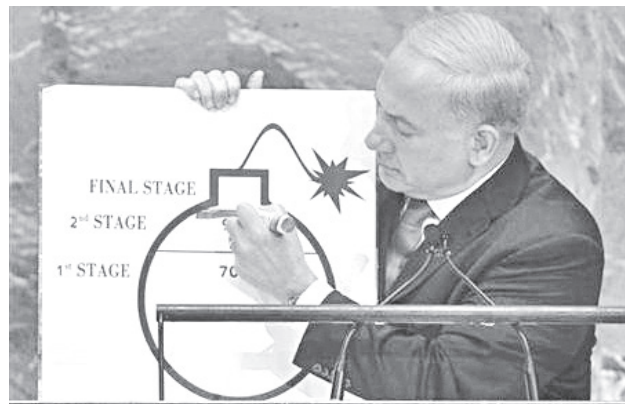
Experts put that at the point that Iran has amassed enough uranium, purified to a level of 20 percent, that could quickly be enriched further and be used to produce an atomic bomb.

Netanyahu told the United Nations he believes that faced with a clear red line, Iran will back down in a crisis that has sent jitters across the region and through financial markets. "And this will give

more time for sanctions and diplomacy to convince Iran to dismantle its nuclear weapons programme altogether," said the Israeli leader, who later met with US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for 75 minutes.

Netanyahu's remarks were the closest he or any top Israeli official has come to publicly laying out precisely which Iranian actions could trigger an Israeli military strike on Teheran's nuclear infrastructure.

But by referring to a spring or summer 2013 time frame for Iran to complete the next stage of uranium enrichment, the Israeli leader also seemed to dispel, at



Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu draws a red line on a graphic of a bomb as he addresses the 67th United Nations General Assembly at the UN Headquarters in New York, on 27 Sept, 2012. —REUTERS

least for now, fears that Israel might strike Iran before the US presidential election, 40 days away.

Iran's UN mission, responding to Netanyahu's speech, accused him of making "baseless and absurd allegations" and said the

Islamic Republic "reserves its full right to retaliate with full force against any attack."

Iran called Netanyahu's visual tool "an unfounded and imaginary graph ... used to justify a threat against a founding Member of the United Nations."—Reuters

## Iran says it reserves right to retaliate if attacked

UNITED NATION, 28 Sept—Iran responded to Israel's "red line" for Teheran's nuclear programme on Thursday by declaring it was strong enough to defend itself and that it reserved the right to retaliate with full force against any attack.

In a response to a speech at the UN General Assembly by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Iran's UN mission said Israel had made "baseless and absurd allegations against (its) exclusively peaceful nuclear programme."

"While the use, or threat of use, of force under any pretext is a grave violation of the principles of (the) UN Charter and international law, as well as the norms of international relations, the officials of the Israeli regime are so rude (they) on (a) daily basis threaten countries in the region, particularly my country, (with) military attack," Iran said.—Reuters



Passengers queue to use the Eurostar service at St Pancras railway station in central London on 20 December, 2010.—REUTERS

## Belgian rail strike to hit Eurostar, Thalys services

BRUSSELS, 28 Sept—A strike by railway unions in Belgium next Wednesday is set to disrupt Eurostar passengers travelling between London and Brussels and hit the Thalys high-speed services between France and Germany.

The strike will run for 24 hours from 2000 GMT on Tuesday, a spokesman for Belgium's socialist FGVB union said on Thursday.

Unions are angry at a reorganisation of the state railway company in Belgium.

A Eurostar spokeswoman said that if the strike went ahead, the company is likely to lay on replacement buses and encourage passengers to change the date of their tickets.

Thalys said that a strike would stop its trains running through Belgium, closing down the entire network.—Reuters

## Arkansas court upholds medical marijuana ballot initiative

US

LITTLE ROCK, 28 Sept—A proposal to legalize medical marijuana can appear on the November ballot, the Arkansas Supreme Court said on Thursday, in a ruling that could make Arkansas the first southern state to allow certain patients to use the drug.

The Coalition to Preserve Arkansas Values filed suit in August to keep the measure off the ballot. The group argued that its title — the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Act—was



A man stands in front of a medical marijuana dispensary in Los Angeles, California, on 24 July, 2012.

REUTERS

misleading and the proposal was hard to understand.

In a unanimous ruling,

the court rejected the coalition's argument.

Associate Justice Karen R. Baker wrote in the opinion that the ballot name and title were acceptable. The title was not "duly long, nor is it complex or misleading," she added. Arkansans for Compassionate Care, the group spearheading the marijuana initiative, said it was happy with the court's decision. "It just goes to show that if you respect the system, and follow the rules, things

will come out in your favour," said Christopher Kell, the group's spokesman. "We are excited that it has cleared the latest hurdle and now we are looking forward to educating the voters and getting it passed on 6th November." If the measure is approved, patients with conditions like cancer and AIDS would be allowed to purchase marijuana from a dispensary with a doctor's prescription.

Reuters

## California schools, employers banned from social media snooping

US

SACRAMENTO, 28 Sept— Californians who use social media like Twitter and Facebook have a little more privacy protection from employers or universities who may want access to usernames or passwords after the governor signed two bills into law on Thursday.

Job applicants and employees will have protection from employers who demand their login credentials to social media platforms or personal e-mail accounts, according to one of the bills, authored by Assembly member Nora Campos, a Democrat from San Jose.

Employers are barred from firing or disciplining those who refuse to give up any information related to their social media accounts.

"The Golden State is pioneering the social media revolution and these laws will protect all Californians from unwarranted invasions of their personal social media accounts," Governor Jerry Brown said in a

statement released after he shared the news on Twitter, Facebook, and other social media accounts.

Brown also signed a similar bill by state Senator Leland Yee, a Democrat from San Francisco, prohibiting colleges or universities from demanding user names, passwords, or other identifying information from students, prospective students and student groups.

That bill, according to Brown's office, came in response to a "growing trend" of schools "snooping into student social media accounts, particularly those of student athletes."

Reuters



In this photo illustration, a Facebook logo on a computer screen is seen through glasses held by a woman in Bern on 19 May, 2012. —REUTERS

## World's tallest Ferris wheel to turn above New York City

NEW YORK, 28 Sept—A plan to build the world's tallest Ferris wheel on New York's Staten Island, offering sweeping views of the Manhattan skyline, could hold the answer to a long-elusive goal: putting the most-overlooked of the city's five boroughs on the tourist map.

The giant Ferris wheel, at 625 feet, will be about half the height of the Empire State Building and taller than Singapore's 541-foot (165-metre) Flyer and the planned "High Roller"

wheel in Las Vegas, the city said. Similar to the London Eye, visitors will ride in thirty-six capsules, each capable of carrying up to 40 passengers — or 1,440 people per ride.

The city estimates the observation wheel — which will stay open every day of the year except during severe weather — will attract 30,000 riders a day during the peak season and 4.5 million visitors per year. To be constructed at a cost of an estimated \$230 million, it is expected to open in 2015.

The wheel will stand near the Richmond County Bank Ballpark and the Staten Island Ferry terminal,



the base of a free water taxi that travels across New York Harbor between

A giant ferris wheel planned for New York's Staten Island is shown in this artist rendering released to Reuters on 27 Sept, 2012.

REUTERS

the skyscrapers of lower Manhattan and Staten Island.

Reuters



**REGIONAL**

**India PM wants measures to avoid rupee volatility**

**India**

NEW DELHI, 27 Sept — India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh wants measures to avoid volatility in the rupee, the finance minister said on Thursday, underlining government concern about one of Asia's worst performing currencies this year.

A combination of contentious proposals to tax overseas investors, a policy logjam and global risk aversion hammered the Indian rupee earlier this year.

"The prime minister underlined the need for a number of measures that will ensure that there is no volatility in the rupee," Finance Minister P Chidambaram told reporters

after a meeting of the ruling alliance's partners.

Chidambaram did not specify what the measures might be.

The partially convertible rupee dropped more than 15 percent from its 2012 high in early February to a life low of 57.32 per dollar on 22 June.

It has since recovered about 7 percent to trade around 53.3, helped in part by a slew of government reforms to repair the country's finances and attract foreign investment.

Singh has also vowed to remove investment bottlenecks and clarify tax rules.

But his decision to increase the price of



Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh speaks during the inauguration ceremony of International Academic Conference 2012, themed Economic Growth and Changes of Corporate Environment in Asia, in New Delhi on 22 Sept, 2012. — REUTERS

heavily subsidised diesel sharply and to throw open the retail sector to foreign investment has cost him the support of his biggest ally in the ruling coalition, reducing his government to a parliamentary minority.

Chidambaram said the government will continue to take measures to boost investments in the economy.

"Investment is the key and that was underlined today," he said.

Reuters

**NATO says troops free three Afghans abducted by Taleban**

**Afghanistan**

KABUL, 28 Sept — The NATO-led coalition forces had freed three civilians kidnapped by the Taleban six days ago in southern Afghan Province of Kandahar, the coalition forces confirmed on Friday.

"An International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) patrol rescued three Afghans who were being held hostage by Taleban in Panjwai District, Kandahar Province yesterday," the coalition said in a Press release. "The ISAF unit, Task Force Arrowhead, observed a number of insurgents load three men, bound and blindfolded, onto a trailer towed by a tractor and move toward a small village.

The ISAF patrol pursued and stopped the tractor, at which point the insurgents attempted to flee," it said, adding that three captors were also captured, who were later identified as Taleban members.

The freed men were released by ISAF to Panjwai District officials in the province, some 450 km south of Kabul.

The Taleban insurgents, who have been waging an insurgency of more than one decade, have yet to make comments. Kandahar, the birthplace of Taleban, has seen increasing militancy despite continued military operations there. — Xinhua

**Singapore seizes over 11 kg of "Ice" worth 1.37 mln USD**

**Singapore**

SINGAPORE, 28 Sept — Singapore Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) announced on Thursday that they have seized 11.2 kilogrammes of methamphetamine hydrochloride, also known as "Ice" on Wednesday, with a combined market value of more than 1.68 million Singapore dollars (1.37 million US dollars).

The "Ice" was found respectively from two different individuals at two different checkpoints. Among them, 5.5 kg "Ice" was hidden in a bag by a male Indonesian national at Changi Airport, while the remaining 5.7 kg "Ice" was found from a female Vietnamese national at Tuas Checkpoint.

The two persons are being investigated for drug trafficking, the ICA said in a statement, adding that the duo may face the death penalty under the Misuse of Drugs Act if they were proved guilty. "We have tightened our security checks on passengers and vehicles at the checkpoints to prevent attempts to smuggle in undesirable persons, drugs, weapons, explosives and other contrabands," the ICA added. — Xinhua



A bullet train moves in Xinzheng, central China's Henan Province, on 28 Sept, 2012. The high-speed railway linking Zhengzhou of central China's Henan Province and Wuhan of Hubei Province went into operation on Friday, shortening the minimum running time of trains between the two cities from previously 4 hours and 28 minutes to 1 hour and 56 minutes. — XINHUA

**12 Chinese sailors rescued from freighter fire in western Japan**

**Japan**

OSAKA, 28 Sept — Twelve Chinese crew members aboard a Panama-registered cargo ship were rescued late Thursday night after the ship caught fire in waters in Osaka Bay in western Japan, local press reported on Friday.

A fire broke out on the freighter "HaoHan" in waters about 10 km off shore of Izumiotsu City, Osaka Prefecture at around 9:00 pm local time.

The sailors at first tried to put out the fire but failed, they were then rescued by patrol vessels of the Japanese Coast Guard, no one was injured.

The ship, carrying some 1,000 tons of metal scrap, was sailing to China when the fire occurred. The fire has not been extinguished yet as of Friday noon, according to the report

Xinhua.

**Economic development strategies must put people first: Thai leader**

**Thailand**



Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra addresses the General Debate of the 67th session of the UN General Assembly at the UN headquarters in New York, the United States, on 27 Sept, 2012, as the week-long event entered into its third day here on Thursday. XINHUA

UNITED NATIONS, 28 Sept — Thailand said here on Thursday that economic development must go hand in hand with political advancement, and any strategy to promote growth must put people first.

The statement came as Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra was addressing the annual general debate of the UN General Assembly, which entered its third day here on Thursday.

"During this period of economic uncertainties, we must not consider economic growth alone. It is important to put people at the front and centre of the development agenda," she said. "This is what every government should do: putting people at the heart of the country's economic development strategy," she said. "Because we believe that the greatest asset of any country is its people, and how much a country can excel depends on how much its people can fully realize their potential."

The Thai Prime Minister said that an inclusive regional development is the way forward and would strengthen the fabric of regional peace and security, adding that Thailand and its neighbours in the region have a shared destiny.

"We have a shared interest in fostering common peace and prosperity. We should, therefore, strive to prosper together because only by working together can we create much-needed synergy that would support our common development," she said.

"And by prospering together, chances of conflict can be limited."

This spirit is driving the 10 members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to establish an ASEAN Community by the year 2015, he said.

"As ASEAN moves towards greater integration, great efforts are being made to close development gaps and expand connectivity across South-east Asia and beyond to the wider East Asia and South Asia," she said.

"This would help spread the fruits of development and growth wider across the continent."

Xinhua

**Road accidents kill 1,518 people in Cambodia in 9 months**

**Cambodia**

PHNOM PENH, 28 Sept — Road accidents had killed at least 1,518 people in Cambodia in the first nine months of this year, the report of the Interior Ministry's public order department showed on Friday. The death number represented 3 percent rise from 1,469 deaths at the same period last year.

The report said that there had been 3,279 road accidents happened from January to September this year, a 15 percent decrease from 3,854 cases in the same period last year.

Besides the deaths, the accidents had injured other 5,645 people, down 14 percent from 6,595 people.

"Main causes of the accidents are over-speed driving, alcohol driving, and neglect driving," Preap Chan Vibol, director of the transport department at the Ministry of Public Work and Transport, told Xinhua over telephone.

Traffic accidents had claimed 1,890 human lives in the country last year, estimating to cost the country about 310 million US dollars. — Xinhua



Peasants reap the rice on a farmland in Longfengshan Township, Wuchang City, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 27 Sept, 2012. Heilongjiang is expecting to gain a big grain harvest, with an estimated production of 125 million tonnes. — XINHUA



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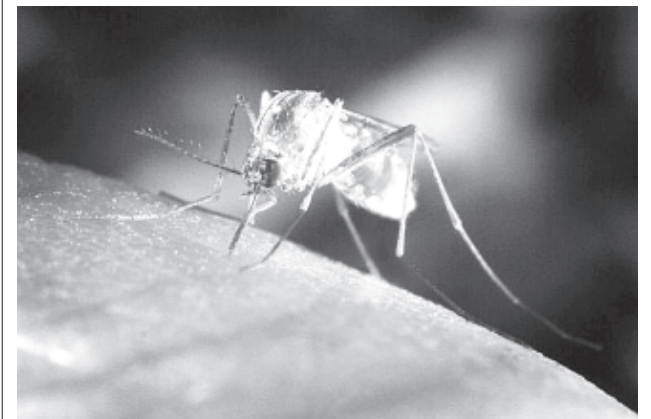
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A *Culex quinquefasciatus* mosquito is shown on a human finger in this undated handout photograph from the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).—REUTERS

**Another 400 West Nile cases reported in US in past week US**

WASHINGTON, 28 Sept— More than 400 new US cases of West Nile virus emerged in the last week, in an outbreak that remains the second worst on record but has begun to show signs of slowing.

So far this year, 3,545 cases have been reported to federal health officials as of 25 September, up from 3,142 reported the week before, the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said in its weekly update of outbreak data.

That marked a rise of nearly 13 percent, down considerably from a 30 percent

weekly jump witnessed earlier this month.

About 38 percent of all cases have been reported in Texas. Other states with large number of cases include Mississippi, Michigan, South Dakota, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and California.

A total of 147 people have died from the disease, compared with 134 reported one week ago. Just over half of the cases reported to the CDC this year have been of the severe neuroinvasive form of the disease, which can lead to meningitis and encephalitis.

The milder form of the disease causes flu-like symptoms and is rarely lethal.

Experts believe the disease originated in Africa and was first detected in New York City in 1999. Outbreaks tend to be unpredictable. Hot temperatures, rainfall amounts and ecological factors such as bird and mosquito populations have to align just right to trigger an outbreak such as the one this year. The CDC said the number of cases this year is the highest reported to federal health officials through the last week in September since 2003, the year with the most cases.—Reuters

**IMF, World Bank announce 2.1-billion-dollar debt relief for Guinea Guinea**

WASHINGTON, 28 Sept—The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank's International Development Association (IDA) have decided to support about 2.1 billion US dollars in debt relief for Guinea, the IMF announced here on Wednesday.

The plan amounted to a 66-percent reduction of the West African country's external debt, the IMF said in a statement.

The Boards of Directors of both institutions determined that Guinea has made satisfactory economic and social reform progress in meeting the requirements to reach the completion point under the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative. "Reaching the HIPC completion point represents an

important achievement for Guinea. It reflects the significant progress made in economic management following the first democratic elections in December 2010," said Harry Snoek, the IMF mission chief for Guinea.

"Reaching the completion point will help Guinea allocate more resources for poverty reduction and economic growth. Sound macroeconomic management will remain critical after the completion point to make the most of Guinea's abundant mining resources and other growth potentials," Snoek added. Of the scheduled reduction of about 2.1 billion dollars, about 70 percent will come from multilateral creditors including the World Bank and the African Development Bank, and the remaining from bilateral and commercial creditors.

The HIPC Initiative was launched by the World Bank and the IMF in 1996 as a comprehensive effort to help the world's poorest, most heavily-indebted countries. It was enhanced in 1999 to provide for faster, deeper and broader debt relief.

Xinhua

**Assange mocks Obama via video at UN event**

UNITED NATIONS, 28 Sept—WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, speaking via a choppy video feed from his virtual house arrest in London, lashed out at US President Barack Obama on Wednesday for supporting freedom of speech in the Middle East while simultaneously "persecuting" his organization for leaking diplomatic cables.

Assange, who has been holed up in the Ecuadorean Embassy since June to avoid extradition, made the

comments at a packed event on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly.

Assange mocked Obama for defending free speech in the Arab world in an address to the United Nations on Tuesday, pointing to his own experience as evidence that Obama has "done more to criminalize free speech than any other US president."

"It must have come as a surprise to the Egyptian teenagers who washed American teargas out of their eyes (during the Arab Spring)

to hear that the US supported change in the Middle East," Assange said. "It's time for President Obama to keep his word ... and for the US to cease its persecution of WikiLeaks," he said.

Assange's combative comments, plus statements made by Ecuadorean Foreign Minister Ricardo Patino and his other allies at the event, suggested no solution is in sight to the diplomatic standoff surrounding the 41-year-old Australian.

Reuters



WikiLeaks' founder Julian Assange speaks during a teleconference from the Ecuadorean Embassy in London, in this still image taken from video broadcasted to the United Nations in New York, on 26 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS



ENTERTAINMENT

**Akshay Kumar gets emotional after holding newborn daughter**

MUMBAI, 28 Sept—Bollywood star Akshay Kumar's happiness knew no bounds when he took his newborn daughter in his arms for the first time.

His wife Twinkle Khanna gave birth to their second child, a daughter, here on Tuesday morning.

"There is no greater feeling in life than holding your baby for the first time. I wish I could express more about how HAPPY I am right now, but I'm at a loss of words," tweeted Akshay Kumar on Wednesday.

The couple already has a 10-year-old son, named Aarav. They have been receiving wishes galore, and the actor can't thank everyone enough.

"I must thank you all for your love during this special



Akshay Kumar's emotional side.

time in my life - Proud Papa," he wrote.

Akshay Kumar said on Tuesday that their daughter resembles her mother Twinkle Khanna, and grandmother, Dimple Kapadia.—PTI

**Solo leads not important to me: Huma Qureshi**

MUMBAI, 28 Sept—Actress Huma Qureshi, who debuted with Anurag Kashyap's *Gangs of Wasseypur* earlier this year and has signed her fifth film already, says she is looking for good films and performance oriented roles instead of solo leads.

"It is not important that I do a solo heroine film, for me what matters is that I should do something that audience remember me for and connect with me," Huma Qureshi told PTI.

"Even if I am there in a film for a little time, it is great as far as my role is good. What is the use if I do a big film where I am the only heroine but people don't care?"

In *Gangs of Wasseypur*, Huma Qureshi shared screen space with Manoj Bajpai, Richa Chadda, Tigraj Singh, Nawazuddin Siddiqui and others.

She would also star in Vishal Bhardwaj's supernatural psychological thriller *Ek Thi Daayan*

alongwith Emraan Hashmi, Konkona Sen Sharma and Kalki Koechlin.

"I am not related to someone in the film industry, it will take time to prove (myself). To do a film with an ensemble cast may be safer from an outsider's point of view. I am choosing the best of what is offered to me. It is coincidental that I am doing these films," Huma Qureshi said.

After the two-part *Gangs of Wasseypur*, Huma Qureshi's next release will be *Luv Shuv Tey Chicken Khurana* in November. Produced by Anurag Kashyap and also starring Kunal Kapoor, Huma Qureshi plays a Punjabi girl in the film directed by Sameer Sharma. It will release on 2 November.—PTI



Huma Qureshi wants to burn her potential to the fullest.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN

**Charlie Chaplin's Limelight to be screened again on 60th anniversary**

LOS ANGELES, 28 Sept—The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is all set to screen Charlie Chaplin's final masterpiece *Limelight* to celebrate the film's 60th anniversary.

The film will be screened on 3 October, at the Samuel Goldwyn Theater in Beverly Hills, a statement from the Academy said.

Presented as an instalment of the Jack O'Connell Celebration of Comedy in Film, the evening will

welcome co-stars Claire Bloom, 81, and Norman Lloyd, 97, who will discuss their work with Chaplin and the influence he had on their distinguished careers.

*Limelight* offers a poignant portrait of the music halls where Charlie Chaplin, one of the screen's first comedic geniuses, developed his craft.

Produced just before Charlie Chaplin's re-entry permit to the United States was revoked during his travels abroad, the film is a

bittersweet time capsule, reflecting the mindset of an artist whose world was changing around him.

Featuring Claire Bloom in what was only her second film, *Limelight* is a tender and often humorous love story that revels in the details of life on the stage.

A brief, but tantalising, scene between Charlie Chaplin and his closest comedic rival, Buster Keaton, is yet another facet of the film's charm.

PTI

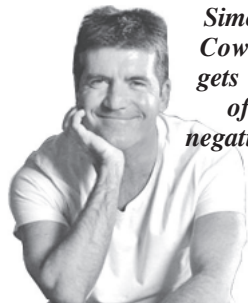


The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is all set to screen Charlie Chaplin's final masterpiece *Limelight*.

**Simon Cowell calls house healer to get rid of negative energy at home**

LOS ANGELES, 28 Sept—Music mogul Simon Cowell has called a house healer to get rid of the negative energy in his home.

The 52-year-old was feeling a lot of negativity in his house, and on the advice of some friends he decided to call a guy who would spread



Simon Cowell gets rid of negativity

positivity in the house.

"Hello. I had someone heal my house. Strange but great," Simon Cowell wrote on Twitter.

"The healer brings in good energy. Someone told me about it. It takes a couple of days," he added.

PTI

**Selena Gomez is reading a marriage self-help book "for fun"**

NEW DELHI, 28 Sept—The 20-year-old singer surprised onlookers last week when she was spotted reading *The 5 Love Languages: The Secret to Love that Lasts*, a tome detailing how to have a happy marriage but Selena

Gomez insists she and boyfriend Justin Bieber, 18, are not planning to walk down the aisle any time soon.

She told *Hollyscoop.com*: "Actually my preacher suggested it to me just for fun so I'm reading it just for fun."

However, things are getting serious for the pair as they recently decided to purchase a plot of land in Tarzana, California, which they will begin building a

home together on soon.

A source said: "Justin and Selena are building a massive home together in Tarzana. It's just a dirt lot right now with some pipes, but it has a generous panoramic view of the San Fernando Valley."

Justin Bieber recently revealed one of the things he likes most about the former *Wizards of Waverly Place* actress was that she was a good listener.

He said: "I'm attracted to someone who's a good listener, who is there for me and who pays attention to what I am saying. Also, I'm very affectionate so need someone affectionate like me."

Reuters



Selena Gomez is on a reading spree.

**Hugh Grant backs gay marriage rights campaign**

HOLLYWOOD, 28 Sept—Actor Hugh Grant has lent his voice to a campaign calling for a change in the UK's gay marriage laws.

The Notting Hill star admitted he is not a "big



Hugh Grant admitted he is not a "big believer" in the institution of marriage.

believer" in the institution of marriage but is adamant same-sex couples in his native country should be given the same rights as heterosexual unions, reported *Contactmusic*.

Grant has joined stars including girl band *The Saturdays*, singer *Paloma Faith*, and funnyman *David Walliams* by backing the *Out4Marriage* campaign.

In a new video message posted on YouTube, Grant said, "Hello, I'm Hugh Grant. I'm not a massive believer in

marriage — I think my own biography is testament to that, but I do think that love is the same for everyone, and I do think that everyone should have the same rights.

"If you want to get married, whether you're gay, straight, transgender, whatever, you should definitely be allowed to do that." Civil partnerships between same-sex couples are permitted in Britain but the *Out4Marriage* organization is calling for gay couples to be given equal rights in law.—PTI

**Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson madly in love**

LOS ANGELES, 28 Sept—Singer Jessica Simpson and her fiancé Eric Johnson are so deeply in love with each other that they are unable to focus on others at social gatherings.

The couple attended a friend's birthday party on Saturday and were clearly occupied with each other.

"They were whispering into each other's ears and smiling and laughing a lot. They spent the majority of the evening engaged in each other's company," *usmagazine.com* quoted a

source as saying.

The two got engaged in 2010 and have a four-month-old daughter Maxwell. Jessica

Simpson was criticised for dressing her daughter in a yellow bikini.

PTI

Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson, knitted together





SPORTS

Thailand close to Formula One race deal

Mortor racing

BANGKOK, 28 Sept—Thailand is close to securing a Formula One night race around the streets of Bangkok for the 2014 season, local media reported on Thursday.

Sports Authority of Thailand (SAT) Governor Kanokphand Chulakasem met Formula One supremo Bernie Ecclestone during the Singapore Grand Prix last

week and it was agreed “in principle” that Thailand would host the race, *Bangkok Post* reported.

“It will be a city race like those in Singapore and Monaco. It will be a night race like the Singapore Grand Prix,” Chulakasem was quoted as saying by the newspaper.

Fees and other aspects of the deal were yet to be finalised, Kanokphand added.

Tourism and Sports Minister Chumpol Silpa-archa had earlier assured the government would bear 60 percent of the total cost and the rest would come from private companies.

In 2010, more than 100,000 people turned out to watch Mark Webber driving a Red Bull demonstration car along the capital’s Rajadamnoen Avenue.

Reuters



McLaren Formula One driver Lewis Hamilton leads the pack during the Singapore F1 Grand Prix at the Marina Bay street circuit in Singapore on 23 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

Golf

McIlroy and McDowell to lead off for Europe

MEDINAH, (Illinois), 28 Sept—European Ryder Cup captain Jose Maria Olazabal will send out Rory McIlroy and fellow Northern Irishman Graeme McDowell first in Friday’s opening foursomes in a bid to give the holders a fast start.

World number one

McIlroy and McDowell, who clinched one-and-a-half points from a possible two at Celtic Manor two years ago, will face Americans Jim Furyk and Brandt Snedeker in the first match out at Medinah Country Club.

Olazabal also opted for strength and past form in his

final match, pairing Englishmen Ian Poulter and Justin Rose together to take on the potent US duo of Tiger Woods and Steve Stricker.

“They know each other very well and Europe will have to face a huge opponent,” Olazabal said after the pairings were formally announced at the Ryder Cup opening ceremony on Thursday.

“They are ready for it.” Good friends Poulter and Rose dovetailed superbly at Valhalla four years ago where they clinched two-and-a-half points from a possible three and had been widely expected to be re-united.

In the second match out, Phil Mickelson and Keegan Bradley will take on Britain’s Luke Donald and Spaniard Sergio Garcia with



Rory McIlroy

Jason Dufner and Zach Johnson next out against Britain’s Lee Westwood and Italy’s Francesco Molinari.

Europe have triumphed eight times in the last 13 Ryder Cups and regained the trophy with a nail-biting victory by 14-1/2 points to 13-1/2 two years ago.

Reuters



Graeme McDowell

Chelsea’s Terry banned for four matches

LONDON, 28 Sept—Chelsea captain John Terry has been banned for four domestic matches after a hearing found him guilty of racial abuse, the English FA said on Thursday.

Terry appeared before a Football Association disciplinary committee over charges that he racially abused Queens Park Rangers defender Anton Ferdinand in a Premier League match last October. He was acquitted over the incident in the law courts in July.

“(John) is disappointed that the FA commission has

reached a different conclusion to the clear not guilty verdict of a court of law,” Terry’s solicitors were quoted as saying in British media. “He has asked for the detailed written reasons and will consider carefully before deciding whether to

lodge an appeal.”

Terry has also been fined 220,000 pounds and the penalty is suspended until after the outcome of any appeal which must be received within 14 days.

“The Independent Regulatory Commission

will provide written reasons for its decision in due course,” the FA said in a statement.

Chelsea play title rivals Arsenal in the Premier League on Saturday and are due to face Manchester United in the league and League Cup during the last week of October.

“Chelsea Football Club notes and respects today’s decision by the Football Association regarding John Terry,” Chelsea said in a statement after the four-day hearing.

Reuters



Chelsea’s Terry

Soccer

Villas-Boas undaunted by Spurs trip to Man United

LONDON, 28 Sept—The jury is still out on Andre Villas-Boas but whether or not the Portuguese coach goes on to re-stock Tottenham Hotspur’s trophy cabinet, he will succeed or fail by sticking to his beliefs.

Unbeaten since the opening day of the Premier League season at Newcastle United, Tottenham travel to second-placed Manchester United on Saturday when Villas-Boas could win over the sceptics or simply hand them more ammunition to fire his way.

One thing is sure, the 34-year-old will not go there with any sense of inferiority even if England’s most decorated manager Alex Ferguson will be directing operations in the home dugout.

Villas-Boas even risked the Scot’s wrath by suggesting United get the better of refereeing decisions at Old Trafford.



Andre Villas-Boas

“I certainly will have no problems expressing myself at Old Trafford,” the Tottenham boss told reporters when asked if some young coaches were in awe of Ferguson. “I have no problem with that.”

Pushed on whether United got the benefit of close decisions at home, the London club’s media officer attempted to gag his coach but Villas-Boas refused to be silenced.

Asked if United are given beneficial treatment at home by match officials, he replied:

“It’s an interesting question. It’s a question that in this country is impossible to respond to.

“It would be good if we could respond but last year I received a very hard fine and I won’t make the same mistake again.” Villas-Boas does not lack confidence and hopes that will rub off on his team as they try and win at Old Trafford for the first time since 1989.

Eighth-placed Spurs will not, he said, go there to try and steal a point.—Reuters

Newcastle manager Pardew given eight-year contract

LONDON, 28 Sept—Newcastle United manager Alan Pardew and three senior coaches have been given eight-year contracts that will tie them to the Premier League side until the end of the 2019/2020 season, the club said on Thursday.

Pardew, who counts West Ham United and Charlton Athletic among his former clubs, joined Newcastle in 2010 and has led them to 12th and fifth place Premier League finishes.

The club have also handed long-term deals to assistant manager John Carver, coach Steve Stone and goalkeeping coach Andy Woodman.

The effort to impose stability at the club is in contrast to their recent history where they have had nine permanent or caretaker managers in the last eight years.

“If you look at clubs like Manchester United and Arsenal, Alex Ferguson and Arsene Wenger have shown

that stability gives you the best platform to achieve success, and that is the model we wish to emulate here,” managing director Derek Llabias said on the club website ([www.nufc.co.uk](http://www.nufc.co.uk)).

“Alan has done a fantastic job over the last couple of years and has proved what a great Premier League manager he is. I have total respect for him in all football matters and have an excellent relationship with him which I think benefits the club enormously.”

Pardew’s appointment was initially unpopular with fans who were disappointed former boss Chris Hughton was sacked after he led the club back to the Premier League.

He has since won them over with some fine performances on the pitch as well as some astute signings that helped him win both the Premier League manager of the season award and the League Managers’ Association manager of the year award.—Reuters



Newcastle manager Pardew



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- 7:25 am 3. To Be Healthy Exercise
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- 1. Martial Song 11:25 am
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- 8. Sweet Song For You 4:05 pm

- 2. Cultural Dances 4:20 pm
- 4. Song of National Races 4:45 pm
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- 9. Beautiful "ASEAN" 5:30 pm
- 10. Documentary 6:20 pm
- 15. ASEAN Unity 6:30 pm
- 16. Celebraity and Dinner 7:00 pm
- 17. TV Drama Series 8:00 pm
- 18. News
- 19. International News
- 22. Cartoon Series
- 23. Teleplay (Part-1)
- 24. Gitadagale Phwinfaohn

Azarenka pulls out, Sharapova upset in Tokyo

Maria Sharapova



TOKYO, 28 Sept—World number one Victoria Azarenka pulled out of the Pan Pacific Open citing chronic fatigue while Maria Sharapova was stunned by Samantha Stosur as the event lost its top two seeds on Thursday.

French Open champion Sharapova, Tokyo winner in 2005 and 2009, was upset by Australian Stosur 6-4 7-6 in a quarter-final filled with drama and high-quality tennis.

Azarenka withdrew before her quarter-final with German Angelique Kerber, having come into the WTA premier five event

from a set and 4-1 down against her Italian opponent. Eighth seed Stosur had won just one of her previous 11 meetings with Sharapova but seized the initiative by taking the first set when the Russian blasted a backhand long.

The Australian was taken to a tiebreak in the second after leading 5-3 but won a nail-biter 12-10 on her fifth match point after a wild forehand from Sharapova.

"When you don't take a few (chances) in a row you don't know what's going to happen," said 2011 US Open champion Stosur. "I just kept



Victoria Azarenka

complaining of health issues.

The Belarusian, who won this year's Australian Open and reached the final of the US Open earlier this month, struggled to complete her third round match the previous day.

"Before the tournament I wasn't feeling very good," said Azarenka, who had her blood pressure checked during Wednesday's win over Roberta Vinci.

"I had low energy. I wasn't myself. It wasn't possible today. Maybe it was tiredness from the whole season. I need to have some tests. It's a little bit unknown what it is."

Stosur next faces Russian Nadia Petrova, who ousted sixth seed Sara Errani 3-6, 7-5, 6-3 after battling back

trying to go for it and thankfully it paid off."

Sharapova was philosophical in defeat.

"She had the chance to win the match easily but I made it tough for her," said the London Olympic silver medalist. "I had my fair share of chances in the tiebreak.

"One point here, one point there - it just didn't go my way. I can play a lot better tennis than I have this week."

Following her walkover, fifth seed Kerber will face defending champion Agnieszka Radwanska in the semi-finals of the hardcourt event.

Pole Radwanska overpowered 10th seed Caroline Wozniacki 6-4 6-3 in the day's last quarter-final.

Reuters

Kaka recalled by Brazil after two-year absence



Real Madrid's Kaka gestures during their friendly soccer match against Benfica at the Luz stadium in Lisbon on 27 July, 2012.

REUTERS

RIO DE JANEIRO, 28 Sept—Former World Player of the Year Kaka is set to play his first match for Brazil for more than two years after being recalled on Thursday for next month's friendlies.

The Real Madrid player, plagued by injuries over the last few seasons, was included in the squad for the games against Iraq in Sweden on October 11 and against

Japan in Poland five days later.

He has not played for his country since the 2-1 defeat by the Netherlands at the 2010 World Cup quarter-final.

It was the second time he has been called up under the leadership of coach Mano Menezes, who replaced Dunga following the tournament in South

Africa. However, on the previous occasion last year, Kaka subsequently had to drop out with injury and missed the matches against Gabon and Egypt.

The 30-year-old, who made his debut for Brazil in 2002, has won 82 caps and played at the last three World Cups. There was still no place in the squad for Lazio midfielder Hernanes, who is considered one of the most creative midfielders in Serie A.

Menezes is rebuilding the team for the 2014 World Cup, which Brazil will host, and is trying to move them away from their counter-attacking style which they developed under Dunga.

Despite 12 wins in their last 14 matches, Menezes has been criticised for Brazil's performances amid speculation that former coach Luiz Felipe Scolari, who

led Brazil to World Cup victory in 2002, could be recalled closer to the tournament.

Goalkeepers: Jefferson (Botafogo), Diego Alves (Valencia) Victor (Atletico Mineiro)

Defenders: Adriano (Barcelona), Daniel Alves (Barcelona), Alessandro (Porto), Marcelo (Real Madrid), David Luiz (Chelsea), Dede (Vasco da Gama), Leandro Castan (AS Roma), Thiago Silva (Paris St Germain)

Midfielders: Fernando (Gremio), Paulinho (Corinthians), Giuliano (Dnipro), Ramires (Chelsea), Sandro (Tottenham), Kaka (Real Madrid), Lucas (São Paulo), Oscar (Chelsea), Thiago Neves (Fluminense)

Forwards: Hulk (Zenit St Petersburg), Leandro Damiao (Internacional), Neymar (Santos)

Reuters

Arsenal defend strategy as profit climbs

LONDON, 28 Sept—Arsenal said it would stick to its policy of living within its means after the sale of star players Cesc Fabregas and Samir Nasri helped the English Premier League soccer club to more than double pretax profit.

The results are a double-edged sword for a club run on a prudent financial basis but whose fans are frustrated by the departure of top players and the lack of a trophy win since 2005.

Arsenal, which last won the Premier League title in 2004, has been overtaken by free-spending teams like Premier League champion Manchester City, bankrolled by cash from Abu Dhabi.

Chief Executive Ivan



Cesc Fabregas

Gazidis said Arsenal was strongly placed to succeed in the long term as clubs are forced to implement rules from European soccer's governing body to rein in losses.

"We can and we will forge our own path to success

and avoid the many examples of clubs across Europe struggling for their very survival after chasing the dream and spending beyond their means," Gazidis said.

"Football is moving powerfully in our direction."

Reuters



# President U Thein Sein meets President of 67<sup>th</sup> session of UN General Assembly, President of European Council, Bangladeshi Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Sept— President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar met Mr Vuk Jelic, President of the 67<sup>th</sup> session of the UN General Assembly, at the latter's office at 10:45 am local time yesterday morning after delivering an address at the 67<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly held in New York, the United States of America.

Foreign Affairs and Security Policy at the meeting hall of the UN Headquarters at 11 am.

The President also received Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina who was in New York.

Also present at the meetings together with President U Thein Sein were Union Ministers Lt-Gen Thein Htay, U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Thein, U Khin Yi and Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations U Kyaw Tin.

The President received President Mr Herman Vn Rompuy of European Council and Ms Catharine Ashton, High Representative of the European Union for

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President U Thein Sein receives President Mr Herman Vn Rompuy of European Council and Ms Catharine Ashton, High Representative of European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Council.—MNA

## President U Thein Sein meets US-ASEAN Business Council President, members of US Chamber of Commerce



NAY PYI TAW, 28 Sept—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met President of US-ASEAN Business Council and members of US Chamber of Commerce, at Myanmar Permanent Representative office to the UN in New York of the US, at 3 pm local time yesterday.

Present on the occasion were Union Ministers Lt-Gen Thein Htay, U Soe Thein and U Khin Yi, ambassadors and departmental heads, Deputy Assistant Secretary of US Department of State Mr Joseph Yun, US-ASEAN Business Council President Mr Alexander Feldman and executives, Senior Vice President of US-ASEAN Business Council Mr Myron Brilliant and stakeholders from Abbot, ACE Group, Chevron, Chartis, Citi, Coca Cola, Deloitte, Dow Chemical, GE, Google, Master Card and Merck companies.

At the ceremony, Mr Joseph Yun and President Mr Alexander Feldman extended greetings.

After that, President U Thein Sein delivered a speech and replied to questions raised by US businessmen on making investment in Myanmar and service for Myanmar citizens.

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### Condition of Southwest monsoon withdrawal

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Sept— During the past (24) hours, Southwest monsoon has been withdrawn from the North Bay of Bengal and Central Myanmar areas, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

### MAI to buy Airbus Neo and Boeing Max

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Sept—Tourism industry is profitable business and can earn foreign exchange. The global countries are accelerating tourism industry for earning more and more foreign exchange.

As part of efforts to raise the market of tourist destinations across the world, Myanmar Airways International secured the Tourism Alliance Awards (TAA) as the best airline award in the International Travel Expo (ITE) in Ho Chi Minh of Vietnam from 13 to 15 September.

MAI extends foreign trips. Arrangements are being made to fly the Mandalay-Gaya-Mandalays and Yangon-Bangkok-Singapore-Bangkok routes in October and Yangon-Hong Kong-Yangon route and the flights to Korea, Japan and China (Taipei) in December. MAI received offers from respective companies to buy Airbus Neo (New Engine Option) and Boeing Max.—Myanma Alin

President U Thein Sein delivers a speech in meeting with US-ASEAN Business Council President and members of US Chamber of Commerce.

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