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Qatar Airways launches Doha-Yangon flight

YANGON, 4 Oct—Qatar Airways, the national flag carrier of Qatar, launched Doha-Yangon flight this morning as the latest flight after expanding its wings to Baku (Azerbaijan), Tbilisi (Georgia), Zagreb (Croatia), Perth (Australia), Kigali (Rwanda), Kilimanjaro (Tanzania), Baghdad (Iraq), Erbil (Iraq), Maputo (Mozambique), Belgrade (Serbia) and Warsaw (Poland) in 2012.

Qatar Airways was established in 1994 as a domestic air transportation service provider and reorganized in 1997 to build as an international airline. The number of planes has increased from four in 1997 to 23 in 2003 and 50 in 2006. Now, it operates 120 inbound and outbound flights with over 100 planes. It has planned to extend the number of flights to 170 with over 170 planes.

The ceremony to launch Doha-Yangon flight was held at Yangon International Airport this morning with flight No QR 618 being greeted by splashed water on its arrival at the airport.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and CEO of Qatar Airways Mr Akar Al Baker exchanged gifts.

Beginning 3rd October, Qatar Airways flies from Doha to Yangon thrice a week and will fly daily beginning 28 October.—MNA



Qatar Airways CEO Mr Akar Al Baker and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe exchange gifts to mark launching of Doha-Yangon flight.—MNA

Free eye care services provided to patients

MAHLAING, 4 Oct—Under the leadership of Shitmyethna Sayadaw of Mahlaing, the Eye Care Service Group provided eye care treatment to the eye patients in the precinct of the monastery.

As of 17 September, eye care services are being given to 50 eye patients every Monday, Wednesday and Friday free of charge.

Eye specialist Dr May Shin of Mahlaing treated

ordinary eye complaints and minor eye cases free of charge to the patients. Eye specialist Dr Khin Zaw Tun gave treatment to major eye surgical cases at HtilaU Clinic in Meiktila free of charge.

The cost for medicines and hospital equipment were spent from the fund of the service group, said Chairman of the service group U Maung Maung Tin.

Due to hot and dry

season, dust and shortage of water in the township, the service group is giving free eye care to a large number of patients. So, the group may face difficulty to overcome. Now, the group needs donations from wellwishers.

Those wishing to make donations to the fund of the group may dial 064-60091 and 064-60191 of the Eye Care Service Group.

Kyemon

YCDC to spend over K 12 billion on water supply task

YANGON, 4 Oct—According to the statistics of Yangon City Development Committee, Yangon City needs 180 million gallons of water daily, but the Yangon City Development Committee supplies 160 million gallons of water only to the dwellers daily. Thus, efforts will be made for seeking new water sources, said the Yangon Mayor at the fourth regular session of the Yangon Region Hluttaw.

It was reported that Yangon City Development Committee will spend K 12.459 billions on supply of potable water to the city dwellers; Ngamoeyeik water supply project-2 is under

implementation for ensuring water sufficiency in the city in early 2013; and on completion, the project will provide 45 million gallons of water to Yangonites daily.

Projects are being implemented to supply 33 million gallons of water to Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) and Dagon Myothit (East) townships and Kokkomytwa project to 90 million gallons of water.

“This year, we faced shortage of water for many times. The committee needs to systematically repair water pipelines. I had to use purified drinking water as general purpose due to shortage of water. In the

couple of days, the water supplied by Yangon City Development Committee was not clean and contains sediments. Sometimes, water colour was dirty. In my childhood, the water supplied by Gyobyu could be drunk because it was very clean. Now, we have to rely on purified drinking water for cooking and drinking purposes. Whatever it may be, it should repair water supply system,” said a woman of Pazundaung Township.

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Diploma in International Law Course conducted at Mandalay University

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct—Human Resource Development Department of Mandalay University opened the Diploma in International Law Course No 1/2012 at the four-storey building of Mandalay University in Mandalay at 7.30 am today.

Pro-Rector Dr Saw Pyone Naing made a speech on the occasion. Dean of Law Department Professor Dr Nu Nu Yi explained matters related to the diploma course. Altogether 256 students are attending the nine-month course.—MNA

Southwest monsoon withdraws

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct—During the past 24 hours, Southwest monsoon had withdrawn from the Central Bay of Bengal and Deltaic areas, announced by Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

MNA

NATIONAL

Farmers from Hsihseng Tsp observe paddy plantations in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct—Shan, Pa-O, Lisu, Padaung, Kayan national race farmers from Hsihseng Township of Shan State and farmers from Yanaungmyin Village, Dekkhinathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw met at 440-acre Paletwe hybrid paddy plantations in Alyinlo Village, Pynmana Township this morning to discuss matters related to agricultural development.



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint explained efforts for

increasing income and improving socioeconomic life of farmers and economic

viability of quality strains and modern rice mills to observer farmers from

Hsihseng and presented one kilo of hybrid maize to each farmer.

The observer farmers and Union Ministers looked round thriving paddy plantations in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

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Ancient artifacts confiscated

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct—Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin viewed 331 ancient artifacts which were confiscated in accordance with Illegal Possession of Property Law today.

These items will be sent to respective museums under the Ministry of Culture. The Deputy Minister said that before sending to the respective museums, those

items should be kept systematically, saying that staff should keep watchful eyes on those items.

According to the Ancient Property Act Law-1957 of the Ministry of Culture, ancient artifacts are not allowed to carry foreign countries and if he or she tries to violate this law, action will be taken against violators according to

existing laws. A person who wants to carry Buddha images and related materials which are not ancient artifacts from home to foreign countries must apply for recommendation letter at the office branches of the Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library in Yangon and Mandalay.

MNA

Union Hotels and Tourism Minister inspects hotels in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct—For the convenience of distinguished guests in hotel accommodation, new hotels are being constructed and upgrading works are in progress for upcoming events like festivals and

meetings in Nay Pyi Taw. Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung inspected Myanmar Hotel, Tongapuri Hotel, Kyaukmyat Nanndaw Hotel, Hayman Win Hotel,

Shwe Pyidaw Hotel and Thingaha Hotel this morning. The Union Minister called for greening of environs and ensuring quality service in parallel with construction works.

MNA

Some wards in Chanmyathazi Township flooded

MANDALAY, 4 Oct—Payantaw Creek in Chanmyathazi Township overflowed Aungpinle, Htundon and Kanthaya wards. Due to yesterday's heavy rains, overflow of the creek put the residences under two feet deep flooded water. Seven relief camps were opened to accommodate flood victim families. Members of Myanmar Police Force and fire brigade and personnel of Health Department are giving food, security and health care services to the victims. It was reported that the creek water still flows into the wards on 2 October.

According to the local people, the floods of previous year were worse than that of this year.

A total of 1597 people from 341 households are being accommodated at the relief camps. Likewise, local people in some wetland wards of Mandalay and Patheingyi Township are facing difficulties in transport due to floods.—Kyemon



U Maung Maung, Daw Khin Win Swe and family from Aung Zeya Ward, Ahlon Township, Yangon donate K 880,000 to the funds of Hninsigon Home for the Aged through Vice-Chairman of the Home Col Kyaw Shein.—NLM

Sawn teak timber seized in Toungoo

BAGO, 4 Oct—IP Kyaw Tin Oo and party of Toungoo No 1 Police Station together with witnesses searched the vehicle driven by Aung Kyaw Thein and Kyaw Lwin of Meiktila near Khabaung Bridge on Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Min Gyi Nyo Ward of Toungoo on 25 September.

They seized 470 pieces of sawn teak timber in various sizes weighing 5.1926 tons worth K 1,298,150. Under investigation, Aung Kyaw Thein and Kyaw Lwin confessed that the timbers were transported from Yeni to Yangon and these timbers were owned by Win Naing Oo of Yeni.

Toungoo Police Station No 1 opened a file of lawsuit against those three persons under the law.

Kyemon

District News



Car accident on Yangon-Mandalay Highway leaves five dead, 24 injured

YAMETHIN, 4 Oct—A Canter truck driven by U Hla Myint (a) U San Hlaing, 32 of Yuzana Co residing in Pyawbwe Township of Yamethin District returned from Meiktila after transporting workers to Phaungdaw U Pagoda Pujaniya in Meiktila on 30 September.

On its return, the car stopped but it turned over due to out of control in dodging the overtake of a motorcycle near mile post 332/7 on Yangon-Mandalay Highway near Kanthaaye Village.

In the incident, workers Ma Myat Thuza Lin, 17 and Ma Cho Thin, 30 from Yengan Village of Pyawbwe Township died on the spot. Under the supervision of the Meiktila District Deputy Commissioner and the Commander of District Police Force, a total of 24 injured men and women were rushed to Meiktila General Hospital for in-patient treatment.

At the hospital, Mahuya, 18 of Kyauktaing Village in Pyawbwe Township, Ko Maung San, 39 of Nyaungnwe Village and Zaw Naing Tun, 19 of Kyauktaing Village were announced dead. Meiktila General Hospital referred two serious injured Ma Thuza Hlaing, 17 and Maung Yazar, 17 of Yengan Village of Pyawbwe Township to Mandalay General Hospital.

The police station concerned opened a file of lawsuit against the accident.—Myanma Alin



Photo shows 107 bags of rice donated by members of Mohnyin Township Union Solidarity and Development Party for local people in relief camps in Phakant Township of Mohnyin District on 25 September.—NLM-001

WORLD

UN Secretary-General's Message on World Teachers' Day

5 October 2012

No education system is better than its teachers. Teachers are the custodians of learning; they impart knowledge, values and skills; at their best, they tap into the hopes and talents of young people and help them to grow into productive citizens.

Yet too often, teachers are not given the recognition and support they deserve. World Teachers Day reminds us of their heavy responsibilities as well as the challenges they face, particularly at a time of global economic difficulty. We should not let teachers and children pay the cost of the crisis; we must protect our education systems from current financial pressures and budgetary constraints.

One of the priorities of my new global initiative, Education First, is to recruit and train more teachers. The world needs about 2 million more teachers to achieve the Millennium Development Goal of universal primary education 2015. The lack of teachers undermines not only the progress made in enrolling children in primary education, but also our efforts to improve school and learning environments.

We must also ensure that teachers are well prepared and well supported. Without qualified teachers, there is no quality education. Pre-service and in-service training are crucial, as are good working conditions, commensurate remuneration and adequate career development opportunities.

Teachers themselves have a responsibility to create safe and conducive environments for children to thrive. They can also serve as powerful models of tolerance, good citizenship and solidarity with the disadvantaged—a role I hope all will embrace.

On World Teachers Day, I pay tribute to the millions of teachers around the world who are working with passion and skill to nurture their students and whose influence on our world is potentially profound. Let us recognize that investing in teachers is a wise investment in our efforts to build strong economies, cohesive societies and a future of dignity and opportunity for all.

UNIC/Yangon

Joint Message on the occasion of World Teachers' Day

5 October 2012

On this World Teachers' Day, we take a stand for teachers. Teachers are the foundation of good schools, and good schools are the pillars of healthy and democratic communities.

Teachers are the keys to reaching the Education for All goals.

An estimated 1.7 million more teacher positions are required to reach the goals of Universal Primary Education by 2015. As we recruit new teachers, we must continue to improve the quality of teaching and learning. Governments are urged to provide teachers with access to training opportunities and continued professional development, based on appropriate qualifications. Attracting committed and diverse teachers requires environments that value professional autonomy and equality. Teachers need to be supported in fulfilling their responsibilities to students, and their voices must be listened to by school leaders, education systems and public authorities. Teachers salaries must be set objectively and fairly, such that remuneration is commensurate with the importance of the profession and the qualifications and responsibilities of individual teachers.

Teachers, in turn, must be accountable to their students and communities. The teaching profession is encouraged to design and implement teacher codes of conduct, based on the highest ethical and professional standards, and to be oriented around the goal of teaching all students effectively and equally.

This World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to honour the women and men who inspire, challenge and nurture us. On this day, we call for the creation of supportive teaching environments, adequate teacher training and safeguards for the rights of teachers. We must break the vicious cycle of declining professional conditions for teachers in order to improve the quality of learning for all. The world expects a lot from teacher—they, in turn, are right to expect as much from us. This World Teachers Day is an opportunity to take a stand for all teachers.

Irina Bokova, Director-General, UNESCO
 Guy Ryder, Director-General, ILO
 Helen Clark, Administrator, UNDP
 Anthony Lake, Executive Director, UNICEF
 Fred van Leeuwen, General Secretary, Education International

Russia's Lavrov skipped big powers' Iran meeting at UN

UNITED NATIONS, 4 Oct—Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov stayed away from a meeting of six world powers on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly last week because he had to attend another “urgent matter,” Russia's UN mission said on Wednesday.

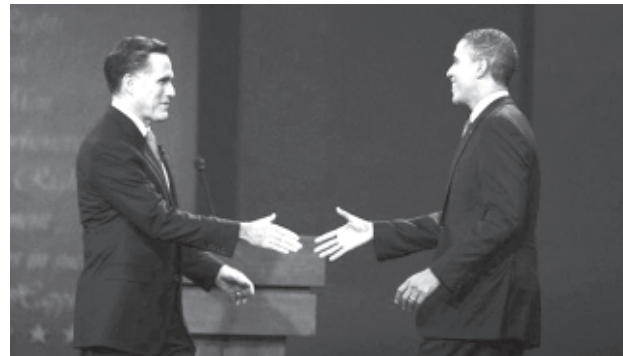
Last week, a foreign ministerial-level meeting was convened in New York with the five permanent UN Security Council members—The United States, France, Britain, Russia and China—

and Germany. The meeting was inconclusive, diplomats said. European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton also attended the meeting. She said afterward participants had “discussed at length the need for Iran to take action urgently as we considered the Iranian nuclear issue.

But in what UN diplomats said could be a sign of the growing divide between Russia and Western powers on Iran and Syria, Lavrov was not at the meeting.

Russian UN Ambassador Vitaly Churkin attended instead. A spokesman for Russia's UN mission confirmed Lavrov's absence, saying: “The Minister had to attend to some other urgent matter, as far as I know.” Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi attended, envoys said.

The meeting of the so-called “P5-plus-one” group came on the same day that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu drew his “red line” for Iran's nuclear



Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney (L) shakes hands with President Barack Obama at the start of the first presidential debate at Denver University, Denver, Colorado, the United States, on 3 Oct, 2012.—XINHUA

Obama, Romney cross fires on economy in 1st presidential debate

DENVER, 4 Oct—US President Barack Obama and Republican nominee Mitt Romney on Wednesday night fought head-to-head here over economy, the top issue on the campaign trail, among several domestic issues in their first face-to-face debate.

The somewhat subdued incumbent and the generally more aggressive challenger began their first prime-time debate side-by-side at Denver University in Denver, Colorado.

The 90-minute debate, hosted by veteran PBS journalist Jim Lehrer, started off with a question to Obama on how he would create jobs, and went on concentrating on the important issue of economy for half of the time.

Obama opened his statement on economy by stressing the debate was not about “where we have been” but rather where the nation was heading to.

Romney aggressively questioned Obama's economic record and accused his economic policies as a “trickle-down government” burdening the US economy.

“I am concerned that we are on the path that's just been unsuccessful. The president has a view very similar to the one he had when he ran for office four years ago, that spending more, taxing more, regulating more — if you will, trickle-down government — would work. That's not the right answer

for America,” said Romney.

Obama rebutted by saying Romney's economic plans lacked details. “I think the American people have to ask themselves, is the reason that Governor Romney is keeping all these plans to replace secret because they are too good?” said Obama.

The two candidates also tried to sharpen their contrast with each other over domestic issues including healthcare, government regulation and the role of government.

On health care, Obama related the Affordable Care Act, his signature domestic achievement, to the similar idea of what Romney had institutionalized in Massachusetts as the state governor and now opposed as a presidential candidate.

Romney defended himself that his plan differed from having the federal government take over health care across America. He said Obama's healthcare overhaul raised cost of healthcare and cut Medicare, and the president used his precious first term to push forward the plan instead of creating more jobs.

Romney also attacked Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, signed into law by Obama in 2010, saying it had helped create too-big-to-fail Wall Street banks, while crushing small community banks.

Obama, on the other hand, defended his record,

questioning Romney's “repeal and replace” approach. He stressed Wall Street needs reform and supervision, while families needs protection in the healthcare insurance market.

As they moved on to the topic of the role of government, Obama stressed the federal government role of opening up opportunity and create ladders of opportunity.

“There is also something we do better together,” said Obama.

Romney said the role of the government is to protect the principals of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, but not to substitute government to people's initiatives.

Obama was heading into the debate with a clear advantage in polls. The latest poll by Pew Research Center found that more voters, by a margin of 51 percent to 29 percent, said Obama would do better than Romney in the first debate.

But the debate had higher stakes for Romney, as he was trailing the president in polls.

Prior to the debate, both campaigns had said it would give the candidates an opportunity to speak directly to voters without the filter of the media. The two camps clearly had different evaluation of the candidates' performance during the first debate.—Xinhua

Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov gestures during a news conference in Moscow in this file photo taken on 18 Jan, 2012.—REUTERS



programme, on Thursday, saying Teheran may be on the brink of an atom bomb in less than a year. He suggested Israel might have to make a decision on whether to attack Iran's nuclear facilities by spring 2013.—Reuters

Seven people killed in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 4 Oct—At least seven people were killed and four wounded in separate bomb and gunfire attacks in central and northern Iraq on Wednesday, the police said. In the Iraqi capital, a joint police and army forces shot dead three gunmen carrying silenced weapons on a high-way near Baghdad's western District of Ghazaliyah, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The security force spotted the gunmen and chased them on the highway after they attacked a civilian car of a government employee but failed to shoot him, the source said.

Near Baghdad, a police patrol found the bodies of three men kidnapped earlier at an orchard in Abu Ghraib area, some 20 km west of Baghdad, a local police source anonymously told Xinhua. The three victims are two policemen and a brother of one of them. They were kidnapped late Tuesday night by gunmen who dragged them outside a house in Abu Ghraib area, the source said, adding that the bodies were carrying signs of torture and were shot in their heads and chests.—Xinhua

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**Tiny, new African dinosaur species unveiled** **Science**

NEW YORK, 4 Oct— A new dinosaur the size of a house cat and described as a cross between “a bird, a vampire and a porcupine” has been identified in a piece of rock from South Africa.

University of Chicago paleontologist Paul Sereno, who published the findings on Wednesday in the online scientific journal *ZooKeys*, said in an interview with *Reuters* he actually made the discovery of the small-bodied herbivore in 1983.

Sereno, whose research involves mapping the dinosaur family tree, said he came upon the specimen as a graduate student while doing research in a Harvard University laboratory and intended to write about it immediately.

“I said, ‘Whoa!’ I realized it was a new species from the moment I set eyes on it,” Sereno said. But he says he grew distracted by other things, and had in mind

a more ambitious research project.

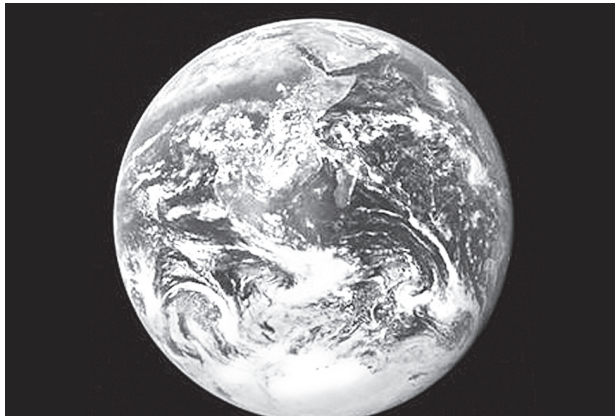
“There was always a danger that someone would discover it and write about it, and I would read about it,” he said, but added it was all for the best: “Hey, I’m smarter than I was then.”

The strange-looking species, which Sereno has named *Pegomastax africanus*, or “thick jaw from Africa,” lived between 100 million and 200 million years ago.

“I describe it as a bird, a vampire and a porcupine,” Sereno said. It had the weight of a small house cat and stood less than a foot off of the ground.

It had a thick jaw and a blunt beak with a “heightened tooth that sticks down, dagger-like,” Sereno said. He said it would have been part of one of three groups that form the base of the dinosaur tree.

Reuters



NASA undated handout image shows an image of the earth taken from space.—REUTERS

LONDON, 4 Oct—The discovery by NASA rover Curiosity of evidence that water once flowed on Mars—the most Earth-like planet in the solar system—should intensify interest in what the future could hold for mankind.

The only thing stopping Earth having a lifeless environment like Mars is the magnetic field that shields us from deadly solar radiation and helps some animals migrate, and it may be a lot more fragile and febrile than one might think.

Scientists say earth’s magnetic field is weakening and could all but disappear in as little as 500 years as a precursor to flipping upside down.

It has happened before—the geological record suggests the magnetic field has reversed every 250,000 years, meaning that, with the last event 800,000 years ago, another would seem to be overdue.

“Magnetic north has migrated more than 1,500 kilometres over the past century,” said Conall Mac

Lost in migration: Earth’s magnetic field overdue a flip **Science**

Niocaill, an earth scientist at Oxford University. “In the past 150 years, the strength of the magnetic field has lessened by 10 percent, which could indicate a reversal is on the cards.”

While the effects are hard to predict, the consequences may be enormous. The loss of the magnetic field on Mars billions of years ago put paid to life on the planet if there ever was any, scientists say.

Mac Niocaill said Mars probably lost its magnetic field 3.5-4.0 billion years ago, based on observations that rocks in the planet’s southern hemisphere have magnetisation.

The northern half of Mars looks younger because it has fewer impact craters, and has no magnetic structure to speak of, so the field must have shut down before the rocks there were formed, which would have been about 3.8 billion years ago.

“With the field dying away, the solar wind was then able to strip the atmosphere away, and you would also have an increase in the cosmic radiation making it to the surface,” he said.

“Both of these things would be bad news for any life that might have formed on the surface—either wiping it out, or forcing it to migrate into the interior of the planet.” In nature, animals which use the field could be mightily confused—birds, bees, and some fish all use the field for navigation. So do sea turtles whose long lives, which can easily exceed a hundred years, means a single generation could feel the effects.

Scientists, who have known for some time the magnetic field has a tendency to flip, have made advances in recent years in understanding why and how it happens.—*Reuters*

Facebook lets US users pay to boost visibility of postings **Tech**

The sun sets on the entrance sign at Facebook’s headquarters in Menlo Park, California, the night before the company’s IPO launch, on 17 May, 2012.—REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 4 Oct—Facebook Inc is letting users in the United States pay a fee to boost the visibility of their postings on the social network, the company’s latest effort to look beyond advertisers for revenue.

The promoted-posts-for-users feature, which Facebook began offering as a test on Wednesday to a limited number of its US users, ensures that a comment or photo shared by a Facebook member gets prominent

billing in their friends’ newsfeeds. “When you promote a post—whether it’s wedding photos, a garage sale, or big news—you bump it higher in news feed so your friends and subscribers are more likely to notice it,” Facebook said in an announcement on its official blog on Wednesday.

Facebook is considering a variety of prices. The current test price in the United States is \$7, according to a Facebook spokesman.

The move marks Facebook’s latest effort to experiment with new ways to make money beyond advertising, which accounted for roughly 84 percent of the company’s revenue in the second quarter.

Facebook also takes a 30 percent cut of purchases of virtual goods by users playing Zynga’s Farmville and other social games on its website.

With Facebook’s revenue growth rate showing a sharp slowdown in recent quarters, many analysts and investors believe the company needs to find new ways to make money.—*Reuters*

Cyber attackers disrupt Internet in Iran: official

DUBAI, 4 Oct— Cyber attackers have targeted Iranian infrastructure and communications companies, disrupting the Internet across the country, a state official was quoted as saying on Wednesday. Iran, the world’s No 5 oil exporter, has tightened cyber security since its uranium enrichment centrifuges were hit in 2010 by the Stuxnet computer worm, which Teheran believes was planted by arch-adversaries Israel or the United States.

“Yesterday we had a heavy attack against the country’s infrastructure and communications companies

which has forced us to limit the Internet,” Mehdi Akhavan Behabadi, secretary of the High Council of Cyberspace, told the Iranian *Labour News Agency*.

“Presently we have constant cyber attacks in the country. Yesterday an attack with a traffic of several gigabytes hit the Internet infrastructure, which caused an unwanted slowness in the country’s Internet,” he said.

“All of these attacks have been organized. And they have in mind the country’s nuclear, oil, and information networks.” Israeli officials have threatened military

action against the Islamic Republic’s nuclear energy sites if Western sanctions on Teheran’s banking and oil sectors do not persuade it to shelve its disputed atomic programme. Western powers suspect Iran is trying to develop the means to produce nuclear weapons. Teheran says it is enriching uranium only for civilian energy.

Last month a commander in Iran’s elite Revolutionary Guards said it was prepared to defend itself in case of a “cyber war” and deemed it more dangerous than a physical confrontation.

Reuters

Boost for land speed record bid after successful rocket test **Tech**

LONDON, 4 Oct— The British team behind a project to build a 1,000 mph car have cleared a key hurdle with a successful test of the rocket they hope will push the vehicle well beyond the sound barrier.

The rocket will be twinned with a fighter jet engine from a Eurofighter Typhoon on the Bloodhound supersonic car in a bid to smash the existing world land speed record of 763 mph set 15 years ago by the same team in Thrust SSC.

The test-firing, which produced a jet of flame from the rocket fixed to a test rig in a bomb-proof military hangar at an airport in the southwest English town of

Newquay, lasted a matter of seconds.

“That’s exactly what I was hoping to see,” said Andy Green, the Royal Air Force fighter pilot who will sit in the driving seat for the record bid. “That was a hugely successful, very, very important experiment for us.” The test brought together three components; the rocket itself, a tank containing the peroxide-based rocket fuel and a Cosworth Formula One engine used purely to pump the fuel into the combustion chamber.

Test data showed the rocket produced 14,200 pounds of thrust with the Cosworth engine running

at over 16,000 revolutions per minute. Further tests through the end of this year and into 2013 will ramp up the power.

For the record bid, the rocket is designed to generate 27,500 pounds of thrust, equivalent to 80,000 horsepower or the combined output of 95 Formula One cars.

The team say they have enough funding from sponsors to complete the car, which so far only exists on paper.

Bloodhound will attack 1,000 mph on a dry lake bed called Hakskeen Pan in South Africa’s Northern Cape region in 2014.

Reuters



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

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Enrichment of flour with folic acid reduces birth defects: health forums

Health
VIENNA, 4 Oct — The enrichment of bread with folic acids can reduce birth defects in babies by up to 60 percent, studies shown at the European Health Forum Gastein (EHFG) on Wednesday have revealed. Scott Montgomery, Director of the Flour Fortification Initiative (FFI), said at the Forum in Salzburg that central nervous system-related birth defects such as spina bifida can be reduced by 31 percent to 58 percent when flour is mixed with folic acid, a B-vitamin.

The FFI said Oman was the first country to adopt the measure in 1996, and the practice had since become compulsory in 57 other countries and was optional in others. "Through this at least 22,000 birth defects a year can be prevented, which also saves many countries a lot of consequential costs," Montgomery said, according to an APA report. Some experts caution against the practice however, citing that excessive consumption of folic acid can

potentially lead to cancer, and the fact that in some countries the consumer no longer has a choice of whether they want it in their bread or not. However former Director of the Division of Nutrition at the American Centre for Disease Control William Dietz said at the conference that the practice had little risk and substantial benefits for health, adding that iron and iodine should also be promoted for their health benefits. *Xinhua*

Australian building approvals rise 6.4 pct in Aug

Business
SYDNEY, 4 Oct— Australia's dwelling approvals rose 6.4 percent in August, following a fall of 21.2 percent in July, according to data released on Thursday by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). In the year to August, the number of residential building approved in Australia fell 15.4 percent, the ABS said. Dwelling approvals increased in Victoria, Western Australia and Queensland but decreased in New South Wales, South Australia and Tasmania. Economists had generally expected a 4.7 percent rise in approvals in August. —*Xinhua*



The Tower Building in Sydney is a cylindrical building.—XINHUA

India's Bajaj Auto partners with Japan's Kawasaki for Indonesian market



Bajaj Auto – Pantnagar (India). XINHUA

KOLKATA, 4 Oct—After a rough solo attempt to foray into the Indonesian market, India's leading two-wheeler maker Bajaj Auto has decided to link up with Japanese motorcycle maker, Kawasaki, and is now ready to market the 'Kawasaki Bajaj' motorcycles in Indonesia. These motorcycles will be assembled at the Chakan plant in India's western state of Maharashtra by Bajaj Auto

and distributed by Kawasaki through their network in Indonesia. Bajaj said that their relation with Kawasaki, which is already 30 years old, was never a joint venture. "We were able to sustain it and this is Version 2 of the Kawasaki Bajaj partnership," he said. "While Bajaj can grow faster with Kawasaki in these markets, Kawasaki can focus on the larger bikes it specializes in

so there is no conflict or cannibalization," he added. Bajaj had entered the Philippines market with Kawasaki and the strategy was a huge success, so it wanted to try this model in the emerging market of Indonesia. Brazil is next on the agenda. The Bajaj executive said as an entry strategy for Indonesia, they had chosen to go alone as they wanted to understand these markets, the customer behaviour and preferences in these markets. The total investment at PT Bajaj Auto Indonesia stood at 1378.2 million rupees (25 million US dollars) as of 31 March, 2012. It sold 23,337 motorcycles in FY12 and 21,586 units in FY11. The company found its products were relevant but these markets were dominated by the four Japanese brand Honda, Yamaha, Suzuki and Kawasaki and the market preferred Japanese brands. *Xinhua*

Drop in hospital visits seen with lower drug copays

Health
NEW YORK, 4 Oct—After Pitney Bowes Inc cut copayments for two essential heart drugs, employees at the Stamford, Connecticut-based company began filling their prescriptions more regularly, according to a new reports. They also were less likely to visit the doctor, end up in the ER or be admitted to a hospital, slashing their out-of-pocket expenses beyond the copay reductions, researchers found. He and his colleagues studied the healthcare use of more than 2,800 Pitney Bowes employees who qualified for reduced copays on statins, a class of cholesterol-lowering medications, or the clot-buster drug clopidogrel. Several insurers now offer

similar plans, known as value-based insurance designs, lowering the amount patients have to pay for certain evidence-based health services. The Affordable Care Act

also contains a provision asking insurers to explore this option. The goal is to improve quality of care and eventually curb healthcare spending by ensuring that people stick with their treatment to avoid more-serious, costlier health problems — in the case of clopidogrel, another heart attack or stroke. Compared with a group of nearly 50,000 employees without a value-based insurance design, Pitney Bowes' employees had 10 to 20 percent fewer doctor visits and about 10 percent fewer hospitalizations and ER admissions. That's about one fewer admission per 200 patients, Choudhry said. Beyond the lower copay, patients also ended up shelling out less money for other medical services, with drops between 10 and 24 percent. *Reuters*



Patients have their vital stats recorded before receiving treatment at the Remote Area Medical (RAM) clinic in Wise, Virginia on 20 July, 2012.—REUTERS

Infant fussiness not tied to later mental health

Health
BRISBANE (Australia), 4 Oct—Babies who fuss and cry a lot may not have a greater chance of mental health issues later in life — despite what their mothers might think, a new study suggests. Parents sometimes worry that if their baby seems overly irritable, that could be an omen of distress later in life, too. So the new findings should help set their minds at ease, said lead researcher Dr Rebecca Hyde, of Mater Children's Hospital in South Brisbane, Australia. The study found that when moms said their baby cried excessively and had other problems

"settling," they were also more likely than other moms to report behavior problems once their child was a teenager. Yet those "problem children" did not see themselves that way. And by the time they were 21 years old, their mental health was on par with that of their peers. There could be a number of things going on to explain the findings, Hyde told *Reuters* Health in an email. "It may be that the child's early behavioural dyslration has affected the relationship between the child and the mother, such that the mother continues to see the child as

having problems, even when they do not," she explained. Hyde said it's also possible that, for whatever reason, some moms are always going to see more problems in their kids than other mothers. The findings, which appear in the journal *Pediatrics*, are based on nearly 3,100 young adults who were born in the early 1980s and followed to the age of 21. When they were six months old, their mothers answered questions about how often their baby had feeding problems, sleeplessness or colic or was overactive. There's no hard definition of "colic." But Hyde said it is

generally based on the "rule of threes": babies who cry or are unsettled for more than three hours per day, on more than three days per week, for longer than three weeks are considered colicky. In this study, the 10 percent of infants with the most distress were more likely to have behavior issues later in life — based on their moms' perceptions. Those mothers were between 60 percent and over twice as likely to say their children had problems like aggression, depression and withdrawal when they were five and 14 years old.—*Reuters*

US companies add jobs in September, service sector expand

Business
NEW YORK, 4 Oct—US companies added more jobs than expected in September, while activity in the vast services sector picked up, suggesting the economy remained on track for modest growth. The ADP National Employment Report showed private employers added 162,000 jobs in September, more than economists expected, but fewer than the 189,000 hired in August. Separate data from the Institute for Supply Management showed that new orders helped growth in the service sector to pick up to 55.1 in September, the best pace since March, from 53.7 a month earlier. "It looks more like things are heading in the right direction. It is this new reality — we don't have robust growth, we just have very moderate growth," said William Larkin, fixed income portfolio manager at Cabot Money Management in Salem, Massachusetts. Analysts often refer to the ADP report to fine-tune forecasts for the Labour Department's payrolls numbers, though the two reports may not always be in sync. The economy grew at just 1.3 percent in the second quarter and economists believe the recovery will remain sluggish, though it should avoid contraction. "While the economy isn't plunging into recession, it still isn't creating enough jobs to drive the unemployment rate lower either," wrote Paul Ashworth, chief US economist at Capital Economics. Small businesses — firms with fewer than 50 workers — added 81,000 new works, or half the jobs in September, according to ADP. Large companies with 500 or more workers added 17,000 jobs, while companies in the middle created 64,000 jobs.—*Reuters*



Farm workers pick strawberries at a farm in Cardiff, California on 28 May, 2008.—REUTERS

WORLD

NATO chief Rasmussen given another year in office

NATO

BRUSSELS, 4 Oct— NATO allies agreed on Wednesday to extend Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen's term by a year to the end of July 2014, keeping him in charge as NATO-led forces wind down their combat role in Afghanistan.

Rasmussen, a 59-year-old former Danish prime minister, will stay in the job until a few months before the end-2014 deadline for NATO to hand over full responsibility for security in the country to Afghans.

"I think the first of

August 2014 is an appropriate time to change leadership, so that a new secretary-general can oversee the implementation of the new mission we will establish in Afghanistan from 2015," Rasmussen told reporters.

The NATO-led force in Afghanistan faces a huge logistical task over the next few years to withdraw foreign soldiers and their equipment.

From 2015, NATO will scale back its role to leading a mission to train and advise Afghan security forces. That mission will be discussed by alliance defence ministers at

a meeting in Brussels next week. US President Barack Obama welcomed the decision to extend Rasmussen's tenure, White House spokesman Tommy Vietor said.

"The United States commends the secretary-general for his strong leadership of America's most important security alliance, and we look forward to continuing to work with him and with our NATO allies and partners as we strengthen and revitalise NATO for the 21st century," he said.—Reuters



NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen holds a news conference at the Alliance headquarters in Brussels on 3 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS

Three Hezbollah members killed by blast in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa region

Lebanon

BEIRUT, 4 Oct— Three members of the Hezbollah armed group were killed and several others wounded on Wednesday when a munition depot was exploded in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa region, *Lebanese National News Agency* reported.

The news agency reported earlier Wednesday that three blasts were heard in a mountainous area between Nabi Sheet and al-Khraiba in the Bekaa region.

According to eyewitnesses, the blasts occurred in an arms depot in the pro-Hezbollah area.

Hezbollah's media office issued a statement after the blasts, saying that "an explosion occurred in a depot where old ammunition and remains of unexploded devices pertaining to the Israeli shelling of the region are collected."

"The result of the explosion was the martyrdom of three militants and the injury of several others, and the party is working with the relevant authorities to address the results of the unfortunate incident," the statement said.

Meanwhile, the MTV television reported that Hezbollah members have cordoned off the area and prevented security forces from approaching the location.—Xinhua

Mexican troops arrest two in killing of US border agent

Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 4 Oct— Mexican troops arrested two men on Wednesday suspected of involvement in the killing of a US Border Patrol agent shot dead in Arizona while responding to a tripped ground sensor, Mexican security officials said.

The agent who died was among three who were patrolling on foot about 5 miles north of the international border when gunfire erupted well before daybreak on Tuesday. A second agent was also wounded while the third, a woman, was unharmed.

The agents involved in the incident had been patrolling in an area near the border town of Naco, well-known as a corridor for smuggling, and the Cochise County Sheriff's department has said that tracks were found heading south after the



US Border Patrol agent Nicholas Ivie, 30, is shown in this US Customs and Border Protection photograph released to Reuters on 2 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS

shooting.

The two suspects detained in Mexico were arrested in a Mexican military operation in the City of Agua Prieta, in Mexico's northern Sonora state, a few

miles (km) from the spot where Nicholas Ivie, 30, was shot dead, a Mexican Army officer, who declined to be named, told Reuters.

A Mexican police official in Naco, across the border from the Arizona town of the same name, confirmed the arrests, which occurred in the early hours of Wednesday.

The killing marked the fourth death of a Border Patrol agent in a violent confrontation in Arizona in less than two years and reignited concerns about border security in a state that is already at the forefront of the national immigration debate.

The violence drew sharp words from Republican Governor Jan Brewer, a vocal foe of President Barack Obama's administration on immigration. She said it should lead to anger over "the

federal failure and political stalemate that has left our border unsecured and our Border Patrol in harm's way."

Authorities on the US side of the border combed rugged terrain looking for clues into the shooting near Naco, which remains a smuggling corridor despite the construction of a tall, steel fence along the border.

"We're still out there collecting evidence," said Brenda Nath, a Federal Bureau of Investigation spokeswoman in Phoenix, declining to say what had been found so far.

Cochise County Sheriff's spokeswoman Carol Capas could not immediately comment on the arrests in Mexico, saying that she had not received any information about them. Nath also declined to comment on word of the arrests.

Reuters

Fire breaks out at Exxon

Mobil's US plant US

HOUSTON, 4 Oct— Fire broke out on Wednesday at energy giant Exxon Mobil's complex in the US state of Texas, with no one injured so far.

The company's emergency teams were working to put out the fire at its Baytown complex, which includes one of the largest refineries in the world, according to newspaper *The Houston Chronicle*.

Police at the Texas city of Baytown said what caught fire appears to be a diesel product that does not pose any environmental risk.

Officials with Exxon Mobil said no one was injured in the fire.

"As a precaution, our industrial hygiene staff is doing air quality monitoring around the complex and in the community," said Exxon Mobil spokeswoman Rachael Moore.

"We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause to the community and will update you when we have additional information," she said.

Exxon Mobil is the largest energy company in the United States.

The company's Baytown complex houses both refining and chemical plants. It is capable of refining 573,000 barrels of crude oil per day, making it one of the largest refineries in the world, according to reports.—Xinhua

Colombia's Santos recovering from successful cancer surgery

Colombia

BOGOTA, 4 Oct— Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos' surgery for non-aggressive prostate cancer was successful and the 61-year-old is recovering well, his medical team said on Wednesday.

Midway through his four-year term, Santos surprised the Andean nation on Monday by announcing that doctors had discovered a cancerous growth on his prostate.

He said the disease had been caught in time and there was minimal risk.

"Thank God, everything went well. I'm recuperating well. My family and I are very grateful for all your support," Santos said in a message on Twitter after the surgery.

His medical team said earlier on Wednesday the operation to remove the prostate had been successful and there had not been any complications.

"He has started drinking fluids, has asked for something to eat, has been able to sit in bed, therefore I think he has evolved very, very well," Santos' urologist, Dr Felipe Gomez, told reporters outside the Fundacion Santa Fe hospital in northern Bogota where the surgery took place.

Doctors said the tumour was extracted under local anesthesia and that it had not spread.

"His vital signs have remained stable. ... The president will continue being monitored by doctors as planned," said Adolfo Llinas, the hospital's medical director.



Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos (C) waves to the media with his wife Maria Clemencia upon his arrival at a hospital for surgery in Bogota on 3 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

Santos' treatment will not require chemotherapy, Gomez has said, and the president will likely spend two to three days in the hospital.

A complete recovery will likely take up to three weeks.

He is not allowed to travel during his recovery, but will be able to carry out his official duties.

The Harvard-educated economist, who took office two years ago, said earlier this week he had a 97 percent chance of beating the disease.

Reuters

Pilot believed dead in W Australia helicopter crash

Australia

SYDNEY, 4 Oct— A pilot is believed to be dead in a helicopter crash on a remote pastoral land in Western Australia's Kimberley region, local media reported on Thursday.

The crash occurred on the Louisa Downs Station, midway between Fitzroy Crossing and Halls Creek in the Kimberley region, at around 5 pm (local time) on Wednesday, according to *Australian Associated Press* reports.

The cause of the crash is unknown.

"For reasons yet to be determined, one of the helicopters has crashed and the preliminary report is that the pilot of this aircraft may have died as a result," Police Inspector Neil Blair said on Thursday.

A police team is on its way to the crash site to investigate.

Xinhua

WORLD

Iran atomic cooperation could spur fast sanctions relief: Clinton

US

WASHINGTON, 4 Oct — Secretary of State Hillary Clinton held out the possibility on Wednesday that sanctions on Iran could be eased quickly if Tehran worked with major powers to address questions about its nuclear programme.

Speaking to reporters about protests in Iran triggered by the collapse of the Iranian currency, which has lost 40 percent of its value against the dollar in a week, Clinton blamed the Iranian government—rather than Western sanctions—for the financial troubles.

The United States and its allies accuse Iran of using its atomic programme as a cover to develop nuclear weapons and have imposed increasingly stringent economic sanctions to try to force Iran to answer questions about the programme. Iran has said its programme is for



US Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, addresses an event to discuss leveraging AIDS response during the 67th United Nations General Assembly at the UN Headquarters in New York, on 26 Sept, 2012. —REUTERS

solely peaceful purposes, not for weapons. Panicking Iranians have scrambled to buy hard currency, pushing down the rial, whose increasing weakness is hurting living standards and threatening jobs.

“They have made their own government decisions

—having nothing to do with the sanctions—that have had an impact on the economic conditions inside of the country,” Clinton told reporters when asked about the protests. “Of course the sanctions have had an impact as well, but those could be remedied in short

order if the Iranian government were willing to work with the P5+1 and the rest of the international community in a sincere manner,” she added, referring to a group that includes the five permanent members of the UN Security Council—Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States—as well as Germany.

While the rial’s slide suggested the Western sanctions were having a serious impact, many businessmen and ordinary citizens say the government is at least partly to blame for the currency crisis. The rial’s losses accelerated in the past week after the government launched an “exchange centre” to supply dollars to importers of basic goods. Businessmen say the center failed to meet demand for dollars.—Reuters

One NATO soldier dies in Afghanistan

KABUL, 4 Oct — A NATO soldier died in southern Afghanistan on Thursday, the coalition forces confirmed in Press release issued here.

“An International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) service member died as a result of a non-battle related injury in southern Afghanistan today,” the coalition or ISAF said in the release.

The brief statement disclosed neither the nationality of the victim nor the details about the incident under the ISAF policy.

A total of 50 countries are contributing 100,000-strong forces in Afghanistan with over 68,000 of them American mainly stationed in the east and south, followed by 9,500 from UK mainly based in southern Afghanistan.

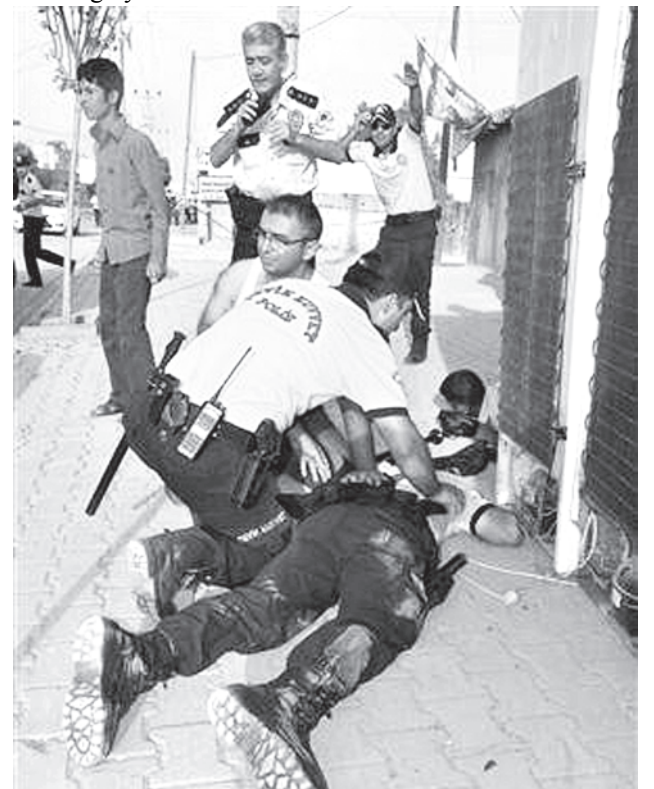
Xinhua

Turkey strikes back at Syria after mortar kills five

AKCAKALE, (Turkey), 4 Oct—Turkish artillery hit targets inside Syria on Wednesday, killing several Syrian soldiers according to activists, after a mortar bomb fired from Syria killed five Turkish civilians and prompted NATO to call for an immediate end to Syria’s “aggressive acts.”

In the most serious cross-border escalation of the 18-month uprising in Syria, Turkey hit back at what it called “the last straw” when a mortar hit a residential neighbourhood of the southern border town of Akcakale. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said several Syrian soldiers were killed in the Turkish bombardment of a military post near the Syrian town of Tel Abyad, a few miles across the frontier from Akcakale. It did not say how many soldiers died. NATO said it stood by member-nation Turkey and urged Syria to put an end to “flagrant violations of international law.” The US—led Western military alliance held an urgent late night meeting in Brussels to discuss the matter and later on Wednesday in New York, Turkey asked the UN Security Council to take the “necessary action” to stop Syrian aggression.

In a letter to the president of the 15-nation Security Council, Turkish UN Ambassador Ertugrul Apakan called the firing of the mortar bomb “a flagrant violation of international law as well as a breach of international peace and security. UN diplomats said Security Council members hoped it would issue a non-binding statement on Thursday that would condemn the mortar attack “in the strongest terms” and demand an end to violations of Turkey’s territorial sovereignty.— Reuters



Turkish police officers try to help a wounded comrade after a mortar bomb landed from Syria in the border village of Akcakale, southeastern Sanliurfa Province, on 3 Oct, 2012. The mortar bomb fired from Syria landed in a residential district of the southeastern Turkish town of Akcakale on Wednesday, killing a woman and four children from the same family and wounding at least eight other people.—REUTERS

Guarantors ask London court to halt

UK

Assange bail payout

LONDON, 4 Oct — Nine people who put up bail guarantees for Julian Assange argued in court on Wednesday they should not be forced to pay after the WikiLeaks founder sought refuge in the Ecuadorean embassy in London. Vaughan Smith — one of the nine, who between them put up 140,000 pounds (\$225,000)—told Westminster Magistrates Court in London they were not to blame for Assange violating the terms of his bail.

Assange was arrested on an extradition warrant and is wanted for questioning in Sweden over allegations of rape and sexual assault made by two former volunteers at WikiLeaks, the whistleblowing website which angered the United States by releasing thousands of US diplomatic cables in 2010.

He denies the allegations and says he had consensual sex with the women. He says he fears that if extradited to Sweden, he could then be transferred to the United States where he could face criminal charges punishable by death. Assange broke bail conditions when he entered the Ecuadorean embassy in June shortly after running out of legal options to avoid being sent to Sweden.

A judge will deliver a ruling in the coming days on whether the bail sureties, pledged when Assange was released from detention in December 2010, must be collected. The case was “wholly exceptional”



Wikileaks founder Julian Assange gestures as he appears to speak from the balcony of Ecuador’s embassy, where he is taking refuge in London on 19 Aug, 2012.—REUTERS

because Assange was claiming asylum when he broke bail, said Henry Blaxland, a lawyer for some of the guarantors, who include British Nobel prize-winning biologist John Sulston and Australian-born journalist Phillip Knightley.

“The fact is that Mr Assange has secured sanctuary as a political refugee in a country with which Great Britain has an established and normal diplomatic relationship. How can this fact have no legal standing?” Smith said in court, reading from a statement prepared by the guarantors, five of whom were present for the hearing.

Reuters

S America-Arab summit focuses on peace, cooperation

S America

cooperation

LIMA, 4 Oct — The Third Summit of South American and Arab Countries (ASPA) concluded here on Tuesday, with a call for peaceful resolution of conflicts and more inter-regional cooperation. Despite the geographical distance between the two regions, the two-day meeting served to highlight areas where participating nations could cooperate or complement each other in the realm of politics and trade. The summit’s final document, the Lima Declaration, primarily condemns the use of force to resolve conflicts, an issue that both regions have struggled with, and calls for greater region-to-region cooperation. Peruvian President Ollanta Humala, the summit’s host, presented the key points of the joint declaration, which also supported an Arab initiative to establish a nuke-free zone in the Middle East.

Participants also expressed their support for Palestine’s right to statehood, and condemned all forms of terrorism. Humala said the summit served to “feature the economic, political and cultural factors that unite” countries in both regions, adding their common interests and values indicated a promising future lay ahead for bi-regional cooperation.—Xinhua

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 5 October, 2012

Paid news

Myanmar's reform processes draw the attention of the world countries including US and EU. With the rapid changes, the new government eases media censorship. We see a lot of media freedom soon. Media, fourth pillar, has duty to reflect the current conditions of the country and serve the interest of the people and the State.

Media have to rely on advertisements. More than 60 percent of their incomes come from advertisements. Sometime, advertisers might influence the news coverage and articles. Some countries might face paid news problems. Paid news syndrome is a menace capable of eating into the vitals of a free and fair media. Poll candidates might try to get image boosting write-ups by bribing journalists or publishing houses. If this trend is not nipped in the bud, it will seriously harm democracy and society as a whole.

Like other countries, a Press Council and an Ethics commission would be brought into action to tackle this problem. The Ethics committee would draft a code of conduct. Many top level editors should be a part of this committee. The code of conduct would contain all DOs and DON'Ts on the issue. We should create an environment that puts moral pressure on editors and news organizations to come clean on paid deals from the advertisers or political entities.

Rakhine State opens multiplier course on farmland law, bylaws

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct—A state-level multiplier course on farmland law, vacant, fellow and virgin land management law and bylaws was organized at Rakhine State government office yesterday morning, with an address by Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin.

Speaking on the occasion, the Rakhine State Chief Minister revealed the purpose of the course as making the farmers understand that farmers have rights to farming down to their successors and act in line with provisions and rules, the farmland management authorities concerned at different levels understand well the laws and procedures.

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OPINION

CHARITY SANS FRONTIERS

BY BA THAN

There is common belief on the universality of *love (metta)*, compassion, tolerance, equanimity and charity (*dana*), shared by all faiths and religions. Acts of charity manifest itself in a diversity of ways: by foundations, humanitarian organizations, and individuals, in celebrity and in anonymity. You may focus on ancient Bagan, heritage site of thousands of pagodas and temples built a thousand years ago during the golden age of the first Bagan Empire, now an enduring marvel of architecture and artistry dedicated to the Omniscient Lord Buddha. It was reputed that even a widow could build and donate a pagoda during those days of prosperity and affluence. And there are much more, far too many to count. Thus we can see our people devoting themselves to charity as the highest merit of mankind all along the passage of centuries. For a Myanmar Buddhist no donation accrues the highest form of merit than building and donating pagodas for propagation and perpetuation of the Buddha Sasana, most deservedly earning the name of the Land of a million pagodas.

Charity is not confined to one religion only. All faiths propagate charity to help ease want and suffering of the poor and the needy, young and old alike. Many charity organizations founded on philanthropy by generous donors are indeed laudable examples of the finest traits of human character and morality. There are humanitarians who dare face grave risks at great sacrifice to save the distress. Most admirable indeed are the good Samaritans who tend to the diseased, like leprosy, AIDS and the castaways.

The reason for my preamble was to recount my unforgettable personal encounter with a very noble personality, the *Matagi* of India. In my own measure I was blessed with a rare opportunity to mobilize an act of charity in a unique environment, transcending borders, away from home. I was then attending a high level workshop on Education and Training on Public Administration and Management held at Hyderabad, India where the famed Indian Administrative Service College (IAS), training elite Indian administrators was located. The senior participants: scholars and practitioners hailed from countries within the south-east Asian region. My country was represented by two senior delegates from the PSSTB. The country paper presentations, discussions and syndicate work touched on the conceptual field of study and practical applications on public administration and human resources development. It also provided a forum of communality of faiths: Hindus, Buddhists, Jains, Moslems and Christians. The venue was *Hotel Banjara*, a cosy resort with a backdrop of Hindu and Moslem culture and architecture such as Charmina Arch and Golkunda Fort to name a few. It was also the seat of Nizam of Hyderabad.

This memorable event, not scheduled in the agenda was a surprise visit by Mother Teresa of the Missionaries of Charity of Calcutta. It was a stroke of luck for us that she was around the vicinity of Hyderabad at this opportune moment. In response to the invitation by the alert local organizers of the Workshop Mother Teresa willingly consented to grace the forum, meet the participants, and offer her blessings. The message was conveyed to the forum at very short notice. It was the morning of 4th March 1980.

We all stood up in respect as Matagi was escorted into the seminar Hall. Then we all sat expectantly for her speech and blessings. I was Chair of the Session for that morning. This was the first time for me and my colleague U Maung Maung to see her in person. She was so small, so frail and humble. But her eyes shone with compassion, high devotion to her noble cause, boundless *metta* and superhuman sacrifice for the poor and the needy of Calcutta. As introduction I welcomed her to our multi-national, multi-faith gathering. She delivered a short but touching speech, blessed us all for peace on earth and goodwill towards the earthlings.

Inspired by her benevolence and compassion I made an appeal to my colleagues to donate cash for the humanitarian works she represented. Then I came forward and made my first donation. Naturally one by one stepped forward to the table where she was seated, heads bowed, hands clasped in respect, and contributed cash to her noble cause. The

amount was immaterial and modest, but what mattered was the spirit of charity. Her blessings for that charity touched the hearts of all present in the unique gathering. I glanced at her face. Peace and compassion pervaded and vibrated the hall and far beyond through the entire universe.

Mindful of the rare opportunity I opened my Diary which was on the table and requested Matagi to autograph a few lines. Incidentally I was the only one to have done so. This entry was what she wrote in her own feeble handwriting:

"Love others as God loves you. God bless you"
Mother Teresa, M.C. 4/3/80

This was the most thrilling and memorable moment of my life where I had fulfilled a sublime act of charity to the most admirable Mother Teresa, in the auspicious environment away from home, verily *Charity sans frontiers*. The author later learnt that Matagi was nominated a Nobel Laureate in 1979, a year before this meet.

There also lived a saintly humanitarian in my country Myanmar who had selflessly donated all her savings and devoted her entire life for the care of the poor, homeless, helpless, abandoned aged. She came from a well respected family of silk merchants of Mandalay during the reign of King Mindon the benevolent. She was deeply religious since young, and donated a monastery to the Venerable Padamya Sayadaw at the young age of 30. She chose a life of celibacy and became a Nun of the Buddhist Order at 62. In the space of 22 years from 1915 to 1937 she singlehandedly pioneered establishing 5 charity Homes for the Aged: Mingun, Thaton, Paungde, Hninsigon (Yangon) and Pakokku. Her name was Daw Oo Zun. She was also honoured with TPS (the noble one who served the nation and its people) in 1926.

The humanitarian deeds pioneered by Mother Teresa were continued by the succeeding generation of Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity worldwide. In essence Matagi lives on as an inspiration to the poor of Calcutta, India and the world. In like manner Bwa (Grandma) Oo Zun still lives on in the five Homes, deeply revered as an inspiration for the future generations of humanitarians in the care of the helpless homeless aged. Her humanitarian work has generated awareness for the care of the aged and has also multiplied countrywide in the course of the years, offering refuge to the poor and needy aged of Myanmar.

This memorable meeting happened 30 years ago, which touched the lives of the two Buddhist Myanmar, and multi-faith participants inspired by a saintly Roman Catholic of Albanian descent, in the venue of the workshop in the heart of India's residence of the famous Nizam of Hyderabad, a 4000 year seat of ancient culture. It has indeed forged a common bond of universal charity bringing harmony at that moment of time away from home.

The contributions of these two admirable personalities have clearly demonstrated the universality of compassion, lovingkindness, and spirit of sacrifice for all to emulate, and will remain as a beacon of saintly life. The author has faithfully recorded this incident long long ago. Only now it is retold for the benefit of readers in English to share the merits of such *charity sans frontiers*.

Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science to hold 12th paper-reading session 24-26 Oct

YANGON, 4 Oct—The Twelfth Paper Reading-Session of the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science will be held from 24 to 26 October 2012 at the University of Yangon and the Yangon Institute of Economics.

A total of 218 research papers, covering a range of 24 different academic subjects from the arts and science disciplines, will be presented. The best paper award and the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science Award for the best doctoral research will be conferred to deserving scholars and researchers on 27 October 2012. The said papers reading session is open to all scholars, researchers and anyone interested in academic paper presentations.—MNA

OPINION

The Greatness of the Teachers' Duties

U Than Oo

The Myanmar work for teacher, "saya", has both semantically and as part of the social reality the significance of a judicious, prudent and dedicated learned person. In the Myanmar Dictionary, the term "saya" is defined as one who *imparts learning, provides admonition and know-how, and has a particular technical competency.* In Myanmar society, two main roles are usually recognized to teachers: the *acariya*, or teaching, role where a teacher imparts knowledge or skills, and the *upajjhaya*, or preceptor, role which is more concerned with the behaviour, ways of thinking and mindset in general and with manners, social norms of courtesy and etiquette in particular.

Today, teachers in Myanmar, yours truly included, need to serve in both roles—as *acariya sayas* and as *upajjhaya sayas*—with commitment and dedication.

In Myanmar society, teaching as a profession and its practitioners are accorded a very high status with correspondingly heavy duties and responsibilities. Traditionally, in Myanmar culture, it is customary to have full confidence in the teacher and give the teacher a completely free hand in shaping the pupils' lives.

Teachers who live up to the Myanmar sense of the word "saya" are considered truly noble persons in Myanmar society, and are justifiably so.

A well-known verse by Thingaza Sayadaw puts the five duties of teachers as: "*Teaching the craft, giving guidance and admonition, leaving no skills untaught, giving protection from dangers, sending to other appropriate persons for further learning and development.*"

The Greatness of the Teacher's Duties

Thousands of boys and girls in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar are receiving an education in our schools today to enable them to fulfill their duties as members of their society, as they will soon be expected to. These children will be the men and women of our Union, tasked with the

safeguarding of our independence and cultural heritage for perpetuity at the risk of their life and property if need be. And the transformation of those children in safety and security into the good sons and daughters of the nation is the daily task of the teachers (lady teachers included).

Children spontaneously possess intellectual keenness and physical energy. Their eyes never tire of observing and taking note, nor do their ears of listening and paying attention. Their desire to learn seems infinite and everything under the sun is subject to it. They all have the intellectual motivation to learn the ways of the world. And given the natural talent and capacities they are endowed with, they will learn them too.

It is then the teacher's task to cultivate, foster and infuse in them a largeness of heart; physical, verbal and mental purity in terms of freedom from everything harmful or hurtful; a sense of responsibility; loyalty; mutual help; and cooperation and collaboration skills, that are the essential attributes of good sons and daughters of the nation.

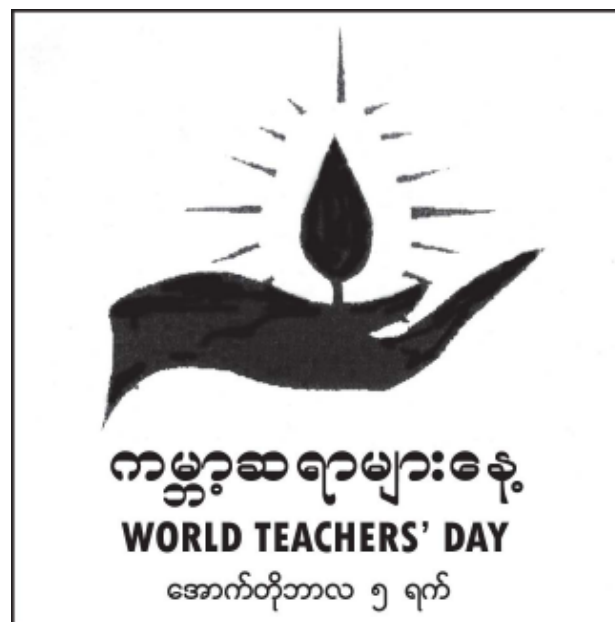
Being tasked with this tremendously important service to the nation, we teachers have a crucial national duty to do our job well.

Our Duty

Give the greatness of the duties, a teacher naturally has a lot of work to do, much of it challenging. We should take to heart with genuine appreciation the infinite human potential and value of each child whose development has been entrusted to our care with full confidence in our abilities, and carry out our daily task of bringing about democratic socialization and instilling the qualities of a good citizen so important not only to the local communities but to humankind as a whole.

Five Duties of the Teacher

1. Teaching the art and craft, imparting know-how: communication and interpersonal skills, industrial



- and mechanical skills
2. Giving guidance and admonition: politeness, etiquette, civil code of conduct
3. Leaving no skills untaught: imparting all knowledge and expertise in their entirety
4. Giving protection from dangers that might befall the pupils
5. Sending to other appropriate persons for further learning and development and entrusting the pupil to their care

The "World Teachers' Day" that falls on 5 October 2012 is an occasion for the expression of my most profound and sincere respect to all the teachers exerting their utmost efforts in discharging the five noble duties of the teachers making them deserving of infinite gratitude.

Workshop on Technological Opportunities in Pathein

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct — Workshop on ITEE & ITSS of ITPEC and Technological Opportunities, jointly-organized by Ayeyawady Region Computer Professionals Association and Computer Industrialists Association was held at the Town Hall in Pathein yesterday.

Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung said the aim of conducting the workshop was to transfer cutting-edge technology from the developed nations. Educational competence of the youths is of vital importance to regional development and state-building tasks and shaping their future.

The Chief Minister called on the youths to place emphasis on this technology which is now on the curriculums in universities of Japan and ASEAN countries with the aim of serving not only for their own interest but also for their own region and country.

Chairman of Ayeyawady Region Computer Industrialist Association U Maung Maung Oo gave an account of purposes and benefits of holding the workshop. Principal of Pathein University of Computer Studies Dr Tun Min Naing and Principal of Pathein University of Technology Dr Kyaw Thura spoke on the occasion. Maung Chan Htaik who passed ITPEC Exam spoke word of thanks.—MNA



International Day of Older Persons observed

News in Brief

The ceremonies to mark the International Day of Older Persons 2012 was observed in Mawlamyine of Mon State, Taunggyi of Shan State and Pathein of Ayeyawady Region on 1 October. Local authorities donated cash assistance and gifts to the aged.

Basic spoken English course opened

The basic spoken English course for liaison officers, organized by Mandalay Region IPRD, was opened at the hall of Mandalay Region Information and Public Relations Department on 1 October. The liaison officers will discharge duties at XXVII SEA Games.

MPF Day observed

The 48th Anniversary Myanmar Police Force Day was observed in Magway and Ayeyawady regions and Shan State on 1 October. The region and state Chief Ministers spoke on the occasion.

Mercantile Marine Knowledge course starts

Awareness on Mercantile Marine Knowledge & Practical Aspect commenced at Logistics Training Centre in Yangon on 1 October. Altogether 86 trainees are attending the training course.

Performing Art Competition launched in Myitkyina

The 19th Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition of Kachin State was opened at the city hall in Myitkyina on 1 October morning. Chief Minister of the state U La John Ngan Hsai, Speaker of State Hluttaw U Rawam Jone and State Minister for Social Affairs Daw Bauk Ja opened it.

Stake driven for three university buildings

Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe and officials drove stakes for construction of three three-storey building at Magway University on 2 October morning.

New bridge eases traffic woes of residents in two townships

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct — A new wooden bridge across the Hsinthay Creek was inaugurated in Wegyi Village of Pobbathiri Township today two months after its predecessor was swept away two months ago.

outside world.

The new bridge costs over 3.2 million kyats and it was constructed with the contribution of the residents from seven villages and private donors.

Residents of villages, west of Nay Pyi Taw Zeyathiri and east of Pobbathiri townships have enjoyed the convenience of traffic as the bridge is commissioned into service.

For the past two months residents have been using bamboo rafts and boats to gain access to their homes.

NLM

Fire of mosquito coil burns one house

The about 250-foot bridge is part of their day commute in order to bring much needed supplies back to the locals and to transport agricultural produce to the

MAWLAMYINE, 4 Oct — A fire that started from mosquito coil broke out at the house of Ma Ni Ni Cho (a) Ma Zar, 35, daughter of U Khin Maung at No 328 on 3rd extended street in Mupun Ward in Mawlamyine at 11

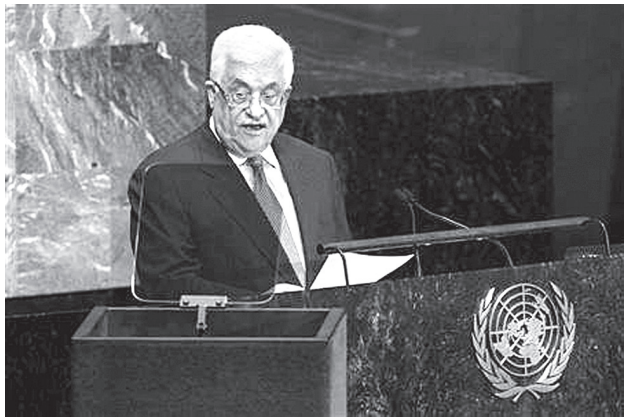
am on 2 October.

Members of Fire Services Department led by Head of Township FSD U Zaw Win, members of Myanmar Police Force, and local people put out the fire with the use of seven fire engines and one

management vehicle. The fire could be put out at 11.10 am.

In the fire, one house was damaged. Mupun Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against the house owner.

Myanma Alin

WORLD**Palestinian UN status likely to be debated in November**

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas addresses the 67th United Nations General Assembly at the UN Headquarters in New York, on 27 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

UNITED NATIONS, 4 Oct—The United Nations is likely to hold a debate on whether to upgrade the Palestinians' UN status to a sovereign country in mid-November — after the US election, the president of the 193-member UN General Assembly said on Wednesday.

Having failed last year to win recognition of full statehood at the United Nations, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said last week he would seek a less-ambitious status upgrade at the world body to make it a "non-member state" like the

Vatican. The Palestinians' current UN status is an "observer entity." If Abbas wins, that would change to "observer state."

"Come the middle of November, there's going to be an international debate on the Palestine issue in the General Assembly," UN General Assembly President Vuk Jeremic told a news conference. "There are electoral and political calendars in many parts of the world," he said in a reference covering the 6 November US election.

"My understanding is the Palestinian Authority leadership is going to engage in extensive discussions ... coming to a conclusion as to what they want to do some time in November."

Upgraded status for a Palestinian state could be

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

An upgraded status would also anger Israel's close ally, the United States, which argues that a Palestinian state can only be created through direct negotiations.

There have been no direct Palestinian talks with Israel on peace since 2010, when the Palestinians refused to resume negotiations unless the Israeli government suspended settlement building in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

Reuters

Camera stolen with last photos of young Colorado movie theater victim **US**

DENVER, 4 Oct—The grandfather of a 6-year-old girl killed in July's movie theater massacre in Colorado implored thieves who stole a camera with the last photographs taken of her to return it to the grieving family. Robert Sullivan said the theft of the camera with the pictures of Veronica Moser-Sullivan, the youngest victim of the 20 July mass shootings at a suburban Denver movie theater, had compounded the family's sorrow.

"It's been a never-ending nightmare," Sullivan told Reuters on Wednesday. "The pictures of Veronica wouldn't be valuable to anyone else, so we're hoping they'll be returned promptly." The little girl was at a midnight screening of "The Dark Knight Rises" in Aurora, Colorado with her mother, Ashley Moser, when a gunman sprayed the audience with gunfire, killing her, 11 others and wounding 58.

Ashley Moser, 25, was paralyzed from the waist down by gunshot wounds to her abdomen and neck. She also suffered a miscarriage as a result of the shooting.

Former University of Colorado neuroscience graduate student James Holmes is accused of carrying out the massacre.



A stuffed animal peeks out from a mound of others at the marker for 6-year-old victim Veronica Moser-Sullivan at a memorial for the theater-goers killed in the 20 July, 2012 mass shooting, in Aurora, Colorado on 27 July, 2012.—REUTERS

Sullivan said burglars broke into his west Denver home on Tuesday stealing money, jewelry and cameras, including one with a memory card with photographs of his slain granddaughter. The card holds several dozen images of Veronica at school and at a playground on the day she graduated from kindergarten in May, he said.—Reuters

IMF calls for global solutions to public debt at ASEP-7 Laos

VIENTIANE, 4 Oct—International Monetary Fund (IMF) called for global solutions to public debt and sustainable development at the ongoing Seventh Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership Meeting (ASEP-7) held here on Thursday.

"Public debt levels in advanced economies have been rising for some time now. In case of the several Eurozone countries, they are now central to the current macroeconomic problems. For Asian economies, public

debt levels are relatively lower, but remain an important issue in light of spillovers from Europe to Asian growth, with vigilance due at all levels of income and development," IMF Resident Representative to Laos and Vietnam Sanjay Kalra said at panel discussion on economic matters on Thursday.

The ASEP-7 meeting themed "Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership for Sustainable Development" kicked off on Wednesday and

is to conclude on Thursday.

Fiscal policy, including deficits and public debt, affects macroeconomic stability, growth and income distribution. Kalra said. "A recent study estimates that, on average, a 10 percentage point increase in the initial debt-to-GDP ratio is associated with a slowdown in annual real per capita GDP growth of around 0.2 percentage points per year," Kalra noted. "In today's interconnected world, we can no longer afford to look only at what goes on within our

national borders. This crisis does not recognize borders. This crisis is knocking at all our doors. And there are risks in all corners of the globe — Europe, the United States and, here too, in Asia and Japan," Sanjay quoted Madame Lagarde's recent speech in Tokyo. Sayjay said the IMF is playing its role in enhancing this shared prosperity through policy advice and financial support, in coordination with other partners in Asia, Europe and elsewhere.—Xinhua

African troops comb Kismayu for bombs**Somali after Somali rebel retreat**

MOGADISHU, 4 Oct—African Union and Somali troops combed the Somali port of Kismayu on Wednesday for bombs hidden by al Qaeda-linked militants who fled their last urban bastion but warned of retaliatory strikes, the two militaries said. The retreat signalled the demise of al Shabaab as a quasi-conventional military force, say analysts who expect the militants to resort to increasingly to suicide bombings and hit-and-run attacks similar to those that rocked the capital Mogadishu over the last year.

Despite losing ground to AU and Somali military forces, al Shabaab, which counts foreign al Qaeda-trained fighters among its ranks, is still regarded as one of the biggest threats to stability in the Horn of Africa and a restoration of effective government in Somalia after two decades of violent disorder. Al Shabaab gave notice of its intent to fight back in Kismayu by setting off a bomb in its centre on Tues-

day, when Kenyan soldiers fighting under the AU flag also carried out at least two controlled detonations at the seaport.

"I have reports other IEDs (improvised explosive devices) have been found today on the way out to the seaport," Kenyan army spokesman Colonel Cyrus Oguna said by phone from Kismayu airport, now held by Somali government troops and allied forces.

Mohamud Farah, spokesman for government forces in Somalia's southern region of Juba, added: "We are looking all over the town, in particular the airport, seaport and all former rebel bases including the presidential palace." The Islamist militants abandoned Kismayu, their primary redoubt in south Somalia, on Friday night following an assault on the city by air, sea, and land forces.—Reuters



Fighters of the Ras Kimboni Brigade, a Somali government-allied militia, and troops from the Kenyan Contingent of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) walk along a road during an advance on the Somali port city of Kismayu, in this handout photograph taken on 2 Oct, 2012 by the African Union-United Nations Information Support Team and released on 3 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

Four peacekeepers killed, eight wounded in Sudan's Darfur: UNAMID **Sudan**

KHARTOUM, 4 Oct—Four peacekeepers were killed and eight others injured by gunmen in an ambush in Sudan's Darfur region, the United Nations-African Union Peacekeeping Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) said Wednesday in a statement.

Unidentified gunmen opened fire on a UNAMID patrol late Tuesday about 2 km away from their base in El Geneina town, the capital of West Darfur State, according to the statement, a copy of which was obtained by Xinhua.

Four members of the Nigerian battalion were killed and eight others were injured.

The reason behind the ambush is unknown, it said.

UNAMID Force Commander Lieutenant General Patrick Nyamvumba has expressed regrets and condemnation for the attack. The statement quoted the officer as saying that a number of peacekeepers who came to help the people of Darfur have been killed due to such "unjustified assaults."—Xinhua

Greek parliament opens probe into "lost" list of Swiss account holders **Greece**

ATHENS, 4 Oct—The Greek parliament opened on Wednesday a probe into a "lost" list containing names of some 2,000 Greeks with major deposits in an HSBC branch in Switzerland, local media reported.

Current and former top officials at the Greek Financial and Economic Crime Unit (SDOE) were called to testify before a parliamentary committee on the "problematic function" of the agency in handling the list and in investigating into the financial transactions of political

figures, according to national news agency AMNA.

Furor has been triggered in Athens over the past few days regarding the progress of probes by authorities into suspected corruption and tax evasion, as Greece struggles to counter a debt crisis attributed to some extent to such chronic plagues.

SDOE's chief prosecutor received on Tuesday a copy of the list, of which Christine Lagarde, current head of the International Monetary Fund and former finance minister of France, is

said to have handed over two years ago to her Greek counterpart at the time George Papakonstantinou, containing data on accounts of Greek nationals at HSBC's branch in Geneva.

The Greek list was part of data obtained illegally by a former bank employee. Despite legal obstacles, authorities in some European countries investigated into alleged money laundering and tax evasion by their mentioned nationals and raised revenues.

Xinhua

REGIONAL

Cambodia's flood death toll reaches 14 Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 4 Oct—At least 14 Cambodian people were killed by flash floods that have been hitting some provinces in the country since last month, according to the report of Cambodian Red Cross on Wednesday.

Among the dead, 9 were in Banteay Meanchey Province bordering Thailand, 4 in central Kampong Thom and 1 in northwestern Siem Reap, said the report.

Keo Vy, chief of the Cabinet of National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM), said that flash floods have hit about 8 provinces including Banteay Meanchey, Siem Reap, Preah Vihear, Kampong Thom, Takeo, Pailin, Kampong Chhnang and Preah Sihanouk.

"Banteay Meanchey Province is suffering the worst from the floods," he told *Xinhua* over telephone.

Some 14,100 families have been affected including 4,060 families were evacuated to higher grounds, he said.

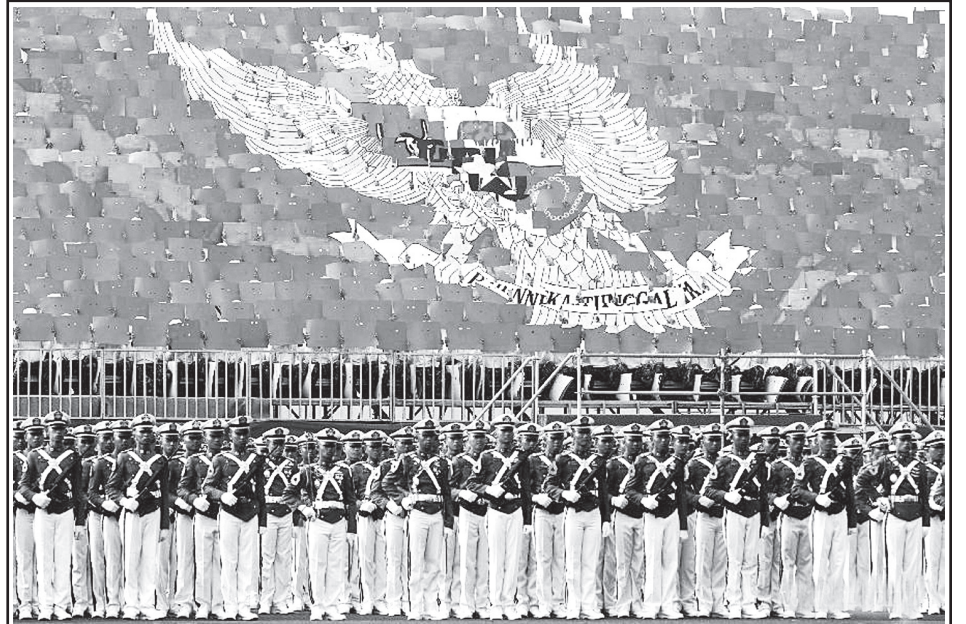
Meanwhile, Sam Ser-eiroth, secretary-general of the education secretariat at the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, said on Wednesday that some 140 schools in these affected provinces have been submerged, affecting some 49,000 students.

"These schools will be closed until the floodwaters recede," he told *Xinhua* over telephone. Cambodia will be suffering from the impact of a tropical storm Gaemi from 4-8 and 13 Oct provinces out

of the country's 24 cities and provinces will suffer strong winds and flooding, according to a statement issued by the Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology on Tuesday.

The storm will be brewing from the South China Sea and it will hit the coast of Vietnam this weekend. "The Ministry would like to appeal to local authorities and people living in the areas along rivers to be on high alert to avoid dangers and property damage due to the storm," said the statement signed by the minister, Lim Kean Hor. "The Ministry also wishes to appeal to maritime fishermen to suspend their fishing during the warning period."

Xinhua



Indonesian Air force soldiers line up in front of the country's symbol of Garuda Pancasila during a rehearsal for the 67th anniversary of Indonesia's National Army at Halim Perdana Kusuma airport in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 3 Oct, 2012. Indonesia's National Army Anniversary falls on 5 Oct every year.—XINHUA

Indonesian delegation highlights environmental disaster vulnerability at ASEP-7

Indonesia

VIENTIANE, 4 Oct—The Indonesian delegation to the 7th Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership Meeting (ASEP-7) on Thursday called on countries in Asia and Europe to improve their capacity and awareness to reduce their vulnerability to environmental disasters.

"...communities are mostly at risk because of the lack of awareness and capacity to cope with the disasters. On the other hand, government capacity to protect the population from natural disasters is limited," said Hayono Isman, head of the Indonesian Delegation held here.

Isman noted the increasing frequency and intensity of disasters, especially those in densely populated regions, was an area of concern for Asia and Europe.

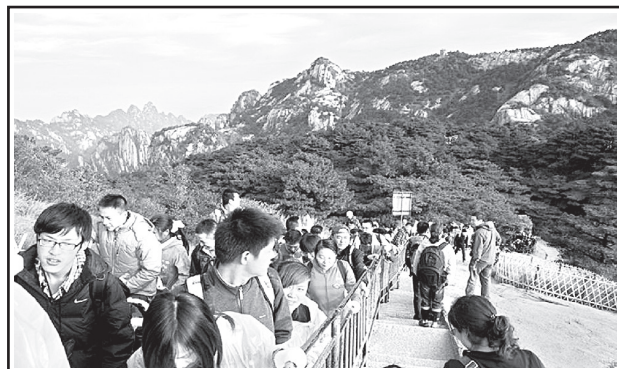
However, he expressed confidence that through forums such as ASEP, Asia and Europe will be able to develop schemes that enhance cooperation, strengthen, expand and improve global disaster resilient communities.—*Xinhua*

Indonesia

Five killed, 18 injured in Indonesia oil pipeline blast

JAKARTA, 4 Oct—Five people were killed and 18 others injured in an explosion and fire in the oil pipeline operated by Indonesia's state-run oil and gas firm Pertamina in South Sumatra Province on Wednesday. "The death toll from the explosion were 5 and 18 others were injured," Rudi Arifianto, a Pertamina spokesperson, told *Xinhua* by phone.

He said that the explosion was allegedly caused by illegal tapping in the crude oil pipeline in Musi Banyuasin regency, South Sumatra. The fire ignited by explosion at around 6:10 am was extinguished at noon, he said. The cleanup process was underway and production at Pertamina's oil refinery in Plaju was not affected, he added. He said the illegal oil tapping activities have been rampant lately, which cost Pertamina some 39,000 barrels of crude oil in May and 59,000 barrels in June this year.—*Xinhua*



Tourists line up and walk slowly in the scenic spot of Huangshan Mountain, east China's Anhui Province, on 3 Oct, 2012. As the eight-day Mid-Autumn Day and National Day holiday came, hundreds of millions of tourists crowded into Huangshan Mountain.

XINHUA

25 injured in wasp sting in western Japan Japan

OSAKA, 4 Oct—At least 25 people, many of them high school students, were treated for wasp stings in the western Japanese Prefecture of Yamaguchi on Thursday, local media reported.

The incident happened at around 8:30 am local time when students were walking to school near the embankment of a local river in Iwakuni City.

After receiving an emergency call, teams of local fire stations carried 24 students and a passer-by to hospitals in the city. The conditions of the injured became stable by noon after treatment. Details of the incident are under investigation by local authorities and the school.—*Xinhua*

Philippine economic growth fails to cut poverty

Philippine

MANILA, 4 Oct—The Philippine economy remains resilient amid a global downturn but such growth failed to reduce the high poverty incidence in this developing country.

"GDP growth has accelerated to average 4.7 percent since 2000, but job generation remains inadequate, reflected in fairly rigid rates of unemployment, growing underemployment, and the continuous deployment of workers overseas," the Asian Development Bank (ADB) said in its latest Asian Development Outlook issued on Wednesday.

The Manila-based lender has significantly reduced its 2012-2013 growth forecast for most of developing Asia, saying that after years of rapid growth led by China and India, the region is facing a prolonged period of moderate expansion on back of sluggish global demand. The ADB has a more sanguine outlook for the Philippines. It upgraded this year's growth forecast for the Philippines from the previous 4.8 percent to 5.5 percent.

The ADB took into account the higher-than-expected 6.1 percent GDP growth in the first half and an expected moderate growth in the second half.

The ADB maintained its 2013 growth forecast for the Philippines at five percent.

But the ADB noted that poverty reduction and job creation remains a challenge for Philippine policy makers.

"Despite solid economic growth, job generation remains inadequate, reflected in rates of unemployment and underemployment," Neeraj Jain, ADB's Country Director for the Philippines, said in a statement.—*Xinhua*



Philippine rescuers save tourists from a boat capsized on the rough sea in the central Philippines, on 3 Oct, 2012. Three tourists from southeast China's Taiwan drowned and 27 others were rescued after their boat capsized off the central Philippine resort island of Boracay on Wednesday, Philippine Coast Guard said.—XINHUA

Flags to fly at half-mast in HK to mourn victims of ferry crash

Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 4 Oct—National and regional flags at all government buildings in Hong Kong will be flown at half-mast for three days starting on Thursday to pay last respects to the victims of a fatal ferry crash, the city government said in a statement on Wednesday.

At midday on Thursday, a ceremony led by Hong Kong Chief Executive CY Leung and other principal officials will be held in front of the city government's headquarters to observe three minutes of silence in mourning.

Except for emergency and immigration services, other government services will be suspended during the period. All staff on duty will observe the three-minute silence at their work places. Thirty-eight people including at least five children were killed after two ferries collided on Monday evening off Hong Kong's Lamma Island. As at 4:00 pm local time on Wednesday, 22 injured people remained in hospital, two of them were in critical or serious conditions.—*Xinhua*

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An aerial view of an oil well site near Watford City, North Dakota is seen in this picture taken 17 May, 2012.—REUTERS

In North Dakota, hard to tell an oil millionaire from regular Joe

STANLEY, 4 Oct—The retired men shooting the breeze at Joyce's Cafe in Stanley don't look like oil barons but appearances can be deceptive, especially in North Dakota.

Take Robert Western, a farmer who was dressed in rumpled overalls and a baseball cap as he sipped coffee and discussed the oil boom that has transformed this once sleepy town. "Some of the younger people buy a lot more - machinery, vehicles, things like that," said the 75-year-old Western. "The rest of us, I guess it doesn't alter our lifestyle a great deal. I don't have a lot of needs."

After he left, his friend Earl Rogstad remarked to a visitor: "It's too bad Robert didn't have his airplane ready... He offered last summer to fly me over and see (the oil wells) from the air."

Western did not mention that he is co-owner of a Piper single engine propeller plane, according to FAA records. He did admit to receiving oil royalties from wells on his farm but locals said he is far from the richest man in town. It is not clear whether Western is a millionaire or merely wealthy.

"You can't tell the average Joe farmer from the average Joe millionaire," said Ward Heidbreder, Stanley city coordinator.—Reuters

Spanish economy minister says new adjustments not required

MADRID, 4 Oct— Spanish Minister of Economy and Competitiveness Luis de Guindos said on Wednesday that regarding a possible "bailout or no bailout, the conditions are more or less what we already have," pointing out that Spain is already fulfilling its commitments to achieve the deficit target.

Regarding to a possible bailout, he said that "the government will take the best possible solution for Spain and for the European partners," adding that "a possible bailout will not involve additional conditions."

De Guindos even said that new adjustments will not be required apart from those that are already on the agenda,

insisting that the government has not taken a decision regarding the bailout because they do not have all the necessary information. At the same time, De Guindos spoke this Wednesday about the statements made by Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Christine Lagarde. Lagarde appreciated the Spanish labour reform, the tax measures to reduce the deficit and the structural reforms to make the Spanish economy more agile and flexible in order to promote growth and employment.

Meanwhile, the European Central Bank (ECB) will meet on Thursday, waiting for Spain to ask for a bailout. However analysts say that there will not be big surprises.—Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Amanda Bynes “obsessively hates” Lindsay Lohan



The 26-year-old star has suffer-ed a string of setbacks recently including being charged with driving on a suspended licence and having her car impounded.

NEW DELHI, 4 Oct—The Easy A actress, who found fame on kids channel Nickelodeon, is said to detest her fellow former child star and often rants about Lindsay.

A source told *Us Weekly*: “She obsessively hates Lindsay. She rambles about ‘that bitch Lindsay’ all the time.”

The 26-year-old star has suffered a string of setbacks recently including being charged with driving on a suspended licence and having her car impounded.

She was also involved in two bizarre episodes last month, locking herself in a store changing room for nearly two hours and refusing to come out and stripping off during a gym class and friends

say her parents don’t know what to do as Amanda has cut contact with everyone.

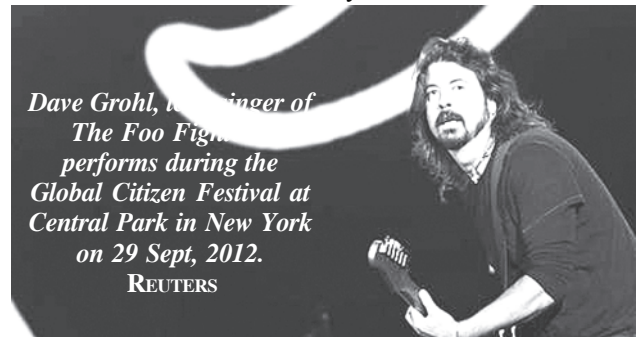
The insider explained: “Amanda shut them out and isn’t speaking to them. She is doing everything on her own. She has no direction. Amanda is spiraling out of control. She won’t accept help from anybody... She’s completely lost.”

Lindsay’s mother Dina Lohan recently offered some advice to Amanda’s parents, saying: “Just be around. ... It’s hard when your daughter’s not, you know, over 18, and you want to let them go ... and they want to, you know, feel like they’re in control of themselves. So it’s a very strategic place for a parent to be, but she’ll be OK.”—PTI

Grohl says Foo Fighters not splitting, on hiatus

LOS ANGELES, 4 Oct—Lead singer Dave Grohl of Grammy-winning rock band Foo Fighters said on Tuesday the band was not splitting up but was taking a break.

Grohl, 43, fueled speculation about a split by telling fans at a New York festival on Saturday that “this is the show where



we come out and we play as many songs as we can ... I don’t know when we’re going to do it again,” according to MTV News.

But in a public letter sent by Foo Fighters’ representative Dana West, Grohl said the band was taking a break but had no intentions of disbanding.

“I can’t give up this band. And I never will. Because it’s not just a band to me. It’s my life. It’s my family. It’s my world,” Grohl said. The singer said he did not know when Foo Fighters was going to play again, but added that “it’s a good thing for all of us to go away for a while. It’s one of the reasons we’re still here.”

Foo Fighters was founded in 1994 by Grohl, the drummer for grunge band Nirvana, following the death of Nirvana’s lead singer Kurt Cobain.

During the hiatus, Grohl said, he will be releasing a documentary and album project called Sound City. “It could be the biggest, most important project I’ve ever worked on,” he said.

The band, which also includes bassist Nate Mendel, drummer Taylor Hawkins and guitarists Chris Shiflett and Pat Smear, has released seven studio albums led by singles such as “Everlong,” “Times Like These” and “Learn To Fly.” It has won 11 Grammy awards.—Reuters

Chinese filmmaker to get Lifetime Achievement Award at Mumbai film festival

MUMBAI, 4 Oct—Acclaimed Chinese filmmaker Zhang Yimou, the man behind movies like *Curse of The Golden Flower* and *House of Flying Daggers*, will be awarded the Lifetime Achievement award at the upcoming 14th Mumbai Film Festival.

Considered to be one of China’s most prominent directors, the 60-year-old prolific director and actor is in the league of select oriental filmmakers who have successfully made a transition to mainstream Western cinema. Yimou has been conferred several notable

international accolades including the Grand Jury Prize at Cannes for his film *To Live*, the Technical Grand Prize for *Shanghai Triad*, the BAFTA’s for *To Live and Raise the Red Lantern* and four different awards at the Berlin Film Festival.

In addition to his cinematic achievements, Yimou also directed the opening and closing ceremonies for the Beijing Summer Olympic Games in 2008, which received widespread global acclaim.

The Mumbai Film Festival, an initiative by MAMI, has been known to



Zhang Yimou.—REUTERS

honour cinematic legends who have contributed to enriching the art and craft of cinema in varied capacities.

It is being held between October 18 and 25 this year.

The recipient of this award at the 12th and 13th Mumbai Film Festival were director Oliver Stone and actor Morgan Freeman respectively.—PTI



Milla Jovovich

Milla Jovovich doesn’t have many friends

LONDON, 4 Oct—Milla Jovovich only has “a few friends”. The Resident Evil: Retribution actress doesn’t believe film stars have many people they can rely on in life and rather than hang out with “acquaintances” she prefers to spend time with her director husband Paul W S Anderson and make dolls houses and sew dolls with their four-year-old daughter Ever.

She said: “I feel like movie stars don’t have many friends at all. They have acquaintances. I really only have a few friends. My regular life today is reading books, making dolls houses, sewing dolls with my daughter and barbecuing.” The 36-year-old star admits it is “stressful”

making movies with her husband — who has worked on all five films in the Resident Evil franchise, in which Milla portrays main character Alice — but generally the couple have a great time on set.

In an interview in the *Independent* newspaper, she added: “Working with Paul, in particular, there’s a lot more pros than cons because we make really fun movies together. It’s stressful physically but emotionally we have a good time.

“We don’t have that kind of tension of like, ‘Aarrgggh you’ve made me squeeze my soul out during the day and now I have to look at you all night.’ —PTI



Composer John Williams

Film composer Williams wins two UK classical awards

LONDON, 4 Oct—Veteran film composer John Williams picked up two Classic BRIT Awards in London on Tuesday, adding a best composer honour to the lifetime achievement prize which had been previously announced.

The classical music awards, held at the Royal Albert Hall, also saw 20-year-old British pianist Benjamin

Grosvenor become the youngest male recipient of a Classic BRIT Award, winning the critics’ prize for the album “Chopin, Liszt and Ravel”.

Among the highlights of the ceremony was a medley of Williams’ film scores performed by the London Chamber Orchestra, including passages from such memorable movie compositions as “Star Wars”,

“Harry Potter”, “Jaws”, “E.T.” and “Indiana Jones”.

The 80-year-old American won the composer award for his work on “War Horse” and “The Adventures of Tintin”. With a total of 47 Academy Award nominations, Williams is the second most nominated individual after Walt Disney, and he has five Oscar statuettes to his name.—Reuters

Besotted again: Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart enjoy romantic date

LOS ANGELES, 4 Oct—Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart couldn’t keep their hands off each other Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart enjoyed a romantic dinner date in Los Angeles on Saturday.

The couple — who recently reconciled follow their split during the summer when it was revealed Kristen had a fling with married director Rupert Sanders — dined at Soho House in West Hollywood with friends but couldn’t keep their hands off each other. A source told *Entertainment Weekly*: “Rob and Kristen had dinner at The Soho House in West Hollywood on Saturday night and they looked like a couple,

smiling, holding hands. It was like old times.

They were with a few other friends, two guys and another girl. They sat in the restaurant...which is decorated with really beautiful lights everywhere. It’s really romantic.”

Although it took Robert, 26, some time to forgive 22-year-old Kristen for her infidelity, the eyewitness said they seemed completely besotted with each other once more. The source explained: “Both Rob and Kristen were dressed casually. They were laughing a lot with their friends and stayed for a pretty long time. Like from nine until past midnight.

PTI



Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart

SPORTS

Balotelli earns Man City lucky draw with Dortmund

Champions League

MANCHESTER, 4 Oct—Manchester City were given a lesson in high-tempo football by Borussia Dortmund but a brilliant goalkeeping display by Joe Hart and a last-minute penalty from Mario Balotelli salvaged a 1-1 draw in Champions League Group B on Wednesday. Balotelli converted a 90th-minute spot kick to earn City a lifeline in the competition against an impressive Dortmund side who dominated for large periods and were only prevented from winning the match comfortably by the brilliance of Hart. The England keeper was beaten in the second-half by Marco Reus but produced a string of top-draw saves that kept Dortmund from scoring a few goals that would have rendered Balotelli's late penalty little more than a consolation.

As it was, the Italian placed the ball on the spot following a handball from defender Neven Subotic and, despite the best efforts of Dortmund keeper Roman Weidenfeller to put him off, stuttered in his run up and stroked the ball low into the net. Had City lost they would have been pointless from the opening two games and facing a mountain to climb to qualify for the knock-out round. "We didn't play well. We didn't deserve to take this point but in the end it could be important," City manager Roberto Mancini told Sky Sports. "Borussia Dortmund played better than us and at this moment they are a better side. We need to run and fight for every ball. "It's not enough to have just a good quality. I knew before the game it was going to be difficult as Dortmund have more experience in the Champions League than us. "I think that Joe Hart saved us because he did very, very well. I know the problem and I will solve it very quickly. If we don't improve it will be difficult (to qualify) but this point could be important."—Reuters



Manchester City's Mario Balotelli scores a penalty kick against Borussia Dortmund during their Champions League Group D soccer match in Manchester on 3 Oct, 2012. —REUTERS

Wigan manager Martinez fined for referee comments Soccer

LONDON, 4 Oct—Roberto Martinez, the manager of Premier League club Wigan Athletic, was fined 10,000 pounds by the Football Association on Wednesday for comments he made after his side's 4-0 defeat to Manchester United last month.

The 39-year-old Spaniard was also warned about his future conduct after admitting a charge of misconduct in a personal hearing.

The decision was posted in a statement on the FA's website (www.thefa.com).

Martinez was unhappy with referee Michael Oliver's performance and told the BBC after his side's defeat at Old Trafford: "In the last two games here we have had three sendings off, and today I knew. When you come to places like this you need a strong referee. "And the first decision—the penalty, it sets you back a lot.

"It is difficult to come to Old Trafford and get a referee that gets affected by the event and the circumstances surrounding the game. It was a real shame in that respect."

He also told reporters: "Today the penalty is as bad a decision as you are going to see in the Premier League. In many ways you feel as though you are fighting against a mountain."

He was upset about a penalty Oliver awarded against his side when Wigan goalkeeper Ali Al Habsi was judged to have brought down Danny Welbeck when TV replays showed no contact was made. Al Habsi saved the spot-kick from Javier Hernandez.

He was also unhappy about Welbeck receiving a yellow card for a challenge on one of his defenders that he thought should have been a red. (\$1= 0.6196 British pounds)—Reuters



Wigan manager Roberto Martinez

Arsenal overcome Olympiakos 3-1 at Emirates



Arsenal's Aaron Ramsey scores a goal against Olympiakos Piraeus during their Champions League Group B soccer match at the Emirates Stadium in London on 3 Oct, 2012. —REUTERS

LONDON, 4 Oct—Arsenal put themselves in pole position to reach the Champions League knockout rounds with a 3-1 home victory in Group B over Olympiakos at the Emirates on Wednesday.

Goals either side of halftime from Gervinho and Lukas Podolski sealed the Gunners' second successive win in the group with Aaron Ramsey scoring the third with the final move of the game. Gervinho gave Arsenal the lead against the run of play in the 42nd minute with a well-placed shot but Olympiakos reached halftime deservedly all square when striker Kostas Mitroglou headed an equaliser.

Arsenal, who have never lost to Greek opposition at home, started the second half in more lively fashion and Lukas Podolski fired what turned out to be the winner after 56 minutes, his shot piercing a crowd of players. —Reuters

Karabatic denies betting on game under investigation

MONTPELLIER, 4 Oct—France's Olympic champion Nikola Karabatic, under formal investigation for fraud amid a match-fixing scandal, has denied betting on the handball game at the centre of the affair.

Montpellier player Karabatic was placed under formal investigation on Tuesday, two days after he was arrested following a French league game with his Montpellier club at Paris St Germain.

"I'm going to read you Nikola Karabatic's statement to the judge," his lawyer, Eric Dupond-Moretti, told reporters late on Tuesday.

"It goes like this: 'You asked me if I placed a bet? No, I did not place a bet. Did my girlfriend place a bet? Yes she did. Did she tell me about it? Yes. Why did she bet? She's been following Montpellier for two years, she knows the (French) league'," the lawyer said.

Karabatic, along with his brother Luka and Samuel Honrubia—a former Montpellier player—were among 15 people being heard

in Montpellier by judges Thomas Meindl and Marie-Christine Desplat-Didier.

Honrubia, who now plays for PSG, admitted to betting, but denied influencing the result of the game.

Prosecutor Brice Robin alleges that a total of 87,880 euros (\$113,400) of bets were placed on a first-division game between Montpellier and Cesson-Sevigne in May - 40 times the usual amount for such a match.

Most of the bets were placed around the same time of day and 99.94 percent were placed on struggling Cesson-Sevigne to lead at halftime, he added.

Robin said the investigation focused on the players and their relatives, with both clubs' chairmen and coaches having been cleared of any suspicion of wrongdoing.

Karabatic led France to back-to-back Olympic titles in 2008 and this year while Honrubia also won gold in London.

Karabatic and Honrubia did not take part in the game against Cesson.

Reuters

Kaymer thought of Langer before Ryder Cup-winning putt Golf



Germany's Martin Kaymer laughs as he sits next to the Ryder Cup during a news conference at the Dunhill Links Championship in the Old Course in St Andrews, Scotland on 3 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS

ST ANDREWS, (Scotland), 4 Oct—Martin Kaymer has revealed his secret thoughts about the five-foot putt at Medinah which ensured Europe retained the Ryder Cup. As he contemplated the stroke that completed a 1-up

victory over Steve Stricker the German knew it was not a tough one. But he was also aware that his fellow German Bernhard Langer has never been allowed to forget a missed putt of the same length which handed the Americans the Ryder Cup victory at Kiawah Island in 1991.

"It was such a fine line between being the hero and the biggest idiot and fortunately it went the right way," Kaymer told reporters as he prepared for the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship.

"When I was standing behind the ball and then when I bent down Bernhard's miss crossed my mind for half a second. But it didn't have any influence in a positive or

negative way.

"And if you stick to the facts it was the easiest putt you can have despite all the circumstances because it was uphill and an inside the right line. There is no easier putt. We have that putt millions of times and I had to try to forget about the Ryder Cup." Kaymer admitted that since arriving in Scotland he had been surprised at how many people had congratulated him on his performance.

"Obviously I had the pleasure to make the putt but at the end of the day I only got one point even though I played twice and there were other guys who inspired the team a lot more on the Sunday." —Reuters

Ronaldo treble fires Real to 4-1 win at Ajax

Champions League



Montpellier's Nikola Karabatic is seen in action during his team's Ligue 1 handball match against Paris Saint Germain in Paris, on 30 Sept, 2012.

REUTERS

AMSTERDAM, 4 Oct—Cristiano Ronaldo scored his second hat-trick in four days and Karim Benzema netted a spectacular overhead kick to give Real Madrid a 4-1 win at Ajax Amsterdam in Champions League Group D on Wednesday.

A dominant Real wasted a host of chances before Ronaldo pounced on a loose ball to score from close range in the 42nd minute and Benzema finished off a swift Real break three minutes into the second half when he smashed home a Kaka centre.

Real's vulnerability at set pieces gave Ajax hope in the 56th minute when Niklas Moisander stole in at the far post at a corner and nodded under Iker Casillas before Ronaldo scored twice in two minutes to kill off the game.

The victory consolidated Real's lead at the top of the group with six points from two matches as the record winners bid for the 10th European title that has eluded them since 2002.

Reuters



Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo (C) celebrates his goal with teammates during their Champions League Group D soccer match against Ajax Amsterdam at the Amsterdam Arena stadium on 3 Oct, 2012. —REUTERS

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Former world No 1 Ivanovic upset at China Open



Ana Ivanovic of Serbia

Australia were all ousted in earlier rounds.

On a sunny but windy afternoon, Ivanovic never felt comfortable throughout the match and succumbed to a 6-4, 6-3 defeat in just 70 minutes.

"I really struggled to find my rhythm out there, especially on the forehand. The ball was coming with not so much pace, and I wasn't really efficient moving forward and taking advantage of that," said a disappointed Ivanovic. Ivanovic hit 23 winners to just 8 from Oprandi, but the former French Open champion made 17 unforced errors compared to Oprandi's 2. It seemed Oprandi just tried to extend rallies and waited for the Serb to make a mistake.

"She's a tricky opponent. She has really good game, very talented girl. I think the unforced errors made a big difference," the 24-year-old Ivanovic added. They played a solid game at the beginning and both held serve in the first six games of the opening set. The Swiss broke first in the seventh game, but Ivanovic broke back immediately. Oprandi notched up the second break in the ninth game and then served for the set.

Xinhua

BEIJING, 4 Oct—Serb Ana Ivanovic's 4th consecutive run to the quarterfinals at the China Open was snipped here on Wednesday as the former world No.1 lost to Romina Oprandi of Switzerland in the third round.

The current world No.12 joined seed casualty after Czech Republic's world No.5 Petra Kvitova, sixth seed Sara Errani of Italy and eighth seed Samantha Stosur from

Sharapova romps into top eight at China Open

BEIJING, 4 Oct—World No 2 Maria Sharapova romped into the quarter-finals by defeating Polona Hercog of Slovenia in straight sets at the China Open here on Thursday. Sharapova, who survived an early-exit scare with a hard-fought 7-5, 7-5 opening victory over Simona Halep of Romania, enjoyed a much easier encounter when she cruised past world No 90 Hercog 6-0, 6-2 in just one hour and a half.

"I had a long first round, even though it was two sets. Today and yesterday was definitely a little bit quicker. I was happy with the way I came out today," said Sharapova, who was making her fifth appearance at Beijing with a best semi-final result in 2004. The 25-year-old Russian dominated the match from the start, breaking three times in the opening set to give Hercog a bagel. Sharapova continued the momentum in the second and built a 2-0 lead.

Hercog held the next serve by saving two break points, and then leveled the score with a break in the fourth game. Sharapova steadied herself in the fifth, taking her serve after the score tied for several times, and never looked back. "I played really well in the beginning and got a little tense in the second set, but I felt like I really needed that challenge. It's nice to be in the quarter-final stage," said Sharapova. Sharapova will take on either Angelique Kerber of Germany or Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark in the quarter-final clash. —Xinhua



Maria Sharapova of Russia serves the ball during the women's singles 3rd round match against Polona Hercog of Slovenia at the China Open tennis tournament in Beijing, China, on 4 Oct, 2012.—XINHUA

Tropical Storm Oscar forms in eastern Tropical Atlantic: NHC

MIAMI, 4 Oct—Tropical Storm Oscar, the fifteenth named storm of the season, has formed in the eastern Tropical Atlantic on Wednesday, the US National Hurricane Centre said in its latest bulletin.

The storm was located about 1,220 miles west-northwest of the Cape Verde islands packing winds of about 40 miles per hour (65 km per hour).

"Oscar is forecast to become an open trough on Friday and then dissipate by Friday night," the Miami-based center said.

There are no coastal watches or warnings in effect, it said.

Xinhua

Canadian airports lose traffic to US rivals for higher costs

VANCOUVER, 4 Oct—Roughly five million Canadians cross the US border by land every year to fly out of American airports for cost saving, according to a report released Wednesday.

Conducted by the Conference Board of Canada, an independent and non-profit research organization, the report suggests that even small reductions in the air fare differential could lead to traffic gains for Canadian airports and carriers.

The report, Driven Away: Why More Canadians Are Choosing Cross Border Airports, focuses its analysis on three Canadian airports: Vancouver International Airport, Toronto Pearson International Airport and Montreal-Trudeau International Airport, along with their cross-border competitors.

It says the higher air fares in Canada are often blamed on fees and taxes, but these are only part of the reason for traffic losses.

Xinhua

Consumers shop in a duty-free store in Sanya, south China's Hainan Province, on 3 Oct, 2012. Duty-free stores in Hainan have seen a business boom as the number of tourists to the island province grows during China's National Day holiday.

XINHUA



New staff housing for Yezin Station Hospital

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct— The ceremony to hand over a two-storey building for staff of 25-bed Yezin Station Hospital was held at the new building in Yezin Universities' Campus in Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

Eight donor companies including Momentum Co., donated K 11 million for medical funds and maintenance works of the hospital. On behalf of locals, Rector Dr Myint Oo of University of Forestry spoke words of thanks.

With the aim of providing more health care service to university students and locals, Momentum Co., upgraded 16-bed hospital into 25-bed one and spent K 260 million for construction of the two-storey new building. It was attended by Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry



The ceremony to hand over two-storey staff quarter in progress at Yezin Station Hospital (25-bed) in Yezin Universities' Campus in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

U Win Tun, Union Minister for Health Dr. Pe Thet Khin and deputy ministers, departmental heads, rectors and officials and locals. MNA

Transformer installed for supply of electricity

MYITKYINA, 4 Oct—Departments concerned, private companies and residents strive for supplying electricity to local people for uplift of living standard and for enjoying adequate supply of electricity.

On 22 September, one 315 KVA transformer was installed in Kyunbintha Ward of Myitkyina. Plans are underway to supply electricity to more than 350 houses from section 8 to 14 in Kyunbintha Ward.—Kyemom

Mandalay International Airport to be shaped as aviation focal point

The Ministry of Transport will cooperate with private sector to designate Mandalay International Airport as a focal point of aviation logistics for swift flow of commodities among regional countries.

As Mandalay International Airport is in a strategically located area, tenders are invited to create

the airport as the focal point of airlines and transportation routes from Southeast Asia, South Asia and Europe. Local and foreign companies may participate in the joint venture tasks. The company that achieved success in tender is to launch its tasks beginning 1 April 2013.

The airport located on 27554 acres of land is the second largest airport across the world. Its runway is 14000 feet by 200 feet. Italian Thai Co took responsibility for construction of the Mandalay International Airport on 17 May 1996 and spent US\$ 150 million on construction tasks.

Public Works spent US\$ 8049.52 million on construction of runway and related tasks and the airport was put into service on 17 September 2000.

Kyemom



Farmers from Hsihseng Tsp observe paddy plantations in Nay Pyi Taw



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More than 70 Taliban militants killed in Afghanistan within day

KABUL, 4 Oct — Up to 70 Taliban militants have been killed in military operations and direct fighting with security forces in different Afghan provinces within a 24-hour period of time, authorities said on Thursday.

"Afghan National Police (ANP), Afghan army and the NDS or Afghan intelligence agency in collaboration with the NATO-led coalition forces launched 13 joint cleanup operations in Kabul, Laghman, Baghlan, Kunduz, Badakhshan, Sari Pul and Kandahar provinces, killing 27 armed Taliban, wounding eight armed militants over the past 24 hours," the Afghan Interior Ministry said in a statement earlier Thursday.

The ANP also detained eight other suspected Taliban militants during the above raids, the statement said, adding "the ANP also found and seized one rocket launcher, one PK-M machine gun, eight different types of weapons, one radio handset, 22 heavy rounds, 13 different types of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and 11 motorcycles used by the militants in the operations."

The counter-insurgency operations, aiming to dismantle the insurgency's mid-level command structure and its supply line, have been stepped up in the country particularly since early May this year when Taliban launched an annual rebel offensive to target security forces.

Xinhua

Berdych flattens Falla to reach Tokyo quarters

TOKYO, 4 Oct—Former winner Tomas Berdych comfortably beat Colombia's Alejandro Falla 6-3 7-5 on Thursday to reach the quarter-finals of the Japan Open. US Open champion Andy Murray, the title holder in Tokyo, enjoyed a day off from the singles to team up with brother Jamie in a successful start to the defense of their doubles crown. Czech Berdych, who won the Japan Open in 2008, blasted nine aces as he strolled to his 50th win of the year.

"I served well and took my chances," the second seed told reporters after moving another step closer to qualifying for the season-ending World Tour Finals. "I'm not there yet," added the world number six, referring to next month's eight-man London shootout.

"I need to keep playing well and stick to my tennis. Not talk about it but bring my best game and that's the best way to qualify."

Berdych, who upset Roger Federer on his way to last month's U.S. Open semi-finals, will play Japan's Kei Nishikori in the last eight of the \$1.2 million hardcourt event. Eighth seed Nishikori hit back in style after dropping the first set to record a 5-7 6-1 6-0 victory over Spain's Tommy Robredo. Third seed Janko Tipsarevic also progressed with a 6-4 6-2 victory over Swiss qualifier Marco Chiudinelli.

The Serb faces sixth seed Milos Raonic next after Tipsarevic's compatriot Viktor Troicki retired against the

Canadian because of a calf injury at 3-0 down in the first set. Raonic had warmed up for the match with a rickshaw ride around Tokyo's sacred Asakusa district where he also spent time looking at a collection of samurai swords. Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus battled past fourth-seeded Argentine Juan Monaco, last year's Kuala Lumpur winner, 7-5 1-6 6-3.

London Olympic gold medallist Andy Murray takes on Switzerland's Stanislas Wawrinka in the quarter-finals on Friday.

Reuters

