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New Ngamoeyeik (Parami) Bridge, ready to provide service



YANGON, 6 Oct—As Ngamoeyeik (Parami) Bridge has completed by cent per cent, preparations are being made for holding the ceremony to commission it into service soon.

Nowadays, some parts of the roads are blocked with traffic jams. To be able to solve such problem, a new Parami bridge on the traffic block area was built across Ngamoeyeik Creek to link Dagon Myothit (North) Township and South Okkalapa Township.

In 1997, Public Works built a Ngamoeyeik (Parami) Bridge at the place for the first time. Due to growing number of passengers and vehicles, the traffic jams have occurred along the roads. The passengers wasted their precious times in the cars.

The newly-built Ngamoeyeik Bridge (Parami) is 600 feet long plus 700 feet long approach road on either side, totaling 2000 feet long. Its motorway is 28 feet wide flanked

by three feet wide pedestrian way on both sides. The clearance of the bridge is 10 feet high at highest level of water.

The bridge is of steel frame, beam and RC type. The lower structure is of RC bored pile type. The facility can withstand 75 tons of loads.

As the bridge has completed cent per cent in the construction sector, vehicles are allowed to pass through the bridge without waiting for opening ceremony so as to ensure convenience in the travelling of local people.

At present, two bridges are located in parallel to provide transport services to the local people. The vehicles use two ways drive on the bridges by overcoming traffic jams. Local people from Dagon Myothit (North) and South Okkalapa townships are enjoying fruits of better transport facilities thanks to new Ngamoeyeik (Parami) Bridge.

Myanma Alin

Photo shows on Buddha Sasana 3-18 Nov

YANGON, 6 Oct—The Myanmar-Japan Buddha Sasana Friendship Photo Show will be staged for the second time at Chanthagyi Prayer Hall on the platform of Shwedagon Pagoda from 3 to 18 November.

The show will be jointly

organized by photographic professional Sakirasan of Japan and Myanmar photographer U Than Zaw. The first time of the show was held in November 2006.

The Japanese professional will display the works of photos on pagodas

and monasteries, significant statues and monks from Southeast Asian countries and Myanmar professional, Buddha Sasana and religious edifices, totaling 100.

Any enthusiasts may enjoy the photo show.

Kyemon

Preventive equipment for natural disaster provided

MONGHSAT, 6 Oct—A ceremony to hand over natural disaster preventive equipment presented by Myanmar Red Cross Society was held at the hall of Basic Education High School in Monghsat on 2 October morning.

At first, Township Administrator U Naing Aye made a speech, and General Staff Officer Grade-II U Sai Tun Oo of District Red Cross Brigade explained the

purpose of providing disaster preventive equipment. Next, Head of District Fire Services Department U Aung Min and officials presented the equipment to Headmaster U Tin Zaw Myint, teachers and trainee students.

MRCS will provide nine items of equipment to Monghsat BEHS and Mongtwam BEMS and 11 items of equipment to Pabaw, Menin and Pukywe-2 villages.

Myanma Alin

Press conference on rumors of private banks held

YANGON, 6 Oct—“There are the widespread rumors about private banks in recent days. Under the supervision and guidance of the Central Bank of Myanmar, private banks have to submit their daily accounts and transactions to the Central Bank of Myanmar and are running in accord with laws, rules and regulations. People should not worry about the private banks. The Central Bank takes full responsibility of the private banks. Authority concerned has dealt with that matter. It has returned to normal. People should not believe such rumors,” said Deputy Director-General U Win Thaw of the Central Bank of Myanmar, at a press

conference on rumors of private banks, at Myanmar Banks Association on new Sibin Road in Yankin Township, here, today.

General Secretary of Myanmar Banks Association Chairman of Cooperative Bank Ltd U Khin Maung Aye delivered a speech on the occasion. President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) U Win Aung said that the recent rumors are just fabrications that might cause a hamper to State’s development and economic development. People should not believe it.

Chairman of Kanbawza Bank Ltd is serving as UMFCCI’s patron and

providing assistance for the country’s economic development in all aspects. People should have reasoning power as regards the rumours. Vice-Chairman (2) of KBZ Bank U Than Lwin said that there are preemptive measures for such rumors since the 2003 crisis. He is very regrettable to hear that these rumors bother customers. Customers should rest assured as BKZ Bank is operating its service by following the laws, bylaws, rules, regulations and directives set by the Central Bank.

The KBZ Chairman himself explains about it through TV, newspapers and journals. Authority concerned has solved this (See page 8)



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Thai PM Yingluck Shinawatra (R) shakes hands with visiting UAE Minister of Foreign Trade Sheikh Lubna Bint Khalid Al Qasimi at Government House in Bangkok on 5 Oct.

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Li Na beats Radwanska to book berth in Istanbul WTA Championships

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NATIONAL

Launching ceremony of 500 megawatt gas-fired combined cycle power plant project (Thaketa)

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and officials from Korean companies press the button to launch 500 megawatt combined cycle power plant project (Thaketa).—MNA

YANGON, 6 Oct— The launching ceremony for 500 megawatt gas-fired combined cycle power plant project (Thaketa) between Electric Power Department under the Ministry of Electric Power and Korean companies— Busan Korea Biotechnology Co Ltd, Korea Western Power Co Ltd, Hyundai Engineering & Construction Co Ltd, Hana Daetoo Securities Co Ltd and Hexa International Co Ltd took place at the project here this morning. Yangon Region Electric and Industry Minister U Nyan Tun Oo, Chairman of Yangon City Electricity Supply Board U Aung Khaing, CEO Mr. Chang Seung Chul of Hana Daetoo Securities Co Ltd, CEO Mr. Chaung Si Woo from Busan Korea Biotechnology Co Ltd, President and CEO Mr. Jung Soo Hyun of Hyundai Engineering & Construction Co Ltd cut the ribbon to open the ceremony.



Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Aung Than Oo, President and CEO Mr. Kim Moon Duk of Korea Western Power Co Ltd and President and CEO Mr. Jung Soo Hyun from

Hyundai Engineering & Construction Co Ltd pressed the button to open the ceremony.

Region chief minister made a speech on the occasion. He said that sufficient electricity supply is needed with the arrival of industries together with foreign investment for development of the State; the Electric Power Ministry is in the process of generating electricity with the use of

gas-fired and coal-fired plants for firm base load electricity. He pointed out to put emphasis is placed on proper generation mix. Plans are underway to implement energy security in the future by systematically using natural resources of the State, he added. The main purpose of implementation the project is to supply electricity for Thilawa Industrial Zone, one of the special economic zones in

Myanmar, he said.

President and CEO Mr. Jung Soo Hyun of Hyundai Engineering & Construction Co Ltd explained facts about 500 MW CCPP project and President and CEO Mr. Kim Moon Duk of Korea Western Power Co Ltd spoke words of thanks.

Then region chief minister and officials inspected site chosen for implementation of the project.—MNA

Prize-presenting ceremony of 19th Myanmar National Races' TPAC of Shan State held

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct—A prize-presenting ceremony of 19th Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition of Shan State, took place at City Hall in Taunggyi on 5 October, with an address by Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat.



Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat presents award to a winner.—MNA

State ministers and officials presented cash awards to panel of judges, Wa, Pa-O, Danu, Palaung and Kokang Leading Bodies of Self-Administered Division/Zone Dance troupes and national races cultural dance troupes.

Afterwards, the chief minister awarded first, second and third winner traditional dance troupes. A total of 17 troupes were awarded K 100,000 each.

MNA

Workshop on industrial sector development held

YANGON, 6 Oct— Workshop on industrial sector development was held at Myanmar Engineering Society on universities campus in Hline Township here yesterday morning.

Deputy Minister for Industry U Myo Aung and Yangon Region Electric and Industry Minister U Nyan Tun Oo clarified

matters related to the workshop on industrial sector development.

Director-General U Soe Hlaing from Industry Supervisory and Inspection Department under the Ministry of Industry explained the purpose of holding the workshop, procedures, industrial zone development, development of small and medium

enterprises.

Explanation for queries of attendees, rapid programmes for industrial development, procedures for development of small and medium enterprises, establishment of industrial zones, factories extension procedures to create job opportunities for locals were discussed at the workshop.—MNA

Industrial zones could generate jobs for locals in Kachin State

MOHNYIN, 6 Oct— Establishment of industrial, hotel and breeding zones in Kachin State would produce more job opportunities for local people, U Sai Maung Shwe, Kachin State Electricity and Industry Minister, said in industrial development workshop held in Myitkyina on 4 October.

The ceremony was also attended by Director-General U Soe Hlaing of Industrial Supervisory and Inspection Department, departmental heads and entrepreneurs of small and medium enterprises.

The minister said industrial zone and trade zone near Mongna village of Myitkyina, industrial zone

and trade zone in Bhamo, agricultural and breeding zone in Mohnyin and hotel zone in PutaO could be established.

According to local businessmen, the state has the huge opportunity of achieving rapid growth through border trade with both China and India.

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Ownerless logs seized in Myeik Township

DAWEI, 6 Oct—The Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry

is focusing on existence of natural forests and seizures of illegal timbers and logs as



District News

a main duty.

The staff officer and staff of Myeik Township Forest Department on 21 September seized 6025 ownerless logs in six feet each in height and 146 ownerless other logs weighing 92.516 tons at the banks of Yawgyiwa Creek, Yaysin Creek and Taninthayi River.

On 2 October, they also seized 60 ownerless logs weighing 68.0620 tons at Yawgyiwa Creek in Myeik Township.—Kyemon

CASH DONATED:
Naysi Ba Swe and family residing on University Avenue in Bahan Township donated K 500,000 to fund of Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Treasurer U Chit Swe recently.

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WORLD

Romney closes gap with Obama to 2 points

US

after debate

WASHINGTON, 6 Oct—President Barack Obama's lead over challenger Mitt Romney has narrowed to just two percentage points since the Republican's strong performance in their first debate, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll released on Friday.

In more bad news for Obama, one in five voters said the Democrat's performance in the contest in Denver on Wednesday made them feel more negative about him and almost a third said they felt more positive

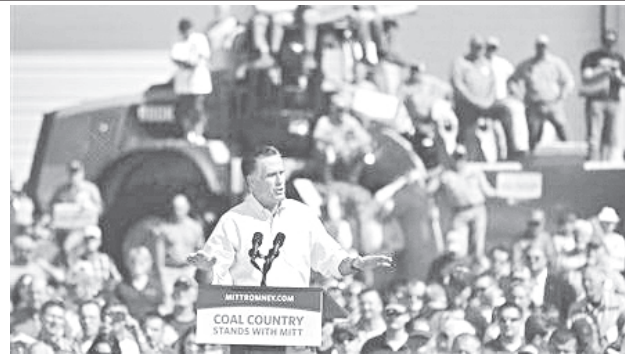
about his Republican challenger. "Romney did well, he was perceived as doing well, and we're seeing the effect of that today," said Ipsos managing director Cliff Young. "Definitely in the short-term now, he's picking up people because of his performance in the debate."

The online tracking poll conducted between Monday and Friday showed 46 percent of likely voters backed Obama, versus 44 percent for Romney.

Obama had led Romney by 6 percentage points in the

poll released on Wednesday and the edge narrowed to five points—a 48-43 percent lead for Obama—in polling up to Thursday. That was the first including a day of interviews after the meeting in Denver.

It remained to be seen whether his weak performance in Denver will become a long-term problem for Obama. He has two more chances to redeem himself in debates—a second is set for 16 October and the third is on 22 October. The narrowing could just reflect the effect of a flood of



Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney speaks at a campaign rally in Abingdon, Virginia on 5 October, 2012.—REUTERS

coverage after Romney's impressive debate performance, Young said. "The big question is whether this is just a debate effect, or whether the race will get back to status quo," Young said.

More than 9 out of 10 registered voters—91 percent—said they had seen, heard or read something about the debate, and 54 percent said they thought Romney had done a better job.—Reuters

Russian navy starts drills in Pacific

Russia

Moscow, 6 Oct—Russia's Pacific Fleet on Friday started large-scale exercises involving submarines and surface warships in the Far East.

Fleet spokesman Roman Martov told reporters here that the drills would be conducted in the Avacha Bay off the Kamchatka Peninsula.

"The drills include joint operations (of submarines and surface vessels) to test their viability skills. Later, there will be exercises of small missile ships, anti-aircraft and anti-submarine operations," Martov said.

The navy would also carry out over 15 artillery and missile firings against sea-based targets, he added.

Small anti-submarine ships of MPK-82, small missile ships of Moroz and Smerch, and sea mine-sweeping vessels of MT-264 and MT-265 will also participate in the war games this year.

In 2011, the Russian Pacific Fleet held similar sea drills in the Sea of Okhotsk.

Xinhua

Al-Qaeda local wing says responsible for Iraq bombings

Iraq

groups around the world, the group said it had launched the attacks on several targets as part of its campaign against the government. Al-Qaeda's local wing said it aimed to hit government offices and security and military centres as part of a response to what the Iraqi government was doing to its Sunni brothers in prisons, without being specific.

The authenticity of the message could not be verified by Reuters immediately. The group said it would

release more details about its operation later.

A series of bomb attacks had hit targets in the capital Baghdad and several other towns on Sunday.

Security had been tightened in Baghdad and elsewhere since dozens of inmates, including convicted members of al-Qaeda, escaped from a prison in the northern City of Tikrit last Friday. While violence in Iraq has eased since the carnage of 2006-07, Sunni Islamists still launch frequent attacks

to undermine the Shi'ite-led government's claim to provide security and to prove they remain a potent threat.

Al-Qaeda's Iraq wing said in June it planned a resurgence after being weakened in a sustained assault by US troops and other Sunni militant groups in 2007. The Islamic State of Iraq, alongside other Sunni Islamist groups, have carried out at least one major assault a month since the last US troops left in December.

Reuters



The remains of car bombs used in a string of attacks are loaded on a flatbed truck in Taji on 30 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

ABU DHABI, 6 Oct—Al Qaeda's Iraqi wing, the Islamic State of Iraq, claimed responsibility on Friday for coordinated bomb attacks

that killed more than 32 people across the country last Sunday.

In a message posted on a website used by Islamist

Russia extends Tajik base lease to curb

Tajikistan

militant threat

DUSHANBE, 6 Oct—Russia extended its military presence in Tajikistan for 30 years on Friday in a deal to secure the southern fringes of its former Soviet empire after NATO troops leave Afghanistan.

The countries' defence ministers signed an agreement prolonging Russia's lease on a military base in the former Soviet republic until 2042 during a visit by President Vladimir Putin. In return, Russia will admit more Tajik labourers to earn cash crucial to the Central Asian state's fragile economy.

Russia has chosen relatively loyal Tajikistan as its main line of defence against a new wave of radical

Islamists spreading from Afghanistan, as well as drug trafficking.

Russia has less influence in Tajikistan's neighbours Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan, which also border Afghanistan.

More than 6,000 soldiers stationed across three towns in Tajikistan comprise Russia's Base 201, the Kremlin's biggest troop deployment abroad and a bulwark against any spill over of Islamist militancy into its post-Soviet hinterland.

"This base is needed by us, and is needed by Tajikistan," Putin's foreign policy aide, Yuri Ushakov, said. Ushakov said Russia would pay a symbolic sum to extend its lease, which had

been due to expire after a decade on 1 January, 2014, the same year NATO troops are due to leave Afghanistan. Russian soldiers and their families will receive diplomatic immunity.

Putin, a critic of many US and NATO moves, has expressed regret at the drawdown and backed Russian cooperation with NATO on Afghanistan. His trip to Tajikistan follows visits to neighbouring Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan in September.

The Russian leader has sought to boost the Kremlin's presence in Central Asia, where the United States and China are also vying for influence, by providing political support to its authoritarian leaders and offering lucrative economic deals. Russian military and economic support is particularly important to Tajik President Imomali Rakhmon, whose government won a 1992-97 civil war with Moscow's backing against a loosely aligned opposition that included many Islamist militants.

Reuters

Turkish soldiers walk as they stand guard on the Turkish-Syrian border near the Akcakale border crossing, southern Sanliurfa Province, on 5 Oct, 2012. REUTERS



Turkey warns Syria more strikes would be fatal mistake

Turkey

ISTANBUL, 6 Oct—Turkey's prime minister said on Friday his country did not want war but warned Syria not to make a "fatal mistake" by testing its resolve, and its army retaliated for a third day running after more mortar rounds from Syria landed on its soil.

In a belligerent speech to a crowd in Istanbul, Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan warned Syrian President Bashar al-Assad that Turkey would not shy away from war if provoked.

The speech followed a Syrian mortar barrage on a town in southeast Turkey that killed five people on Wednesday.

Turkish artillery bombarded Syrian military targets on Wednesday and

Thursday in response, killing several Syrian soldiers, and the Turkish parliament authorized cross-border military action in the event of further aggression.

"We are not interested in war, but we're not far from war either. This nation has come to where it is today having gone through inter-continental wars," Erdogan said in his speech.

"Those who attempt to test Turkey's deterrence, its decisiveness, its capacity, I say here they are making a fatal mistake."

At least two mortar bombs fired from Syria landed in farmland in Turkey's southern Hatay Province on Friday, one of them around 50 meters into Turkish territory, and a military unit responded

immediately, Hatay Governor Celalettin Lekesiz was quoted as saying by the state-run Anatolian news agency.

A government official told Reuters there had been similar incidents over the past ten days due to intensifying skirmishes on the Syrian side of the border, and that the Turkish army had been responding in kind. But he said Wednesday's fatal strike on the town of Akcakale had been of a different magnitude.

"If there was gunfire, we returned the gunfire, if there was a shell we returned two or three shells, to warn them and deter them. Until Akcakale we were not very concerned that they were deliberate," the official said, asking not to be identified.

Reuters



Russia's President Vladimir Putin (L) and his Tajik counterpart Imomali Rakhmon (2nd L) take part in a welcoming ceremony during their meeting in Dushanbe, on 5 Oct, 2012. REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**World's fastest radio telescope starts up in Australian outback****Science**

MURCHISON, 6 Oct—In the remote Australian outback, scientists have launched the world's fastest radio telescope which will exponentially increase astronomers' ability to survey the universe, mapping black holes and shedding new light on the origins of galaxies.

The Australia Square Kilometre Array Pathfinder (ASKAP), with an array of 36 antennas each 12 metres (40 feet) across, started peering into the universe on Friday from a far-flung cattle station in Western Australia state.

The A\$152 million (\$155.18 million) telescope will "listen" to radio waves from the cosmos that might give astronomers insights into the beginnings of the universe.

"Radio waves tell us unique things about the cosmos, about the gas from which stars were formed, and about exotic objects, pulsars and quasars, that really push the boundaries of our knowledge of the physical laws in the universe," Brian Boyle, the director of the project at Australia's national scientific research organization, told reporters this week.

The ASKAP telescope is located in the Shire of Murchison, an area of 50,000 square kms (19,300 square miles), or the size of Costa Rica, with barely 120 people. The location is ideal because it is "radio quiet", or lacks man-made



Dishes from the Australia Square Kilometre Array Pathfinder are seen at Murchison, Western Australia on 5 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

radio signals that would interfere with the antennas picking up astronomical radio signals.

Using new "radio cameras" called phased array feeds, the telescope will be able scan the sky much more rapidly than existing radio telescopes and will give the telescope a field of view about 150 times the area of the full Moon.

ASKAP is also the first building block in the world's largest telescope, the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) which will be based in both Australia and South Africa.

Construction of the SKA will begin in 2016 and Australia will add another 60 antennas to its current 36 as part of the project.

The ability of the ASKAP telescope to scan so much of the universe will generate immense amounts of data. On its first day in full operation, ASKAP will collect more data than is currently contained in all current radio astronomy archives or the US Library of Congress.—Reuters

Scientists tune into blue whale songs with defence technology**Science**

SYDNEY, 6 Oct—Australian scientists are using military technology for locating submarines to track rare blue whales hundreds of kilometers away by eavesdropping on their distinctive songs.

Blue whales can communicate with each other over an entire ocean basin by emitting low frequency sounds, or deep songs.

Scientists from the Australian Antarctic Division started using directional sonobuoys this year to detect whale sounds—a big improvement on the standard visual method of monitoring whales.

"Ultimately we're trying to get an abundance estimate for blue whales.

Over many years you start to build up re-site history for them and from that you estimate total population size," Australian Antarctic Division scientist Mike Double told Reuters.

Over a 20-day period earlier this year, scientists recorded 103 sightings of blue whales in an area of more than 10,000 sq km (3,861 square miles) by using the technology.

Double said despite growing up to 33 metres

A blue whale surfaces in the Bass Strait waters off Australia on 16 Jan, 2012.

REUTERS

**Tech****Huawei in touch with banks on possible IPO, nothing decided**

A logo of Huawei Technologies Co Ltd is seen at the 13th China Hi-Tech Fair in Shenzhen, Guangdong Province on 16 November, 2011.—REUTERS

HONG KONG/SINGAPORE, 6 Oct—China's Huawei Technologies Co Ltd, the world's No 2 telecommunications equipment maker, has been in touch with investment banks about a possible initial public offering but has not made any decisions about proceeding with a listing, sources said on Friday. The *Wall Street Journal* reported earlier that Huawei had reached out to investment banks for advice on an IPO, which is seen as a way

of making itself more transparent and helping it win big contracts in markets like the United States, although it had not chosen any banks and nothing had been decided.

"We haven't ruled out the possibility of a listing. We've always been in touch with banks, but I don't think anything has been decided," a source close to the company told Reuters, declining to be identified because he is not authorised to speak to the media. Huawei has been

looking at the listing issue for years, but there has been little progress due to the complicated company share structure and some doubts about whether a listing would actually help dispel suspicion that US lawmakers have towards the company, sources told Reuters.

One banking source, who declined to be identified as he was not authorised to speak to the media, said Huawei had been open to the idea of going public every now and then, but he was unaware of anything happening at the moment.

Huawei, also the world's sixth-biggest handsets maker, said in an emailed statement that it declined to comment about market rumours.

Huawei and domestic rival ZTE Corp have been successful in selling handsets in the United States, but they have hit roadblocks trying to sell their flagship telecommunications equipment products due to opposition from US lawmakers over se-

curity concerns.

Security concerns have also stymied Huawei's access to big contracts in Australia and elsewhere. The Australian government last year cited cyber-security concerns when it barred Huawei from bidding for contracts to build the country's national broadband network.

The Wall Street Journal, citing a person familiar with the matter, said Huawei began reaching out to banks for IPO advice after being forced to drop a small acquisition early last year due to opposition from the Obama administration. Huawei is leaning towards a listing in the United States, but is also considering Hong Kong or London, the newspaper said.

Sources who spoke to Reuters, however, noted that ZTE still faces problems in cracking the US telecommunications equipment market and questions from US lawmakers over its transparency despite being a listed company.—Reuters

Sony halts Xperia tablet sales after defect found

TOKYO, 6 Oct—Sony Corp said it has halted sales of its Xperia tablet PCs, a month after its launch, after discovering gaps between the screen and the case that make some of the machines susceptible to water damage.

The problem with the tablet, which is supposed to be water resistant, is the result of a manufacturing flaw at the Chinese plant where it is fabricated, said Sony spokeswoman Noriko Shoji. Sony has not yet decided when it will resume

sales, she added.

Sony began selling its latest Android tablet on 7 September in the United States followed by launches in Japan, Europe and elsewhere. So far it has shipped around 100,000 of the devices. The company said it will fix any of the tablets sold and expects the cost of the recall to have no significant impact on earnings.

The latest tablet from Sony, which like its smartphone has been branded Xperia in a bid to unify its mobile devices under one



A man tries out Sony Corp's Xperia tablet displayed at CEATEC JAPAN 2012 electronics show in Chiba, east of Tokyo, on 2 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

name, joins a crowded market for tablets that is still dominated by Apple Inc's iPad. Samsung Electronics

Co Ltd, with its rival Android machine, leads the pack of Apple challengers. Reuters

Motorola wins German patent case against**Microsoft**

FRANKFURT, 6 Oct—Mobile phone maker Motorola achieved a rare victory against software giant Microsoft (MSFT.O) in a patent case before a German court on Friday, the latest in a wave of patent lawsuits by technology firms fighting over market share.

The regional court in Mannheim ruled that Motorola Mobility, part of Google (GOOG.O), did not infringe a Microsoft patent which enables applications to work on different handsets.

This allows application developers to avoid writing separate codes for each handset saving time and development costs.

Germany has become a major battleground in the global patent war between makers of mobile phones, tablet computer devices and their operating software because court actions there have proved relatively cheap and quicker than in other jurisdictions. Microsoft has won three patent cases against Motorola in Germany.

As a result of these rulings, smartphones with the disputed technology are no longer available on the German market.

"This decision does not impact multiple injunctions Microsoft has already been awarded and has enforced against

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Motorola products in Germany," said David Howard, associate general counsel at Microsoft. Google bought loss-making Motorola Mobility for \$12.5 billion last year, in its largest acquisition ever, aiming to use the company's patents to fend off legal challenges against its Android mobile platform and expand beyond its software business.

Other technology companies have also invested billions of dollars in buying up patent portfolios that they can use against rivals.

Motorola could not immediately be reached for comment.

Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Air France KLM traffic slightly up in September **Business**

PARIS, 6 Oct—Traffic of France's major airline Air France-KLM recorded a tepid growth last month on falling cargo activities, the company said on Friday.

The Paris-based Europe's leading airline reported a 0.9-percent rise in its passenger traffic. It numbered 6.9 million passengers, up 0.5 percent from September in 2011.

As a result, the load factor of passenger activity slightly grew to 85.2 percent over the period.

A 21.9 decline in cargo traffic to European markets drove the group's total segment activity down by 6.6 percent to 869 million euros (1.13 billion US dollars) in a sign that eurozone's trade exchange is witnessing a setback on flagging growth in the region.

The load factor lost 1.4 point to stand at 63.2 percent,



Air France Airbus A330

according to the company's figures.

"In line with the transform 2015 plan, ...Air France confirmed it will invest several hundred million euros to reposition its product and services at the highest level within the industry," it said. (1 euro = 1.303 US dollar)—Xinhua

S&P 500 dips after four days of gains; earnings eyed **Business**

NEW YORK, 6 Oct—The S&P 500 broke a four-day string of gains, ending slightly lower on Friday as an unexpected drop in the US unemployment rate was overshadowed by concerns about the coming earnings season, which begins with Alcoa next week.

All three major US stock indexes came off session highs by afternoon trade, with the S&P 500 turning negative for the first time this week, as investors braced for weak corporate results.

The Nasdaq was pressured by Apple Inc (AAPL O), which fell 2.1 percent to close at \$652.59.

S&P 500 earnings for the third quarter are forecast to have fallen 2.4 percent from the year-ago period, which would be the first decline in three years, according to Thomson Reuters data.

"On the negative side, the speed with which the market will get overbought on continued strength may pose a problem," said Ralph Edwards, director of derivatives strategy at ITG in New York.



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange at the opening of the trading session in New York on 5 Oct, 2012. —REUTERS

"The market never had a truly ugly day since the highs registered on 14th September." Most of the market's gains this year have been prompted by easy monetary policies. The improvement in US hiring last month is one bright spot as manufacturing around the world has been showing signs of softness in recent months.—Reuters

Health **Pregnant moms' diet may affect obesity risk of offspring: study**

Diet for pregnant Women



Medicine, in Houston, says that it does not matter if the mother is obese or of normal weight, and what matters is if the mother eats a low fat diet during pregnancy.

In the study, scientists find that SIRT1, a member of the sirtuin family, responds to excess levels of fat calories in the pregnant mom's diet by chemically modifying key locations on the histone protein.

The levels and activity of SIRT1 are diminished in the offspring of mothers who ate the high fat diet, the study shows.

Histones are proteins that aid in packaging DNA into chromosomes and making it possible for the

DNA to be transcribed into the RNA that begins the process of making a protein. The addition or deletion of molecules to the histones so-called epigenetic changes that occur after the genetic code is written—affect how genes are expressed.

"Because SIRT1 levels were unchanged in the mothers on the low fat diet, and only decreased with high fat diet, we are confident that a high fat diet, but not maternal obesity, is responsible for this change," said Melissa Suter, the first author of the study.

Researchers found the infants whose mothers ate the high fat diet during pregnancy had less SIRT1

than those in the other groups. Infants whose mothers ate a healthy diet during pregnancy—whether the moms were obese or not—had normal levels of SIRT1 and its activity.

"As a practicing obstetrician, I can confidently advise my patients that we have evidence today that taking steps to change your diet in pregnancy to one of moderate fat intake will be of at least early benefit to your infant—whether you are obese, overweight, or fortunate enough to be a healthy weight," said Kjersti Aagaard, associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Baylor College of Medicine.—Xinhua

US jobless rate tumbles to near four-year low **Business**

WASHINGTON, 6 Oct—The US unemployment rate unexpectedly dropped to 7.8 percent in September and reached its lowest level since President Barack Obama took office, providing a boost to his re-election bid.

The Labour Department said on Friday that employers added 114,000 workers to their payrolls last month, a moderate number, but it said a combined 86,000 more jobs were created in the prior two months than it had previously thought. Other aspects of the report also were strong. In particular, a separate survey of households found a big surge in hiring. That pushed the jobless rate down by 0.3 percentage point to its lowest level since January 2009.

"It's a good report. The picture is still not a great one, but it's not so bad given the unusual headwinds that we have been faced with," said Ray Stone, an economist at Stone & McCarthy Research Associates in Princeton, New Jersey. Economists had expected the unemployment rate to rise to 8.2 percent in September. The drop last

month came even as Americans returned to the labour force to resume the hunt for work. The workforce had shrunk in the prior two months.

The household survey, which can be very volatile month-to-month, showed employment increased 873,000 — the first rise in three months and the biggest since June 1983. But two-thirds of those were Americans who took a part time job even though they wanted full-time work, a fact that took a bit of the shine off the report.

Stocks on Wall Street initially rose, with the Dow Jones industrial average touching its highest point in almost five years, but they later retreated to close little changed as investors took profits. The dollar hit a two-week high against the yen, while US Treasury debt prices fell.

US interest rate futures also slipped as traders bet an improving jobs market could lead the Federal Reserve to back off its monetary stimulus earlier than had been

expected. The surprise drop in the jobless rate led former General Electric CEO Jack Welch to suggest in a tweet that the numbers had somehow been doctored. "These Chicago guys will do anything," he said in a reference to Obama's campaign operation. Welch is a Reuters columnist.

Alan Krueger, a top economic adviser to Obama, said it was irresponsible to question the credibility of the numbers. "That's a ludicrous comment. No serious person believes that the Bureau of Labor Statistics manipulates its statistics," he told Reuters Insider television.

Reuters

Spain insists economy will improve in 2013 **Business**

MADRID, 6 Oct—The Spanish government on Friday insisted its economy would improve in 2013, according to the statement by Spanish Economy Minister Fernando Jimenez Latorre. Jimenez Latorre told parliament while analysing the 2013 general state budget

the Spanish economy was growing more positively than initially expected.

Contrary to the statements of Bank of Spain Governor Jose Maria Linde on Thursday, Jimenez Latorre said, "There is nothing to make us think Spain is not going to meet its deficit

targets." But he added risk could never be gotten rid of and that predictions were difficult to make.

"So far, the Spanish economy has shown signs of resistance," which is why the government will not change its prediction now, Jimenez Latorre stated. The Spanish government predicts GDP will contract by 0.5 percent in 2013, while international organizations put the figure closer to 1.5 percent.

To meet Brussels' rules, Spain is faced with the task of reducing its budget deficit to 6.3 percent in 2012 and 4.5 percent in 2013 from its current 7.4 percent.

Xinhua



The Bank of Spain

German industrial orders fall in August on weak domestic demand **Business**

BERLIN, 6 Oct—German industrial orders dropped 1.3 percent in August largely due to weak domestic demand, official statistics released on Friday showed. According to figures from the Economy Ministry, monthly domestic orders for industrial products dropped 3 percent despite a 2.4 percent increase in orders from other eurozone countries, while overall foreign orders remained unchanged. "Orders for German industry have weakened, as expected in an overall weaker economic environment," the ministry said in a statement.

The drop in orders is a reverse from July's 0.3-percent-rise, giving more evidence that the eurozone crisis is hitting home

for the bloc's strongest economy. German economic growth slowed to 0.3 percent in the second quarter from 0.5 percent in the first one. Earlier surveys by Ifo economic institute showed that German business confidence also continued to fall in September, the fifth successive decline in a row. As the biggest economy and main exporter in Europe, Germany has not shielded itself from the ongoing eurozone debt crisis. Its economy contracted by 0.2 percent in the last quarter of 2011, and is expected to grow by only 0.7 percent this year, according to the government forecast.

Reuters

WORLD



A wounded man receives treatment in a hospital in Ruyuan County, south China's Guangdong Province, on 5 Oct, 2012. Seven people died and another three were injured in a nine-vehicle pile-up early on Friday, authorities said. The accident happened after midnight, when a heavy semi-trailer hit six cars and another two trucks waiting in lines along a section of the Beijing-Hong Kong-Macao Expressway in Ruyuan County, Shaoguan City, said a spokesman with the provincial emergency response office. —XINHUA

Hon Hai wants Sharp to spin off small, mid-size LCD business

OSAKA, 6 Oct—Sharp Corp's Taiwanese business partner wants the struggling Osaka-based electronics maker to spin off its small and medium-size liquid crystal display business to make it a joint venture by the two companies, sources close to the matter said Saturday.

Hon Hai Precision Industry Co appears to be making the request as a precondition for its capital injection into Sharp, the sources said.

It is also seeking to send the Taiwanese firm's executives to the proposed new venture, they said.

Kyodo

Kenyans can sue UK over colonial-era torture

Kenya

LONDON/NAIROBI, 6 Oct—Three elderly Kenyans tortured by British colonial forces were told they can sue Britain, in a London court judgment likely to encourage other claims dating back to the days of the British Empire.

The government, which had tried for three years to block their legal action, said on Friday it planned to appeal as the judgment could have far-reaching legal implications.

Paulo Nzili, 85, Wambugu Wa Nyangi, 84, and Jane Muthoni Mara, who is about 73, suffered castration, rape and beatings while in detention in the 1950s during a crackdown by British forces and their Kenyan allies on the Mau Mau movement fighting for land and freedom.

The trio want Britain to apologise and to fund welfare benefits for Kenyan victims of torture by colonial forces.

"The people they imprisoned and put in the detention for seven years (resulted in Kenya) losing a generation," Gitu Wa Kahengeri, Mau Mau War Veterans Association secretary general, told



The Kenya Human Rights commission official Muthoni Wanyeki, the Mau Mau war veterans association spokesman, Gitu wa Kahengeri, the association's Deputy Secretary Augustine Kamunde and assistant secretary general Francis Mutiso take part in a news conference in Kenya's capital Nairobi on 21 July, 2011.—REUTERS

reporters in Nairobi.

Nearby, about 40 Mau Mau veterans and relatives cheered, hugged and performed a traditional dance in the midday heat when the news came through.

The veterans said British authorities should stop using legal technicalities to fight the case and, instead, negotiate a settlement speedily as the claimants were frail and elderly.

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Venezuela's President and presidential candidate Hugo Chavez throws his microphone after speaking during his closing campaign rally in Caracas on 4 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

US forces kick off training programme in the Maldives

COLOMBO, 6 Oct—The United States will conduct a 10-day military training programme with Maldivian forces on Gan Island, a statement from the US embassy in Sri Lanka said here on Friday. The US Marine Corps and Maldivian National Defence Force will participate in Coconut Grove 2012, a bilateral, biannual exercise on Gan Island on 4-14 Oct, the statement said.

"The recurring, ongoing exercise will increase mutual understanding and enhance professional and amicable relations between the two militaries," it added. The exercise will focus on general military skills and enhancing interoperability between the two forces, and will help advance common regional security interests between the United States and Maldives.

The 10-day exercise will include several days of medical training and combat lifesaving techniques, as well as convoy operations and general military skills training. The participating US units primarily come from I Marine Expeditionary Force, based in Camp Pendleton, California, with support from the Maritime Sealift Command, the embassy said.—Xinhua

Death toll climbs to eight in central China's ship collision

China

CHANGSHA, 6 Oct—The death toll has climbed to eight and four others remained missing after two ships collided on Friday afternoon on the Yuanjiang river in central China's Hunan Province, local government said. Around 4 pm on Friday, 22 people, including two owners of both ships, fell into the Yuanjiang river in Yuanjiang city after the two ships collided with each other, according to the Press office of the city.

As of 10 pm, rescuers salvaged 18 people, and eight of them have been confirmed dead. The other ten have been

sent to hospital and are out of danger. Searching efforts for the missing people are going



Rescuers arrive at the place near the Yuanjiang River where two ship collided in central China's Hunan Province, on 5 Oct, 2012.—XINHUA

WORLD

Russia's Putin in charge at 60, but facing threats

Russia

Moscow, 6 Oct— Russian President Vladimir Putin turns 60 on Sunday, his grip on power weaker than in the past but under little immediate threat if the oil price stays high.

Adoring supporters will celebrate in cities from Siberia to Rostov-on-Don in southern Russia, where the ruling party's loyal Young Guard will unfurl a banner on a bridge which they say symbolises Putin's role by uniting Asia and Europe.

Opponents will make their feelings known much closer to home, protesting near Moscow's Red Square under the banner: "We're sending the old man into retirement".

The organizers plan to send their own symbolic message by asking protesters to bring gifts suitable for a

pensioner — anything, perhaps, from reading glasses to a pipe. The man himself will be relaxing with his close family and plans no special celebrations, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said. Just a few months into a third term as president, he may be reaching retirement age, but has no plans to retire.

After 12 years as Russia's paramount leader, opinion polls show Putin enjoys higher ratings than most Western politicians, but they are down from their peak during the oil-fuelled economic boom of his first presidency from 2000 until 2008.

In August the independent Levada polling group said 48 percent of Russians had a positive view of him compared to 60 percent in May when he



Russian President Vladimir Putin arrives at an awards ceremony for Russia's Olympians in Moscow's Kremlin in this 15 Aug, 2012 file photo. Putin will mark his 60th birthday on 7 Oct, 2012. —REUTERS

began a new six-year term. But a poll published this week showed one in five Russian women would still be happy to marry him, even though he is about to reach an age at which he can collect his pension. "Age doesn't matter in what Vladimir Putin does or does not do," said

Konstantin von Eggert, a political commentator, adding that Putin's views had changed little since he came to power.

"His vision is rather pragmatic and reduces a person to two functions—he can either be a friend or a foe."—Reuters

Israeli FM urges Netanyahu to hold early elections

Israel

JERUSALEM, 6 Oct— Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Liberman on Friday urged Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to hold general elections as early as possible.

Liberman, leader of the Yisrael Beiteynu party, made the call when meeting with Netanyahu earlier Friday, according to Israeli media. The party is a partner of Netanyahu's Likud party in his coalition government.

If the Knesset (parliament) is dissolved on 15 Oct, the earliest possible time to hold an election would be 15 Jan, 2013, the reports said.

The mandate of the

current coalition is due to expire at the end of 2013.

The foreign minister was quoted as saying on Friday that, in order to avoid harming the government's economic and security achievements, elections must be held at the earliest possible date.

Netanyahu has warned that he would dissolve the Knesset and call early elections if the legislature fails to pass the 2013 state budget, which includes sweeping austerity measures.

A budget must be submitted by 1 Nov, at which point the Knesset has two months to pass it.

Xinhua

Model was insane when he killed Portuguese journalist: lawyer

US



Renato Seabra, a former Portuguese model, is brought into Manhattan Supreme Court for a hearing in New York, on 24 February, 2012. REUTERS

NEW YORK, 6 Oct— A young model was insane when he killed and castrated a prominent Portuguese journalist in a New York hotel room, believing he could "harness the power" of the man's severed testicles, a defence lawyer said at the start of the murder trial on Friday.

Renato Seabra, 22, has been charged with second degree murder for the killing of 65-year-old Carlos Castro in the room they were sharing at the Intercontinental Hotel near Times Square in January 2011. Prosecutors told the jury that Seabra knew what he was doing when he choked Castro and stamped on his head, bludgeoned him with a computer monitor and mutilated his genitals with a corkscrew. They charged that Seabra was enraged over the ending of their relationship.

Seabra's lawyers do not dispute that Seabra killed Castro, but they say their client experienced a "psychotic episode" and that the jury should find that he

was not legally responsible by reason of insanity.

"In the case of Renato Seabra, crazy really means crazy," Rubin Sinins, Seabra's lawyer, told the jury at the criminal court in Manhattan. "This case is about mental illness."

Sinins added that Seabra was diagnosed that night at Bellevue Hospital in New York with mania and bipolar disorder, a diagnosis that was affirmed by other doctors, including at the jail where he is being held without bail. Sinins told the jury that Seabra believed he was on a mission from God and that the castration was a sort of exorcism.

"He told the police they were the demons and that by pulling them out, by cutting them out, everything will be right with the world," Sinins said.

He added that his client told the police he believed that by "putting the testicles on each wrist he could harness the power of Carlos Castro's testicles. Ladies and gentlemen, this is insanity."

Seabra, dressed in a tight white shirt and black pants, wore a headset in court and listened impassively to his lawyer through a Portuguese interpreter.

Maxine Rosenthal, the lead prosecutor, told the jury that Seabra showed no symptoms of mental illness before the crime, describing an ambitious young man hungry for fame and money who saw Castro as "a means to an end."

The two men met after Castro contacted Seabra on Facebook and began a relationship in which Castro would buy the young model and his family expensive gifts and bring Seabra along on trips to London and Madrid, Rosenthal said.—Reuters

15 tons of marijuana seized in SE Turkey

Turkey

ANKARA, 6 Oct — Turkish security forces seized a total of 15 tons of marijuana on Friday in an operation to combat drug trafficking in the southeastern province of Diyarbakir, local newspaper *Today's Zaman* reported.

Security forces carried out the operation at a location in the Lice town of Diyarbakir, said the report, adding that they also detained five suspected smugglers during the operation. The banned Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) is suspected to have links to the marijuana cache as drug trafficking is a major source of income for the PKK, added the report.

Turkey has long been a key transit point in the drug smuggling route from Asia and Middle East to Europe.

The PKK, listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the United States and the European Union, took up arms in 1984 in an attempt to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey. Since then, over 40,000 people have been killed in conflicts involving the group.

Xinhua

US pilot freed after detained for transgressing Indonesian airspace

US

JAKARTA, 6 Oct. — Indonesian authorities in East Kalimantan Province have released a US pilot they had detained since Sunday for transgressing Indonesian airspace, media reported here on Friday.

The US pilot Michael A Boyd was arrested on Sunday after Air Force planes forced his aircraft Cessna 208 to land in Balikpapan.

The American did not have clearance to fly into Indonesian air space.

Colonel Djoko Putroseno, the commander of the Balikpapan military airbase in the province released Boyd at 10:00 am local time on Thursday

after he officially obtained a security clearance from the government.

The US pilot took off and headed for Singapore, Djoko said. "This morning at around 9:00 am the clearance documents were issued, therefore we do not want to hinder anyone and we have released him," Djoko was quoted by *the Jakarta globe* as saying.

Rustino, the head of the airport authority at Balikpapan's Sepinggan Airport, where the airbase is also located, said Boyd had completed all the administrative requirements, including getting the necessary clearance and paying landing fees. Djoko said Boyd had also apologized

for having entered Indonesian airspace without the necessary permits.

The airbase commander added that while keeping him in custody over the past four days, Boyd had been well treated.

Boyd entered Indonesian air space near the northern tip of Sulawesi island, en route to Singapore. He told the Indonesian Air Force he only had clearance to fly over the airspace of Singapore and Malaysia, and that he had been forced to fly over Indonesia's Gorontalo Province due to bad weather.

The US pilot said he was delivering a new airplane ordered by a Papuan businessman.

Xinhua

Border agent in Arizona may have been killed by friendly fire

US

PHOENIX, 6 Oct—There are strong indications that a Border Patrol agent killed in Arizona near the Mexico border earlier this week may have been hit by friendly fire in an accidental shooting involving other agents, the FBI said on Friday.

"While it is important to emphasize that the FBI's investigation is actively continuing, there are strong preliminary indications that the death of United States Border Patrol Agent Nicholas J Ivie and the injury to a second agent was the result of an accidental shooting incident involving only the agents," the FBI said in a statement.

Reuters



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

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PERSPECTIVES

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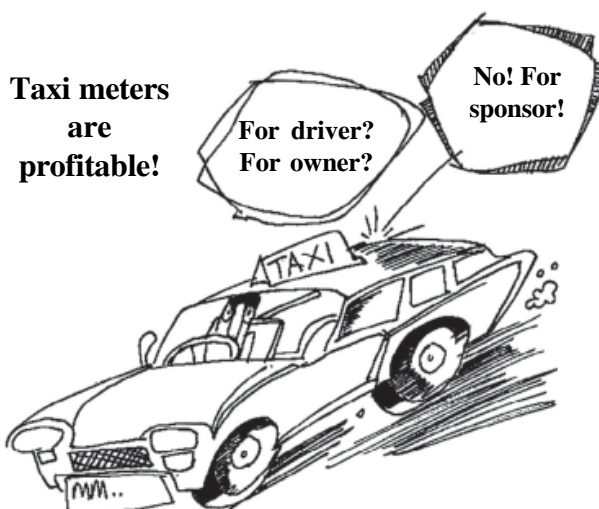
Most parts of our country, Myanmar, are becoming more and more vulnerable to natural disasters, especially floods and storms. Recent surveys show that Myanmar is ranked second in the list of countries which suffered heavy losses of lives and property by natural disasters. Three cyclonic storms— Marlar, Nargis, and Giri— which were the worst disasters to hit Myanmar in the last decade had devastating consequences for livelihoods and socio-economic status of affected areas. Now the country is encountering more catastrophes than ever before.

Heavy rains in long rainy season period had caused floods in some towns and villages in Kachin, Kayin and Shan States and Ayeyawady and Mandalay Regions. Some experts said that flash floods in most parts of the country may bring a devastating blow to the nation with a brighter future that looks promising for foreign investors. Though natural disasters are unavoidable and unstoppable, proactive actions should be taken to protect the people from natural disasters and to mitigate losses and damages of lives and property to a certain extent.

Nothing can be done to prevent most natural disasters, but we can do something to limit the damage they cause. An alarming rise in water level of major rivers of the country may be the result of lacking in maintaining the river courses and taking care of forests. There are also more droughts in central part of the country while other areas are affected by serious flooding. If we fail to tackle causes and effects of natural disasters in a smarter way, we will run into trouble more and more. It is very important to focus on green growth and green economy on the plight of the people.

To sum up, more efforts have to be made to protect people from natural disasters. Giving a helping hand to victims of natural disasters in the aftermath of natural disasters is not an ultimate answer. It is required to be in the state of being ready to avert another natural disaster. It is essential to have more infrastructures and enough money for our preparedness to stand firm in the encounter with natural disasters.

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NATIONAL

Bago Region Chief Minister inspects regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct—Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win inspected the construction of three-storyed building being built by Nay Kyal Oo Co at Pyay University on 3 October.

In the evening, the Chief Minister offered flowers, water and candle to Shwesandaw Pagoda in Pyay.

The following day, the Chief Minister looked into South Nawin dam in Paukkaung Township and private teak plantation of Phyoshithu Trading Co Ltd. Afterwards,

he met with local farmers at post-primary school in Shwetaung-Ngwetaung village of Ottwin township, Toungoo District and donated cash for the school.

The Chief Minister inspected the construction of retaining walls between mile post No.64/65 on Paukkaung-Ottwin road, maintenance of Pyay-Paukkaung-Toungoo road and water supply of Khabaung dam. He also met with local farmers.

MNA

Communication consultancy scrutinizing and selection committee coordinated

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct—“Communication sector would have to brace reform. Now, it starts transforming department-centered communication service form into public-centered communication service pattern. Private sector participation in the communication sector would boost competitiveness. Communication consultants are being scrutinized and selected for the tender of international private communication companies”, said Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Win Than, at the 5th work coordination meeting of communication consultancy scrutinizing and selection on 4 and 5 October.

The committee selected



Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Win Than speaking at 5th work coordination meeting of communication consultancy scrutinizing and selection.—MNA

11 of 64 proposed companies international standards. Five Selected five companies as telecommunication tender of 11 proposed companies presented their work consultant in accord with the have been scrutinized. processes.—MNA

Myanmar Police Force Day observed in Haka

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct—A ceremony to mark 48th Anniversary Myanmar Police Force Day, was held at Yezarni hall in Haka Township on 1 October, Chin State Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Zaw Min Oo gave a speech. The Chief Justice of the State High Court and officials presented award to the first, second and third prizes winners.

The Security and Border Affairs Minister delivered an address at International Day of Order Persons commemorative ceremony, at the City Hall in Haka Township.—MNA

Press conference on rumors...

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problem. So, people should not worry about it. The Central Bank of Myanmar controls private banks systematically and has set the strict rules and regulations for them.

Necessary actions are being taken to expose the real cause of recent rumors in time. Banks are key players at a time when there are many prospects for Myanmar economic development. So, general public should not believe such hearsays. And the true information will be publicized through media.

Afterwards, the Deputy Director-General of the Central Bank of Myanmar, the Vice-Chairman (2) of KBZ Bank and officials replied to the queries raised by media.—MNA

Deputy Commissioner's Cup football tourney ends

MYAWADY, 6 Oct—The Deputy Commissioner's Cup Monsoon Football Tournament of Myawady Township was held at the township sports ground.

After the final showdown on 26 September, Deputy Commissioner U Myint Tin of District General Administration Department awarded the first prize to No. 4 ward team.—Kyemon

Deputy Director-General of Central Bank of Myanmar U Win Thaw making clarification. MNA



OPINION

Different Levels of the Sangha Organizations of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Ba Sein
(Religious Affairs)

According to the historical records of Buddhism, altogether Six Buddhist Synods (Councils) were successfully convened after the noble demise of the Buddha over 2556 years ago. In fact, the main aims and objectives for convening the Buddhist Synods are to purify, perpetuate and propagate the Buddha Sasana (the teachings of the Buddha) throughout the Universe.

The Sixth Buddhist Synod was held in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in 1954. The Six Buddhist Synod was actively participated in and attended by the learned and chief monks (Maha Theras) from the Five THERAVADA Buddhist Nations, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Sri Lanka and Myanmar. It was found that some isms and views which were incompatible with and contradictory to the essence of the real teachings of the Buddha, appeared and endangered the teachings of the Buddha although the Six Buddhist Synods had been convened. And also, different sects and schools of the Sangha Orders appeared in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Many sects and schools of the Sangha Orders were not united and they parted from each other.

According to the situation of the different sects and schools of the Sangha Orders, the Buddhist People and the previous Government of the Union of Myanmar tried to hold the Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders in 1965 in order to get the unity of the Sangha of All Orders in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for the first time, but it was not successful.

However, the Buddhist People and the previous Government of the Union of Myanmar did not give up the situation of getting the unity of the Sangha of All Orders in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. And so, the Buddhist People and the previous Government of the Union of Myanmar tried again to hold the First Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders in 1980 for purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana, and to get the unity of the Sangha of All Orders in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

In order to be able to hold the First Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders for purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana, the necessary arrangements and requirements were made by leading chief monks and the previous Government of the Union of Myanmar.

Firstly, the Council Working Committee of the Sangha comprising the respectful and learned sixty-six members of the Sangha throughout the country was formed to make necessary arrangements and requirements for successfully holding the First Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The sixty-six members of the Central Working Committee of the Sangha actively and effectively carried out the noble task of holding the First Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders. The sixty-six members of the Central Working Committee of the Sangha toured the whole country, and discussions and suggestions were made among the members of the Sangha of the respective regions to prepare and draw the drafts relating to the principles, rules, and regulations for holding the First Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. According to the agreement and decision of the whole members of the Sangha (Bhikku), the principles, rules and regulations for holding the First Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar were approved and passed by the plenary meeting of the Central Working Committee of the Sangha of the sixty-six members of the Sangha.

And so, the First Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders for the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar which was attended by 1500 representatives of the Sangha throughout the country and supported by the

previous Government was successfully held in 1980.

In accordance with the resolutions of the First Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the very first unity of the members of the Sangha of All Orders in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar could be established within one-hundred year in the history of Buddhism. The Nine Sects (Ganas) of the members of the Sangha of All Orders throughout the Republic of the Union of Myanmar were officially recognized by the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in accordance with the resolutions of the First Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders. They are as follows:-

1. Suddhamma Sect (Gana)
2. Shwekyin Sect (Gana)
3. Dhammanu Dhamma Mahadwara Nikaya Sect (Gana)
4. Dhammavinayanulomamuladwara Nikaya Sect (Gana)
5. Anaukchaung Dwara Sect (Gana)
6. Veluvan Nikaya Sect (Gana)
7. Catubommika Mahasatipathana Ngettwin Sect (Gana)
8. Gannavimmotti Kuto Sect (Gana)
9. Dhammayotti Nikaya Mahayin Sect (Gana)

These different schools and sects of the Sangha unitedly carry out the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana under the guidance of the different levels of the Sangha Organizations which have been formed throughout the country.

A need was felt that without the unity of the Sangha, it was impossible to execute the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Sasana. If different schools and sects of the Sangha of All Orders appeared separately, they were not able unitedly to implement the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Sasana.

In fact, all the members of the Sangha and devotees really want the ever-lasting unity of the Sangha of All Orders. They firmly believe that it only can be done to purify, perpetuate and propagate the Sasana by the unity of the Sangha. The Buddha Himself urged the members of the Sangha to be united to carry out His teachings.

According to the historical records of Buddhism, it was found that schism and split of schools and sects occurred among the monastic Orders whenever some members of the Sangha of Orders were in trouble through dispute and mutual misunderstanding.

In order to reconstruct the unity and mutual understanding within sects and schools is deeply needed for the welfare and interest of the nation as well as for the Buddha Sasana.

Altogether six Buddhist Councils throughout our age were held to establish the unity of the Sangha of All Orders so long as the Buddha Sasana exists. The Sixth Buddhist Council was held in order to purify, perpetuate and propagate the Theravada Buddha Sasana throughout the world. Without the unity of the Sangha, it is impossible to promote the Sasana. An old saying goes "Whenever religion is pure, the society is prosperous". The situation of the nation is well developed and prosperous in these golden days when the members of the Sangha of the Order unanimously practice the law and fulfill their religious duties.

Altogether four Congregations of the Sangha of All Orders of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar have been held in order to strengthen the unity of the Sangha more and more for purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana throughout the world.

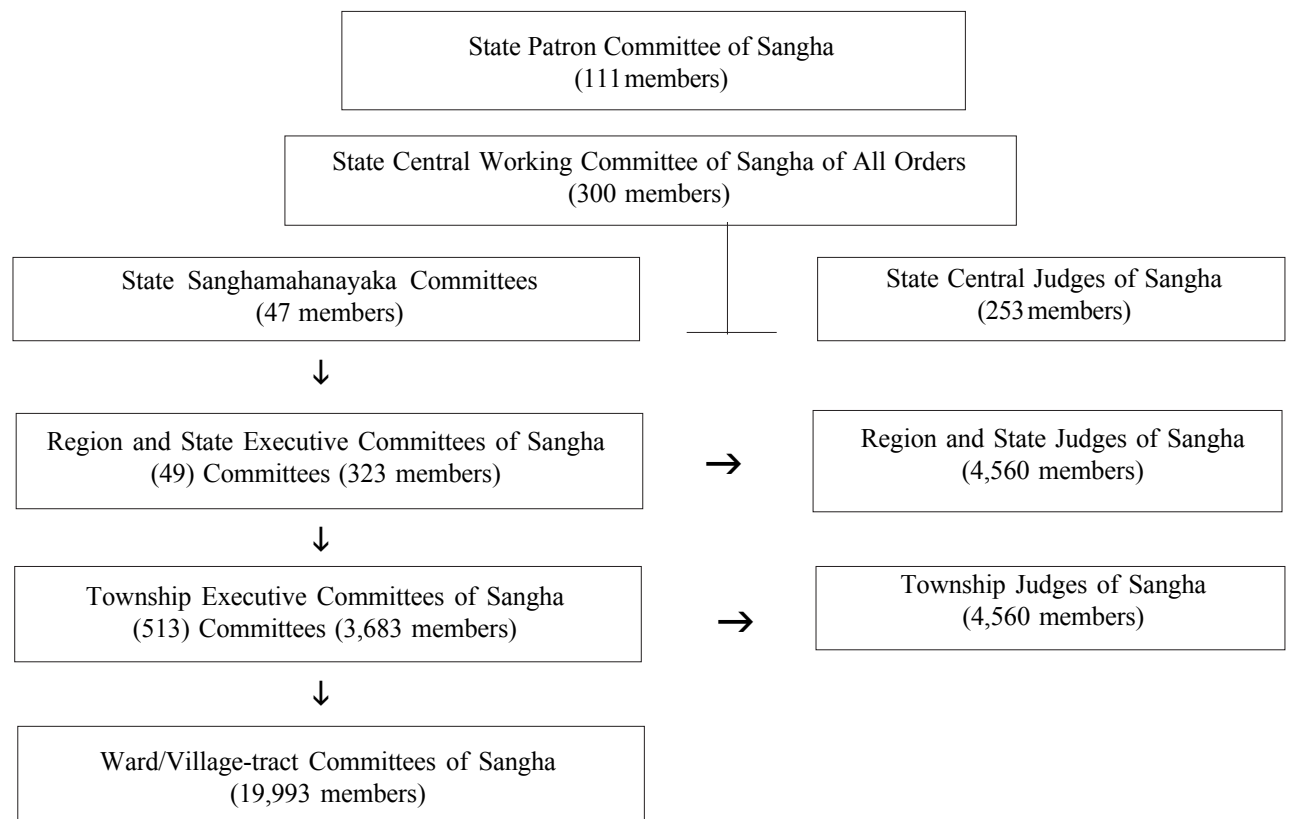
According to the Fundamental Rules of the Sangha Organizations of 1980 approved and adopted by the First Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders of the Union of Myanmar, the Organizations of the Sangha at different levels were formed as showing in the following organizations chart:-

The disputes and misunderstanding arising among members of the Sangha of different sects and schools are solved and settled by respective Sangha Courts only not by any civil courts.

The different levels of the Sangha Organizations representing the whole members of the Sangha in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar are actively and effectively implementing the Sasana affairs which lead to the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana throughout the world.

Sangha Organizations of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Organization Chart



WORLD

Exclusive: UN chief wants Italy's Prodi as UN envoy to troubled Sahel

UNITED NATIONS, 6 Oct—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told the Security Council on Friday he wants former Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi to be his envoy to the troubled Sahel region, where West African states seek UN backing for military intervention in Mali.

"I would like to inform you of my intention to appoint Mr Romano Prodi (Italy) as my Special Envoy for the Sahel," Ban said in a letter to the 15-nation council, obtained by *Reuters*.

"Mr Prodi has a long and distinguished career in government and international diplomacy as a consensus-builder, having served as Prime Minister of Italy and President of the European

Commission for several years," he wrote to the president of the council, Guatemalan UN Ambassador Gert Rosenthal.

Rosenthal informed fellow council members in an accompanying letter that he would acknowledge Ban's decision to appoint Prodi if no objections were presented to him by Tuesday at 10 am EDT.

Mali descended into chaos in March when soldiers toppled the president, leaving a power vacuum that enabled Tuareg rebels to seize two-thirds of the country. But Islamist extremists, some al Qaeda allies, hijacked the revolt in the north.

The conflict in Mali has also exacerbated a

deteriorating humanitarian and security situation in the turbulent Sahel region—a belt of land spanning nearly a dozen of the world's poorest countries on the southern rim of the Sahara—where millions are on the brink of starvation due to drought.

West Africa's regional body, ECOWAS, has mapped out a three-phase operation to help Malian troops recapture the north, and Mali's interim leader, Dioncounda Traore, asked the Security Council earlier this month to authorize the force.

Council diplomats say ECOWAS needs to present a more coherent and comprehensive plan for military intervention in Mali before they authorize it.



Former Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi attends the Ambrosetti workshop in Cernobbio, next to Como on 7 Sept, 2012. —REUTERS

French UN Ambassador Gerard Araud said on Thursday that he would shortly circulate a resolution to energize the African response. It would not yet authorize a military intervention by an international force, but would instead set a deadline for

ECOWAS and the African Union to provide the Security Council with details of the operation.

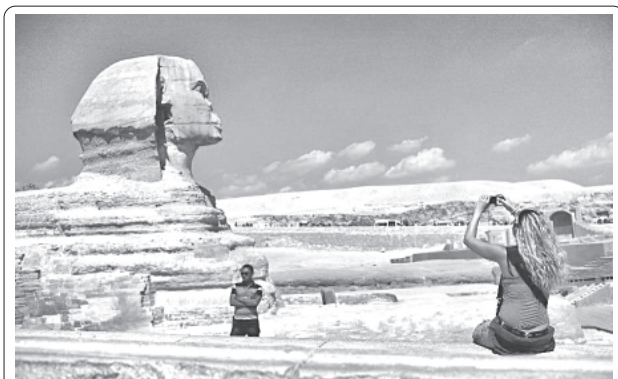
ECOWAS has intervened militarily in past African conflicts, including the wars in Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Reuters

Afghanistan Afghan police kill 29 Taliban militants

KABUL, 6 Oct—Units of Afghan national police in coordination with the army and NATO-led forces have killed over two dozen Taliban militants during series of operations across the country over the past 24 hours, Interior Ministry said in a statement released here on Friday.

"These operations have been conducted in Wardak, Baghlan, Helmand, Kandahar and Ghazni Provinces over the past 24 hours during which 29 Taliban rebels have been killed and nine others arrested," the statement added. Nevertheless, it did not say if there were any casualties on the security forces. Taliban militants are yet to comment.—*Xinhua*



A woman takes photos of the Sphinx in Cairo, capital of Egypt, on 5 Oct, 2012. Peak tourist season in Egypt runs from mid October to May, during winter and spring. —XINHUA

French hostage in Somalia pleads for his life on video

ABU DHABI/PARIS, 6 Oct—An militant group in Somalia released a video on Friday in which a French secret agent held in the Horn of Africa country since 2009 is shown pleading with French President Francois Hollande to negotiate his release and save his life. The video appeared on a website used by militant groups around the world. *Reuters* could not immediately verify its authenticity.

Two French intelligence officers from the DGSE agency were kidnapped by the al Shabaab rebel group in Somalia in 2009 but one, Marc Aubriere, escaped a month later. In the four-minute video, a pale-looking Denis Alex said he feared for his life but that it was still possible to negotiate his release if Hollande was "sincere and honest."

"Mr President, I am still alive but for how long? That depends on you for if you do not reach an agreement for my release then I am afraid that this will be the last message you receive from me," he says in French on the video which

also has English subtitles. Alex says in the video that his voice was recorded in July.

In Malta for a summit of Mediterranean powers, Hollande said the government was seeking to start talks with any party able to facilitate Alex's release. "We are using all means to open communication with all of those who can facilitate the release of our hostages," he told reporters, adding that he had scheduled a meeting with Alex's parents before the video was released.

Reuters

19 Angolan children to receive medical treatment in Germany

LUANDA, 6 Oct—Nineteen Angolan children, aged between two and 11, from the southern Huila Province, are expected to travel to Germany in November to undergo medical treatment under a charity arrangement between the two countries, the official news agency Angop reported on Friday.

The information was revealed by Director of the Provincial Department of Child Protection Ines Pimentel in Lubango City, capital of the Huila Province, who said the Angolan children will be submitted to surgeries in reconstructive surgery, dermatology, dentistry, gastroenterology, ophthalmology, otolaryngology and orthopaedics. They will stay in Germany to recover for six to 12 months, the official said.

This is a move sponsored by the German National Children's Institute (INAC) in partnership with the Angolan NGO Kimbo Liombé mbwa and the Belgian NGO Kinderdorp International. The programme has already benefited a total of 86 Angolan children after it was established in 2002.—*Xinhua*

Texas city school chief gets prison for rigging student test scores

EL PASO, 6 Oct—A former El Paso Independent School District superintendent will spend three and a half years in federal prison for leading a scheme to rig scores on standardized state tests by keeping certain students from taking the exams.

Senior US District Judge David Briones sentenced Lorenzo Garcia at a Friday hearing and ordered him to pay \$180,000 in restitution and a \$56,500 fine. That was the same prison sentence set for Garcia as part of a plea

agreement in June, and a key former state lawmaker had called for a harsher punishment. After the hearing, US Attorney Robert Pitman defended the sentence: "Forty-two months in a federal penitentiary is a significant deterrence, and we feel it is a just sentence."

Garcia, 56, who became superintendent in 2006, pleaded guilty to two federal charges in connection with schemes to defraud the El Paso school district and the federal government. One scheme

involved testing and the other swindling the district out of hundreds of thousands of dollars. The testing scheme, which went on from February 2006 through August 2011, involved inflating school scores for 10th-grade state assessments, according to federal documents.

Garcia, seeking to get contractual bonuses and to keep the district in compliance with the federal No Child Left Behind Act, directed administrators to hold transfer students from Mexico in 9th

grade even if they passed and to improperly place other 9th graders in 11th grade, according to federal documents. Students' credits were deleted, grades were changed; some students were forced out of school entirely and others were discouraged from enrolling in the first place, according to court documents.

Garcia, who resigned in November 2011, received more than \$50,000 in bonuses while at the helm of the 64,000-student district.—*Reuters*

American gunman killed in Israeli hotel shoot-out

JERUSALEM, 6 Oct—An American man opened fire in an Israeli seaside hotel packed with tourists on Friday after losing his job there, killing one person before being shot dead in a stand-off with security forces. The firefight erupted in the popular Red Sea resort of Eilat when New York native William Hershkovitz, 23, attacked a security guard at the Leonardo Club hotel and snatched his gun, officials and witnesses said.

He then shot dead one of

the hotel chefs, whom police identified as 33-year-old Armando Abed. Police and military counter-terrorism officers swiftly surrounded the hotel, and Hershkovitz barricaded himself in the kitchen. After failed negotiations, there was an exchange of fire and Hershkovitz was shot dead, Eilat police spokesman Lior Ben-Simon said.

An Israeli hotel guest, Aviram Sela, said he had tried to wrestle the gunman to the

ground before he started shooting, while terrified tourists dived for cover behind a sofa in the hotel lobby.

"We saw him beat the guard and grab his weapon and the magazine," Sela told Israeli television, adding that the gunman then took aim at a member of Sela's family.

Hershkovitz had arrived in Israel in August as part of a five-month Israeli government-sponsored programme meant to help foreigners become acquainted with the country, said Israel Way, the company that runs the trip.

He and about 80 other participants in the programme were working in hotels throughout Eilat. Hershkovitz on Thursday was told to leave the programme after hotel staff had lodged complaints against him.

He "had met all admission requirements and his medical record was clean," Israel Way said in a statement. The internationally funded Jewish Agency, another of the programme's sponsors, said it had appointed a panel to examine how Hershkovitz had been accepted.—*Reuters*



Israeli soldiers guard the area near a hotel at the Red Sea resort city of Eilat on 5 Oct, 2012. —REUTERS

REGIONAL

Pilot, Passenger of Indonesia's missing plane found dead

Indonesia

JAKARTA, 6 Oct—Rescue team on Friday found the bodies of the pilot and the passenger of an airplane that went missing in Indonesia's eastern-most Province of Papua on Wednesday, Indonesia's *Antara News Agency* reported.

"The local search and rescue team, with help from locals, reached the wreckage of the plane this evening. No one survived in the crash," said Robinhood Ratuntiga,

the manager of the Tariku Aviation Foundation which operated the plane on Friday.

Robinhood added that the evacuation of the remains would be conducted Saturday morning due to the poor weather condition using a helicopter.

The plane, which was carrying a pilot and a passenger, lost contact on Wednesday at about 11 am local time, just a few moments after taking off from Koropku

heading toward Dekai, Yahukimo, Papua. The local search and rescue team spotted the wreckage on Thursday morning.

It is not clear yet about the cause of the crash in the country's most remote region geographically and politically. Plane accidents have been rampant in Papua, particularly small plane crashes, due to the unfavorable mountainous terrain.—*Xinhua*



Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra (R) shakes hands with visiting UAE Minister of Foreign Trade Sheikh Lubna Bint Khalid Al Qasimi at Government House in Bangkok, Thailand, on 5 Oct, 2012. XINHUA

Cambodia PM calls for actions before arrival of tropical storm Gaemi

Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 6 Oct—Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen publicly warned on Friday that tropical storm Gaemi would arrive in the country's northeastern and northern provinces on Sunday night and called for measures to cope with possible dangers and damage.

The premier said in a statement that the storm will arrive at the coast of Vietnam on 7 Oct in the morning and travel to Cambodia's Rattanakiri and Stung Treng provinces that night before blowing through Preah Vihear province in the morning of 8 Oct with a

slower speed.

He said that the situation and journey of storm Gaemi would impact the whole of Cambodia during 7-9 Oct, especially northeastern and northern provinces.

"These provinces will

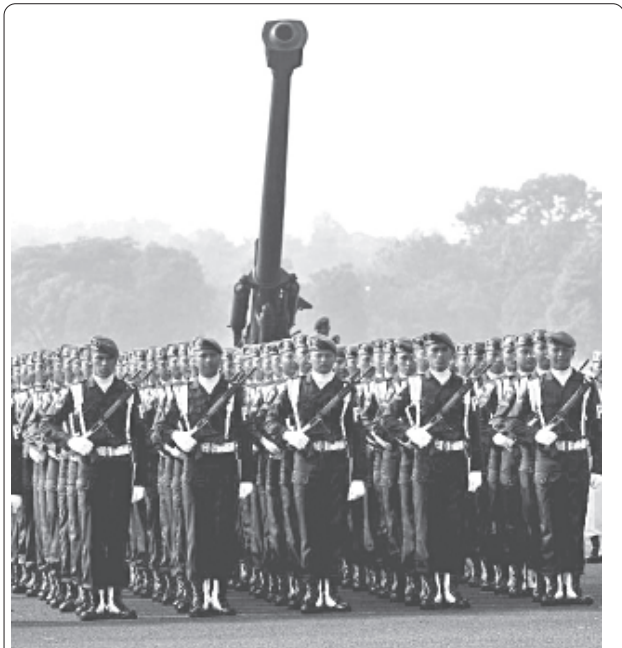
suffer from winds and strong rains that could cause flash floods," he said.

He also warned that at the coastal areas, sea waves will be as high as three meters.

The premier advised ministries, related institu-

tions, and local authorities, especially in the above mentioned provinces, to be on high alert and instructed them to take measures in advance to minimize possible dangers and damage.

Xinhua



Indonesian soldiers line up during the 67th anniversary of Indonesia's National Army in Jakarta, capital of Indonesia, on 5 Oct, 2012.—XINHUA

Indonesia's preparation works for APEC summit on track: gov't

Indonesia

JAKARTA, 6 Oct—The Indonesian government said that infrastructure development in Bali for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit is on schedule and that the country is going to be fully prepared to host the event in November 2013, a media reported here on Friday.

"Airport development is on track and the sea bridge, toll roads and underpass will be ready before October 2013," Indonesian Coordinating Minister for Economy Hatta Rajasa was quoted by the *Jakarta Post* as saying in a meeting in his office.

Also present at the meeting were Trade Minister Gita Wirjawan, Public Works Minister Djoko Kirmanto, Tourism and Creative Economy Minister Mari Elka Pangestu and State-Owned Enterprise Minister Dahlan Iskan.

Minister Hatta said that Indonesia would also host several ministerial-level meetings for APEC member nations starting in January in several major cities in Indonesia, including Jakarta;

Surabaya, East Java; and Medan, North Sumatra.

The minister said the venue for the APEC summit would be in Nusa Dua and not in the Bali International Park (BIP) area, as previously announced.

The Indonesian government changed its plans following protests from local residents and the Badung Legislative Council that said that the BIP was a green area and should not be exploited for developing infrastructure.

APEC, established in 1989, is an international forum comprising 21 states in the Asia-Pacific region with the aim to promote free trade and cooperation between

member nations.

The population of APEC's member states accounts for around 40 percent of the world's population. The forum's members also comprise 54 percent of the world's gross domestic product and account for 44 percent of global trade.

During APEC's most recent meeting in Vladivostok, Russia, in September, ministers forged a consensus to include 54 environmental products on a list of products to be subject to tariff caps by 2015. The list covers more than 300 items, including chopsticks, bicycles, turbines, generators and bamboo products.—*Xinhua*

Visitors view scenery on ships on the Lijiang River in Guilin, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 4 Oct, 2012. According to local government, Lijiang River, a famous tourist destination in south China, attracted visitors of 13,700 person times on Thursday, and is expected to receive tourists of 70,000 person times during the Mid-Autumn Festival and Chinese National Day holiday, which lasts from 30 Sept to 7 Oct.—XINHUA



A visitor bargains with an African seller at a products show held in Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 5 Oct, 2012. A tour exhibition of products made in ten countries and regions were held here on Friday. XINHUA



Singapore restricts tenure of residential loans amid rising housing prices

Singapore

SINGAPORE, 6 Oct—The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), the city-state's central bank, said on Friday that it will restrict the tenure of loans granted by financial institutions for the purchase of residential properties, aiming at "avoiding a price bubble and fostering long-term stability in the property market."

Effective from Saturday, the MAS will set a cap at 35 years for the maximum tenure of all new residential property loans, which apply to both private properties and government built flats.

"Financial institutions have been lengthening the tenures of residential property

loans," said the MAS, adding that the average tenure for new residential property loans has risen to 29 from 25 years during the past three year.

The proportion of loans with tenures over 30 years has passed 45 percent. Some residential property loans that up to 50 years had once been the hot topic in Singapore recently. The country's Minister of National

Development Khaw Boon Wan at that time called on the public to treat it carefully when they apply for such long-term loans, considering the uncertainty of the global economy environment.

"There is now some gimmick, a bank offering 50-year loans. Please don't fall for that, it doesn't make sense," he said.

Xinhua

Tokyo to prepare separate airport lane for IMF-World Bank meeting

Japan

Bank meeting

TOKYO, 6 Oct—A separate entry lane will be set up at Tokyo's Narita International Airport for guests attending the upcoming meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, airport officials said on Saturday. About 20,000 people from 188 countries are expected to attend the event, which is scheduled to open Tuesday. VIPs are estimated at 4,000 to 5,000 people, of whom about 90 percent are expected to arrive at Narita airport, according to Japan's Finance Ministry.

The measure is intended to offer guests smooth entries at the nation's biggest international gateway, as the majority of the participants are expected to arrive on commercial flights along with other travelers and visitors, according to airport officials. On arrival, IMF-World Bank visitors will be transferred from the regular passenger terminals to another airport facility for customs and immigration procedures. It will be the first attempt to offer such service at Narita airport, said airport officials.—*Xinhua*

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MV BIENDONG TRADER VOY NO
(1240)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BIENDONG TRADER VOY NO (1240) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7.10.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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**Canada, Tanzania conclude
deal to boost economic, social
cooperation**

OTTAWA, 6 Oct—Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper said on Thursday that Canada and Tanzania have reached an accord on the bilateral Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (FIPA). Harper made the announcement at a joint press conference in the Parliament with Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete, who arrived on Wednesday on his first state visit to Canada.

"This new agreement with Tanzania will encourage investment between our two countries and better-protect Canadians that do business in Tanzania," Harper said.

The prime minister praised Tanzania as an economic growth leader in sub-Saharan Africa and a model of progressive governance.

He noted that the potential for increased Canadian investment in Tanzania is important, especially in such sectors as mining, oil and gas, and transportation.

Official statistics show that Canada's total cumulative mining assets in Tanzania were valued at 2.3 billion Canadian



Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper (R) and Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete walk down the Hall of Honour at Parliament Hill in Ottawa, Canada, on 4 Oct, 2012.—XINHUA

dollars (about 2.34 billion US dollars) in 2011.

Harper also announced six new initiatives that will support the health of mothers and children, poverty reduction, economic growth, good governance and accountability, and peacekeeping training in Tanzania. The FIPA is a treaty designed to protect and promote Canadian investment abroad through legally binding provisions and on the other side to promote foreign investment in Canada.—Xinhua

Greek PM Samaras welcomes Merkel visit

German Chancellor Angela Merkel (L) chats with Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras during a welcome ceremony before talks in Berlin, on 24 Aug, 2012.—REUTERS

ATHENS, 6 Oct—Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras welcomed on Friday German Chancellor Angela

Merkel's visit Athens next week, her first since Greece's international bailout two years ago.

"It is a very positive development that Ms Merkel has accepted our invitation," Samaras told reporters in Athens. "We will welcome her as befitting a leader of a great, friendly nation such as Germany," he added.

Merkel will fly to Athens on Tuesday. Greece's two main labour unions and one opposition party have already called rallies in central Athens that day to protest her visit.

Reuters

Green energy transition cost**"no horror scenario"****Says**

VIENNA, 6 Oct—While switching from traditional energy sources to green ones does involve financial cost, there would be no "horror scenario" with regard to prices, Minister-President of the German state of Baden-Wurttemberg Winfried Kretschmann said on Friday.

Addressing an event organized by the German Chamber of Commerce in

Vienna, Kretschmann said energy prices rise over time regardless.

He stated that energy transition — a process involving a move to greener, more sustainable forms of energy — brings not only ecological but also economic advantages, having added 20,000 full-time jobs in Baden-Wurttemberg.

Dieter Hundt, president

of the German Chamber of Commerce in Austria, said German business supports energy transition but that its implementation was rushed and not properly coordinated on a European scale.

Hence, the switch cost 0.1 percent to 0.2 percent of economic growth, the *Austrian Press Agency* reported.

Xinhua

**IMF to lower global growth forecasts—
German paper**

BERLIN, 6 Oct—The International Monetary Fund will lower its forecasts for global economic growth to 3.3 percent this year and 3.6 percent in 2013 from earlier forecasts of 3.4 percent and 3.9 percent respectively,

a Germany newspaper reported on Friday.

The IMF expects the euro zone economy to shrink by 0.4 percent this year and then grow 0.2 percent in 2013, business daily *Handelsblatt* said in a

preview of the fund's latest forecasts which are due to be released next week.

Chinese growth for 2013 is seen at 8.2 percent, versus a previous IMF estimate of 8.4 percent, Indian growth is seen at 6 percent versus a previous forecast of 6.6 percent and Brazilian growth at 4 percent versus 4.7 percent, the newspaper reported.

"The further cooling of global economic growth this year and next year is accompanied by a significant increase in downward risks," it quoted the IMF as saying. It added that the global growth outlook depended on "whether decisive political steps to stabilise confidence are taken in the euro zone and US".—Reuters



A photographer takes pictures through a glass carrying the International Monetary Fund (IMF) logo during a news conference in Bucharest on 25 March, 2009.

REUTERS

SBP's current monetary policy stance continues to weigh upon improvement in the fiscal position, better availability of energy, and an increase in foreign financial flows," the bank said.

Pakistan's gross domestic product expanded by an annual rate of 3.67 percent in the second quarter from 3.04 percent in the first quarter.

The central bank said it would also strengthen its liquidity management framework and issue details of these measures separately.

Xinhua

**Pakistan cuts rate to 10 pct on improved
inflation outlook**

ISLAMABAD, 6 Oct—The central bank of Pakistan cut its policy rate by another 50 basis points to 10.0 percent, a move that was expected by economists, reported local media on Friday.

It meant a total of reduction of 200 basis points this year following the central bank's cut of its policy rate by 150 basis points in August.

"A consistent deceleration in inflation since May 2012, to 8.8 percent in September 2012, is more than earlier estimates. Thus, the overall inflation outlook has improved," the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) said in a statement.

With the decline in inflation to 8.8 percent from 9.10 percent in August, inflation hit its lowest rate since December 2009, which fueled hopes the central bank would cut rates today. The bank said it was increasingly likely that it would meet its 9.5 percent inflation target for fiscal year 2013 (2012 July

to 2013 June).

The bank called for comprehensive fiscal reform and a lower government deficit, which would have a positive influence on commercial banks that currently find it easy to avoid lending to the private sector by extending credit to the government without any risk.

"A declining interest rate environment should lead towards a rethink of this strategy," the central bank said, noting that lending to the private sector declined to an annual rate of 0.7 percent at the end of fiscal year 2012 from 22.4 percent in fiscal year 2008.

A persistent shortage of energy is also holding back the private sector and the central bank called for an overhaul of the governance of the energy sector, which would also help lower the amount of subsidies and thus the borrowing requirements.

"Thus, at a broader level, the effectiveness of

**Hungarian FM calls for international
cooperation at cyberspace conference**

BUDAPEST, 6 Oct—Hungarian Foreign Minister Janos Martonyi on Friday called for continued international cooperation in creating and maintaining a free and secure cyberspace.

Closing the two-day Budapest cyberspace conference, Martonyi said it was important to find a balance between enjoying the advantages of cyberspace while minimizing the risks.

Cybercrime does not recognize national boundaries, he said, adding that cybercrime offenses had increased to unprecedented levels and that the victims often were just simple users. Therefore, he called for transparency in personal data management to protect private users.—Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT



Actress Meryl Streep

Meryl Streep donates USD 1 million to New York theatre

NEW YORK, 6 Oct—Actress Meryl Streep has handed New York's Public Theater USD 1 million in honour of the company's founder Joe Papp and late producer-director Nora Ephron.

The Oscar-winning star made her Broadway debut in the theatre's production of *Trelawny of the Wells* in 1975, and was mentored by late impresario Papp, who set up the Public in 1954, reported *New York Post*.

A representative for the company announced Ms Streep has donated the generous amount in memory of Papp.

"I give this gift in honour of the founder of The Public Theater, my friend and mentor Joseph Papp, and in remembrance of one of the theater's Board members and greatest supporters, my friend Nora Ephron," Ms Streep said. —PTI

Picasso, Warhol works expected to sell for \$35 million each

NEW YORK, 6 Oct—A 1932 portrait by Pablo Picasso of his young lover and a pioneering 3-D Andy Warhol painting of the Statue of Liberty are expected to sell for at least \$35 million each, but could fetch much more when they are auctioned next month. The two works, Picasso's "Nature morte aux tulipes," and Warhol's "Statue of Liberty" will be the highlights of New York autumn sales at Sotheby's and Christie's.

The Picasso masterpiece is one of several renderings of his muse Marie-Thérèse Walter and considered by art experts to be one of his most important works. It carries a pre-sale estimate from \$35 million to up to \$50 million ahead of the November 5 sale at Sotheby's.

"The young woman, with her Grecian profile and athletic, statuesque frame, inspired Picasso's greatest achievements in a variety of media," said Simon Shaw, Sotheby's Impressionist and Modern Art department in New York.

"Nature morte aux tulipes is exceptional within the series for its double-meditation on this subject, demonstrating the influence of Surrealism on his output: the artist builds a sculpture of Marie-Thérèse, and then paints that sculpture as a sexually-charged still life, allowing him to dissect her form on many levels," he added in a statement. —Reuters



Pablo Picasso's "Nature morte aux tulipes", an oil on canvas painted in March 1932 is seen in this handout—photo. REUTERS

Can Angelina Jolie, Jennifer Aniston be friends?



LOS ANGELES, 6 Oct—Jennifer Aniston is Brad Pitt's ex-wife, while Angelina Jolie is his current partner.

Actresses Jennifer Aniston and Angelina Jolie are known to be arch-rivals in Hollywood, but their lookalikes have presented a spoof showing them as best friends.

Jennifer Sullivan and Tiffany Claus, lookalikes of Jennifer and Angelina, respectively, have a piece of advice for the actresses.

"They should do what Jennifer and I did and meet for lunch," *Touch* magazine quoted Claus as saying.

"They're both getting married. They should give up the ego game, swallow their pride and get on with it," she added.

Angelina Jolie and Jennifer Aniston share a bitter relationship over actor Brad Pitt.

Jennifer is Brad's ex-wife, while Angelina is his current partner. —PTI



Jennifer Aniston is Brad Pitt's ex-wife and Angelina Jolie.

Daryl Hannah has been arrested in Texas

NEW DELHI, 6 Oct—The *Kill Bill* actress was taken into custody for criminal trespassing and resisting arrest and held at the Wood County Jail after she and a landowner stepped in front of machinery to halt the construction of an oil pipeline.

Daryl and 78-year-old Eleanor Fairchild were hoping to stop the progress of TransCanada's Keystone XL pipe through the latter's

farmland in Winnsboro—which was subject to a compulsory purchase order for the project—almost a hundred miles east of Dallas. The pipeline is designed to bring crude oil from Canada to the Gulf Coast. Daryl's agent, Paul Bassis, said the protesters were likely to be kept in jail last night (04.10.12), adding: "They've arrested Daryl Hannah and a rural Texas



Daryl Hannah

great-grandmother.

"The streets of Winnsboro will be much safer tonight now that they've gotten that 78-year-old great grandmother off the streets." Daryl has previously been arrested for protesting against the pipeline in Washington DC in 2011.

She and other activists believe it will carry heavy, acidic crude oil that could corrode a metal pipeline and lead to a spill. They also claim that by not refining the oil, it would further contaminate the air in a region that struggles with pollution.

TransCanada counter that the pipeline will be the safest ever built. The issue has even been debated by President Barack Obama. Speaking of Daryl's arrest, TransCanada spokesman David Dodson said: "It is unfortunate Ms. Hannah and other out-of-state activists have chosen to break the law by illegally trespassing on private property." He added protesters were "putting their own safety and the safety of others at risk". —PTI

John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John reunite for Christmas album

All songs will be Christmas staples bar one, a new one called I Think You Might Like It written by Jay Farrar who wrote the pair's famous hit.—PTI

LOS ANGELES, 6 Oct—John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John are all set to recreate the *Grease* magic by getting together for a festive album out in time for Christmas.

Their chemistry in the

now legendary 1978 musical film made them worldwide stars and their duet *You're The One That I Want* became the best-selling duet in history. The idea to get together and record from songs came from the memory of the success of that song, reported ABC online. "From the moment we decided to do this, magic happened. Everyone we contacted agreed to do it," said Travolta in a statement.

"It just fell into place. With our busy schedules, I don't know how we got it done. John and I have always connected. That's never gone away. When we're together, we have a good laugh and feel bonded to one another. We've been through some amazing experiences together," said Newton-John. The disc will also contain guest appearances from Barbra Streisand, Tony Bennett, James Taylor, Kenny G, Cliff Richard and jazz legend Chick Corea.

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Speaking about their concept for the disc, Travolta said, "I wanted people to be able to play it around the house or in the car during the holidays, and make us part of your celebration. Gathering around house listening to Christmas music has always been an important part of that time of the year to my family." —PTI



SPORTS

No Sneijder and Robben in Dutch squad Soccer

ZEIST, (the Netherlands), 6 Oct—Netherlands coach Louis van Gaal had to leave out captain Wesley Sneijder for the forthcoming World Cup 2014 qualification matches against Andorra and Romania on October 12 in Rotterdam and four days later in Bucharest.

Internazionale midfielder Sneijder is suffering from a thigh injury. Arjen Robben, Jetro Willems, Bas Dost, Joris Mathijsen and Tim Krul are also on the absentee list due to injuries. Feyenoord forward Ruben Schaken and Ajax goalkeeper Kenneth Vermeer make their debut in the Dutch squad.

Van Gaal decided to let Jordy Clasie (Feyenoord), Adam Maher (AZ) and Luuk de Jong (Borussia Monchengladbach) represent the Under-21 team in the final European U-21 Championship qualification play-offs against Slovakia. "It's very important for Dutch football, we qualify for that final tournament", he said.

However, Van Gaal could decide to call up some U-21 players or players who are coming back from injuries after the Andorra match. "Injured players could return, like Joris Mathijsen," Van Gaal said. "We still have a week to go. If Arjen Robben says he is fit, I'll select him."—Xinhua



Sneijder and Robben

Di Matteo says Chelsea players are not out of control

LONDON, 6 Oct—Chelsea manager Roberto Di Matteo defended his players on Friday saying they were not out of control after Ashley Cole sent an insulting message on Twitter shortly after an FA inquiry criticised his evidence in the John Terry racism case. Cole, 31, responded to a report which explained why the FA banned Terry for four matches and fined him 220,000 pounds for racially abusing Queens Park Rangers defender Anton Ferdinand by using his Twitter account to express his feelings.

The report questioned Cole's evidence saying the independent commission that ruled on the case had "considerable doubts". Cole responded by calling the FA a "bunch of f***s". Di Matteo, informed of Cole's tweet during his pre-match news conference on Friday, said his squad were not ill-disciplined and added he would judge

them by what they did on the pitch.

"I judge the players on what I see when they train and play, and I try and select a team that will hopefully be able to win against Norwich. That is my job," Di Matteo said.

"I always said about the social networks that it is a good vehicle if used appropriately. Players need to realise that tweets can be viewed by anybody and they have to be responsible. "I do not think the players, apart from this, are out of control. I need to see the reasoning behind it."

The offensive tweet was later deleted from Cole's account and the player apologised.

Cole, who has played 98 times for England, was named in Roy Hodgson's England squad for the upcoming World Cup qualifiers against San Marino and Poland this month when he is expected to become the sixth English player to win 100 caps.—Reuters



Chelsea manager Roberto Di Matteo



BEIJING, 6 Oct—Chinese star Li Na booked the final singles place at WTA championships-Istanbul with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over defending champion Agnieszka Radwanska in the quarter-final of the China Open on Friday.

Schumacher crashes, Webber sets the pace

SUZUKA, (Japan), 6 Oct—Michael Schumacher crashed out of Japanese Grand Prix practice on Friday, a day after announcing his retirement, while Australian Mark Webber set the pace for Red Bull. Schumacher, a seven times champion and winner six times at Suzuka, went wide into the Spoon corner and lost control with the car slewing sideways into the tyre wall.

The 43-year-old German removed the steering wheel, extricated himself from the cockpit, patted a marshal on the back and helped tidy up some debris before walking away. He had been fifth fastest in the morning.

"I had to go to the medical centre...but I'm 100 percent okay," said Schumacher. "I think I was already concentrating on too much on the corner ahead of me and therefore had a wheel on the dirt and went off."

Force India's Paul Di

West Indies crush Australia to reach final

COLOMBO, 6 Oct—Chris Gayle and Kieron Pollard lit up the second semi-final with scintillating power-hitting as West Indies crushed Australia by 74 runs on Friday to reach their first World Twenty20 final. Gayle ignored a side strain to blast six sixes and five boundaries in his unbeaten 41-ball knock to help West Indies post a mammoth 205 for four wickets at the R Premadasa

Stadium. Down the order, Pollard (38) hit three successive sixes in the final over of the innings to take West Indies past the 200-run mark. Dwayne Bravo (37) celebrated his return to the side hitting three sixes in his 31-ball knock, while Marlon Samuels chipped in with brisk 26 runs. For Australia, Pat Cummins claimed two wickets for 36 runs. Chasing such a huge target, Australia needed

Resta had earlier gone off at the same place, a slip that left him without a timed lap in the afternoon session. His team mate Nico Hulkenberg was fourth fastest. Webber's best lap of one minute 32.493 seconds was the quickest of the day after McLaren's Jenson Button and Lewis Hamilton had led the opening session at one of the classic drivers' tracks.

Button, last year's race winner in Japan but with a five-place grid penalty for Sunday's race after a gearbox change, set a time of 1:34.507 on a sunny morning at the Honda-owned figure of eight circuit. McLaren will be chasing a fifth successive pole position on Saturday, the team's best run of qualifying form since 1999 when Finland's Mika Hakkinen chalked up five in a row, but Webber showed championship leaders Red Bull would be hard to beat. The Australian was third fastest

Li Na beats Radwanska to book berth in Tennis Istanbul WTA Championships

Maria Sharapova of Russia returns a ball to Angelique Kerber of Germany during the women's singles quarterfinal at the China Open tennis tournament in Beijing, China, on 5 Oct, 2012. Kerber withdrew from the match due to an injury Friday. Sharapova advanced to the semifinals. XINHUA

Li, who led with a 4-3 win loss head-to-head record against Radwanska before the match, needed one hour 30 minutes to beat the third seed Pole to come back to the semi-final of China Open after two years. And there is another good news for Li that she qualified for the WTA

Championships Istanbul for the second successive year. However, the world number eight even didn't know this achievement after sending Radwanska back home.

"Are you sure I'm eligible for that?" Li asked the reporter at the news conference, "Okay, I have a very high expectation for my performance in WTA Final. I know that Bartoel is right behind me because she is basically belongs to No 8."

"In the last two years, I have played the best tennis of my career and I am excited to return to the WTA championships again this year," added Li, who will face Sharapova in the semi-final tomorrow. After fighting 3-3 in the first set, Li reached the turning point by breaking Radwanska in the seventh game to establish a 4-3 lead and held to claim the first set.

The second set started off on even terms 2-2 as both

players hold the serves, but Radwanska began to make unforced errors and drop her serve in the fifth game. On the other side, Li broke again in the seventh game and held serve to close out the match.

"I don't think it is very easy for me to beat opponent like Radwanska.

Every single match every week is won on the basis of hard work," said Li, who won the first title of the season at Cincinnati Open. Compared to last season, Li Na had 38-14 win loss record this year which made her satisfied.—Xinhua



Chinese star Li Na

Mortor Racing



Michael Schumacher

in the morning, a position filled by team mate and double world champion Sebastian Vettel in the afternoon.

"It was a smooth one for us today and we completed all the runs we wanted to," said Webber. "We have areas

where we can improve, mostly with the balance." Vettel, who clinched his second title at Suzuka last year, has won two of the last three Japanese Grands Prix after starting all of them from pole. Button was seventh after lunch with Hamilton second.—Reuters



West Indies Chris Gayle plays a shot during their Twenty20 World Cup semi-final cricket match against Australia in Colombo on 5 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS

handsome contribution from their big-hitters but that did not happen.

Skipper George Bailey hit a desperate 63 off 29 deliveries but Ravi Rampaul (3-16), Samuel Badree (2-27), Sunil Narine (2-17) and Pollard (2-6) struck regular blows to earn West Indies a

place in Sunday's final against hosts Sri Lanka.

Defending a massive total, West Indies started with spin from both ends and were rewarded soon as leg-spinner Badree removed both the big-hitting openers David Warner (one) and Shane Watson (seven).—Reuters

GENERAL

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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- * Myanmar Movie "Sacrificial Heart"

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6. Documentary
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20. TV Drama Series
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FA explain reasons for Terry ban and fine Soccer

LONDON, 6 Oct— The Football Association have released their report explaining why they rejected Chelsea captain John Terry's defence and found the player guilty of racially insulting Queens Park Rangers defender Anton Ferdinand last year.

The FA published a 63-page document on Friday giving the reasons that led them to impose a four-match ban and 220,000-pound (\$355,600) fine last week for an incident that occurred during a Premier League match at QPR's Loftus Road ground. Terry, who has until 18 October to appeal against the ban and fine, was found not guilty of a racially aggravated offence towards Ferdinand by London magistrates in July.

The FA, who held their own inquiry into the incident, ruled they did not believe Terry was a racist, but they rejected his defence and said they had no doubt he racially abused Ferdinand in the game, after being provoked by the QPR player.

In the document, the FA said there was "no credible basis" for the Chelsea skipper's defence that he was only repeating words he believed the QPR defender had said to him. Terry admitted using the word "black" surrounded by highly offensive swear words during the match but claimed he had only been repeating words he thought Ferdinand had accused him of saying.

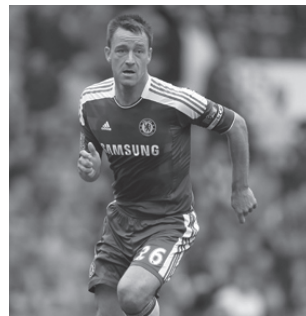
In its full written report on the verdict, the FA's

independent regulatory commission said it was satisfied the words were intended as an insult by Terry.

The document states: "The commission is quite satisfied, on the balance of probabilities, that there is no credible basis for Mr Terry's defence that his use of the words black were directed at Ferdinand by way of forceful rejection and/or inquiry."

"Instead, we are quite satisfied, and find on the balance of probabilities, that the offending words were said by way of insult."

"We are able to arrive at that decision without needing to make any adverse findings against Mr Terry arising out of his decision not to give evidence." Commenting on the character references that



Chelsea captain John Terry

were provided by his Chelsea team-mates, the FA conclude that "it is accepted by everyone involved in the criminal and disciplinary proceedings that Mr. Terry is not a racist". The FA decided to ban the 31-year-old on the basis that the commission was satisfied the words were intended as an insult.

Reuters

Moore flirts with jackpot of 59 in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS, 6 Oct— American Ryan Moore flirted with golf's magical jackpot, a 59, before he bogeyed his penultimate hole on the way to a sizzling 10-under-par 61 in Thursday's opening round of the Las Vegas Open. Moore, who started out at the par-four 10th, missed the green to the left with his tee shot at the short eighth but was otherwise delighted with his spectacular form in near-perfect scoring conditions in the Nevada desert.

"It was one of those days that you just keep putting it in play," said the 29-year-old Las Vegas resident, who has played the TPC Summerlin layout countless times. "You know you're going to have a bunch of pitching wedges, nine-irons, eight-irons into these greens." "As solid as I'm

hitting it right now, that's just kind of my key. I know I'm going to have enough pretty darn good birdie chances if I'm just in the fairway with them. "The bogey there on my 17th hole, No. 8, I wasn't too happy about, but it was great to bounce back with a birdie on the ninth hole."

Moore, who won his only PGA Tour title at the 2009 Wyndham Championship, piled up nine birdies and an eagle, at the par-four 15th, to end the opening round of the Fall Series event with a one-stroke lead over Zimbabwe's Brendon de Jonge.

Americans Tim Herron and tour rookie John Huh opened with 63s while compatriots Justin Leonard and Chris Kirk, and Swede Jonas Blixt, returned 64s.

World number 21 Nick

Watney, the highest-ranked player in the field, carded a 66 while US Ryder Cup captain Davis Love III, whose 12-man team stunningly lost to a resurgent Europe after being outplayed in the concluding singles at Medinah on Sunday, opened with a 68.

Moore commanded the spotlight on Thursday as he raced to the turn in a scintillating seven-under 29, raising hopes of becoming

only the sixth player to shoot a 59 on the PGA Tour.

He picked up further shots at the first, fifth and seventh before his red-hot momentum stalled with his bogey at the eighth. "I've just been playing good, solid golf lately," said Moore, who two weeks ago tied for third in the final event of the PGA Tour's regular season, the lucrative Tour Championship in Atlanta.—Reuters



DISTRICT NEWS

Affiliated BEHS commissioned into service in Yinmabin



YINMABIN, 6 Sept—A ceremony to open Affiliated Basic Education High School was held in Htanzin Village of Yinmabin Township on 28 September.

Sagaing Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein, Layhnyintaung Sayadaw Bhaddanta Obhasa and Region Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Myint Thein formally opened the school.

Deputy Speaker of Region Hluttaw U Thaug Sein unveiled the signboard of the school.

Headmaster U Han Tin of the school reported on the history of the school and presented commemorative pennants to officials.

The deputy speaker of the Region Hluttaw and the region minister donated exercise books, LCD TV and sports gear to officials.

Myanma Alin

Washington state man jailed for stealing \$1 million from 107-year-old woman

SEATTLE, 6 Oct—A Washington state caregiver received a 10-year prison sentence on Friday for stealing \$1 million from an 107-year-old woman who was left living in feces-strewn squalor while he spent her money on guns and tractors, prosecutors said.

John Herbert Friedlund, 79, was sentenced by Stevens County Superior Court Judge Al Nielson, a day after jurors convicted him of first-degree theft, local deputy prosecutor Lech Radzimski said.

Friedlund lived on a ranch near Kettle Falls, a town 210 miles northeast of Seattle. He had been the caregiver to Frances Swan, 107, for four years and stole the money from her retirement account, prosecutors said.

He spent the \$1 million on 300 to 400 guns and other

items such as tractors and horse trailers, Radzimski said.

Swan was bedridden in a back room of her squalid Kettle Falls home filled with dog feces when deputies discovered her in May 2011, he said. She begged them for nourishment. Rotting food filled the kitchen and garbage was stacked floor-to-ceiling.

She now lives in a nursing home. The jury convicted Friedlund of the theft with two aggravating circumstances - violation of the victim because of her vulnerability and his position of fiduciary responsibility over her.

"This is the worst instance of theft and abuse we've had in the county. Six officers said the home was the worst they'd ever seen," Radzimski said.

Reuters

Ryan Moore of the US hits from the fairway bunker on the 17th hole during the third round of the Tour Championship golf tournament at the East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta, Georgia on 22 Sept, 2012.

REUTERS

Uncensored discs destroyed

YANGON, 6 Oct—Uncensored pornographic VCDs/DVDs, pirated discs of Myanmar Karaoke, Myanmar video, boxing and Dhamma and uncensored discs of foreign movies were destroyed at the office of Video Censor Board of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise here this morning.

The number of discs seized by 33 township police stations in Yangon Region between 25 August and 3 October amounted to 77935.

Director (Admin) of MMPE and Secretary of Film Censor Board U Thein Tun Aung, Chairman of Myanmar Motion Picture Association U Zin Waing and Secretary of Video Censor Board U Myint Wai elaborated on destruction of the discs before officials started destroying them.

A total of 79047 discs were destroyed in four installments in 2010, 167459 discs in seven installments in 2011 and 633676 discs in nine installments up to September in 2012.—MNA



Officials destroying pirated VCDs and DVDs seized by 33 township police stations of Yangon Region.

MNA

Cutting-edge technologies, machinery key to rice quality

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct—Advanced technologies and machinery should be employed for harvesting, storing and milling paddy as global demand for Myanmar’s rice is rising, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint said in a meeting today.

The meeting held at General Administration Department in Kanbalu in Sagaing Region was attended by township level departmental officials, representatives of political parties, local

farmers and members of social organizations.

He said development of rural areas where farmers live needs to be carried out to narrow development gap.

The minister presented anti-venom vaccine for local people.

He then proceeded to Kangyigon village and discussed matters related to rural development and poverty alleviation.

MNA

Private entrepreneurs invited to supply electricity

YANGON, 6 Oct—Ministry of Electric Power has allowed private entrepreneurs as independent power producer on a manageable scale.

“It is aimed at increasing power supply volume in the nation by inviting private entrepreneurs. They have to submit their investment, work proposal and proposed area for supply of electricity to get permission from the ministry,” said an official of the Ministry of Electric Power.

Only when the entrepreneurs engaging in small and medium scale power supply exactly calculate type of electricity to be generated, use of equipment, supply systems, balance in actual generating of volt and actual consumption, reserve volume for power cutout situation and collection of meter bill, will the Ministry of Electric Power allow them to do such business under disciplines.

“As an important point, the entrepreneurs are to generate 230 KV and 66 KV standardized by the ministry and to supply electricity in line with the prescribed volume,” said the official.

The interested private entrepreneurs are to sign agreements with the ministry and then submit the agreements to the Attorney-General of the Union’s Office, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and the Government step by step.

“Such system should be realized for past years. Such as, work competitiveness will create better services. However, scrutiny is to be undertaken not to give a favour to a company to avoid monopolizing the supply of electricity and to encourage competitiveness in works,” said an entrepreneur who sells locally-made transformers.—Myanma Alin

Refresher Course for Myanmar Airways’ steward and stewardess opened

YANGON, 6 Oct— The opening ceremony of Refresher Course No. 1/2012 for Myanmar Airways’ steward and stewardess took place at Myanmar Airways (head office) on Strand Road, here, yesterday and Managing Director of Myanmar Airways U Than Tun gave a speech.

Seven stewardesses and four stewards are attending the four-week course.—MNA

8 Chinese ships sailing in contiguous zone near Senkakus

NAHA, 6 Oct—Eight Chinese surveillance vessels were sailing in the contiguous zone, a band of water just outside Japan’s territorial waters around the Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea, on Saturday afternoon, the Japan Coast Guard said.

Among the ships spotted at 3 p.m., four fisheries patrol ships repeatedly moved in and out the contiguous zone, according to the 11th Regional Coast Guard Headquarters in Naha, Okinawa Prefecture.

Responding to the coast guard’s warning not to enter

City beat Sunderland to maintain unbeaten league run

LONDON, 6 Oct—Premier League champions Manchester City maintained their unbeaten start to the season and consigned Sunderland to a first defeat with a 3-0 win at the Etihad Stadium on Saturday.

City, with seven changes from the side outplayed by Borussia Dortmund in the Champions League on Wednesday, took an early lead with a blistering free-kick from Aleksandar Kolarov after five minutes.

Substitute Sergio Aguero doubled the lead after an hour, smashing home a Kolarov cross and James Milner completed the scoring with an inswinging free-kick after 89 minutes which he curled in with ferocious spin from the left of the penalty area.

David Silva also cracked a shot against the Sunderland bar as City dominated their visitors who had won one and drawn four of their matches prior to this defeat.

The victory took City, who have won four and drawn

Japan’s territorial waters, one of the Chinese ships said they were involved in legitimate duties in waters under the jurisdiction of China.

The Japanese-controlled uninhabited islands are also claimed by China and Taiwan.—Kyodo



three of their opening seven games, up to second in the table on 15, a point behind Chelsea.

Everton, who started the day in second place, play at Wigan Athletic later (1400 GMT) and can regain second place with a win.

The afternoon’s other games feature Chelsea at home to Norwich City (1400), Swansea City at home to Reading (1400), West Bromwich Albion against Queens Park Rangers (1400) and West Ham at home to Arsenal (1630).

Four matches are scheduled for Sunday including Newcastle United against Manchester United at St James’ Park.—Reuters

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