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President U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Spanish King

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty King Juan Carlos I of the Kingdom of Spain, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Spain, which falls on 12 October 2012.—MNA

President U Thein Sein felicitates Spanish Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Mariano Rajoy Brey, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Spain, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Spain, which falls on 12 October 2012.—MNA

ROK's STX shows interests to invest in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct—President U Thein Sein visited STX Shipyard in Busan yesterday morning.

Accompanied by delegation members, the President left Seoul for Busan by train at 9 am local time.

On their arrival at the shipyard of STX Shipbuilding, Chairman of STX Group Company Mr. Kang Duk Soo explained functions of the company and expressed his interest in shipbuilding and electricity sector of Myanmar.

The President invited him to invest in three special economic zones which are underway in Myanmar and to make a mutual cooperation in solar power generation for supply of electricity to rural areas, infrastructural development and dockyards. The STX Group chairman responded that he would like to make detailed studies in



President U Thein Sein views STX dockyard.—MNA

Myanmar.

Next, the President and party viewed round shipyard

and Pusan New Port International Terminal in Busan in a motorcade.

Based in the Republic of Korea, China and Europe, STX Shipbuilding Company established in 1962 manufactures cargo vessels, vessels used in offshore oil drilling, cruiseliners and

naval ships. It is the fourth largest shipbuilder in the ROK, investing 14.5 trillionwon in shipbuilding. The company has built 700 ships during the period of forty years in Busan and Jinhae. Apart from shipbuilding, it is dealing with the sectors of energy,

construction, heavy industry and renewable energy.

The President and party arrived back Incheon Airport by special flight in the afternoon and left for Myanmar via Bangkok in the evening.

The President and

delegation members were seen off at the airport by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the ROK and senior officials, Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Kim Hae Yong, Myanmar Ambassador to the ROK U Nyunt Hlaing, Military

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High tide warning in Yangon River

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct—The public are hereby informed that exceptionally high Spring of from 20.5 feet to 21.2 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period from 15th to 19th October 2012.

That it is not serious because the high tide have reached up to 21.7 feet high above datum in the year 2010 and 2011, and that the warning is issued only because high tide reaches over 20 feet high above datum, the Myanmar Port Authority announced.—MNA

Myanmar National Parasports Meet 20-25 Oct

YANGON, 11 Oct—Under the supervision of Ministry of Sports, Myanmar Parasports Federation will organize the 24th Myanmar National Parasports Meet in Yangon from 20 to 25 October.

The track & field event will be held at Aung San Stadium from 20 to 22 October, swimming at National Swimming Pool on U Wisara Road at 8 am on 23 October and table tennis at the table tennis hall at 1 pm the same day, volleyball at Aung San Gymnasium at 7 am on 24 October

Han Golf Masters Junior Golf Series 2012-2013 Golf tourney kicks off

YANGON, 11 Oct—First round of Han Golf Masters Junior Golf Series 2012-2013 Golf Tournament, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation (MGF) and mainly sponsored by Han Golf Masters Pte., Ltd, was held at Myanmar Golf Club (9th Mile), here, this morning.

Han Golf Masters Pte., Ltd CEO U Chan Han presented gift to Myanmar Golf Club through Secretary U Aung Pe. MGF Executive U Myat Khaing presented special prizes to Si Thu Aye and Aung Chit Min who won the Ne Nearest to the Pin awards. After that, Myanmar Golf Club Executive U Tin Win, MGF Executive U Ko Ko Lay, Han Golf Masters Pte., Ltd CEO U Chan Han and MGC Club Captain U Soe Win awarded the winners. Tournament sponsor is Aung Kanbo Trading Ltd and co-sponsor, Imperial Jade Purified Drinking Water.—MNA

and badminton at National Badminton Gymnasium on Kyongyi Road at 7 am, chess for the blind at the hall of Myanmar Chess Federation of Aung San Stadium from 21 to 24 October and golf at Tatmadaw Golf Club at 6.30 am on 25 October.—Kyemon

NATIONAL

Coord meeting on implementation of agreements between Union level Peace Making Group and Shan State Progressive Party held

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct— At the coordination meeting on implementation of agreements between Union level Peace Making Group and Shan State Progressive Party (SSPP) Peace Group yesterday afternoon, U Aung Min, Vice-Chairman of Union level Peace Making Work Committee, said that every citizen wants to enjoy their citizen's rights fully. they were here to make sure equality of all nationalities. It is required to inform grassroots of the results of the peace making meeting.

Vice-Chairman U Thein Zaw also said that the government would provide all nationalities who fled the

country. It is required to set up committee and work committees to carry out rehabilitation tasks effectively. He stressed the need for collaborative efforts for the success of these tasks.

General Secretary U Khun Hsaing of Shan State Progressive Party made a vow never to secede from the Union and pledged to join hand in hand with the government for achieving eternal peace without backsliding. Genuine Union spirit would be the basis for eternal peace, he added.

Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, Commanders Brig-Gen Aung Soe, Brig-Gen Min Naung,

committee of Shan State Progressive Party/ Shan State Army exchanged views on matters related to regional peace and stability and rehabilitation works.

Next, those present held comprehensive discussions on resettlement of over 3500 people including family members of Shan State Progressive Party/ Shan State Army in Mong Kaung sub-Township and Mongshu Township, tasks for livelihoods of family members, transportation, better living standards and regional development tasks and reclamation of vacant and virgin lands for cultivation of perennial trees



The coordination meeting on implementation of agreements between Union level Peace Making Group and Shan State Progressive Party (SSPP) Peace Group in progress.
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country due to various reasons with necessary assistances to be able to resume their livelihoods as peace and stability prevail in

Deputy Ministers Maj-Gen Zaw Win, U Ohn Than and U Aye Myint Maung, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo and members of central

and seasonal crops.

After reaching initial agreements with Shan State Progressive Party/ Shan State Army, the government will join hands with SSPP in perpetual peace process.

Next, The vice-chairmen and officials

handed over two power-tillers to be used in cultivation of alternative crops, farm equipment, paddy seeds and hybrid corns presented by the President and jackets by Union level Peace Making Committee to officials concerned.—MNA

MMCWA organizes welfare activities in Chin, Sagaing

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct—Chairperson of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Mon Mon Aung and CEC members went to Falam and Haka townships of Chin State and Kalay Township in Sagaing Region on 9 and 10 October to discuss and exchange views on function of the association with region/state maternal and child health care supervisory committees, making recommendation.

The chairperson and party visited Falam People's Hospital, Haka People's Hospital, Kalay People's Hospital, and labour centres of the association and donated medicines and cash assistance. They also visited kindergartens of the association, Parahita monasteries, nunneries, and homes for the aged and presented cash and clothes. The donation amounted to K 2 million. Member of executive board Daw Thet Thet Swe and joint-secretary-2 Daw Jo Jo San accompanied the chairperson on her tour.—MNA



On 9 October, 24 donors collectively donated Diathermy worth K 2137,000 to Mohnyin District Hospital through District Medical Supridetant Dr Thin Thin Hlaing.—NLM-001

Colour newspapers with new forms will be presented to the public soon for disseminating a wide range of knowledge as public servicing

Myanma Alin

The Mirror



The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Three newspapers will be published in colour in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay daily

Myanma Alin and the Mirror will be in circulation in Yangon every other week

Publication of all newspapers in colour will be in mid-December

There will be no change in prices. Agents are requested not to rise the original paper prices. Colour advertisements are invited.

Old and new agents and newspaper readers may give order to purchase newspapers to publishing houses

Political parties applied for registration

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct—Union Election Commission has been scrutinizing and allowing the formation of political parties to the UEC. Myanmar Farmers' Development Party has applied for registration as political party today.—MNA

FM felicitates Spanish Counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Joes Manuel Garcia-Margallo Y Marfil, Minister for Foreign Affairs & Cooperation of the Kingdom of Spain, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Spain, which falls on 12 October 2012.—MNA

Myanmar stands third in Asian Body-building and Physique Sports Championship

YANGON, 11 Oct—A Myanmar sports team participated in the 46th Asian Body-building and Physique Sports Championship held in Guangzhou of the People's Republic of China on 22 and 23 September.

Myanmar team secured the third prize and one prize of honour.

Over 250 contestants from 22 countries took part in the (up to 160 cm) model physique contest and Aye Aye Soe of Myanmar stood third. Wut Yi Phyo of Myanmar stood fifth as prize of honour.

Myanmar body-builder Soe Moe Aung could not stand any position in the men's 65-kilo event.

Myanma Alin

WORLD

Turkey briefly detains Syrian plane as tension heightens

Turkey

ISTANBUL, 11 Oct — Turkey scrambled fighters and briefly detained a Syrian passenger plane on Wednesday, suspecting it of carrying military equipment from Moscow, while Turkey's military chief warned of a more forceful response if shelling continued to spill over the border. Military jets escorted the Damascus-bound Airbus A-320, carrying around 30 passengers, into the airport in Ankara hours after Turkey's chief of staff said his troops would respond with greater force if bombardments from Syria kept hitting Turkish territory, Turkish state-run television said.

"We are determined to control weapons transfers to a regime that carries out such brutal massacres against civilians. It is unacceptable that such a transfer is made using our airspace," Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said. "Today we received information this plane was carrying cargo of a nature that could not possibly be in compliance with the rules of civil aviation," he said in Athens during an official visit, in comments broadcast live on Turkish television. The Turkish authorities had seized some of the cargo, Davutoglu told reporters later in televised remarks. He said Turkey was within its rights to investigate planes suspected of carrying military materials but declined to say what was in the seized cargo.—Reuters



A Syrian passenger plane which was forced to land sits at Esenboga airport in Ankara on 10 Oct, 2012. —REUTERS



Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney waves after speaking at a campaign stop at Bun's Restaurant in Delaware, Ohio on 10 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

Romney takes slight lead over Obama in presidential race

US

WASHINGTON, 11 Oct — Republican challenger Mitt Romney has pulled ahead of President Barack Obama in the race for the White House for the first time in more than a month and leads 45 percent to 44 percent among likely voters, according to a Reuters/Ipsos tracking poll released on Wednesday. With just under four weeks to go before the 6 November election, Romney's surge followed his strong performance against Obama in last week's debate and erased a jump in support that Obama had enjoyed following the 3-6 September Democratic National Convention.

The poll showed that voters have warmed to Romney across a range of policy issues following the debate. On Tuesday, the tracking poll had the two candidates tied at 45 percent. Obama had a steady lead in the daily tracking poll for most of September after the Democratic convention but Romney narrowed the gap after the debate and finally inched ahead on Wednesday. "We have always felt that this was going to be a very close election and the numbers now reflect that—they are head-to-head, which is where they'll remain, with some movement of course, until we hit Election Day," Clark said.

Romney gained significant ground against Obama among registered voters on a number of economic policy issues from 6-10 October, compared to the four-day period leading up to the 3 October debate on domestic policy. "Romney has made significant gains in terms of his perception with voters," Clark said. "He has really caught up to Obama on some key issues. The debate was perhaps the trigger, and the positive coverage Romney gained from the debate ... is also part of the explanation on this." Poll respondents said Romney was best placed to handle the US economy, help fix unemployment and deal with the federal deficit.

Romney's best showing against Obama was for his plan to tackle the federal deficit. A total of 39 percent of registered voters said Romney had a better approach to the deficit, compared to 27 percent for Obama. The two were tied at 33 percent on that issue before the debate.

While Obama lost some ground to Romney, poll respondents still said the president had the better approach on healthcare, the Social Security retirement program, the Medicare health insurance programme for the elderly and disabled, gay marriage and the fight against terrorism.—Reuters

Middle East

DAMASCUS, 11 Oct — The cross-border tension between Syria and Turkey, which has been gaining momentum since last week, is unlikely to amount to a full-fledged war between both countries, in part due to the willingness by both sides of avoiding a wider Middle East conflict, analysts said.

Syria is now facing both fierce fights with opposition rebels and border tension with Turkey, following the Turkish army's bombardment on some targets in Syria in retaliation to the Syrian shelling of a Turkish border town that killed five civilians during clashes between Syrian army and rebels on

Syria-Turkey border tension unlikely to evolve into war

border towns. The Turkish government said recently that it would not stand idle before such kinds of "provocations" from the Syrian regime, while the Turkish parliament authorized a mandate to approve cross-border military action into Syria in response to the death of five civilians. Turkey's Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said his country has no intention to start war in the region, but cautioned Damascus not to test Turkey's "limits and determination."

Syria also responded by saying that the border tension should be handled with "wisdom and prudence." Still, the border skirmishes

have continued for the ensuing six days but with no reports of casualties or injuries. With those facts in hand, Syrian analysts and political experts expressed conviction that the recent tension between both countries would not evolve into a war due to a brew of international political complications and worries over unleashing a wider Middle East conflict with regional powers in the mix. Hamdi al-Abdallah, a political expert, said a full-blown war is unlikely mainly because "such a war would have devastating repercussions not only on both countries but on the region

as a whole." "Both countries possess huge military capabilities that would deal great destruction on both of them," he told Xinhua in a phone interview. Another analyst, George Gabbour, also brushed off the war scenario, pointing out that Turkey has so many inner problems and issues to deal with which would prevent it from waging a war on Syria. "The recent border tension will not last for long," he told Xinhua. On his part, Farouq al-Hajji, a political activist, told Xinhua that the "picture is not nice on the borders due to the anticipation, anxiety and caution."—Xinhua

Venezuela's Chavez names Maduro vice-president

Venezuela

CARACAS, 11 Oct — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez named Foreign Minister and former bus driver Nicolas Maduro as his new vice president on Wednesday in a Cabinet shake-up following his comfortable re-election. Maduro, 49, replaces Elias Jaua, who will run for the governorship of Miranda state against defeated presidential candidate Henrique Capriles in the South American OPEC member's December gubernatorial elections.

An ex-union leader on the public bus service and foreign minister since 2006,

Maduro has long been seen as a possible successor to Chavez along with several other senior allies. He was frequently at his side in the most critical moments of Chavez's year of cancer treatment since mid-2011. The possibility of a recurrence of the disease hangs over Chavez despite a surprisingly vigorous campaign before his convincing 11-point win on Sunday.

Should Chavez's cancer reappear and force him out of office within the first four years of his six-year term, the vice president would serve temporarily as president before a new election. If



Venezuela's Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro attends a news conference in Caracas, in this 2 May, 2012 file photo.—REUTERS

Chavez left office in the final two years, the vice president would serve out the rest of the term. Chavez, 58, has ruled Venezuela since 1999.

Reuters

World Bank, ADB to write off Myanmar's overdue debt from Jan

TOKYO, 11 Oct — The Asian Development Bank and the World Bank, Myanmar's second and third largest creditors, will start writing off the Southeast Asian country's overdue debt to them in January, Japanese Finance Minister Koriki Jojima said on Thursday. Jojima made the remark at the start of a meeting of officials from Myanmar and its main creditors held in Tokyo to discuss how to settle roughly \$900 million in overdue debt to help the Southeast Asian country's economic development.

The meeting, hosted by Japan on the sidelines of the annual meetings of the World Bank and the International

Monetary Fund, is aimed at paving the way for the international community to start providing full-fledged development assistance to the long-isolated country. The settlement of Myanmar's debt to the World Bank and the ADB has been eagerly awaited by Japan, Myanmar's largest creditor. Tokyo has already agreed to settle Myanmar's roughly 500 billion yen debt to it but has yet to implement the relief programme. In his remark at the outset of the meeting, Jojima called for international support for Myanmar's economic development.

MNA/Kyodo News

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

UNSG Message on the International Day of the Girl Child 11 October 2012

Girls face discrimination, violence and abuse every day across the world. This alarming reality underpins the International Day of the Girl Child, a new global observance to highlight the importance of empowering girls and ensuring their human rights.

Investing in girls is a moral imperative – a matter of basic justice and equality. It is an obligation under the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. It is also critical for achieving the Millennium Development Goals, advancing economic growth and building peaceful, cohesive societies.

For this inaugural day, the United Nations is focusing on the issue of child marriage. Globally, around 1 in 3 young women aged 20 to 24 — approximately 70 million — were married before the age of 18. Despite a decline in the overall proportion of child brides in the last 30 years, the challenge persists, particularly in rural areas and among the poorest. If present trends continue, the number of girls who will marry by their 18th birthday will climb towards 150 million in the next decade.

Child marriage divorces girls from opportunity. It jeopardizes health, increases exposure to violence and abuse, and results in early and unwanted pregnancies – an often life-threatening risk. If a mother is under the age of 18, her infant's risk of dying in its first year of life is 60 per cent greater than that of an infant born to a mother older than 19.

Education for girls is one of the best strategies for protecting girls against child marriage. When they are able to stay in school and avoid being married early, girls can build a foundation for a better life for themselves and their families. And if they have already been married young, access to education, economic opportunities and health services — including HIV prevention and sexual and reproductive health — will help enrich their lives and enhance their future.

I urge Governments, community and religious leaders, civil society, the private sector, and families – especially men and boys, to promote the rights of girls, including through the relevant Conventions, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development. Let us be guided by the theme of today's observance – “my life, my right, end child marriage” – and let us do our part to let girls be girls, not brides.—UNIC/Yangon

Nobel for quantum “parlor trick” that Science could make super computers

STOCKHOLM, 11 Oct—A French and an American scientist won the Nobel Prize in physics on Tuesday for finding ways to measure quantum particles without destroying them, which

could make it possible to build a new kind of computer far more powerful than any seen before.

Serge Haroche of France and American David Wineland, both 68, found

ways to manipulate the very smallest particles of matter and light to observe strange behaviour that previously could only be imagined in equations and thought experiments. Wineland once described his own work as a “parlor trick” that performed the seemingly magical feat of putting an object in two places at once. Other scientists praised the achievements as bringing to life the wildest dreams of science fiction.

“The Nobel laureates have opened the door to a new era of experimentation with quantum physics by demonstrating the direct observation of individual quantum particles without destroying them,” said the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, which awarded them the 8 million crown (\$1.2 million) prize.



US physicist David Wineland talks about his experiment in his lab during a media tour after a news conference in Boulder, Colorado, after learning he and Serge Haroche of France were awarded the 2012 Nobel Prize in Physics, on 9 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

UK to issue guidelines on policing social media Tech

LONDON, 11 Oct— Britain's Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) is holding discussions on laws governing social media, with the aim of publishing guidelines by Christmas, after a flurry of cases concerning inflammatory Twitter and Facebook comments.

Police have expressed concern at the growing number of such cases they are being called on to investigate. This week alone, two people have been sentenced for social media offences. Teenager Matthew Woods was sentenced on Monday to 12 weeks in prison for offensive jokes on Facebook about missing Welsh five-year-old April Jones.

A day later Azhar Ahmed, 20, was given 240 hours of community service after writing “all soldiers should die and go to hell” on Facebook following the death of six British soldiers in Afghanistan.

The CPS has invited academics, media lawyers, bloggers and the police to participate in a month-long discussion.—Reuters

International Day of the Girl Child 2012 Executive Directors of UNICEF, UNFPA and UN Women 11 October 2012

October 11 marks the inaugural International Day of the Girl Child. This day focuses attention on the need to address the challenges girls face, promote their empowerment and fulfil their human rights.

This year we have come together to focus on child marriage.

Child marriage is a violation of human rights, and it is prevalent in several regions of the world, particularly in rural areas and among the most disadvantaged communities. Globally, around 1 in 3 (or approximately 70 million) young women aged 20–24 in developing countries (excluding China) were married before their 18th birthday.

The consequences of child marriage are as serious as they are wide-ranging. Girls are not only at risk of early and unwanted pregnancies, but the complications associated with pregnancy and child-birth are among the leading causes of death for girls aged 15–19 worldwide.

Child brides are also more likely to experience discrimination and violence. Too often, they have little or no ability to leave abusive partners and secure the social and legal support they need to improve their situation.

The collective burdens of housework, childcare and family pressure can often prevent or prematurely end the education of a child bride. While girls with low levels of education are more likely to be married early, those with secondary education are up to six times less likely to marry as children, and more likely to send their own children to school.

Education is one of the best strategies to protect girls against child marriage and provide them with the opportunity to build a better life for themselves, their families and their communities.

If we can end child marriage, we can change the lives of girls everywhere. We can help them enjoy their childhoods; enrol them in school; protect them from complicated pregnancies and births. We can keep girls safe. And as we do all of this, we help break the cycle of intergenerational poverty.

We call on governments, civil society organizations, the private sector, faith-based groups and the international community to accelerate efforts to:

- * Enforce legislation to increase the minimum age of marriage for girls to 18;
- * Improve equal access to quality primary and secondary education;
- * Mobilize girls, boys, parents and leaders to change discriminatory gender norms and create alternative social, economic and civic opportunities for girls;
- * Support girls who are already married by providing them with options for schooling, sexual and reproductive health information and services, including HIV prevention, livelihoods skills and recourse from violence in the home;
- * Address the root causes of child marriage, including violence against girls and women.

We must galvanize political commitment and dedicate resources for girls to realize their rights and fulfil their potential. Together we can end child marriage.—UNIC/Yangon

“Perhaps the quantum computer will change our everyday lives in this century in the same radical way as the classical computer did in the last century.”

Physics is the second of this year's crop of awards; scientists from Britain and Japan shared the first prize on Monday, in medicine, for adult stem cell research. The prizes, which reward achievements in science, literature and peace, were first awarded in 1901 in accordance with the will of Swedish dynamite millionaire Alfred Nobel.

“This year's Nobel Prize recognizes some of the most incredible experimental tests of the weirder aspects of quantum mechanics,” said Jim Al-Khalili, professor of physics at the University of Surrey in Britain.—Reuters

Lenovo knocks HP off top of global PC market Tech

SAN FRANCISCO, 11 Oct— China's Lenovo Group Ltd edged out Silicon Valley icon Hewlett-Packard Co to become the world's No 1 PC maker in the third quarter, according to new data released by research house Gartner on Wednesday.



The ThinkPad maker Lenovo's logo is seen at an electronic shop in Tokyo on 5 Sept, 2012. REUTERS

A rival to Gartner, IDC, still ranks HP in the lead — but by less than half a percentage point — in terms of PC shipments worldwide. But both studies reinforce HP's struggles against rivals as new CEO Meg Whitman tries to overhaul the stalled 73-year-old company.

Worldwide shipments of personal computers fell over 8 percent last quarter, according to both research firms, which blamed myriad factors including retailers and vendors ridding themselves of older inventory ahead of the launch of Microsoft's Windows 8 operating system, the growing popularity of mobile gadgets like tablets, and a slowing economy.

PC demand growth has crumbled over the past year as more consumers flock to ultra-portable and increasingly powerful tablets and smartphones for basic computing.

Both sets of data show that Lenovo, Acer and other Asian PC makers are taking share away from US competitors HP and Dell, which held on to the No 3 spot in the quarter.

Reuters



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

BUSINESS & HEALTH

UK lawmaker splashes out on English sparkling wine *Business*



Former Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party, Lord Ashcroft (C), listens as London Mayor Boris Johnson delivers his keynote speech at the Conservative Party conference in Birmingham, central England on 9 Oct, 2012.— REUTERS

LONDON, 11 Oct — Conservative Party deputy controversial former chairman Lord Ashcroft on

Wednesday uncorked plans to tap into Britain's burgeoning sparkling wine industry. The multi-millionaire member of the House of Lords aims to produce 400,000 bottles a year from vineyards in southern England, where growers have earned a reputation for high quality fizz on a par with French Champagne.

Ashcroft's AIM-listed shell company Shellproof Limited said it was looking to acquire 150 acres of vineyards and to build its own winery towards the end of 2014. Ashcroft, who has close ties to Belize in central America and has been a long-time donor to the Conservative

Party, was embroiled in recent years in a row about his fiscal status as it was revealed he was not a full UK tax payer when he joined the House of Lords in 2000.

English bubbly, at 1.4 million bottles, accounts for only around 1 percent of sales of sparkling wine in Britain but is proving increasingly popular with cash-strapped Britons. Demand was boosted by Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee celebrations and the Olympics, according to supermarkets Tesco and Sainsbury, which retail bottles between 10 and 30 pounds. French Champagne can fetch more than 40 pounds a bottle.— Reuters

US sets steep final duties on Chinese solar panels *Business*

WASHINGTON, 11 Oct—The United States on Wednesday set steep final duties on billions of dollars of solar energy products from China, but turned down a request from lawmakers and US manufacturers to expand the scope of its order.

Chinese solar manufacturers criticized the decision, adding more heat to the US-China trade relationship following a congressional panel report on Monday urging American companies not to do business with two Chinese telecommunications companies because of security concerns. Unilateral trade barriers will not make any one company more competitive, but will make solar less competitive against other forms of electricity generation," said EL "Mick" McDaniel, managing director of Suntech America, a division of one of China's biggest solar manufacturers.

The Commerce Department said Chinese companies were "dumping" solar cells and panels in the United States at prices 18.32 percent to 249.96 percent below fair value, although some

individual companies received lower anti-dumping duty rates than in a preliminary decision earlier this year. The department also set additional countervailing duties ranging from 14.78 to 15.97 percent to combat Chinese government subsidies, significantly higher than preliminary levels. The United States imported about \$3.1 billion worth of solar cells and panels from China in 2011, although that figure contains some product not covered by the investigation. In a related decision that disappointed US producers and cheered US companies that install solar panels, the department turned down pleas to expand the scope of its order to include Chinese panels (or modules) made with non-Chinese solar cells. Timothy Brightbill, outside attorney for SolarWorld Industries Americas, the driving force behind the US case, said the company would continue to aggressively pursue that issue in the hopes of a more favourable ruling. "In our view, all Chinese cells and all Chinese modules are dumped and subsidized," Brightbill said.— Reuters



An employee walks on solar panels at a solar power plant in Aksu, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region on 18 May, 2012.—REUTERS

Mental care for senior citizens "faces challenges" *Health*

BEIJING, 11 Oct — Mental healthcare for the elderly faces a number of challenges if it is to meet government targets, a senior health official said on Wednesday. About 13 percent of the population are at least 60 years old. A 40 percent detection rate for the first stage of mental illness is set out in the 12th Five-Year Plan (2011-15) but a lack of standard procedures means this will be difficult to meet, Kong Lingzhi, deputy director of the bureau of disease control and prevention at the Ministry of Health said on Wednesday, World Mental Health Day.

China's health authorities have not yet set

standard procedures for screening early-stage dementia, she said. Cost is also a factor that needs consideration, Kong said. "Early-stage diagnosis is, obviously, important.

The more people screened the better. However, it can be costly," she said. "We have to consider which age groups are suitable for screening."

In research carried out in 1997, Zhang Zhenxin, a neurologist at Peking Union Medical College Hospital, found that of the 34,000 people older than 55 screened in Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai and Chengdu, 1,141 had dementia.

The survey interviewed families and caregivers of 405

dementia sufferers, and found only 93 had sought medical treatment after showing symptoms. Only 25 had been correctly diagnosed.

The majority believed that there was no need to treat dementia as they considered it a natural phase of life for the elderly, the survey showed. Lack of screening facilities for grassroots healthcare providers is to blame for the "rather low" rate of early dementia diagnosis in China, according to Tang Zhe, a professor of gerontology at Beijing's Xuanwu Hospital.

"Usually people go to hospital only because they have severe dementia," Tang said. "We need to develop

simple methods for preliminary examination for community healthcare centres, and train specialists to do the regular screening there, so that patients can find out about their condition in time." He also warned that dementia is an illness that requires early treatment.

"Families of elderly people tend to mistake dementia for a natural state of aging, particularly in the early stages," said Shang Lan, a specialist in elderly mental healthcare at Beijing's Huilongguan Hospital. According to the 12th Five-Year Plan (2011-15), the number of people aged 60 or older will increase to 16 percent of the population in 2015.

"Psychiatric departments in China offer 1.58 beds for every 10,000 people, while the global average is 4.36 beds per 10,000 people," said Kong. "Also, our specialists are in short supply."

Reuters

After BAE-EADS — small deals, not mega-mergers *Business*

WASHINGTON, NEW YORK, 11 Oct — The collapse of the proposed merger between BAE Systems Plc and EADS will shift the focus to smaller deals among global weapons makers as companies strive to keep revenue rising in the face of cuts in military spending by the United States and Europe. Industry executives and bankers do not see other mega-deals on the horizon for now, after the \$45 billion UK-French-German talks collapsed on Wednesday. The failure showed how easily a deal of that scale can be derailed by competing interests of different countries, despite commercial logic.

Instead, major defence companies likely will focus on possible combinations with smaller players such as Rockwell Collins, L-3 Communications Holdings Inc, SAIC Inc, ITT Exelis and Harris Corp, according to interviews with more than a dozen industry executives and

bankers. "None of the big players in the global defence industry seem inclined to do mega-mergers similar to the BAE-EADS proposal," said Loren Thompson, a Washington-based defence consultant who has advised BAE's US unit and its competitors."

The American companies are all at a place where they're not eager to grow in defence and are basically trying to secure their base, while the overseas companies have been

chastened in watching the BAE-EADS transaction falter." It is also unlikely that big US prime defence contractors would bid for BAE Systems, even though the company is considered potentially "in play" after the failed merger, because of the potential complexity, these people said. EADS said it would continue its aggressive hunt for takeover targets and alliances, especially with US partners, though on a smaller scale than the BAE deal.—Reuters



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

Stroke becoming more common in young Americans *Health*

WASHINGTON, 11 Oct—Stroke may be affecting American people at a younger age, according to a study published online Wednesday in Neurology, the medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology.

"The reasons for this trend could be a rise in risk factors such as diabetes, obesity and high cholesterol," said study author Brett Kissela, with the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in Ohio. "Other factors, such as improved diagnosis through the increased use of MRI imaging may also be contributing."

For the study, researchers looked at

occurrences of strokes in people between the ages 20 and 54 in the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area during three separate, one year-long periods between July of 1993 and June of 1994, and the calendar years of 1999 and 2005. Only first ever strokes were included in the analysis.

The study found that the average age of people who experienced stroke fell from 71 years in 1993 and 1994 to 69 years in 2005. In addition, the study found that strokes among people under 55 made up a greater percentage of all strokes over time, growing from about 13 percent in 1993-94 to 19 percent in 2005. The

stroke rate in young people increased from 83 strokes per 100,000 people in 1993-94 to 128 per 100,000 in 2005 in African-Americans, and from 26 strokes per 100,000 people in 1993-94 to 48 per 100,000 in 2005 in Caucasians.

"The good news is that some of the possible contributing factors to these strokes can be modified with lifestyle changes, such as diet and exercise," said Kissela. "However, given the increase in stroke among those younger than 55, younger adults should see a doctor regularly to monitor their overall health and risk for stroke and heart disease."

Xinhua

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Six insurgents killed in eastern Afghan operations

Afghanistan

KABUL, 11 Oct — Afghan forces and the NATO-led coalition troops have killed six militants in operations launched in eastern Afghan provinces with a 24-hour period, the NATO-led coalition forces said on Wednesday.

“Afghan and coalition forces killed six insurgents, detained five, located a weapons cache and cleared eight improvised explosive devices (IEDs) during operations in eastern Afghanistan throughout the past 24 hours,” the coalition’s Regional Command-East (RC-E) said in a statement.

The operations were launched in eastern Ghazni, Logar, Paktika and the neighbouring Khost provinces, it said. Operations in RC-East are still ongoing, it said.

Taliban militants, who have been waging an insurgency of more than one decade, have often attacked Afghan and about 100,000 NATO-led forces with IEDs and roadside bombs but the lethal weapons also inflict casualties on civilians. At least, three civilians and a policeman were killed and five other people were wounded in separate IED attacks across the country on Tuesday. — *Xinhua*

FedEx seeks \$1.7 billion profit improvement over four years

US



A FedEx delivery truck is seen in New York City, on 16 Dec, 2010. — *REUTERS*

NEW YORK, 11 Oct — FedEx Corp said on Tuesday it plans to sharply cut costs at its underperforming express air freight and services divisions, seeking to improve profits at those operations by \$1.7 billion over the next four years. The world’s second-largest package delivery company last month cut its 2013 profit forecast, blaming a growing shift by corporate customers to shipping goods by sea rather than air due in part to increases in jet fuel prices and in part to slowing economic growth.

“We intend to improve annual profitability substantially in our FedEx Express segment,” Chief Executive Fred Smith said, speaking at a dinner with investors and analysts in Memphis that was broadcast over the Internet. He said the benefits of those efforts would start to show next year, adding that the profit improvements, which will be mainly due to cost cuts, should all come by the end of fiscal 2016, with a significant portion of that occurring the year before.

The total does not include expected profit gains at the company’s freight and ground divisions. Cost cuts had been flagged after its quarterly earnings last month and further details will be laid out at an all-day investor meeting. Smith also told investors he intended to raise

dividends in the year to come. FedEx, which competes with larger rival United Parcel Service Inc, saw its profit in the first quarter for the 2013 year take a hit from the performance of FedEx’s express segment. The segment’s operating earnings fell 28 percent, with US package deliveries down 5 percent.

FedEx shares closed down about 1 percent at \$85.58 on Tuesday. The share price ticked up to \$86.60 in after-hours trading. The stock has gained about 2 percent this year, slightly ahead of UPS shares, which are flat. Both stocks, however, have lagged the wider S&P 500 index. CEO Fred Smith founded FedEx in 1971 as an air shipper, but today the company also moves a large amount of goods by truck. — *Reuters*



A woman holds her child as she waits in line to receive aid donated by the Turkish government in Kabul on 5 March, 2012. — *REUTERS*

Man charged with defacing Rothko painting in London

UK

LONDON, 11 Oct — A Polish man has been charged with criminal damage after a painting by Russian-American artist Mark Rothko was defaced in London’s Tate Modern museum, police said on Tuesday. Włodzimierz Umaniec, 26, who is also known as Vladimir Umanets, is accused of damaging Rothko’s 1958 canvas “Black on Maroon” on Sunday.

The words “Vladimir Umanets, a potential piece of yellowism” were daubed in

black onto the bottom-right corner of the painting. Witnesses said a man calmly approached the Rothko painting in the Tate before marking it. The museum said it would be repaired by an in-house team of experts.

Rothko, a key figure in 20th century abstract painting whose works sell at auction for tens of millions of dollars, was commissioned to paint the Seagram Murals in the 1950s for the Four Seasons restaurant in New York. Several of them ended up in the Tate

collection after being given as gifts, and Tate describes the series of soft-edged, coloured rectangles as “iconic”.

In May, Rothko’s “Orange, Red, Yellow” sold for \$86.9 million, a new auction record for the artist, at Christie’s in New York. Police said Umaniec was due to appear at London’s Camberwell Green Magistrates’ Court on Wednesday charged with one count of criminal damage in excess of 5,000 pounds.

Reuters

London art bonanza looks to past to bolster future

Art

the hullabaloo.

But unlike previous editions, the 11-14 October fair this year comes with a separate Frieze Masters event featuring 96 galleries offering works from across the last 4,000 years.

The reasons for the shift are both commercial and cultural. Organizers and exhibiting galleries are hoping for more crossover business between contemporary art collectors and those more interested in older works.

They also want to explore art’s relationship with the past, representing an acceptance that what came before should be appreciated as well as challenged by iconoclastic young artists.

“I suppose what makes it interesting is what’s come out of conversations with contemporary artists,” said Victoria Siddall, director of the new fair. “It becomes apparent that a lot of them are looking at works that were made a long time ago.”

“All galleries are interested in meeting new clients,” she told *Reuters*. “There are old master and contemporary galleries, and I hope there will be a crossover. It would be great to broaden people’s horizons in terms of what they collect.”

That crossover is already happening. Among the most



Visitors look at Raphael’s “Auxiliary cartoon for the Head of a Young Apostle from 1519-1520 which has an estimated value of £10 to £15 million (US\$16 - \$24 million) at Sotheby’s London on 8 Oct, 2012. — *Reuters*

coveted clients for auction houses and galleries are so-called “Medici”-style buyers who acquire art across different periods and genres. Sotheby’s said 30 percent of buyers at its old master drawing sales had also bought art at its contemporary auctions, compared with seven percent in 2007. It is no coincidence that it is displaying Raphael’s 1519 “Head of an Apostle”, which is worth up to \$24 million, alongside Jackson Pollock, Francis Bacon and Gerhard Richter at its London headquarters this week.

Artists are also embracing Frieze’s shift to the past. The fair has organized a series of conversations bringing together leading contemporary artists with

Pakistan Five killed in US drone strike in North Waziristan of Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 11 Oct — At least five people were killed in a US drone strike launched early Wednesday morning in Pakistan’s northwest tribal area of North Waziristan, reported local media.

Local Urdu TV channel Geo quoted unidentified sources as saying that four missiles were fired by US drones at a living compound suspected of being a militant hideout in the Mir Ali area of North Waziristan in the wee hours of Wednesday, killing at least five suspected militants.

Identities of the killed are not known at this moment. According to *Xinhua*’s tally, Wednesday’s strike is the 32nd of its kind (counted on daily basis) in 2012. So far this year at least 227 people have been killed in such strikes.

Xinhua

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US security at Benghazi consulate insufficient

US

WASHINGTON, 11 Oct— The American security presence at the Benghazi consulate which was under fierce attacks on 11 September was insufficient, US security officers who had worked in Libya told a congressional hearing on Wednesday. It was

abundantly clear that we were not going to get resources until the aftermath of an incident," Eric Nordstrom, a former US regional security officer in Libya, told a special hearing of the House Oversight and Government Reform committee.

"And the question that

we would ask is, again, how thin does the ice have to get before someone falls through?" he said. The attacks on the US consulate in Benghazi on the night of 11 September, which resulted in the deaths of US Ambassador to Libya Christopher Stevens and three of his staff, shocked the United States. Amid the presidential campaign season, the attacks have turned into a partisan bickering. The Republicans accuse the State Department of being caught unprepared for the assault, while the Democrats criticize their opponents for conducting one-sided investigation on this matter.

Nordstrom told the hearing that he had asked a regional director for 12 more security personnel. But he said: "His response to that was 'You're asking for the sun, moon and the stars.'" Andrew Wood, another security officer who was in charge of the security team based in Tripoli from mid February to mid August, echoed Nordstrom's view.

"We were fighting a losing battle. We were not even allowed to keep what we had," Wood said. "The security in Benghazi was a struggle and remained a struggle throughout my time there," he added.

Two State Department officials defended the administration against charges that the department has not installed enough security personnel at the Benghazi consulate. "In the end, this is an inherently risky operation. We cannot withdraw always to fortresses," Patrick Kennedy, the under secretary of state for management, told the hearing. "But an attack of that kind of lethality... we're never going to have enough guns," he argued. Charlene Lamb, the State Department official in charge of diplomatic security, said the attacks on Benghazi consulate were "unprecedented in size and intensity." "We had the correct number of assets in Benghazi at the time of 9/11 for what had been agreed upon," she said. — Xinhua



(L to R) Lt Col Andrew Wood, Utah National Guard of the US Army, Eric Nordstrom, Regional Security Officer of the US Department of State, Charlene R Lamb, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Programmes of the Bureau of Diplomatic Security of the US Department of State, and Patrick Kennedy, Under Secretary for Management of the US Department of State, testify on the Security Failures of Benghazi before the US House Oversight and Government Reform Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington DC, capital of the United States, on 10 Oct, 2012. — XINHUA

Canadian naval officer pleads guilty to spying for Russia **Canada**

OTTAWA, 11 Oct — A Canadian naval intelligence officer pleaded guilty on Wednesday to handing over secrets to Russia in a four-year espionage operation that involved access to a computer network shared with the United States and other allies, according to media reports. The Canadian government, noting that proceedings were still subject to a publication ban, gave no details of the evidence against Sub-Lieutenant Jeffrey Paul Delisle. It confirmed that he had pleaded guilty to espionage.

But some Canadian media outlets published extensive details from previous proceedings in a Nova Scotia provincial court. Delisle worked at an intelligence

facility at the naval dockyard in Halifax, Nova Scotia, with access to secret data from NATO. The Canadian Broadcasting Corp said Delisle walked into the Russian Embassy in Ottawa in 2007, asked to meet someone from the GRU, Russia's military intelligence organization, and offered to sell it secrets. *The Globe and Mail* newspaper said Delisle had "offered to betray his country for cash."

The two media outlets said Delisle earned about C\$3,000 a month from his Russian spy masters by gathering information on a computer system known as Stone Ghost. It links information from the United States, Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. Delisle



Jeffrey Paul Delisle leaves the courtroom after his bail hearing at the provincial court in Halifax, Nova Scotia on 30 March, 2012. — REUTERS

would go to work armed with a thumb drive, download information from the system and deliver it to the Russians on a monthly basis, they said. The CBC said Delisle wanted to end the relationship with the Russians in 2009, but chose

not to after his handlers sent him a picture of his daughter walking to school. Shortly after, he was told to meet his GRU handler in Brazil where he was given \$50,000 in debit cards and cash, it said.

Reuters

US, Israel to launch massive air defence drill **Israel**

JERUSALEM, 11 Oct — The US and Israeli militaries are engaged in final preparations for the largest-ever joint missile defence drill in the allies' history. The three-week exercise, dubbed Austere Challenge 12 (AC12), will start on 21 October, *The Jerusalem Post* reported on Wednesday, citing an army source. American officers are reportedly already in Israel to supervise the arrival of hundreds of troops and hi-tech weapon platforms on 14 October, according to local media. An estimated 3,000 soldiers are expected to take part in the drill, which aims to simulate responses to overlapping Iranian and Syrian strikes on Israel involving hundreds of missiles. One of the drill's objectives is to facilitate the rapid deployment of US missile defense systems to Israel and test their ability to operate in conjunction with the Israeli systems in the event of a conflict, according to *The Jerusalem Post*.

The joint maneuvers will culminate with a live interception of a Patriot missile, the report said. The Israeli military declined to divulge details on the systems that will be participating in the drill. The Israelis, however, are expected to field their gamut of aerial defence systems, including the revamped Arrow 2 ballistic missile interceptor and Iron Dome, a system designed to shoot down short-range rockets, among others. The Americans are expected to provide the Patriot Advanced Capability 3 system and the Aegis naval ballistic missile defenses, and possibly the Terminal High-Altitude Area Defence system (THAAD).

Earlier this year, AC12, which was originally scheduled for April, was postponed at the request of Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak, who cited budget constraints. "This was not a last-minute announcement. I consulted with my US counterpart on the matter," Barak told Army Radio at the time. While both governments had previously praised the drill as a testament to their unshakeable ties, the United States in early September announced its decision to significantly scale down its participation — from 5,000 troops to some 1,500. The Pentagon also said that the Patriot systems will arrive in Israel without their crews and that it will send just one Aegis Ballistic Missile Defence warship instead of two. — Xinhua



A man performs at the New Zealand pavilion during the 64th Frankfurt Book Fair in Frankfurt, western Germany, on 10 Oct, 2012. The event kicked off on Wednesday and featured New Zealand as the guest of honour. — XINHUA

US households to pay much more for heating as colder winter returns **US**

HOUSTON, 11 Oct — US households will spend much more for heating oil and natural gas this winter as forecasters predict that temperatures will return to "roughly normal" compared with the unusually warm weather last year, according to a government report on Wednesday.

Energy Department's Energy Information Administration (EIA) said in its winter fuels outlook report that US households will spend 407 US dollars, or 19 percent, more this winter than last winter for heating oil, and 89 dollars, or 15 percent, more for natural gas from October through March next year.

"It is going to be colder than last year, and as a result of that, heating bills are going to be higher," said Adam Sieminski, administrator of the EIA. About half of US households use natural gas as their main heating source, 6 percent of the households use heating oil, while 38 percent of the households use electricity as heating source, according to the EIA.

Household natural gas heating demand this winter is expected to be up nearly 14 percent, heating oil up 17 percent, electricity up 8 percent, and propane up 17 percent, according to the EIA report. — Xinhua

Brent crude price to average 103 USD per barrel in 2013:

EIA **Energy**

HOUSTON, 11 Oct — Brent crude, a benchmark for the global oil price, will fall to an average of 103 US dollars per barrel in 2013, according to a report released on Wednesday by the US Energy Department. The department's Energy Information Administration (EIA) in its monthly report forecast that Brent crude price will average 111 dollars per barrel for the fourth quarter of 2012. The EIA expected global inventory builds in the first half of 2013 to reach higher levels relative to the same period in 2012, mostly due to an increase in non-OPEC supply. The biggest area of non-OPEC growth will be in the US and Canada. US output will increase 7.5 percent to 10.9 million barrels a day this year and 5 percent to 11.44 million in 2013, according to the report.

Canada's production was expected to rise 8.3 percent to 3.9 million barrels per day in 2012 and 4.9 percent to 4.09 million barrels per day in 2013. The EIA expected global oil consumption this year to be 89.09 million barrels a day. World consumption will climb 1 percent to 90.01 million barrels in 2013, the agency said. — Xinhua



China Coast Guard vessels patrol in the sea of Dalian, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 10 Oct, 2012. The Liaoning Coast Guard has intensified patrol in the Huanghai and Bohai seas to guarantee the safety and maritime order during the autumn fishing period. — XINHUA

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 12 October, 2012

Media's role

The World countries are amazed by Myanmar's recent reforms and changes. It is an undeniable fact that there are floods of progress and positive changes since the government is in office. The period of transition to democracy may be short or long, based on the knowledge of its citizens and the stakeholders. During this period, media coverage may create mutual understandings, trust and amity between stakeholders. On the other hands, it may also cause misunderstandings, suspicion and hatred.

Because of the importance of journalism in society, most members of the fourth estate abide by certain professional and personal ethics. Many journalists attempt to cultivate an air of neutrality, focusing on reporting of the issues as they are so that people can judge the facts for themselves, while others focus on offering commentary and analysis from the perspective of a particular position. Journalists are to be careful as a whole to protect the integrity of the press, protecting sources, verifying information before publication, and using a variety of other techniques to convey a trustworthy appearance to the public, encouraging people to put their faith in the press.

The ethics of fourth estate plays an important part. It acts as a watchdog, as a gatekeeper and instrument to disseminate necessary information, and more popularly, as a reflection of cultural interests and trends, strengthen the check and balance of three estates, publicize the performance of each estate, reflect the practicable wills of people, educate knowledge of all estates and the citizens. Mass media have a basic responsibility to help strengthen and support democratic processes.

Establishment of private companies stressed in Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct— Going through the reform process in the country, establishment of private companies plays some part of creating job opportunities. So those private companies could accomplish their work, they are to firmly enact rules and regulations and follow advice from the receptive organizations, stressed Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai as he was present at the work coordinating meeting on establishment of private companies at the meeting hall (2) of the Kachin State government's office yesterday morning.—MNA

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President U Thein Sein holds discussion with Chairman of STX Group Mr Kang Duk Soo.—MNA

ROK's STX shows interests...

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Attaché Col Win Maung and staff and families of the embassy and military attaché office.

On their arrival at Suvarnabhumi International Airport in Bangkok, the President and members were welcomed by the director-general of East Asia Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand and officials, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Tin Win, Military Attaché Col Win Maung and staff and families



of the embassy and military attaché office.

President U Thein Sein being seen off at Innchun Airport by officials.

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Coord meeting on Kalay Region Development held

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct— In his speech at the coordination meeting on development of Kalay region held at the hall of Kalay Township General Administration Department yesterday, Union Minister at President Office U Hla Tun said development of Chin State was important due to its location which is adjacent to the



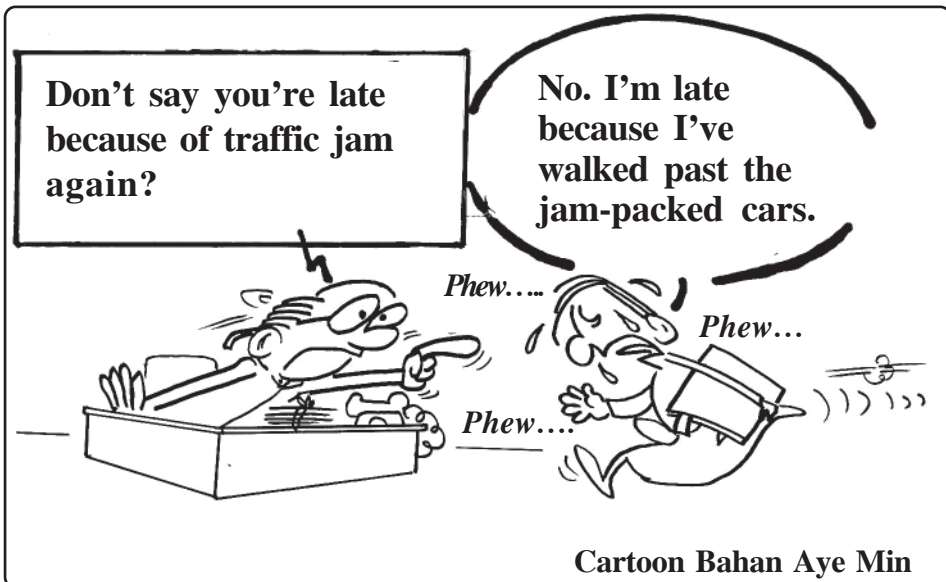
Union Minister U Hla Tun attends coordination meeting on development of Kalay region.—MNA

neighbouring country. Economic opportunities would be created in accord with the inflow of foreign investments. Local businessmen had to strive for enjoying such opportunities without fail. Service personnel, in their part, had to try hard to be reliable ones who take care

of the interest of the people. Next, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin gave an account of health matters and Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint, matters related to development of livestock breeding sector. Then the Union ministers visited fish farm

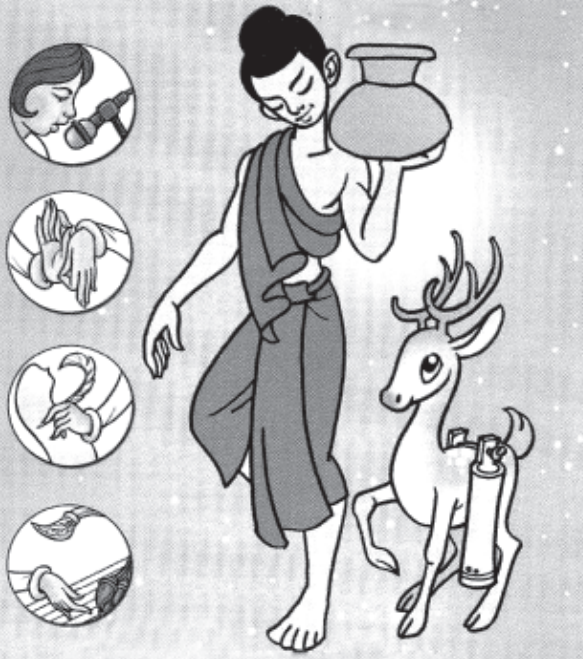
of U Kyaw Hla in Natgyikon village-tract in the township. Union Ministers U Hla Tun and U Ohn Myint together with Sagaing Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Myint Thein met with staff, townsenders and breeders in Kalewa yesterday morning.

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Cartoon Bahan Aye Min

19th Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition 2012



From 15 to 26 October Naing Lin Aung

Rural Development Bank ready for rural development tasks



Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay unveils signboard of Rural Development Bank.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct—The former Development Bank Ltd was renamed as Rural Development Bank in a ceremony held at the bank in Thiri Yadana Hypermarket here this morning.

Managing Director of the bank U Khin Latt explained why the bank was renamed and Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay unveiled the signboard of the bank. The bank established with the funds of township development affairs committee for rural development tasks is engaged in savings, loans, money transfer, safe deposit boxes service and foreign exchange dealing. The 25 per cent of the profit is provided for development tasks of

80 per cent of visual impairment treatable

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct—There are 39 millions of persons who suffered from blindness and 246 from visual impairment in the world in 2012, predicted the World Health Organization which said 80 per cent of the impaired vision is preventable and treatable thanks to the developing technologies. In addition, 90 per cent of those with impaired vision live in developing countries.

Therefore, the World Health Organization launched Vision 2020: The Right to Sight programme on 30 September, 1999. The primary objective of the programme is to eliminate avoidable blindness and visual impairment by 2020. It also announced the designation of second Thursday of October as World Sight Day.

The Ministry of Health and the WHO jointly observed

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Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker meets Israeli Ambassador to Myanmar



Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa holds talks with Israeli Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Hagay Moshe Behar.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct— The meeting between Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa and Israeli Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Hagay Moshe Behar focused on matters related to bilateral cooperation between Myanmar-Israel parliaments, as well as further cementing relationships between the two

countries.

Present on the occasion were Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Accounts Committee U Maung Toe, Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission Member U Than Tun and officials concerned from the Hluttaw Office.—MNA

News in Brief

Poverty Alleviation and Economic Development Workshop held

The workshop on decent work as a tool for Poverty Alleviation and Economic Development took place at Mount Pleasant Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on 9 October morning, with an address by Union Minister for Labour U Maung Myint.

Hotels in Mandalay, PyinOoLwin inspected

Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung inspected Mandalay Hill Resort Hotel and Ayeyawady River View Hotel in Mandalay on 8 October and addressed conclusion of hotel service course No 8 at Hsulab Thakhin Hotel in PyinOoLwin on 9 October.

School upgraded, rural road opened

Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint and Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye attended the ceremony to upgrade Basic Education High School in Saibyin Village of Dabayin Township and 8 miles and four furlongs long Saibyin-Myayek-Shwedwingon Abaya rural road in Dabayin Township on 8 October.

Dy L&F Minister meets Singaporean Senior Minister

Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye met Senior Minister of State Mr Lee Yi Shyan and party of Ministry of Commerce and Industry of Singapore at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw on 9 September and discussed trade promotion, solving of meat export barrier and direct export of value-added fish to Singapore.

Free dental and oral health care provided

Pa-O Self-Administered Zone Leading Body and Myanmar Dental Medicine Council jointly gave free dental and oral health care services to the local people in Hsihseng Township on 8 and 9 October.

regions and states yearly, and 2039. 147 million kyats was contributed in 2011-2012 fiscal year alone.

In addition as part of poverty alleviation work, 23377.74 million kyats has been loaned to shopkeepers at markets under the management of Township Development Committee and Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee and 2068.84 million kyats to hawkers, totaling 25446.58 million kyats at low interest rate. The bank has earned K 4000 million gross profit till the first half of this fiscal year and projected K 6000 million profit at the end of the fiscal year for rural development tasks.

MNA

World Sight Day 2012 at the ministry here this morning. Speaking on the occasion Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin said Myanmar launched National Vision 2020 programme on 10 October in 2000. The prime objective of the programme is to eliminate preventable and treatable blindness by 2020 and to reduce the rate of blindness below 0.5 per cent.

The Union Minister added that thanks to the efforts of all eye care centres and blindness prevention planning departments, surgical operation was given to over 98,000 persons with glaucoma nationwide in 2012.

Next, Resident Representative of World Health Organization Dr HSB Tennakoon gave a speech. The theme of this year's World Sight Day is "Countdown to 2020".—MNA

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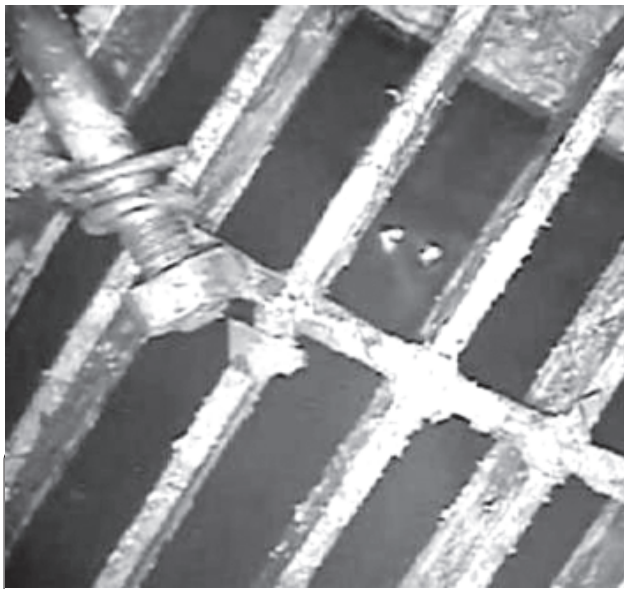
Water level in Fukushima No 1 reactor higher than expected

Japan

TOKYO, 11 Oct—The operator of the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant said Wednesday the water level inside the No 1 reactor's primary containment vessel is higher than expected.

Tokyo Electric Power Co spokesman Masayuki Ono said following its latest survey that it is difficult to accurately determine where melted fuel inside the vessel is located, but stressed that the utility does not expect to change its plan for decommissioning the reactor.

During the investigation conducted Wednesday, workers found the surface of the water was around 2.8 meters from the bottom of the flask-shaped vessel, about 80 centimeters higher than expected.—*Kyodo*



A still from a video shows a loose bolt resting on the grated walkway above the accumulated water in the PCV of Fukushima Daiichi unit 1.—*Kyodo*

Five confirmed dead in E China colliery gas accident

Accident

HEFEI, 11 Oct — Five people have been confirmed dead and one missing in a coal mine gas accident that occurred on Wednesday in east China's Anhui Province, local authorities said on Thursday.

The accident occurred around 10:30 am in the privately-owned Wunan Coal Mine in Huaibei City, sources with the municipal publicity department said.

A preliminary investigation showed that six people were working underground at the time of the accident. Five people have been confirmed dead and one remained missing early Thursday morning, the sources said.

Rescue efforts for the missing person are continuing. The Huaibei municipal government has ordered an overall production suspension at local coal mines. A further investigation into the cause of the accident is underway.

Xinhua

Bomb blast in S Philippines kills two, injures another

Philippines

DAVAO CITY, (Philippines), 11 Oct—Two people were killed following a bomb explosion in southern Philippines on Thursday, local authorities said.

According to Chief Superintendent Gil Hitois, regional police chief in Northern Mindanao, a policeman who responded to the incident was also wounded as the improvised

explosive went off in an establishment in downtown Cagayan de Oro, a city in Mindanao's Misamis Oriental Province.

Hitois said that initial investigation revealed the bomb, made of yet undetermined materials and placed inside a plastic bag, was left by three people near a bicycle store in front of Maxandria Hotel, Cogon village, before dawn.

Responding policemen inspected the bag but it went off, killing two people and injuring a policeman, the police official said.

The explosion was so powerful that it shattered windows of the hotel's three rooms, he added. An investigation was now being conducted to determine the identities and motives of the suspects.

Xinhua



Seven-month-old Elsie Davies of London poses next to a giant pumpkin at the Royal Horticultural Society's London Harvest Festival on 9 Oct, 2012. REUTERS

Meningitis outbreak tangles two pharmacies with common owners

US

BOSTON, 11 Oct — A Massachusetts company that mixes drugs for hospitals on Wednesday gave up an attempt to distance itself from an affiliated pharmacy linked to a deadly US outbreak of fungal meningitis.

Ameridose LLC agreed to close down for 12 days while state and federal officials investigate the New England Compounding Centre, which distributed thousands of vials of a contaminated steroid made at a shabby brick complex next to a waste and recycling operation in a western suburb of Boston.

The pharmacies are owned by Gregory Conigliaro, an engineer, and his brother-in-law, Barry Cadden, a pharmacist who

was in charge of pharmacy operations at NECC. The waste and recycling facility is another of Conigliaro's business interests. Ameridose and NECC mix, dilute and prepare drugs into formulations not typically available through pharmaceutical manufacturers from facilities in Massachusetts.

NECC has surrendered its license and recalled its products in the wake of the meningitis outbreak, which has claimed a dozen lives. In the late 1990s, Conigliaro invented a way to turn the plastic in old computers and television sets into an asphalt substitute to repair roads.

The product generated national attention.

One headline read: "Pothole Filler Gives New

Meaning to Information Highway." Hazel O'Leary, the US Energy Secretary at the time, praised the company's recycling efforts in 1995 during an "Eco Expo" in Boston. Such plaudits are now few and far between. Ameridose said in a statement that as part of an agreement with the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy, Cadden has agreed to resign all corporate positions at Ameridose, where he was listed in its latest annual report as a manager.

According to O'Neill and Associates, a public relations firm hired by Ameridose, Cadden holds a minority ownership stake in Ameridose but was not involved in its pharmacy operations.

Reuters

Putin promoted to 8th Dan of judo

MOSCOW, 11 Oct — Russian President Vladimir Putin was promoted to the eighth Dan of judo, the International Judo Federation (IJF) said on Wednesday. As honorary president of the IJF, Putin received the honor of the third-highest belt in the sports, the federation said in a statement published on its website.

Marius Vizer, president of the IJF, said it was "a great honor for our international federation, as well as the entire judo community to count among us a very high personality of his reputation and standing," according to the statement.

As an emeritus and recognized judoka, Putin "presents a high expression of the judo values in the world," Vizer added. The Russian President, who turned 60 on Sunday, became a "perfect ambassador" for the judo sports, Vizer said. As one of the highest bet in judo, the eighth ranking is called "Hachidan" in Japanese.

In judo, sixth to eighth Dan were a red and white patterned belt, ninth and tenth wear a solid red belt. Putin will not need a new belt to replace his previous sixth Dan belt by this promotion. Judo is one of Putin's favorite sports. He won competitions in his hometown of St Petersburg and earned Master of Sports title in judo. He also co-authored a book in Russian named "Judo with Vladimir Putin."— *Xinhua*

S&P cuts Spain credit rating to BBB-minus, near junk

Spain

NEW YORK, 11 Oct — Standard & Poor's on Wednesday cut Spain's sovereign credit rating to BBB-minus, just above junk territory, citing a deepening economic recession that is limiting the government's policy options to arrest the slide. The S&P downgrade comes with a negative outlook reflecting the credit ratings agency's view that there are significant risks to economic growth and budgetary performance, plus a lack of clear direction in euro zone policies.

"In our view, the capacity of Spain's political institutions (both domestic and multilateral) to deal with the severe challenges posed by the current economic and financial crisis is declining," S&P said in a statement.



Spain's Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy looks down as he attends a ceremony at Torrejon's air base, near Madrid, on 9 Oct, 2012. — REUTERS

S&P's two-notch downgrade from BBB-plus brings it in line with Moody's Investors Service's Baa3 rating. Moody's has Spain on review for a possible downgrade. Both firms have Spain just on the cusp of junk status. Fitch Ratings has a BBB rating on Spain, one notch higher, but also with a negative outlook.

Reuters

Photo taken on 10 Oct, 2012 shows the landfill gas plant in east China's Shanghai. The largest project of landfill gas power generation in Asia was connected to grid on Wednesday. The project is expected to provide daily electricity for about 100,000 households in Shanghai annually when works at full capacity.— XINHUA



REGIONAL

Australia's largest solar farm opens amid renewable target debate

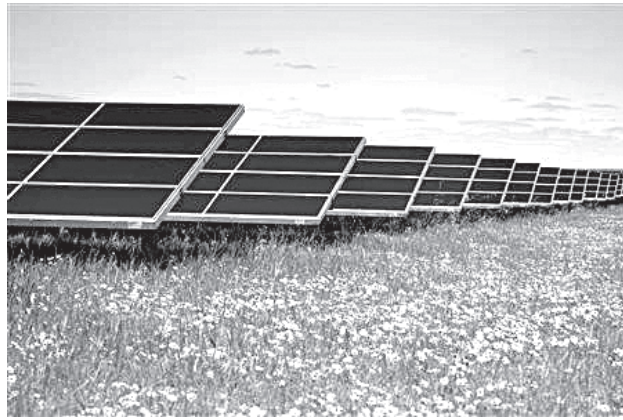
Australia

WALKAWAY, AUSTRALIA, 11 Oct— Australia switched on its first utility-scale solar farm on Wednesday, bringing the country a small step closer to achieving ambitious renewable energy use targets that traditional coal and gas power producers are now fighting to soften.

The Greenough River Solar project, just outside the small town of Walkaway in Western Australia state, is a joint-venture between Western Australian state-owned Verve Energy and US conglomerate General Electric. It is expected to generate 10 megawatts, enough to power 3,000 homes. "The Greenough River Solar Farm demonstrates that renewable technologies can contribute to meeting Australia's future energy needs on a sustainable, cost-competitive basis," Jason Waters, chief executive of Verve Energy said on Wednesday.

Australia has committed to getting 20 percent of its power from renewables by 2020 but big coal and gas-based utilities are arguing for generation targets to be cut. The plant is General Electric's first investment in Australian renewable energy, and plans are already underway to eventually expand it to 40 megawatts. The electricity generated by the plant will be purchased by Western Australia Water Corporation to power a nearby desalination plant. Australia is one of the world's most ideal places for solar projects. It has the highest average solar radiation per square meter of any continent in the world, according to government, and a population the size of New Delhi spread over an area the size of the contiguous United States. Australia currently gets about 10 percent of its electricity supply from renewable energy, about two-thirds of which comes from hydro power.

But the plant opens as the future of renewables is clouded by a campaign by some utilities and energy companies to cut Australia's mandatory renewable energy



Rows of solar panels face skywards at the Greenough River Solar project near the town of Walkaway, about 350 km (217 miles) north of Perth in this handout photo received on 10 Oct, 2012.— REUTERS

targets. The renewable energy targets (RET) are currently undergoing a routine review by Australia's Climate Change Authority which will be wrapped up by the end of the year. Champions of renewable energy say a cut in the targets, which would require Australia to produce 41,000 gigawatt-hours of its energy requirements by 2020, or 20 percent of its total energy requirement from renewables, would devastate the fledgling industry.

"If the RET was to be reduced or, in fact, to be removed then essentially the business case for renewable energy just would not stack up and the industry would fall off a cliff. It would stop dead in its tracks," Kane Thornton, Director of Strategy, Clean Energy Council.

AGL Energy, one of the few utilities that has called for the RET to remain the same, arguing the investment certainty is key for the more than the several billion dollars worth of solar and wind projects it has underway. "Amendments of the renewable energy target would certainly not be well received by investors who've got potential new projects that they'd be looking to develop," Tim Nelson, head of economics and policy for AGL in Sydney, said.

Reuters

China to "become second-wealthiest nation in world"

China

BEIJING, 11 Oct— A new global report into levels of personal wealth has predicted the number of millionaires in China will double, and the country will overtake Japan as the world's second-wealthiest nation, in the next five years. According to the Global Wealth Report 2012, carried out by the Credit Suisse Research Institute, there were 964,000 millionaires in China by mid-2012, and the number is expected to almost double to 1.9 million by 2017, driven by the rapid development of the country's private sector, the report said.

The study defined household wealth as the value of financial assets and non-financial assets minus total household debts. All household wealth was valued in current US dollar terms. The third wealth report to be produced by the organization showed China's total household wealth jumped \$562 billion, or 2.9 percent, to \$20 trillion by mid-2012.

Credit Suisse said it expects China to add another \$18 trillion in family wealth in the next five years, with its projected \$38 trillion total surpassing Japan's \$35

trillion, making it the second wealthiest country by 2017. By then, the United States is forecast to be the world's richest nation, with an \$89 trillion of household net worth.

The report said that China has been the most important source of new wealth creation in the Asia-Pacific region over the past decade, with household wealth growing at an average of 13 percent per annum since 2000, more than double the average global wealth growth rate of 5.8 percent. "Due to a high savings rate and relatively well-developed financial institutions, a high proportion of Chinese household assets are in financial form compared with other major developing countries," it said. "At the same time, privatized housing, new construction and rural land are very important forms of wealth in China," the report added.

"However, wealth inequality has been rising strongly with the wealth of successful entrepreneurs, professionals and investors increasing." Presenting the results in Hong Kong, Fan Cheuk-wan, Credit Suisse's managing director and head

of research in Asia-Pacific, said: "China's household wealth has risen due to the urbanization process, and the boom of the private sector." He added that he expected the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, to be held in early November, to provide a platform for the country to enter the next phase of economic restructuring, which may contribute to more wealth creation in future.

The report revealed that aggregate global household wealth fell \$12.3 trillion or 5.2 percent to \$223 trillion in 2012, representing the first annual decline since the 2008-09 global financial crisis. "Economic recession in many countries combined with widespread equity price reductions and subdued housing markets have produced the worst environment for wealth creation since the global financial crisis," Fan said. "However, as the global economic recovery will be sustained in the future, we do not expect a wealth destruction process to happen as it did during the 2008-09 financial crisis."

Xinhua

Pakistani doctors remove bullet from girl shot by Taliban

Pakistan

PESHAWAR, 11 Oct — Pakistani surgeons removed a bullet on Wednesday from a 14-year-old girl shot by the Taliban for speaking out against the militants and promoting education for girls, doctors said. Malala Yousufzai was in critical condition after gunmen shot her in the head and neck on Tuesday as she left school. Two other girls were also wounded.

Yousufzai began standing up to the Pakistani Taliban when she was just 11, when the government had effectively ceded control of the Swat Valley where she lives to the militants. Her courage made her a national hero and many Pakistanis were shocked by her shooting. General Ashfaq Kayani, chief of Pakistan's powerful army, visited her in hospital and condemned her attackers. "The cowards who attacked Malala and her fellow students, have shown time and again how little regard they have for human life and how low they can fall in their cruel ambition to impose their twisted ideology," Kayani said in a statement. The military said it had a simple message, which it wrote in capital letters in

N Korea accuses US of sparking new missile arms race in NE Asia

N Korea

BEIJING, 11 Oct — North Korea on Wednesday accused the United States of sparking "a new missile arms race in Northeast Asia" and "destroying the foundation for dialogue and negotiations" after Washington agreed to an extension of South Korea's ballistic missile range to enable it to strike anywhere in the North. "So huge will be the consequences to be entailed by the US missile development plan," an unidentified Foreign Ministry spokesman said in a statement carried by the official Korean Central News Agency.

South Korea on Sunday announced a deal with the United States giving it a green light to develop ballistic missiles with a maximum range of 800 kilometers, more than double the current limit, to help deter aggression from North Korea.—Kyodo

Police make far fewer delete requests for dubious posts on Internet

Japan

TOKYO, 11 Oct — Police said on Thursday a monitoring group acting on their behalf requested a total of 311 posts to be deleted on the popular but controversial "2 channel" Internet bulletin board because of potentially illegal contents in the January—June period, sharply down from 2,811 in the same period last year. Commissioned by the National Police Agency, the Internet Hotline Centre monitors the Internet and requests site administrators to delete posts such as those on illicit drug trade, child pornography and posts calling for group suicide partners, based on information from the public.

Of the posts, 2 channel removed 138, or 44.4 percent, a jump from last year's removal rate of 3 percent, owing to the sharp decline in the number of requests made. The police have been stepping up calls for compliance with their requests by site administrators who have not been cooperative.

Kyodo

the statement to add emphasis: "WE REFUSE TO BOW BEFORE TERROR." Doctors said they were forced to begin operating in the middle of the night after Yousufzai developed swelling in the left portion of her brain. They removed a bullet from her body near her spinal cord during a three-hour operation that they finished at about 5 am (0000 GMT). "She is still unconscious and kept in the intensive care unit," said Mumtaz Khan, head of a team of doctors taking care of Yousufzai in a military hospital in the northwestern city of Peshawar. One of the girls wounded with Yousufzai is in critical condition and the other is recovering and out of danger. The military flew Yousufzai from her home in Swat, northwest of Islamabad, to Peshawar on Tuesday. The shooting was denounced across Pakistan. The front pages of national newspapers carried pictures of a bandaged and bloody Yousufzai being brought to hospital. "Hate targets hope" the *Express Tribune* said in a headline. Schools closed across Swat in protest over the shooting and a small demonstration was held in her hometown of Mingora. Another was planned in the eastern city of Lahore for later on Wednesday.— Reuters



Hospital staff assists Malala Yousufzai, a 14-year-old schoolgirl who was wounded in a gun attack, at the Saidu Sharif Teaching Hospital in the Swat Valley, northwest Pakistan on 9 Oct, 2012.— REUTERS

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G-7 finance chiefs to discuss eurozone crisis, US fiscal policy

Finance

TOKYO, 11 Oct — Finance chiefs from the Group of Seven advanced economies will meet on Thursday in Tokyo, with the eurozone sovereign debt crisis and US fiscal uncertainty high on the agenda. The finance ministers and central bank governors from Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States will convene the one-day meeting on the sidelines of the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, as global economic recovery has slowed amid the crisis in the eurozone.

The European members are likely to explain how they are addressing the fiscal and banking problems in some countries in the single currency bloc, including the launch on Monday of the eurozone's permanent bailout fund and last month's decision by the European Central Bank to purchase bonds of stressed eurozone members in the secondary market to lower their borrowing costs.—Reuters

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UK wheat yields lowest since late 1980s

LONDON, 11 Oct — Wheat yields in Britain this year have been the lowest since the late 1980s, the National Farmers Union said on Wednesday issuing results of a harvest survey.

The NFU estimated that UK wheat harvest at 13.25 million with a yield of 6.7 tonnes per hectare, down from five-year averages of 14.92 million and 7.8 tonnes respectively.

NFU combinable crops advisor Guy Gagen said in a statement that yields have been depressed by abnormally high rainfall across the UK since early summer. "We have seen a relatively low wheat yield this year, below seven tonnes per hectare. This is something not seen in the UK since the late 1980s," he said.

Crop consultants ADAS in a report issued earlier this month said it expected the average yield to be at the lower end of a range of 6.8 to 7.2 tonnes per hectare. ADAS cited several factors for the poor harvest including high levels of disease and a lack of sunshine during the key grain fill period.

The NFU forecast the UK rapeseed crop would total 2.755 million tonnes, up 25.5 percent from the five-year average of 2.196 million.

Reuters

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FSA snubs call to water down financial reform

Finance

LONDON, 11 Oct — The Financial Services Authority (FSA) said it was pressing ahead with a reform of how consumers are sold investment products from January, dashing industry hopes for last minute changes. The FSA has faced a barrage of criticisms that its planned overhaul, known as the Retail Distribution Review (RDR), will put unfair burdens and curbs on advisory firms. The reform will end commission-based selling in a bid to draw a line under two decades of mis-selling scandals.—Reuters



An orchardwoman picks pears in Dangshan County, east China's Anhui Province, on 10 Oct, 2012. The autumn harvest season for Dangshan pears came in recent days. — XINHUA

ENTERTAINMENT

Brad Pitt wants his family to be proud of his work

NEW DELHI, 11 Oct—The *Inglourious Basterds* actor — who raises Maddox, 11, Pax, eight, Zahara, seven, Shiloh, six, and four-year-old twins Knox and Vivienne with fiancée Angelina Jolie — admits one of the factors he prioritises when considering a new role is whether his loved ones would be proud of the work.

He said: "I want it to be worthy enough of a story to leave the family, you know? They're everything. The family is first... I also don't want to embarrass them." Brad is just finishing work on post-apocalyptic zombie horror *World War Z* and is confident it's a film his sons will love.

Speaking to Guy Ritchie for *Interview* magazine, he said: "We've got some tidying up to do there, but that one is gonna be big and entertaining. My boys are gonna love it." Brad also admitted he always seeks to find projects that are very different to his previous movies as if he gets bored by the material, his performance suffers.

He said: "Right now, this is like a clean-up-the-loose-ends-and-

tidy-up-the-place kind of year, which I also look at as a refill kind of year. I'm not good at going back-to-back-to-back-to-back with movies, and it's just now that I'm starting to get my bearings again and a flavour for what's next. "But it can't be something repetitive that I've done before. I'm bored to death by that, and when I attempt things like that, it never works - I end up hurting the movie. So it's just about discovery now and finding something new that's interesting to me."

PTI



Brad Pitt

I admire Hitler's speaking abilities: Arnold Schwarzenegger

LONDON, 11 Oct— The 60-year-old actor's controversial comments about Hitler occurred during a discussion with George Butler about three decades ago while filming scenes for the 1977 documentary *Pumping Iron*.

Action star Arnold Schwarzenegger has clarified that he did make admiring comments about Adolf Hitler but only for his speaking abilities during the shooting of a 1977 documentary.

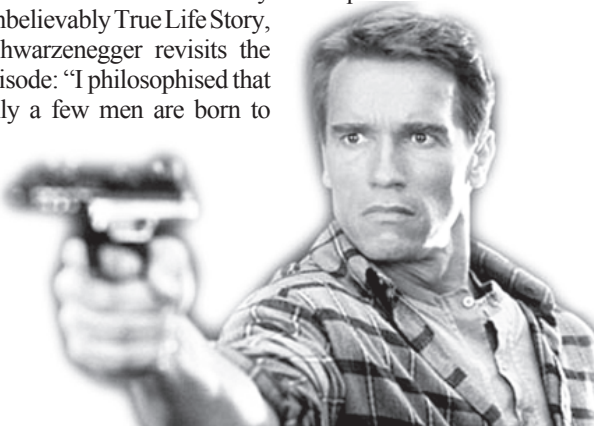
The 60-year-old actor's controversial comments about Hitler occurred during a discussion with George Butler about three decades

ago while filming scenes for the 1977 documentary *Pumping Iron*, reported *Daily Mail*. In his autobiography *Total Recall: My Unbelievably True Life Story*, Schwarzenegger revisits the episode: "I philosophised that only a few men are born to

lead, while the rest of humanity is born to follow, and went from that into discussing history's great conquerors and dictators. I

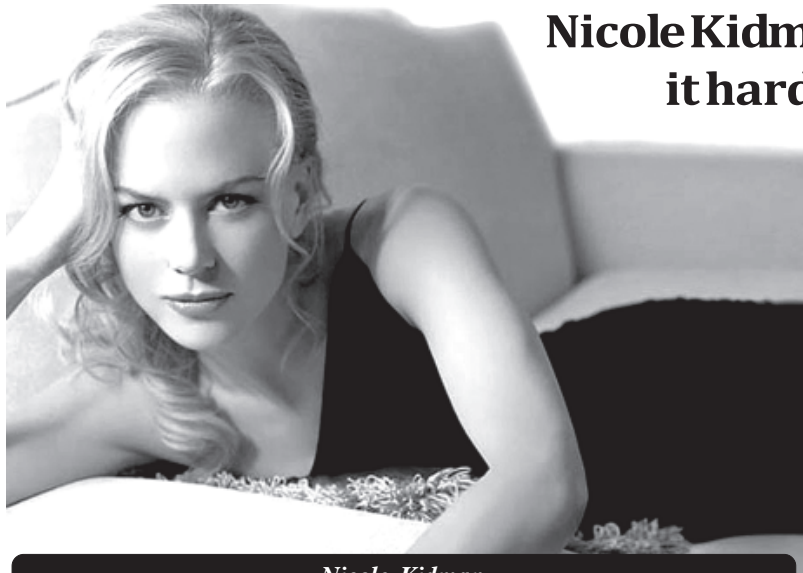
admired Hitler's speaking ability, though not what he did with it."

Schwarzenegger's Hitler comment never made it into the final cut of George Butler's film, but his words taken from the transcript of his interview with the director surfaced when ABC News and the *New York Times* received copies of an unpublished book proposal. In the original interview, he had said, "I admired Hitler, for instance, because he came from being a little man with almost no formal education, up to power. I admire him for being such a good public speaker and for what he did with it." —PTI



Arnold Schwarzenegger

Nicole Kidman says she found it hard to deal with Tom Cruise's fame



Nicole Kidman

LONDON, 11 Oct—She may be the red carpet darling now but Oscar-winning actress Nicole Kidman says she found it hard to deal with ex-

husband Tom Cruise's worldwide fame during the early days of their marriage. The actress, who is now married to Country singer Keith Urban with two children, says it was overwhelming to deal with Cruise's worldwide fame, the *Harper's Bazaar* magazine reported.

"In those early years, it was like, 'I'm here and I'm clutching onto your arm, and it all feels a little overwhelming and really strange. And I was shy. Deeply shy. I didn't feel comfortable at all. But I felt very comfortable at home,'" she said.

PTI

After photo scandal, Kate Middleton covers up for football

LONDON, 11 Oct—Those black opaque tights and knee-high boots — it was a wonder she didn't wear gloves and a crucifix.

The Duchess of Cambridge put the topless picture scandal behind her when she attended an event here in a high-necked military coat. She attended the opening of the Football Association's new 100-million-pound facility on Tuesday and made sure to dress to impress. With the horror of those topless photos still no doubt looming large in her mind, Kate

must have been keen to put on a brave face — and show as little flesh as possible. And so it was: That high-necked wool coat, buttoned up all day without so much as a hemline or collar of a dress beneath revealed, reports *dailymail.co.uk*. Those black opaque tights and knee-high boots — it was a wonder she didn't wear gloves and a crucifix. Picked up from high street store Reiss, the 325-pound Angel coat from the store's 2010 autumn/winter collection, was styled with the 65-pound mock croc Betony belt, also from Reiss — giving the duchess a smart, cinched-in silhouette — and putting paid to the pregnancy rumours that constantly crop up.—Reuters



Kate Middleton

Rod and Elton? Just call them Phyllis and Sharon



Elton John

NEW YORK, 11 Oct— Rock star Rod Stewart may be famous for his bevy of ex-wives and girlfriends, but it is fellow pop star Elton John who comes in for the lion's share of Stewart's affection in excerpts from his new memoir.

In an excerpt to be published in *Rolling Stone* magazine on Friday, Stewart recalled bygone days the two British singers spent

partying and on holiday, the Christmas presents they exchanged, and even their nicknames for each other — Phyllis and Sharon.

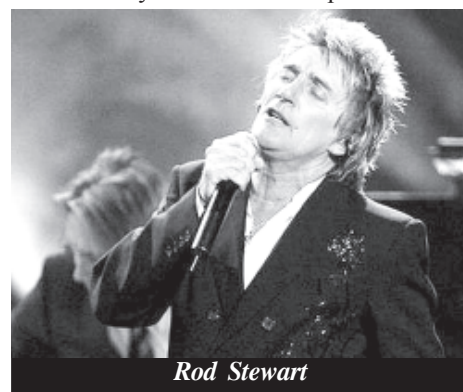
"It was in the early 1970s that Elton and I drew especially close, the best of mates for a while," Stewart, now 67, writes in "Rod: The Autobiography." *Reuters* was given an advance copy of the magazine article on Wednesday. John lived with his then-boyfriend just down the road from Stewart in the countryside west of London, not far from one of the royal palaces at Windsor, Stewart recalled.

"Our mutual friend Long John Baldry had christened me 'Phyllis,' he had christened Elton 'Sharon,' and that's what we were to each other: Phyllis and Sharon. Or just 'dear'."

Stewart, who had scored by then with both the No1 single, "Maggie May" and No1 album on both sides of the Atlantic, also wrote admiringly of John's stamina for hard partying:

"I also had to be in awe of the fact that, whether it was drink or cocaine, he could see me right under the table every time."

John's extravagance also impressed. Stewart writes of one Christmas when he scoured shops and found a novelty portable refrigerator for John that opened up automatically as a cloud of vapor emanated



Rod Stewart

and a bottle was hoisted up — "Brilliant."

"Elton's present to me that year: a Rembrandt." "He later tartly referred to my present as 'an ice bucket,'" Stewart wrote.

In 1985 on safari in Africa, the pair would dress up in bow ties and dark jackets for dinner round the fire.

The book also gave Stewart an opportunity to lay to rest a gay sex rumor that has dogged him since the 1970s. It involved a claim that he needed to get his stomach pumped after an encounter with sailors at a gay bar in San Diego, as he describes it. The singer, who has eight children from three marriages and other girlfriends, attributed its origins to his flamboyant assistant and publicist, the late Tony Toon, who he said fed the story to the press in revenge for Stewart's firing him. "This story has stayed with me ever since," Stewart wrote. "And God rest his soul — but he was good at his job."

"Rod: The Autobiography" will be published on 23 October by Crown Archetype.—Reuters

SPORTS

Young players lack commitment to England, Vieira says

Soccer

LONDON, 11 Oct—Young English players appear to have fallen out of love with playing for the national team and lack the technical skills of continental rivals, former France international Patrick Vieira said on Wednesday.

The new English



Patrick Vieira

national training centre at St George's Park and an academy being built by Manchester City should help England to produce more talented young players, added Vieira, who is Football Development Executive at English champions City.

However, 1998 World Cup winner Vieira said young players appeared too willing to use injuries as an excuse to skip matches when called up for national team matches at various age levels.

"In England, I really don't understand how come so many young players from the age of 16-21 pull out of the

national team for injury," said Vieira, who is an ambassador for Europa League sponsor Western Union.

"I think it's maybe the lack of FA (Football Association) power, I would say. Maybe this is as well a lack of love for the national team," added Vieira, speaking at a function during the Leaders in Football conference at Stamford Bridge. Vieira said he was not sure why attitudes had changed and believed that young players should want to play with the best to improve themselves.

Reuters

Japan's Nishikori bows out in Shanghai

Tennis

SHANGHAI, 11 Oct—Kei Nishikori's dream run that took him to the Japan Open tennis title last week was cut short in China when he lost 6-2, 1-6, 4-6 to Sam Querrey of the US in the second round of the Shanghai Masters on Wednesday.

The 14th seed, who became the home country's first Japan Open champion on Sunday, won the first set and went 3-1 up in the third before Querrey rallied to beat him.

The 22-year-old Nishikori breezed through the first set but needed treatment on his right ankle after which he lost his rhythm.

"I tried to play, but he had a good serve. I broke him first in the third set but couldn't finish the match. It's disappointing," the Japanese world number 15 told reporters.

"I had some serious pain in my right ankle. It hurt all the way through the Japan Open and hurt yesterday and today.

"My left knee also hurt. If I am honest my whole body is tired. Today I also played to my absolute limit until the end."—Reuters



Kei Nishikori of Japan

Germany's Goetze and Podolski fit despite minor injuries

Soccer

BERLIN, 11 Oct—Germany's Mario Goetze and Lukas Podolski are nursing minor injuries but will be fit for Friday's World Cup soccer qualifier against Ireland in Dublin, assistant coach Hansi Flick said on Wednesday.

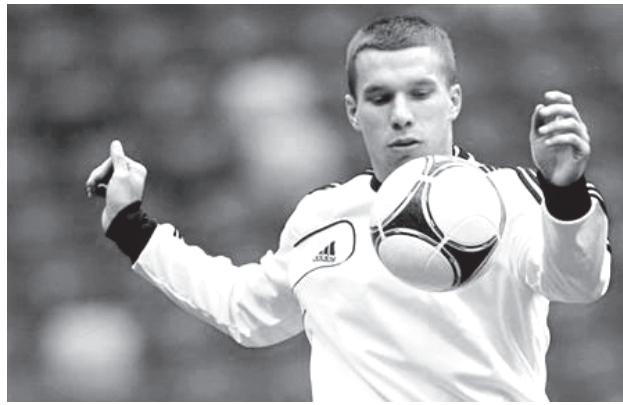
Borussia Dortmund midfielder Goetze was rested towards the end of training on Wednesday, feeling the effects of a minor muscle injury. Arsenal winger Podolski is recovering from an ankle injury and both players missed training on Tuesday.

"Today was the first day that every player was there," Flick told reporters.

"Yesterday Lukas and Mario received treatment. Lukas Podolski had some problems with his ankle, Mario with some muscle problems. We decided to spare him towards the end of training today when it became a bit more intensive.

"Goetze did individual training."

Flick said the depth of Germany's squad allowed them to easily adapt to any changes. The Germans are



Germany's national soccer player Lukas Podolski

already without injured defender Mats Hummels, captain Philipp Lahm is suspended.—Reuters

Alonso inspired by samurai swordsman

F1

SEOUL, 11 Oct—Ferrari's Fernando Alonso has taken inspiration from the centuries old wisdom of a samurai swordsman as he prepares for a Formula One duel with Sebastian Vettel at the Korean Grand Prix this weekend.

The Spaniard knows he will lose the championship

feed: "Five great races coming! If the enemy thinks in the mountains, attack by sea. If they think in the sea, attack by the mountains."

The words are those of 17th century Japanese Miyamoto Musashi, who set out in his 'Book of Five Rings' teachings ranging from strategy, philosophy and



Ferrari Formula One driver Fernando Alonso of Spain

lead at the southern Yeongam circuit for the first time since seizing it in Valencia in June if his Red Bull rival chalks up a third win in a row.

Alonso is only four points clear of Vettel, with five races remaining, after spinning off into the gravel at the start in Japan last weekend.

After that crushing disappointment, his response was a statement on his Twitter

battlefield tactics to self-control and spiritual calm.

Musashi's conviction that "there is more than one path to the top of the mountain" will also strike a chord with the Spaniard, whose own ascent has been slowed by others in incidents beyond his control.

Consistency, control and intelligence will all be key weapons in his armoury.

Reuters

Spain's Cazorla feels more valued at Arsenal

Soccer

MADRID, 11 Oct—Santi Cazorla believes he has taken a step forward in his career by leaving La Liga to join English Premier League club Arsenal and that he is perhaps more valued as a player there than in Spain.

The 27-year-old attacking midfielder, who moved to London from Malaga in August, has made nine appearances and scored two goals at his new club and feels he is settling in well.

"It could be that in the few months I have been there people have been talking a lot more about me," Cazorla told a news conference previewing Spain's World Cup 2014 Group I qualifier away to Belarus on Friday.

"I feel important at Arsenal and I want to keep developing," he added.

"The way Arsenal play and the responsibility they have given me is something I have always sought out. I think it's a step forward in my career and I hope to improve a great deal in the future."

Cazorla, who has excellent vision and passing ability and a fierce shot, spent most of his career at Villarreal before joining Malaga last season when he helped the Andalusian side qualify for the Champions League for the first time.

He competes for a place in the Spain team with the likes of Andres Iniesta, David Silva and Cesc Fabregas and is one of the most oft-used substitutes in the world and European champions' talent-packed squad.

"I am happy with my role and it's a privilege to be here," he said of his Spain career.—Reuters

Arsenal's Santi Cazorla



Golf-McIlroy and Woods clash on hold as storms end day's play

BELEK, (Turkey), 11 Oct—World number one Rory McIlroy's World Golf Final showdown with 14-times major winner Tiger Woods was put on hold after play was abandoned due to storms on Wednesday.

McIlroy, without a win from two matches in the inaugural event after his latest defeat at the hands of 2011 U.S. Masters champion and group pacesetter Charl Schwartzel, is bottom of his pool with Woods and Matt

Kuchar on one win apiece.

Woods carded a four-under 67 to beat compatriot Kuchar by five shots before the afternoon matches were put back to Thursday when a fierce electrical storm began lashing the course.

McIlroy, who lost to South African Schwartzel by one shot, said he was determined to put up a better show against Woods after his level-par round.

"I don't have much to play for so I would like to beat

him so he doesn't go through to the semi-finals and also get some bragging rights," McIlroy, unaware he could make the semi-finals, told reporters.

If players finish level on points qualification is decided by aggregate totals over the three rounds, with McIlroy currently on five-over-par compared to Woods at five-under and Kuchar on even par.

"Bragging rights from this week will help a little bit,"



Golf

added the USPGA Champion, who is looking forward to a rivalry with Woods next year.

"Of course, there is always an added edge when you play against a player like Tiger and there were a few chances this year when we could have gone head-to-head in the bigger tournaments but it didn't quite happen.

Reuters

Rory McIlroy and Tiger Woods

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Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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- 3. Nice & Sweet Song

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- 4. Health Programme
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- 5. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
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- 6. Selected Songs For 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition (2012) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Higher Education Level) (Men & Women)
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- 4:00 pm
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- 9. Musical Programme
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- 10. Song of National Races

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- 11. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Law)
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- 12. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 4:50 pm
- 13. Songs Of Yester Years
- 4:55 pm
- 14. Myanmar Leaguage
- 5:00 pm
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- 5:30 pm
- 16. India Drama Series
- 6:20 pm
- 17. Internet Garden
- 8:00 pm
- 18. News
- 19. TV Drama Series
- 20. Song Lover

California gasoline prices ebb at last after record run California



Gas prices are displayed at a Chevron gas station in Los Angeles, California on 9 Oct, 2012.— REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 11 Oct— Record-high retail prices for gasoline in California began to ease on Wednesday, receding from an unprecedented jump to \$5 a gallon in some areas, even as further refinery disruptions threatened to slow the decline. More politicians weighed in with calls for regulatory scrutiny of the price spike, which began just over a week ago, while a state senator announced a legislative committee hearing on the matter to be held in San Francisco next month.

The average price of a gallon of regular gasoline in the state dipped by a half cent to \$4.666, according to the AAA Fuel Gauge website, easing from Tuesday's record. Gas Buddy, a filling station tracker that updates regularly, also showed state prices down half a penny, at just below \$4.65 per gallon. While wholesale prices started falling last Friday, it took

some time for retail rates to follow. Prices are still up more than 45 cents from a week ago, and the premium California's motorists pay versus the US average remains unusually wide at about 86 cents.

In Los Angeles, where shortages had been so acute that a handful of service stations stopped selling fuel, average prices remained above \$4.90 a gallon. Prices surged more than 50 cents a gallon last week and wholesale premiums rose nearly a dollar after various refinery mishaps pinched supplies. Market sources said a possible "short squeeze" that came about when one refiner was forced to buy fuel on the spot market may also have been a factor.

The spike prompted Henry Waxman, ranking member of the House of Representatives' Energy and Commerce Committee, to ask the Federal Trade Commission to investigate the causes.—Reuters

Mali extremists abusing rights, targeting children, women:

UN

Mali



A boy stands on a street in Boni village on 4 Sept, 2012.— REUTERS

UNITED NATIONS, 11 Oct — Extremists imposing Islamic law in Mali's north are abusing human rights, particularly those of women, and paying families for children to become rebel fighters, a senior UN official said on Wednesday after

returning from the country. UN Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights Ivan Simonovic said rebel fighters, including Islamist extremists allied to al-Qaeda, in northern Mali were "buying loyalty" by abolishing taxes and paying

for fighters and wives in a country where more than half the people live on less than \$1.25 a day.

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 allied with al-Qaeda, hijacked the revolt and then imposed harsh Islamic law in a desert region the size of France. "During the first phase we had violations that were related to rebels taking control, they included summary execution of the captured soldiers, instances of lootings, of rapes," he told reporters at the United Nations in New York. "However, what is new

now is that human rights violations are becoming more systematic, relating to the takeover of the radical Islamists," he said. "They have now imposed an extremist version of sharia, so the population is suffering a number of human rights violations, particularly targeted at women." Simonovic—who met with government officials, community leaders and displaced Malians during a recent visit — said the extremists had banned music and smoking and were forcing women to be covered and restricting their ability to work.—Reuters

National Grid ramps up search for UK CO2

Environment

storage site

LONDON, 11 Oct — Britain's National Grid Plc is to drill off the coast of Yorkshire in northern England in an attempt to find a suitable site to store carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions, giving a boost to a technology tipped to help the UK meet its climate targets.

"This drilling operation is a major step forward in the development of a long-term, large-scale CCS (carbon capture and storage) cluster of transportation networks and storage facilities in the UK," Jim Ward, National Grid's head of CCS, said on Wednesday.

The UK has a target to slash greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050 and

the government sees CCS, which collects carbon emissions from power generators and stores them underground, as a key component to achieving this goal.

National Grid and its partner, the Energy Technologies Institute (ETI), a joint industry and government body, said the drilling would help assess the viability of storing carbon dioxide in a porous rock formation, rather than in a depleted oil or gas reserve, under the sea.

The project would be complementary to other efforts to find a solution to carbon emissions. Britain has a 1 billion pound competition to help fund demonstration

projects for CCS technologies, which it said has attracted the interest of 16 companies, including National Grid, as well as Centrica Plc and SSE Plc.

The government has not specified which projects have been entered for the competition, but National Grid is working as part of the consortiums for five CCS projects proposed in the UK, according to its website. Three of these projects, two of which aim to capture emissions at gas-fired power plants and one at a coal power station, are based in Yorkshire. The winner or winners of the government scheme are expected to be announced by the end of the year.— Reuters

West Canada ranchers wait out beef recall, exports growing to US

Canada

ALBERTA, 11 Oct — Western Canadian ranchers and feed lots are holding slaughter-ready cattle back from market longer than usual, absorbing extra costs as they try to wait out the closure of one of the region's biggest processing plants due to a massive recall of tainted beef. But as the closure of the XL Foods Lakeside plant at Brooks, Alberta nears the two-

week point, the industry will soon have to consider sharply increasing exports of slaughter-ready cattle to US packing plants, said Brian Perillat, senior analyst at CanFax.

"On the fed cattle side, things are going to get tougher before they get better," he said. "It has been muted in the short term (as) we've been able to hang on and limit the number of marketings to keep the price

up. But at some point we're going to get squeezed." Holding back cattle from the market comes at a cost of about C\$4 per head per day, said Bryan Walton, CEO of the Alberta Cattle Feeders Association.

A recall of steaks, ground beef and other meats from XL Foods, totaling more than 1,800 products, began in mid-September, and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) closed the plant on 27 September. Western Canadian fed cattle exports to the United States are approaching 10,000 head per week, nearly double the number in early September but similar to a year ago. If the plant remains closed more than another week, cattle will need to move in droves of about 20,000 head weekly to the United States, Perillat said.



Cattle graze in a field near the XL Foods plant that sits idle in Brooks, Alberta, on 10 Oct, 2012.— REUTERS

Reuters

President vows to strengthen ties with ROK through cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct—President U Thein Sein, who was in Seoul of the Republic of Korea, attended a dinner hosted by President of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Myung-bak, at President's Residence in Seoul at 6.30 pm local time on 9 October.

It was attended by Union Ministers, Region Chief Ministers, Deputy Ministers, departmental heads, ministers of ROK, high-ranking officials and chairmen and executives from economic organizations.

At the ceremony, Mr Lee Myung-bak extended greetings and made a wish.

In his speech, President U Thein Sein said that diplomatic ties between Myanmar and the ROK was established since 1975. Since then, relations between the two countries have improved. And friendly relations between citizens of both countries have also improved. There have been a lot of cultural and economic relations between the two countries.

The President expressed, on behalf of Myanmar people, his special thanks for ROK's development assistances to Myanmar by means of development aids, human resource development, mutual cooperation and investment during the past decades.

He continued to say that he would like to thank ROK for its pledge to boost cooperation in the political, economic, social and multisectors.

Mr Lee Myung-bak paid a State visit to



President U Thein Sein makes an address at dinner hosted by ROK President Mr Lee Myung-bak.—MNA

Myanmar for the first time during 29 years. He said he also paid a State visit to the ROK. He continued to say that their exchange visits would be landmarks for both countries. He believed that bilateral relations and mutual cooperation between the two countries

would be developed through these visits.

Thanks to Korean people's strenuous efforts under the leadership of Korean leaders including the Mr Lee Myung-bak, ROK has achieved its multi-sectoral development and successes within the short period of time. He also said that he and Myanmar people take pride for ROK's successes. He continued to say that on behalf of all Myanmar people, he would like to thank the ROK for sharing of its experience with Myanmar.

Myanmar is making reforms in almost all sectors including political, economic and social sectors. Western countries has eased and lifted economic sanctions against Myanmar. Generalized System of Preference (GSP) for Myanmar's export will be reinstated soon.

Myanmar is a resource-rich country and has sufficient workforce. So, Korean

businesses are invited to make investments in the factories that produce finished goods and manufacturing industries, factories and workshops that can create many job opportunities, by using the resources. He also said that he believes that Mr Lee Myung-bak and Korean people would continue to support Myanmar.

In conclusion, he said that efforts are to be made for further strengthening cooperation between the two countries through mutual cooperation, investments, cultural relations, exchanges of experience and exchange visits.

The President made a wish for long-lasting of friendly relations between the two countries, ROK's further development and more prosperity of Korean people, mental and physical well-being of Mr Lee Myung-bak.—MNA

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Workshop on upgrading museum to be held in Nov

YANGON, 11 Oct—Designers, curators, architects plus knowledgeable observers of museums and media men have been invited to participate in a workshop on upgrading National Museum (Yangon) to be held in November, 2012.

Decoration and upgrading tasks will be carried out according to the outcomes of the workshop.

Those interested may send advisory letters to the director of National Museum (Yangon), not later than 7 November, 2012.

MNA

Depression weaken into low area

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct—According to the observations at 1p.m today, the depression over Northeast Bay of Bengal has crossed Bangladesh Coast near (Hatia) and remained as a Land Depression. It is forecast to move Northeast ward and weaken gradually into a low pressure area within next 24 hours commencing this noon.

Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 40 mph, announced by Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

McIlroy goes out after losing to Woods

BELEK, 11 Oct—World number two Tiger Woods swept past Rory McIlroy by six strokes on Thursday to reach the semi-finals of the World Golf Final and eliminate the top-ranked Northern Irishman. Woods was always ahead in the Group One tussle and ended up shooting a seven-under-par 64 against McIlroy's 70 to set up a meeting with England's Justin Rose at the Antalya Golf Club.

Rose blitzed his way to a course record 62 to defeat U.S. Open champion Webb Simpson (67) in the eight-man matchplay event.

Charl Schwartzel (63) made it three wins from three Group One matches by knocking out American Matt Kuchar (65). The South African plays Lee Westwood (64) in Thursday afternoon's semi-finals after the Englishman beat Hunter Mahan (69) of the U.S.

McIlroy had lost his opening two games and began horribly against Woods by finding water off the opening tee. The world number one continued in the same vein and was not under par for his round until he birdied the 17th hole.

Reuters



Coord meeting on implementation of agreements between Union level Peace Making Group and Shan State Progressive Party held

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