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International Myanmar ICT Exhibition 2012 opened

YANGON, 13 Oct—The opening ceremony of International Myanmar ICT Exhibition 2012, jointly organized by Myanmar Computer Professionals Association and Myanmar Computer Industrialists Association was held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road, here, yesterday.

At the ceremony, Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Computer Science Development Council Union Minister for Science and Technology

Dr Ko Ko Oo pressed the button to launch a commemorative video and Chairman of Leading Committee U Khun Oo clarified matters related to the show.

After that, Yangon Region Communication Minister U Aung Khin,

Chairman of Myanmar Computer Professionals Association U Ye Yint Win and Chairman of Myanmar Computer Industrialists Association U Min Zeyar Hlaing cut the ribbon to open the show that will be put on display till 14 October.—MNA

Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Computer Science Development Council Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo visits booths at International Myanmar ICT Exhibition 2012.

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Wellwishers donate gold plates for Shwedagon Pagoda

YANGON, 13 Oct—Wellwishers donate six or seven gold plates to Shwedagon Pagoda daily, said Head of Office of the Pagoda Board of Trustees U Win Kyaing.

“Wellwishers are allowed to share merits gained for donations of cash for gold plates and the pagoda board of trustees impressed names of donors on the gold plates and temporarily stores them. Gold plate offering ceremony is held at the pagoda once five years. At that time, the board invites the wellwishers themselves to fix the gold plates at the pagoda,” he continued.

The gold plate offering ceremony will be held at the pagoda in 2014-2015. At present, the donation centre for gold plates is opened. Daily, wellwishers donated one-tical gold plates, three-tical gold plates and six-tical gold plates. Up to the end of September 2012, the centre has accepted 101 six-tical gold plates, 715 three-tical gold plates and 1979 one-tical gold plates.

Wellwishers are invited to donate K 3.6 million for one six-tical gold plate, K 1.8 million for one three-tical gold plate and K 600,000 for one one-tical gold plate.

Kyemon

Participants from region/state arrive in capital for performing arts competition

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct—Managers, contestants and judges from regions and states who are going to take part in 19th Myanmar National

Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition arrived here by car and rail today.

Participants who arrived

Djokovic beats Berdych to breeze into Shanghai final

SHANGHAI, 13 Oct—Second seed Novak Djokovic cruised into the final of the Shanghai Masters with a 6-3 6-4 victory over Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic on Saturday.

Djokovic will meet either world number one Roger Federer or defending champion Andy Murray on Sunday.

The Serbian converted his second break point to lead 5-1 in the first set before Berdych put up some fight to slow his progress.

Djokovic was equally impressive in the second set, capitalizing on an early break to lead 4-2 before eventually serving out for victory.

Reuters

Hiratsuka stays top at Japan Open

NAHA (Japan), 13 Oct—Tetsuji Hiratsuka battled the elements and labored to a 2-over 73 Saturday but remained top of the leaderboard and on course for his first title of the season at the Japan Open on Saturday.

The 40-year-old Hiratsuka, whose most recent victory came at the 2011 Asia-Pacific Panasonic Open, saw his overnight lead trimmed to two strokes after an up-and-down round that featured four birdies and six bogeys. Hiratsuka was at 3-over 216 for the tournament buffeted by strong winds and rain over the first three

rounds at the par-71 Naha Golf Club in Okinawa Prefecture.

“The conditions were like yesterday, although the wind was a little stronger perhaps,” said Hiratsuka. “I don't think I played really badly today.”

“I am trying not to think about starting the final round in the lead and I will just put everything out there tomorrow.”

Juvic Pagunsan of the Philippines highlighted a 70 with an eagle on the sixth hole to move into second place with Komei Oda, who went 1 over with a 72.—Kyodo

today are from Taninthayi Region, Kayah State, Kayin State, Shan State, Magway Region, Bago Region, Mandalay Region, Yangon Region, Chin State, Kachin State, Rakhine State and Mon State. They were welcomed and sent to guesthouses by chairman of

welcoming subcommittee Police Colonel Han Tun, Police Colonel Hla Moe from Rail Police Force and departmental personnel.

It is learnt that managers, contestants and judges from remaining regions and states arrive tomorrow.—MNA



NATIONAL

Course on international trade opened

YANGON, 13 Oct—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint attended the opening of the courses on international trade held at Trade Training Institute of Yangon Region Office under the Ministry of Commerce here this morning. At the opening ceremony, Union Minister U Win Myint said that businessmen from international are eager to make investment and promote trade in Myanmar, although there are a lot of ways for trade promotion, among these human resources development concerning trade is the most important and effective. With a view to turning out qualified entrepreneurs, basic course on international trade No(1) was successfully opened with the attendance of 86 trainees starting from April 2012 and basic course on international trade No (2) was opened together with advanced course No (1) as second time, he added. The Union Minister called for the trainees to try their best for trade development by applying lectures of the course and to enhance economic growth. Altogether 85 trainees in basic course and 45 trainees in advanced course will be lectured for four months. *MNA*

Wellwishers donate cash for Myanmar National Races' TPAC

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct—“Myanmar arts have originated in Pyu Dynasty. Myanmar traditional arts has prevailed throughout the successive era as Myanmar people hand down and keep their traditional performing arts from one generation to generation,” said Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu, at 2nd cash donation ceremony for 19th Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition, at the Ministry of Culture this afternoon.



Union Minister U Aye Myint Kyu accepts donation from a wellwisher.

MNA

Myanmar traditional performing arts can draw the attention of foreign countries and win the high praise from those countries. He also said that he takes pride for donation of the fund of the competition and expressed the special thank for it.

After that, Union Minister U Aye Myint Kyu, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw, Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Zeyar Aung and deputy ministers accepted the donation and presented the certificates of honour.

At today ceremony, the donations made by ministries was K 41,650,000; by donor companies, K 2,1410,000 and USD 300.—*MNA*

Stimulant traffickers seized in Nawngkhio

NAWNGKHO, 13 Oct—SIP Win Min Htwe and party of Lashio Special Anti-Drug Squad of Shan State (North) searched a Saloon driven by Zaw Hlaing Kyaw of Ayeya Shweli Bus Line from Muse to Mandalay on 11 October evening. The police member seized 15 packets of 195 WY brand pink stimulant tablets totaling 2925 tablets weighing 263.25 grams from the blue colour plastic bags hidden in the body of Ma Chon Shwe who rode in

the rare of the car and 2925 stimulant tablets from the blue colour plastic from the underwear of Ma Nan Aye Nwam.

Nawngkhio Police Station opened files of lawsuit against drug traffickers Ma Nan Aye Nwam, daughter of U Mauk Win of Nansom Village of Kutkai Township and Ma Chon Shwe, daughter of U Yin Kyin Zu of Konlonshaw of Kutkai Township.

Myanma Alin

Reckless Superroof crosses over traffic land

YANGON, 13 Oct—A white Superroof driven from Myenigon Traffic Light to Shan Street in Sangyoung Township at about 1 pm on 11 October crossed over the flowery plants on traffic island in front of Padonma Theatre and then collided with a light ace on the opposite way.



After that, a taxi hit the light ace again. In the traffic accident, two men and four women including the driver from Superroof were transferred to Yangon General Hospital by officials of Sangyoung Fire Station.

Myanma Alin

Pajero turns over after passing pavement



KYAUKTAN, 13 Oct—A white Pajero driven from Kyauktan to Yangon crossed the pavement and then headed on the tree on the opposite way at 5.30 am on 11 October due to out of control when it took over a Hilux. Then, the Pajero turned over in front of the

house on Hsankan Road where concrete works are produced.

Kyauktan Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against driver Maung Kyaw Tin Thein, 23 of No 22 on Thudamma 1st street in Thingangyun Township.

Myanma Alin

With news that reflect State's reform process

The news that people should know

The news people want to know

The accurate, reliable and latest news

As of
18
October

Myanma Alin, the Mirror, the New Light of Myanmar

Myanma Alin, the Mirror, the New Light of Myanmar papers are published in colour daily

In Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay

Myanma Alin and the Mirror papers will be published in colour at every other week

In Yangon

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.

Public notice for remonstrance

1. Myanmar Farmers' Development Party, headquartered at No. 22, 116th street, Tamwaygyi ward, Tamway Township, Yangon Region, applied for registration as a political party on 11-10-2012 in accord with Section 5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In applying for its registration, the party has submitted its name, flag and seal to be used as mentioned hereunder.
2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rule 14 (d) that those who wish to remonstrate with the Union Election Commission about the party name, flag and seal may do so with firm evidence within seven days from the date of this announcement.

Union Electi on Commission



Flag of Myanmar Farmers' Development Party



Seal of Myanmar Farmers' Development Party

WORLD

Israel PM Netanyahu denies agreeing to Golan pullout for peace

Israel



Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks during a news conference in Jerusalem on 9 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS

JERUSALEM, 13 Oct — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu denied a newspaper report on Friday that said he had agreed in principle to hand back land annexed from Syria as part of secret US-mediated peace talks that broke off last year. Syria has long set a complete withdrawal from the Golan Heights as a condition for making peace with the Jewish state.

Israel captured the

strategic plateau in a 1967 war, then annexed it in 1981 in a move not recognized internationally.

Israeli leaders had consented to at least partial Golan pullbacks in past talks with Syria, though none had gone as far as Netanyahu in agreeing to withdraw to the northeastern shores of the biblical Sea of Galilee, the mass-circulation *Yedioth Ahronoth* daily said. The newspaper quoted

unspecified American documents as saying Netanyahu had expressed such a readiness, surprising US diplomats during indirect contacts they mediated with Syria two years ago.

These contacts broke off early in 2011 as unrest spread across the Arab world, eventually sparking a full-blown revolt against Syrian President Bashar Assad.

Netanyahu's office said the suggested withdrawal had been a US initiative that Israel had never accepted and dismissed the report as "politically-motivated", citing the fact that it was published just days after the right-wing leader announced he would move up national elections to early next year. "This was one initiative among many proposed to Israel in recent years. At no stage did Israel accept this American initiative. It is an old and irrelevant initiative," Netanyahu's office said in a statement.

Reuters

US intelligence hurt when Libya base was abandoned

WASHINGTON, 13 Oct — US intelligence efforts in Libya have suffered a significant setback due to the abandonment and exposure of a facility in Benghazi, Libya identified by a newspaper as a "CIA base" following a congressional hearing this week, according to US government sources. The intelligence post, located 1.2 miles from the US mission that was targeted by militants in a 11 September attack, was evacuated of Americans after the assault that killed Ambassador Christopher Stevens. Three other Americans died in the attacks on US-occupied buildings, including two who were hit in a mortar blast at the secret compound.

The publication of satellite photos showing the site's location and layout have made it difficult, if not impossible, for intelligence

agencies to reoccupy the site, according to government sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The post had been a base for, among other things, collecting information on the proliferation of weaponry looted from Libyan government arsenals, including surface-to-

air missiles, the sources said. Its security features, including some fortifications, sensors and cameras, were more advanced than those at rented villa where Stevens died, they said.

The sources said intelligence agencies will find other ways to collect information in Libya in



Charlene Lamb, deputy assistant secretary for International Programmes in the Bureau of Diplomatic Security at the US Department of State displays a map of the US consulate in Benghazi, as she testifies about the 11 Sept, 2012 attack on the consulate, on Capitol Hill in Washington DC on 10 Oct, 2012. — REUTERS

Syrian plane fuels tensions between Ankara, Damascus

ANKARA, 13 Oct — The landing of a Syrian passenger plane, which was forced to land in Esenboga Airport in the Turkish capital of Ankara on Wednesday, was carrying Russian-made munitions destined for Syria's defence ministry.

said on Thursday that the Syrian passenger plane, which was forced to land in Esenboga Airport in the Turkish capital of Ankara on Wednesday, was carrying Russian-made munitions destined for Syria's defence ministry.

He did not give further details, but Turkish media

said the seized cargo included missile parts and military communication equipment such as radio receivers. Syria, in response, accused Erdogan of "lying" and branded the incident as "air piracy." Both Russia and Syria denied that anything illegal had been aboard the Airbus A320. Russia called

Iran not to invade any country, but to encounter aggression: supreme leader

Iran

TEHERAN, 13 Oct — Iranian supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Friday that based on Islamic principles Iran has no aggressive intents but will never back down in face of any aggression, Press TV reported. Speaking at a military base in the City of Bojnourd in the northwestern North Khorasan Province, Khamenei described the Iranian armed forces as the nation's source of security and protection against the aggressive illusions of the enemies.

"What motivates the hegemonic powers to wage war is the sale of arms and cultivation of military industries... and the only factor that suppresses such war-waging impulse of power-seekers is the general readiness of the (Iranian) nation and defensive preparedness of the armed forces," Khamenei was quoted as saying. Today the Iranian nation, particularly

its youth, feel generally readier than ever before and the armed forces also remain better prepared and more capable than the past, said Khamenei.

The West and Israel suspect that the Iranian nuclear programme, which the officials of the Islamic republic insists is "peaceful," may have military dimensions. The United States and Israel have not ruled out the possibility of striking Iran's nuclear facilities.

The Islamic republic has threatened that it will retaliate if its nuclear establishments are hit. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said the Israeli regime would commit suicide if it launches a military attack against the Islamic republic, Press TV reported on Wednesday.

"I think that all the wise people of the world know that such a move (of attacking Iran) by this regime (of Israel) is tantamount to an absolute suicide," Ahmadinejad was quoted

as saying. On Wednesday, Khamenei downplayed the Western sanctions against the Islamic republic, saying that the Iranian nation will overcome problems as always, Press TV reported.

Khamenei stressed that the Iranian nation will emerge victorious in the battle as it has overcome much bigger problems over the past decades. The UN Security Council imposed four rounds of sanctions on Iran between 2006 and 2010 over its refusal to halt its nuclear enrichment programme, which Western countries suspect could be used to develop nuclear weapons.

The United States and the European Union (EU) have imposed and expanded sanctions toward Iran over the years despite Teheran's insistence on the peaceful nature of its nuclear drive. The EU imposed an embargo on Iran's oil export on 1 July and has threatened to put further sanctions on Iran's natural gas exports. — Xinhua

US

the aftermath of last year's toppling of long-time leader Muammar Gaddafi." Benghazi played a critical role in the emergence of the new Libya and will continue to do so. It makes sense that we would return there to continue to build relationships," one US official said. Public discussion of the top-secret location began with a contentious Wednesday hearing of the House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which was investigating whether security lapses put Americans at risk.

The State Department displayed a satellite photograph showing two locations — the rented villa that served as a special diplomatic mission and the compound that officials had cryptically described as an "annex" or "safe house" for diplomatic personnel.

Reuters



European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso speaks after the European Union won the Nobel Peace Prize at EU headquarters in Brussels, capital of Belgium, on 12 Oct, 2012. — XINHUA

EU leaders "honoured" by Nobel Peace Prize award: statement

Nobel

BRUSSELS, 13 Oct — The award of this year's Nobel Peace Prize to the European Union (EU) was "a tremendous honour" and "the strongest possible recognition" of its efforts to shape a continent of peace and prosperity, top leaders of EU institutions said here on Friday. "It is a prize not just for the project and the institutions, but for the 500 million citizens living in the union," European Council President Herman Van Rompuy and European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso said in a joint statement.

"The EU has reunified the continent through peaceful means and brought arch

enemies together. This historic act of reunification has been rightfully recognized," European Parliament President Martin Schulz said in a separate statement.

The EU was awarded the prize on Friday morning in Oslo for its key role in transforming most of Europe from "a continent of wars" to "a continent of peace," said Thorbjørn Jagland, chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee.

The prize came as the EU has been dealing with the eurozone debt crisis for almost three years, the most challenging crisis since the bloc had a starting point with the coal and steel community in the 1950s. — Xinhua

Middle East

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Soyuz rocket deploys two Galileo satellites

Science

KOUROU, French Guiana, 13 Oct— A Russian-made Soyuz rocket blasted off from French Guiana on Friday and placed in orbit two satellites for Europe's Galileo global position system, space officials said. It was the third time that Soyuz, which first flew in 1966 and traces its roots back even further to the earliest Cold War intercontinental ballistic missiles, had been launched from outside its former Soviet bases.

The rocket lifted off at 3.15 pm (1815 GMT) from a launch pad at Europe's space base near Kourou, French Guiana on the northeast coast of South America.

After a nearly four-hour flight the satellites separated from the rocket, bringing to four the number of Galileo satellites now in orbit. Two other satellites for the project were launched from Guiana last year, also aboard a Soyuz rocket. Galileo, once fully operational later this decade, aims to give Europeans autonomy from the US government-controlled Global Positioning System (GPS) and other systems created by Russia and China.



A Russian-made Soyuz rocket.—REUTERS

Positioning satellites provide accurate navigation to ships, aircraft, trucks and private cars. They are also used extensively by the military, notably to target guided missiles.

Galileo, named after the visionary 17th-century Italian scientist Galileo Galilei, is billed by European Space Agency (ESA) as the means "to free Europe of dependence on America's Global Positioning System". Latest estimates put the price tag for Galileo at over 20 billion euros for what is planned to be a 30-satellite constellation, to be fully operational by 2020.

Reuters

Microsoft sets Windows eight price, opens for pre-order

Tech

SEATTLE, 13 Oct— Microsoft Corp (MSFT.O) opened its Windows 8 operating system for pre-orders on Friday, setting the price for an upgrade to the full version of the software at \$70 for a DVD pack. Users can also wait for launch on 26 October to download the system onto their computers for \$40, an offer price that will expire at the end of January. PCs running Windows XP, Vista and Windows 7 will be able to upgrade to Windows 8. Shoppers can reserve the software pack at Microsoft's own stores, Amazon.com, Best Buy, Staples and elsewhere. Microsoft has not yet announced the price of the full software to install from scratch,

as opposed to the upgrade. The current price for a comparable version of Windows 7 is \$200.

Any customer who buys, or already bought, a Windows 7 PC between 2 June and the end of January 2013 will be able to get an upgrade to Windows 8 Pro for \$15, a move designed to prevent a drop-off in PC sales before the launch of Windows 8. Microsoft also said PC makers such as Acer (2353.TW), Asustek (2357.TW), Dell (DELL.O), HP (HPQ.N), Samsung (005930.KS) and Sony (6758.T) were also now taking pre-orders for machines with Windows 8 pre-installed.

Reuters



The Windows 8 operating system is displayed at the Microsoft booth during the 2012 Computex exhibition at the TWTC Nangang exhibition hall in Taipei on 6 June, 2012.—REUTERS

Space shuttle Endeavour met with awe on trip through

Los Angeles

Science

LOS ANGELES, 13 Oct— The retired space shuttle Endeavour rolled through Los Angeles at a tortoise-like crawl on Friday, squeezing through narrow streets as it headed to its new permanent home at a local museum.

Endeavour nosed out of Los Angeles International Airport before dawn on Friday to begin a two-day, 12-mile (19-km) journey atop a massive wheeled transporter to the California Science Centre on the edge of downtown.

The shuttle, which flew from 1992 to 2011, will become a tourist attraction at the center. Endeavour was largely built in southern California and was a workhorse of the US space programme, flying 25 missions.

Its first scheduled stop

on Friday was a strip mall parking lot where a few hundred spectators marveled at it. The shuttle then resumed its journey through the city.

"I grew up in central Florida and saw many shuttle launches, but this is the first time I've ever been up close to one," said Stephen Caldwell, 38, who was in town on business and spotted the spaceship from his hotel window. "This really is a big part of American history and to be able to see it here is really special," he said.

The shuttle is 122 feet long and 78 feet wide and stands 5 stories tall at the tail—which police said makes it the largest object ever to move through Los Angeles. Its combined weight with the transporter is 80 tons.

Organizers say only a few inches separate Endeavour's



An onlooker takes a picture of the space shuttle Endeavour as it slowly moves along city streets in Los Angeles, California on 12 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

wings from structures along the route, and workers have felled 400 trees along curbs to clear a path. The science center will plant more than 1,000 trees to make up for their loss.

Some street lights, traffic signals, power poles and parking meters also are being

temporarily removed. The shuttle will pause again to avoid rush hour traffic on Friday evening before crossing the 405 freeway, the nation's busiest thoroughfare. On Saturday morning it will appear at a massive rally outside an arena in the nearby city of Inglewood.—Reuters

Apple to host 23 October event, iPad mini expected

Tech

SAN FRANCISCO, 13 Oct— Apple Inc (AAPL.O) will host an event on 23 October where it is expected to unveil a smaller iPad that will take on the less expensive devices offered by Amazon.com Inc (AMZN.O) and Google Inc (GOOG.O), a source familiar with the matter said on Friday.

Wall Street analysts have predicted for months that Apple was planning a smaller, less costly version of its popular iPad to take on cheaper competing devices, a move that analysts say might hurt its margins, but prevent its rivals from dominating an increasingly important computing segment.

The source did not specify what the product would be and an Apple spokesman declined to comment, but tech blog AllThingsD reported earlier on Friday that Apple would launch the mini iPad at the event. The device is expected by many experts to have a

screen between 7 and 8 inches (18-20 cm).

A smaller iPad will directly compete with e-commerce company Amazon's Kindle Fire HD tablet and Google's Nexus 7. Both devices have 7-inch screens and sell for \$199. The first Kindle Fire, launched last year, grabbed about a fifth of the US tablet market.

The consumer device company is gearing up to unveil a new product at a major 23 October event, said the source, who declined to be named, only days before Microsoft Corp (MSFT.O) unveils Windows 8 and its new Surface tablet on 26 October.

The Nexus 7, manufactured by Asustek Computer Inc (2357.TW), has also seen a successful start, with the tablet selling out soon after launch.

One Wall Street analyst said he had seen the smaller tablet, dubbed iPad mini by the media, while visiting component suppliers in Asia.

Reuters



A Motorola Droid phone is seen displaying the Google search page in New York on 15 Aug, 2011.—REUTERS

Microsoft to sue Google with Motorola in German patent row

Tech

SEATTLE, 13 Oct — Microsoft Corp said on Friday it plans to add Google Inc as a defendant in Germany in one of its patent actions against Google's phone maker, Motorola Mobility, the first time the two tech giants have come into direct legal conflict over Google's Android mobile software. Microsoft contends that Google's Android infringes its software patents but so far has pursued handset makers rather than Google itself for payment of royalties.

Many hardware companies have settled with Microsoft over their use of Android, but Motorola—which Google bought this year—is fighting a range of patent issues with Microsoft in courts in the United States and Germany. In the latest move, Microsoft said in a court in Munich that it plans to add Google as a defendant in a case in which it claims a mapping feature on Motorola phones infringes one of its patents.

"It became necessary to

add Google to this particular case because Motorola maintains that it lacks sufficient information about actions occurring on Google's servers," said a Microsoft spokesperson in an e-mailed statement on Friday. Google signaled it would defend itself. "We want to focus on innovation, not litigation, but we'll vigorously defend against any amended complaint Microsoft files," Google's Deputy General Counsel Allen Lo said in an e-mailed statement.

The patent in question defines a method for a mobile device to obtain a map from one database, call up resource information such as the location of a hotel from a second database, and overlay the two sets of data. Motorola and Microsoft are engaged in separate patent disputes in courts in Mannheim, Germany and Seattle over Motorola's use of scheduling software and Microsoft's use of some video and wireless technology.—Reuters



Customers try iPad tablets on display at a new Apple store during its official opening in Strasbourg on 15 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Business Genworth to sell wealth management biz



Genworth Financial Inc Office in Raleigh, North Carolina USA.—REUTERS

NEW YORK, 13 Oct—Genworth Financial Inc (GNW) plans to sell two of its businesses, including its wealth management business, in an effort to raise capital, according to three sources familiar with the situation. The Richmond, Virginia-based company wants to sell its Pleasant Hill, California-based wealth asset management business, which has over \$20 billion in assets under management and sells its portfolios through about 6,000 third-party advisers around the country.

The sources also said

Genworth is looking for a buyer for Altegris, its San Francisco-based alternative investments provider with \$3.36 billion in client assets. The sources wished to remain anonymous because they were told about the deal in confidence. Genworth bought Altegris in 2010 for \$35 million, plus additional performance-based payments.

Genworth is working with Goldman Sachs & Co (GS) as the banker for the deal, said one of the sources, who estimated that if the two businesses were sold together they could be valued at about

\$400 million.

Genworth reported net income of \$76 million, or 15 cents per share, in the second quarter, compared with a net loss of \$136 million, or 28 cents a share, a year earlier. Net operating losses from the firm's mortgage insurance unit narrowed to \$25 million, from \$255 million in the comparable period last year.

S&P said it was lowering its rating "to reflect the low earnings level for the organization...and the difficulty it will face expanding margins globally in the weak economy." In a statement responding to the S&P downgrade, Genworth said it is "pursuing a number of strategic and financial actions designed to improve returns on capital, simplify our mix of businesses, strengthen capital generation, and increase financial strength and capital flexibility."

The company said it would provide further details about this effort in its third-quarter earnings call on 31 October.

In April, the insurer sold its tax and accounting financial adviser unit to

California-based Cetera Financial Group. At the time, the company said the sale would allow it to focus more on "its core turnkey asset management businesses."

Genworth is a Fortune 500 company that sells insurance as well as wealth management services. It bought its turnkey asset management platform, which was called AssetMark Investment Services, in 2006 and merged it with Genworth Financial Asset Management to form Genworth Financial Wealth Management.

Given Genworth's financial situation, it might make sense to offload the wealth management unit because providing turnkey asset management — which involves putting together customized portfolios and handling the back-office functions for financial institutions and advisories — has become increasingly competitive, said Alois Pirker, a research director at Boston-based Aite Group, which studies wealth management trends.

Reuters

Business

Gold falls on profit taking

CHICAGO, 13 Oct—Gold futures on the COMEX division of the New York Mercantile Exchange fell Friday as traders sought to take profits. The most active gold contract for December delivery slid 10.9 dollars, or 0.62 percent, to close at 1,759.7 U.S. dollars per ounce, ending the week 1.2 percent lower.

Insiders said gold seems to have had all the benefits it's going to get from the announcement of the Federal Reserve last month, and with two weeks to go until the next Federal Open

Market Committee (FOMC) meeting, some in the market have decided to take a profit. Producer prices climbed 1.1 percent in September following an increase of 1.7 percent in August, the Labor Department said. The core wholesale price index, which excludes food and energy prices, was flat in September.

Analysts said the producer price data had prompted some traders to sell before heading out for the weekend.

Reuters



Trader Fred Demarco works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, on 12 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

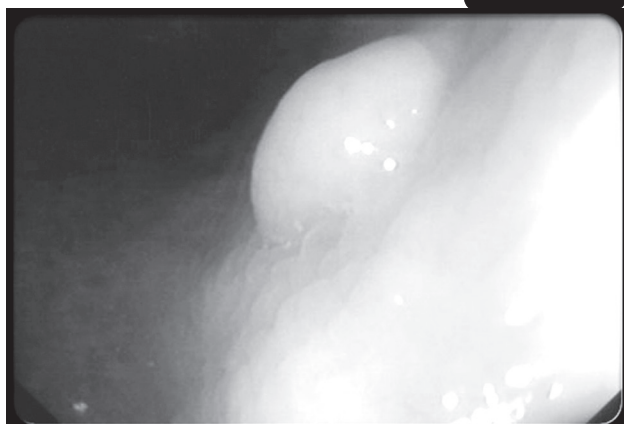
VA cancer screening reminder falls short **Health**

NEW YORK, 13 Oct—An electronic reminder notifying doctors when patients need a colorectal cancer screening accomplished nothing to increase screening rates in a large new study. "It's a wash," said lead author John Bian, of his group's findings based on the Oncology Watch system that was implemented at eight US Veteran Affairs (VA) hospitals in 2008.

Bian, an associate professor at South Carolina College of Pharmacy in Columbia, and his colleagues write in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology* that the system was put in place after the federal agency mandated colorectal cancer screenings for all average- and high-risk veterans in 2007.

Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer in men and women in the US, according to the American Cancer Society. It's estimated that about 143,000 people in the US will be diagnosed with the cancer in 2012, and about 52,000 are expected to die from it. The study's authors write that Oncology Watch was tied into the VA's electronic health record system to accomplish two goals: to increase colorectal cancer screening rates and to improve care with timely diagnosis and surveillance.

The researchers analyzed each hospital's screening rates



Colorectal cancers often begin as polyps — benign growths on the interior surface of the colon.—REUTERS

for 2006 and 2007, the two years before Oncology Watch was implemented. They also looked at the two years after the programme went into effect, 2009 and 2010. In addition, they compared those rates to the other 121 VA hospitals without Oncology Watch around the country.

At the centers with the reminders, the researchers found that colorectal cancer screening rates were about 38 percent, 32 percent, 34 percent and 33 percent in 2006, 2007, 2009 and 2010, respectively. For the same years at the 121 other VA hospitals, the numbers didn't differ that much. Their screening rates were 31 percent, 30 percent, 32 percent and 31 percent.

"I do think that the message — if there is any nugget in any of this — was that ... there doesn't seem to be any benefit to Oncology Watch," said Dr Marko

Simunovic, who wrote an editorial accompanying the study.—Reuters

Canadian diabetes conference paints bleak picture of global pandemic **Health**

VANCOUVER, 13 Oct—Even if one person has type 1 diabetes in your family, it could increase the risk by 15 times of another family member contracting the disease, a noted American researcher said here Friday. Carla Greenbaum, director of diabetes clinical research at the Seattle-based Benaroya Research Institute at the Virginia Mason Medical Center, said this at the Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA) professional conference. Greenbaum noted that early identification of the disease is paramount for treatment. Type 1 diabetes typically occurs in children or teens when the pancreas can't produce insulin. "Type 1 diabetes is an

immune mediated disease in which islet beta cells are destroyed by the immune system," Greenbaum said, explaining such cells in the pancreas make and release insulin, the hormone controlling sugar levels in the blood.

The breakdown of these cells is the main cause of type 1 diabetes. Greenbaum noted, however, in experimental trials in children with diabetes over the past few decades, at least 3 types of therapies have shown to preserve beta cell function in people with early type 1 diabetes. The studies have confirmed the ability of medical professionals to determine risk for type 1

surplus rose slightly to 27.67 billion US dollars from 26.66 billion US dollars in August, the GAC said.

The country's total foreign trade went up 6.3 percent year on year to 345.03 billion US dollars in September and expanded 6.2 percent year on year to 2.84 trillion US dollars in the first nine months. In the Jan.-Sept. period, exports grew 7.4 percent from a year earlier to 1.5 trillion US dollars while imports gained 4.8 percent to 1.35 trillion US dollars, bringing the trade surplus to 148.31 billion US

dollars. During that period, trade with the European Union, China's largest trade partner, fell 2.7 percent year on year to 410.99 billion US dollars, the figures showed.

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China's export growth picks up in September **Business**

BEIJING, 13 Oct—China's exports rose 9.9 percent year on year to 186.35 billion US dollars in September, official data showed Saturday. The export volume hit a record monthly high and the growth was higher than the 2.7 percent year on year increase posted in August, according to figures from the General Administration of Customs (GAC).

Imports ended three months of consecutive drops in September, up 2.4 percent from a year earlier to 158.68 billion US dollars. Trade

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Southeast Asia, along with Africa and the Middle East will experience the greatest increases. In Canada, a country with just over 34 million population, nine million people live with diabetes or prediabetes. The latter refers to the case when blood sugar levels are higher than normal, but not enough to be diagnosed as type 2 diabetes, something that usually develops in adulthood when the body can't effectively produce enough insulin.—Reuters

WORLD

BAA squeezes more growth out of Heathrow

LONDON, 13 Oct — British airport operator BAA squeezed further growth out of stretched London Heathrow in September, calling on an inquiry into capacity constraints to look at every option to allow Britain to tap rising emerging market demand. BAA, owned by Spanish infrastructure group

Aberdeen — a figure unchanged from September 2011.

Strong traffic from Brazil and China counterbalanced a sluggish performance in Europe and a 7 percent decline from India, where India's debt-strapped Kingfisher Airlines is facing possible shutdown and has

third runway at Heathrow before the next election in 2015, in part to appease its junior Liberal Democrat partners and boost its green credentials.

A commission chaired by former Financial Services Authority head Howard Davies charged with exploring ways to expand airport capacity in southeast England will report in the summer of 2015 after releasing an interim report next year.

"Traffic to and from the BRIC economies, other than India, demonstrates the ongoing importance of hub capacity to connect the UK to growth markets.

The Davies Commission must rigorously and objectively assess every option to meet our country's economic needs," BAA's chief executive Colin Matthews said in a statement. The number of passengers from Brazil and China at Heathrow rose by 14 percent and 5.9 percent respectively.

European traffic was up just 0.2 percent, weighed down by a 4.8 percent decline from Greece and Portugal. Ferrovial shares were down 0.6 percent in morning trading.

Reuters



An aircraft comes into land at Heathrow Airport in London on 13 Feb, 2012.

REUTERS

Ferrovial, said on Thursday that Heathrow, Europe's busiest airport, handled 6.3 million passengers last month, up 0.6 percent from a year ago.

Nearly 9.2 million passengers passed through BAA's five airports — Heathrow, Stansted, Southampton, Glasgow and

been grounding planes. BAA has complained it is falling behind rival European airports in Frankfurt, Paris and Amsterdam in the battle for lucrative emerging markets routes because of constraints on growth at Heathrow.

But Britain's conservative-led coalition government has ruled out building a

Bomb risk to US troops heightened by contractor fraud

WASHINGTON, 13 Oct — Investigators are warning US commanders in Afghanistan about a heightened risk of attack because of shoddy work by an Afghan contractor paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to help strengthen defences against Taliban bombings.

The US Special Inspector General for Afghan Reconstruction, or SIGAR, said in a letter released on Thursday that drains or pipes thought to have been sealed to prevent the Taliban from planting bombs were still accessible to the insurgents.

It wrote in the October 10 letter to top US commanders, a redacted version of which was released to the media, that although one particular region was potentially exposed "we are concerned that this problem may be more widely spread throughout Afghanistan."

SIGAR did not name the contractor, but a SIGAR official said the contract was awarded in February 2011 for \$361,680 and was meant to seal off 125 locations from potential placement of improvised explosive

devices, or IEDs. SIGAR cited "potentially significant contract fraud."

IEDs are the Taliban's weapon of choice against NATO forces and are responsible for about 60 percent of injuries or deaths among NATO forces for over a year, according to data from the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, the US defence department agency working to counter the bombs.

Still, the number of killed or wounded between July and September of 2012 is down from the same period in 2009, JIEDDO said. Executed IED attacks fell by 14 percent in from January to August 2012, compared with the same period last year, according to data from the NATO-led forces in Afghanistan. US forces in Afghanistan declined comment on the investigation but noted that the irregularities with the contract were first reported by a US Navy contract oversight officer — suggesting that the SIGAR's information might have already been known to coalition forces.—Reuters

Seven British Royal Marines arrested for "murder" in Afghanistan UK

LONDON, 13 Oct — Seven British Royal Marines have been arrested on suspicion of murder, local media reported on Thursday night quoting Ministry of Defence (MOD).

MOD said the arrests relate to an incident in Afghanistan in 2011.

"The incident followed an engagement with an

insurgent. There were no civilians involved. The investigation will now be taken forward and dealt with by the service justice system," a MOD spokesman said.

He did not make further comment or give details of the incident because an "investigation is under way."—Xinhua



A Libyan inspects a house after a shelling in Bani Walid, about 185 kilometres southeast of Tripoli, on 11 Oct, 2012. At least three people were killed when Libyan troops shelled Bani Walid, a former stronghold of the late dictator Moamer Gaddafi, local media reported on Thursday.—XINHUA



A Swiss Air Force F18 fighter jet releases flares during a flight demonstration of the Swiss Air Force over the Axalp in the Bernese Oberland on 11 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

Iraqi PM visits Czech Republic to shore up ties Iraq

PRAGUE, 13 Oct — Visiting Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki on Thursday met with Czech Prime Minister Petr Necas in a two-day official visit to the Czech Republic from 11 to 12 October.

Maliki and Necas discussed economic and cultural relations, cooperation in defence and security between the two countries, and said they saw opportunities in the development of Iraq's infrastructure, transport,

agriculture, oil industry, and security forces formation.

Czech export to Iraq amounted to 87 million US dollars in 2011. The main export items are cars, construction elements, turbogenerators, turbines, transformers and switchboards. Czech import from Iraq, meanwhile, totaled only 164,000 US dollars last year.

On Friday, Czech defence minister Alexandr Vondra and his Iraqi counterpart Saadun al-

Dulaimi will negotiate a possible purchase plan of Czech L-159 training fighter aircraft.

Prague and Baghdad have been negotiating about the sale of L-159 for nearly two years. Iraq allegedly plans to buy up to 24 one-seat and four four-seat L-159 planes. The Czech military does not use most of its L-159s and it has been seeking a buyer for the redundant

Xinhua

Six insurgents killed in operations in eastern Afghanistan Afghanistan

KABUL, 13 Oct — The Afghan forces and the NATO-led coalition troops have eliminated six insurgents and captured 18 others in restive eastern Afghan provinces within a 24-hour period, the coalition forces confirmed in a Press release issued from Bagram, the main US base in the country, on Friday.

"Afghan and coalition forces killed six insurgents, detained 18 and cleared an improvised explosive device (IED) during operations in eastern Afghanistan throughout the past 24 hours," the release said. The joint forces killed six insurgents during engagements in Nerkh district and Sayyidabad district, Wardak Province, 35 km west of Afghan capital Kabul, it said.

Afghan National Security Forces and coalition forces detained 18 insurgents during two engagements in Khowst District of Khost Province, some 185 km southeast of Kabul. The detained

suspects were transferred to a base for questioning.

The IED was found by the joint forces in Gelan district, Ghazni Province, 100 km south of Kabul, according to the release. Afghan Taliban has launched massive IED attacks against coalition and Afghan national security force in recent years.

Up to six Afghan policemen were killed on Wednesday when an IED they were defusing went off in Helmand Province, 555 km south of Kabul.

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

The Taliban insurgents, who have been waging an insurgency of more than one decade, have yet to make comments.

Xinhua

WORLD

Taleban's "Radio Mullah" sent hit squad after Pakistani schoolgirl

Pakistan PESHAWAR, 13 Oct — One of the Taleban's most feared commanders, Maulana Fazlullah, carefully briefed two killers from his special hit squad on their next target. The gunmen weren't going after any army officer, politician or Western diplomat. Their target was a 14-year-old Pakistani schoolgirl who had angered the Taleban by speaking out for "Western"-style girls' education. Tuesday's shooting of Malala Yousufzai was the culmination of years of campaigning that had pitted the fearless, smiling young girl against one of Pakistan's most ruthless Taleban commanders.

Their story began in 2009, when Fazlullah, known as Radio Mullah for his fiery radio broadcasts, took over Swat Valley, and ordered the closure of girls' schools, including Yousufzai's. Outraged, the then-11-year-old kept a blog for the BBC under a pen name and later launched a campaign for girls' education. It won her Pakistan's highest civilian honour and death threats from the Taleban. Yousufzai was not blind to the dangers. In her hometown of Mingora, Fazlullah's Taleban fighters dumped bodies near where her family lived.

"I heard my father talking about another three bodies lying at Green



A picture of Malala Yousufzai, who was shot on Tuesday by the Taleban for speaking out against the militants and promoting education for girls, is displayed next to lighted candles in Lahore on 12 Oct.— Reuters

Chowk," she wrote in her diary, referring to a nearby roundabout. A military offensive pushed Fazlullah out of Swat in 2009, but his men simply melted away across the border to Afghanistan. Earlier this year, they kidnapped and

beheaded 17 Pakistani soldiers in one of several cross border raids. Yousufzai continued speaking out despite the danger. As her fame grew, Fazlullah tried everything he could to silence her.

Reuters

Two blasts in Kenyan capital, Kenya policeman wounded

NAIROBI, 13 Oct — Two successive blasts in a residential area near the Kenyan capital's central business district wounded one police officer late on Friday but did not injure any civilians, police said. A string of sometimes deadly attacks in Nairobi and the port City of Mombasa has been blamed on Somali militants and their sympathizers, retaliating for Kenya's decision to send troops into Somalia last October to drive out the militants.

The latest blast rocked the Somali-dominated area of Eastleigh, 100m (yards) from a church on Nairobi's Juja Road where an explosion on 30 Sept killed a nine-year-old child attending Sunday school. "We believe the first blast was intended to lure onlookers, members of the public, and that the second blast was meant to harm them," Kenya Police spokesman Eric Kiraithe told Reuters. "One police officer

was wounded, but his injuries are not life threatening," he added.

Kiraithe said the explosions had targeted a dumping site in a section of the sprawling working-class district. The area was cordoned off and lit up with floodlights so bomb experts could scour it for shrapnel and any unexploded devices. Kiraithe declined to say what may have caused the blasts, saying he could only comment after investigations were complete. He also declined to say who may have been behind the attack.

Local television stations said at least three police officers had been wounded in the blasts. Kenyan troops have won control of the southern Somali port City of Kismayu, the al Shabaab militant group's last major bastion in the Horn of Africa country, as part of a year-long offensive to drive out the rebels.

Reuters



Children and parents learn how to conduct facial cleansing at Shiseido Co's headquarters in Tokyo in August 2012. — Kyodo

US

White House congratulates EU on winning Nobel Peace Prize

WASHINGTON, 13 Oct — The White House on Friday congratulated the European Union (EU) on winning the Nobel Peace Prize this year.

"This award recognizes Europe's commitment to the principles of democracy, freedom and human rights, as well as its efforts to advance these values across the world," US National Security Council spokesman Tommy Vietor said in a White House statement.

"In addition, it reflects the spirit and dedication of the Europeans to coexist peacefully in a society that draws strength from the diversity of its people, its languages and its cultures," Vietor said, noting that the United States is "pleased" to see the EU recognized for its achievements.

The EU was awarded the 2012 Nobel Peace Prize for advancing "peace and reconciliation, democracy and human rights in Europe" for over six decades, Thorbjørn Jagland, chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, said earlier in the day.

Xinhua

Greeks overwhelmingly oppose austerity, as deal on new measures nears

ATHENS, 13 Oct — An overwhelming majority of Greeks oppose austerity and view their debt-laden country's and their own economic future with pessimism, a survey released in Athens showed on Friday, as a deal on additional measures in return of vital international loans nears, according to government sources. Greece is heading in the wrong direction, said eight out of ten respondents in the poll conducted by Public Issue for the daily Kathimerini and SKAI radio. Only 11 percent saw the country as being on the right track. In addition, 72 percent of Greeks

reject imposed austerity in exchange for bailout funds from the European Union and International Monetary Fund lenders. By a similar percentage, they said their households suffered after rounds of cuts on salaries, pensions and tax hikes introduced to tackle the debt crisis over the past two years which fuelled unemployment and recession.

Twenty-eight percent of respondents expressed anger at the current situation, 24 percent disappointment and 15 percent anxiety, as the government inches close to an agreement with international creditors in

Athens over a new austerity package worth 13.5 billion euros (17.5 billion US dollars) for 2013-2014, according to local media reports.

Finance Minister Yannis Stournaras has since Wednesday inched closer towards a deal necessary to unlock fresh bailout aid in the coming weeks, government sources said. Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras aims to have a final agreement secured before joining the EU summit in Brussels on 18 October to push for the release of the funds and bargain a two-year extension to conduct necessary fiscal adjustment.—Xinhua



Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper speaks to Canadian business officials in Dakar on 11 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS

DAKAR, 13 Oct — Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper said on Friday that China's "very different" political and economic systems are a concern as his government decides whether to approve CNOOC Ltd's \$15.1 billion bid for oil producer Nexen Inc. The comments were some of the most revealing Harper has made in connection with the

landmark CNOOC deal, which has raised fears over Chinese state-owned enterprises buying up Canadian energy assets. Some members of Canada's governing Conservative Party are wary of the CNOOC bid, in part because of what they say are unfair Chinese business practices. Harper—speaking to reporters in Dakar, Senegal—said Canada wants a

Canada PM says "very different" China system a Nexen concern

Canada

growing relationship with China, but added that Chinese investments must be scrutinized from a national security perspective. This week Ottawa hinted strongly that it would exclude Chinese telecommunication equipment giant Huawei Technologies Co Ltd from participating in the construction of a secure Canadian government communications network because of security risks.

Harper, asked about Huawei and the CNOOC takeover, began his answer by saying he would not comment on any particular transaction. But in his subsequent remarks he clearly touched upon both cases. "The relationship with China is important. At the same time it's complex. It's complex

because the Chinese obviously have very different systems than we do, economic and political systems, and that's why obviously some of these particular transactions raise concerns," he told reporters in Senegal. The Conservatives need to balance concerns over security and an increased Chinese presence in Canada with their push to attract more foreign investment for the Canadian resource sector.

Ottawa says the oil and gas industry needs \$650 billion (\$663 billion) to fund new projects over the next decade alone, and concedes that much of the money will have to come from abroad. The Canadian government this week extended its review of CNOOC's bid for Nexen by 30 days, to 11 November.

Earlier it had invoked a national security exemption that would allow it to block Huawei from participation in its new telecoms network. The extension, while expected, comes amid a growing furor over alleged Chinese espionage in North America. Some Canadians also fear that a successful CNOOC bid for Nexen could spark a wave of mega takeovers of Canadian energy producers by foreign enterprises. "We will ensure as a government that we have not only a growing relationship with China but a relationship with China that is in Canada's best interests," Harper said. "And of course ... there's a national security dimension to this relationship, in fact to all our activities, that we take very seriously," he added.—Reuters

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 14 October, 2012

Dicing with danger

Do you notice how much of foreign agents that pose health threats to our bodies are included in food we eat and water we drink? Nobody really notice that they are dicing with danger without having much knowledge about the levels of toxicity in our food and water. There is a growing concern about food colourings, pesticide residues in fruits and vegetables and in our drinking water.

With excessive use of chemical pesticides for a high crop yield and prevention against unwanted loss and damages during cultivation and harvest time, harmful toxins of pesticides seep into farm products, the food we eat. In addition to posing a greater risk to our health, use of pesticides is also a major cause of water pollution as residues from chemical pesticides trickle into soil and reaches the groundwater. These water-soluble pesticides pollute the lakes, rivers and reservoirs that supply our drinking water. Another way by which toxins enter our water supply system is the result of dumping of industrial waste into water supply sources. These toxins from pesticides not only can cause headaches, nausea, dizziness, GI tract disorders, nervous system disorders, hormonal imbalance and skin ailments but also enhance the risks for cancer as a long-term effect.

The rise in use of food dyes that present a rainbow of risks is a matter of considerable public concern. Without improving the nutritional quality of foods, food additives are widely used ranging from candy to ingredients in daily cooking. Although these food colorings which are contaminated with cancer-causing substances are poisonous, they don't cause any acute symptoms in low amount, over a lifetime, they definitely trigger series of diseases, possibly, cancer in anybody.

How do we ensure to stay away from health risks linked to residual pesticides and artificial additives in our food and drinking water? There arises a point to think whether tasty and colourful food can guarantee our health. We have to look for healthier alternatives to eating. The best solution for ordinary people, as organic, all-natural and pesticide-free foods are out of their reach, to rid foods of contamination is to soak food and vegetables in water containing a small amount of vinegar and be sure to peel all fruits and vegetables prior to eating it. Officials concerned, in their part, have to raise a greater awareness of public chemistry, encouraging organizations which take care of food safety to be more efficient and stronger than before and persuading and educating local farmers to apply pesticide-free farming methods.

Fire breaks out at primary school

SAGAING, 13 Oct—A fire broke out at Basic Education Primary School in ChaungU Village of Mezalichaung Village-tract in Sagaing Township at 12.05 pm on 2 October.

A 52 feet long and 20 feet wide one-storey school

building was destroyed in the fire. A total of 17 desks and five blackboards were lost in the fire.

Sagaing Police Station No. 1 opened a file of lawsuit for the outbreak of fire under Section 285 of the Criminal Law.—Kyemon

NATIONAL

Children are to be familiar with democratic practices since their schooldays: UEC Chairman



UEC Chairman U Tin Aye visits Pynnya Arman new school building. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct— "It is absolutely required that children who will have to live in a democratic society are to be familiar with democracies since their schooldays," said Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye as he addressed the ceremony to hand over Pynnya Arman new school building of Theinnigan Village Basic Education High School (branch) in TadaU Township, Mandalay Region to the Ministry of Education this morning.

Present on the occasion were Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, and region ministers Dr Win Hlaing and U Myint Than. The Union Ministers, Executive Director U Tin Tun, on behalf

of Chairman U Aung Ko Win of Kanbawza Bank Ltd formally opened the new school building and the commission chairman unveiled the signboard of the building.

The commission chairman said the State is endeavouring for sticking to the democratic path founded on the national interests for future socio-economic development of the people. In so doing, it is building democracy of its own based on geography, culture, tradition and custom of the nation rather than copying particular democracy system from abroad.

The global political phenomenon implies that the rule of law, socio-economic development and massive intellectual capital are deciding factors in

building up a new democratic nation and intellectual capital is of paramount importance as it helps bring about rationality in citizens, equal protection of the law and regulatory qualities. Along with the rule of law, socio-economic life of the State and national people would develop as the result of competitiveness of the citizens.

The commission chairman described long-existed practices of the formation of groups at each class and school council and competition for outstanding student award as a form of exercising democracy. He suggested that re-practice of outstanding student award competition and organization of overseas study trip will help turn out personal educational heroes

to schoolchildren, encouraging their industry.

The commission chairman said that the new school building was constructed at a cost of over K 3,500 million to support the education promotion of the State, and to fulfill the intellectual nourishment of Theinnigan villagers.

Union Education Minister Dr Mya Aye wished the students pleasant learning at the school and production of future human resources.

Executive Director U Tin Tun on behalf of the donor handed over relevant documents to the Education Ministry through a region minister. The ceremony came to an end with words of thanks of the TadaU Township education officer.—MNA

Noisy industries with bad smell to move to industrial zones

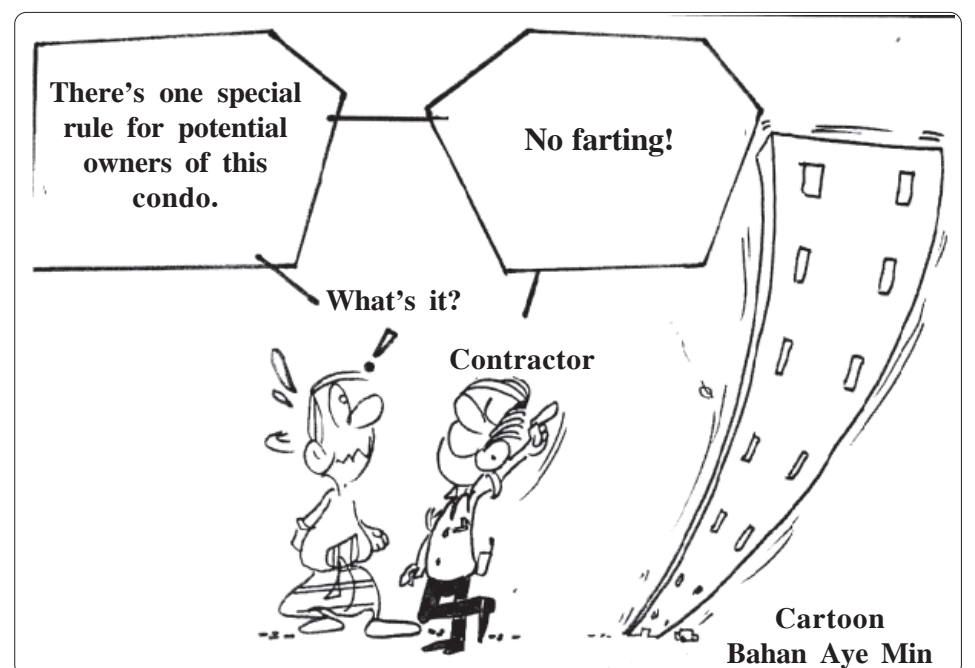
YANGON, 13 Oct—The noisy industries with bad smell in Yangon city will be moved to industrial zone after ending the permitted period of Yangon City Development Committee, said the Yangon Region Minister for Electric and Industry in meeting with industrial entrepreneurs for development of industrial sector in Yangon Region on 5 October.

"There remain noisy industries with bad smell in the city. They have to be moved to industrial zones. These industries will be moved to the industrial zone after completion of permitted period. The YCDC undertakes the case step

step," he said. YCDC and Department

of Human Settlement and Housing Development have

allotted the plots for the industries. Directives have been issued for the industries to move to the industrial zones.—Kyemon



NATIONAL

ROK to provide health care service in two townships in Yangon Region as of 2013

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct— Myanmar delegation members, accompanied President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar who paid goodwill visit to the Republic of Korea, held discussions and paid visits.

On 8 October, delegation member Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe held discussion with Chairman of STX Heavy Industry and STX Construction Mr Lee Hee Beon, Chairman of Wave Global Inc Mr Caleb JY Lee and Chairman of Doosun Co Mr YM Park at Lotte Hotel. The following day, he also met with Chairman of Hanshin Co., Ltd Mr Choi Yong Sun at Lotte Hotel and Deputy Minister of Knowledge Economy Mr Cho Seok at KOTRA Headquarters. The meetings mainly focused on investment and cooperation in Myanmar.

On 8 October, Union Minister for Industry U Aye Myint and Deputy Minister for Transport U Han Sein visited Asan Factory of Hyundai Motor Company in Seoul. Vice-President of Asia and Pacific, Africa and Middle East Group Mr Y. K. Koo and officials explained the company's setting up of three factories in Korea and seven in other countries



Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe meets Chairman of Wave Global Inc Mr Caleb JY Lee.—MNA

including US, China and Russia, manufacturing of four million cars in 2011, daily manufacturing of about 1,200 Sonata and Grandeur model saloon cars in Asan Factory and 300,000 cars per year.

After that, they viewed manufacturing of cars at main workshops and discussed joint manufacturing in Myanmar, technical assistance and exports and markets.

Likewise, Region Chief Ministers U Myint Swe, U Ye Myint and U Nyan Win, on 8 October, visited urban development projects

and Seoul City development tasks at Seoul City Hall. On 9 October, they received General Manager of GS Co at Lotte Hotel.

Similarly, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Thein Thein Htay and party met with Chairman Mr Lee Soo Ku of Korea Foundation for International Healthcare (KOFIH), the General Secretary, project incharge and members of the joint project to be implemented in cooperation with Myanmar and officials of Ministry of Health of the Republic of Korea. At the

call, both sides discussed Korea's health care and rural health care programme which will be implemented in two project townships in



Region Chief Ministers U Myint Swe, U Ye Myint and U Nyan Win meet General Manager of GS Co.—MNA

Follow-up programmes of Social Security Board clarified

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct— Implementation for new social security law of Social Security Board under the Ministry of Labour and explanation ceremony for follow-up programmes were held in Mandalay on 12 October morning.

Deputy Minister for Labour U Myint Thein explained that social security plan carries out for not only the interest of the employers but the interest of employees, similarly it will help development tasks of the State.

Mandalay Region Forestry and Mines Minister U Than Soe Myint participated in discussions and Chairman of Social Security Board U Yu Lwin Aung clarified the plans to be implemented in line with new social security law in 2012, region-wise extension tasks and emergence of low housing project for insurance workers.—MNA

Outstanding students awarded at Mawlamyine BEHS No 9

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct— No 9 Basic Education High School in Mawlamyine held the annual general meeting of Parent-Teacher Association for 2012-2013 academic year and prize presentation for outstanding students at U Tha Hnyin Dhammayon of the school on 29 September

morning. Patron of PTA U Thein Zaw and the chairperson of PTA headmistress gave speeches.

After that, Mon State Minister for Development Affairs Dr Toe Toe Aung and wife, Headmistress Dr Hla Hla Maw, patrons of PTA, members of School Board of Trustees and parents presented awards to six-distinction winning students Maung Okka Min, Ma Shwe Sin Tun, Maung Naing Lin Thu and Ma Myat Poe Chi, two five-distinction winners, 19 four-distinction winners, 29 three-distinction winners, 17 two-distinction winners and 33 one-distinction winners and 70 first, second and third prize winners at different classes.



Headmistress Dr Hla Hla Maw of Mawlamyine BEHS No. 9 awards Maung Okka Min who stood first in matriculation exam in Mon State for 2011-2012 academic year.—NLM

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School Environment Day

The duty of all basic education schools

Ministry of Education

Yangon Region as of 2013 with respect to the community-based health care to be implemented in cooperation with Myanmar.

In the evening, the deputy minister and party visited Seoul National University College of Medicine. There, they held discussion on Myanmar-Korea health care system, cooperation in teaching of

medical subjects, sending of scholars, technical assistance for health insurance system, affiliation between two medical universities. After that, they visited Seoul National University's Dental Hospital, Cancer Treatment Hospital and Children Hospital and discussed cooperation in health sector.

MNA

News in Brief

Cash donated to Special Olympics Myanmar National Games

On 11 October, Chairperson Mrs Evelyn Chung of International Friendship Group-IFG donated K 8.6 million to Special Olympics Myanmar National Games 2012 to be held on 15 and 16 November through President of Myanmar Sports Federation Col Myo Myint (Rtd).

Farmland multiplier course conducted

The farmland law, and the vacant, fallow and virgin land management law and rules were clarified at the multiplier course of Zabuthiri Township on 10 and 11 October. Altogether 30 trainees from township level departmental personnel and ward and village administrators attended the course.

International White Cane Day 15 Oct

The 21st Yangon Mayor's Cup White Cane Day will be held on 15 October.

At 6.30 am, the participants will start from People's Square and finish in front of City Hall. Roads will be temporarily closed to traffic from 5 am to 8 am along the competition route.

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WORLD



Photo taken on 11 Oct, 2012 shows the Khafre Pyramid (R, back), in Cairo, Egypt. Egypt antiquities authorities announced on Thursday the re-opening of the Khafre pyramid and six other tombs. — XINHUA

Police smash major drug ring in Australia's Brisbane **Australia**

BRISBANE, 13 Oct—Over 2,000 hydroponically grown cannabis plants, 70 kilograms of dried cannabis and 60,000 AU dollars in cash (61,680 US dollars) have been seized during two days of raids across Brisbane's southeast, Australia's Queensland Police said on Friday.

More than 100 police targeted over 40 properties in several suburbs of Brisbane on Thursday and Friday morning, police said. Officers located 17 hydroponic set-

ups, including four independent "grow houses" containing large quantities of cannabis plants at the suburbs of Rochedale, Park Ridge and Springwood. During the operation, officers also seized weapons, amphetamines and a large quantity of drug crop equipment. "At this stage, 25 people have been charged with 98 offenses including possessing, supplying and producing dangerous drugs," the Queensland Police said in a statement. — Xinhua

Cuba praises China-LatAm

Lat Am ties

HAVANA, 13 Oct—The relations between China and Latin America, especially in the economic sphere, are helping boost increasingly important South-South cooperation, Cuban state-run daily *Granma* said on Thursday. In an in-depth article titled "China and Latin America: a nexus for development," the daily said China has become the second largest trade partner and a main source of investment to the region in the past decade. Bilateral trade has seen an average annual growth of over 30 percent since 2001, reaching 241.5

billion US dollars in 2011.

In an official visit to Chile last June, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao set the goal of increasing two-way trade to 400 billion dollars over the next five years. Granma cited Osvaldo Rosales, director of International Trade and Integration at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), as saying "the challenge now is for us to unite as Latin America and the Caribbean, jointly defining policies on dialogues and closer ties with China to make the most of this new landscape."

Xinhua

25 people charged over links to Texas mafia gang **Crime**

HOUSTON, 13 Oct—Twenty-five people, including a police officer, were charged on Thursday for links to mafia gang in the US state of Texas, authorities said. The 25 members and associates of the Mexican Mafia prison gang were charged with a range of crimes including conspiring to sell drugs, guns and explosives, according to the website of newspaper *The Houston Chronicle*. Fifty-year-old

Michael Mares, a police officer in the city of Onalaska who reportedly sold firearms to a convicted felon in 2010 and 2011, was among those charged, federal prosecutors said. Arrests were made Wednesday and Thursday in various cities including Houston, Corpus Christi, San Antonio as well as in prisons and along the Texas-Mexico border, according to the report. — Xinhua

Appeals court overturns US sales ban of Samsung's Galaxy Nexus **US**

SAN FRANCISCO, 13 Oct—A US appeals court on Thursday overturned an order by a district court in California, which granted Apple preliminary injunction banning the sales of Samsung's Galaxy Nexus smartphone on the US market.

The ruling, from the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, is seen as a new round of legal victory for Samsung as the South Korean firm has been embroiled in a worldwide patent battle with Apple. At the end of June, the US District Court for the

Northern District of California ordered an injunction banning the sales of Galaxy Nexus at the request of Apple.

The injunction was issued based on Apple's allegation that the Samsung product infringes one of its patents about "unified search", a feature that can access information on more than one data storage location through a single interface. Samsung then filed motion to appeal the preliminary injunction granted to Apple.

In its ruling on Thurs-

day, the appeals court found that the district court "abused its discretion" in banning the sales of the Galaxy Nexus, and therefore reversed the injunction.

Regardless of the extent to which Apple may be injured by the sales of the Galaxy Nexus, there is not a sufficient showing that the harm flows from Samsung's alleged infringement," the appeals court said in the ruling. The appeals court said it is sending the case back to the district court in California for further action. — Xinhua

BP to export US crude to Canada, Shell seeks permit **Energy**

NEW YORK, 13 Oct—Oil major BP Plc has secured US government permission to ship US crude oil to Canada, and Royal Dutch Shell has applied for an export license, as rising production in the world's top oil consumer upends global energy flows.

A surge in output from shale oil reserves in the Bakken of North Dakota and Eagle Ford of Texas has raised US domestic production to the highest level since 1995. While the United States still imports more than 8 million barrels of crude oil per day, a glut of light, sweet crude oil created by the controversial hydraulic fracturing or "fracking" boom could fetch higher prices on international markets.

This summer BP Plc received a license to export crude oil to specific Canadian refineries from the Bureau of

Industry and Security, a branch of the US Commerce Department, a source familiar with the issue said on Thursday. BP has yet to export any crude oil on that license, the source said. Shell spokeswoman Kayla Macke told *Reuters* they have also now applied for a license, but would not comment on likely export destinations or the volumes of crude involved. "We have applied to the Department of Commerce to export domestic US crude oil," Macke said, adding that as a global commodity, imports and exports would follow supply and demand.

A nearly century-old US law requires companies to get a special license to export crude oil. Until recently, there has been little or no demand for overseas shipments, apart from a trickle of crude from Alaska that has been routinely exported. So far, the export



A British Petroleum (BP) logo is seen at a petrol station near the Burj Khalifa in Dubai on 29 Aug, 2012.

REUTERS

business appears geared toward sending supplies of light, sweet Bakken crude from North Dakota to a clutch of Canadian refiners on the East Coast, which are otherwise dependent on costlier European imports.

Those refiners in turn export much of their refined fuel to the United States. Pipeline bottlenecks have pushed prices in the US Midwest to more than \$20

below international marker Brent crude, which traded above \$115 a barrel on Thursday. Many experts are now watching for signs that companies are pressing for a much more controversial move than shipping oil to Canada permission to ship crude overseas from the Gulf Coast, allowing traders to sell American oil to importers as far afield as Argentina.

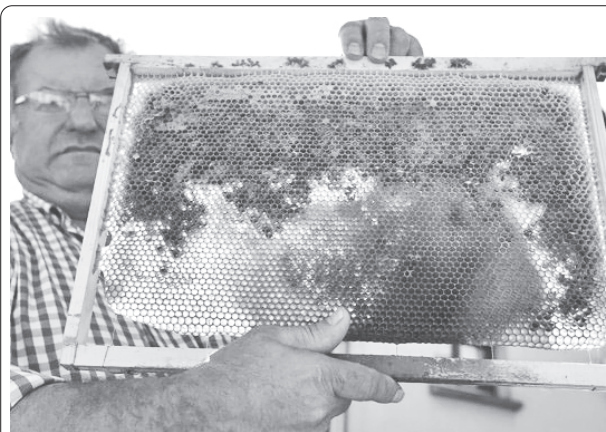
Reuters

Machete-wielding man on bicycle crashes girl's birthday party; steals beer

HOUSTON, 13 Oct—Florida police are investigating a highly unusual stabbing that took place on Tuesday evening. A man reportedly crashed a young girl's birthday party, wielding a machete and attempting to steal beer. And before being chased off, the man allegedly swung the machete at the father of the birthday girl, clipping his right pinkie finger "until it dangled." The *Naples News* reports that the 42-year-old father was hosting the party for his daughter when the man, described as an acquaintance, showed up and started loading beer into plastic bags and attempted to ride away on his bicycle. When the host tried to stop him, he pulled the machete from his waistband.

Doctors at Physicians

Regional Hospital were able to reattach the man's pinkie finger with stitches, according to a report that noted the finger was cut at both the bone and the tendons. As strange as the assault is, it's not the only birthday party machete attack in recent memory. In September, 26-year-old Javier Aragon was arrested and charged with two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Police in Galveston, Texas, told the *Houston Chronicle* that the method of attack was rare in such cases. "A machete is an unusual choice of weapon, so it's rare that we see it used in an aggravated assault like this," Lt Michael Gray said. "Thankfully no one was hurt." — Reuters



French apiarist Andre Friehe holds a coloured honeycomb in a wood frame from one of his beehives at his home in Ribeauville near Colmar Eastern France, on 5 Oct, 2012. Bees at a cluster of bee hives in northeastern France have been producing honey in mysterious shades of blue and green, alarming their keepers who now believe residue from containers of M&M's candy processed at a nearby biogas plant is the cause. Since August, beekeepers around the town of Ribeauville in the region of Alsace have seen bees returning to their hives carrying unidentified colourful substances that have turned their honey unnatural shades. — REUTERS

REGIONAL

Chinese premier urges more gov't spending

China on pension system

BEIJING, 13 Oct — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Friday urged for more government spending on the social pension insurance system to address the country's aging problem. The government must guarantee financial support in the system even if it has to cut investment on other projects, Wen said at a national conference about the urban-rural pension insurance system.

China has the world's largest pension insurance system, covering more than

700 million people. As many as 124 million old people claim a basic pension, granted by the state every month. However, as China is the world's most populous country and a developing nation, it remains a challenge to make sure that every citizen has access to old-age care, Wen said. He said the country had been working to expand the pension system's coverage over the past few years and would focus more on raising the level of money that people receive after retirement.

Wen underlined the significance of improving the social security system and said it was of great importance to maintain social stability in the country. He also urged for intensified monitoring and better management of social security money to avoid any fund abuse or embezzlement while increasing its value. According to the latest government count, the number of people aged 60 or above reached 184.99 million at the end of 2011, accounting for 13.7 percent of the total population.— Xinhua



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (L) hands over certificates to representatives of pension insurance workers on a national conference about the urban-rural pension insurance system in Beijing, capital of China, on 12 Oct, 2012.

XINHUA

Li Yanhong crowned China's richest IT man: Hurun List

BEIJING, 13 Oct— The founder of the country's search engine giant Baidu— IT magnate Li Yanhong — has topped the 2012 Hurun IT rich list. The list, published by the Hurun Research Institute on Friday, said Li's personal fortune was estimated at 46 billion yuan (about 7.3 billion US dollars).

Following Li, Ma Huateng of Tencent, a leading Internet company and Ding Lei of NetEase, another leading Internet company, gained the second and third positions

respectively. The report showed that the average wealth of the top 50 people on the list was 7.1 billion yuan.

"China's IT enterprises have done quite well in such a severe economic environment this year," said Rupert Hoogewerf, chairman and chief researcher of the Hurun Report. Hoogewerf began compiling the China Rich List in 1999. This is the 10th consecutive year of the Hurun Research Institute has launched the IT rich list.

Xinhua

Japan eyes 5 more embassies with resident ambassadors in FY 2013

Japan

TOKYO, 13 Oct — The Foreign Ministry plans to establish embassies with resident ambassadors in five more countries, including Bhutan and South Sudan, in fiscal 2013 from next April, ministry officials said.

The move is partly aimed

at better communicating Japan's positions overseas amid a dispute with China over the Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea, which are administered by Japan, but claimed by China and called Diaoyu in Chinese. The ministry hopes to increase

from the current 134 the number of embassies with resident ambassadors extraordinary and plenipotentiary to 150 by the fiscal year through March 2016, reaching a level comparable to those of other major powers.—Kyodo

Leftist rebel leader yield in S Philippines

Philippines

DAVAO CITY, (Philippines) 13 Oct — The Philippine military on Saturday claimed that a high-ranking leftist rebel has recently surrendered to authorities in southern Philippines.

Ricardo Lucnod, a local commander of the New People's Army (NPA) in Mindanao's Davao Oriental Province turned himself in without firearms to Mati Mayor Michelle Rabat on Thursday, according to Col Rey Leonardo Guerrero, a provincial army commander.

"He left the group's mountain lair sometime in August and lied low for over a month before deciding to surface. Hardships and sickness while evading government troops drove him to surrender," Guerrero said. The military official said Lucnod became the 80th NPA rebel to return to the folds of law in Davao Oriental Province this year. "Twenty four rebels surrendered in the first quarter while the 56 others had yielded in the last three months," said Guerrero.

He said the government has prepared livelihood programmes to help former rebels rebuild their lives and reintegrate back to society. The 4,000-strong NPA, armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines, has been fighting a leftist insurgency in 60 Philippine provinces. From a peak of 25,000 fighters in mid-1980s, the group's strength has dwindled due to battle losses and surrenders, according to the military.

Xinhua



The Japan International Aerospace Exhibition 2012 opens to the public at Nagoya airport in Aichi Prefecture on 12 Oct, 2012. At L back is Boeing Co's large transport plane the Dreamlifter. — KYODO

Emperor, empress leave for village near Fukushima Daiichi complex

TOKYO, 13 Oct — Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko on Saturday left for a village near the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant to meet with residents living in temporary housing and inspect decontamination work.

The one-day trip to Kawauchi, Fukushima Prefecture, is in line with the imperial couple's desire to provide encouragement to people in areas near the nuclear plant crippled by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

After Kawauchi's entire population of 3,000 temporarily evacuated in the wake of the nuclear crisis, only some of the residents have since returned.

Kyodo

Drunken foreigner detained after slashing Beijing waiter

BEIJING, 13 Oct — Police have detained a drunken foreigner who allegedly slashed a waiter in a hotel restaurant in downtown Beijing on Friday.

The foreigner, who has not been identified, was arrested around 4:00 pm, half an hour after he wounded a waiter with a kitchen knife in

a restaurant, according to a statement from Beijing Municipal Public Security Bureau.

He forced his way into a minibus and drove away after the alleged crime, the statement said. He was arrested near the restaurant. An investigation is underway.— Xinhua



Police take part in a training mission for the prevention of armoured vehicles from being hijacked at Bangna District in Bangkok, Thailand, on 12 Oct, 2012.

XINHUA

Artists from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) stage a drum dance at the opening ceremony of the 2012 China-DPRK Economic, Trade, Cultural and Tourism Expo in Dandong, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 12 Oct, 2012. The five-day event which kicked off here on Friday has attracted over 400 exhibitors. A DPRK delegation of about 500 members will attend the expo.— XINHUA



Thailand Man killed in restive S Thailand

BANGKOK, 13 Oct — A man was shot dead in his own rubber plantation on Saturday morning in the latest insurgent attack in the restive southern province of Narathiwat, Thai News Agency reported. The victim was identified as Sama-ae Royee, 58, the owner of a rubber plantation in

Narathiwat's Rangae district. He was gunned down by presumed insurgents after he finished tapping his rubber trees and was returning to his home.

Sama-ae died at the scene near his motorcycle as he was shot twice in the neck and back.

The victim was the latest of more than 5,000 deaths, including local residents, security officials, monks and insurgents, who have been killed since violence erupted in the restive southern provinces of Yala, Pattani and Narathiwat in 2004.

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Michigan accuses company linked to meningitis outbreak of law-breaking

US

NEW YORK, 13 Oct — Michigan, one of the worst-affected states in the deadly meningitis outbreak, on Friday suspended the license of the Massachusetts-based company that made potentially contaminated medication, and accused it of violating state licensing law.

Three people have died in Michigan and it has the second-largest number of meningitis cases of 12 states affected by the outbreak at 41, after Tennessee with 50 cases and six deaths. Governor Rick Snyder and Attorney General Bill Schuette said in a joint statement that an investigation is also under way in the state. "Michigan citizens demand that drug manufacturers follow the laws designed to keep consumers safe," they said.

In supporting documents, the state said New England Compounding Centre of Massachusetts, which produced a steroid medication contaminated with fungus linked to the outbreak, shipped the

medication in bulk when it did not have a license to do so. Michigan said four facilities in the state received the bulk shipments of steroid used mainly for epidural injections to control back pain. NECC's license to do business in Michigan was as a pharmacy, which only allows it to prepare a medication for a single prescription for a patient.

"(NECC) was producing the injections and shipping same in vials for general use by the clinics, and not as individual prescriptions for an identified patient," the state says.

The action has little practical effect as NECC already has voluntarily surrendered its license to produce the medications in Massachusetts and has ceased operations. The medication has led to 14 deaths and 184 cases of meningitis. The company shipped medications suspected of contamination to 23 states and several other states have suspended its license.

Reuters



The 3rd Liu Sanjie Cultural and Tourism Festival is opened in Yizhou, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 12 Oct, 2012. Yizhou is believed to be the hometown of Liu Sanjie, a famous legendary folk song singer.
XINHUA

US urges China to boost domestic demand, adopt currency flexibility

Economy

TOKYO, 13 Oct — US Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner on Saturday called on China to boost domestic demand and move toward a market-ruled currency regime for global economic growth. In a statement presented at a semiannual meeting of the International Monetary and Financial Committee in Tokyo, Geithner said, "Progress toward strengthening domestic demand will be good for China, and good for the global economy."

Geithner also said that while many countries are in the midst of efforts to adjust policy to strengthen domestic demand, this requires "structural changes supported by greater exchange rate flexibility, especially in emerging Asian markets," a comment apparently aimed at China. "We continue to strongly support rigorous surveillance by the IMF over members' exchange rate policies, which remain at the core of the Fund's mandate," he said.

"We also acknowledge

the potential risk, particularly to emerging markets, of volatile capital flows, and recognize a role for macroprudential policies, while reaffirming that market-determined exchange rates and appropriate monetary and fiscal policies remain the essential foundation," the US financial chief added.

The United States argues that the yuan has been undervalued given China's growing economic power in the world economy, giving Chinese firms an advantage compared with US competitors.

The US Treasury Department announced on Friday in Washington that it has decided to postpone the release of its semiannual report on exchange rate policies until the Group of 20 meeting of finance ministers and central bank governors scheduled in November in Mexico City "to assess progress" of its trading partners' currency reform. In the previous currency report released on 25 May, the department did not label China a currency

manipulator despite calls from Republican lawmakers to do so.

In the IMFC statement, meanwhile, Geithner also noted some positive developments in the US-China economic relationship. "The US has seen some progress toward a more balanced economic relationship with China, though more progress is needed," he said, noting that US exports to China have doubled as a result of some 11 percent appreciation of the yuan against the US dollar.

The US current account surplus with China has also fallen to less than 3 percent of the gross domestic product last year from 9 percent in 2008, he said. Geithner also touted the US role in enhancing the IMF's financial base and supporting a governance structure at the Washington-based lender that better reflects the global economy, despite the fact that the reform has yet to be completed due mainly to US failure to get congressional approval.

Kyodo

IMF to discuss delayed governance reforms

TOKYO, 13 Oct — The International Monetary Fund on Saturday will discuss measures to put back on track its delayed governance reforms that would give emerging countries more power within the multilateral lender.

The International Monetary and Financial Committee, the policy-setting body of the IMF, is likely to focus on some of its members that have yet to implement domestic procedures to accept the reforms, including the United States, the biggest stakeholder in the Washington-based organization. The IMFC, made up of representatives from 24 of the 188

members of the IMF, including the United States, is expected to express its intention to continue to press for the reforms expeditiously and monitor progress transparently.

The US government, according to some IMF officials, is expected to go through its domestic procedure following next month's presidential election. The remaining hurdle to enforce the reforms, agreed in 2010 to reflect the increasing power of emerging countries such as China and Brazil over the global economy, is acceptance by 113 or more members accounting for at least 85 percent of total voting power. It is already confirmed 113

accepted. But the United States alone has 17.67 percent of total voting power, which means its acceptance is indispensable to implement the reforms.

The IMF earlier said it would focus on implementing the reforms ahead of the ongoing annual meeting in Tokyo, which is held in partnership with its sister organization, the World Bank.

The IMFC, which is to release a statement after the one-day meeting, will also discuss the recently slowing pace of recovery in the world economy in the wake of the sovereign debt crisis in Europe.

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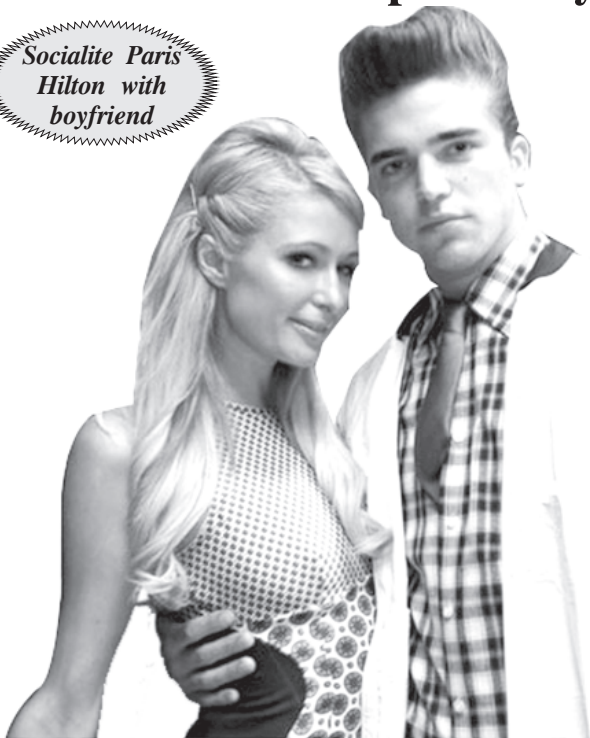


International Monetary Fund Managing Director Christine Lagarde (L) and World Bank President Jim Yong Kim (R) attend a plenary session in Tokyo on 12 Oct, 2012, of the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.
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ENTERTAINMENT

Paris Hilton cosies up with boyfriend in Hawaii

Socialite Paris Hilton with boyfriend



LONDON, 13 Oct—Socialite Paris Hilton was spotted cozying up with model boyfriend River Viiperi during their holiday in Maui, Hawaii. The 31-year-old was wearing a pink bikini as she posed with Viiperi for some intimate photographs. The couple even enjoyed scuba diving with an underwater expedition on their vacation, reported *Sun Online*.

Viiperi, 21, met the socialite during the New York Fashion Week and have been holidaying to various destinations ever since.

Viiperi was recently arrested in Las Vegas for punching a man on his face in Las Vegas. However, he was released later. —Reuters

Hilary Duff worries about raising son in spotlight



LOS ANGELES, 13 Oct—Former child star Hilary Duff worries about bringing up her son in the spotlight.

The 25-year-old, who

gave birth to Luca in March, shot to fame as a youngster playing the title role in Disney teen sitcom *Lizzie McGuire*, but said that she would think twice before letting her little boy pursue a career in Hollywood, reported *Daily Express* online.

“I’d say, ‘Are you sure?’ (if my son wanted to act). My sister and I said that same thing to my mom, and she encouraged us. I’m

so happy she did, and I would not change my life for anything. But it’s tough, and it’s totally different than it used to be,” Hilary Duff said.

“I am even scared of (Luca) growing up getting his picture taken all the time and feeling different.

I saw a rag magazine the other day and the headline said, ‘Who Wore It Better?’ and the photo showed (Tom Cruise’s daughter) Suri Cruise and so-and-so’s kid.

“I’m just thinking that this is sickening.

Now that I’m a mom and I have a child, I can’t imagine. It’s not right,” she added.

Reuters

Uma Thurman to star in Nymphomaniac

LONDON, 13 Oct—Kill Bill star Uma Thurman has signed up to star in Danish director Lars Von Trier’s sordid sexual drama *Nymphomaniac*.

The 42-year-old actress is set to star in the controversial new film alongside Shia LaBeouf, which will feature real life sex scenes, reported *Sun online*.

Charlotte Gainsbourg, Willem Dafoe, Jamie Bell, Stellan Skarsgard and Christian Slater have all been cast in the raunchy film. It is not yet known which role Uma Thurman will take on.

Charlotte Gainsbourg stars as self-confessed sex addict Joe, who is rescued by a kind stranger (Skarsgard) after she is left badly beaten in an alleyway.

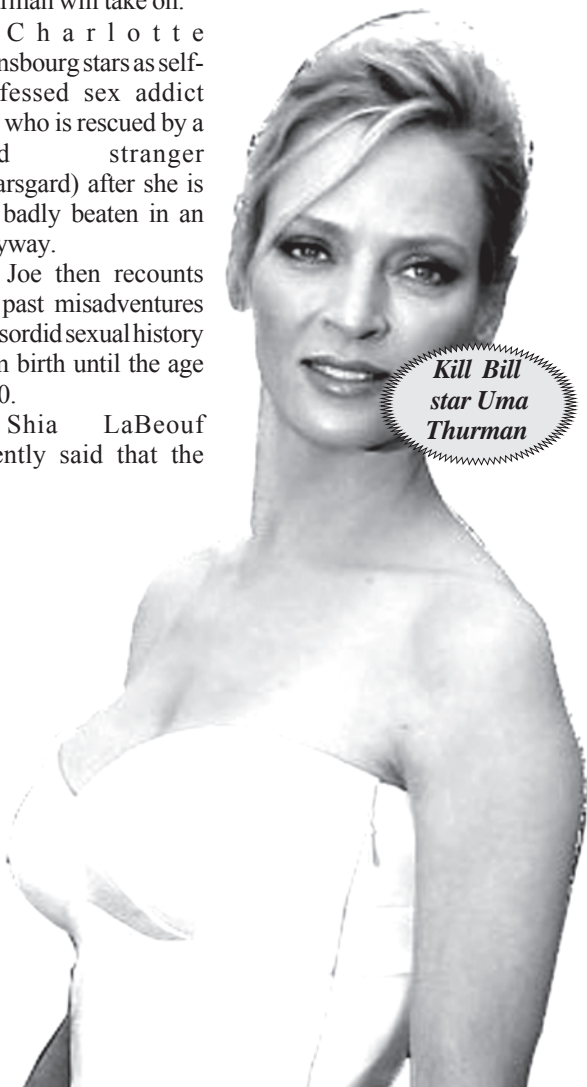
Joe then recounts her past misadventures and sordid sexual history from birth until the age of 50.

Shia LaBeouf recently said that the

cast have signed up for engaging in real sex scenes on camera, which he was willing to do for the sake of his art.

“There’s a disclaimer at the top of the script that basically says we’re doing it for real. Everything that is illegal, we’ll shoot in blurred images. Other than that, everything is happening,” he said.

The film will be available in two versions—hardcore and softcore—when it is released in 2013. —PTI



Kill Bill star Uma Thurman

Britney Spears worth USD 32 million? Can afford to splash out on fancy home

LOS ANGELES, 13 Oct—New documents filed in Britney Spears’ conservatorship case have claimed the pop star is worth a more than USD 32 million.

The 30-year-old singer has a blend of assets, including property and cash, that brings her up to the enviable figure, say to court documents, reported TMZ.

As of 31 December, 2010, the conservators reported

assets totalling USD 32,376,140.90. Sources connected with the conservatorship said that figure does not include a number of valuable assets.

On top of that, since 2010, the mother of two had a successful concert tour that raked in USD 68 million and she signed a USD 15 million deal with X Factor.

Like her earnings, Spears

expenses have also been big, including USD 303,673.72 for Child Support and Care, USD 61,295.12 on personal grooming and wardrobe and USD 19,000 a month rent for her Calabasas house in 2010 alone.

PTI



Britney Spears

Singer Jennifer Hudson performs a medley during the taping of ‘We Will Always Love You: A Grammy Salute To Whitney Houston’ at the Nokia theatre in Los Angeles, California on 11 Oct, 2012. —REUTERS



LOS ANGELES, 13 Oct—Whitney Houston was given a final sendoff by the Grammys on Thursday as Halle Berry, Britney Spears, Jennifer Hudson, Usher and other stars shared their memories and performed in homage to the late singer.

Academy-award winner Berry made a tearful introduction at the “We Will Always Love You: A Grammy Salute to Whitney Houston” special, and praised the

“unforgettable” performer. “She inspired a generation of little girls and women to believe in their own dream and to know that they

had within themselves the greatest gift of all. I was one of those little girls who then became a woman who never ever, ever, stopped loving Whitney Houston,” Berry said.

The event was attended by Houston’s daughter Bobbi Kristina Brown, who was joined by boyfriend Nick Gordon and sister-in-law Pat Houston.

Noticeably absent was Houston’s mother, Cissy, and

her brother Gary. Record label executive Clive Davis, who discovered the late singer, sat alongside the family in the front row.

The tribute comes towards the end of a year in which the music world was rocked by Houston’s sudden death at age 48 in February. She was found dead in a Beverly Hills hotel bathtub on the night before the Grammy awards, from what authorities said was accidental drowning brought on by cocaine use and heart disease.

A homage to Houston was quickly put together at the Grammy awards in February with Jennifer Hudson singing a heart-felt rendition of “I Will Always Love You” on a stage lit by a single spotlight. Later in May, R&B star Jordin Sparks, who co-starred with Houston in the late singer’s final movie “Sparkle,” sang the same song at the Billboard Music Awards in tribute.

There was no mention of Houston’s turbulent

personal life and history of drug abuse on Thursday as the Grammy organizers decided to focus on the late singer’s career achievements and best-known performances, including her rendition of the “Star-Spangled Banner” at the 1991 Superbowl.

Hudson on Thursday channeled Houston’s style from the 1980s with big hair and a glittering blazer, performing more uptempo numbers with a medley of “I’m Every Woman,” “How Will I Know” and “I Wanna Dance With Somebody”.

R&B star Usher sang “I Believe In You And Me” and gospel singers Cece Winans and Yolanda Adams delivered a rousing performance of “Count On Me,” which had Houston’s family in tears.

Canadian singer Celine Dion was on the bill to perform on the night but was unable to make it, taping her rendition of “The Greatest Love Of All” in Canada to air during the televised special.

Reuters

Grammys give Whitney Houston a glittering salute

SPORTS

England victory marred by Walcott injury

LONDON, 13 Oct—Wayne Rooney and Danny Welbeck scored twice as England laboured to a 5-0 win over whipping-boys San Marino to go top of World Cup Group H qualifying on Friday after a game marred by an injury to Theo Walcott.

Rooney, captain in the absence of the suspended Steven Gerrard and the injured Frank Lampard,

Hodgson's side found the net three times in the last 20 minutes in front of an 84,000 crowd at Wembley as San Marino wilted after frustrating England for most of the match.

The evening began badly for England when Walcott chased a fifth-minute through ball and was felled by San Marino keeper Aldo Simoncini.



England's Wayne Rooney shoots to score England's first goal from a penalty kick during their 2014 World Cup qualifying soccer match against San Marino at Wembley Stadium in London on 12 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS

marked the occasion by becoming his country's fifth highest scorer of all time on 31 goals.

Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain also notched his first international goal as Roy

After being treated for five minutes on the field, the Arsenal winger was taken to hospital for a chest scan and replaced by Tottenham Hotspur's Aaron Lennon.

Hodgson later called

Simoncini's challenge "reckless". Looking at the game overall he said he was pleased with England's display even though it took them 35 minutes to make the breakthrough. Simoncini was also involved in the incident that led to the opening goal, bringing down Welbeck before Manchester United team mate Rooney scored from the penalty spot.

"There could have been a lot more goals but certainly there was a lot of goalmouth action and there was a lot of quality passing. They were two positive aspects of the evening," Hodgson told reporters.

"The third positive aspect was in Moldova where they drew 0-0 with Ukraine. Most people expected Ukraine to win there and that of course is good news for us."

England top the group with seven points from three games, three clear of Montenegro and Poland who have played one match fewer. Ukraine are fourth on two points.

Hodgson's team travel to Poland on Tuesday for a much stiffer test than the one bottom of the table San Marino provided on Friday.

Reuters

Soccer

MINSK, 13 Oct—Pedro set up Jordi Alba for the opening goal before grabbing a hat-trick as Spain extended their winning run in major championship qualifiers to 24 matches with a 4-0 World Cup Group I victory in Belarus on Friday.

The world and European champions produced a typically efficient performance in chilly Minsk, dominating possession and quickly snuffing out any forward forays by the outclassed eastern Europeans.

It was a useful warmup for Tuesday's qualifier with France in Madrid when coach Vicente del Bosque's makeshift defence featuring converted midfielder Sergio Busquets alongside Sergio Ramos will face a much stiffer test. Spain have six points from two games, level with France but ahead on goal difference.

Georgia, who lost 1-0 to Spain in Tbilisi last month, are third on four points with Finland on one and Belarus on zero.

After Cesc Fabregas and David Silva went close early on, full back Alba opened the scoring in the 12th minute when he raced on to Pedro's

Spain reign in Minsk thanks to Pedro hat-trick



Spain's Pedro celebrates his goal against Belarus during their 2014 World Cup qualifying soccer match in Minsk on 12 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS

flick, rounded goalkeeper Sergei Veremko and drove the ball into the net.

Silva sent Pedro clear to make it 2-0 nine minutes later and the Barcelona forward added his second in the 69th when he sped away from the defence and lifted the ball over the onrushing Veremko.

Fabregas, playing in the roving forward position he occupied at Euro 2012, set up his club mate to complete his treble in the 72nd minute before substitute David Villa, another Barca man, crashed a shot against the crossbar.

Spain last failed to win a World Cup or European Championship qualifier in a 1-1 draw with Iceland in Reykjavik in September 2007

and have now won all 20 under Del Bosque.

They have gone a national record seven competitive games without conceding a goal—Italy were the last team to score against them in a 1-1 draw in the group stage at Euro 2012 in June.

Friday's match was not shown on television in Spain as the country's cash-strapped broadcasters were not prepared to pay the price set by rights holder Sportfive.

It was the first time a Spanish World Cup qualifier had not been shown on national TV, local media reported, and was the latest reminder of how the country is suffering from the economic crisis.—Reuters

Murray and Federer set up Shanghai semi



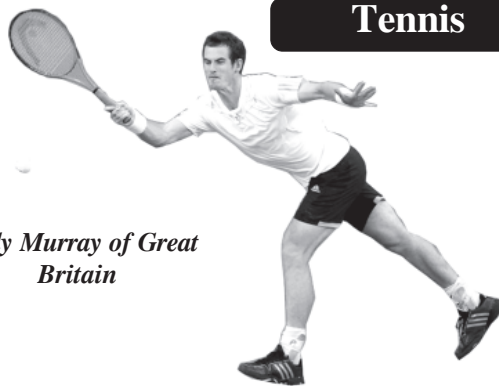
Switzerland's Roger Federer

SHANGHAI, 13 Oct—Andy Murray remained on course for a hat-trick of titles at the Shanghai Masters despite the best efforts of tricky Czech Radek Stepanek on Friday

and now sets his sights on Roger Federer. Third seed Murray, still on a high from winning the US Open last month, was out-foxed in the first set by the unorthodox Stepanek before recovering to win their quarter-final clash 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Number one seed Federer, who is guaranteed to spend a 300th week on top of the ATP rankings, cruised past Croatia's Marin Cilic 6-3, 6-4 to conclude the day's action at the Qi Zhong Tennis Centre.

In the bottom half, Tomas Berdych proved too solid for Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, winning 6-3, 7-6, while Novak Djokovic ended the run of Germany's Tommy Haas,



Andy Murray of Great Britain

winning 6-3, 6-3.

Murray met his match early on against Stepanek - a player who relies on crafty angles, changes of pace and razor-sharp volleys to throw opponents off balance.

Stepanek, 33, pounced on some loose play from Murray to earn three break points in the fifth game of the opening set and although two were saved the Czech converted the third.

Tennis

Campbell emerges from doldrums in Portugal

Golf

NEW YORK, 13 Oct—Former US Open champion Michael Campbell made his second straight cut on the European Tour for the first time since July 2011 as the New Zealander found some form in the Portugal Masters second round on Friday.

The 43-year-old, ranked 607th in the world having been as high as 13th at the start of 2006, fired a two-under-par 69 in testing conditions to record a five-under total of 137 that left him five strokes behind leader Ross Fisher (67) of England.

Campbell, who tied for 47th place at last week's Dunhill Links Championship in Scotland, could barely contain his delight after climbing into contention on the Algarve.

"It's actually been quite a tough couple of days in the wind but it's nice to finally put a few good scores together," the 2005 US Open champion told the tour's website (www.europeantour.com).

"One thing I've been working on mentally is to just enjoy the game. It's only a game of golf so just go out

there and if you play well it's a bonus and if not it's no big deal." Campbell last registered a win in the 2005 World Match Play Championship at Wentworth and has endured some torrid seasons including 2010 when he made just one cut and earned less than 14,000 euros (\$18,200) on the European Tour.

"I'm feeling pretty confident right now which hasn't happened for a while so I'm really looking forward to the weekend. It's been a long time since I've been in contention," said the Kiwi who has had a home in England for several years.

Reuters



Former US Open champion Michael Campbell

Pic to drop 10 places over engine change

Mortor Racing

Marussia's French Formula One rookie Charles Pic



YEONGAM, (South Korea), 13 Oct—Marussia's French Formula One rookie Charles Pic will collect a 10 place grid penalty for Sunday's Korean Grand Prix

for exceeding his engine allocation for the season.

Drivers are allowed eight engines for the 20 race championship but Pic will be using his ninth, incurring an automatic penalty.

"We plan to fit a new engine to Charles' car this

evening in the knowledge that, as his ninth engine of the season, we will incur a 10-place grid penalty on Sunday," team principal John Booth said in a statement. Pic has not qualified higher than 19th on the 24 car grid so far this season.—Reuters

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- 15. Sing & Enjoy
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- 18. News
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Japan's Yasuvuki Konno (L) celebrates with team mate Hajime Hsogai after defeating France in their international friendly soccer match at the Stade de France stadium in Saint Denis near Paris, on 12 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS

France suffer shock defeat by Japan in Paris friendly Soccer

PARIS, 13 Oct—France suffered an embarrassing 1-0 home defeat by Japan in a friendly on Friday that caused raised eyebrows four days before Les Bleus travel to champions Spain for a World Cup Group I qualifier.

Didier Deschamps' side toiled in a dull encounter at the Stade de France and lost to Japan for the first time after Yasuyuki Konno poked the ball home at the end of a lightning counter-attack two minutes from time.

France were shaky at the back, toothless up front and failed to stamp their authority on the midfield in the absence of the injured Abou Diaby and Rio Mavuba.

The home team could have taken the lead a few minutes before Konno's goal

but Olivier Giroud's fine volley was superbly parried by keeper Eiji Kawashima.

"It's a bad result. Japan had more opportunities after the break but we also had ours and you can't win when you don't score from your chances," Deschamps told the TF1 television station.

Yasuhito Endo also tied the record of 122 full international appearances held by former Japan defender Masami Ihara.

Spain warmed up for Tuesday's game against France with a comprehensive 4-0 World Cup win over Belarus in Minsk on Friday.

France and Spain both have six points from two games in Group I, with the world and European champions top on goal difference.—Reuters

Soccer Kerzhakov goal gives Russia win over Portugal



Russia's Alexander Kerzhakov celebrates his goal during the 2014 World Cup Group F qualifying soccer match against Portugal at the Luzhniki stadium in Moscow on 12 Oct, 2012. —REUTERS

MOSCOW, 13 Oct—Alexander Kerzhakov scored early as Russia edged out Portugal 1-0 to earn their third consecutive win of their 2014 World Cup qualifying campaign under Fabio Capello on Friday.

The home team took advantage of Portugal's unfamiliarity with the Luzhniki stadium's artificial turf as Kerzhakov broke clear on goal in the sixth minute following some quick one-touch passing featuring his Zenit St Petersburg team mates Viktor Faizulin and Roman Shirokov.

It was the striker's third goal in the first three qualifiers following a brace in last month's 4-0 drubbing of Israel.

Russia now top Group F with nine points after their first victory over Portugal.

Following the goal, the visitors dominated for the remainder of the first half and Portugal captain Cristiano

Ronaldo was a constant threat but did not get many clear-cut chances in the persistent drizzle. The Real Madrid forward, who showed no ill effects from a shoulder injury he sustained in Sunday's Spanish league match against arch-rivals Barcelona, first tested Russia goalkeeper Igor Akinfeyev with a low shot in the 11th minute.

Portugal full back Bruno Alves, who plays in the Russian league for Zenit and looked more comfortable on the slick surface than most of his compatriots, had probably the best chance in the first half but his powerful header was well saved by Akinfeyev.—Reuters

Dublin delight for six-goal Germany Soccer

DUBLIN, 13 Oct—Germany hammered Ireland 6-1 away to notch a third straight World Cup Group C qualifying win on Friday with a result that equalled the hosts' worst defeat in front of their own fans.

Doubles by winger Marco Reus and substitute Toni Kroos together with a Mesut Ozil penalty and a Miroslav Klose strike saw the irrepressible Germans inflict Ireland's heaviest home defeat since they lost 5-0 to Spain in December 1931.

Germany have a perfect record after three games and lead the group by three points from Sweden, who had to come from behind to beat the Faroe Islands 2-1 away and have a game in hand.

Joachim Loew's Germany side, who won their 10 Euro 2012 qualifiers but lost in the semi-finals, were

below their best in the opening two games of this campaign but their record of never losing an away World Cup qualifier was never in doubt on Friday.

"There was not enough pressure from them (Ireland) but we have also become better than in the previous couple of matches," Loew told German television channel ZDF.

"We were disappointed by the Italy defeat at the Euros. There was a short pre-season preparation but we are getting more dynamic, stronger. Now we have the game against Sweden (at home on Tuesday) then we will have 12 points."

Ireland, having needed two goals in the final two minutes to escape from Kazakhstan with a 2-1 win last month, held their own early on but, as is often the

case with Giovanni Trapattoni's defensive side, were unable to carve out any chances.

Reus, unlucky not to be awarded a penalty on the half-hour, punished Ireland's lack of enterprise from close range in the 32nd minute, starting the rout with the game's first chance.

The winger struck again within eight minutes, finishing off a fluent counter attack, this time with a fine left foot drive from just inside the box.

Ireland, missing six senior players through injury including captain Robbie Keane and central defensive partners Richard Dunne and Sean St Ledger, fielded just four of the side who started their opening Euro 2012 game against Croatia.

Just like in their 4-0 thrashing by Spain at the

Euros, the gulf in class was badly exposed for a team including many players from the lower reaches of England's top flight.

Germany, without injured central defender Mats Hummels and suspended captain Philipp Lahm, made it 3-0 after 55 minutes with Ozil notching his fourth goal of the campaign from the penalty spot after Klose was hacked down by Darren O'Dea.

Germany, who had won only one of their previous five games with Ireland and drew the last time they met in a qualifier in Dublin five years ago, were 4-0 ahead three minutes later when Klose scored his 65th international goal from a tight angle.

Kroos got the pick of the bunch for the three-times world champions just after



Germany's Mesut Ozil (2nd L) is congratulated by Miroslav Klose after scoring against Ireland during their 2014 World Cup qualifying soccer match at the Aviva Stadium in Dublin on 12 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS

the hour, volleying into the bottom corner from just outside the box and made it six in the 83rd before Andy Keogh got a late consolation for the embarrassed hosts.

"It's a massive humiliation. There's a way to lose a match and that wasn't

the way to lose a game." Ireland's stand-in captain John O'Shea told Irish broadcaster RTE.

Ireland travel to the Faroe Islands, who prop up the group, for their next qualifier on Tuesday.

Reuters

Conveyance of Inlay PhaungdawU Buddha Images 16 Oct-2 Nov

NYAUNGSHWE, 13 Oct—A ceremony to convey Inlay PhaungdawU Buddha images will be held from 16 October to 2 November.

“Buddha images will be conveyed to 21 places of Inlay region. The Buddha images will be kept in Nyaungshwe from 22 to 24 October temporarily. The work committee and subcommittees have been formed for successfully holding the Buddha Pujaniya of the images,” said an official of Work Committee for Organizing the Pujaniya of PhaungdawU Buddha Image.

“Karaweik barge will be conveyed from Sankyaung in Linkin Village at 7 am on 22 October to Nyaungshwe with the use of traditional tub boats. The Buddha images will be conveyed in Nyaungshwe and then kept at Ahtaditha Dhammawihara Monastery. In that morning, there will be Intha men’s over 100-oar boat race, men’s 46-oar boat race and women’s 26-oar boat race,” he continued.

“Moreover, volleyball and Sepak Takraw contests, special sales, movies, educative booths and theatrical drama will be held



on a grand scale. Inlay PhaungdawU Pagoda Pujaniya is a great festival attracting pilgrims from far and near and foreign tourists.—*Myanma Alin*

Union of Myanmar Travels Association reconstituted

YANGON, 13 Oct—The 7th annual general meeting of Union of Myanmar Travels Association was held at the meeting hall on the first floor of UMFCCI Office Tower on Minye Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township on 7 October.

Chairman of the association U Maung Maung Swe extended

greetings. Director-General U Aung Zaw Win of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism made a speech.

The former executives of the association resigned and new executives were elected. The new 29-member executive committee is led by Chairman Dr Aung Myat Kyaw and General Secretary U Naung Naung Han.

—*Myanma Alin*

Festivities of Myanmar Computer Industrialists Association on schedule

YANGON, 13 Oct—The Family Day of Myanmar Computer Industrialists Association will be held with funfairs and fund-raising festivities.

The ceremony will take place at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township at 6 pm on 13 October.

Comedians Ayaing,

Gawzilla, Seinthee, Kyelthee, Panthee and Zeethee (Four-Thee Anyeint) will present entertainments.

Vocalists Alex, Naw Nor, He Lay, Yon Lay, Hsin Pauk, Hlwam Paing, Sandi Myint Lwin, Ayethin Cho Swe, Chan Chan and Bobby Soxer will perform entertainment to the accompaniment of Lazy Club Band.—*Myanma Alin*

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (13-10-2012)

Pakokku	(2.20) inches
Maungtau	(1.33) inches
NyaungU	(1.06) inches
Homalin	(0.94) inch

Chang stuns Stosur to reach Japan Women’s Open final



OSAKA, 13 Oct—Unseeded Chang Kai-chen of Taiwan upset Australian No.1 seed Samantha Stosur 6-4, 4-6, 7-6(3) to reach the final of the Japan Women’s Open on Saturday.

Chang was two points from defeat, serving 5-6 and deuce in the third set. But she won eight of the next 10 points to win that game and take control of the tiebreaker at Utsubo Tennis Center in Osaka.

Chang reached her first WTA Tour final as did her opponent for Sunday, Britain’s Heather Watson. Watson beat Japan’s Misaki Doi 7-6(2), 7-5 in a tight semifinal.

Before this week,

Watson’s best WTA results were three quarterfinals, all last year, at International-level events in Auckland, Memphis and Quebec City.

Like Watson, Chang’s best WTA results before this week were three quarterfinals — Kuala Lumpur and Osaka in 2010 and Birmingham this year.

Japan’s Misaki Doi plays against Chanelle Scheepers of South Africa in a Japan Women’s Open singles quarterfinal match at Utsubo Tennis Center in Osaka on Oct. 12, 2012. Doi advanced to her first semifinal on the WTA Tour with a 2-6, 6-1, 6-3 win.

—*Kyodo*



Sea Lions arrive in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct—Under the animal exchange programmes of the Shanghai Wild Animal Park of the People’s Republic of China and the Forest Department under the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, two female and male sea lions conveyed from China arrived at Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) on 11 October.

One sea lion is over 3

years old and the remaining three are about three years. They are species from South America.

Sea lions could not be shown at the zoo in Myanmar in the past. Recently-arrived Sea lions are for the first time in the zoos.

Technician instructors of China will train the sea lions together with Myanmar staff for nurturing and showing their skills to the public.—*MNA*



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Photo taken on 11 Oct, 2012 shows Khafre Pyramid (R, back), in Cairo, Egypt. Egypt antiquities authorities announced re-opening of Khafre pyramid and six other tombs.
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3rd Liu Sanjie Cultural and Tourism Festival is opened in Yizhou, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 12 Oct, 2012. Yizhou is believed to be the hometown of Liu Sanjie, a famous legendary folk song singer.
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