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USDP Chairman President U Thein Sein meets delegates to First USDP Party Conference

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—Chairman of Union Solidarity and Development Party President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met delegates to the First Party Conference of the Union Solidarity and Development Party and encouraged them this morning.

The President has a similar favourable attitude to other national races parties and political parties for national reconciliation and national unity. — MNA



Chairman of Union Solidarity and Development Party President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein cordially greets representatives from other national races parties and political parties at First Party Conference of the Union Solidarity and Development Party.—MNA

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (14-10-2012)

Bhamo	(1.34) inches
Myitkyina	(1.18) inches
Pyu	(1.10) inches

Brilliant Messi leads Argentina to 3-0 romp past Uruguay



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India-born Kaltenborn flies a flag for women in F1

Japan plans to resume yen loans to Myanmar in early 2013

TOKYO, 14 Oct—Japan said Thursday that Myanmar's largest creditor will clear the Southeast Asian country's overdue debt to it in January and that it will resume yen-denominated concessional loans to Myanmar at the earliest time possible next year.

The Asian Development Bank and the World Bank, Myanmar's second- and third-largest creditors, expressed their intention the same day to clear the country's debt arrears to them next January, according to Japanese officials.

The envisioned move by the two international lenders, unveiled at a meeting of officials from Myanmar and its main creditors in Tokyo, will pave the way for the international community to start providing full-fledged development assistance to the long-

isolated country.

Following the meeting, which was hosted by Japan on the sidelines of the annual meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, the Japanese government began arranging tens of billions of yen in such loans to Myanmar for next year, government sources said.

During the meeting, participants agreed on the need to unite behind Myanmar's reform efforts in order to facilitate the country's reengagement with the international community, according to Japanese officials.

"Addressing Myanmar's debt issue in a comprehensive way is important for Myanmar to engage in the international community," the country's Finance and Revenue minister U Win Shein told the meeting, expressing his appreciation to



Myanmar's Finance and Revenue Minister U Win Shein (back) delivers a speech during a meeting of officials from Myanmar and its main creditors held in Tokyo on 11 Oct, 2012 to discuss how to settle roughly \$900 million in overdue debt to help the country's economic development.—KYODO

Japan and other creditors. The meeting was called mainly to chart a clear path toward settling the roughly

\$900 million in overdue debts to the ADB and the World Bank. The settlement has been eagerly awaited by Japan, which has already agreed to resolve Myanmar's roughly 500 billion yen debt to it but has yet to implement the debt relief.

"It is high time that the international community united in its efforts to underpin reform efforts by Myanmar and reintegrate Myanmar as one of its members," Japanese Finance Minister Koriki Jojima told the meeting, noting that a series of reforms are under way in the country.

Participants in the meeting also agreed that the two international lenders' full engagement is essential for Myanmar's economic reform and that active engagement by the IMF is also indispensable in reforming the country's macroeconomic management, the Japanese officials said.

Kyodo News

School Environment Day observed in Nay Pyi Taw



Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye meets school children at School Environment Day.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—A ceremony to observe School Environment Day took place at Basic Education High School No 5 in Zabuthiri Township here this morning, attended by Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, Deputy Ministers U Ba Shwe and Dr Myo Myint, Director-

General U Bo Win of Education Planning and Training Department, Chief of Water Sanitation and Hygiene Mr. Dara Johnson of Country Office of UNICEF in Myanmar and officials. Next, the Union minister attended a ceremony to mark the Global Handwashing Day and

called for keeping the practice of washing hands over a lifetime.

All teachers and students from every school across the nation are carrying out five tasks of school environment under the leadership of school heads on 14 October, 2012 (Sunday) which is designated as School Environment Day according to 2012-13 Academic Calendar. Water Sanitation and Hygiene Section of Country Office of UNICEF provided cakes of soap for about 200,000 students from basic education schools in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and took part in Global Handwashing Day commemorative ceremony.—MNA

News in Brief

Respects to be paid to older nurses, midwives

The Myanmar Nurse and Midwives Association will organize the 31st ceremony to pay respects to older nurses and midwives of above 70 years old at the hall of University of Nursing on Bogyoke Aung San Street in Yangon at 9 am on 24 November.

Work proficiency course commences

Work proficiency course No 1 for Staff of Engineering Departments, YCDC was opened at training school in Mingala Taungnyunt Township on 8 October morning. Altogether 70 trainees from Engineering Departments, Parks and Playgrounds Department and Markets Department are attending the six-week course.

Meeting on Student Sports Festival held

The coordination meeting on second Basic Education School Student Sports Festival for 2012-2013 academic year was held at the hall of No 1 Basic Education Department on 12 October, with an address by Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu.

Training of golfers, boxers inspected

Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan inspected training of golfers at Gold Camp in Nay Pyi Taw on 13 October morning. He also viewed training of boxers in men's 64-kilo and women's 51-kilo events.

Myanmar Motion Picture Day observed

A ceremony to mark Myanmar Motion Picture Day and the ceremony to pay respects to older persons of motion picture world were held at Myanmar Motion Picture Organization on Wingabar Road in Bahan Township on 13 October.

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

Myanma Alin

The Mirror

As of 18 October

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

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

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

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

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

Old and new agents and readers may subscribe to the newspapers at the respective dailies

Film legends pick up honour

YANGON, 14 Oct—Film personalities who brought glories to Myanmar's movie industry were honoured at Myanmar Motion Picture Day ceremony at Sedona Hotel here yesterday.

Life-long Film Achievement Award winner U Tin Yu and Sithu title recipients film legends

Bogalay U Tint Aung, U Aung Myint Myat, U Kyi Soe Tun, Daw Myint Myint Khin, Daw San Shar Tin and Daw Nwe Nwe San and some other film stars received honour of Myanmar Motion Picture Association in the dramatic evening.

"It is the very first Myanmar Motion Picture

Day in my lifetime on which movie stars are honoured. I am heartened that all those deserved are awarded tonight," said Sithu Bogalay U Tin Aung.

U Zin Waing, Chairman of Myanmar Motion Picture Association, proposed the toast at the dinner.

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Knowledge on labour issues shared

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—Knowledge on labour issues was shared in Dawei of Taninthayi Region on 12 October. Taninthayi Region

Forestry and Mines Minister U Thein Lwin opened the ceremony at the town hall with his keynote speech.

Director-General of

Workshop and Labour Law Inspection Department under the Ministry of Labour U Win Shein explained labour affairs.—MNA

Free eye care service in Tangyan 16-23 October

TANGYAN, 14 Oct—A signboard bearing that free eye care service will be provided to eye patients in Tangyan Township soon. The 10 feet square signboard is presented in Myanmar, Shan and Chinese languages.

The announcement states that Cherry Myitta Foundation will sponsor free eye care services for the second time at Tangyan People's Hospital from 16 to 23 October under treatments of eye specialists and technicians from Yangon. Moreover, the patients will be provided with charge of medical treatment and surgical operations, optical glasses and medicines.

So far, over 500 patients



have registered at the hospital. The number of registered patients may exceed 1000, according to an official.

The eye patients wishing to receive eye care services of Cherry Myitta Foundation may contact U

Kyaw Oo (Shwe Training), Tel: 09-47326237 and U Aye Lwin (Health): 09-47326020.—Kyemon

District News

Purified drinking water produced for Lashio Jail

LASHIO, 14 Oct—Purified drinking water factory of Myanmar Correctional Department produces sufficient amount of purified drinking water for inmates from Lashio Jail daily.

Wellwisher U Than Lwin (Taw Win Plaza) of Yangon donated K 15.2 million for the factory building and K 12 million for purified water accessories. In-charge of the jail Assistant Director U Myint Swe supervised construction of the building.

At present, the factory produces 2000 litres of purified drinking water daily to supply 1600 litres for prisoners' consumption.

Myanma Alin

WORLD

Space shuttle Endeavour makes final voyage



Spectators watch space shuttle Endeavour making a turn at an intersection of a street during its second day trip on city streets in Los Angeles, the United States, 13 Oct 2012. Endeavour on Friday began a two-day ground journey to its final resting place at the California Science Centre.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 14 Oct — The space shuttle Endeavour is on its final voyage to its ultimate home the California Science Centre in Los Angeles. As thousands of fans look on, the retirement of Endeavour is seen as the grand finale following the other three American spacecraft “Discovery”, “Enterprise” and “Atlantis”. The Procession was reminiscent of medieval times when a horse-drawn carriage would ferry the king

through the village. “It’s definitely not moving right now.” And the commoners would line road just to catch a glimpse.

“It’s just is once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that won’t ever happen again.”

But this is no modern day royalty, though some might argue that it is in fact history.

Kenneth Phillips, Curator, Aerospace Sciences, Calif. Science Ctr., said, “A moving piece of space history actually because it’s actually a flown space craft. We’re gonna physically transport the space shuttle endeavor from it’s hangar at LAX to the California Science Centre, 12 and half miles through city streets.”

“It goes from what it breaks the sounds barrier to

going 2 miles an hour down the street.”

Marty Fabrik, Project Director, said, “So our real challenge has been just the physical size space shuttle orbiter has a wing span of 78 feet, it’s about 122 feet long, the tail sticks up 56 feet above the ground when we’re moving it.”

Moving this 138,000 pound wide load through narrow, densely-populated urban streets has been dubbed: Mission 26 but could be considered Mission Impossible. Marty Fabrik, Project Director, said, “We have to cross two runways there are a lot of street lights, traffic lights, more than 250 power and communications lines we have to cross 4 high-voltage transmissions lines.”—Xinhua

Israel kills Qaeda-tied leader of Gaza militant group

GAZA, 14 Oct — An Israeli air strike killed the Palestinian leader of an al-Qaeda-affiliated group in the Gaza Strip on Saturday, Hamas and medical sources said. Gaza Medics said a second militant was also killed in the strike. The after-dark attack targeted the two

Saedni for 17 months and had freed him in August. Last year members identifying themselves with Tawhid and Jihad kidnapped and killed a pro-Palestinian Italian activist, Vittorio Arrigoni, in an apparent attempt to secure the release of Saedni.

An Israeli military



Palestinians wheel the body of a militant at a hospital, following an Israeli air strike in the northern Gaza Strip on 13 Oct, 2012. — REUTERS

men who were riding a motorcycle in the northern town of Jabaliya. The interior ministry of Hamas, the Islamist group that controls Gaza, said one of the men killed was Hisham Al-Saedni, also known as Abu Al-Waleed Al-Maqdissi, believed to head the Jihadist Salafi group Tawhid and Jihad (One God and Holy War). Sources from Tawhid and Jihad could not be reached to confirm that Saedni was killed. The group, rival to Hamas, has an Islamist ideology shared by al-Qaeda and sources have said that Saedni joined al-Qaeda in Iraq at the beginning of the US-led invasion in 2003. In March 2011 Hamas detained

spokesman could not confirm Saedni was the target of the air strike. A written military statement said the two men targeted were “terror operatives of the Shora Council of the Mujahideen, a Gaza-based Global Jihad affiliate.” The same group had claimed responsibility for a rocket that was fired into Israel on Friday and landed near a house in the Israeli town of Netivot, causing damage but no casualties. In response, a few hours later, the Israeli military launched three air strikes against what it said were “terror activity sites”. There were no casualties reported in those attacks.— Reuters

Missile gets makeover on 50th anniversary of Cuban crisis



The Cold-War era Nike Missile Base is seen in Everglades National Park in this undated aerial view released to Reuters on 12 Oct, 2012.— REUTERS

MIAMI, 14 Oct — In October 1962, as fears of mushroom clouds and radioactive fallout gripped the United States in the midst of the Cuban missile crisis, a battery of anti-ballistic missiles near Miami stood as the nation’s first line of defence against nuclear attack. Half a century later, the missile base is still there, in the middle of the marshy

Everglades, but the missiles are long gone.

Now, to mark the 50th anniversary of the missile crisis, students at a Miami aviation school are restoring one of the original Nike Hercules missiles once tipped with a nuclear warhead and aimed at Cuba. The United States and Cuba remain ideological foes to this day, and Florida is home to tens of

thousands of Cubans who fled the island after Fidel Castro’s 1959 revolution, but tensions have cooled down considerably as memories fade. The students realize the decommissioned missile was once part of a historic event, but confess to knowing little about one of the momentous episodes of the Cold War. “I just know it was part of the Cuban missile crisis, but I haven’t researched it,” said Abraham Hidalgo, 17, one of the students at George T. Baker Aviation School.

The 41-foot (12.5-metre), surface-to-air Nike Hercules missile was previously stored in a U.S. Army depot in Alabama, covered in dust and spider webs. A flatbed truck hauled it down Interstate-95 to the school next to Miami International Airport. For the last two months, students have been working to restore the 5-ton missile to near-original condition; sanding

wings, replacing sheet metal and repainting the US Army markings. Its final destination is Everglades National Park, where it will be installed at an abandoned Nike missile base. The 13-day missile crisis began on 16, October 1962, when then-President John F. Kennedy first learned the Soviet Union was installing missiles in Cuba, barely 90 miles off the Florida coast. After secret negotiations between Kennedy and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, the United States agreed not to invade Cuba if the Soviet Union withdrew its missiles from the island.—Reuters

Damage but no injuries as US Navy cruiser, submarine collide

NEW YORK, 14 Oct—A US Navy Aegis cruiser collided with a nuclear-powered submarine during exercises off the East Coast on Saturday, collapsing the sonar dome on the cruiser and possibly causing other damage, but no injuries, US Navy officials said.

The collision between the USS San Jacinto and the nuclear-powered submarine USS Montpelier occurred about 3:30 p.m., the Navy said in a statement. The Navy declined to say where off the East Coast the accident

occurred. A Navy official said the watch team aboard the San Jacinto saw a periscope rise from the water about 100 to 200 yards (metres) ahead of the vessel during the exercise. The cruiser ordered “all back,” but the San Jacinto still collided with the submarine.

The collision caused the collapse of the cruiser’s sonar dome, a bulbous-shaped device on the bow of the ship beneath the water line, the Navy official said on condition of anonymity.

The rubber dome houses

some of the vessel’s electronic navigation, detection and ranging equipment.

The Navy said no personnel were injured during the incident and there was no damage to the submarine’s nuclear-powered propulsion plant. Both vessels were operating under their own power. The ships were part of a strike group led by the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman. The Truman was in the area and providing support to the vessels.—Reuters

Venezuela’s Chavez shuffles cabinet, then tweets about it

CARACAS, 14 Oct — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez shuffled his cabinet on Saturday then announced the changes from his Twitter account, days after winning a re-election bid that could extend his rule to nearly two decades.

Chavez on Sunday beat opposition challenger Henrique Capriles by a resounding 11 percentage points, giving him a third six-year term to continue his

self-styled socialist revolution in the South American OPEC nation.

He named General Nestor Reverol, who has led Venezuela’s anti-drugs agency, as the new interior minister. That post is key to addressing the violent crime that is the top complaint of Venezuelans of all social classes. The shuffle also put new faces in the environment and communications ministries. He

ended several tweets with the phrase “efficiency or nothing,” reflecting efforts to address complaints about stifling bureaucracy and half-finished infrastructure projects that at times dogged him on the campaign trail.

He has tapped several key allies to run in elections for state governors in December in efforts to win back states now controlled by the opposition. Chavez, 58, on Wednesday named Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro as vice president. Maduro has been seen as a possible successor to the flamboyant socialist leader since his cancer diagnosis in mid-2011. Chavez insists he is fully recovered from the disease, but doctors say a relapse cannot be ruled out.— Reuters



Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez speaks after taking an oath with new cabinet ministers at Miraflores Palace in Caracas on 13 Oct, 2012. REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**Cyber attacks against Wells Fargo****“significant,” handled well: CFO** **Tech**

The logo for Wells Fargo bank is pictured in downtown Los Angeles, California on 17 July, 2012.

REUTERS

LOS ANGELES, 14 Oct—Recent cyber attacks against Wells Fargo & Co were “pretty significant” but didn’t cause customer losses or a major increase in expenses, the bank’s Chief Financial Officer, Tim Sloan, told *Reuters* on Friday.

The No 4 US bank by assets and other large banks in recent weeks have suffered so-called denial of service attacks that delayed or disrupted services on customer websites. On Thursday, US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta

called the “scale and speed” of the attacks “unprecedented” in a speech that urged Congress and businesses to step up cybersecurity efforts.

Wells Fargo’s Sloan told *Reuters*, “I don’t want to minimize the potential damage it could cause to the industry.”

“But in terms of how the industry performed and how Wells Fargo performed in reaction to the recent efforts we actually performed very well,” he added.

Sloan said the bank continues to invest in its

technology platform to defend against potential attacks. “We in the industry just have to appreciate it as a cost of doing business today,” he said.

A group that calls itself the Cyber Fighters of Izzaddin Al Qassam has claimed credit for the recent bank attacks, declaring them a protest against the anti-Islam video posted on YouTube and stoked violent protests across the Muslim world.

The hackers behind the attacks have used sophisticated and diverse tools that point to a carefully coordinated campaign, security researchers have told *Reuters*.

Sources familiar with the attacks have previously told *Reuters* that they could be part of a year-long cyber campaign waged by Iranian hackers against major US financial institutions and other corporate entities.

Sloan declined to comment on the source of the attacks. Wells is in close contact with other banks and the federal government, he said.

Reuters

US court clears Samsung’s Galaxy Nexus, hands Apple setback

WASHINGTON 14 Oct—A US appeals court overturned a pretrial sales ban against Samsung Electronics Co Ltd’s (005930.KS) Galaxy Nexus smartphone, dealing a setback to Apple Inc in its battle against Google Inc’s (GOOG.O) increasingly popular mobile software.

Apple (AAPL.O) is waging war on several fronts against Google, whose Android software powers many of Samsung’s devices.

The ruling on Thursday from the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit is not expected to have an outsized impact on the smartphone market, as the Nexus is an aging product in Samsung’s lineup. Apple’s stock closed down nearly 2 percent at \$628.10.

However, the court’s reasoning could make it

much harder for companies that sue over patents get competitors’ products pulled from the market, said Colleen Chien, a professor at Santa Clara Law school in Silicon Valley.

Such sales injunctions have been a key for companies trying to increase their leverage in courtroom patent fights.

“The Federal Circuit has said, ‘Wait a minute,’” Chien said. Apple declined to comment, while Samsung did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Apple scored a sweeping legal victory over Samsung in August when a US jury found Samsung had copied critical features of the hugely popular iPhone and iPad and awarded Apple \$1.05 billion in damages.

The Nexus phone was



Models pose with the Galaxy Nexus during a news conference in Hong Kong on 19 Oct, 2011.

REUTERS

not included in that trial, but is part of a tandem case Apple filed against Samsung earlier this year.

US District Judge Lucy Koh issued a pretrial injunction against the Nexus in June, based on an Apple patent for unified search capability. The appeals court then stayed that injunction until it could

formally rule.

In its opinion on Thursday, the Federal Circuit reversed the injunction entirely, saying that Koh abused her discretion.

Apple failed to prove that consumers purchased the Samsung product because of the infringing technology, the appeals court ruled.

Reuters

NASA in nasal spray deal to combat motion sickness **Science**

CAPE CANAVERAL, 14 Oct—NASA has signed an agreement with a California-based startup to develop and market a nasal spray for motion sickness, the US space agency said on Friday.

NASA will work with privately owned Epiomed Therapeutics of Irvine, California, on the nasal spray, which has been shown

to be a fast-acting treatment for motion sickness.

About half the astronauts who fly in space develop space motion sickness, with symptoms that anyone nauseated or light-headed from more terrestrial forms of travel will recognize.

NASA has been working on giving astronauts an edge: a fast-acting medicine called

intranasal sco-polamine, or INSCOP.

The drug also can be administered as a tablet, via a transdermal patch or injected, but a nasal spray can work faster and more reliably, NASA said.

“NASA and Epiomed will work closely together on further development of INSCOP to optimize

therapeutic efficiency for both acute and chronic treatment of motion sickness,” NASA researcher Lakshmi Putcha, with the Johnson Space Centre in Houston, said in a statement.

In addition to partnering with NASA, Epiomed is working with the US Navy to test the nasal spray.

Reuters

NASA’s Mars rover finds rock with Earth-**like chemistry****Science**

CAPE CANAVERAL, 14 Oct—When scientists selected a rock to test the Mars rover Curiosity’s laser, they expected it to contain the same minerals as rocks found elsewhere on the Red Planet, but learned instead it was more similar to a rock found on Earth. The rock was chemically more akin to an unusual type of rock found on oceanic islands like Hawaii and St. Helena, as well as in continental rift zones like the Rio Grande, which extends from Colorado to Chihuahua, Mexico.

“It was a bit of a surprise, what we found with this rock,” Curiosity scientist Ralf Gellert of the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada, told reporters on a conference call Thursday. “It’s igneous,” Gellert said, referring to rock formed from molten material. “But it seems to be a new kind of rock type that we encountered on Mars.”

Curiosity arrived on Mars two months ago to learn if the most Earth-like planet in the solar system was suitable for microbial life.

Last month, Curiosity’s laser was used to zap the football-sized rock and the

rover analyzed the pulverized material, as well as tiny pits left behind, to determine its chemical composition. Scientists found the rock lacks magnesium and iron - elements found in igneous rock examined by previous Mars rovers Spirit and Opportunity.

The rock, named after a Jet Propulsion Laboratory rover engineer, Jake Matijevic, who died shortly after Curiosity’s

In colonial times, hard apple cider was put into big barrels and in the winter the liquid would partly freeze. “You’d crystallize out ice and you’d make more and more and more concentrated apple-flavored liquor,” Stolper said.

Magma inside a planet can undergo a similar process.

“You melt the interior and it comes to the surface and, just like the applejack, when you cool it, it crystallizes,” Stolper

This NASA image from Mars Curiosity’s Mast Camera taken on 22 Sept, 2012 and released on 11 Oct, 2012 shows where NASA’s Mars Curiosity rover aimed two different instruments to study a rock known as “Jake Matijevic.”—REUTERS



landing, was also rich in feldspar-like minerals, which provided clues about the rock’s history. “The way in which this type of rock forms ... is like how applejack liquor was made,” geologist Edward Stolper, with the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, told reporters.

said, adding that it takes very particular conditions on Earth to produce this type of magma. The rover meanwhile has moved on to testing and cleaning of its soil scoop. Eventually, scientists want to funnel soil samples to Curiosity’s onboard laboratory for more extensive chemical analysis.—Reuters

Apple gets OK to use Swiss**railway clock design****Tech**

ZURICH, 14 Oct—Apple, sensitive about protecting its own designs, has struck a deal to use Swiss railway operator SBB’s trademark station clock design on iPads and iPhones. SBB, which holds the trademark for a 1944 design by Zurich-born engineer Hans Hilfiker, said last month it might challenge the US company after the clock appeared on a new operating system for the iPad.

“For the use of the clockface on certain Apple devices such as iPads and iPhones, the parties have negotiated an arrangement that enables Apple to use the SBB station clock under a license agreement,” SBB said on Friday.

The cost of the licensing fee and further detail of the agreement will remain confidential. “It is a design icon that has obviously lost none of its appeal in the digital age,” the SBB said. “Even now, it symbolizes the innovation and reliability that are key qualities attributed to both SBB and Switzerland as a whole.” Hilfiker designed the minimalist clock to help travelers check the time at a distance while hurrying to catch trains. In 1953, he added a red second hand in the shape of a railway guard’s signaling disc, which pauses briefly at the top of each minute “to enable trains to depart punctually”, as he put it.

Reuters



Attendees sit in front of an Apple logo during the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference 2012 in San Francisco, California on 11 June, 2012.—REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Bankrupt Solyndra seeks \$1.5 billion in damages from Chinese peers

Business



Dentists work on patients at the Remote Area Medical (RAM) clinic in Wise, Virginia on 20 July, 2012. REUTERS

Singapore researchers say they find approach to fight chikungunya virus

Health

SINGAPORE, 14 Oct— Researchers from Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine in National University of Singapore (NUS) have found a new way to fight against chikungunya virus, which once broke out to a record cases of 1,000 during 2008-2010 here, according to the report by local media Channel NewsAsia on Tuesday.

The chikungunya, which is spread by the Aedes mosquito, is a viral disease with symptoms similar to dengue fever, with an acute febrile phase of the illness lasting only two to five days, followed by intense pain in the joints for a long time.

There are no specific treatments for this disease, and no vaccine is currently available, with only some treatment to relieve the pain.

The researchers said they have “successfully identified a genetic sequence — called ‘small hairpin RNA’ for the shape of the sequence — which stops the chikungunya virus from replicating before going on to destroy the virus”, *the Straits Times* reported.

“For the past two years, we don’t have as many cases but I think chikungunya virus may come back and give us another ‘explosive’ round of infection, in Singapore’s context,” Chu Jang Hann, the lead principal investigator said, adding that it could be used in the future to protect Singaporeans who travel to countries where chikungunya is endemic.

According to *the Straits Times*, the new approach has not yet been tested in clinical trials.—*Xinhua*

NEW YORK, 14 Oct— Bankrupt solar firm Solyndra has filed a lawsuit against three US-listed Chinese solar players, including Suntech Power Holdings Co (STP.N), seeking \$1.5 billion in compensation due to monopolization by these firms, according to court documents filed on Thursday.

The lawsuit was filed against Suntech, Trina Solar Ltd (TSL.N) and Yingli Green Energy Holding Co (YGE.N) claiming that the trio’s panel prices moved in tandem — falling 75 percent in four years in the US

Solyndra, which claims in the lawsuit that the trio were involved in predatory pricing and price fixing, filed for bankruptcy a year ago as it could no longer compete with plunging prices of solar panels imported from China.

US solar companies

launched a complaint last year alleging protectionism from Beijing for Chinese panel makers, sparking trade disputes between the two countries. As a result of the ongoing trust, the US slapped steep final duties on billions of dollars of solar energy products from China earlier this week.

Defendants — Suntech, Trina and Yingli — came to the US and raised money from the stock market and deployed that capital to “destroy” American solar manufacturers, said Solyndra in the suit filed in a Northern California district court.

“We just received notice of this complaint, but from our initial review, these are unwarranted and misguided claims from a company that has a clear history of failed technology and achievements,” said Robert Petrino, Managing

Director, Yingli Green Energy Americas.

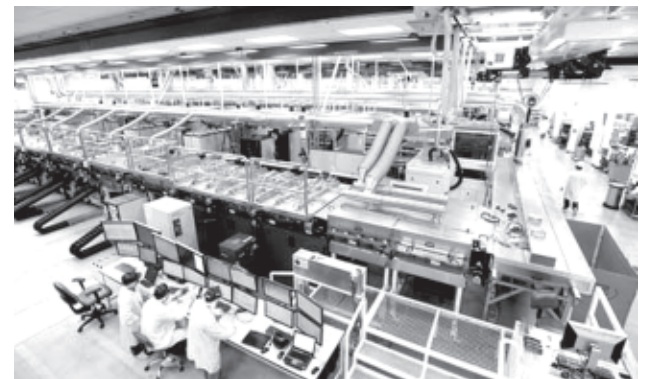
The other two Chinese companies named as defendants were not available for comment outside of business hours.

Solyndra has sold everything from its remaining inventory and assembly equipment to office computers in a bid to raise money to repay creditors.

The Obama administration came under fire for

missing signs of financial trouble at the California-based Solyndra and approving nearly \$535 million in loans in a bid to spark a clean energy industry and create jobs through stimulus spending.

Last year, executives from bankrupt Solyndra LLC testified that a flood of cheap Chinese solar panels kept it from realizing \$1.2 billion in contracts it announced in 2008.—*Reuters*



A Solyndra solar panel factory in California. REUTERS

China’s Sept M2 growth accelerates to 14.8%

Business

BEIJING, 14 Oct— China’s broad measure of money supply (M2) rose 14.8 percent in September from a year ago, accelerating from the 13.5-percent growth registered in August, the central bank said on Saturday.

The increase was also above the central bank’s annual target of 14 percent growth in M2 for 2012 amid a sign of slight loosening in

the monetary policy as the country strove to boost growth in the world’s second-largest economy.

Outstanding yuan-denominated loans reached 61.51 trillion yuan (9.72 trillion US dollars) at the end of last month, up 16.3 percent year on year, the People’s Bank of China (PBOC) said in a statement on its website.

The central bank said

outstanding yuan deposits rose 13.3 percent from one year earlier to 89.96 trillion yuan at the end of last month.

The country’s foreign exchange reserves, the world’s largest stockpile, rose to 3.29 trillion US dollars at the end of September from 3.24 trillion US dollars at the end of June.

The PBOC has twice cut the benchmark interest rates

and reserve requirement ratio this year to buoy national economic growth, which slowed to its lowest rate in more than three years in the second quarter of the year.

The country is scheduled to release its third-quarter GDP data on Oct. 18, which analysts expected to be below the second-quarter’s 7.6 percent increase.

Xinhua

Deutsche Telekom aims closing MetroPCS deal in second-quarter 2013

Business

FRANKFURT, 14 Oct— Deutsche Telekom (DTE.DE) aims to complete the merger of its T-Mobile US unit with MetroPCS (PCS) between April and June 2013, Chief Financial Officer Timotheus Hoettges told a German newspaper.

“The transaction is not likely to be carried out until the second quarter of 2013”, Hoettges told daily *Boersenzeitung*.

Deutsche Telekom and MetroPCS on 3 October said they planned to combine their American wireless services units in an effective reverse merger, in which US-listed MetroPCS will buy T-Mobile US

The merger marks a long-awaited consolidation in the US mobile market, in which the fourth-largest mobile carrier Deutsche Telekom’s T-Mobile aims to get the scale it needs to compete with AT&T (NYS:T) and Verizon (VZ).



Deutsche Telekom’s head office in Bonn, Germany. REUTERS

It will also help Deutsche Telekom lessen the burden of investing in the US by making the local unit more independent, and give the former German monopoly a liquid asset it can sell down if it wants to exit the US eventually.

Hoettges reiterated that Deutsche Telekom’s shareholder remuneration policy for 2012 will not be

affected by the merger plans and that shareholders are set to receive a dividend of at least 0.70 euros (\$0.91) per share for 2012.

“Given profits brought forward of 1.6 billion euros and retained earnings of 15.5 billion euros there can be no doubt in our ability to pay a dividend,” Hoettges told the newspaper.—*Reuters*

Age, travel time affect Canadian breast cancer patients’ mastectomy rates

Health

VANCOUVER, 14 Oct—A report released earlier this week showed that age and travel time, among others, largely affect mastectomy rates among breast cancer patients in Canada. The report, jointly released by the Canadian Institute for Health Information and the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer, examined surgical care for women with invasive breast cancer and those with the non-invasive form of the disease, ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS).

Mastectomy and breast-conserving surgery (BCS, commonly known as a lumpectomy) are two types of surgery used to treat invasive cancer and DCIS. For women diagnosed with smaller tumours, evidence shows that BCS followed by radiation treatment provides a survival rate comparable to mastectomy, the report said.

After following the surgical treatment of about 22,000 women for one year

starting from the date of their initial surgery, the study identified a U-shaped relationship between age and mastectomy rates. Rates were relatively high, 44 percent, for women aged 18 to 49 and fell to 35 percent for those aged 50 to 69. Rates rose again to 45 percent for women aged 70 and older, according to the report.

Women who choose BCS as their surgical option typically undergo post-

surgical radiation therapy, which was provided only at certain cancer centers and often requires daily trips. The report showed an increase in mastectomy rates corresponding to travel time between a woman’s home and the cancer centre offering radiation treatment. Mastectomy rates exceeded 50 percent for women who must travel 1.5 hours or longer to reach a centre offering radiation treatment, it said.—*Xinhua*



A patient has her blood pressure taken before receiving treatment at the Remote Area Medical (RAM) clinic in Wise, Virginia on 20 July, 2012.—REUTERS

WORLD

Syria

Big blast rocks Damascus district before daybreak

DAMASCUS, 14 Oct—A big blast was heard before the crack of dawn on Sunday at an upscale district of the capital, in what appeared to be a booby-trapped car explosion, witnesses and media reports said.

The blast at al-Mazzeah was believed to have been caused by a booby-trapped car that went off near a high-end restaurant, reports said, adding that no human casualties were reported.

The street at which the blast happened is also close to a number of foreign embassies located in that area, including the Iranian one, and also some headquarters and houses of Syrian officials.

Still, the target of the blast could not be determined immediately due to its strange timing. Locals in the area posted online images of the blast site, showing a ravaged building and piles of debris. —Xinhua



Emperor Akihito (R) and Empress Michiko (C) meet with residents living in temporary housing in the village of Kawauchi in Fukushima Prefecture on 13 Oct, 2012. The imperial couple visited the village near the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant to meet with the residents and inspect decontamination work.

KYODO NEWS

China

China's first aircraft carrier leaves port

BEIJING, 14 Oct — China's first aircraft carrier sailed from the port of Dalian in Northeastern China on Friday evening.

This is the Liaoning's first voyage since it was delivered

to the People's Liberation Army on 25 September.

Pictures of the event show a J-15 carrier-based fighter aircraft practicing take-off and landing on the craft. The carrier was rebuilt from the Soviet

ship Varyag. It was renamed "Liaoning" after years of remodelling work. Its delivery made China one of the few countries in the world to have an aircraft carrier in active service. —Xinhua

Over 800 mln Chinese disaster victims aided in last decade

BEIJING, 14 Oct—About 855 million people affected by natural disasters have received assistance from the government over the last decade, according to data from the Ministry of Civil Affairs. Emergency aid and reconstruction for major natural disasters that occurred over the last decade has been completed, the ministry said Saturday, which is also the 23rd International Day for Disaster Reduction.

Government investment in disaster reduction allowances jumped from 2.4 billion yuan (about 390 million US dollars) in 2002 to 8.6 billion yuan last year, officials with the ministry

said. The amount of the allowances was also raised during the period, with those who lost their homes due to natural disasters receiving 10,000 yuan per household, up from 300 yuan per household, the ministry said.

The government also established 18 storage depots for relief supplies, with a network of depots extended to the township level, the ministry said. Multiple droughts, earthquakes and floods have hit several parts of China over the last decade, including severe earthquakes that struck Sichuan and Qinghai provinces in 2008 and 2010, respectively.

Xinhua



Friendship mascots United Buddy Bears are displayed near the Eiffel tower in Paris, France, on 13 Oct, 2012. 140 Buddy Bears, painted in the colours of different countries, mark the 25th anniversary of the twinning cities of Paris and Berlin.

XINHUA

Police seize 150 kg heroin in Turkey

ANKARA, 14 Oct — Turkish police seized 150 kg of heroin in the Province of Duzce in northwestern Turkey on Saturday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

Acting on a tip-off, the Turkish security teams stopped a car in Duzce and confiscated 150 kg of heroin in the car, said the report, adding that one person was

detained in the operation.

In another operation in Yuregir town of the southern Province of Adana, the police seized 50.6 kg of hashish in a car and detained one person in connection with the haul.

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

Xinhua

Mauritanian president shot accidentally by army patrol

ABIDJAN, 14 Oct — Mauritanian President Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz was lightly injured as his motorcade was accidentally fired on by an army unit, according to reports reaching here on Saturday.

Abdel Aziz is now being treated at a heavily guarded military hospital in the capital city of Nouakchott, said the hospital sources.

The country's communications minister Hamdi Ould Mahjoub said on national TV that an army patrol unit failed to recognize the president's convoy,

Mauritania

which was heading back to the capital, and opened fired on it.

He also said the president was just lightly wounded on the occasion, and got out of the vehicle on his own as he arrived at the hospital.

Earlier, the country's security authorities told Xinhua that it was a group of unidentified armed men that were responsible for the shooting, and there is no further detail of the incident. —Xinhua

Syrian gov't bans Turkish civilian flights to pass over

Syria

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Syrian gov't bans Turkish civilian flights to pass over Syria. —XINHUA

DAMASCUS, 14 Oct—The Syrian government issued a ban on Saturday, prohibiting Turkish civilian flights to pass over the Syrian territories, the state-run SANA news agency cited the Foreign Ministry as saying.

The ministry said the ban will go into effect as of midnight Saturday, adding that the move has come in retaliation to a similar move undertaken by Turkey, which prohibited the Syrian civilian flights to pass through Turkey.

In its statement, the ministry said it laments the Turkish "escalatory decision that aims primarily to hurt the interests of the Syrian people." The tension between both countries has hit a new high on Wednesday when the Turkish government forcefully grounded a Syrian civilian plane, which was en route from Moscow to Damascus, under the pretext that the plane carried "non-civilian cargo." The Turks alleged that the Syrian flight carried Russian military gears destined for the Syrian Ministry of Defence.

Both Syria and Russia chided the Turkish move and dismissed the statement made by the Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who said that Russian military gears were confiscated and that they were Syria-bound.

Further-more, the Syrian Information Ministry challenged Erdogan on Thursday to display the confiscated gears in public to prove his claims. —Xinhua



A destroyed vehicle is seen at the blast site in Darra Adam Khel, northwest Pakistan, on 13 Oct, 2012. At least 15 people were killed and 17 others injured when a suicide car bomb blast ripped through a market in Dera Adam khel on Saturday morning, reported local media. XINHUA

WORLD

One killed, dozens injured in boat-capsizing in S Africa

S Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 14 Oct — At least one person was killed and dozens injured after their boat capsized in the western South Africa on Saturday afternoon, local media reported. The accident occurred when the charter boat lost its control in Hout Bay, Cape Town, the South African Press Association cited the National Sea Rescue Institute as saying.

The boat was carrying about 41 people before capsizing at about 3:00 pm local time, and six people remained missing, according to the National Sea Rescue Institute. The city's disaster management department said two passengers were stuck in the hull of the capsized boat, and the rescue operation was

underway.

The local government was identifying the nationalities of the passengers, according to the disaster management department. The exact cause of the fatal accident remained unknown. On 31 July, a boat on a whale-watching trip was hit by a wave and capsized off the eastern port city of Durban, and eleven foreign tourists were rescued. Cape Town is the second most-populous city following Johannesburg in South Africa, and is Africa's most populous tourist destination with famous harbor and natural beauty.

Xinhua



An exhibitor stands behind comic posters during the 2012 New York Comic Con at Javits Centre in New York, the United States, on 13 Oct, 2012. As the second largest comic book and pop culture gathering in the country, the four-day New York Comic features latest products like comic books, video games, toys, movies and television shows. — XINHUA

Washington urges Tunisia to bring embassy attackers to trial

US

TUNIS, 14 Oct — Washington on Sunday urged Tunisia to bring the attackers of its embassy here last month to trial and pledged to continue support for the democratic transition in Tunisia, the cradle of the Arab Spring. "I call upon the Tunisian government to conduct its investigation and bring the perpetrators and instigators of this attack to justice," US Ambassador Jacob Wiles said in a letter to Tunisians marking a month after the attack on the US Embassy in Tunis.

Salafists attacked the embassy last month to protest a film made in California deemed offensive to Islam. At least four people were killed when they stormed the embassy. In a recording posted to Islamist websites on Friday, al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri called on "free and distinguished

zealots for Islam" to "continue their opposition to American crusader Zionist aggression against Islam and Muslims" around the region. Wiles called upon the Tunisian government "to provide security for its citizens and guests," adding that relations between the two countries would not be affected by the attack.

"These attackers were unable to damage the strong link between two peoples and US commitment to support the transition in Tunisia from a dictatorship to a democracy, free and tolerant," he said. Tunisia expects Washington to guarantee around a fifth of its \$2.2-2.5 billion borrowing needs next year to help its economy recover from last year's revolution, the country's minister of international cooperation, Riadh Betaib, told Reuters last month. The US amba-

LONDON, 14 Oct — A controversial British plan to cull thousands of wild badgers to control the spread of bovine tuberculosis is a "costly distraction" that risks increasing incidences of the disease, wildlife experts said on Saturday. The mass killing of the furry black and white nocturnal creatures, which have been found to help spread tuberculosis (TB) in cattle, has raised the threat of action by militant animal rights activists.

The move also is opposed by celebrities including Queen guitarist Brian May and veteran nature show presenter David Attenborough. "We believe the complexities of TB transmission mean that licensed culling risks increasing cattle TB rather

than reducing it," Patrick Bateson, president of the Zoological Society of London, said in a letter to Britain's *Observer* newspaper signed by 30 other wildlife experts.

"Even if such increases do not materialize, the government predicts only limited benefits ... We are concerned that badger culling risks becoming a costly distraction from nationwide TB control," Bateson said. The disease in England has cost the taxpayer some 500 million pounds (\$804 million) in the past decade, and the government says 1 billion pounds will be needed in the next decade to control the disease if no action is taken now.

Britain's forestry



A badger walks through woodland near Pickering, northern England, on 21 July, 2011.

REUTERS

commission says there are about 250,000 adult badgers in the United Kingdom. Their plan calls for culling only in certain areas of England — the counties of Gloucestershire and Somerset — to reduce the

badger population there by 70 percent. Marksmen are set to start the cull soon but details are being kept secret for fear of clashes between farmers determined to protect their livestock and animal rights activists. — Reuters

Two anti-drugs police killed in Peru jungle ambush

Peru

LIMA, 14 Oct — Two police officers were killed and another two injured in an ambush in Peru's southeastern jungle region late on Friday, the latest strike against President Ollanta Humala's drive to regain control of cocaine-trafficking strongholds. The head of Peru's police force said on Saturday that an anti-drug squad was attacked on its way to the district of Kepashiato in the dense group of jungle valleys known as the VRAEM, the most productive growing area in

the world's top coca producer.

"Yesterday, a group of five intelligence unit officers boarded a truck to go to Kepashiato. They were ambushed near kilometre 51 on the highway, presumably by drug traffickers," police chief Raul Salazar told local radio. Prime Minister Juan Jimenez said: "I'm sure we will continue lamenting (incidents like these). It's inevitable in a war like the one we have in the VRAEM." Rebels often catch soldiers in ambushes when they venture outside their fortified bases.

Counterinsurgency experts have criticized the government's security strategy as too predictable and Humala has had several defence ministers since taking office last year. Remnant groups of the 30-year-old Shining Path insurgency remain active and smuggle drugs in lawless

jungles areas. It was not immediately clear if Friday's attack was led by the Shining Path rebels or someone else. Last weekend, the Shining Path destroyed three helicopters on the ground belonging to the company that runs Peru's only natural gas pipeline.

In April, they captured 36 natural gas workers in their first large-scale kidnapping since 2003 and said later it was a ruse to lure soldiers into ambushes. Shining Path's founders were captured in the early 1990s, when Humala fought against them as an army officer in a conflict that killed 70,000 people. Taking control of the remote valleys in southeastern Peru is crucial for Humala's economic plans. Construction will soon begin on a \$3 billion natural gas pipeline that will originate in the area and feed a new petrochemical complex on the Pacific coast. — Reuters



Workers operate a machine to lift the trains for Harbin subway line 1 at the CNR Changchun Railway Vehicle Co, Ltd. in Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province, on 13 Oct, 2012. The new type of subway trains, which can offer continuous services in extremely cold areas with the lowest temperature of minus 38 degrees Celsius. — XINHUA

Afghanistan

Two NATO soldiers, one civilian employee killed in S Afghan blast

KABUL, 14 Oct — Two soldiers and a civilian employee with the NATO-led coalition forces were killed on Saturday in a blast in southern Afghanistan, the coalition forces confirmed in a statement. "An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an improvised explosive device (IED) attack in southern Afghanistan today", the NATO-led ISAF said in the statement.

"One coalition forces servicemember and one coalition forces civilian died following an improvised explosive device (IED) attack in southern Afghanistan today", the coalition said without disclosing the nationalities of the victims under the ISAF policy.

Earlier Saturday, an official in southern Kandahar Province told Xinhua that four security members with the Afghan intelligence agency, two NATO soldiers and a NATO civilian employee were killed and three other people were wounded in a Taliban suicide IED bomb attack in Maruf district bordering Pakistan at around 11:30 am on Saturday.

Xinhua

PERSPECTIVES

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Census taking

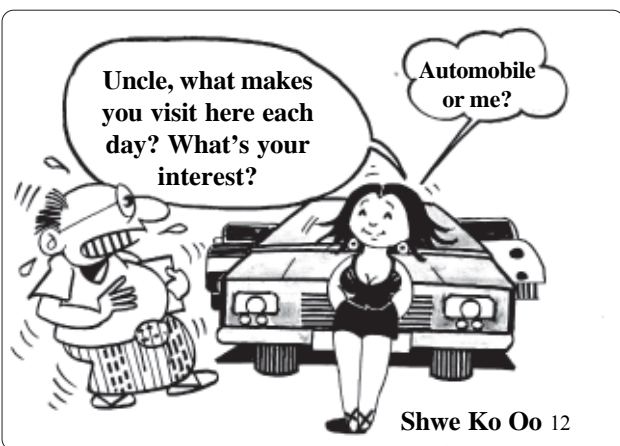
The depth and speed of analysis of census data has evolved considerably with the introduction of computers. In the 19th century tabulations were completed manually thus restricting the amount and complexity of the analysis performed. Today tabulations can be made relatively quickly and products are made available in a wide range of formats and detail. The term census is used mostly in connection with national population and housing censuses; other common censuses include agriculture, business, and traffic censuses.

The word is of Latin origin; during the Roman Republic, the census was a list that kept track of all adult males fit for military service. The modern census is essential to international comparisons of any kind of statistics and censuses collect data on many attributes of the population, not just how many people they are, although population estimates remain an important function of the census.

Myanmar at present is in the mission to take her latest census. The country has already conducted nationwide census twice. The first one was in 1973 and the last in 1983. So, the need of experiences, funds, staff and equipments may be challenging in the census compilation in 30 years after the last compilation. Ministry of Immigration and Population will act as the focal ministry of nationwide census compilation project in 2014.

Other problems of enumeration may be new born babies, refugees, people away on holiday, people moving home around census day, and people without a fixed address.

Myanmar will take the census in four steps: preparation, data compilation, preparing statistics, and assessment and review. In fact, there must be coherence between the focal ministry and other ministries, related organizations and civil societies and international organizations to fully accomplish the last three steps although the MIP alone could complete the preparation tasks.



Shwe Ko Oo 12

Illegal two-digit lottery seller arrested

YANGON, 14 Oct—Police members of a squad of Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township, acting on tip-off, searched Ma Zar Yi Yi Win, 33, of A Block from 94 Ward of Yuzana Garden City between 1st and 2nd streets in A Block at 3 pm on 12 October. They seized documents on two-digit illegal lottery and K 43300 in her hand. Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township Police Force opened a file of lawsuit against her under Gambling Law.—*Myanma Alin*

NATIONAL

First Union Solidarity and Development Party Conference held

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct— Union Solidarity and Development Party held its first party conference (2012) at the party headquarters in Dekkhinathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, this morning. Party Vice-Chairman Thura U Shwe Mann delivered an inaugural speech to party members. The meeting was then held according to the agenda and the conference continues till 17 September. *MNA*

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw delegation leaves for Germany



Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Mya Nyein and party being seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials.

MNA

YANGON, 14 Oct— Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Mya Nyein led a delegation that left for Germany to pay a goodwill visit this morning.

The secretary of Amyotha Hluttaw Financial and Legal Affairs Commission, and officials of Yangon Region government and Hluttaw

office saw off the delegation at Yangon International Airport.

The Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was accompanied by Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee U Win Sein, Member of Pyithu Hluttaw Fundamental

Rights of Citizens, Democracy and Human Rights Committee U Tin Maung Win, Member of Pyithu Hluttaw Banks and Monetary Development Committee U Win Myint, Member of Pyithu Hluttaw Transportation Development Committee U Myo Swe, Member of Pyithu Hluttaw Agriculture and

Livestock Breeding Development Committee U Aung Thant, Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Kyaw Kyaw, Members of Amyotha Hluttaw National Planning Committee U Sai Thant Zin and Member of Amyotha Hluttaw People's Complaint and Petition Committee U Aung Kyi Nyunt.—*MNA*

No delay in tourist arrivals and departures stressed

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct— Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung stressed the need for convenience of arrival and departure of tourists without delay at the airport in meeting with officials concerned at NyaungU Airport on 12 October. Then he inspected functions of information counter and

money changer of Myanma Tourism Services.

In his speech in meeting with in-charges of cooperative societies who are dealing with microfinance in four villages of NyaungU District and Township at Thazin Garden Hotel in Bagan Myothit, the Union Minister said that number

of tourist arrivals during this year increased by 57 per cent as against about 120,000 last year. With an increase in tourist arrivals, more job opportunities and greater income would be generated, he added. Emphasis should be placed on good services for the convenience and security of visitors.

The Union Minister continued that the interest on the loan of 111.2 million for better socioeconomy of souvenir-makers in NyaungU District would be spent in repair of village post primary school and construction of lake and road, and loan for the third time would be given.

MNA

Reckless driving hits shop

KALAW, 14 Oct—A trawlergy driven by Sarrbies, 24, of Ward 7 in Kalaw from the west to the east along Nyaungbin Road hit Mauya Electronic and Betel Shop on the southern wing of Myoma Market in Kalaw at 11.30 pm on 12 October due to out of control.

In the accident, some items of electronic equipment were destroyed. Seller Ma Aye Yi, 35 was injured at bruise at her right little toe. The injured was sent to Kalaw People's Hospital to receive medical treatment.

Kalaw Police Station takes action against the reckless driver.

Myanma Alin

Surgical operation given to patients with abnormalities

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct— Under the aegis of Mandalay Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, surgical operation have been given on patients with inborn abnormalities at face, jaw and mouth operation unit of Mandalay People's Hospital since 8 October. Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint and Region MCWSC Patron Daw Myat Ngwe encouraged and provided assistance to patients on 11 October. Medical Superintendent U Win, In-charge of face, jaw and mouth operation unit Dr Nu Nu Yi and members explained progress in surgical operation on patients with cleft lip and palate. The region chief minister spoke words of encouragement to the medical team. So far, surgical operation has been given to 95 patients and the operation continues till 15 October.—*MNA*

Tobacco Kills

OPINION

Longevity dividend

Tin Maung Than



Ageing is now occurring fastest in the developing world, which has limited resources and plans to deal with this unprecedented demographic trend. The older generation — which includes caregivers, voters, teachers, volunteers, entrepreneurs, leaders, and more — represents a growing reservoir of talent and experience that can be tapped to reap a 'longevity dividend'.

Rapidly and surely the world is getting older. In

2000, for the first time in history, there were more people over 60 than children below five. By 2050, the older generation will be larger than the under-15 population. The number and proportion of older persons is growing faster than any other age group, and will surpass 1 billion people in less the 10 years — an increase of close to 200 million people over the decade.

While the trend of ageing societies is a cause for celebration, it also

presents huge challenges as it requires completely new approaches to health care, retirement, living arrangements and intergenerational relations.

Today two out of three people aged 60 or over live in developing countries. By 2050, this will rise to nearly four in five or 80% of world's older people. If not addressed promptly, the consequences of these issues are likely to take unprepared countries by surprise. In many developing countries with large populations of young people, for example, the challenge is that governments have not put policies and practices in place to support their current older populations or made enough preparations for 2050. Ageing is a lifelong process that does not start at age 60. Today's young people will be part of the 2 billion-strong population of

older persons in 2050.

Countries like the Republic of Korea, Singapore and China will see a rise in the proportion of the elderly to the total population from about 15 per cent today to some 40 percent by 2050. Myanmar, Indonesia and Malaysia will see older persons constituting 20 percent of their total population by 2050.

There are global organizations like the United Nations Population Fund-UNFPA and HelpAge International that are helping older people claim their rights, challenge discrimination and overcome poverty, so that senior citizens can lead dignified, secure, active and healthy lives. UNFPA and HelpAge are working together in hosting high-profile press conferences and symposiums in connection with the growing population of global senior

citizens. These events will be followed by similar launches and action plans around the world.

Important progress has been made by many countries in adopting new policies, strategies, plans and laws on ageing. For example, over 100 countries in the last decade have put in place non-contributory social pensions in recognition of old age poverty. But much more needs to be done to fulfill the potential of our ageing world. Forty-seven per cent of older men and nearly 24 per cent of older women participate in the labour force.

In fact, people everywhere must age with dignity and security, enjoying life through the full realization of all human rights and fundamental freedoms. In this context, global and national action plans are needed to create a pathway to transform the explosive number of people over 60 to become growth drivers and value creators. By revolutionizing our



approach and investing in people as they age we can build stronger, wealthier societies.

Social protection and age friendly health care are essential to extend the independence of healthy older people and prevent impoverishment in old age. This will help countries to harvest longevity dividend apart from harnessing the potential benefits and minimizing the disruption that ageing will bring.

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NATIONAL

Marubeni Corporation celebrates 70th anniversary ceremony for its Yangon Branch

YANGON, 14 Oct — Japan-based Marubeni Corporation celebrated its 70th Anniversary Ceremony for Yangon Branch at Sedona Hotel on 12 October evening. At the ceremony, Chairman Mr. Teruo Asada of Marubeni Corporation explained facts about Marubeni Corporation and investments to be made in Myanmar.

Union Minister for

Commerce U Win Myint gave words of honour to Marubeni Corporation for making business in Myanmar so long.

Chairman Mr. Teruo Asada from Marubeni Corporation presented scholarships for human

resources development to the Ministry of Science and Technology through Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo. The Union Minister spoke words of thank for the help of Marubeni. —MNA

Sports photo technique course concludes

YANGON, 14 Oct — As part of efforts to make preparations for taking news photos and documentary photos in XXVII SEA Games, the Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information and Myanmar Photographic Society jointly conducted the sports photo technique course that concluded at 27/29 on 35th street in Kyauktada Township on 13 October morning.

Chairman of MPS U Tin Myint (Sit Nyein Pan) made a concluding remark. Director (Production) U Aye Kywe of IPRD, the chairman of the association and instructors presented certificates to the trainees.

Photographic professionals and scholars trained the trainees to take photos with the use of digital cameras and apply the technique for taking the photos.

As practical works, the trainees took photos at the ASEAN Suzuki Cup qualifier and training of athletes at the camps for SEA Games at the Sports and Physical Education Institute (Yangon).

Altogether 40 trainees of Township IPRDs from Ayeyawady and Yangon Regions, Myanmar News Agency (Nay Pyi Taw) and MNA (Yangon) attended the 12-day course.

Myanma Alin

News in Brief

Health subcommittee prepares works

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Thein Thein Htay delivered an address at second coordination meeting of health subcommittee for the 19th Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition at 2 pm on 13 October.

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 participants for Special Olympics Myanmar National Games 2012 to be held on 15 and 16 November through President of Myanmar Special Sports Federation Col Myo Myint (Rtd).



Daw Lay Kyi from Gandama Street, University Avenue Garden City, Dagon Myothit (East), to mark her 87th birthday, donated K 200,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently. Joint-Secretary of executive board U Maung Maung Gyi accepts the donation. —NLM

WORLD



A visitor poses for photo beside a mascot piled up by peppers during an exhibition of agricultural production in Xinjiang County, north China's Shanxi Province on 12 Oct, 2012. Xinjiang County has embraced a good harvest this year. — XINHUA

Earthquake

5.9-magnitude quake hits Solomon Islands

HONG KONG, 14 Oct — An earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale jolted Solomon Islands at 2012-10-14 04:58:07 GMT on Sun (2012-10-14 12:58:07 Beijing Time), the US Geological Survey said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 60.90 km, was initially determined to be at 7.1914 degrees south latitude and 156.0636 degrees east longitude. — Xinhua

5.0-magnitude quake hits Tonga

HONG KONG, 14 Oct — An earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale jolted Tonga at 1752 GMT on Saturday (0652 on Sunday at local time), the US Geological Survey said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 25.6 km, was initially determined to be at 19.895 degrees south latitude and 173.949 degrees west longitude. — Xinhua

5.2-magnitude quake hits near the north coast of New Guinea, Papua New Guinea

HONG KONG, 14 Oct — An earthquake measuring 5.2 on the Richter scale jolted near the north coast of New Guinea, Papua New Guinea at 2307 GMT on Saturday (0707 on Sunday at local time), the US Geological Survey said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 6.7 km, was initially determined to be at 2.52 degrees south latitude and 142.3012 degrees east longitude. — Xinhua

Lightning strike causes fire at Venezuelan refinery

CARACAS, 14 Oct — A fire broke out on Saturday at an oil refinery in Venezuela's northwestern state of Zulia, a major oil production base of the country, government sources said.

Gladys Parada, marketing general manager of the Venezuelan Petroleum Ministry, told reporters that a lightning bolt hit the refinery during a thunderstorm and started the fire, which was quickly brought under control

by plant employees and firemen. The fire affected the refinery's extraction plant in Bajo Grande, Parada was quoted as saying by the official news service *Agencia Venezolana de Noticias (AVN)*. Parada added that the fire also caused explosion in a "secure area" of the plant, without mentioning any casualties.

This is the third fire that has hit refineries and plants

Turkey FM meets Arab, EU leaders amid tensions

BEIJING, 14 Oct — Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu has met Arab and European leaders amid growing tensions between Turkey and Syria.

Davutoglu has held talks with the UN envoy to Syria, Lakhdar Brahimi, and German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle. Their meeting comes after Turkey's interception of a Syrian passenger plane on Wednesday.

After meeting with Davutoglu, the German FM said that Turkey has a right to

the inspection if they suspect weapons are being transported to Syria. Davutoglu added that Turkey will retaliate without hesitation if its border with Syria is violated again.

Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said, "Turkey's retaliation was inevitable in terms of self-defence and deterrence. So we have retaliated. Turkey will retaliate again if its border with Syria is violated again and if we feel that Turkey's national security is in danger." — Xinhua

Four off-duty soldiers killed in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 14 Oct — Four off-duty soldiers were shot dead by gunmen near Iraq's northern City of Mosul on Saturday, while a lawmaker from the Sunni-backed parliamentary bloc escaped a bomb attack in central the country. Four Iraqi army soldiers were shot dead when gunmen stopped their car in the town of al-Shora, south of Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, a local police source

told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The soldiers were on leave in civilian clothes when the gunmen attacked their car, the source said. In a separate incident, Ahmed al-Alwani, an outspoken lawmaker affiliated to the parliamentary bloc of Iraqia, escaped

unharmed a roadside bomb explosion near his convoy in Abu Ghraib area, some 20 km west of Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source anonymously told *Xinhua*.

One of the vehicles in Alwani's convoy was damaged and two of his bodyguards were wounded

Police car hit by grenade in Libya's Benghazi, no casualties reported

TRIPOLI, 14 Oct — A police vehicle was exploded on Saturday in Libya's eastern City of Benghazi, causing no casualties, security sources said.



People watch a hand grenade destroyed car belonging to a police officer in Libya's eastern city of Benghazi on 13 Oct, 2012. A police vehicle was exploded Saturday here, causing no casualties, security sources said. — XINHUA

Yemeni intelligence officer injured in drive-by shooting

Yemen

ADEN, (Yemen), 14 Oct — Unknown gunmen on a motorcycle shot and seriously injured an officer of the military intelligence agency in Yemen's southeastern Province of Hadramout on Saturday evening, a government official told *Xinhua*.

Two masked shooters opened fire from automatic rifles and injured Col Saleh Badhoris while he was coming back from his workplace and passing through a main street in downtown Hadramout Province, the local government official said, requesting anonymity.

The armed attack has the

fingerprints of al-Qaeda, the government source said, adding that the unidentified gunmen then fled the area after the botched drive-by shooting.

A local medic told *Xinhua* anonymously saying that "the officer was gravely injured and he is in critical condition. Gunshots hit his chest and neck."

Saturday's shooting was the latest of a wave of armed attacks and assassinations of top military officials in the impoverished Arab state, which is battling al-Qaeda militants.

Although the al-Qaeda militants are usually held responsible for such armed

attacks and terrorist bombings, no group has claimed responsibility for the shooting.

Yemen has undergone a political transition after the stepping down of former leader Ali Abdullah Saleh earlier this year under a peaceful transfer of power backed by the United Nations.

Restoring security in Yemen has become a priority after last year's unrest created security vacuum which was exploited by the insurgent al-Qaeda wing to control swaths of remote land and expand activities to major cities.

Xinhua



Waitresses serve passengers during the test operation of a high-speed railway connecting Hefei and Bengbu, two cities of east China's Anhui Province, on 13 Oct, 2012. The new Hebeig high-speed railway, which is expected to be put into operation on 16 Oct, covers a distance of 132 kilometres and trains will run on it at a designed speed of 350 kilometres per hour. — XINHUA

Iraq

by the blast, the source said. Violence in Iraq has decreased from its climax in 2006 and 2007, when sectarian conflicts pushed the country to the brink of a civil war, but tensions and sporadic shootings and bombings are still common across the country. — Xinhua

Libya

Initial investigation showed that the blast occurred when a home-made grenade was thrown at the car of a senior police officer outside his house, the sources said, adding that no casualties were reported during the explosion. Saturday's attack was the latest against security personnel and police officers in eastern Libya.

Radical Islamists, repressed during the era of toppled former strongman Muammar Gaddafi, were reportedly behind the recent attacks, in which at least 17 people, including former security members, were killed.

Xinhua

REGIONAL



The Moranbong Band, a local female music group, perform in Pyongyang on 10 Oct, 2012, in celebration of the 67th anniversary of the founding of the ruling Workers' Party of Korea.— KYODO

China-DPRK trade expo debuts in border city

Trade

SHENYANG, 14 Oct— An economic, trade, culture and tourism expo jointly initiated by China and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) opened Friday in the border City of Dandong in northeast China's Liaoning Province.

A delegation of 500 members from the DPRK is attending the 2012 China-DPRK Economic, Trade, Culture and Tourism Expo,

which is scheduled to run from Friday to Tuesday, the event's organizers said. Over 400 Chinese companies from 12 industries are also attending the expo.

With the theme of "friendship, cooperation and development," the expo consists of commodity exhibitions, trade fairs, DPRK art performances, craftwork exhibitions, a border trip to the Yalu River and an exhibition

for the tourism resources of the two countries.

Supported by the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, the event is being organized by the Liaoning Provincial Government. China is DPRK's biggest trade partner. Statistics show that bilateral trade volume went up 62.4 percent year on year to 5.64 billion US dollars last year.

Xinhua

Japan, US to hold joint island drill in November

Drill

BEIJING, 14 Oct — Japan's Kyodo News Agency says a joint Japan-US exercise is to be held in November, simulating the retaking of a remote island.

Troops from Japan's

self defence forces will work alongside US troops stationed in Japan, for the drill near an inhabited island in Okinawa prefecture. The Island exercises are part of an overall joint drill being

held from November the 5th to the 16th. Naval, land and air forces from both countries are expected to participate in the drills. Some 10 thousand soldiers are expected to take part.— Xinhua

Strong cold front to sweep China

Climate

BEIJING, 14 Oct— Strong cold front coming from northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region will drop temperatures in most parts of China in the next three days, the country's national observatory forecast Sunday. Temperatures in most regions across the country will fall by four to eight degrees Celsius, along with strong winds, the National Meteorological Centre (NMC) said.

Some northern regions will experience temperature drops from 10 to 12 degrees Celsius, it added.

Most parts of the country will see light to heavy rain in the next few days, and light to moderate snow may fall in parts of the Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, Heilongjiang and Jilin Provinces, the NMC said.— Xinhua



Photo taken on 9 Oct, 2012 shows the Jinshan Yellow River Bridge linking Yongji City of north China's Shanxi Province and Heyang County of northwest China's Shaanxi Province. The closure of the 9,969-metre-long bridge, which was a major project of the Datong-Xi'an passenger railway line, finished on Friday.— XINHUA

Victims of food poisoning in S Philippines increased to 131

Philippines

MANILA, 14 Oct — The number of victims of the recent food poisoning incident in southern Philippine Province of North Cotabato has increased to 131, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) said on Saturday.

The food poisoning

incident occurred following a fun run in Makilala, a town belongs to North Cotabato, on Wednesday, which has caused at least 131 people to have treatment in hospital, the agency said.

NDRRMC initially reported on Friday that 94 victims were hospitalized when they experienced

Ancient man in SW China ate pandas: scientist

China

CHONGQING, 14 Oct — Giant pandas, China's "national treasures," were once delicious food for ancient man living in the country's southwest, a Chinese scientist has said. Pandas were eaten by prehistoric man who inhabited the area of today's Chongqing Municipality, where the cuddly creatures once teemed, paleoanthropologist Wei Guangbiao told Chongqing Morning Post in a recent interview.

"We have studied many samples of the panda fossils excavated in Chongqing from the sites where

humans once lived," said Wei. "A large number of them showed that pandas were once slashed to death by man." "In the primitive time, man would not kill animals that were useless to them," he said. But Wei said the pandas ancient man devoured were by no means "giant."

"They were much smaller than today's giant pandas, just the size of the Tibetan mastiffs," said Wei, adding that the miniature creatures were the direct ancestors of the giant pandas we see today. Wei, head of the Institute of Three

Gorges Paleoanthropology at the Chongqing China Three Gorges Museum, is a co-author of the award-winning book "Origins of Giant Pandas."

The scientist said, dating back 10,000 years to 1 million years, high mountains in Chongqing were home to wild pandas, which later left for other areas, including the neighboring Sichuan Province, now dubbed "hometown of pandas." Wei attributed their massive migration to the extinction of their staple diet, bamboos, because of climate change.

Xinhua

The Long March 2C carrier rocket carrying two satellites blasts off from the launch pad at the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre in Taiyuan, capital of north China's Shanxi Province, on 14 Oct, 2012. Satellite A and Satellite B, which form Shijian (practice)-9 satellites, successfully entered preset orbits on Sunday morning.

XINHUA



China launches two satellites

China

TAIYUAN, 14 Oct — China successfully launched two satellites, Practice-9 A/B, into space at 11:25 am Beijing Time on Sunday, the

launch centre said.

The satellites, launched from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch centre in north China's Shanxi Province,

were boosted by a Long March-2C carrier rocket and sent to the predetermined orbit.

Xinhua

China, Japan resumes dialogue over Diaoyu Islands dispute

Dialogue

BEIJING, 14 Oct— China and Japan have resumed dialogue over the Diaoyu Islands dispute. The head of the Chinese Foreign Ministry's Asian Affairs Department, Luo Zhaohui, has met his Japanese counterpart, and the 2-day visit to Tokyo paves the way for vice-ministerial talks between the two nations. Breaking the Diaoyu Islands deadlock.

After the preliminary Tokyo talks, which ended on Friday, China and Japan have decided to start a new round of consultations between their respective foreign ministers.

Luo Zhaohui is the first senior diplomat to visit Tokyo since Japan moved to illegally purchase the Diaoyu Islands from what it says was private ownership on 11th September. Japanese Kyodo News Agency says Luo's

Tokyo visit "may help ease frayed ties."

Meanwhile, Japanese Foreign Minister Koichiro Gemba has confirmed that the vice-ministerial talks will take place in Tokyo.

The first vice-ministerial talks after the row erupted were held in Beijing, on 25th, September when China's Vice Foreign Minister, Zhang Zhijun met his Japanese counterpart, Chikao Kawai.

At those talks, Zhang Zhijun said the Diaoyu Island and its affiliated islands have been China's sacred territory since ancient times, according to historical and legal evidence. He said Japan must quickly abandon any illusion, face its erroneous actions and correct them with credible steps, to bring Sino-Japanese relations back to the right track of sound and stable growth.— Xinhua

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Photo taken on 13 Oct, 2012 shows a view of the Pavlovsk park outside St Petersburg, Russia. — XINHUA

Fed's monetary easing to support global growth, US recovery

Monetary

TOKYO, 14 Oct — US Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke on Sunday stressed the significance of monetary easing steps, saying the central bank's policy accommodation will assist global economic growth as well as the US recovery.

Speaking at a forum jointly hosted by the Bank of Japan and the International Monetary Fund in Tokyo, Bernanke said, "This policy not only helps strengthen the US economic recovery, but by boosting US spending and growth, it has the effect of helping support the global economy as well."

In its policy meeting last month, the Fed employed additional quantitative easing steps through increased asset purchase, while signaling that the bank will keep its ultralow interest rate policy at least through mid-2015, an extension of a half year from its earlier projection of late 2014. The Fed chief also downplayed an unexpected

drop in the US unemployment rate from 8.1 percent to 7.8 percent in September, saying it is "well above what we judge to be its long-run normal level."

The Fed said in September that it will continue to purchase agency mortgaged-backed securities and undertake additional asset purchases until the outlook for the labour market improves substantially in the context of price stability. Bernanke also brushed aside concerns among emerging market economies about the negative impacts of the Fed's monetary easing policy on their economies. "It is not at all clear that accommodative policies in advanced economies impose net costs on emerging market economies," he said.

While noting that he is "sympathetic to the challenges" faced by many countries in a world of volatile international capital flows, Bernanke said, "The linkage

between advanced-economy monetary policies and international capital flows is looser than is sometimes asserted." The Fed chairman pointed out that capital flows are rather affected by global investors' risk appetite as well as the difference in the pace of growth between advanced economies and fast-growing emerging economies.

Bernanke also criticized policymakers of emerging economies as guiding their currencies to remain undervalued. "In some emerging markets, policymakers have chosen to systematically resist currency appreciation as a mean of promoting exports and domestic growth," he said. "However, the perceived benefits of currency management inevitably come with costs, including reduced monetary independence and the consequent susceptibility to imported inflation," Bernanke said.

Kyodo News

Ukraine economy minister calls for Japan

Ukraine investment in agriculture

TOKYO, 14 Oct — Ukrainian economy minister Petro Poroshenko on Saturday called on Japan to invest in the country's agriculture, citing its vast fertile land and its growing importance amid recent hikes in commodity prices. "Ukraine has a biggest capacity of possibility for the agriculture," said Poroshenko, minister of economic development and trade, in an interview with *Kyodo News* in English, adding that there is also a "huge market" for agricultural equipment.

Poroshenko also stressed the importance of signing a bilateral investment treaty to attract Japanese firms, expressing the country's readiness to strike the deal in mid-November when he will

visit Japan again for talks with Keidanren, Japan's largest business lobby.

The minister was in Tokyo to attend the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Poroshenko also said that former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko should be released, as Western governments' opposition toward her imprisonment has caused the country to miss out on economic opportunities.

"If we don't have a Tymoshenko case, most probably we will have an association agreement with the European Union" that would pave the way for trade opportunities in the "huge European market," said Poroshenko. "If the Tymoshenko case is the price

for the integration for the European Union, we should pay this price," Poroshenko said.

Tymoshenko, opposition leader and the political enemy of President Viktor Yanukovich, was jailed for seven years in October last year for abuse of office in what the European Union and the United States said was a politically motivated trial. The government has denied the allegation but her imprisonment has strained ties with the West, leading the European Union to postpone negotiations of an association treaty with the Ukraine in October last year, and prompting US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to issue a statement urging her release.

Kyodo News

E Asia finance chiefs agree to boost financial sector cooperation

E Asia

TOKYO, 14 Oct — Finance ministers from member countries of the East Asia Summit on Saturday agreed to strengthen cooperation on financial issues amid concerns over the economic slowdown in Asia and the eurozone sovereign debt crisis.

Finance chiefs and representatives from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, Japan, China, South Korea and the United States among others met in Tokyo on the sidelines of the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

"The ministers agreed that regional financial collaboration is crucial" for allowing the member states to benefit from the region's strong growth, a Japanese official told reporters. The finance ministers called for the need to seek macroeconomic stability by implementing proper policies, while pointing out various risk factors such as

slowing growth in Europe, the United States and some Asian countries, the official said.

It is the second meeting by the finance ministers of the East Asia Summit members, following their first conference in May 2010. This year's conference is chaired by Cambodia. Japanese Finance Minister Koriki Jojima told a press conference after the meeting that Chinese financial chief's absence amid a territorial row with Japan was "regrettable," but the content of the conference was unaffected.

The United States and Russia joined the EAS last year, making it an 18-member grouping that also involves the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations plus Japan, China, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand and India. ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Kyodo News



Tourists take the bamboo rafting on the Jiuqu River of Wuyi Mountain, southeast China's Fujian Province, on 13 Oct, 2012. The tourism revenue of Wuyi Mountain during the Mid-Autumn Festival and the National Day holiday reached 524 million yuan (about 83.58 million US dollars), up 37.74 percent year on year. — XINHUA

Toyota recalls 8,700 Camry, Corolla Altis in India

Automobile

KOLKATA, 14 Oct — In a significant move, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM), the Indian arm of Japanese car maker Toyota, has recalled nearly 8,700 units of its premium segment Corolla Altis and Camry cars in India, a company executive said on Saturday. The decision to recall the cars was taken to avert a glitch in the power window master switch (PWMS) in these cars.

Globally, Toyota is recalling 7.4 million vehicles to address the problem, making it among the biggest recall of vehicles after Ford called back 7.9 million vehicles back in 1996. The recall in India is restricted to 6,800 units of the Corolla Altis cars sold between 30 July,

2008 and 31 Dec, 2008 and 1,900 Camrys sold between 1 Sept, 2006 to 31 July, 2008, the company said. The Camry was imported through these model years though the Corolla Altis was being assembled locally. So far, Toyota has sold 83,427 units of the Corolla Altis and about 6,700 units of the Camry, which it started assembling locally in August.

Toyota said the power window switch on the driver's side may experience a "notchy" or sticky feel during operation and that the application of commercially available lubricants may potentially melt the switch assembly or smoke could occur and lead to a fire under some circumstances. — Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Brad Pitt blasts US 'War on Drugs,' calls for policy rethink

LOS ANGELES, 14 Oct—Brad Pitt has thrown his weight behind a documentary that blasts America's 40-year war on drugs as a failure, calling policies that imprison huge numbers of drug-users a "charade" in urgent need of a rethink.

The Hollywood actor came aboard recently as an executive producer of filmmaker Eugene Jarecki's "The House I Live In," which won the Grand Jury Prize in January at the Sundance Film Festival. The film opened in wide release in the United States on Friday.

Ahead of a Los Angeles screening, Pitt and Jarecki spoke passionately about the "War on Drugs" which, according to the documentary, has cost more



Brad Pitt

than \$1 trillion and accounted for over 45 million arrests since 1971, and which preys largely on poor and minority communities.

"I know people are suffering because of it. I know I've lived a very privileged life in comparison and I can't

stand for it," Pitt told Reuters on Friday, calling the government's War on Drugs policy a "charade."

"It's such bad strategy. It makes no sense. It perpetuates itself. You make a bust, you drive up profit, which makes more people want to get into

it," he added. "To me, there's no question; we have to rethink this policy and we have to rethink it now."

"The House I Live In" was filmed in more than 20 states and tells stories from many sides of the issue, including Jarecki's African-American nanny, a drug dealer, narcotics officer, inmate, judge, grieving mother, senator and others.

It also shows that although the United States accounts for only 5 percent of the world's population, it has 25 percent of its prison population. Additionally, African Americans, who make up roughly 13 percent of the population and 14 percent of its drug users, account for 56 percent of those incarcerated for drug crimes.—Reuters



Actress Emma Watson

Emma Watson stalked on movie set

NEW DELHI, 14 Oct—Actress Emma Watson was confronted in the woods by a stalker while she was shooting for Noah in Oyster Bay, Long Island, here.

The 22-year-old recognized him as a man suspected of haunting her before and he tried to hand over a letter to her, said an insider, reports thesun.co.uk. "The man managed to slip on to the set with some visitors and then approached her. She recognised him from hanging around outside her house and screamed," said a source.

"He took off into the woods and was chased by security and a couple of the tough stunt guys who also happen to be martial arts

fighters. They caught up with him in the woods. Police were called and he was removed by security. It was really creepy. Emma was really shaken up and was given some time to compose herself," the source added.

Watson is popular for playing Hermione in the Harry Potter films. Her new film Noah also stars Russell Crowe and Anthony Hopkins and is due for release in spring 2014. "It's been a really tough shoot for her. The movie has been gruelling anyway and this left a very sinister feeling hanging over the set," said the source.

The man was not arrested or charged, but was warned about trespassing.

PTI

Rihanna and Chris Brown have been having late night dates

NEW DELHI, 14 Oct—The Diamonds singer is so busy finishing off her latest album Unapologetic that she barely has time to see Chris—who she recently reconciled with even though he is still on probation for physically assaulting her in 2009—so the pair have been forced to have their dates at unusual times. A source told HollywoodLife.com: "[She's] tied up and busy with the album, but she [makes] time for Chris late nights.

"She did one night before—I think, like, Tuesday [09.10.12] I'm not sure but I know she saw him this week."

Chris recently dumped his girlfriend Karreuche Tran over his "friendship" with Rihanna and posted a candid video he named 'The Real Chris Brown' onto his twitter



Rihanna and Chris Brown

page during which he discusses his romantic dilemma over the two women.

He said: "I'm stressed

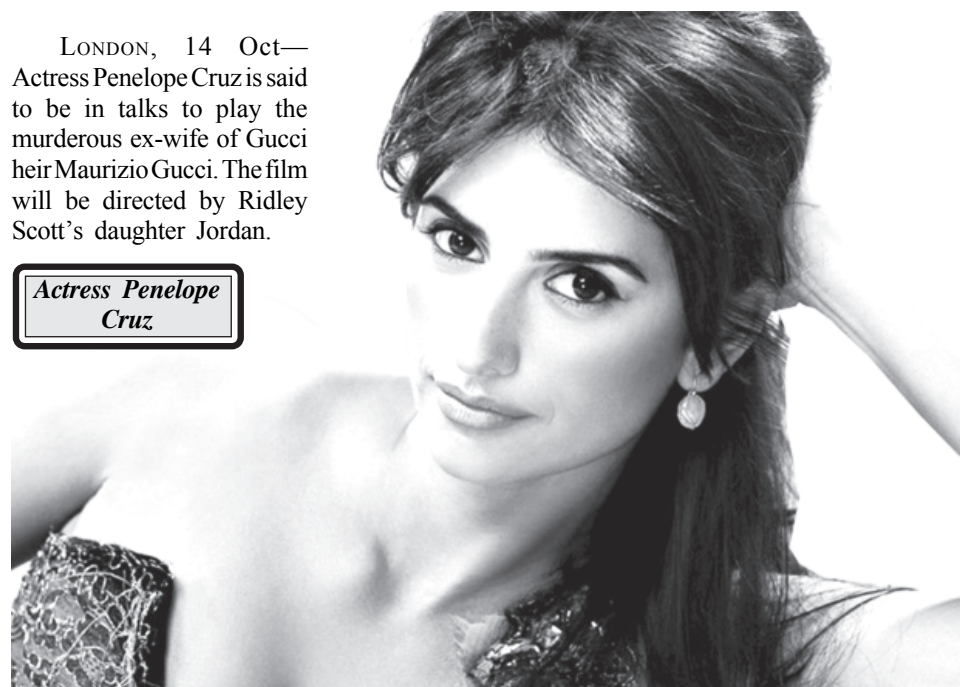
out... when you share history with somebody, then you tend to fall in love with somebody else, it's kinda

difficult. "Is there such thing as loving two people? I don't know if that's possible, but for me, I feel like that."—PTI

Penelope Cruz may play murderous ex-wife of Gucci heir

LONDON, 14 Oct—Actress Penelope Cruz is said to be in talks to play the murderous ex-wife of Gucci heir Maurizio Gucci. The film will be directed by Ridley Scott's daughter Jordan.

Actress Penelope Cruz



The Oscar winner is slated to portray Patrizia Reggiani in the movie. Reggiani was jailed in 1998 for hiring a hitman to kill her husband four years after the couple officially divorced. Her daughters urged lawmakers in Milan, Italy to overturn their mother's conviction on the grounds a brain tumour had altered her personality, reports contactmusic.com.

The conviction was upheld, but Reggiani's sentence was reduced to 26 years. Last year, she was offered a chance at parole, but refused stating, "I've never worked in my life and I'm certainly not going to start now."—PTI



Visitors look at Gerhard Richter's "Abstraktes Bild (809-4)" from 1994 which has an estimated value of £9 to £12 million (US\$14.1-\$18.8 million) at Sotheby's London on 8 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

Richter painting sale sets record for living artist

LONDON, 14 Oct—An abstract painting by German artist Gerhard Richter has set a new record for the price paid at auction for the work of a living artist, after selling for \$34.2 million, Sotheby's auction house in London said.

"Abstraktes Bild (809-4)", from the collection of rock guitarist Eric Clapton, was sold to anonymous buyer after five minutes of bidding late on Friday, triggering a round of applause.

The sale smashed the previous 2010 record of \$28.6 million paid for Jasper Johns' "Flag" at Christie's auction

house in New York in 2010.

Richter's red, yellow and black oil on canvas had been estimated to fetch \$14-19 million.

"The combination of outstanding provenance and gold-standard quality in this sublime work by this blue-chip artist made for an historic auction moment," said Alex Branczik, senior director at Sotheby's and head of the sale.

The top end of the art market has performed strongly in recent years despite a faltering global economy.

Reuters

SPORTS

Johnson repays Klinsmann's faith with brace

NEW YORK, 14 Oct— Forward Eddie Johnson repaid coach Juergen Klinsmann's faith by scoring twice, including a 90th minute winner, in his first international in over two years, as the United States beat Antigua and Barbuda 2-1 in a 2014 World Cup qualifier on Friday.

Facing the possibility of an embarrassing draw against the soccer minnows, Johnson headed home an Alan Gordon cross in the 90th minute to keep the Americans' destiny in their own hands ahead of

2014 World Cup finals in Brazil.

After a lean time in Europe over the last few seasons, Johnson signed with Major League Soccer's Seattle Sounders this season and found his form, prompting Klinsmann to add him to the squad for the final two games of qualifying.

Looking for an aerial advantage it proved a masterstroke as Johnson opened the scoring in St John's with a header from a Graham Zusi cross in the 20th minute.



Eddie Johnson of the US celebrates after scoring a goal against Antigua and Barbuda during their 2014 World Cup qualifying soccer match in St John's, Antigua, on 12 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

the final stage match against Guatemala on Tuesday. The US need to finish in the top two of their CONCACAF group to advance to the final qualifying round in the Central and North America and the Caribbean regions.

They had been locked in a three-way tie with Guatemala and Jamaica in the group prior to the match and a win in their last match on Tuesday will guarantee a place in the final stage of qualifying for the

Antigua tempered American celebrations just five minutes later when Peter Byers beat his man for pace and crossed low for Dexter Blackstock to equalise from close range. With time ticking away Johnson produced the match-winner to validate Klinsmann's faith.

"All I can say is we talk about dreams and making dreams a reality and it's good to be back," Johnson said.

Reuters

Birdie blitz takes Austrian Wiesberger clear in Portugal

LISBON, 14 Oct —A barrage of birdies midway through his third round lifted Austrian Bernd Wiesberger into a one-shot lead at the Portugal Masters on Saturday.

The 27-year-old Wiesberger, bidding for his third title of the season following victories in his homeland and South Korea, picked up six birdies in seven holes from

the eighth to fire a six-under-par 65 for a 13-under aggregate of 200.

Overnight leader Ross Fisher (69) was in second place, three strokes ahead of fellow Englishman Richard Finch (66), former US Open champion Michael Campbell (67) of New Zealand and Ireland's Shane Lowry (67).

European Ryder Cup vice-captain Miguel Angel Jimenez (68) was also on the fringes of contention on eight-under 205.

"After seven holes I was not thinking about a 65," Wiesberger told reporters on the Algarve. "I hit some horrible wedges early on but I grinded through that and hit better shots around the turn.

"I then played beautifully on the back nine and my score could have been even lower." —Reuters

Golf

Birdie blitz



Soccer

MENDOZA, (Argentina), 14 Oct— Lionel Messi guided Argentina past a tough Uruguay side in the final half hour with two brilliant goals for a 3-0 win on Friday that keeps them top of South America's World Cup qualifiers.

Argentina lead the nine-nation South American group with 17 points from eight matches at the halfway stage. Colombia and Ecuador are one point behind, Uruguay and Chile five behind.

Messi created and finished his first goal in the 66th minute, playing the ball to Angel Di Maria and racing through to tap the rebound past Fernando Muslera.

Argentina went two up nine minutes later with another move on the left, Messi again feeding Di Maria who returned the ball with his first touch where Sergio Aguero touched it into the net.

The third goal in the 80th minute came from a cheeky free kick by Messi, who deceived the Uruguay wall by sliding the ball underneath

them and inside the base of the near post when they jumped expecting a shot to one of the upper corners.

It was sweet revenge for Messi, who has now scored 12 goals in his last seven internationals, and Argentina after they were eliminated by Uruguay on penalties in the 2011 Copa America and which the 2010 World Cup semi-finalists went on to win.

"Great match by the players," Argentina's coach Alejandro Sabella told reporters pitchside. "Against an experienced team who for good reason finished fourth at the (2010) World Cup."

Argentina enjoyed far more possession and territory than Uruguay in the first half but could not find a way through a well organised defence and when they did, they were caught offside.

Uruguay were a latent threat on the counter-attack with forwards of the calibre of Edinson Cavani, Luis Suarez and Diego Forlan.

Messi created a good chance for himself with a dribbling run past several

Brilliant Messi leads Argentina to 3-0 romp past Uruguay



Lionel Messi of Argentina celebrates after scoring against Uruguay during their 2014 World Cup qualifying soccer match in Mendoza, on 12 Oct, 2012. REUTERS

defenders towards the end of the first half in Mendoza but his final, left-footed shot went over the top and hit the far stanchion.

He was also close with a free kick from the left which would have gone in if Muslera had not punched the ball over.

There was fighting among players from both sides early in the second half when Uruguay captain Diego Lugano chased a loose ball with Sergio Romero and stamped on the Argentina goalkeeper's hand as he went

for it, earning a booking.

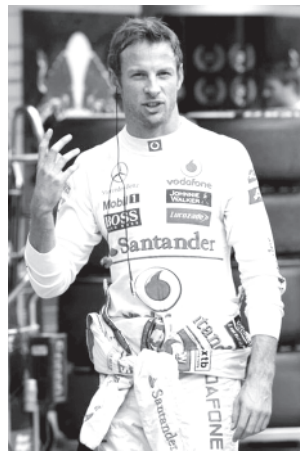
Messi's first goal came during a spell of total Argentine dominance but soon after there was a scare for Argentina with defender Pablo Zabaleta clearing off the line.

It was an expensive outing for the Uruguayans with Lugano, who came off injured, and fellow central defender Diego Godin suspended for Tuesday's visit to Bolivia after both were booked.

Reuters

Motor racing-McLaren wary of Webber 'riding shotgun' for Vettel

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McLaren

YEONGAM, (South Korea), 14 Oct—McLaren's Jenson Button dismissed, with a broad smile and theatrical nod of the head, Red Bull rival Mark Webber's chances of Korean Grand Prix victory on Saturday.

Australian Webber will line up on pole position on Sunday with team mate and double Formula One world champion Sebastian Vettel alongside. Vettel is four points behind Ferrari's Fernando Alonso with five races remaining and 56 ahead of Webber.

Asked whether he expected Webber to 'ride shotgun' for the German, allowing Vettel to pass and build up an advantage while

keeping others behind him, McLaren team principal Martin Whitmarsh said doubted it.

"I don't think he will, do you?", said Whitmarsh. Button, sitting on a stool alongside, nodded vigorously to the assembled reporters. "I do," said the driver.

"Well, I don't think he will willingly," added Whitmarsh. McLaren have Lewis Hamilton, fourth in the standings and 42 points behind Alonso, third on the starting grid and directly behind Webber.

With Vettel on the 'dirty' side of the track, and Webber not always the quickest driver off the grid, Hamilton will be looking to strike early.

So-called 'team orders' are legal in Formula One but Red Bull have so far resisted imposing them, or not had any need to.

Button will have to play a more strategic race after qualifying 11th at a track where overtaking has not been straightforward in the past although the 'DRS Zone' where the rear wing can be manually operated for more straight line speed has been extended in distance.

Reuters

Murray into Shanghai final

SHANGHAI, 14 Oct— Andy Murray cruised through his semi-final at the Shanghai Masters on Saturday to set up a repeat of his memorable US Open final last month.

Briton Murray, bidding for a hat-trick of titles in the Chinese port city, overpowered world number one Roger Federer 6-4, 6-4 after Djokovic dispatched Tomas Berdych for the loss of one less game.

Federer, who conceded a crucial break of serve in the first set after three double-faults, was given a reprieve by a rain delay when Murray reached 5-4 in the second but he could not fend off the inevitable on the resumption.

Murray will be looking for a third consecutive victory over Djokovic after beating the Serbian world number two in the Olympic semi-final and then in their Flushing Meadows showdown. "I've known him for 14, 15 years now," Murray said. "We've obviously had some incredibly tough matches which can maybe test a friendship. But we've always been I think pretty respectful of each other."

There was not too much respect for 17-times grand slam champion Federer who produced a lacklustre display to lose for the 10th time to Murray in 18 meetings.

Murray was the dominant player throughout and Federer was merely hanging on for much of the time. After service breaks were swapped early on, Murray seized control of the opening set in the fifth game when the Swiss served three consecutive double faults.

Murray squandered seven break points at the start of the second set as spots of rain caused a six-minute

Tennis



Andy Murray of Great Britain returns a shot to Roger Federer of Switzerland during the Men's Singles semi-finals of the Shanghai on 13 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

delay. Federer was 40-0 up at 2-2 but Murray fired two unstoppable forehands on his way to snatching the game and he never looked back, despite the rain intervention at 5-4.—Reuters

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Photo taken on 13 Oct, 2012 shows a snow view at the Diaoqiao Park in Zhilantun City, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. The first snowfall this autumn hit some parts of Inner Mongolia on Saturday. XINHUA

Secret Service says officer found passed out, arrested in Miami US

WASHINGTON, 14 Oct — A US Secret Service officer was arrested in Miami the day after a visit by President Barack Obama, the agency acknowledged on Friday, in what is likely another black eye for the agency that was embarrassed by a prostitution scandal in April.

The incident is being turned over to the Secret Service's Office of Professional Responsibility, its internal affairs unit, said agency spokesman Edwin Donovan. The Secret Service officer was found passed out on a Miami street corner less than 12 hours after Obama had left the city, according to news reports citing local police. Officers are uniformed members of the agency, and

perform support services, in contrast to plain-clothed agents who directly guard the president and vice president.

Obama spoke at campaign events in Coral Gables and Miami on Thursday. The episode comes not long after a dozen Secret Service employees were accused of misconduct for bringing women, some of them prostitutes, to their hotel rooms in Colombia in April ahead of Obama's visit to Cartagena. A government investigation concluded their actions did not compromise the president's safety, but the event was an embarrassment for the Secret Service and its director issued a stricter code of conduct afterwards.

Reuters

India-born Kaltborn flies a flag for women in F1



Monisha Kaltenborn (L), the new principal for the Sauber Formula One team, and outgoing team principal Peter Sauber pose at the team's garage during an announcement ceremony ahead of the South Korean F1 Grand Prix at the Korea International Circuit in Yeongam on 11 Oct, 2012. —REUTERS

YEONGAM, (South Korea), 14 Oct—Monisha Kaltborn's fast track to the top in Formula One has seen her steer smoothly through the daunting 'esses' of scepticism and sexism to success with Sauber.

The 41-year-old Indian-born lawyer broke through a gender barrier with the announcement at the Korean Grand Prix this week that she was taking over from Peter Sauber as principal of the Swiss team he led into the sport in 1993.

Kaltenborn is the first female team boss since the championship started in 1950,

the first to join an elite once dubbed the 'Piranha Club' on account of their infighting and power-hungry egos. Once mistaken by one team boss for Sauber's interpreter when she first attended a meeting of the paddock powerbrokers, the Austrian is no token appointment in what many still see as a 'Man's World'.

"This is Formula One...and the team principals are probably the most sexist, machismo bunch of managers you could ever hope to meet," McLaren's Martin Whitmarsh told Reuters with an apologetic grin when asked for his reaction.—Reuters

2012 Women's Forum encourages innovation to motivate growth US

DEAUVILLE, 14 Oct — The three-day 2012 Women's Forum Global Meeting concluded on Friday in Deauville, northwest France, pinning the hope of the economic growth on innovative strategies, and measures that better deploy the talent and skills of women as agents of change. Growth was theme of the 8th Women's Forum Global Meeting.

As the world has been experiencing the headache economic recession for quite a few years, finding ways to growth is not only concerned by men, but also mulled by women who is part of the builder of the society.

The influential international Women's Forum grouped more than 1,200 participants this year from 60 countries to discuss how to achieve a growth from women's perspectives.

"Women are agents of transformation and actors of change," said Veronique Morali, President of the Women's Forum for the Economy & Society. "We should look much more closely at innovative economic drivers, including new technologies and strategies that focus from the bottom up."

"The CEO Champions discussions this year demonstrate that companies realize we need more diversity, because it results in more talent, more initiative and creativity, better performance, and a stronger pool of skills," Morali said.

Speaking at the discovery session on innovation, Maria Harti, IDGTV CEO, stressed that "both successes and failures in innovation should be celebrated" in order to assure that risks be taken among a

team. Focused on increasing women's access to seats in corporate Supervisory Boards and Executive Committees in Europe, Viviane Reding, Vice-Chair of the European Commission argued that "we need women's talent in order to succeed."

Cherie Blair, founder and patron of the Cherie Blair Foundation for Women who spoke on new techniques to drive micro-finance and social entrepreneurship, declared that "across the world, women come up against barriers."

"They include a lack of confidence in themselves that reflects society's lack of confidence in them, as well as barriers involving lack of training and barriers to capital. We can use technology to overcome some of those factors," she said.

Reuters

US mother gets 99 years in prison for gluing toddler's hands to wall

HOUSTON, 14 Oct—AUS mother was sentenced to 99 years in prison on Friday for beating her 2-year-old daughter and gluing her hands to a wall, local media reported. Elizabeth Escalona, from the Texas city of Dallas, pleaded guilty in July to felony injury to a child, according to

a report by *The Houston Chronicle*.

The 23-year-old mother "savagely beat" her child, Jocelyn Cedillo, and deserved to be punished, said State District Judge Larry Mitchell. Escalona's other children told investigators that their mother attacked Jocelyn in

September 2011 due to potty training problems.

Escalona reportedly kicked her daughter in the stomach, beat her with a milk jug, and then stuck her hands to an apartment wall with an adhesive commonly known as Super Glue. Jocelyn suffered bleeding in her brain, a fractured rib, multiple bruises and bite marks, and was in a coma for a couple of days, doctors said.

Prosecutors, who described Escalona as an unfit mother with a history of violence, played recordings in which Escalona as a teenager threatened to kill her mother. They also said she was a former gang member who started smoking marijuana at age 11. Jocelyn is now being cared for by her grandmother, who is also taking care of Jocelyn's four siblings.

Xinhua



A girl plays with newly-harvested corns at Yuding Village of Tancheng County in Linyi City, east China's Shandong Province, on 13 Oct, 2012. A total of 3.04 million hectares of corns in Shandong saw the harvest season in this October. — XINHUA

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint being welcomed at Yangon International Airport.

MNA



Myanmar parliamentary delegation attends ASEP-7, visits Australia

YANGON, 14 Oct—A Myanmar parliamentary delegation led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint after attending the 7th Asian-Europe Parliamentary Partnership (ASEP-7) in Laos from 3 to 5 October and paying a goodwill visit to Australia from 7 to 12 October, arrived back here this morning.

The delegation was welcomed by Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu

Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, the secretary of Amyotha Hluttaw Financial and Legal Affairs Commission, officials from Yangon Region Government and Hluttaw Office, Charge d' Affaires ai Mr Vongpano Sipaseuth of Lao PDR Embassy into Myanmar at Yangon International Airport.

Delegation members, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee U Thein Win, Secretary of Amyotha

Hluttaw and Local and Overseas Labour Committee U Saw Maw Tun, member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Soe Myint, Secretary of Amyotha Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Htay Maung, member of Amyotha Hluttaw Economic and Commerce Committee Dr Soe Win and Director-General of Hluttaw Office U Kyaw Soe also arrived back on the same flight.

MNA

Roads under upgrading works in Yangon

YANGON, 14 Oct—After overage vehicles have been abolished, the number of vehicle users increases day by day in Yangon. Thus, traffic jams can be seen in various places.

That is why, the local roads are being upgraded with the aim of ensuring smooth

transportation and minimizing traffic jams.

As a significant example, Ngamoeyeik (Parami) four-way bridge was built for linking South Okkalapa and Dagon Myothit (North) Townships.

Moreover, Waizayanta Road in Thingangyun Township, Upper Kyimyindine Road and No 3 Highway in Mingaladon Township will be upgraded in order to avoid traffic jams.

Kyemon

New traffic lights for road users in Yangon

YANGON, 14 Oct—New traffic lights will be installed for ensuring safety of road users in Yangon.

Four new traffic lights will be installed at the corner of Anawrahta and Sule Pagoda Streets, at the corner

of Bogyoke Aung San Street and Sule Pagoda Street, eight at the corner of Merchant Street and Sule Pagoda Street, eight each at Pyay and Bagaya Roads and at Pyay and Shin Saw Pu roads and four at Pyay and

Ahlon Roads.

The traffic lights will be of digital LED with man picture. Moreover, CCTVs will be installed at the traffic load areas for safety drive of vehicles and traffic safety for pedestrians.—*Myanma Alin*

Watson wins Japan title



Heather Watson of Britain.

TOKYO, 14 Oct—Heather Watson became the first Briton to win a WTA single title in 24 years by beating Taiwan's Chang Kai-chen 7-5 5-7 7-6 in the final of the Japan Open in Osaka on Sunday.

The British No 2 succeeded where Laura Robson had failed in Guangzhou last month to become the country's first winner on the women's tour since Sara Gomer in 1988.

Before Robson and Watson the last Briton to reach

a WTA final was Jo Durie at Newport in 1990—before either player was born.

Watson had demonstrated her potential by pushing French Open champion Maria Sharapova to three sets in Tokyo last month, the Russian tipping her to be a future winner.

The 20-year-old from Guernsey had already surpassed her career-best results on the WTA Tour — three quarter-finals last year.

Reuters

Kuboya wins Japan Open after Pagunsan suffers late collapse



Japan's Kenichi Kuboya holds the victor's trophy after winning the Japan Open with an 8-over 292 at Naha Golf Club in Okinawa Prefecture on Oct. 14, 2012.

NAHA, (Japan), 14 Oct—Kenichi Kuboya was the benefactor of a stunning late meltdown by Juvic Pagunsan of the Philippines on Sunday, posting a one-stroke victory to capture the Japan Open for his first win of the season.

With Pagunsan still out on the course, Kuboya was preparing to go home after he wrapped up the third

major of the season with a 70 that included a chip in for eagle on the 10th hole at the par-71 Naha Golf Club in Okinawa Prefecture.

But Pagunsan double bogeyed the 17th and then bogeyed the 18th to put the title on a plate for Kuboya, who narrowly missed out on victory last year after losing to South Korea's Bae Sang Moon in a playoff.—*Kyodo*

Malaysian Premier Najib arrives in Manila for peace-pact signing

MANILA, 14 Oct—Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak arrived in Manila on Sunday to witness the signing Monday of an initial peace agreement between the Philippine government and the country's largest Muslim rebel group.

The pact between the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, the Framework Agreement of the Bangsamoro, is a roadmap designed to end the Muslim insurgency in the southern Philippines since the 1970s.

Malaysia has served a facilitator in bringing the two sides together since 2001 and has been head of an international monitoring team since 2004.

Philippine President Benigno Aquino said the 13-

page "framework agreement paves the way for a final, enduring peace" in Mindanao and outlying islands.

Philippine chief peace adviser Teresita Deles said Aquino is expected to thank Najib and the Malaysian government for facilitating the negotiations with the MILF while Najib is likely to express Malaysia's continued support for the process.

The Department of Foreign Affairs said in a statement the trip is Najib's first to the Philippines since he assumed office in 2009.

It added that Najib is accompanied by his wife, the Malaysian ministers of foreign affairs, defense and international trade and industry and a business delegation.—*Kyodo*

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