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Japan seeks U.S. understanding on dispute with China over Senkakus

TOKYO, 15 Oct—Foreign Minister Koichiro Gamba sought U.S. understanding Monday of Japan's position on disputed islands in the East China Sea, in a meeting with visiting U.S. Deputy Secretary of State William Burns in Tokyo.

Gemba and Burns also confirmed close cooperation among Japan, the United States and South Korea before the three countries hold working-level talks in Tokyo on Wednesday to discuss North Korean affairs, Japanese officials said.

The meeting came as worries remain over tensions between Japan and China following Tokyo's purchase of most of the Japanese-administered Senkaku Islands from a Japanese citizen last month.

Japan maintains that no territorial dispute exists over the uninhabited islands, which China claims and calls Diaoyu.

Gemba also asked Burns that the U.S. Marine Corps observe a set of safety measures agreed on between the two countries over the operation of MV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft deployed at a Marine air base in Okinawa Prefecture.

He was quoted by the officials as telling Burns in the meeting to take "maximum care" of safety when operating the combat troop carriers. Gemba also called for safe operations of the Osprey aircraft when the Marines conduct low-altitude flight training missions planned across the country.

Kyodo News

Vice-President U Nyan Tun meets performing arts contestants



Patron of 19th Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition Vice-President U Nyan Tun gives medicines to doyen artistes.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—Vice-President U Nyan Tun welcomed judges and contestants of 19th Myanmar National Races' Traditional

Performing Arts Competition at Myanmar International Convention Centre here, this evening.

Union ministers, deputy ministers, Nay Pyi

Taw Council members and departmental heads attended the ceremony.

The Vice-President cordially greeted the contestants and presented

gifts to doyen artistes.

Vice-President U Nyan Tun is patron of the leading committee for holding the event.

MNA

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (15-10-2012)

Cocogyun	(1.77) inches
Pyu	(1.30) inches
Taungup	(1.18) inches
Kayan	(1.06) inches

No Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) liaison office allowed in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—The President Office denied the speculations widely spread among the public over the opening of the liaison office of the Organization of Islamic

Cooperation in Myanmar for humanitarian aids to the country, saying it "goes against the will of the people".

The President have set four criteria — national

integrity, national interest, sovereignty and environment — for bilateral or international MoUs to be signed by the government and ensured strict adherence by the government.—MNA

Honda set to play in Japan-Brazil friendly

WROCLAW, Poland, 15 Oct—Japan midfielder Keisuke Honda is ready to roll against Brazil after the CSKA Moscow man finally took part in full-blown training on Sunday.

Honda remained rooted to the bench in Friday's 1-0 victory over France, nursing a bruised right calf that he picked up while playing for CSKA just before the international week.

But Honda, arguably most trusted and tried player, and who has served as the focal point of the Japanese attack, trained with the team during a closed session upon arriving in Poland for Tuesday's friendly here versus the five-time World Cup winners.

While Japan recorded their first-ever win over Les Bleus through a very late

goal by Shinji Kagawa, the Asian champions could surely use Honda against the Selecao, after failing to click for large phases of the game. Had it not been for goalkeeper Eiji Kawashima's man-of-the-match caliber performance, there was a chance Japan could have been embarrassed by the hosts — just like 11 years ago when they were humbled 5-0 at the Stade de France under Philippe Troussier.

Japan were without Honda as well as first-choice attacking players Ryoichi Maeda and Shinji Okazaki, and had to cope with an out-of-shape captain Makoto Hasebe, whose lack of playing time for his club (zero appearances this season for Wolfsburg) must be a growing concern for Zaccheroni.

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Union Election Commission Chairman U Tin Aye meets Senior Advisor Ms. Hanne Lund Madsen of The Danish Institute for Parties and Democracy (DIPD) from Denmark and Senior Programme Manager Ms. Karijn de Jong of The Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct— Union Election Commission Chairman U Tin Aye met with Senior Advisor Ms. Hanne Lund Madsen of The Danish Institute for Parties and Democracy (DIPD) from Denmark and Senior Programme Manager Ms. Myint Naing, U Aung Myint, U Nyunt Tin, U Win Ko and officials from commission office. The measures to render assistance for parties and electoral procedures were discussed at the call. Also present at the call together with the UEC chairman were Members U

Myanmar, Norway to enhance cooperation in environmental conservation and forestry sectors

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct— At the invitation of the Ministry of Environment of Norway, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun paid a visit to Oslo, Norway from 9 to 12 October.

On 10 October morning, the Union minister held comprehensive discussions with Norwegian Minister for Environment Mr. Bard Vegar Solhggell on bilateral cooperation in environmental conservation and forestry sectors at the formal luncheon.

Next, the Union Minister and Norwegian Minister gave an interview on bilateral cooperation to NRK Broadcasting Cooperation.

Then the Union minister held discussions on matters of ongoing REDD+ works in Myanmar, investment in forestry sector and prevention against illegal trafficking of timber and forest products and wildlife in border areas in meeting with responsible persons of Norway-based non-governmental organizations.

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Union Minister U Win Tun holding discussion with Norway-based Non-governmental organizations.—MNA

delegation led by the Union minister visited University of Life Science in Oslo and Norwegian Forest and Landscape Institute and held discussions with Baller Mayor Mr. Reidar Kaabbel and party.

On 11 October morning, the Union minister and party visited CIENS of Oslo University where CIENS Chairman Mr. Erik Framstad and experts explained opportunities and challenges of ecotourism including conservation

works for Wuliangshuai Lake which is famous in the People's Republic of China.

The Myanmar delegation explained conservation of forests in watershed areas of Innlay and Inndawgyi Lakes and discussed bilateral cooperation in research and human resources development works.

In the afternoon, the Myanmar delegation met officials of the Ministry of Environment of Norway. The meeting focused on

- Role of the State to be studied in transition period of Myanmar
- Life of people with transparent opinion, confidence and emotion
- Scoops among the public

As of 18 October

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 with new forms 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.

National Unity Congress Party applies for registration as political party

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct— The Union Election Commission is scrutinizing and passing application of registration for political parties. National Unity

Congress Party led by U Myint Wai and 16 people applied for registration as political party to the Union

Election Commission and thus the UEC has granted the party in conformity with laws and bylaws.—MNA

BDC No (29/2012) opens

YANGON, 15 Oct— The opening of Basic Diplomatic Course No (29/2012) was held at Wunzinminraza Hall International White Cane Day, of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs this morning. Current international issues, holding international

conference, negotiation, international law, foreign economic relations, international etiquette, writing of office letter and diplomatic writing and communication will be lectured at the 12-week course.—MNA

International White Cane Day marked

YANGON, 15 Oct—In commemoration of the 21st Yangon Mayor's Cup white cane walk took place at People's Square and People's Park in Dagon Township here this morning. Altogether 462 blind contestants from schools for the blinds, training schools and workshops totalling 14 across the nation took part in the walk. Next, prize presentation ceremony followed at Yangon City

Hall. Secretary of Yangon City Development Committee U Kyaw Soe spoke words of thanks and presented the Cup and awards. Then the wife of the Yangon Mayor, the secretary and committee members and officials presented glasses to blind children.

On behalf of the schools for the blinds, the wife of the Yangon Mayor accepted K 10 million donated by wellwishers.—MNA

Vehicle carrying ironwood fire-wood turns over

PAUKKHAUNG, 15 Oct—A vehicle turned over on Pyay-Toungoo Road near Pyakoekyun Village, eight east of Paukkaung, on 29 September.

In the incident, Maung Nyi Nyi Tun, 24, bus conductor, died on the spot.

The vehicle of Myosagyi Brokerage from Paukkaung carrying ironwood fire-wood occurred traffic accident on its return. Paukkaung Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against driver Maung Nyi Lin Htaik.—Kyemon

WORLD

In second debate, Obama faces challenges on key issues

WASHINGTON, 15 Oct — Losing ground to Republican Mitt Romney on a host of issues, President Barack Obama faces a serious challenge to put his re-election bid back on track when the two men face off on Tuesday in their second debate. Obama's passive performance in their first debate two weeks ago and Romney's subsequent surge have raised expectations for a more fiery encounter at New York's Hofstra University.

The Democratic president's team has been encouraged by the feisty performance of Vice President Joe Biden last week in his debate against Republican

vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan. Now, with Romney having virtually erased Obama's lead in national polls just three weeks before the 6 November election, Obama is hoping to take advantage of the town hall-style format in Tuesday's debate to make a direct pitch to voters. Obama is likely to pitch his economic vision, which focuses on a tax breaks for the middle class and tax increases for the wealthy. Romney has called for across-the-board tax cuts and sparred with Obama over whether such a plan would add to the nation's debt problems. On Sunday, Reuters/Ipsos surveys of



A supporter wearing a "Virginians for Obama" shirt takes a picture of US President Barack Obama (L) as he greets supporters at his campaign office in Williamsburg, Virginia, on 14 Oct, 2012.— REUTERS

likely voters indicated Romney had closed the gap or overtaken Obama in the past two weeks on a range of issues — from who would be better at creating jobs to dealing with taxes and Iran's nuclear ambitions.

Although the US unemployment rate dipped below 8 percent last month for the first time since Obama took office in January 2009, Romney now leads the incumbent by 42.5 percent to 39.2 percent among likely voters on the question of who would be better at creating jobs. That reverses a lead of almost 6 points for Obama on that issue on 30 September, before the first debate. The pressure is now on Obama, who has acknowledged he was "too polite" in that debate, to be more confrontational without appearing strident or desperate. —Reuters

EU plans major new sanctions against Iran

LUXEMBOURG, 15 Oct — European Union governments plan to ratchet up sanctions pressure against Iran over its nuclear programme on Monday, approving new measures against Teheran's banking sector, industry and shipping. The new sanctions mark one of the toughest pushes against Iran by Europe to date, and come amid mounting concerns over the Islamic Republic's military intentions and the failure of diplomacy to solve the atom stand-off this year.

Iran insists its nuclear work has only peaceful dimensions and has refused in three rounds of talks since April to scale it back unless major economic sanctions are lifted. But governments in Europe and the United States have refused to do so and, instead, are tightening the financial screws against Teheran as fears grow that the nuclear dispute could envelop the Middle East in a new war. "In the last couple of months Iran has not budged on any of the key issues and we must therefore increase the pressure through sanctions," German Foreign Minister

Guido Westerwelle said in Berlin.

Speaking a day before his counterparts meet in Luxembourg to approve new sanctions, he said diplomacy was still an option. "Our offer to Iran still stands: substantial negotiations with the clear aim of preventing Iran from arming itself with nuclear weapons. It is time for a political solution." Iran's nuclear interlocutors — Germany, France, Britain, United States, China and Russia — asked Teheran this year to abandon the enrichment of uranium to 20 percent, a crucial technological step on route to producing an atom bomb. Teheran's refusal has led Israel, widely understood to be the only nuclear power in the Middle East, to threaten to bomb its nuclear installations.

At Monday's Luxembourg meeting, foreign ministers will also extend measures levied against Belarus over human rights abuses, and approve a new round of sanctions against Syria to pressure President Bashar al-Assad to halt violence against rebels.

Reuters

Iran, UN-AL envoy to Syria urge resolving Syrian issue in peaceful way



The joint special representative of the United Nations and the Arab League (AL) to Syria Lakhdar Brahimi (L) and Iranian Foreign Minister Ali-Akbar Salehi attend a joint press conference in Teheran, Iran, on 14 Oct, 2012. Both of them called here on Sunday for resolving the Syrian issue in a peaceful way.

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TEHERAN, 15 Oct — Iranian Foreign Minister Ali-Akbar Salehi and the UN-Arab League (AL) joint special envoy to Syria Lakhdar Brahimi called here on Sunday for resolving the Syrian issue in a peaceful way. Talking at a joint press conference with Brahimi, Salehi said Iran is optimistic that the envoy's experience in resolving the world issues and the assistance of regional states and other influential countries could help find a peaceful resolution to Syrian issue. Iran emphasizes that the

Syrian people should enjoy freedom of elections and the establishment of a parliament and a constitution based on the vote of people, said the foreign minister. The Syrian government has repeatedly announced its readiness to respond to his people's demands, he said. Mr Brahimi and we share the point that, prior to any measure (to be implemented in Syria), violence and killings should be stopped," Salehi said, adding that "We should, hand-in-hand, help stop the confrontations and blood-

shed" in the Arab state.

Iran is fully prepared to cooperate with Brahimi to settle the issue in Syria, he added. or his part, Brahimi said the UN and the AL are cognizant about the importance and sensitivity of the Syrian crisis and emphasize an urgent solution to the current situation in the country. he UN calls for stopping the violence in Syria and asks the opposition groups to respond positively to this initiative, Brahimi said.

Xinhua

Greek PM says Greece faces "last hurdle"

ATHENS, 15 Oct — Greece faces the "last hurdle" before the start of recovery, Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras said in an interview published on Sunday. "We restored the country's credibility. Now we face the last hurdle," stressed Samaras speaking to Greek newspaper "Kathimerini" as bailout talks with inspectors of international creditors in Athens on the release of further loans were in the "final stretch" ahead of the 18 Oct EU summit, according to government

sources.

The Greek Prime Minister also expressed confidence that he will reach Brussels with a final agreement on the fresh austerity package for 2013-2014 and other prerequisites requested by European Union (EU) and International Monetary Fund (IMF) for the disbursement of the next 31.5 billion euro rescue loans. Without the new tranche, debt-crippled Greece could financially collapse by year end, sending shockwaves across Europe

and the international financial system. "Several positive steps have been taken, yet much remains to be done," IMF's chief Christine Lagarde told the same Greek newspaper.

In the meantime, month-long marathon negotiations between auditors and Greek government officials entered the "final stretch" on Sunday at the Greek Finance Ministry, according to sources. A blueprint of a deal could be sealed by Samaras and his coalition partners by Wednesday. —Xinhua

Thousands of British troops to quit Afghanistan in 2013

LONDON, 15 Oct — Britain plans to withdraw thousands of troops from Afghanistan next year, Defence Secretary Philip Hammond said on Sunday, as pressure mounts to end British involvement in the costly and unpopular war. More than 430 British troops have been killed in Afghanistan since the US-led intervention in 2001, yet stability remains elusive and violence high, while relations between Western troops and Afghan forces and civilians are increasingly frayed.

Britain on Sunday said it had charged five soldiers with murder as part of an investigation into what it called an engagement with an insurgent in Afghanistan last year, and that a total of nine soldiers had been arrested in connection with the case. Some 500 British troops are to be withdrawn from Afghanistan by the end of this year, leaving around 9,000 still there. Asked about troop withdrawals next year, Hammond told the BBC: "I would expect it will be significant, which means thousands, not hundreds, but I would not expect it to be the majority." That would indicate a potential withdrawal of up to

4,500 personnel in 2013. All British combat troops are due to leave Afghanistan by the end of 2014.

Britain's defence budget, like that of other NATO members, is under pressure, forcing the defence ministry to slash spending and cut force numbers and equipment programmes. The Treasury, struggling to revive a flagging economy, earlier this year said it would use money once earmarked for the military mission in Afghanistan to fund tax cuts. German news magazine *Der Spiegel* said on Sunday that the German government had agreed to

reduce the number of German troops stationed in Afghanistan to significantly below 4,000 ahead of the withdrawal of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) by the end of 2014.

The magazine also said German Defence Minister Thomas de Maiziere and Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle had agreed that the army's new mandate would be longer than the usual 12 months so that it extended beyond the Afghan presidential elections planned for the beginning of 2014.

Reuters



Britain's Defence Secretary Philip Hammond speaks during the televised Andrew Marr Show at BBC studios in London on 14 Oct, 2012.— REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Microsoft debuts Xbox music service to take on Apple

NEW YORK, 15 Oct—Microsoft Corp on Monday announced that Xbox Music, a digital music service to vie with Apple Inc's iTunes and Amazon.com Inc's Cloud Player, will be available for its Xbox game consoles on Tuesday.

The service will be expanded to Windows software-based computers and tablets, including the upcoming Surface tablet, from 26 October, when Microsoft launches Windows 8. It will be expanded to phones shortly after that.

The world's largest

software maker has been trying for years to make the household living room an entertainment hub with its Xbox. More than 67 million units have been sold since 2005.

About 18 months ago, the company realized that Xbox users were spending half to 60 percent of their time on entertainment services rather than video gaming, Xbox Music general manager Jerry Johnson said.

The market-leading video game console already streams Netflix, ESPN and other channels and is

bolstering its service with music and other video content.

"We also realize, as an entertainment company, that music is an important ingredient on its own and as a part of different user experiences," Johnson said.

Xbox Music replaces Microsoft's digital media brand Zune that struggled to compete with iTunes.

Microsoft will offer a free ad-supported music streaming service, and a premium \$9.99 subscription service for unlimited, ad-free streaming.

The service includes a download-to-own music store with over 30 million songs in its global catalog, more than iTunes' library of over 26 million songs. It also carries over 70,000 music videos, available only on the Xbox console.

It has cloud-storage features similar to iTunes and Amazon Cloud Player and an artist-based radio function like music streaming services Pandora and Spotify.

Xbox Music will be available in 22 countries. Microsoft hopes to take the service to Apple iOS and Google Inc Android devices next year.

Reuters



Yusuf Mehdi, Chief Marketing Officer, Interactive Entertainment for Microsoft, introduces Xbox Music at the Microsoft Xbox news briefing during the E3 game expo in Los Angeles, California. —REUTERS

Bangladesh enters 3G era, putting telecom growth on fast track

DHAKA, 15 Oct—Bangladesh has officially entered the next generation of wireless communications when Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Sunday inaugurated the long-awaited 3G or third generation mobile services via a state-run cellphone operator Teletalk.

Prime Minister Hasina launched the cutting-edge technology by making a 3G-

enabled mobile phone call to President Zillur Rahman from a formal ceremony at Bangabandhu International Conference Center, formerly known as China-Bangladesh Friendship Conference Centre, in capital Dhaka.

With the launch of the next generation services, she said Bangladesh's millions of cellphone users will now have access to high-speed 3G

Internet through their mobile phones at a relatively lower rate. 3G system enhances the services such as multimedia, high speed mobile broadband, internet access with the ability to view video footage on mobile handset.

Experts say the launch of 3G services could assist in minimizing the "digital divide" in Bangladesh, a country being poorly served

Technology

CHICAGO, 15 Oct—Owners of Amazon.com's Kindle e-readers will receive refunds on past e-book purchases and see e-book prices drop if a judge approves legal settlements with publishers accused of fixing prices, according to the Internet retailer.

Amazon told Kindle owners in emails on Saturday that they could receive a refund of between 30 cents and \$1.32 for e-books they bought between April 2010 and May 2012. The books must have been published by three publishers who have agreed to settle a lawsuit that accused them of inflating e-book prices.

The settlements are subject to court approval, and a hearing is scheduled for February.

If approved, the settlements would also limit the publishers' ability to set future e-book prices, which should lead to lower costs for Kindle users, according to Amazon.

Amazon did not immediately respond to questions on Saturday about how many customers could be affected.

The settlements came

Amazon says Kindle users are entitled to e-book refunds



Journalists test out the new Kindle Fire HD 7" during Amazon's Kindle Fire event in Santa Monica, California on 6 Sept, 2012.

REUTERS

about after the Justice Department in April accused Apple Inc and five publishers of illegally colluding on prices as part of an effort to fight Amazon's dominance of e-books.

Three of the publishers - News Corp's HarperCollins Publishers Inc, CBS Corp's Simon & Schuster Inc and Lagardere SCA's Hachette Book Group - decided to settle.

Amazon was not a party to this lawsuit.

The three publishers have denied they did

anything wrong, but agreed to settle the lawsuit to avoid the cost and risk of a trial, according to the settlement website, ebooksagsettlements.com.

If the court approves the settlements, the publishers will pay for e-book refunds that will be applied automatically to the Amazon.com accounts of eligible customers. Customers can use the refunds to purchase Kindle books or print books or request a check for the amount of the refund.

Reuters

Technology



The Google logo is seen as Google Executive Chairman Eric Schmidt speaks at a promotional event for the Nexus 7 tablet in Seoul on 27 Sept, 2012. —REUTERS

Exclusive: FTC moving closer to Google antitrust case—sources

WASHINGTON, 15 Oct—The majority of top decision-makers at the Federal Trade Commission believe that an antitrust case should be brought against Google Inc, meaning the search giant could soon be headed into tough negotiations, three people familiar with the matter said. Four of the FTC commissioners have become convinced after more than a year of investigation that Google illegally used its dominance of the search market to hurt its rivals, while one commissioner is skeptical, the sources said.

All three declined to be named to protect working relationships. Two of the sources said a decision on how to proceed could come in late November or early December.

A long list of companies has been complaining to the

FTC, arguing that the agency should crack down on Google.

Companies rarely talk publicly about their dealings with the FTC, but consumer reviews website Yelp and comparison shopping website Nextag have both complained about Google during open hearings in Congress. Google rivals specializing in travel, shopping and entertainment have accused Google, the world's No 1 search engine, of unfairly giving their web sites low quality rankings in search results to steer Internet users away from their websites and toward Google products that provide similar services.

Computer users are overwhelmingly more likely to click on the top results in any search. The low ranking often forces companies to buy more ads on Google to improve their visibility, one source said.

Reuters



Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina (right video picture) makes a video call with President Zillur Rahman (left video picture R) at the inauguration for "Commercial Testing of 3G technology of Teletalk" in Dhaka, capital of Bangladesh, on 14 Oct, 2012. Teletalk is the first company to introduce 3G system into Bangladesh.

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BUSINESS & HEALTH

S Korea's auto production declines 8.2 pct in September

SEOUL, 15 Oct— South Korea's auto production declined 8.2 percent last month due to partial strikes by major carmakers, a government report showed Sunday.

Automobile production by the nation's five automakers, including Hyundai Motor, Kia Motors, GM Korea, Renault Samsung Motors and Ssangyong Motor, reached 343,458 vehicles in September, down 8.2 percent from a year earlier, according to the Ministry of Knowledge Economy.

The September fall was lower than a 25.9 percent plunge tallied in the previous month, but it kept its downward trend due to labor strikes by major carmakers. Hyundai, Kia and GM Korea lost around 38,900 units in production last month due to the partial work stoppages, the ministry said.

Hyundai and Kia, the main affiliates of the world's No.5 automaker Hyundai-Kia Automotive Group, manufactured cars that accounted to 148,724 units and 111,223 units each in

September, down 2 percent and 8.7 percent from the same month of last year.

Cars produced by GM Korea contracted 6 percent on-year to 62,112 units in September. Auto production by Renault Samsung dropped 56.8 percent to 9,959 units, but the one by Ssangyong Motor increased 2.5 percent to 10,339 units. Local auto sales retreated 4.8 percent on-year to 128,607 units in September due mainly to economic slowdown and weakening consumer sentiment caused by massive

household debts. The country's household debts grew 5.5 percent in the second quarter from a year earlier, leading to weaker consumer sentiment.

The ministry, however, noted that domestic auto sales surged 33.1 percent last month from the previous month helped by a fall in consumption tax on autos that declined by 1.5 percentage points temporarily by year-end.

Car exports declined 7.2 percent on-year to 232,025 units in September.—Xinhua



People debate at a town hall meeting on health care reform sponsored by Congressman Adam Schiff in Alhambra, California, on 11 Aug, 2009. REUTERS

Asian shares ease on corporate earnings worry

TOKYO, 15 Oct— Asian shares fell on Monday on growth concerns ahead of the third-quarter corporate earnings season, lifting the safe-haven dollar which in turn undermined commodities.

As risk sensitive assets retreated, the dollar index (.DXY) measured against a basket of six major currencies gained 0.4 percent.

A stronger dollar and worries that a slowing global economy may further dent fuel demand pushed US crude futures down more than \$1 to \$90.82 a barrel. Brent fell 0.6 percent to \$113.99. (O/R)

The MSCI index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan <.MIAPJ0000PUS> fell 0.3 percent.

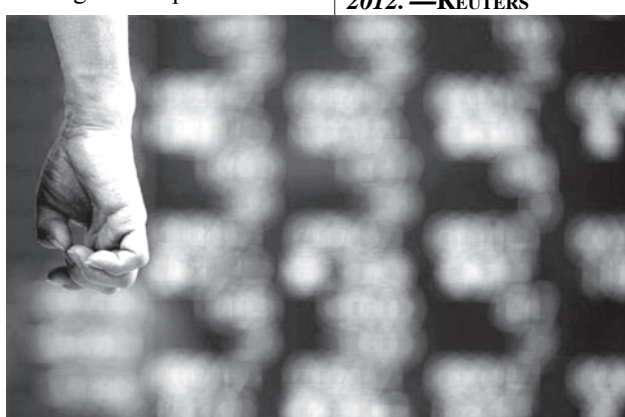
Tokyo's Nikkei average (.N225) was down 0.1 percent. (T)

US stocks wrapped up their worst week in four months, led lower on Friday by financial shares. More financial institutions will report earnings in coming days, including Citigroup (CN), Goldman Sachs (GS.N) and Bank of America (BACN), amid concerns about their shrinking profit margins.

"People are just cautious, quite reluctant. It is not only equities, it is property and a whole range of asset classes, people are happy to have the money in the bank rather than put it to work," said Burrell & Co director Richard Herring.

China's broad M2 money supply rose more than expected in September while its exports grew at roughly twice the rate expected in September and imports

recovered. Commodity currencies failed to cling to an early lift, with the Australian dollar falling 0.6 percent to



Business

A man clicks his nails as he looks at an electronic board displaying share prices outside a brokerage in Tokyo September 20, 2012.—REUTERS

\$1.0204, close to the near three-month low of \$1.0149 plumed a week ago.

The euro slipped 0.4 percent to \$1.2897 as Europe muddles through debt relief measures for Spain and Greece.

Investors expect highly-indebted Spain to request assistance, triggering the European Central Bank's program to buy bonds of struggling euro zone states that ask for aid.

Reuters

Softbank nears \$20 billion deal for 70 percent of Sprint: sources

NEW YORK, 15 Oct— Japanese mobile operator Softbank Corp is near a \$20 billion deal to acquire control of US carrier Sprint Nextel Corp, sources familiar with the matter said, as the firm led by billionaire Masayoshi Son seeks a foothold in the US market.

A deal, which the sources said could be announced as early as Monday, would be Japan's biggest overseas buy, and would also give Sprint ammunition to potentially acquire peers and build out its 4G network to compete better in a US wireless market dominated by AT&T and Verizon.

Softbank shares tumbled more than 7 percent early on Monday, and have lost more than a fifth of their value since news first broke of the firm's interest in Sprint. Investors are concerned that Son, who has a reputation for taking risks, may be offering too much.



Masayoshi Son, chief executive officer of Softbank Mobile Corp.—REUTERS

Under the deal taking shape, the sources said Softbank would buy some \$12 billion worth of Sprint shares and spend another \$8 billion on new Sprint securities. The Japanese firm would initially buy \$3 billion of bonds convertible into Sprint stock at \$5.25 a share, the Wall Street Journal

reported Sprint, led by CEO Dan Hesse, has net debt of about \$15 billion, while Softbank has net debt of about \$10 billion. Adding the \$2 billion of net debt of eAccess Ltd, which Softbank recently agreed to buy, would raise "post-deal gearing levels to unacceptable heights",

Societe Generale said in a client note on Friday.

A Tokyo-based Softbank spokesman reiterated on Monday that the company was in talks about making an investment in Sprint, but no agreement had been reached. Sprint representatives were not immediately available to comment, and a Clearwire spokesman declined to comment. CNBC's David Faber reported the news earlier on Sunday.

Softbank is in talks with Japan's leading banks—Mizuho Financial Group Inc, Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group and Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group—to borrow up to \$23 billion for a deal, people familiar with the matter told Reuters on Friday.

The banks involved in the syndicated loan could provide a commitment letter as soon as this week, the sources said.

Reuters

Study says Folic acid doesn't cut risk of colon polyps

BOSTON, 15 Oct—Taking extra folic acid and other B-vitamin supplements may not help protect against colon polyps, according to a US study that contradicts observational studies suggesting people who get more of the vitamins are less likely to get colon cancer.

The study, led by Yiqing Song from Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and published in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, followed 1,470 women with an average initial age of 62.

The women were randomly assigned to take daily folic acid and vitamins B6 and B12, or a vitamin-free placebo pill, and then followed them to see who developed colon polyps.

Women in the "active" treatment group took 2.5 milligrams of folic acid, 50 mg of vitamin B6 and 1 mg of vitamin B12 each day.

All participants had a colonoscopy or sigmoidoscopy to check for colon polyps, which can develop into cancer if not removed, sometime before mid-2007. According to their medical records, 355 had a confirmed polyp.

Polyp risk was not related to treatment group, with 24.3 percent of women taking the vitamins developing polyps compared to 24.0 percent of those on placebo pills. The lack of benefit remained after the researchers accounted for women's weight as well as smoking, alcohol and exercise.—Reuters

Study: can a few cherries a day keep gout away?

BOSTON, 15 Oct—Cherries may no longer be just for topping off ice-cream sundaes—a US study of people with gout linked eating the fruit with a 35 percent to 75 percent lower risk of having an attack.

Doctors have reported that some patients recommend cherries to prevent gout attacks, but the connection has only been studied a few times before, said lead researcher Yuqing Zhang, a professor at the Boston University School of Medicine. "These findings suggest that cherry intake is associated with a lower risk of gout attacks," Zhang and colleagues wrote in the journal Arthritis & Rheumatism.

But Zhang warned that the study does not prove that cherries alone prevent gout attacks, and that patients should stick with their present gout medications.

"They can go out and eat the cherries, but they shouldn't abandon their

medical treatment at all," Zhang added.

Gout arises with uric acid crystals build up in the joints. The body produces uric acid when it breaks down purines—substances found naturally in the body but also in certain foods, like organ meats, anchovies, mushrooms and some seafoods.

For the study, Zhang and his colleagues recruited patients over the Internet to take online surveys about their attacks. All the 633 participants had had a gout attack in the last 12 months, had been diagnosed with gout by a doctor, lived in the United States and were at least 18 years old. Overall, the researchers found that eating cherries over a given two-day period was linked to a 35 percent decrease in the risk of having a gout attack during that period, compared to not eating cherries.—Reuters

WORLD

China-North Korea economic, trade, culture, and tourism expo is held in Dandong, Liaoning Province, China, on 13 Oct, 2012. The expo opened on Oct. 12 and will run through 16 October. — KYODO

Israel upgrades sea, air surveillance Shoval drone

JERUSALEM, 15 Oct — Israel on Sunday unveiled an enhanced unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) for maritime and air surveillance that allows faster and more precise identification of objects. The drone, called Heron 1 (Shoval), will help improve Israel's Naval and Air Force's recognition of unknown or hostile ships and aircraft even if they are 300 km away, with a radar that can reach Turkey, Cyprus or Egypt.

These upgrades on the Shoval drone were showcased by the Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI), Israel's prime aerospace and aviation manufacturer, Ynet News site reported. "The system can inquire and intercept any object within just a few minutes," an IAI official told the newspaper on Sunday, after the Shoval drone had concluded a demonstration in which the new cameras captured every detail of a ship sailing the Mediterranean.

"The Shoval has satellite communication abilities,

which means any footage it takes will be broadcasted online to distant location like Paris," the official said. The older model, officials said, had only one camera on its bottom and its radar did not have such long-range. The upgraded Shoval will help Israel identify any suspicious vessel, cargo or aircraft on the Mediterranean.

IAI unveiled the new Shoval drone only a week after a Israel's Air Force jets shot down a rogue drone that entered southern Israeli airspace, apparently in an attempted surveillance mission.

Hezbollah claimed ownership of the drone a few days later, stating that its reconnaissance mission over Israel had been successful. The drone penetrated into Israel's airspace from the Mediterranean Sea near the Gaza Strip. A fighter jet fired two missiles at the drone, the second one shooting it down over the northern Negev desert. — *Xinhua*

Syria's stolen archeological artifacts worth two bln USD

DAMASCUS, 15 Oct — At a time when the Syrian administration and the rebels are involved in a tug of war for controlling hotspots in the country and driving each other out of them, some people are busy in smuggling the country's centuries-old artifacts and relics.

The on-line Syria Steps website has warned on Sunday that the Syrian artifacts, some of which go back to more than 6,000 years ago, have been pillaged at the hands of a well-organized mafia that smuggles them outside the country, especially to Syria's arch-enemies or the countries that overtly support the Syrian rebels.

The on-line report said the artifacts which were plundered from the Syrian museums and smuggled to the museums of Tel Aviv,

London, the United States and other countries are estimated at two billion US dollars. It deplored the Syrian government's dereliction in protecting its monuments and its failure in taking precautionary measures to prevent looting, indicating that the government should have taken its archeological treasures to safer places. The report urged the government to work immediately to look after its treasures to prevent the repetition of the Iraqi scenario in Syria.

"At any rate, some say that the value of the looted Syrian artifacts is two billion US dollars, and we say what has been stolen is priceless," said the report. Since the outbreak of protests in Syria 19 months ago, the two conflicting sides have been trading

Israel

JERUSALEM, 15 Oct — Iranian hackers are trying daily to break into scores of Israeli computer networks, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday. "There is an increase in attempts to carry out cyber attacks, and every day there are incidents of attempts to infiltrate into government computers," Netanyahu told the cabinet at the weekly session.

However, Netanyahu continued, "Last year, I established a national cyber headquarters to block these attempts," likening the anti-hacking task force to a digital "Iron Dome" anti-missile system protecting southern towns and cities from incoming rockets fired by militants in the Gaza Strip.

"Just as we have an Iron Dome system against missiles and barbed wire

"Israel under cyber attack from Iran": PM

fences against infiltrators and terrorists, we will have a defence system against cyber attacks — but it takes time," Netanyahu said, in a statement sent to *Xinhua*.

Netanyahu's words come only days after senior American officials cautioned that Iranian-affiliated hackers would try to perpetrate a "cyber-Pearl Harbour" against United States' interests, after a series of cyber attacks in the United States and the Gulf.

On Thursday, US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta told a group of business leaders in New York that Teheran has "undertaken a concerted effort to use cyberspace to its advantage," but warned that "potential aggressors should be aware that the United States has the capacity to locate them and hold them accountable for actions that harm America or

its interests."

In recent weeks, computer networks belonging to a number of American banks were hacked into, and in August, a computer virus that inserted into Saudi Arabia's Aramco oil company network destroyed data on a reported 30,000 computers.

Earlier this year, the Israel Security Agency (ISA) said it had increased monitoring of local banking networks in order to foil potential cyber attacks that could wreak havoc on the nation's financial and economic institutions.

The ISA has redefined the banking institutions' security definition as "essential," over concerns that such hacker attacks, primarily aimed at the large banks, could cause massive damage to the country's cash flow. The higher classification would allow the ISA to gain

direct supervision over their electronic security assets, the local Ha'aretz daily reported in May. Earlier this year, a lower-level cyber skirmish erupted between Israeli and Saudi hackers, which lasted for over a month.

The public coding war began when a Saudi hacker exposed, in a downloadable file, some 14,000 Israeli citizens' credit card numbers and personal information. Israel's national airline El Al and its stock exchange websites also took a hit from the hackers.

The attack led to the formation of a counter Israeli hacking group, who claimed "payback" attacks on Saudi credit card sites. The Israeli group claimed that along with the credit card information, they also managed to access personal data of the Saudi card-holders. — *Xinhua*

24 shot dead in northern Nigeria state attack

KADUNA, (Nigeria), 15 Oct — The police in central north Nigeria's Kaduna State on Sunday said 24 people were killed in an attack carried out by unknown gunmen in Dogon Dawa area of the state.

State commissioner of police Olufemi Adenaike disclosed this to reporters in Kaduna, the state capital, saying suspected gang of armed bandits, numbering 10, stormed Dogon Dawa village killing 24 persons.

— *Xinhua*



Friendship between capybara and monkeys. — XINHUA

Pakistani schoolgirl attacked by Taliban sent to UK for treatment

ISLAMABAD, 15 Oct — The Pakistani schoolgirl who was shot by Taliban gunmen for pushing for girls to be educated has been sent to the United Kingdom for medical treatment, a military spokesman said on Monday.

The spokesman said in a statement that 14-year-old Malala Yousufzai, whose shooting has drawn condemnation abroad and at home, will require prolonged care to fully recover physically and psychologically.

The spokesman said an air ambulance transporting Malala, provided by the United Arab Emirates, had departed from Islamabad and was heading for the United Kingdom.

"The panel of doctors recommended that Malala be

shifted abroad to a UK centre which has the capability to provide integrated care to children who have sustained severe injury," said the spokesman in a statement.



Malala has become a potent symbol of resistance against the Pakistani Taliban's efforts to deprive girls of an education.

Pakistanis have held some protests and candlelight vigils but government officials have refrained from publicly criticizing the Taliban by name over the attack, in what critics say is a lack of resolve against extremism.

Opponents of Pakistan's government and military say the shooting is another reminder of the state's failure to tackle militancy.

— *Reuters*

Malala Yousufzai, a Pakistani schoolgirl who was shot by the Taliban on 9 Oct, 2012.

— **REUTERS**

WORLD

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

TOKYO, 15 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 labor 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."

Kyodo



The International Monetary and Financial Committee, the policy-setting body of the International Monetary Fund, holds a meeting at a Tokyo hotel on 13 Oct, 2012. KYODO

China Customs official to discuss anti-drug smuggling efforts in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 15 Oct — New Zealand welcomed a senior Chinese Customs official on Monday as the two countries step up efforts to fight drug smuggling. New Zealand Customs Minister Maurice Williamson said the two-day visit by Vice Minister of the General Administration of China Customs Lu Peijun was an opportunity to strengthen bilateral customs activities.

"The visit by Mr Lu Peijun is also particularly well timed. Customs is working with China's Anti-Smuggling Bureau on a number of initiatives to combat drug trafficking," Williamson said in a statement. Last week in neighbouring Australia, Lu signed an agreement with the

Australian Customs and Border Protection Service to ensure the smooth flow of legitimate bilateral travel and trade, while stepping up the fight against the cross-border movement of illegal goods, with a focus on ContacNT, a pharmaceutical product that is a precursor chemical for illicit drug manufacture.

Members of the Chinese Anti-Smuggling Bureau visited New Zealand in May to discuss the trafficking of pharmaceuticals containing precursors, and to gain an understanding of Customs' intelligence and targeting operations. "As our largest supplier and our second largest export market, our trade relationship with China is

important. New Zealand Customs has an excellent working relationship with China Customs and we appreciate their willingness to work cooperatively with us on issues specific to New Zealand's trade," Williamson said. In the year to July, New Zealand exports to China grew more than 10 percent from 5.6 billion to 6.2 billion NZ dollars (4.55 billion to 5.05 billion US dollars) and imports from China grew about 9 percent from 6.7 billion to 7.3 billion NZ dollars. This year is the fourth anniversary of the New Zealand-China Free Trade Agreement, and the 40th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries. — Xinhua

New Zealand to attend global biological diversity talks in India

WELLINGTON, 15 Oct — New Zealand Conservation Minister Kate Wilkinson is to represent the country at the 11th Convention on Biological Diversity in Hyderabad, India, the New Zealand government announced on Monday.

"New Zealand has a long history of actively engaging in these meetings," Wilkinson said in a statement. "The decisions which come from them cover a wide range of issues, set international environmental standards, and have the potential to cut across our agricultural and trade interests," the statement added. Key areas to be discussed would include biodiversity and livelihoods, integration

of the value of biodiversity in national planning, strategic resource mobilization and coastal and marine biodiversity. "These topics are of key relevance to New Zealand. I look forward to taking part in this convention," Wilkinson said.

An estimated 8,000

delegates, including representatives from states, non-government organizations and indigenous people's groups, were expected to attend the convention, which runs from 8 to 19 October. A high-level meeting of ministers and heads of state will be held from 16 to 19 October. — Xinhua

Australian PM says to continue supporting Afghanistan after 2014 Australia

KABUL, 15 Oct — The visiting Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard on Sunday said that the country will continue supporting Afghanistan after 2014 when the NATO-led coalition forces leave the country.

"The Australian Prime Minister in a meeting with Afghan President Hamid Karzai today reaffirmed her country's support for Afghanistan after 2014 particularly in the field of health, education and training of Afghan security forces," the Karzai's office said in a statement.

Gillard paid a surprise visit to Afghanistan, where

more than 1,550 Australian soldiers are stationed to fight Taliban-led insurgency of more than a decade. The two leaders also discussed the so-called green-on-blue insider attacks, when Afghan security forces or gunmen in their uniform turned their weapons against their NATO partners, the statement added. A man in Afghan army uniform shot dead three Australian soldiers with the NATO-led coalition in southern Uruzgan Province, where majority of the Australian forces are deployed, on 29 August. Up to 52 NATO and US soldiers have been killed in such attacks in 2012. — Xinhua

Deep 5.2-magnitude earthquake rattles New Zealand North Island

WELLINGTON, 15 Oct — An earthquake measuring 5.2 on the Richter scale hit New Zealand's North Island on Monday afternoon.

The quake, which occurred at 1:05 p.m. local time (00:05 GMT) Monday, was centered 15 km east of Tokoroa and was 199 km deep, New Zealand government geological agency GNS

Science reported. No casualties have been reported. The quake was felt widely around lower and central North Island and Hawke's Bay.

GNS Duty seismologist John Ristau said the quake was felt so widely due to the way energy from deep earthquakes traveled.

Xinhua



Maritime Self-Defence Force vessels parade during a fleet review in Sagami Bay off Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan on 14 Oct, 2012. — KYODO

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 16 October, 2012

Depression

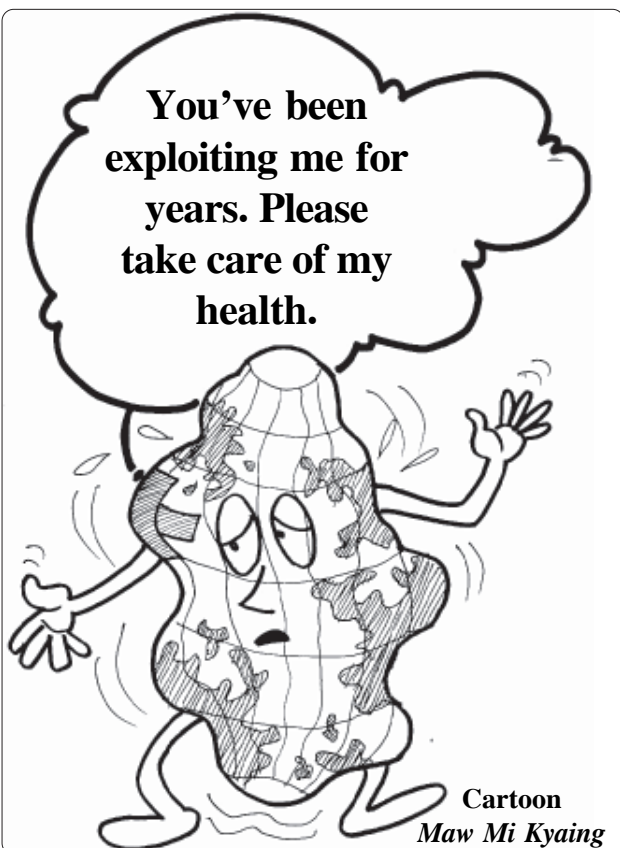
The exact cause of depression is not known yet. Many researchers believe it is caused by chemical changes in the brain. This may be due to a problem with our genes, or triggered by certain stressful events. More likely, it's a combination of both. Normally, people who have depression usually see everything with a more negative attitude. They cannot imagine that any problem or situation can be solved in a positive way.

Depression is characterized by a number of common symptoms. These include a persistent sad, anxious, or empty mood, and feelings of hopelessness or pessimism. A person who is depressed also often has feelings of guilt, worthlessness, and helplessness. They no longer take interest or pleasure in hobbies and activities that were once enjoyed; this may include things like going out with friends or even sex. Insomnia, early-morning awakening, and oversleeping are all common. Moreover, people who have low self-esteem, who consistently view themselves and the world with pessimism or who are readily overwhelmed by stress, are prone to depression.

But there are effective ways to prevent and cure depression. If we have depression, we should not drink alcohol or use illegal drugs. These substances can make depression worse and might lead to thoughts of suicide. In general, treatments for depression include: medications called antidepressants, and talk therapy, called psychotherapy.

We must take medication exactly as our doctor instructed. We must ask our doctor about the possible side effects and what we should do if we have any. We must learn to recognize the early signs that the depression is getting worse.

Some of the methods that might help us feel better are: get more exercise, maintain good sleep habits, seek out activities that bring us pleasure, volunteer or get involved in group activities, talk to someone we trust about how we are feeling, and try to be around people who are caring and positive.



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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and party visit Parliament Library of Australia.

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diplomats from Myanmar many years ago, he added. Myanmar people are very hospitable. Myanmar existence in Asia-Pacific region is highly beneficial to the region.

He said they all had hope that mutual cooperation in the region would be realized. He continued that Australia had always remembered Myanmar people who gave a helping hand to Australian soldiers during the second world war, saying that cooperation in technological and educational sectors with Myanmar would be realized in future.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker said that he would like to express thanks for having such an opportunity to have a meeting and an offer to cooperate with Myanmar. Next year, it would be the 60th anniversary of diplomatic ties between Myanmar and Australia. Australia was the first country that announced lifting of sanctions against Myanmar. Job creation and technological transfer through investing in oil and natural gas sector, small and medium scale enterprises and other sectors would be beneficial to Myanmar. There would be mutual benefits in agriculture and livestock breeding sectors as Australia had achieved remarkable progress in agriculture and livestock breeding sectors.

The Governor replied that he would call on Sydney

University to accept Myanmar students. There are many teachers who adore Myanmar in Sydney University. He said that he would hold discussions with the teachers how they could help to be able to promote Myanmar education. There would be discussions on investment in tertiary education and on ensuring Myanmar students to have an opportunity for their further studies at other universities in Australia, apart from Sydney University. A network for Myanmar students in Australia would be established. He invited Myanmar nurses to make a study tour of hospitals in Australia. Arrangements would be made for doctors and nurses in Myanmar for their further studies in Australia.

On their arrival at Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Reform Council on O'Connell Road, Director of the Council Mr. Andrew Hayne and officials explained functions of the central government and local governments, accountability, tax collection and budget allocation, and the Myanmar delegation raised questions.

On 9 October morning, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and members visited Port Kembla Coal Terminal in Wollongong, toured downtown Wollongong and Council Building where they enjoyed a luncheon hosted by Mayor and Councillor

Gordon Bradbery OAM.

The delegation then visited Fitzroy waterfall where they observed environmental conservation. They arrived in Canberra at 7 pm and had dinner with the Myanmar ambassador and families of Myanmar embassy in Australia.

The delegation on 10 October visited Parliament Library of Australia where they were conducted around by Librarian Dr Dianne Heriot. They then learned functions of the parliament office from the director-general of Senate Office. Chairman of Australia-Myanmar Parliamentary Group Ms Janelle Saffin hosted lunch to the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and party.

The delegation then visited the Senate and the House of Representatives of Australia.

The delegation met Speaker of the Senate Hon

John Hogg and Speaker of the House of Representatives Hon Madame Anna Burke at 5 pm. The Speaker proposed study visits of Myanmar MPs and Hluttaw office staff for collecting experiences at the Australian parliament. The two speakers agreed on the proposal and pledged support for assistance programmes of UNDP and AUSAID.

Myanmar and Australia became new members of ASEP-7 meeting held in Vietiane of Laos in the previous week.

The Australian speakers hosted dinner to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw delegation at Old Parliament House.

On 11 October, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker met Senators Stephen Parry and Alan Eggleston separately.

The delegation then visited National Library of

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Education family of BEMS No (1) from Dagon Township donated K 200,000 to Hwinzigon Home for the Aged through Joint Secretary U Nyi Nyi Lwin of Executive Board recently.

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Australia, one of three largest libraries in southern hemisphere. They also visited Aus AID where they were welcomed by First Assistant Director-General of East Asia Department of Aus AID. Aus AID is planning to increase its aids to Myanmar from Australian Dollar 64 million to Australian Dollar 100 million by 2014 and in negotiation with related ministries in Myanmar to sign MoUs. Aus AID will provide assistances in education and health sectors.

The Speaker said Aus AID officials that it needs to cooperate in poverty

relief efforts of Myanmar for the economic development of the people could guarantee firm democratic system.

He invited both investments and loans in agriculture sector as rural people and farmers constitute 70 percent of the population, saying the prosperity of the country would be achieved when the farmers become rich.

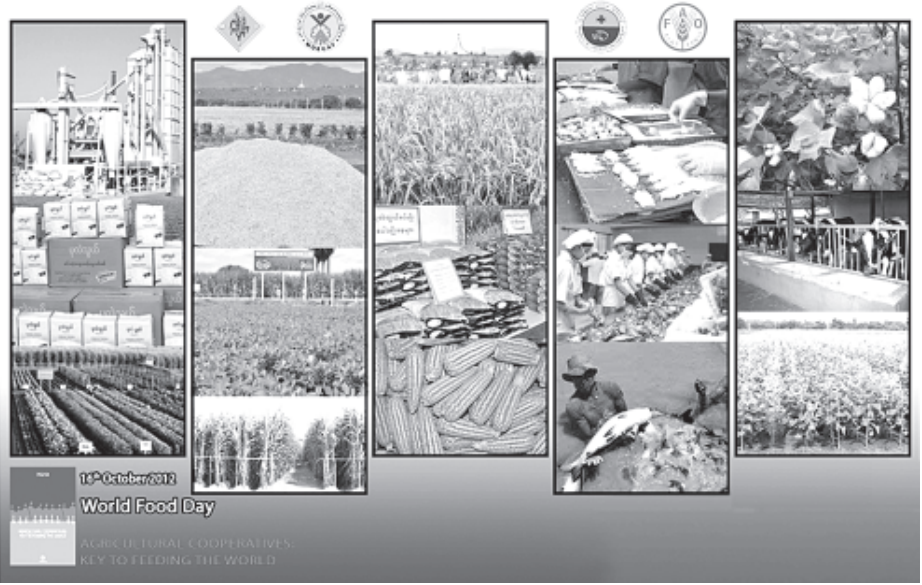
He reiterated his proposal for study visits of Myanmar lawmakers and Hluttaw offices. The Speaker requested connectivity of the libraries of the two parliaments. The delegation

left Canberra for Melbourne in the evening.

The delegation visited Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC News) and gave an interview to ABC News. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw delegation then visited BHP Billiton, the mining, oil and gas company of Australia. Speaker of Legislative Assembly of the State of Victoria at Yering Station in Melbourne.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and party were seen off by Myanmar Ambassador to Australia U Paw Lwin Sein, Director of International Relations Office of the Australia Parliament Mr Aridres Lomp and officials at Melbourne International Airport.—MNA

Agricultural Cooperatives: Key to Feeding to the World



Changeable advanced sports managements needed to specialize

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—The opening ceremony for national sport administrators' course 1/2012 was took place with the arrangement of Olympic Solidarity Programme of Myanmar Olympic Committee and International Olympic Committee (IOC) at training hall of Gold Camp at 1 pm today, with an opening address by Myanmar National Sports Committee Chairman Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan.

The opening ceremony was attended by Deputy Sports Minister U Thuang Htaik and officials from Sports and Physical Education Department, invited guests and sports in charges from regions and states.

Union Minister U Tint Hsan called for sports in charges to specialize advanced tactics and changeable advanced

sports managements.

Myanmar Olympic Committee will be opened national sport administrators' courses for three times yearly in cooperation with International Olympic Committee. A total of 50 trainees from regions and states and 20 observers are being attended the course

Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan speaking at national sport administrators' course 1/2012.
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and the course duration is till 19 October.—MNA

To Live Longer for All the Human Being, In the World Please Try It Without Expense of Money and Time

Early in the morning, when you get up in the position of on back, or sitting making breathing exercise, inhale breathing in or breathing out, strongly, thirty times, (breathing in/ breathing out count on time).

Remark-Do not beath in standing position.

After finishing breathing exercise, take one

glass of water, ten minutes later, you will pass wind, motion all the excrement will be passed away. If the excrement are not gone, or left, in the afternoon, you have to repeat this exercise, thirty times after drinking one glass of water. To take out all the excrement from the worm.

Advantages to make exercise regularly

1. Constipation, to pass excrement by eating fugitive with expense. It will be comfortable in motion without expense, cure constipation.
2. To clear the lung and it can be enriched lung.
3. To be good in blood circulation, think in blood, sediment of blood obesity, unnecessary fats, with excrements will be passed away.

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paralyzed stroke, hypertension, and good winds.

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- (b) Prevention of pile disease.
- (c) Reduce fatty acid, in obesity, cover fatty acid liver and heart.
- (d) Regular perspiration, prevent from pain relief, arthritics, light in body, fair in skin. "To Live Longer for All the Human Being, In the World Please Try It"

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News in Brief

ICT Exhibition packed with visitors

People and enthusiasts visit International Myanmar ICT Exhibition 2012 at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Yangon on 12 October.

School Environment Day observed

School Environment Day was observed at No 7 Basic Education High School in Zabuthiri Township on 14 October morning. Headmaster U Than Lin, teachers and students participated in sanitation works at the school.

Kyaukaik creek Bridge inaugurated in Htigyaing

Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye addressed the opening of Kyaukaik Creek Bridge, 300 feet wide and 28 feet wide, on Htigyaing-Kyaunggon Road in Htigyaing Township on 11 October. Region Minister and officials formally opened the bridge.

Mobile telephones on sales

Officials of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications sold mobile phones to rural people of Pyu Township through local authorities installment system as of 10 October.

Communication for Development workshop held

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—Health Department and United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) are jointly organizing a workshop on behaviour and social change planning and monitoring under the title "Communication for Development" at Thingaha Hotel here this morning.

The four-day workshop that commenced today are

being attended by representatives of various ministries and Non-Governmental Organizations, UN agencies and officials of broadcasting media.

Director-General Dr Min Than Nyunt of Health Department and UNICEF expert Mr Suleman Malik delivered speeches at the workshop.—MNA

Ancient murals in Yesagyo needs preservation

YESAGYO, 15 Oct—As part of efforts to realize transparency process, not only entrepreneurs of foreign countries but also world tourists visit Myanmar year after year.

Yesagyo Township is a home to artifacts and cultural heritage such as invaluable Buddha images, pagodas, stupas, murals and stone inscriptions. Tourists make a trip to the one of significant destinations in the world namely Pakhan monastery,

Pakhangyi archaeological museum, Pakhange monastery, Dipinkara Cave Pagoda and Aungtheikdi Cave Pagoda in Pakhangyi and Ward 1 of Yesagyo.

It is estimated that the murals were created in the time of King Nyaungyan. American tourists visited there to enjoy the murals in the past. At present, tourists from France, the US, Russia, Germany and Japan visit the tourist destination.

Myanma Alin

WORLD**Asian, European financial leaders meet to boost dynamic cooperation**

BANGKOK, 15 Oct—The 10th Asia-Europe (ASEM) Finance Ministers' Meeting opened here on Monday to discuss the dynamic growth and cooperation between the two regions.

Under the theme "Strengthening Dynamic Partnership, Sharing Dynamic Growth", the one-day meeting groups finance ministers and high level officials from 46 Asian and European member countries and regions, heads of international organizations, including European Commission, ASEAN Secretariat, World Bank,

International Monetary Funds (IMF), European Central Bank (ECB) and Asian Development Bank (ADB).

Aimed at promoting closer cooperation between Asia and Europe and share experiences and prospects regarding economic development, the meeting also helps bolster potentials and strengthen economic, financial and fiscal ties of both regions.

Kittiratt Na Ranong, minister of finance of Thailand, said in the opening speech that Asia and Europe have become two major

economic powerhouses in the world in this hard turbulent time and the outcome of the meeting will produce solution and create conducive atmosphere for a stronger and stable situation that would set the world economy back on track.

Speaking highly of the cooperation between the two regions, the financial minister said that in 2011, almost 1 trillion US dollars of goods traversed from Asia to European destinations. Meanwhile, more than 600 trillion US dollars of European goods disembarked at Asian

ports.

Kittiratt added that by hosting the meeting, Thailand will have the opportunity to learn from knowledge and experiences shared among ASEM members, especially on the recent European financial crisis and their policies and measures imposed to mitigate the crisis. The ASEM, officially established in 1996 at the first summit in Bangkok, is an interregional forum aimed at strengthening relations between Asia and Europe at all levels.

Xinhua

Key al-Qaeda militant killed in Algeria

ALGIERS, 15 Oct—A key militant responsible for "external relations" between al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) and the parent organization al-Qaeda had been killed on last Friday by Algeria's National People's Army (ANP), local APS news agency reported on Sunday, citing security sources.

Bekai Boualem, alias "El Khaled Mig" and aged 45, was shot in an ambush on Friday by ANP forces near the village of Azrou in the town of Yakourene in Tizi Ouzou province, said the sources. The identity of this terrorist was confirmed on Sunday by his family who recovered his body at the morgue of the Hospital of Tizi Ouzou. The terrorist had joined the Maquis terrorists at the beginning of the "Dark Decade" (1991-2001), and grew within terrorist groups

that evolved in the central region of the country, particularly in Kabylia, in the forests of Akfadou and of Yakourene.

Headed by Abdelmalek Droukdel, AQIM emerged in early 2007 from Salafist Group for Preaching and Combat, an Algerian armed Islamist movement. It operates in the northwest of Africa, including Mali, Mauritania and Niger. This movement has committed numerous attacks since then.

On 11 April, 2007, three suicide bombing attacks shook Algiers, one targeting the government office in downtown the capital, the second targeting a police station in Bab Ezzouar on the eastern outskirts of Algiers, while the third hitting the headquarters of National Gendarmerie. As many as 20 people died and 222 others were injured, according to official toll.— *Xinhua*

China Blast leaves one dead, four missing in east China city

JINAN, 15 Oct—At least one person has been confirmed dead and four other missing after an explosion ripped through a residential building in the coastal city of Weihai in east China's Shandong Province

on early Monday morning.

The blast hit the building's sixth floor at around 1 am and subsequently caused a fire. In addition to the dead and missing, 10 people were injured. Among them, three

sustained severe injuries, said rescuers.

The fire was put off in about 20 minutes. But the accident has caused damages from the ground floor to the seventh floor of the building, witnesses said.

The search and rescue work is continuing at the building located in Weihai Economic and Technology Development Zone. Preliminary investigation indicated the blast was caused by a gas leak.— *Xinhua*



Photo taken on 15 Oct, 2012 shows the damaged building after an explosion in Weihai, east China's Shandong Province. At least one person has been confirmed dead and four other missing after an explosion ripped through the residential building in Weihai on early Monday morning. The blast hit the building's sixth floor at around 1 am and subsequently caused a fire. In addition to the dead and missing, 10 people were injured. Among them, three sustained severe injuries, said rescuers. Preliminary investigation indicated the blast was caused by a gas leak.— *XINHUA*

7-Eleven acquires convenience stores from US firms

TOKYO, 15 Oct — 7-Eleven Inc, the US arm of Japanese retailer Seven & i Holdings Inc, has acquired 67 convenience stores from EZ Energy USA Inc and 58 from Handee Marts Inc, the Japanese retail titan said on Monday.

Ohio-based EZ Energy runs a network of convenience

stores in Ohio and Pennsylvania alongside a gasoline wholesale business, while Pennsylvania-based Handee Marts runs convenience stores in West Virginia and Maryland.

Both transactions were closed on 1 Oct, the company said.

Kyodo

One Chinese killed, over 100 detained for gold mining in Ghana

ACCRA, 15 Oct — A 16-year-old Chinese national was killed and more than 100 others were detained by Ghanaian police for suspected illegal gold mining, the Chinese Embassy in Accra said on Sunday. Ghana's police and immigration officials launched a joint action on Thursday and Friday to investigate illegal gold mining activities by foreigners in the Ashanti region and arrested more than 100 Chinese citizens, the

embassy said.

On one mining site near Manso, a township close to the region's capital Kumasi, policemen on Thursday destroyed mining facilities and work sheds. In the operation, the boy, known as Chen, was shot dead when he tried to escape, the embassy said. Upon learning the news, Chinese Ambassador Gong Jianzhong urgently met Ghanaian Deputy Foreign Minister Chris Kpodo and

National Security Coordinator Larry Gbevlo Lartey and expressed serious concerns over the death of Chen and the detention of Chinese workers. The ambassador demanded thorough investigation into the shooting and compensation for the family of the victim.

The Ghanaian government has expressed deep sorrow over the death of the Chinese boy and promised to investigate the case. The

Chinese Embassy called on all Chinese in Ghana to abide by related laws and regulations to safeguard their legal interests. According to Ghanaian laws, foreign companies are only allowed to work independently on large and open-pit mines. A majority of Chinese workers in Ghana work in road and harbour constructions, gas pipeline projects and other China-aided projects.

Xinhua

REGIONAL

New rules, tough talk as Singapore seeks to end tax haven image **Singapore**

SINGAPORE, 15 Oct — Billionaire Australians buying exclusive condominiums. Germans moving money from Swiss accounts. Secretive banking laws. Asia's premier wealth management centre. Low tax rates.

As Singapore revels in its reputation as an open economy with the world's highest concentration of millionaires, the tiny island of 5.3 million people is also accused of being a magnet for tax evaders — an image it is vehemently seeking to banish. Amid German concerns that its wealthy citizens are moving funds

from Switzerland before a new German-Swiss tax treaty takes effect next year, Singapore and Germany said on Sunday they had agreed to bolster their double-taxation agreement with internationally agreed standards on information sharing.

"Banking secrecy will not constitute an obstacle to exchanging information," said the joint statement, which came at the end of German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaueble's weekend visit to Singapore. Media reports have put the amount of German money moving to Singapore in the

double-digit billions. "The perception is that Swiss banks have concluded Switzerland is unlikely to remain a tax haven for much longer and Singapore is the new place to do business," said Ronen Palan, a professor at City University London who has conducted numerous studies on offshore finance.

Swiss banks could see assets from Western European clients fall 28 percent to 623 billion Swiss francs (\$668 billion) by 2014 because of the deals to tax undeclared accounts, the Boston Consulting Group said in a report in May.

Reuters



An aerial view of the Sentosa Cove luxury homes in Singapore in this 14 Feb, 2012 file photo. — REUTERS



The first Myanmar-bound flight takes off from Narita airport near Tokyo on 15 Oct, 2012, as All Nippon Airways Co resumed direct flights between Japan and Myanmar after 12 years, amid an increase in the number of business travelers to the Southeast Asian country.

KYODO

ANA resumes Myanmar flights after 12 years

NARITA, 15 Oct — All Nippon Airways Co on Monday resumed direct flights between Japan and Myanmar after 12 years amid an increase in the number of business travelers to the Southeast Asian country.

The resumption of regular ANA services came as the number of tourist

and business passengers is expected to increase in line with democratization in Myanmar.

The three weekly round-trip flights between Narita airport near Tokyo and Yangon airport will use the Boeing 737-700ER, equipped with only 38 business class seats. — Kyodo

Former Cambodian King Norodom Sihanouk dies at 89

PHNOM PENH, 15 Oct — Former Cambodian King Norodom Sihanouk, Cambodia's linchpin in its turbulent and bloody political journey to democracy since the 1940s and one of the grand survivors of post-colonial Southeast Asia, died on Monday in Beijing. He was 89.

Nhiek Bunchhay, deputy prime minister and secretary general of the royalist FUNCINPEC Party, told Kyodo News that Sihanouk, who was in the Chinese capital for medical check-ups, died of a heart attack early Monday.

"I have just received information from Beijing and



I was told that His Majesty (the former King Sihanouk)... he had heart problem and

File photo taken in October 2011 shows former King Norodom Sihanouk delivering a speech in front of the Royal Palace in Phnom Penh. — KYODO

was sent to hospital where he passed away there," Nhiek Bunchhay said. — Kyodo

Indonesian minister criticizes OECD on food sufficiency report **Indonesia**

JAKARTA, 15 Oct — An Indonesian minister criticized the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) over its report issued last week that criticized the nation's policy of food self-sufficiency, accusing the global research body of hypocrisy given similar policies are in place in developed countries, local media reported on Monday. "They were not being objective," Agriculture Minister Suswono said. "In developed nations, the agricultural sector is subsidized and protected by the government."

He said the United States, a member of the OECD, provided 383 million US dollars in disaster relief funds to shield livestock producers from volatility in feed prices. Suswono said the policy amounted to protectionism, the offense of which Indonesia stands

accused. He said Indonesia would stand by its policy of securing the nation's foods supply via a self-sufficiency programme. The OECD report said that the Indonesian government's food self-sufficiency goal starves poor consumers, including the majority of Indonesian farmers, who buy more staples such as rice, cooking oil and sugar than they sell.

The OECD, which counts as members most developed nations, said that Indonesia, the world's 10th largest agricultural producer, should open its food markets to international trade and move away from its "self-sufficiency" objectives. The report also criticized the government's use of import protection to increase returns to farmers because the policy also led to an increase in food costs for poor consumers and hindered the competitiveness of the agricultural sector,

the Jakarta Globe reported. President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono has set the goal of making the nation self-sufficient in rice, cattle, sugar, corn and soybean by 2014.

The government imposed either taxes or quotas on imports of the five commodities in order to encourage local farmers to produce and discourage imports. Suswono said that foreign entities should not intervene in the government's effort to boost local production. The policy seeks to control the price local farmers receive for their goods. The government has been grappling with the rising global commodities price, including for items that are popular among Indonesian consumers.

In August, the price of soybean rose sharply, causing the price of products such as tempeh and tofu to increase significantly.

Xinhua

India, Russia to hold talks on nuke liability, trade

NEW DELHI, 15 Oct — India and Russia will hold talks on civil nuclear liability and trade in the national capital Monday, sources said on Sunday.

"Indian External Affairs Minister SM Krishna and Russian Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin will hold the bilateral meeting. Issues like civil nuclear liability and measures to intensify trade between the two countries will be on their agenda," the sources said.

Both the countries will discuss the Kudankulam nuclear power plant in the southern state of Tamil

Nadu, jointly built by India and Russia, where protest of locals have halted the operation of the plant set to produce nuclear power.

The Russian Deputy Prime Minister is also scheduled to meet Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Commerce Minister Anand Sharma, the sources added.

The talks will be held ahead of Russian President Vladimir Putin's visit to India next month, during which he will meet Indian Prime Minister for annual summit talks.

Xinhua

Samoan PM to mark half century of independence in New Zealand visit

WELLINGTON, 15 Oct — Samoan Prime Minister Tuilaepa Lufesoliai Sailele Malielegaoi will discuss a range of bilateral and regional issues during a visit to mark Samoa's 50th anniversary of independence from New Zealand, New Zealand Prime Minister John Key announced on Monday. The visit this week followed Key's visit to Samoa in August to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Friendship between the two nations. "Samoa is the only country in the world with which New Zealand has a formal Treaty of Friendship," Key said in a statement.

"This special relationship is built on our shared Polynesian history, cultural ties, people-to-people links and regional cooperation, including through the Pacific Islands Forum," he said.

The treaty was signed shortly after Samoa gained independence from New Zealand in 1962, and had been at the heart of the bilateral relationship ever since, he said. "Regular high-level talks are an important part of our relationship, reflecting the closeness between our two countries and providing an opportunity to discuss and progress bilateral issues," said Key. "In addition, Prime Minister Tuilaepa is a long serving and respected Pacific leader, and I look forward to discussing regional issues of mutual importance."

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Serial bomb blasts kill one, injure 23 in Iraq's Kirkuk

KIRKUK, (Iraq), 15 Oct— Three car bombs and a roadside bomb struck Iraq's northern province of Kirkuk on Monday morning, killing at least one and wounding 23, a provincial police source told Xinhua.

Two car bombs went off almost simultaneously near the provincial government compound in central the capital city of Kirkuk, some 250 km north of Baghdad, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Meanwhile, a roadside bomb detonated in the same

area as a reinforcement Iraqi security force arrived to the scene, the source said.

The three blasts killed one person and wounded 18 others, the source said, adding that the casualties could rise as ambulances and civilian cars evacuated the victims to several hospitals and medical centers in the city.

In a separate incident, a third car bomb went off near a court building in the city of al-Riyadh, some 35 km south of Kirkuk, wounding five people, the source said.

Xinhua

Former commerce secretary says corporation between China, US paramount

NEW YORK, 15 Oct—The relationship between China and the United States is the most important bilateral ties in the world and corporation between the two countries is paramount, former US Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez said on Sunday. When addressing to the audience at the 18th annual conference of The Chinese Finance Association (TCFA), Gutierrez, now vice chairman of Institutional Clients Group of Citigroup, said the economic partnership between China and the United States in many ways defines the global economy.

While working in finance today, Gutierrez said his perspective about China may

be a little bit different because of his former role in the US government. "I'm not the first one to call that China-US relationship is the most important relations of the world but I'm happy to repeat it because it's so obviously true," Gutierrez said. "Other economies either ride the wave of our success or they suffer when we stall." Gutierrez said a lot of Americans don't know how to think about China. Politicians describe China using a variety of terms from "strategic partner" to "strategic competitor."

Gutierrez admitted that as the two biggest economies in the world, China and the United States do compete in a lot of areas. However, he said

that like so many competitor dynamics, the competitiveness can be a force for good, spurring two nations to achieve greater achievements, if the energies are properly channeled.

Talking about the recent dispute between the two countries concerning the solar industries, Gutierrez said the only way to find a solution is dialogue. He believed the world's largest economic leaders are too interdependent to risk a trade war. "To put it simply, our two countries need each other," Gutierrez said. "Corporation is paramount. We each have an interest in economically helping each other, and more than that of the entire world."— Xinhua

China's inflation rises 1.9 pct in September



BEIJING, 15 Oct — China's Consumer Price Index (CPI), the main gauge of inflation, grew 1.9 percent year

on year in September, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) announced on Monday. The inflation eased from 2 percent registered in August.

On a month-on-month basis, September's CPI grew 0.3 percent from the previous month, according to the data

released by the NBS.

Food prices, which account for nearly one-third of the weighting in the calculation of China's CPI, rose 2.5 percent last month from one year earlier, which was down from the 3.4-percent increase in August.— Xinhua



Dancers from the Russia State Academic Classic Ballet Theatre stage the ballet "Swan Lake" at Beijing Exhibition Center in Beijing, capital of China, on 14 Oct, 2012. — XINHUA

Philippines President to lead trade delegation to

Trade

New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 15 Oct — Philippines President Benigno Aquino will lead a Cabinet and business delegation to New Zealand next week to discuss a host of bilateral trade issues, New Zealand Prime Minister John Key announced on Monday.

Aquino would be accompanied by Secretary of Foreign Affairs Albert del Rosario, other members of the Philippines Cabinet and a large trade delegation for the visit

on 22 and 23 October, Key said in a statement. "I am delighted to welcome President Aquino on his first visit to New Zealand, particularly as our countries share so many interests, including as members of regional forums such as APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) and the East Asia Summit," said Key.

The Philippines was an important market for New Zealand dairy exports and

discussions were expected to include how the two countries could collaborate further in dairy development, as well as issues concerning the geothermal industry, tourism and aviation.

"The Philippines' economy is growing strongly, and President Aquino's administration is making progress to improve the business environment as well as peace and security," said Key.— Xinhua

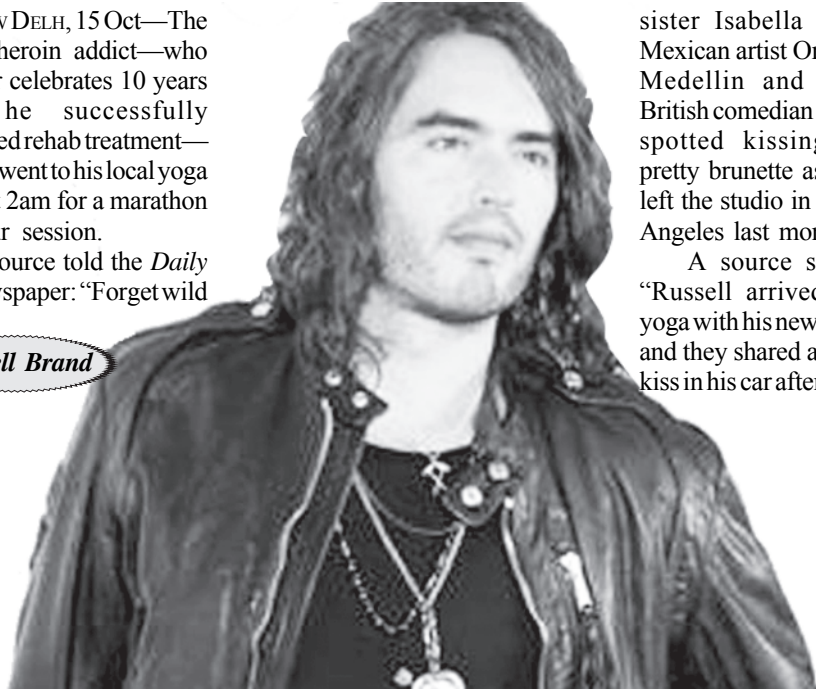
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Russell Brand swaps partying for all night yoga sessions

NEW DELHI, 15 Oct—The former heroin addict—who this year celebrates 10 years since he successfully completed rehab treatment—recently went to his local yoga studio at 2am for a marathon five-hour session.

A source told the *Daily Star* newspaper: “Forget wild

Russell Brand



partying or all-night bonking, Russell went on solo yoga enlightenment.

“He turned up alone at his local yoga studio at 2am, let himself in and meditated until 7am.”

Perhaps Russell likes to meditate alone as it was recently claimed his love life is “the talk of his yoga class”.

He met a number of his former lovers at the class including Jordana Brewster’s

sister Isabella and Mexican artist Oriela Medellin and the British comedian was spotted kissing a pretty brunette as he left the studio in Los Angeles last month.

A source said: “Russell arrived at yoga with his new girl and they shared a big kiss in his car after the

class. “His antics are the talk of his yoga class.

“He was spotted with a girl after his lesson last week too. He had just left the class and was all over her in a nearby cafe.” —PTI

Lindsay Lohan wants to do more charity work

NEW DELHI, 15 Oct—The 26-year-old actress is planning to help out disadvantaged children after being “inspired” by drinks company Mr Pink.

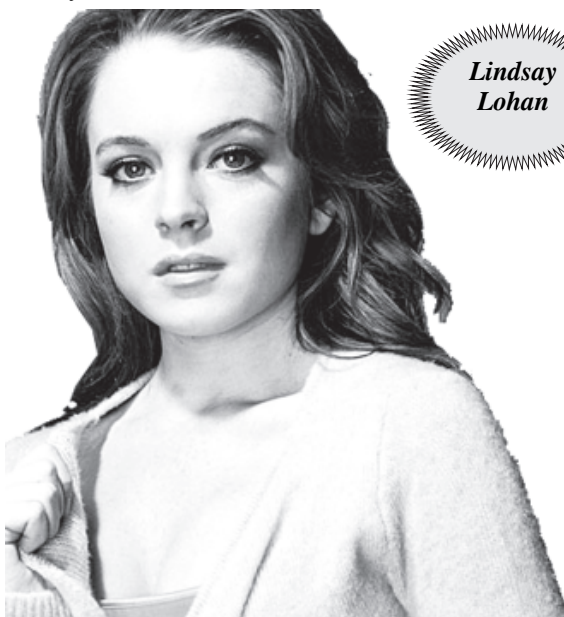
Speaking at the launch of the Mr Pink Ginseng Drink at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel last night (11.10.12), she told *Hollyscoop.com*: “I really appreciate what Mr Pink’s doing...I work with a lot of kids and he wants to get into charity work and that’s something that I aspire to do.”

Lindsay—who had an explosive row with her mother Dina earlier this week that saw

police called to the showbiz matriarch’s New York home—has had a turbulent few years, with numerous legal problems and stints in rehab but she is happy she is now getting her life back on track.

She said: “I’m working and being happy and just living my life the way I want to live it, which is working.”

The *Mean Girls* star recently shot *The Canyons* opposite porn star James Deen and she admits some of the racier scenes made for uncomfortable viewing—because she watched it with her mother.



Lindsay Lohan

She said: “It’s great, I saw it with my mom. It was hard for my mom to watch but

it was really good. [Director] Paul Schrader did a great job.” —PTI

Hotel worker fired for complimenting Jennifer Aniston



Jennifer Aniston

LONDON, 15 Oct—A New Mexico hotel worker claims he was fired for complimenting Jennifer Aniston.

Terry Siegler was recently dismissed from the Encantado Resort in Santa Fe—where the actress was staying while filming her new

movie *We’re the Millers*—because he broke the hotel’s strict celebrity confidentiality policy by speaking to other guests about the actress.

The former shuttle driver told US gossip website *TMZ* he only told guests that the 43-year-old actress was “very sweet and much more petite

than I thought.”

He claims that he was only responding to other guests who had asked him if he had seen the actress at the hotel and the guests were later overheard discussing the brief conversation about Jennifer by one of her entourage. He said: “They brought [Jennifer] up first ... Was I supposed to deny it?”

Terry, who is considering suing for wrongful termination, claims he was fired for violating the hotel’s celebrity privacy policy after Jennifer’s team complained to his supervisors that he was sharing private information about the actress to other guests.

The hotel’s General

Manager told *TMZ*: “I cannot confirm anything about our employees but I will say that we have a very strict confidentiality policy and we do enforce those policies.”

The incident does not seem to have dampened Jennifer’s New Mexico experience as she is said to be considering getting married to Justin Theroux there in the near future and is interested in exchanging vows at Julia Roberts’ secluded ranch there. A source said: “Jen has fallen in love with New Mexico, it has a very relaxed vibe that fits both her and Justin perfectly, so it would be a great place for them to have the wedding.”

Reuters

Mila Kunis won’t let her love life get in the way of her career

NEW DELHI, 14 Oct—The 29-year-old actress is currently dating Ashton Kutcher and was previously in a long term relationship with Macaulay Culkin but Hollywood veteran Britt Ekland believes Mila will always be successful because she is so mature.

She told *The Sun* newspaper: “Mila is fantastic. She is lovely, petite and wonderful. And she’s a modern, smart young person.

“Her boyfriend Ashton Kutcher has a good career too but I think she has managed not to let her men dominate her life.

“I think she’s a good role model. She was a star at a very young age and has a very good TV background—but converted to films very well. She’s 29 and has a certain

so popular because she is so down to earth.

She said: “The whole idea that because it’s Hollywood you have to be blonde and have big boobs and be inappropriately dressed—I don’t see that with her.

“Mila isn’t a bimbo and she doesn’t dress like one. Big handbags and expensive dresses aren’t her thing. If you go outside acting and look at the Kardashian phenomenon, it’s a huge brand and it’s all about status—Mila is the complete opposite.

“She either dresses up for the Golden Globes or the



Mila Kunis

“A lot of young actresses have a hard time combining a reasonable love life with a career.

But I have a feeling even if she was 21 she would still have that.”

Britt also believes Mila is

Oscars or she is dressing casually for herself. You don’t see her go out in Lady Gaga-style shoes.” —PTI

Brad Pitt has confessed he still knows how to get drugs

LONDON, 15 Oct—Brad Pitt has confessed he still knows how to get any drug he wants.

The 48-year-old father-of-six—who opened up about his former marijuana habit earlier this year—said he no longer uses drugs but is confident he would have no problem getting his hands on anything he wanted within 24 hours.

The *Killing Them Softly* actor said: “My drugs days are long since passed but it’s certainly true that I could probably land in any city in any state and get you whatever you wanted. I could find anything you were looking for. Give me 24 hours or so.”

Brad was speaking to the audience at a Los Angeles screening for the new hard-hitting documentary he executive produced

called *The House I Live In* about the war on drugs on Friday (12.10.12), according to the *Huffington Post*.

He said: “We have spent a trillion dollars. It’s lasted for

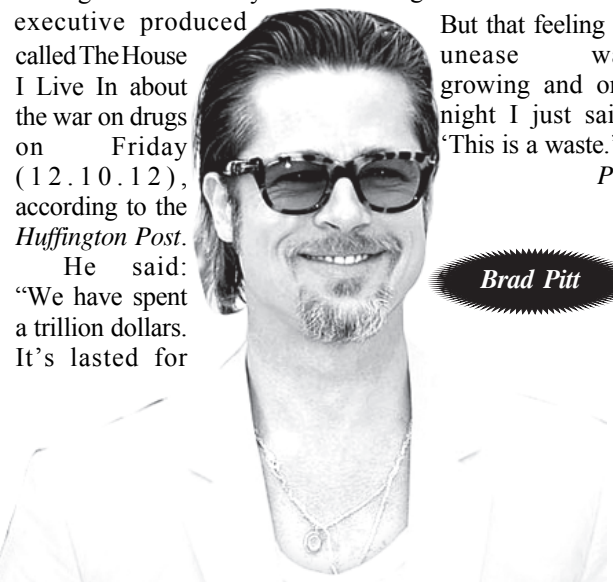
over 40 years. A lot of people have lost their lives for it. And yet we still talk about it like it’s this success.”

Earlier this year, the *Moneyball* star revealed he once used drugs as a way to escape the pressures of fame and this led to his battle with depression.

He said: “I got really sick of myself at the end of the 1990s: I was hiding out from the celebrity thing; I was smoking way too much dope; I was sitting on the couch and just turning into a doughnut; and I really got irritated with myself.

“I used to deal with depression, but I don’t now, not this decade—maybe last decade. “I was doing the same thing every night and numbing myself to sleep—the same routine: Couldn’t wait to get home and hide out.

But that feeling of unease was growing and one night I just said, “This is a waste.”” —PTI



Brad Pitt

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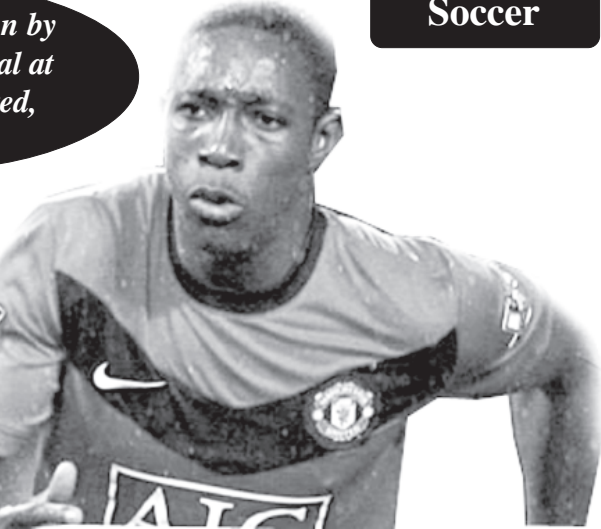
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LONDON, 15 Oct—Manchester United and England midfielder Michael Carrick believes that the recent good form of Danny Welbeck can be attributed to Robin van Persie's arrival at Old Trafford.

Despite the introduction of the 30.5 million euro Dutchman at Old Trafford, Welbeck has risen to the challenge well at both domestic and international level, finding the back of the net twice for England against San Marino on Friday.

And United teammate Carrick is delighted to see the Three Lions benefiting from the 21-year-old's response to Sir Alex Ferguson's new signing. "I am a massive fan of Danny's. I am probably a bit biased because of the United connection. But ever since I first saw him I have expected big things of him,"



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he told The Daily Mirror.

"He has had a terrific couple of years. People were looking at him when we signed Van Persie saying: 'Where is his position, where is he going to fit in?' But he showed he is still a major part of it and he was terrific against San Marino. "We have got so much strength, but he has been terrific. If he keeps performing like that he is only going to get better."

The ex-Tottenham man also highlighted Welbeck's versatility as a key attribute to his game, along with his

professional attitude.

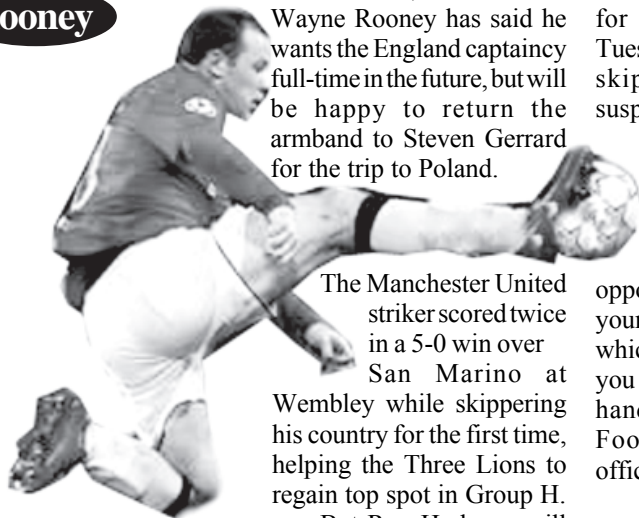
"He can create and score goals. He can play different positions, he can play wide, he can play up top - he is a real talent," Carrick added.

"He is modest too, what you'd expect coming through the ranks at United. The manager sets standards for the young lads and Danny doesn't get carried away and this won't change him at all.

"He just gets back and starts working hard again and that is what he does best - that is one of his biggest assets."—Reuters

Rooney hoping he can become full-time England captain in the future

Rooney



LONDON, 15 Oct—Wayne Rooney has said he wants the England captaincy full-time in the future, but will be happy to return the armband to Steven Gerrard for the trip to Poland.

The Manchester United striker scored twice in a 5-0 win over San Marino at Wembley while skipping his country for the first time, helping the Three Lions to regain top spot in Group H. But Roy Hodgson will

reinstate Gerrard as captain for match in Warsaw on Tuesday, with the Liverpool skipper back from suspension, although

Rooney hopes to claim the armband on a permanent basis in the future.

"If you can get the opportunity to captain your country, it's something which I think - as a player - you need to grab with both hands," Rooney told the Football Association's official website.

"In the future, hopefully that'll happen but, at the

Chinese amateur golfer Liu shines at CLPGA Chongqing Challenge

CHONGQING, 15 Oct—Chinese amateurs dominated the leader board during second round play at the Chongqing Challenge Saturday as 17-year-old Liu Yu fired a four-under 68 to take a two-shot lead at the 500,000RMB China LPGA Tour event.

Fourteen-year-old national team player Shi Yuting, who won two amateur events in September, continued her steady play shooting 68 over the Chongqing Poly Golf Club South Course to sit equal second with compatriot Xia Xin (72).

Veteran Zhang Na (73) was alone in fourth three shots back, while overnight leader Yeh Hsin-ning ballooned to a 75 to sit four shots off the pace with amateur He Muni (74).

Starting the day three shots back, Liu battled through the wet conditions and quickly got into contention with four birdies on the front nine.

After a double-bogey six on the 10th when she had to return to the tee following an unplayable lie, she bounced back to pick up strokes at the

12th and 14th holes before playing par golf back to the clubhouse.

"It's a perfect round except for the double bogey at No. 10. I had many good iron shots very close to the pin and many birdie chances. I'm happy to grab those chances, especially on the front nine. This golf course is a great challenge so if you bogey some holes you shouldn't panic," Liu said.

After finishing fifth at last month's Tianjin Challenge where she carded a 74 playing in the final group, the Beijing native said she learned from the experience and it would help her in Chongqing.

"I think I can deal with pressure in the final group tomorrow. In fact, I'm a little bit disappointed that Zhang Na is not in the same group with me. She's a great player and if I can win in the same group as her it's a great satisfaction." The back nine proved the downfall of Xia for a second consecutive day.

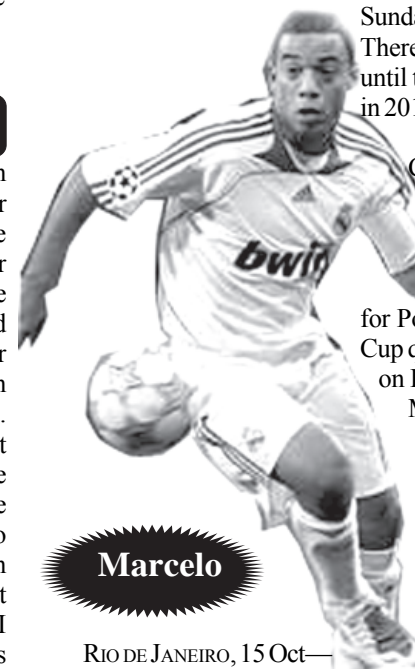


Liu Yu

After three birdies on the front nine to get to five-under, the Beijing native carded a bogey-five on the 10th hole. Recovering for a birdie three at the 13th to take the tournament lead at five-under, she then bogeyed the 17th and took a double-bogey seven at the last after finding bunker trouble.

"That was my first time atop the leader board and this is whole new world to me. I felt a little bit panic at the last two holes. I am too greedy at the last hole. I'm eager to finish with a good birdie," Xia said. "This is a lesson which I will carry into the last day. Tomorrow, I will try my best to play solid from tee to green and avoid thinking too much."—Reuters

Marcelo injury gives Mourinho selection headache



Marcelo

Sunday. "I will be back soon. There is a long way to go until the Confederations Cup in 2013 and I hope to be a part of it," Marcelo said.

Coentrao is expected to miss a month after suffering a left adductor strain while playing for Portugal in its 1-0 World Cup qualifying loss to Russia on Friday.

Mourinho has now been left without a specialist left-back in his squad with Michael Essien or Alvaro Arbeloa candidates to temporarily fill the role.

Xinhua

RIO DE JANEIRO, 15 Oct—Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho has been left with a selection headache after Brazilian Marcelo joined fellow left-back Fabio Coentrao on the club's injury list on Sunday.

Marcelo faces three months on the sidelines after fracturing the fifth metatarsal in his right foot while training with the Brazilian national squad in the Polish city of Wroclaw.

The defender has already been booked on a flight back to Spain where he will begin his recovery under the supervision of Real Madrid's medical staff, the Brazilian Football Confederation said on



Mourinho

Iberia Star win UEFA Cup Futsal Elite Group D qualifiers

TBILISI, 15 Oct—Iberia Star Tbilisi from hosts Georgia on Sunday overwhelmed a one-man-short SL Benfica of Portugal to win the Group D of the Elite qualification for the 2012-2013 UEFA Cup Futsal finals.

The Brazilian-starred Georgian side will join the winners from three other Elite group qualification to play in the finals in April next year in a place yet to be

nominated.

With five minutes to go, the scoring was tied at 4-4. After a penalty converted and a man sent off for fouling bid, the Iberia Stars did not look back and added two more goals to their credit in the dying seconds to the roars of a partisan home crowd to finish off the game 7-4.

Earlier in the day, Gyori ETO FC of Hungary nipped Luparense C/5 from Italy 3-2.

Xinhua



Krista Duchene of Canada celebrates after crossing the finish line at the 23rd Toronto Waterfront Marathon in Toronto, Canada, on 14 Oct, 2012. This annual event attracted 23,000 participants from over 50 countries and regions.—XINHUA

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- 8:10 am
4. Documentary
- 8:20 am
5. Teleplay (Health)
- 8:40 am
6. International News
- 8:25 pm
7. University of Distance Education (TV lecture) Third Year (Oriental)
- 4:40 pm
8. Song for Upholding National Spirit
- 4:45 pm
9. Road to 27th SEA GAMES (Bicycle)

5:00 pm

10. The Mirror Images of the Musical Oldies

5:15 pm

11. Myanmar Traditional (Music)

5:40 pm

12. Documentary

6:00 pm

13. Evening News

6:15 pm

14. Weather Report

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International News

17. Weather Report

18. Documentary

Austrian skydiver makes historic supersonic free fall from "edge of space" Skydiving

HOUSTON, 15 Oct — Austrian extreme athlete and skydiver Felix Baumgartner made a record-breaking free fall from a capsule 24 miles (38,400 meters) above Roswell in New Mexico, the US, on Sunday, becoming the first skydiver to break the sound barrier. The 43-year-old former military parachutist lifted his arms in victory after landing in eastern New Mexico desert minutes after jumping from the stratosphere.

Baumgartner took off in a pressurized capsule carried by a 55-story ultra-thin helium balloon in a more than two hours journey into the stratosphere, and then he jumped into a near vacuum with no oxygen to begin the fastest, farthest free fall from the highest-ever manned balloon. The jump was postponed twice last week because of high winds. Baumgartner almost made an attempt last Tuesday, but the launch was canceled in the

last minute when he was waiting in his capsule for the giant helium balloon to finish inflating, a gust of wind knocked down the balloon.

There was a live Internet stream of the event from nearly 30 cameras on the capsule, the ground and a helicopter. After a weather delay of several hours Sunday morning, the balloon rose from its launch site at 9:30 am MT (11:30 am ET), with Baumgartner in the capsule hanging beneath it. Shortly after launch, screens at mission control showed the capsule as it rose above 3,000 meters, high above the New Mexico desert as cheers erupted from people on the ground. Baumgartner, dubbed "Fearless Felix," planned to fall 115,000 feet (35,052 meters) in less than five minutes, then deploy a parachute for the final 5,000 feet (1,524 meters) to earth.

The daredevil dive has risks.

Xinhua



Pilot Felix Baumgartner of Austria and Technical Project Director Art Thompson of the US celebrate after Baumgartner successfully completed the final manned flight for Red Bull Stratos in Roswell, New Mexico, on 14 Oct, 2012. — XINHUA

A taxi drives past a damaged building in the al Katerji Tariq district in Aleppo city in northern Syria on 14 Oct, 2012. REUTERS



BEIRUT, 15 Oct — Turkey has banned all Syrian aircraft from its air space as it takes an increasingly firm stance against President Bashar al-Assad, while Syrian rebels said on Sunday they had made more gains in a key province near the Turkish border. Human Rights Watch

Turkey bans Syrian planes from its air space, rebels gain Turkey

said Syrian government forces had dropped Russian-

ranked against Assad. Turkish confrontation with Syria increased in the past two weeks because of cross-border shelling and escalated on 10 October when Ankara forced down a Syrian airliner en route from Moscow, accusing it of carrying Russian munitions for Assad's military.

Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said on Sunday Turkish air space had been closed to Syrian planes. Syria banned Turkish planes from flying over its territory on Saturday. "We made a new decision yesterday and informed Syria. We closed our air space to civilian Syrian flights as well as military flights," Davutoglu said. Russia has said there were no weapons on the ground plane and that it was carrying a legal cargo of radar.

But it moved to cool friction with Ankara - Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said the incident would not hurt "solid" relations.

The bloodshed inside Syria has worsened markedly in the past two months although neither side has been able to gain a distinct advantage. Combat has been reported nationwide but the crucial strategic battles are being fought in an arc through western Syria, where most of the population lives. Rebels surrounded an army garrison on Sunday near a northwestern town, in the latest push to seize more territory near the border with Turkey, opposition activists said. Rebels also posted video on the Internet purportedly showing a fighter jet they had shot down in the area the previous day.

Reuters

made cluster bombs over civilian areas in the past week as they battled to reverse rebel advances, an act which rights groups say can constitute a war crime.

NATO-member Turkey has increasingly taken on a leadership role in the international coalition

Hungary central bank chief thinks country should still adopt euro Monetary

TOKYO, 15 Oct — The sovereign debt crisis in Europe is having a negative impact on even non-eurozone countries like Hungary, but that does not diminish the need for Budapest to introduce the euro, Hungarian central bank governor Andras Simor said Sunday in Tokyo.

It is not a question of if, but it's a question of when," said Simor, when asked during an interview with Kyodo News if Hungary should adopt the common currency.

But given the crisis, he

added, "We need to learn from the mistakes that other countries have made, who have joined but not that successfully."

Simor, who is visiting Japan for the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, said that switching the currency from the forint to the euro would mean that the country will lose a "tool of adjustment." Also, beyond fulfilling the Maastricht euro convergence criteria, Hungary needs to be better prepared — in such areas as labor and budget — than

some countries that joined the eurozone before. Simor said joining the euro is "very important" because of Hungary's already strong link to the eurozone in trade and banking.

"I would say that Hungary, in terms of trade, is probably more integrated into the eurozone than some countries which are already members of the eurozone," Simor said. "Therefore, any unfavorable economic development in the eurozone has an immediate impact on Hungary."

Kyodo

Pilot killed in Yemeni helicopter crash due to technical problems

DEN, (Yemen), 15 Oct — A military helicopter with a pilot onboard crashed near the Anad air base in Yemen's southern province of Lahj on Monday, a government official told Xinhua. Technical problems caused the chopper to go down as it was preparing to take off in the Anad air base located in Lahj province, the pilot died later with serious injuries, the local government official said, requesting anonymity.

The accident took place at around 9.25 am local time, when the military helicopter encountered some technical

problems and crashed near the air base, the government official said.

The Anad military air base used by US army to train Yemeni counter-terrorism forces in combating al-Qaida militants in the country's restive south.

A military official told Xinhua anonymously that "the chopper crashed and caused a huge blast in the area.

The reasons of the incident are under investigation." A witness said that "the plane burst into a pillar of flame and smoke that could

be seen up to one kilometer away."

The country's Defense Ministry confirmed the incident in a brief text message stating that "a Russian-made MiG-21 crashed during training mission in the Anad air base. Technical problems were behind the incident."

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.

Xinhua

Job creation and technological transfer through investing in oil and gas sector, SMEs and other sectors beneficial to Myanmar



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyohta Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint addresses launching of Australia-Myanmar Business Taskforce at Asialink on 32nd floor of Corrs Chambers Westgarth Governor Phillip Tower.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct— At the invitation of the Speakers of Senate and House of Representatives of Australia, Myanmar Hluttaw delegation led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyohta Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint paid a goodwill visit to Australia and arrived at Sydney International Airport on 6 October evening where they were welcomed by Myanmar Ambassador U Paw Lwin Sein, Director Mr. Andres Lomp of International Relations Office of Australia Parliament and officials.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and party on 7 October morning went sightseeing by boat along Sydney beach and enjoyed the luncheon hosted by Member of Parliament Chief

Japan foreign minister offers apology to former US POWs

TOKYO, 15 Oct— Foreign Minister Koichiro Gamba offered an apology to former prisoners of war from the United States on Monday for the damage and suffering they were forced to endure in captivity during World War II.

Gamba also conveyed to 14 guests, including seven former POWs, his intention of advancing consultations for reconciliation, according to Japanese officials.

Government Whip Hon Joel Fitzgibbon.

On 8 October morning, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker addressed the opening of Australia-Myanmar Business Taskforce organized by Asialink on the 32nd floor of Corrs Chambers Westgarth Governor Phillip Tower. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker answered the queries on cooperation in education, social and economic development in Myanmar.

Next, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker gave an interview to Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) and explained political changes in Myanmar.

At Sydney University where Director of Sydney

One of the former POWs, Douglas Northam, told reporters he hopes the Japanese government continues the visit programme, stressing that people should work to prevent a bad era from returning.

The former POWs and others visited Japan at the invitation of the Foreign Ministry. It is the third such trip by former POWs from the United States following the first one in 2010.—Kyodo

Southeast Asia Centre Director Michele Ford gave an account of the University, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker said he was glad to see Myanmar students who are taking courses in the university, saying that he would like to ask for more Myanmar students to be accepted. He stressed the need for promotion of education standard of the citizens in shaping the country into modern and developed one. The

Seven non-formal education camps in operation in Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct— Education Department has opened seven non-formal education camps in Mawlamyine Township to enable adult illiterates pursue education.

A team of Mon State Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare

Myanmar delegation viewed round the Sydney University.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and delegation members met Governor of New South Wales H.E Professor Marie Bashir ACCVO at the latter's residence. The Governor said that he was very glad to welcome the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and delegation members. He met with persons, scholars and

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Supervisory Committee by Daw San San Lwin, Chairperson of the two leading social organizations, visited the camps on 11 October to provide stationery and refreshments.

Their visit is aimed at ensuring regular schooling of the students at the camps.—MNA

Free clinic opens in Hsihseng

HSIHSENG, 15 Oct— Under the auspices of Presiding Nayaka of Zawarayama Pariyatti Monastery Bhaddanta Kovida of Hsihseng Township, the opening ceremony of free clinic was held at Ariya Maggin Myole Dhammayon in Hsihseng on 12 October afternoon.

The health care services team led by Dr U Khun Hla Maung and Dr U Min Lwin Oo of Taunggyi and Township Health APariyatti Group provided free medical checkups to 78 general patients and medicines to them. The clinic is opened once five day weekly.—Kyemon

Plan under way for 13 more waterworks

YANGON, 15 Oct— About 160 million gallons of water is being supplied to the dwellers in Yangon daily. A plan is under way to build 13 more waterworks in five townships to be able to supply water to the far distance areas of the water pipelines.

The townships where the waterworks will be built are six in Thingangyun

Township, three in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, two in Dagon Myothit (East) Township, one in Bahan Township and one in Mingala Taungnyunt Township.

On completion, water can be supplied for the local consumption of the five townships located in the far distance of pipelines.

Myanma Alin

Chinese leaders mourn death of Cambodia's former King Sihanouk

BEIJING, 15 Oct— Chinese leaders on Monday expressed condolences on the death of Cambodia's former King Norodom Sihanouk, calling him "a great friend of the Chinese people."

In a statement, the Foreign Ministry said Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi, State Councilor Dai Bingguo and Li Zhanshu, director of the General Office of the Communist Party of China's Central Committee earlier visited Sihanouk in Beijing Hospital as he lay dying and conveyed their sympathy to him.

Sihanouk, who abdicated in October 2004 and was succeeded by his son Norodom Sihamoni as king, regularly traveled to Beijing to undergo medical checkups and treatment, spending months at a time in the Chinese capital.

Chinese doctors had

treated him for various ailments, including cancer, diabetes, hypertension and cataracts.

In the past, he also lived for extended periods in Beijing as well as in Pyongyang, having built good relations with China and North Korea for decades.

Chinese Vice-President Xi Jinping visited Cambodia's former Queen Norodom Monineath Sihanouk on Monday and expressed his condolence and sympathy over the death of the former king.

Also calling him "an old friend of the Chinese people," Xi hailed Sihanouk for forging a "profound friendship" with generations of Chinese leaders and making an "indelible contribution" to creating and cultivating China-Cambodia relations, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.—Kyodo

Iran, UN-AL envoy to Syria urge resolving Syrian issue in peaceful way



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Krista Duchene of Canada celebrates after crossing the finish line at the 23rd Toronto Waterfront Marathon in Toronto, Canada, on 14 Oct, 2012. This annual event attracted 23,000 participants from over 50 countries and regions.



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