

Necessary assistance to be provided to MPC without harming its freedom



President U Thein Sein shakes hands with a member of Myanmar Press Council (Interim).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—President U Thein Sein met the chairman and party of Myanmar Press Council (Interim) at the meeting hall of the 500-acre farmer educative mechanized farm, here, at 9 am today.

The Myanmar Press Council (Interim) reported on progress of work since its establishment, submission of the media bill, future plan for development of journalist ethics and journalism, assistant to be provided by the State for development of private media sector, their opinion on Public Service

Media Bill, future plan of Myanmar Press Council and difficulties in gathering news from government departments.

In his address, the President expressed thanks for members of the Myanmar Press Council for their efforts to place emphasis on development of media despite their tight schedule and aged. He pledged that necessary assistance would be provided to the tasks of the council without interfering in its freedom. Again, he thanked them for their endeavours to protect rights and duty of media

persons through the law for the first time in the nation. Although there would be differences in drawing the bills, coordination must be made in line with democratic practice, he said.

The President called for considering the historical background of the nation, customs and culture of Myanmar and teachings of religions in drawing the media laws meeting international standards. In media reform process, he stressed the need to observe the practice of mature democracies

and experiences of neighbouring countries and infant democracies. The media world should be uplifted step by step to reach the goal, he said. In conclusion, the President pledged quick information from ministries.

Also present on the occasion were Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi, Deputy Minister U Pike Htwe, Chairman of Myanmar Press Council (Interim) U Khin Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman U Khin Maung Lay (Po Thauk Kyar) and Secretary U Kyaw Min Swe.—MNA

President U Thein Sein felicitates Vietnamese counterpart, PM

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—On the occasion of the 68th Anniversary of the National Day of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, which falls on 2 September 2013, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Truong Tan Sang, President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and His Excellency Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

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Students can enjoy free access to Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw), Planetarium and Safari Park

“With the aim of enabling the students to widen the scopes of their knowledge, the Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Garden, Planetarium and the Nay Pyi Taw Safari Park will be opened to the students every week free of charge,” an official told Myanmar

Alinn Daily.

It is aimed at ensuring the students to get knowledge about botany, zoology and universe. The students from the Basic Education Schools in Nay Pyi Taw will have free access to the Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Garden, Planetarium and the Nay



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Pyi Taw Safari Park weekly, said Administrator U Khin Myint from the Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Garden.

This week turn is for fifty-five students and teachers from BEHS No. 18 of Dekkhinathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw. As part of education

assistance programme, Htoo Foundation and Zoological Gardens and Parks Department will jointly arrange lunch and others for their convenience, he added.

“We will make arrangements for students (See page 8)

Anti-Narcotic Drives

Stimulant tablets worth K 1300 million unearthed in Tachilek



Narcotic drugs seized near Sanphu Village of Tachilek Township found by security personnel and local authorities.

TACHILEK, 1 Sept— While discharging security duty, the policemen found a suspected pit near Mongphone-A Village in Tachilek Township at 10.30 am on 28 August.

They saw a blue plastic container on the slope of the hill while it was raining. When they unearthed it, they saw 13 packets of stimulant tablets containing 50,000 tablets each with WY brand covered with charcoal in the plastic container.

They found 650,000 stimulant tablets worth K 1300 million.

The officials reviewed that the group of Sai Naw Kham buried the stimulant tablets one and a half years ago. Officials of Tachilek Anti-Drug Special Squad

accepted the stimulant tablets together with witnesses on 29 August.

A file was opened over the seizure of stimulant tablets.

A similar incident occurred in Tachilek Township at 4 pm on 29 August.

According to the information that a trawler carrying narcotic drugs left for Tachilek from Kengluk Sub-Township, IP Tin Htay of Tahley Sub-Township Police Station together with Deputy Commander of Tachilek Township Police Force Police Captain Win Zaw Oo, SIP Aung Kyaw Than, IP Hla Thwin of Tachilek Anti-Drug Squad (Special) and officials raided the areas along Tachilek-

Kengtung Union Highway.

On arrival at Yankin-1 Village of Nayawng Village-tract in Tahley Sub-Township, they found a suspected vehicle at 4.45 pm.

The authorities searched the trawler together with witnesses and seized 31 bags of white powder believed to be caffeine in 31 bags each weighing 25 kilos.

All the bags of white powder were 755 kilos worth K 75,000 each, amounting to K 58,125,000.

A file of lawsuit was opened against driver Tin Tun Naung, 30 of Yankin 1 Village.

Officials are striving for arresting more related persons of the cases.

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Business

Plan to build Mottama Hotel Zone

YANGON, 1 Sept— Permission is being sought to build a hotel zone on Mottama mountain range, it was learnt.

Only then will small scale hotel zone be established on the mountain ranges due to narrowed area of land.

In this regard, Mon State Minister for Planning and Finance Dr Min Nwe Soe said, "Permission is being sought to build the hotel zone on Mottama hill. However, it will not be allowed to build the high-rise buildings covering the scenes of historical religious edifices on the mountain ranges. Permission will be given so as to undertake regional development. We will permit construction of

hotels not only on the hills but on islands."

U Aung Kyaw Moe, Director of Thanlwin Aye Company that submitted application for construction of the hotels said, "We plan to build hotels on 23 acres of land on the mountain ranges. The bungalows will have to accommodate 150-200 guests. We have ordered the architects to create best designs for the buildings. When we receive designs and permit for construction, the project will commence. Three companies including our's submitted the applications for the construction."

On their visit to Myanmar, Thai entrepreneurs were very interested in construction

of hotels on the mountain ranges. The Thai entrepreneurs have already signed the MoU with Myanmar entrepreneurs to do mutual interest works. Thai entrepreneurs offered to open modern Thai restaurant in Mawlamyine, said Secretary of Mon State Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Htin Aung Kyaw.

Necessary assistance will be provided to entrepreneurs from hotels and tourism field for construction of the hotel zone, said Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung in meeting with entrepreneurs and hoteliers on his visit to Mawlamyine on 27 August.

Kyemon-Thaw Zet

Accident

Decayed lamp-post falls down on bus

YANGON, 1 Sept—A concrete lamp-post in decay condition fell down on the road at 2 pm on 29 August.

The lamp-post was located on the approach road to Bayintnaung Bridge on Yangon-Pathein Road in Mayangon Township.

In the incident, the lamp-post fell on the bus of No 86th bus line. Workers of Mayangon Electrical Station, those of Mayangon Township, Traffic Police members and local people collectively removed the



lamp-post from the car. In the incident, there was no injury and loss. Kyemon-040

National Sports

Former selected footballers of Myanmar and Thailand meet in tune-up match



YANGON, 1 Sept—The former selected Myanmar footballers held a tune-up match with those of Thailand at Aung San Stadium at 4 pm on 30 August.

The match ended with a 3-1 win for Thailand.

Under the arrangements of Myanmar Football Federation and Football Association of Thailand, the friendly match was held on 30 August in which the Thai team was not with renowned footballers but it won victory over host Myanmar with brilliant skills.

Former Myanmar team was formed with great veterans Than Toe Aung, Myo Hlaing Win, Kyi Lwin, Win Aung, Tin Myint Aung, Aung Kyaw Kyaw, Aung

Tun Tun and so on.

Although Myanmar footballers could not hold the speed due to their age, they could show off their skills and power in their works.

Nonetheless, veteran striker Myo Hlaing Win is still holding up his skills, speed, stamina and power in his profession.

Sarawat scored two goals for the guest at 35th and 41st minutes. Maung Maung Htay scored once equalizer for the host.

At 73rd minute, veteran midfielder Tin Myint Aung missed the chance to change a great opportunity for penalty kick into the net as one more equalizer.

Kyemon-Chit Ko Ko

Tree falls into Aungmingala Creek in Tamway Township



YANGON, 1 Sept—Due to heavy rains in recent days, a raintree caused uproot and fell into Aungmingala Creek in Pathein Nyunt Ward of Tamway Township.

The fallen tree blocked the current of creek.

Workers and officials of Parks and Playgrounds

Department under Yangon City Development Committee led by the Township Development Affairs Committee Executive Officer cleared the fallen tree and debris in the creek for proper flow water on 26 August.

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Obama says US to strike Syria but with Congress' consent

WASHINGTON, 1 Sept—US President Barack Obama said on Saturday he has decided to take military action against Syria in reaction to its alleged use of chemical weapons against civilians but he will seek congressional consent beforehand. With the announcement the United States is expected to strike the regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad not within days as was widely expected but in mid-September at the earliest.

"I have decided that the United States should take military action against Syrian regime targets," Obama told a Press conference at the White House.

But he added, "I will seek authorization for the use of force from the American people's representatives in Congress."

Leading members of Congress have already agreed to hold a debate on the matter and will take a vote once they return from their summer recess on 8 September, Obama said.

Leading lawmakers of both Democratic and Republican parties discussed the Syrian issue with Obama on Saturday and House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner plans to hold a congressional debate on the matter in the week starting 9 September. Obama made the announcement



US President Barack Obama makes remarks on the situation in Syria, at the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington on 31 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

two days after the British parliament voted down a proposal by Prime Minister David Cameron that Britain join the United States in the envisioned attack on Syria.

Obama said on Saturday that the Assad regime's use of chemical weapons against people in its own country is an assault on hu-

man dignity and also presents "a serious danger to our national security."

The US government said on Friday it concluded at least 1,429 people, including 426 children, were killed in the poison gas attacks by the Assad regime on 21 August in the Damascus suburbs.—Kyodo News

Analysing Syrian chemical weapons evidence could take three weeks

AMSTERDAM, 1 Sept—Fully assessing the evidence collected by weapons inspectors investigating last week's alleged chemical weapons attack in Syria could take up to three weeks, the organization in charge of the investigation said on Saturday.

The team, which included nine experts from the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and three from the World

Health Organization, arrived at the OPCW's Hague headquarters on Saturday evening after leaving Syria early in the morning.

"The evidence collected by the team will now undergo laboratory analysis and technical evaluation according to the established and recognized procedures and standards," the OPCW said in a statement. "These procedures may take up to three weeks."

Reuters



UN weapons inspectors who had been gathering evidence and samples relating to alleged chemical weapons use in Syria enter the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) building in The Hague on 31 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

Australian PM Rudd makes last-ditch plea to voters as polls slip

CANBERRA, 1 Sept—Australia's Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, struggling to avert a landslide election defeat in six days, pledged tax breaks and education programmes on Sunday to counter a slowing economy in a last-ditch plea to voters.

Rudd, promising a "New Way" in his main campaign launch in the battleground state of Queensland, sought to capitalize on unease among voters about promised conservative opposition spending cuts, warning they would hurt jobs and confidence.

"In this election we are now engaged in the fight of our lives," he told thousands of cheering sup-

porters. "Never, ever, ever underestimate my fighting spirit as your prime minister. I have been in tougher spots before and come back from behind," said Rudd, the leader of Australia's

first minority government in decades.

A Galaxy poll in newspapers belonging to media magnate Rupert Murdoch gave opposition leader Tony Abbott a 53

to 47 percent lead over Labour, enough to deliver a convincing parliamentary majority to the conservatives on Saturday after six years in the wilderness.

Major weekend newspapers across the country also called for a switch in government. Sydney's mass-selling Sun-Herald criticized Rudd's centre-left Labour as "negative, incoherent, incohesive and, the worst of all, uninspiring".

The apparent malaise among a majority of Australia's 14 million voters, for whom voting is compulsory, comes despite the country being in its 22nd year of unbroken growth and with joblessness at a relatively low 5.7 percent.

Australia under Labour steered safely through the 2008 global financial crisis, buoyed by a China-led resource export boom that transformed it into one of the world's best economies.

Much of the anger against Labour comes from a leadership fight that has simmered through its six years in power.—Reuters



Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd talks during the People's Forum with opposition leader Tony Abbott in Sydney on 28 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

China-ASEAN cooperation drives investment westward

NANNING, 1 Sept—Businessman Wu Jinpei says that moving business from developed eastern China to the southern Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region seemed unwise a decade ago, but has become a "far-sighted" decision.

Wu moved his candy business from coastal Fujian to Guangxi in 2012 to ride the wave of deepening cooperation between China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). "We invested in Guangxi because the region is a gateway to the ASEAN, which provides great geographic advantages and

potential markets," said Wu, general manager of the Golden Crown Candy Food Guangxi Co, Ltd.

"We expect to open up the ASEAN market with the help of close China-ASEAN relations and the favoured location of the Beibu Gulf," said Wu.

China and ASEAN have had an established strategic partnership since 2003, and it has proved successful over the past decade, with the two-way trade volume in 2012 exceeding 400 billion US dollars, about five times that of 2003.

Customs data show that foreign trade between

Guangxi and the ASEAN surged 38.6 percent year on year to 7.51 billion US dollars in the first half of 2013, and the ASEAN has been Guangxi's biggest trade partner for 13 years in a row. This backdrop has lured many businesses like Wu's to extend their branches in Guangxi.

Wu Xingqiang, head of the Fujian Chamber of Commerce in Guangxi's Pingxiang City, near the China-Vietnam border, is among the first group of business people there to have made their fortunes and witnessed the development of this port city.

Xinhua

Abe, Yudhoyono to meet on fringes of G-20 summit

TOKYO, 1 Sept—Japan and Indonesia are arranging a meeting of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono on the sidelines of a two-day summit of the Group of 20 major economies to be held from Thursday in St. Petersburg, Russia, a government source said on Saturday.

Abe, who places emphasis on deepening ties with members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, hopes to strength-

en the economic and security relations between Japan and Indonesia.

During the bilateral meeting, Abe and Yudhoyono are expected to discuss cooperation when Indonesia hosts a string of meetings of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum and Japan hosts a special Japan-ASEAN summit in December, the source said.

Abe last met with the Indonesian president in Jakarta in January.

Kyodo News



Members of the Malaysian police take part in the 56th National Day celebrations at Independence on Square in Kuala Lumpur, on 31 Aug, 2013. Malaysia marks its 56th National Day to commemorate the independence of the Federation of Malaya from British rule in 1957.—XINHUA

HTC Desire 600c dual-SIM with CDMA support listed on company's India website



KOLKATA, 1 Sept—After unveiling the mid-range HTC Desire 600 dual-SIM (GSM+GSM) smartphone for the Indian market, the Taiwanese major is all set to launch another variant of the phone, the HTC Desire 600c dual-SIM (GSM+CDMA). The handset has already been listed on HTC's official website.

The HTC Desire 600c dual-SIM measures 134.9x66.78x9.55mm and weighs 127 grams. It features a 4.5-inch qHD display. The device is powered by a 1.2GHz quad-core Qualcomm Snapdragon processor coupled with 1GB of RAM. It comes with 8GB of internal storage which is expandable up

to 64GB via microSD card. The HTC Desire 600c dual-SIM sports an 8-megapixel rear camera with auto focus accompanied by an LED flash and is capable of 720p video recording. There is 1.6-megapixel front-facing camera with BSI sensor.

HTC Desire 600c also features dual frontal stereo speakers with built-in amplifiers. Connectivity options include 3.5mm audio jack, Micro-USB, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, DLNA, GPS/AGPS and NFC. It also includes an 1860mAh battery.

The HTC Desire 600c dual-SIM is not a re-hash of its predecessor. Though the device sports almost the same specifications, it is not identical in design.

The HTC Desire 600c dual-SIM is a CDMA variant and supports GSM+CDMA networks. The phone runs Android Jelly Bean with HTC Sense on top with BlinkFeed and other features. However, it's not clear at this stage whether the phone is running Android 4.1 or Android 4.2.—PTI

Samsung Galaxy Note III release pegged for 27 September

KOLKATA, 1 Sept—With Samsung's supposed on 4 September Galaxy Note III unveiling event just a week away, now we hear rumours about the expected release dates for the device in various markets. A new report claims that the Galaxy Note III will reportedly go on sale on 27 September in the Taiwanese market, while the device will be up for pre-orders from 16 September.

The news comes from the Taiwanese site ePrice which cites its sources and claims that the dates of pre-orders and launch may be changed; however the site does not expect major changes in the roll out of the device in Taipei.

Earlier, a Samsung official had confirmed that the company will be unveiling the next-generation Galaxy Note device and the long-rumoured Galaxy Gear smart watch on 4 September. There have been reports that suggested that the South Korean major may start shipping the Galaxy Note III in September itself. An earlier report had indicated the likely shipping date of the latest Note



device to be from week 36, which is from 2 September to 8 September.

Recently, a new set of leaked images of the alleged Galaxy Note III screen surfaced online, that suggested that the next Galaxy Note device will feature a 5.68-inch display. Other rumoured specifications include a full-HD Super AMOLED display with a resolution of 1080x1920

pixels, quad-core Snapdragon 800/ Exynos octa-core processor with 3GB of RAM.

The internal storage capacity is expected to start from 32GB, instead of 16GB as has been the norm with flagship devices. It is also said to sport a 13-megapixel rear camera, a 3,200mAh battery, and run Android 4.3 Jelly Bean.

PTI

Skype confirms plans to launch 3D video calls

KOLKATA, 1 Sept—It looks like teleportation will soon be a reality just like what we've seen in sci-fi movies. Well, that's exaggerating things a bit, but Skype, the popular voice and video chat service is looking at introducing 3D or 3-dimensional calls. Celebrating Skype's 10th

anniversary, Microsoft's Corporate VP for Skype, Mark Gillett gave a candid interview to the BBC in which he mentioned that the company was working on 3D-screens and 3D-capture technology. "We've done work in the labs looking at the capability of 3D-screens and 3D-capture," said Gillett. "We've seen a lot of progress in screens and a lot of people now buy TVs and computer monitors that are capable of delivering a 3D image. However, Gillett who joined Skype in 2010 before it was acquired by Microsoft, said that developing the technology and taking it to the masses would take more time. "But the capture devices are not yet there. As we work with that kind of technology you have to add multiple cameras to your computer, precisely



calibrate them and point them at the right angle." "We have it in the lab, we know how to make it work and we're looking at the ecosystem of devices and their capability to support it in order to make a decision when we might think about bringing something like that to market," he said.

Live 3D video calls would need multiple cameras to capture all angles, and there aren't any good 3D viewing devices that render 3D without the user needing to wear special glasses. So Skype's work would not be easy. "We're in the first year of your TV at home potentially having a camera attached to it, but we're several years away from the cameras capturing 3D in that context. You'll see much more penetration of 3D on TVs, on computers and ultimately in smartphones, probably, ahead of seeing it for sending a video call," elaborated Gillett.

3D technology has not really taken off at the mainstream level with problems such as the lack of good content, or the lack of glass-less 3D devices plaguing the entertainment industry.

PTI

Verizon, Vodafone boards set to vote on \$130 billion wireless deal

NEW YORK, 1 Sept—The boards of Verizon Communications and Vodafone Group Plc are expected to vote this weekend on a \$130 billion deal, funded by about \$65 billion of debt, to give the US telecom giant complete ownership of Verizon Wireless, people familiar with the matter said on Saturday. A deal, which the sources said could be announced as soon as Monday, would cap Verizon's decade-long effort to win full control of the No 1 US wireless provider.

At \$130 billion, it would be the third-largest corporate acquisition of all time and mark British telecom giant Vodafone's exit from the large but mature US market. Vodafone owns 45 percent of the Verizon Wireless joint venture that was formed in 2000. Verizon Communications and Vodafone declined to comment. Verizon plans to pay for half of the purchase with its own stock, the sources said. For the rest, it has tapped JPMorgan Chase & Co, Morgan Stanley, Barclays Plc and Bank of

America Merrill Lynch to help raise the funds through a mix of bonds and bank loans, the sources said.

The banks are joint lead arrangers of the financing, with JPMorgan and Morgan Stanley serving as global coordinators, the sources said. The four banks are also advising Verizon, along with former Morgan Stanley banker Paul Taubman and Guggenheim Partners, the sources said. Taubman, the former co-president of Morgan Stanley's institutional securities business and a top dealmaker, left the Wall Street firm earlier this year after 27 years there. Goldman Sachs Group Inc and UBS AG are advising

Vodafone, the sources said.

Goldman Sachs declined to comment, while the other banks were not immediately available for comment. Since Verizon, led by Chief Executive Lowell McAdam, already had operational control of the wireless company, the deal is not expected to create any changes for its customers, but its additional financial firepower could help the company boost its service going forward. After the deal, Vodafone, the world's second largest mobile operator, will have assets in Europe and emerging markets such as India, Turkey and Africa. But it raises questions about what the company will do with

the windfall. Top investors in Vodafone contacted by Reuters earlier this week were split between those wanting to see the cash returned as dividends and those wanting the firm to invest it.

A deal would come amid a spate of consolidation attempts, both successful and failed, in the telecom industry over the past few years. Most recently, Japan's SoftBank Corp took control of Sprint Nextel Corp, the No 3 US wireless provider, in a \$21.6 billion deal. In a related plan, Sprint agreed to buy out the portion of wireless company Clearwire Corp that it already did not own.

Reuters



A sign of Verizon Wireless is seen at its store in Westminster, Colorado on 26 April, 2009.

REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Singapore to extend use of Medisave to cover more chronic diseases

SINGAPORE, 1 Sept — Singapore's Health Ministry will extend the use of Medisave, a key component of the social safety net in the city state, to cover outpatient treatment of five more chronic conditions, it said on Thursday. The extension, which covers chronic conditions such as osteoarthritis (degenerative joint diseases), benign prostatic hyperplasia (enlargement of the prostate gland), anxiety, Parkinson's disease and nephritis/nephrosis (chronic kidney disease), will take effect starting from next year.

Chronic conditions currently covered under

Medisave include diabetes mellitus, hypertension, lipid disorders, stroke, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, major depression, schizophrenia, dementia and bipolar disorder. As part of an ongoing review, the use of Medisave will also be extended for certain vaccinations and outpatient screenings.

Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong recently said the government is going to have a shift in its approach to nation building, with measures including the strengthening of its social safety nets. In one of the key changes, the government

is revamping the country's medical insurance system to move towards universal and life-long coverage.

The coverage of MediShield, which is a low-cost basic medical insurance scheme, will no longer stop for people who turn 90. It will also be expanded to include even those with pre-existing illnesses.

The benefits will be increased so patients will pay less out of their own pockets. The premiums will likely be higher, but Lee said the government will step in to help those who cannot afford it.

Xinhua

Texas Senator Cruz tells Republicans: No surrender on Obamacare

ORLANDO, (Florida), 1 Sept—Texas Senator Ted Cruz, who is leading a conservative push to eliminate funding for President Barack Obama's new health-care law, took his fight on Saturday to a forum of Republican activists where he challenged lawmakers in his party not to "surrender" on Obamacare. Cruz, a potential 2016 Republican presidential candidate, used a speech to an Americans for Prosperity conference in Orlando, Florida, to take to task those in his party who are wary of risking a possible government shutdown in an effort to fight Obama's signature healthcare law.

"Right now, the people who are fighting the hardest against our effort to defund Obamacare, sadly, are Republicans," Cruz told several hundred activists. "Well, you know what: you lose 100 percent of the fight if you surrender at the outset." To loud applause, he added that Republicans should "stand up and win the argument." Congress,

which returns to Washington on 9 September after a summer break, faces two budget fights in quick succession.

Lawmakers must pass a spending bill by 1 October to avoid a government shutdown. By mid-October, they must pass an increase in the country's borrowing limit or risk a default on the debt. Cruz is among a group of conservative lawmakers who want to use the first showdown — over a bill to keep the government funded—to try to

block Obamacare. But many congressional Republicans, including House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, disagree with that approach even though they too oppose Obamacare.

Republicans, who control the House of Representatives, have repeatedly tried to repeal the 2010 health-care law. Implementation for a major part of the law will begin on 1 October, when healthcare insurance marketplaces, known as ex-



Visitors experience traditional therapy of the Hui ethnic group at an expo of medicine and pharmacy of ethnic minorities, in Yinchuan, capital of northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 31 Aug, 2013. The three-day expo kicked off on Friday here.—XINHUA

China official PMI hits 16-month high in August

BEIJING, 1 Sept—China's factory activity expanded at the fastest pace in more than a year in August with a jump in new orders, official data showed on Sunday, raising hopes that a rapid economic slowdown in the world's second-largest economy may have been arrested. The purchasing managers' index (PMI) figure, published by the National Bureau of Statistics, rose to 51.0 in August from 50.3 in July, the highest level since last April and ahead of market expectations of 50.6 in a Reuters poll.

A reading above 50 indicates expanding activity, while a reading below 50 points to a contraction. Beijing has stepped up efforts to prevent a sharp economic slowdown by quickening railway investment and public housing construction and introducing a series of measures to help smaller companies, which could sustain the revival of internal demand in the coming months. "We are seeing clearer signs of economic conditions improv-

ing," said Haibin Zhu, chief China economist at JP Morgan in Hong Kong.

"One of the reasons is the lagging effect of credit growth earlier in the year, while the second is the recent shift in the policy stance and more concrete policy announcement." As one of the first leading indicators gauging economic momentum, the improved reading could bode well for other August data, further confirming a stabilising trend in the economy. The official survey showed an across-the-board recovery in all sub-indices, ranging from new orders and quantity of purchases to input prices and employment, pointing to a positive picture for the vast factory sector.

"The PMI figure showed evident recovery in August, suggesting the economy is further stabilising," Zhang Liqun, an economist at the Development Research Centre, a top government think tank in Beijing, said in a statement accompanying the PMI.—Reuters



US Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) (C) talks with a reporter after the weekly Republican caucus luncheon at the US Capitol in Washington, on 25 June, 2013.

REUTERS

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South Korea August exports growth at seven-month high, boosts third-quarter prospects

SEOUL, 1 Sept—South Korean export growth in August picked up more than expected to the fastest in seven months, data showed on Sunday, suggesting gathering momentum for the trade-dependent economy amid signs of stabilisation in advanced countries.

Overseas shipments last month rose by 7.7 percent from a year earlier, the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy said, follow-

ing a revised 2.6 percent rise in July and marking the strongest growth since a 10.9 percent rise in January. Growth in shipments by Asia's fourth-largest economy was better than even the highest forecast from a Reuters poll of 15 analysts, who predicted growth of between 1.1 percent and 6.9 percent.

The average export value per working day—useful for analysing month-

ly trends — stood at \$1.97 billion in August, higher than a revised \$1.83 billion in July, Thomson Reuters calculations show. Imports in August rose 0.8 percent in annual terms, compared with the median 2.7 percent rise tipped by the Reuters poll and a revised 3.2 percent rise in July.

The Bank of Korea forecast third-quarter sequential economic growth would accelerate from a

seasonally adjusted 1.1 percent estimated for the April-June period. South Korea is home to some of the world's largest makers of cars, ships and smartphones, and the strength of its economy is closely linked to that of local exporters.

China is South Korea's largest export market, taking about one-quarter of shipments, followed by the United States and the European Union.—Reuters



Employees assemble washing machines on the production line inside a factory of Hefei Rongshida Sanyo Electric in Hefei, Anhui Province on 13 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

Putin names new envoy for far east region after floods



An aerial view from a helicopter shows the flooded area of the far eastern Jewish Autonomous Region, on 30 Aug, 2013. President Vladimir Putin ordered an inquiry on Thursday into local officials' handling of Russia's worst floods in 120 years, which have cost the country nearly \$1 billion (645 million pounds).

REUTERS

VLADIVOSTOK, 1 Sept—President Vladimir Putin on Saturday named a new envoy to oversee Russia's far eastern region, yet denied the switch was linked to his call for an inquiry into local officials' handling of serious floods there.

Putin appointed Yuri Trutnev, a Kremlin aide, as deputy prime minister and personal envoy to the region in a step that concentrates his power, and further sidelines his prime minister, Dmitry Medvedev.

The announcement

came as Putin wrapped up a regional tour in which he visited cities on the Amur River in eastern Siberia that have suffered the worst flooding in more than a century, causing damage estimated at \$1 billion. Although Putin has ordered an investigation into the floods, he went out of his way to exonerate the outgoing Viktor Ishayev, first appointed on his return to the presidency in May 2012.

Trutnev, a 57-year-old political heavyweight who is a senior figure in Russia's party of power, controlled the award of oil and gas exploration licenses as a cabinet minister from 2004 to 2012, when he moved with Putin to the Kremlin.

"This was a planned change," Putin told a meeting in the Pacific port city of Vladivostok, thanking Ishayev "for everything that you have done". —Reuters

Mandela still in hospital, not discharged

JOHANNESBURG, 1 Sept—Former South African President Nelson Mandela, who has been receiving medical treatment for three months for a lung ailment, is still in hospital in Pretoria in a critical but stable condition, the government said on Saturday.

The presidency said reports by some international media that the revered anti-apartheid leader, who is 95, had been discharged and returned to his home were "incorrect". "Madiba is still in hospital in Pretoria, and remains in a critical but stable condition," the presidency said in a statement, using the traditional clan name by which Mandela is affectionately known in South Africa.

"At times his condition becomes unstable, but he responds to medical interventions," it added, repeating a medical bulletin it had issued a week ago which had said the ailing Nobel



Former president of South Africa Nelson Mandela chats with Britain's Prime Minister Gordon Brown (unseen) during a meeting at his hotel in central London on 24 June, 2008.—REUTERS

Peace Prize laureate was showing "great resilience".

News of Mandela's hospitalization in June with a recurring lung infection attracted worldwide attention for the revered statesman, who is admired as a symbol of struggle against injustice and of racial reconciliation.

Mandela celebrated his 95th birthday in hospital on 18 July, showered with tributes from around the world.

He spent nearly three

decades in prison before being released and being elected South Africa's first black president in multi-racial elections in 1994 that ended apartheid rule.

Mandela's 27 years in prison under white minority rule included 18 years on the notorious Robben Island penal colony. His lung infection dates back to this time, when he and other prisoners were forced to work in a limestone quarry.

Reuters

Iran to stage massive military drill in September

TEHRAN, 1 Sept—The Iranian army will stage a large-scale military maneuver in late September, a senior Iranian commander said on Saturday.

Quoted by Press TV, Brigadier General Farzad Esmaili, commander of Khatam al-Anbiya Air Defence Base, said the exercise, dubbed the Modafe'an-e Aseman-e Velayat 5 (Defenders of the Velayat Skies 5), will be larger than the previous one held in the eastern part of Iran last year. Various long-range radars and passive defence systems will be tested during the drill, he was quoted as saying without elaboration on the area and scope of the exercise. Modafe'an-e Aseman-e Velayat 4 military drill was

held jointly by the country's army and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps in November last year.

In the 2012 drill, an upgraded high-precision long-range S-200 ground-to-air defence system, and indigenous missile defense systems named Qader, Ya Zahra 3, Mersad 3 and Hog, were tested, according to Press TV.

Also, electronic and surveillance systems were used to detect manned and unmanned enemy aircraft flying at low altitude. F-14 and F-4 fighter jets, shoulder-launched weapons, as well as Sayyad 40, a mobile electronic interception system, and Rased 32, a smart surveillance system were also tested then.—Xinhua



Afghan security forces inspect the site of suicide bombing in Kandahar Province of southern Afghanistan on 31 Aug, 2013. At least six people were killed and 20 others wounded on Saturday morning in a suicide bombing in Kandahar city, the provincial capital of southern Afghan Province of Kandahar, an official said.—XINHUA



China's first independently-developed new-generation guided missile frigate "Bengbu" in the live guided missile fire training in a certain sea area of the East China Sea.—REUTERS

Abe to propose to Putin holding 1st foreign-defence min talks in fall

TOKYO, 1 Sept—Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will propose to Russian President Vladimir Putin at their summit talks next week in Russia that their foreign and defence ministers hold their first meeting in the fall, possibly in October, Japanese government sources said on Saturday.

Slated to meet with Putin on Thursday in St Petersburg on the fringes of a summit of the Group of 20 economies, Abe intends to call for the so-called two-plus-two meeting to be held during a Japan visit by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov as a key step toward resolving a long-standing territorial row, the sources said. Abe aims to broaden cooperation and deepen mutual trust with Russia in areas including national security as well

as the economy and energy in a bid to lead to progress in bilateral territorial talks, with emphasis on strengthening security cooperation.

In the April summit, Abe and Putin agreed to expand exchanges between troops of the Japanese Self-Defence Forces and the Russian military, and enhance bilateral cooperation against terrorism and piracy, as well as to launch the two-plus-two—the fourth for Japan following those with the United States, Australia and France.

On the territorial dispute, the two leaders are expected to reaffirm in their upcoming talks their willingness to promote talks as their deputy foreign ministers effectively resumed negotiations at their Aug. 19 meeting.

Kyodo News

Over 200 killed in attacks across Afghanistan in August

KABUL, 1 Sept—At least 203 people, most of them civilians, were killed and hundreds wounded in bombings and attacks across Afghanistan last month, according to official figures.

Among a total of 50 major bomb attacks launched by the Taliban and other militant groups, around 20 were of the suicide nature.

The Taliban insurgent group has intensified attacks since they launched annual rebel offensive in April this year.

On Saturday, five civilians and a policeman were killed and 20 others wounded when a suicide bombing hit a branch of a local bank in Kandahar city, the provincial capital of southern Kandahar Province.

The obvious target of the attack was soldiers who were waiting to withdraw their monthly salaries, witnesses said. Many soldiers were wounded in the blast.

The Taliban, which has waged an insurgency since their regime was toppled by a US-led invasion in late 2001, urged civilians to stay away from official gatherings, military convoys and centers regarded as the legitimate targets by militants.

On Friday, 12 civilians were killed when the vehicle carrying them set off an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) in neighbouring Helmand Province.

The Taliban launched roadside bomb attacks with IEDs on Afghan security forces and nearly 98,000 NATO-led coalition troops in recent years.

On 28 August, 10 Taliban militants launched a coordinated attack on a coalition base in eastern Ghazni Province, in which two car bombs went off in the provincial capital Ghazni city, killing two US soldiers, three civilians and four policemen, and wounding over 60 others.

Twelve foreign soldiers were killed last month across Afghanistan, with half of them dead in IED blasts.

The Taliban also launched several massive attacks on logistic convoys, particularly those carrying goods for the foreign forces.

In western Farah Province, 12 policemen, five drivers and 72 militants were killed in two separate attacks on lorries on 19 and 27 August. More than 30 vehicles and oil trucks were also destroyed in the attacks.—Xinhua

LOCAL NEWS

Cash donated for offering gold foil to Thiri Mingala Mwaydawgyi Pagoda

HOPONG, 1 Sept—First cash donation ceremony was held in Thiri Mingala Mwaydawgyi Pagoda in Hopong and Pa-O Self-Administered Zone at the eastern archway of the pagoda on 20 August.

The Chairman of the Leading Body of Pa-O Self-Administered Zone and wife, members of the leading body, Assistant Director U Toe Lwin of the zone and guests attended the ceremony.

The congregation led by Leading Body Chairman U Khun San Lwin received

sermons from Sayadaw U Aloka, Chairman of Township Sangh Nayaka Committee.

The chairman, members and local people of the self-administered zone donated over K 7 more than million for offer gold foils to the pagoda.

Palace Hotel of Taunggyi donated 14 bags of cement for the renovation of the pagoda.

The officials accepted the donation and returned certificates of honour.

MMAL-Township IPRD

Myanmar students attend Asian Science Camp

YANGON, 1 Sept—Four Myanmar students led by Executive Director of Mandalay Technology U Thura are participating in seventh Asian Science Camp 2013 of Epochal Tsukuba-Tsukuba International Congress Center in Tsukuba of Japan.

The programme is aimed at boosting friendship among outstanding science students in Asia through interactions with scientists of the world.

Scientists including

Novel Prize winners will give lectures at the event.

The programme includes talks, plenary meetings, workshops of students and scholars, innovation contest and excursions.

A total of 200 students from 24 countries participated in the Asian Science Camp 2013.

Maung Ye Lwin Phyoo of University of Medicine-2 (Yangon), Maung Than Htay Aung of Yatanarpon Cyber City Technological

HRD



University, Ma Yin Yin San College in Yangon are representing Myanmar in the event. MMAL-Aung Thura

Tachilek whirlwind blows down lamp-posts, trees



TACHILEK, 1 Sept—Whirlwind blew down lamp-posts and billboards in Haunglaik village-tract in Tachilek on 29 August evening, causing electricity outage and road blockage.

A total of 15 teak plants and two lamp-posts by the Union Highway in Pasat-Wenli village, one teak plant in the yard of Basic Education High School (Haunglaik), two lamp-

posts near Arkha market and one XXVII SEA Games billboard at the entrance to Tachilek were blown down.

Tachilek District Deputy Commissioner U Thaug Tin Htway, District Police Force Commander Police Lt-Col Nay Myo Htut, Township Development Affairs Committee Executive Officer U Ko Ko, officials and DAC arrived at the scene after the whirlwind.

They cleared debris that had blocked the road about 30 minutes later.

The Forest Department is calculating the damages of the whirlwind as old teak plants were among those blown down by the strong wind. There was no damage to houses and vehicles and there were no casualties either.

MMAL-Maung Yin Kyae

Beware of DHF

Lewe Township Police Force meets townsenders

LEWE, 1 Sept—Nay Pyi Taw Council Area Lewe Township Police Force met members of organizations and township in the township at Lewe Myoma Police Station on 24 August.

Commander of Lewe Township Police Force Police Major Aung Than delivered an address at the meeting. Police officers then gave talks on Dos and Don'ts for curbing crimes.

Administrators from six wards of Lewe, townsenders, members of Pagoda Board of Trustees and NGOs discussed matters related to stability and rule of law.

MMAL-154

Vocational course opened in Muse

MUSE, 1 Sept—Women's Vocational Training School of Muse in Shan State under Education and Training Department of the Ministry of Border

Affairs opened the basic domestic vocational course No (39) and the advanced tailoring course No (36).

Muse District Deputy Commissioner U Kaung

San Oo of District General Administration Department delivered an address at the opening ceremony on 26 August.

Township IPRD

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Educative talks on human trafficking given

NAMHKAM, 1 Sept—An educative talk on prevention against human trafficking in Mantna village in Namhkam Township in Muse District in northern Shan State was held on 20 August.

It was jointly organized by Myanmar Police Force and Township Information and Public Relations Department.

It was attended by about

75 local people including in-charge of St Thomas social welfare group in Mantna village in Namhkam Township.

MMAL-Township IPRD

Communications

Motorbike taxi drivers get low-priced SIM cards

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—Budget SIM cards were sold to motorbike drivers in eight township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area at respective townships General Administration Department offices simultaneously on 27 August.

A total of 415 motorbike taxi drivers in Zabuthiri

Township won lots to buy GSM SIM cards and 15 CDMA SIM cards.

A total of 165 SIM cards were sold to motorbike drivers from 17 gates.

Motorbike drivers from No (1) Yanaung ward in Pinyinmana also won lots to buy 18 SIM cards.—MMAL-Ko Ko Yupa



Odd News

WWII bomb shell unearthed

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—A WWII bomb shell was unearthed while constructing



box culverts in Ywakauk ward in Pinyinmana in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 29 August.

It is one foot long and one inch round.

Workers reported to the authorities of the discovery.

The respective authorities visited the site and inspected the bomb shell.

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The Kalyani Stone Inscription

Dr Saw Mra Aung

PERSPECTIVES

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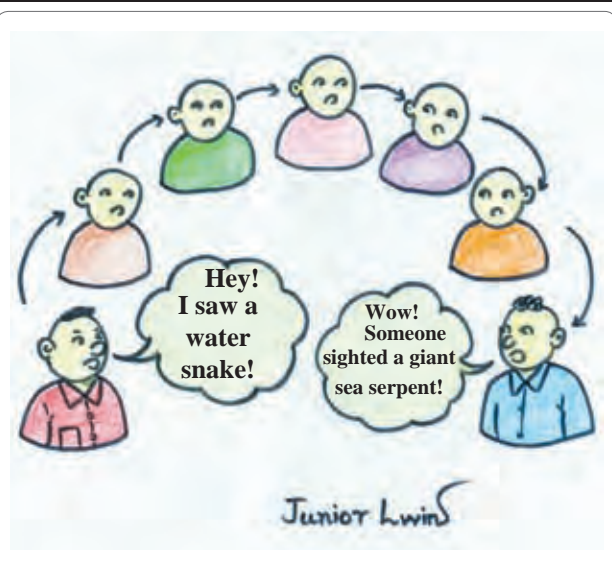
The path of virtue

We often overlook the fact that we can take many lessons even from our daily life. We can learn lessons from our good behavior as well as from our bad deeds; because what we are doing everyday is a mixture of good and bad. Sometimes, we make mistakes knowingly or unknowingly since what we think right may be sometimes wrong. Anyhow wrong turns in many cases produce good lessons for future. The important thing here is we must make right what is wrong.

Accordingly, both the errors and the right deeds are the sources of valuable everyday lessons for mankind. We will find the reality only after correcting our mistakes. At the same time, right speech and right action are the true moralities we must learn, adopt and practice. The flourishing of these moralities in individual minds and in human communities is a fundamental requirement of the entire mankind.

Now, the country is in the mission of introducing reforms in various sectors. These reforms are meant for realizing a true road towards progress. In this regard, people have the responsibility to be in this stream. They must get rid of any kind of wrong doings and thoughts, and with good behavior they must march forward. Only then will we all be on the development trend soonest. What is vitally important is the good behavior. To find an exact foundation for progress and prosperity our hearts must be pure and our actions must be correct.

In point of fact, we can get priceless lessons from our errors if we can put them right. Moreover, we must further broaden the knowledge we gain from these lessons, while constantly learning and exercising the good deeds, behavior and speech till they become our way of life or our path of virtue.



Students can enjoy free access ...

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from other regions and states to visit the Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Garden, Planetarium and the Nay Pyi Taw Safari Park free of charge," said Senior Manager U Than Htay from Htoo Company.

The qualified students are chosen to visit these places, making other students emulate those

qualified students. The Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry opened the Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Garden in March, 2008, it is learnt.

Visit to these places enables the students to get knowledge about botany, zoology and astronomy.

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The Kalyani Stone Inscription was erected in 1476 A.D by King Dhammaceti, one of the most powerful Mon kings who had reigned in Hamsavati (Bago). It is today kept at a shed in the precinct of the Kalyani Ordination Hall (sima) in Zainganaing Ward in the western suburb of Bago. This stone inscription is named after the Kalyani River near Columbo in Sri Lanka, meaning the "Beautiful River" in Myanmar. It comprises ten sandstone slabs, three of which are incised in Pali and the remaining seven in Mon. As both sides of the slabs are written, pages total twenty. It records not only the brief history of Majjhima Sutta after the demise of the Lord Buddha but also the religious contacts between Sri Lanka (Lankadipa) and Myanmar. Since it is among the most comprehensive and extensive epigraphic documents of history of Buddhism in Myanmar, famous religious treatises such as the Vamsadipani, the Sasanalankara Sardan, the Sasanavamsa, the Vamsamedappakasani and the Sasanabahusutappakasani Kyan are found to have made references to it.

According to the Mon custom, all the ten stone slabs face to the north. So, all the obverse sides are in the north side and the reverse sides in the south. Each stone slab measures seven feet in height, four feet in width and fifteen inches in thickness. Each face contains seventy lines and three letters to an inch. During Early Konbaung Period, Ven. Khin Gyi Pyaw translated the Kalyani Stone Inscription into Myanmar in brief at the request of King Alaung Phaya. In course of time, the stone slabs were broken, especially due to the vandalism of the Portuguese adventurer, Philip de Brito, who held supreme power in Bago for ten years at the beginning of the 17th century. It is said that they were restored by archaeologists in the 19th century and displayed in a shed with the enclosure of the Kalyani Ordination Hall. Dr. Nai Pan Hla said that only three Pali stones had been restored to a better state but the seven Mon stones were badly broken into many fragments. Taw Sein Ko, a Pali professor of

Yangon University and also an eminent archaeologist of Myanmar edited and translated the Pali stones into English with the help of palm-leaf manuscripts in 1892 and published it in Indian Antiquary Volume XXII in 1893. As no one could do for the Mon stones, all the rubbings were sent to London University where C.O. Blagden, the then Dean of School of Oriental and African Studies, deciphered them, checking them against Taw Sein Ko's translated work and with the assistance of Robert Halliday, the lexicographer of Mon-English Dictionary and a Mon learned monk Silavamsa who had a Mon palm-leaf manuscript. U Lu Pe Win translated the Mon palm-leaf manuscript into Myanmar with annotations and published it in 1958.

In fact, King Dhammaceti, despite being one of the most powerful Mon kings, was not of royal blood. He was born of the parents of mediocrity in Mottama in 1406. He was sent to the Sanukala Monastery as a novice in Hamsavati to study Buddhist scriptures. There, he was taught various arts and sciences such as grammar, prosody, logic, astrology, arithmetic, medicine, etc. As he had no match in knowing the Buddhist scriptures and other mundane subjects, he was reputed as "Dhammadhara" (Dhamma means "Buddhist scriptures" and dhara "knowing or keeping in mind"). However, some sources mention that he was given the title of Mahatipitaka by his preceptor for his learnedness in the Three Baskets of the Dhamma. While at the Sanukala Monastery, he happened to make friend with a novice who was later known as Dhammanana. Then he proceeded to Bagan to learn and became a scholar novice equipped with a good knowledge of Myanmar and Mon.

With the deaths of Inwa King Min Khaung (AD 1422) and Hamsavati King Rajadhirit (AD 1423), the 40-year Inwa-Hamsavati War came to an end. Bannadhammaraja, the eldest son of Rajadhirit, ascended Hamsavati throne. Out of dissatisfaction with Bannadhammaraja, the two

younger brothers Bannaram Khait, crown-prince and Bannakyan Mottama Myosa rebelled against him. At the news of Mon region convulsed by civil wars waged between royal brothers, King Thihathu, immediate successor to Min Khaung, sent a great army to Lower Myanmar and laid siege to Dagon for a month. As Bannaram Khait, crown-prince, who then seized Dagon, did not dare to seek military assistance from his elder brother Bannadhammaraja. So he had to present his widowed sister Shin Saw Pu to establish a marriage relation with Inwa king. Thus Shin Saw Pu, leaving behind a son and two daughters, had to accompany the Myanmar army to Inwa where she was installed as Chief Queen of King Thihathu in AD 1424. But Nai Pan Hla and Robert Halliday contend that she was kidnapped by emissaries of Myanmar on the way to Dagon and carried off to Inwa. At that time, Dhammadhara and Dhammanana, after asking their teacher for permission, set out for Inwa for further studies. After 25 days, they reached Inwa, then crossed the Ayeyawady River to Sagaing and stayed at the monastery of Ariyadhaja. Shin Saw Pu heard that two Talaing monks who came from Hamsavati was staying at the monastery of Ariyadhaja. So she extended an invitation to them into her presence and asked them about Hamsavati. Much satisfied with their graphic narratives of her native city, she adopted them as her sons. Thus they

Two years after his accession, King Thihathu was assassinated by a man of Queen Shin Bo Mei who was jealous of Shin Saw Pu for her royal favour she had won. His son Min Hla Nge was also poisoned to death three months after his succession in AD 1425. Then Kalay Taung Nyo, the former lover of Shin Bo Mei, was made king of Inwa. Shin Saw Pu was committed to Pakhan Tayapya. In 1426, King

Moe Nyin occupied Inwa throne. Shin Saw Pu was reinstated in her status and put back in the palace compound. However, overcome with loneliness resulting from relegation and disappointment caused by the intrigues, betrayal, assassination and usurpation in Inwa court, she no longer wanted to stay at Inwa. So she, with the magic means employed by her confidants and porteges Dhammadhara and Dhammanana, escaped unscathed down to Hamsavati along the course of the Ayeyawady River in AD 1429.

Shin Saw Pu, under the regnal title of Banna Htaw, ascended the Hamsavati throne in AD 1453. But during her latter part of her life, she, being weary of mundane affairs, desired for a religious life. So she decided to hand over Hamsavati throne to one of her two benefactors Dhammadhara and Dhammanana. But they were equally intelligent and learned. So the queen to her wit's end chose two alms-bowls and had one filled with the choicest food and the other with royal regalia. Then, she invited the two monks into the court and asked them to choose the bowls. Dhammadhara happened to choose the bowl filled with the royal regalia. So Dhammadhara was asked to leave the Holy Order and given the hand of her younger daughter in marriage and then made king of Hamsavati with the regnal title of Ramadhipati Sri Parama Mahadhamma Rajadhiraja in AD 1472.

As King Dhammaceti was an ex-monk, he was so pious and soft-minded that even the children could get an easy access into his presence. He loved the people as his own offsprings. At the time of his accession, he decided to lay emphasis on undertaking of religious and judicial reforms. He renovated many old pagodas and compiled the Dhammaceti Dhammasat (Code of Law). At that time, as some monks held heretical views and split into various sects, he felt a surging need to purify the Sasana. So, one day, King Dhammaceti said to himself:

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ARTICLE

The Kalyani Stone ...

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“... The excellent commentators (Atthakatha compilers) have declared that the religion will endure for 5000 years; but, alas! only 2047 years have now passed away since the Enlightened One attained his Buddhahood and the religion has become impure, tainted with heresy and corruption and the Upasampada ordination has also become invalid. This being the case, how can the religion last till the end of 5000 years?...”

So thinking, he invited many senior monks to assemble and consult with them and selected 44 monks to dispatch to Sri Lanka to be re-ordained at the hands of the orthodox monks of the Mahavihara Monastery. At the beginning of 1476, the chosen monks embarked on the voyage to Sri Lanka. They, with a letter on gold plate and various valuable gifts for Ceylonese King Bhuvanekabahu, sailed in two ships—Citraduta and Ramaduta. The former started to set out on Sunday 11th waning day of Tabodwe in the year 837 Myanmar Era while the latter on the 12th waning day of the same month. Citraduta

reached Kambula port in Sri Lanka on the 8th waning day of Tabaung due to the favourable monsoon wind. But Ramaduta, not favoured by monsoon wind, arrived at Valligama port only on the 9th waning day of Tagu. They were re-ordained at the ordination hall on the Kalyani River under the supervision of the monks of Mahavihara Monastery. They returned home to Myanmar with many valuable gifts of the Ceylonese king for King Dhammaceti. Ramaduta reached Hamsavati safe but Citraduta wrecked en route and ten monks died. On the arrival of all monks, the king then formed a chapter of fourteen senior monks who had been ordained in Sri Lanka to consecrate the Kalyani Ordination in Bago. Ven. Suvannasobhana Thera was appointed Uppajjaya (preceptor) in performing the Ceylonese form of ordination. It is said that the monks not only from Lower Myanmar but also from Upper Myanmar and Thailand flocked to it to receive ordination by way of Ceylonese form. The same year, King Dhammaceti had important events in

the history of Buddhism of India in the time of King Asoka and of religious contacts of Myanmar with Sri Lanka from the 11th century to his time inscribed on the ten sandstone slabs which were subsequently to be known as the Kalyani Stone Inscription. The brief account of the Kalyani Stone Inscription is as follows:

About 218 years after the demise of the Buddha, King Dhammasoka ascended the throne in Pataliputta. He was much devoted to the religion of the Buddha. So he offered monks a lot of gains. On the other hand, the heretics had only fewer gains. Therefore, they, assuming the forms of Buddhist monks, taught their wrong views and also tried to associate with virtuous monks. As a result, the monks had no chance to perform Uposathakamma. With a view to purifying the Sasana, the king inquired about who were evil monks holding the wrong view and asked them to excommunicate from the Holy Order. Then he held the Third Buddhist Council under the patronage of Ven. Moggaliputta Tissa. The king dispatched nine missionary groups to nine countries. The group headed

by Vens. Sona and Uttara went to Suvannabhumi, which was then known as Taikkala, situated half on the side of Mt. Kelasa and half on its foot. The city was then ruled by king Srimasoka. The Theras, assuming the forms of Manusiha, drove away a water-ogress who stole into the palace to eat a newly-born prince. Then they preached the Brahmajala Sutta. At the end of the discourse, 60000 people realized the Dhamma. Thenceforth, every prince born in Suvannabhumi was named “Sonuttara”. A stone Manusiha image was erected at the top of the mountain to the north-west of the city. Buddhism flourished gradually in Suvannabhumi. With passing of times, oppressed by epidemic diseases, robbers, thieves and soldiers of unpius kings, Buddhism declined in Ramannadesa. In 1601 S.E, king Anawratha conquered the three Mon mandalas and brought sets of Tipitakas and learned monks to Bagan. In 526 M.E., King Parakkamabahu purified Sasana in Sri Lanka. Ven. Uttarajiva, the teacher of Bagan, accompanied by Chappada, went over to Sri Lanka and he returned to Myanmar, leaving Chappada

behind in Sri Lanka. After learning Tipitakas and commentaries, Chappada came back to Bagan, bringing with him other four learned monks—two Indian monks Sivali and Anandathera, one Ceylonese monk Rahulathera and one Khmer monk Tamalindathera. Ven. Sariputta (Dhammavilasa), who had studied under Ven. Ananda, a native of Kancipura, taught Tipitakas to many monks at Dala and compiled a Dhammasat, which was later known as Dhammavilasa Dhammasat. Then king Dhammaceti sent 44 senior monks to Sri Lanka to be re-ordained there. On their return, the Kalyani Sima was constructed and they, together with the king, endeavoured to purify the Sasana.

It is found that the Kalyani Stone Inscription records the declining situation of Buddhism in India just before the time of King Asoka, holding of the Third Buddhist Council in Pataliputta with his support, dispatch of nine missions to nine countries at the end of the council to propagate the genuine teaching of the Buddha and the religious endeavours of Bagan kings in Bagan Period and those of King Dhammaceti in Hamsavati Period to purify

and promote Buddhism by making maritime contacts with Sri Lanka. A point calling for special notice is that this stone inscription indicates the exact location of Suvannabhumi landed by Vens. Sona and Uttara by placing it half on the side of Mt. Kelasa and half at its base, which is today near Thaton on the Gulf of Mottama. As the Kalyani Stone Inscription is the enshrinement of historical documents of Buddhism in Myanmar, it is indeed of great value to historians and archaeologists, local or foreign.

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LOCAL NEWS

Narcotic drugs seized in Lashio, Tachilek Townships

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—Members of Lashio Special Anti-Drug Squad of Shan State together with witnesses searched the house of Maw Shwe Kyaung, 46, on Natsin Street in Region 13 in Ward 5 of Lashio at 8 am on 31 August.

The policemen seized 1975 pink stimulant tablets from the plastic bag held by Maw Shwe Kyaung.

With regard to the case, Lashio Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Maw Shwe Kyaung under Section 15/19(a)/21 of Narcotic

Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Likewise, members of Tachilek Special Anti-Drug Squad together with witnesses searched the vehicle driven by Aik Auam, 30 of Wamton Village in Mongphone B Village-tract in Tachilek Township at 15.30 pm.

They seized 984,000 stimulant tablets worth K 1968 million from the vehicle. Then, the squad raided his house in Wamton Village and seized US\$ 26800 from

his bedroom. According to the investigation, he was ordered by Aik San of Siwan (1) Village of Mongkoe Village-tract in Tachilek Township to drive the vehicle with the load of stimulant tablets from Inner Tawkaw Village from Tachilek Township to Lunkeng Village of Mongphone (B) Village-tract.

Tachilek Myoma Police Station filed the both under Section 15/19(a)/20(a)/21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—MNA

Opium speciosa, hand-made guns seized in Kawthoung

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—Acting on tip-off, members of Kawthoung Anti-Drug Special Squad and witnesses searched the house of Thein Zaw (a) Lar Pu, 29 of Bankachun

Village in Kawthoung Township at 7 am on 31 August.

Thein Zaw (a) Lar Pu managed escape from the house. Members of the squad found Aung Myo Min (a)

Myo Myo, 25 of Inyamyang Lane in Ayemyakantah Ward in Kawthoung in the hosue.

The squad seized 50 grams of opium speciosa, one percussion lock firearm, one home-made gun and four

Japan-funded school construction completed by 98 percent



KALAY, 1 Sept—Construction of a school building in Nan Han Nwe village in Kalay Township in Sagaing Region with the support of small project office of Japan has been

completed by 98 percent. The construction started on 15 March. “Our village has the population of 1206 from some 250 households. Most of them make their living on farming,” U San Hlaing, the Headmaster of the Basic Education Primary School of the village, said. “We have less resources to repair the primary school. This is the historic school. It was established in 1934, years before Myanmar’s independence,” he added. The school provided

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“We have less resources to repair the primary school. This is the historic school. It was established in 1934, years before Myanmar’s independence,” he added.

The school provided

primary education to 198 primary school students and 78 middle school students in the previous year.

“We tried for six years for foreign aids,” the headmaster said. The efforts came to fruition after being approved by the Ministry of Education which issued a recommendation for the aids. The Japanese embassy donated 117,668 FEC for the construction of the school building.

MMAL-Shin Nay min

National Sports

Invitational Sepak Takraw Contest concludes at Yadana Labha Muni Pagoda



PALEIK, 1 Sept— The final match and prize presentation of the Invitational Sepak Takraw Contest in commemoration of the Buddha Pujaniya of Yadana Labha Muni Pagoda was held in Paleik of Singaing Township on 29 August. Mann Myodaw (B) secured the first prize in the novice class, East Village second and Mann Myodaw

(A) third. The selected team event followed on 29 August. Aung Si Hein stood first, Paleik Youth second and Hsan Nyunt third in the selected event.

Altogether 30 teams competed in the Sepak Takraw contest.

Winners in the selected event secured K 300,000 for the first prize, K 200,000 for the second and K 100,000 for the third. Novice teams won K 150,000 for the first prize, K 100,000 for the second and K 50,000 for the third.

The youth football tournament had been held in commemoration of the Buddha Pujaniya. This year, the football tournament was substituted with Sepak Takraw event, said Chairman of the Pagoda Board of Trustees U Ye Nyunt.

The matches of the Sepak Takraw tournament were crowded with spectators.— Kyemon-Nanda Min Lwin

MPF Chief's Shield Football Tournament 2-11 September

KYAUKSE, 1 Sept— As SEA Police Football Tournament will be held in 2014, the 46th MPF Chief's Shield Football Tournament will be held in zone C at Township Sports Ground in Kyaukse on 2 September with the aim of emerging the outstanding police

footballers to be selected for the Myanmar Police Football Team.

A total of 20 football teams will take part in the tournament in four zones. Zone A comprising MPF

Hq, Taninthayi Region and Mon State Police Forces, No 3 Police Battalion Control Command and Central Police Training Depot are to take part in the tournament in Lewe. Group B, Nay Pyi Taw

CSC, household registration higher in Myinmu

MYINMU, 1 Sept— Local people apply growing numbers of citizenship scrutiny cards and household registrations at Township Immigration and National Registration Department in Myinmu Township.

The department issues CSCs and household registration to the locals for buying low-cost SIM cards smoothly.—Kyemon-Ko Ko Naing (Myinmu)

MANDALAY, 1 Sept— An educative talk was given at the gymnasium of Sports and Physical Education Institute of the Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports with the aim of enlarging the scope of the trainees who are attending the sports events for 2013-2014 academic year.

At 2 pm on 28 August, Leader of Nutrition Branch of Mandalay Region Health Department Dr Pan Myat Kyu and matron Daw Khin Mu Mu Soe gave lectures on sports and nutrition at the hall of the institute.

Sports and Nutrition talked at Mandalay Institute of Sports and Physical Education



It was attended by Deputy Principal of the institute U Myint Khaing and course instructors, medical officers and trainees, totalling 600.— Kyemon-469

Fingerlings released into farmlands in Toungoo

TOUNGOO, 1 Sept— with the aim of growing paddy and fish and boosting production of paddy per acre yield, Toungoo District Fisheries Department and farmers released 50,000 fingerlings into 200 acres of farmlands of integrated

Marine Rescue Course kicks off in Hsipaw

Disaster Risk Reduction



HSIPAW, 1 Sept— Hsipaw Township Fire Services Department in Shan State (North) organized the Basic Marine Rescue Course on 29 August for enabling the people residing near the River to have knowledge

and skills in preventive measures against natural disasters. It was attended by local people residing near the River beaches and fishermen.

At first, the Head of Township Fire Services

Police Force, Magway and Ayeyawady Police Forces, No 2 Police Battalion Control Command and Rakhine State Police Force must take part in the tournament at Shwemantaung Sports Ground in Mandalay.

Zone C comprises Bago and Sagaing Region Police Forces, Kayah and Kayin

State Police Forces, No 1 Police Battalion Control Command in Kyaukse, Zone D Mandalay Region Police Force, Development Affairs Police Force, Shan and Kayin State Police Forces and Yangon Region Police Force are to play at Insein of Yangon.—Kyemon-Tun Tun Naing

Department and members demonstrated use of life jackets as first phase of marine rescue works, and the trainees observed their activities.

Kyemon-Sai (Hsipaw)

Knowledge about HIV/AIDS shared in Singaing

SINGAING, 1 Sept— Singaing Township Information and Public Relations Department and Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association jointly organized the talks on HIV/AIDS disease at the hall of Basic Education Primary School in Thabyebin Village of the township on 30 August.

Chairman of the Township MCWA Daw Myint Myint Sein spoke on the occasion and explained purpose of giving the lectures.

Head of Township IPRD Daw Tin Tin Htwe and Health Staff Daw Khin Than Nwe gave lectures on health knowledge and facts about HIV/AIDS disease and healthy life. Later, Mandalay Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee donated school uniforms and stationery to students of the village BEPS.

Kyemon-Tun Tun Naing



farm of U Than Myint in Mokhaung Village in Toungoo Township, Bago Region, on 30 August.

Also present on the occasion were departmental officials at district and township levels and guests.—Kyemon-129

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Ammonia leak at Shanghai refrigeration plant kills 15, injures 26



Rescuers in chemical protection suits walk outside a refrigeration unit of Shanghai Weng's Cold Storage Industrial Co Ltd, in the Baoshan District of Shanghai on 31 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

SHANGHAI, 1 Sept—A liquid ammonia leak from a refrigeration unit at a cold storage facility in Shanghai on Saturday has killed 15 people and injured 26 others, local authorities said.

The leak occurred at 10:50 am local time (0250 GMT / 10:50 pm EDT) at Shanghai Weng's Cold Storage Industrial

Co Ltd, located in the Baoshan District of eastern Shanghai, the Shanghai municipal government said on its official Sina Weibo account.

Six of those injured were in a critical condition, the government said.

China, the world's second-largest economy, has a poor record on workplace safety. In June,

at 120 people died and 77 were injured when a fire engulfed a chicken processing plant in northeastern Jilin Province.

Many of China's deadly industrial accidents happen in the huge coal mining industry, in which more than 1,300 people died last year from explosions, mine collapses and floods

Reuters

Chubu Electric Power eyes household rate hike in April

NAGOYA, 1 Sept—Chubu Electric Power Co is considering raising electricity rates for households by 5 to 8 percent on average from next April, sources familiar with the matter said on Saturday.

The utility serving Nagoya and other areas in central Japan has been unable to put its Hamaoka nuclear plant back online, and its financial position has worsened due to surging fuel costs for thermal power generation amid the yen's weakening trend.

The Hamaoka plant in Omaezaki, Shizuoka Prefecture, has been shut

down since May 2011 at the government's request after Tokyo Electric Power Co's Fukushima Daiichi complex suffered meltdowns in the wake of an earthquake and tsunami two months earlier.

Chubu Electric is also planning pay cuts for employees from April 2014. The company is expected to report its third consecutive group net loss for the current business year. Six of the nine Japanese power suppliers that own nuclear reactors have already decided to raise electricity rates.

The latest move by

Chubu Electric indicates that business conditions are getting harder for even companies with less dependency on nuclear power generation.

On Sunday, Tohoku Electric Power Co, Shikoku Electric Power Co and Hokkaido Electric Power Co are raising household electricity rates by an average of 8.94 percent, 7.80 percent and 7.73 percent, respectively.

They join Tokyo Electric Power, Kansai Electric Power Co and Kyushu Electric Power Co, which have already raised rates.—Kyodo News

A boy rides on a donkey-cart during heavy rain in eastern Pakistan's Lahore on 31 Aug, 2013. Rain brought coolness to Lahore slashed by recent summer heat.

XINHUA



Singapore deputy PM to visit China

SINGAPORE, 1 Sept—Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister (PM), Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs Teo Chee Hean is scheduled to visit China from Sunday to Tuesday, the city-state's Ministry

of Foreign Affairs said on Saturday.

Teo will visit China's Guangzhou from Sunday to Monday. He is scheduled to meet Hu Chunhua, secretary of the Guangdong Provincial Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and

Guangdong Governor Zhu Xiaodan there. He will also visit the Sino-Singapore Guangzhou Knowledge City.

During Teo's stay in China from Monday to Tuesday, he will lead the Singapore delegation for the 10th China-ASEAN

Exposition (CAEXPO) in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

He will deliver a speech at the opening ceremony of the 10th CAEXPO on Tuesday, the foreign ministry said in a statement.

Xinhua

Cambodia's ruling party welcomes talks with opposition under constitution

PHNOM PENH, 1 Sept — The ruling Cambodian People's Party (CPP) said on Saturday that the party will welcome any top leaders' meetings with the opposition party that were based on the country's constitution.

“The CPP always has the good will to prepare any top leaders' meetings with the Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) in order to discuss and resolve national issues relevant to our two parties based on the country's constitution and other effective laws,” CPP's President Chea Sim wrote in a letter to CNRP's President Sam Rainsy.

Chea Sim's letter was made after Sam Rainsy on Friday called for negotiations with the CPP's top leaders over the disputed poll results in which the CPP of long-serving Prime Minister Hun Sen won a majority of vote.

Rainsy insisted that the CPP should jointly form

an independent committee to look into alleged poll irregularities even though the CPP has repeatedly rejected the request, explaining that it was against the country's constitution.

He also set 7 September for a massive non-violent protest against the poll results if the CPP did not resume talks with the CNRP towards the formation of the proposed committee.

The initial election results of the 28 July election showed that the CPP won the poll with 68 of the 123 parliamentary seats, and the CNRP took the remaining 55 seats.

But the CNRP claimed that it should win 63 seats, with the CPP getting the remaining 60 seats if alleged poll irregularities were fairly resolved.

King Norodom Sihamoni on Friday urged the two parties to resolve their disputed election results based on the kingdom's constitution.—Xinhua

Five killed, 24 injured in SW China earthquake

KUNMING, 1 Sept — Five people died and 24 others were injured after a 5.9 magnitude earthquake struck southwest China on Saturday morning, local authorities said.

The quake hit the border area of Shangri-La and Degen counties in Yunnan Province and Derong County in Sichuan Province at 8:04 am, according to the China Earthquake Network Centre.

Four people died and six others were injured in Degen County, and the quake has toppled 600 residential units and damaged 55,500 others, and some 9,200 local residents have been forced

to relocate, according to a statement from the Yunnan Provincial Civil Affairs Department.

The injured also include four residents from the Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Garze, which administers Derong County, in Sichuan Province.

Quake and aftershock-triggered landslides have cut off traffic toward the Xingfu Village in Nixi Township of Shangri-La, which is believed to be the epicenter.

The quake also affected telecommunications and electricity supply in Degen and Derong counties, complicating rescue efforts.



Rescuers arrive at the quake-hit Shangri-La County in southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 31 Aug 2013.

Four people were killed and 13 others were injured after an 5.9 magnitude earthquake hit the border area of Shangri-La and Degen counties in Yunnan Province and Derong County in Sichuan Province at 8:04 am.

XINHUA

The quake was felt in 12 townships in Derong.

Local authorities have rushed to carry out rescue and disaster relief work.

They have sent tents, clothes, quilts, folding beds and mattresses to the disaster-hit area.

Xinhua

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Somalia says ties with China growing

MOGADISHU, 1 Sept—Somalia says its relations with China is growing following a week-long official visit by the country's foreign Minister Fawzia Yusuf as she returned to the capital Mogadishu on Friday.

Fawzia, who is also deputy prime minister, said she met with top Chinese officials to discuss ways of strengthening bilateral ties between the two nations.

"We share historic relations with China and that relationship is growing for the benefit of both of our nations," said Fawzia after she

arrived at the International Airport in Mogadishu.

Somalia said it wanted China to assist in its reconstruction as the horn of Africa nation is reeling from more than two decades of civil conflict which left the country's state infrastructure in ruins. Speaking to *Xinhua* earlier this week, Somalia's State Minister for Foreign Affairs Mohamed Nur Gaal said the Somali government attaches great importance to its relations with China.

The Somali government invites the Chinese government and companies to in-

vest in the country as the East African country is witnessing a relative stability for the past two years, Gaal said.

"Now that the country is stabilizing, the development needs particularly in institution building and in infrastructure and social services gain great prominence and these are the areas where China can play a greater role," said Gaal.

"We also welcome investments from China as we make the regulatory preparation to pave the way for foreign investment in Somalia," he added.—*Xinhua*

Four suspected militants killed in Yemen drone strike

ADEN, 1 Sept—At least four suspected al-Qaeda militants were killed on Friday in a presumed US drone strike in Yemen's central al-Bayda Province, a local government source said.

The strike took place in the District of Rada'a and killed the local al-Qaeda leader there and three others, the government source told *Reuters*. Tribal sources put the death toll at five.

"The drone targeted a place where they were meeting," a local source said. Yemen is the main stronghold of al-Qaeda in the Ara-

bian Peninsula (AQAP), one of the militant group's most aggressive wings.

It is among a handful of countries where the United States acknowledges using drones, although it does not comment publicly on the practice.

Yemen's president said last week that AQAP's leader had vowed in an intercepted phone call to carry out an attack that would "change the face of history", and that this was what had led to the temporary closure of many US and other Western embassies in the Middle

East, Africa and Asia earlier in August.

Restoring stability to Yemen, one of the poorest Arab countries which lies next door to the world's top oil exporter Saudi Arabia, is an international concern.

President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi has angered many of his countrymen by giving unequivocal support for Washington's controversial drone strikes, which have increased under President Barack Obama. He has also asked the United States to supply drones to the Yemeni army.—*Reuters*

Invitation for Cooperation with Lease (or) Joint Venture in High Grade Paper Mill (Thabaung) under Paper and Home Utility Industries, Ministry of Industry

High Grade Paper Mill (Thabaung) under Paper and Home Utility Industries, Ministry of Industry is intended to cooperate with Locals and Foreign entrepreneurs as Lease (or) Joint Venture in it.

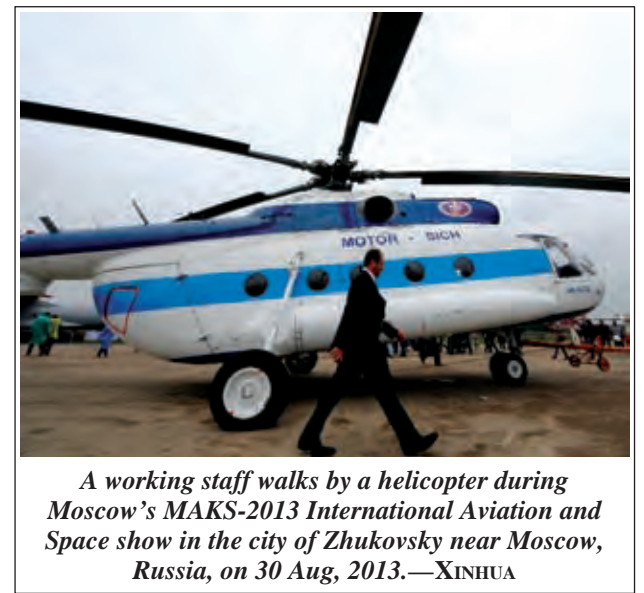
Companies who interested in those cooperation are required to submit their draft proposal of Lease (or) Joint Venture, not later than 3 PM (Myanmar Standard Time), on 30th September, 2013 to Material Planning Department, Paper and Home Utility Industries, Ministry of Industry, office No (41), Nay Pyi Taw, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

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A working staff walks by a helicopter during Moscow's MAKS-2013 International Aviation and Space show in the city of Zhukovsky near Moscow, Russia, on 30 Aug, 2013.—XINHUA

Don't Smoke

Train derailed in Taipei, 12 injured

TAIPEI, 1 Sept—A train derailed in Taipei on Saturday morning after encountering a landslide, injuring 12 passengers, with three in serious condition, said the Taiwan railway authority.

The Kaohsiung-bound train had about 250 passengers on board when it came across a landslide at a tunnel entrance on Saturday at 7:33 am. Beijing Time, leading to separation of the fifth and sixth passenger cars and derailment of the sixth, said the Taiwan railway authority in a Press conference.

Altogether 12 passengers were injured, with three in serious condition and suffering fractures. All the injured have been sent to hospitals, said the authority.

As of 10 am, it was still raining heavily at the site of the accident, and the car remained stuck in the landslide. Railway staff and soldiers have been sent to the site to rescue and evacuate passengers.—*Xinhua*

In landlocked South Sudan, one road is a lifeline—and a bottleneck



NIMULE, (South Sudan), 1 Sept—Almost two weeks after truck driver George Wala loaded build-

ing materials in the Kenyan port of Mombasa bound for a company in South Sudan he still hadn't reached his

destination.

"I've been waiting for two days to clear my goods but no customs official has

Truck drivers and passengers remain stranded in a flooded section of a road while driving from the Ugandan border into South Sudan at Nimule on 27 Aug, 2013.

REUTERS

had time for me yet," the 30-year old Kenyan said, standing next to his truck in the muddy border post of Nimule, South Sudan's southern gateway to Uganda.

Every day up to 130 trucks from Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia or even farther away arrive at the customs clearing area the size of a football field in the small border town. Once a sleepy outpost built by colonial ruler Britain to mark its southernmost presence in Sudan, Nimule has become an economic lifeline for South Sudan since the world's newest state seced-

ed from Khartoum in 2011 following decades of civil war.

Landlocked South Sudan depends on its oil exports flowing north to fund its state budget, and remains vulnerable to shut-downs caused by disputes over pipeline fees and border conflicts with its former enemy Sudan. With almost no industrial production and just some 300 km (190 miles) of paved roads, the new nation depends on truck drivers like Wala to provide it with everything from diesel to beer, condoms, trousers, laptops and frozen salami.—*Reuters*

ENTERTAINMENT

Judi Dench as Irish woman searching for son grips Venice

VENICE, 1 Sept—Judi Dench brought pathos and laughter to Venice on Saturday with her performance in the title role of “Philomena”, the true story of an Irish woman who searches for the son who was taken from her and sold by nuns.

“Philomena” debuted at the Venice film festival alongside James Franco’s “Child of God”, the chilling tale of a cave-dwelling necrophiliac, and “Night Moves” about three eco-warriors who plot to blow

up a dam.

Asked why he had made a film about such a taboo subject, Franco said it had provided a way “for me to examine something that’s pushed out of civilized society”.

“Philomena” is based on “The Lost Child of Philomena Lee”, the 2009 book by Martin Sixsmith which prompted thousands of adopted Irish children and their mothers to come forward and tell their stories.

Philomena goes to America to look for her son with world-weary journalist Sixsmith, played by co-writer Steve Coogan, creating what Frears describes as “an odd-couple film, an extraordinary road trip”.

“I really liked the British humour which contrasts with the religious issues,” said Jacopo Mascholoni, a 22-year-old student from Rome who attended the screening.

Put to work in a Catholic laundry after having

a baby out of wedlock in 1952, Philomena loses her son to strangers and is prevented from finding him again, but does not lose her Catholic religion.

Philomena’s uncomplicated faith is emphasized by the cynicism of Sixsmith, who lost his job as a British government spin doctor in 2002, beset by controversy over an email that allegedly said September 11 was a good day to bury bad news.

Reuters



Actress Judi Dench poses during a photocall for the movie “Philomena”, directed by Stephen Frears, during the 70th Venice Film Festival in Venice on 31 Aug, 2013. The movie debuts at the festival.

REUTERS

Pallavi Sharda to feature next in a period film

MUMBAI, 1 Sept— Indo-Australian actress Pallavi Sharda will be seen in a period film opposite Ayushmann Khurrana.

Pallavi, who will be seen next opposite Ranbir Kapoor in ‘Besharam’, will be paired with VJ-turned-actor Ayushmann Khurrana for a film (yet to be titled), helmed by first-time director Vibhu Puri. Vibhu had previously assisted noted filmmaker Sanjay Leela Bhansali. “We have Pallavi and Ayushmann on board for a period love story.—PTI



Dakota Fanning, actress of the movie “Night Moves” poses at red carpet during the 70th Venice International Film Festival in the Lido of Venice, Italy, on 31 Aug, 2013.

XINHUA

Expert says Europe tries to rescue its film identity

VARNA, (Bulgaria), 1 Sept — European film market is dominated by American productions, so the old continent is trying by various means to save its film identity, a prominent Bulgarian expert said recently in an interview with Xinhua.

Alexander Grozev, one of the most famous Bulgarian film critics, said that Europe is dealing with all means to stimulate the production of European films from one hand, and their distribution from the other hand.

It is the role of European festivals, said Grozev, who is also Artistic Director of the International Film Festival “Love is Folly,” one of the three largest movie festivals in Bulgaria.

Europe holds huge amount of film festivals, Grozev said. Of course, Venice, Cannes, Berlin are the largest, but there are many small festivals around them, each of which has found its niche, the expert said.

Festivals are yet to gain speed because they

are a tool to counteract the commercial production business, Grozev said.

Festivals are trying to rescue the national identities, he said.

This is primarily to save what we call national identity, Grozev said.

“Recently, the world becomes cosmopolitan with huge steps, which is leading to alignment of mass taste and dying out traditions,” Grozev said. “When the tradition dies, the national identity disappears.”

Xinhua



Ted Nugent performs at a concert at the House of Blues at the Mandalay Bay Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada in this file image from on 11 Aug, 2007.

REUTERS

Director Franco finds comedy in tale of murderous backwoodsman

VENICE, 1 Sept—Director James Franco says the character Lester Ballard in his new film “Child of God” has a trace of Charlie Chaplin in him, though the tale of a cave-dwelling necrophiliac is mostly as dark as can be.

Based on Cormac McCarthy’s novella of the same name, the movie premiered at the Venice Film Festival on Saturday portrays a Tennessee backwoodsman who has never recovered from his father’s suicide and sinks into ever deeper levels of anti-social and psychopathic behaviour.

Franco said he sought permission from the “No Country for Old Men”

writer to film the seemingly unfilmable story because it provided a way “for me to examine something that’s pushed out of civilized society”.

But he also found elements of a fumbling, awkward comedy that reminded him on Chaplin, though of a much darker nature than anything the silent film star ever put on screen.

“He’s kind of, in some ways he’s kind of clumsy, he’s, you know, almost comedic,” Franco told Reuters in an interview.

“Not laugh-out funny but he’s a little ridiculous in some ways and I felt like that’s something I’ve never seen before on the screen, a

killer like this that’s a little foolish or almost like Charlie Chaplinesque.”

That awkwardness shows through in one scene when Ballard, played by Texan actor Steve Haze, struggles to push a woman’s body up a ladder into an attic.

“It’s not a movie like ‘Texas Chainsaw Massacre’ that is drawing people in with the violence,” Franco said.

“It’s using the dark subject matter as, for me, using it as a metaphor or as an extreme example of something that is more general, a more general kind of a theme which is extreme isolation, extreme loneliness and also somebody that is unable to fit into the civilized society.”

“I’m not trying to do a sympathetic portrayal of him. I don’t condone murder but it’s a film, it’s a piece of art. So in that sense you can use this extreme subject matter to talk about something more general and that was what was interesting.”

Franco said the film is not as violent as the subject matter suggests, and does not portray violence as graphically as some recent films, though there are scenes that will make jaws drop.

Reuters



Director and actor James Franco poses during a photocall for his movie “Child of God” during the 70th Venice Film Festival in Venice on 31 Aug, 2013.

REUTERS

Ted Nugent’s wife could face felony charge for airport gun bust

AUSTIN, 1 Sept—The wife of rock guitarist Ted Nugent could face a felony weapons charge in North Texas after airport police caught her going through a security line at a Dallas-area airport with a loaded pistol, according to a police report released on Friday.

Shemane Nugent, 51, told authorities that she forgot that the Smith & Wesson .38 Special revolver, packed in its case with 10 extra rounds, was in her bag when she prepared to board a flight on Thursday morning to Fort Lauderdale from the Dallas-Fort Worth International Air-

port in Grapevine, Texas.

The police report did not say if Ted Nugent, equally well known for his outspoken advocacy of guns and hunting rights, as well as his 1970s hit songs “Stranglehold” and “Cat Scratch Fever,” was travelling with his wife.

Reuters

SPORTS

Vidal double leads Juve to 4-1 win over Lazio

Negredo helps nervy Man City edge past Hull



Juventus' Arturo Vidal (3rd R) celebrates with his teammates after scoring against SS Lazio during their Italian Serie A football match at the Juventus stadium in Turin on 31 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

ROME, 1 Sept—Arturo Vidal scored twice and Carlos Tevez added another goal as champions Juventus joined last season's runners-up Napoli at the top of Serie A on Saturday with an impressive 4-1 win over 10-man Lazio in Turin.

Napoli also made it two victories from two games earlier in the day, overcoming Chievo 4-2 in Verona with two goals from in-form Slovakian Marek Hamsik and Gonzalo Higuain's first Serie A strike.

Two superb finishes from Vidal in the 14th and 26th minutes looked to have put the game beyond Lazio but German striker

Miroslav Klose pulled a goal back to give the visitors some hope.

Mirko Vucinic extended Juve's lead with a deft finish four minutes after the break before Brazilian midfielder Hernanes was sent off for a second booking following a handball.

Argentine Tevez provided a neat fourth from 20 metres with 10 minutes to go to finish off Vladimir Petkovic's side.

"This is the Juve that (coach Antonio) Conte wants. We had the same aggression that has marked us out over the last two years," said defender Leonardo Bonucci after providing two assists.

Alberto Paloschi twice levelled for Chievo in Verona after Hamsik, with a superb long-range strike, and then Jose Callejon, with a tap-in, had put the visitors ahead.

Rafa Benitez's Napoli seized control in the second period and Hamsik's close-range volley after a defensive mix-up gave them a deserved lead after 64 minutes.

Argentina international Higuain sealed the points six minutes later when he took Lorenzo Insigne's through ball and squeezed home his first league goal since joining from Real Madrid in the close season.

"We let them back into the game twice but I knew that if we scored another that we would win," said Hamsik after taking his tally to four goals in Serie A this season.

AC Milan and Fiorentina are in action on Sunday, the latter travelling to Genoa and the former hosting Cagliari.

AS Roma play their first home game of the season against Hellas Verona with the Curva Sud of the Olympic Stadium closed due to racist chanting from hardcore fans at the end of last season.—Reuters

LONDON, 1 Sept—Manchester City mined their rich resources to break Hull City's dogged resistance in a nervy 2-0 Premier League win on Saturday with their new Spanish striker Alvaro Negredo coming off the bench to prove his worth.

With memories of last weekend's defeat by another promoted outfit Cardiff still fresh, City again looked edgy in defence and lacked attacking inspiration before 20 million-pound (\$30.94 million) forward Negredo found the net.

The Spaniard, who was brought on at half-time and later followed on to the pitch by more high-cost talent in Samir Nasri

and James Milner, brought relief to the home fans in the Etihad Stadium with 25 minutes left when he clinically headed home.

Midfielder Yaya Toure put an undeserved gloss on the scoreline with a fantastic curling freekick from 20 metres in the 90th minute to give City six points from their opening three games, moving them up to second in the table.

West Ham United missed the chance to join Chelsea at the top on seven points after a Jermaine Pennant freekick gave Stoke City a 1-0 away win, while Norwich City beat Southampton 1-0 to record their first league vic-

tory of the season. In the weekend's big matches, third-placed Liverpool take on Manchester United at Anfield on Sunday hoping to extend their perfect start to the season before Tottenham Hotspur, the only other top flight team with maximum points, visit rivals Arsenal.

Hatem Ben Arfa scored Newcastle United's first league goal of the season with a late rasping finish to give them a 1-0 win at home to Fulham, while Everton drew for the third straight game with a 0-0 stalemate at Cardiff City.

Crystal Palace manager Ian Holloway was dancing on the touchline as the promoted club stylishly dismantled Sunderland 3-1 for their first win of the season.

Manchester City's performance suggests there are still creases to iron out for Manuel Pellegrini's side.

"We know you have to give 100 percent to win every match but I think today that we were more concentrated in defence than the last game against Cardiff," was the Chilean manager's assessment of their workmanlike display.

Reuters



Manchester City's Alvaro Negredo (R) is challenged by Hull City's Tom Huddlestone during their English Premier League soccer match at The Etihad Stadium, Manchester northern England on 31 Aug, 2013.

REUTERS

Nadal cruises as upsets continue at US Open

NEW YORK, 1 Sept—Rafa Nadal, growing in confidence with each match, blasted his way into the fourth round of the US Open on Saturday with an ominous display as the upsets continued at the last grand slam of the year.

The world number two turned on a master class of power and precision as he brushed aside Croatia's Ivan Dodig 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 to lead a trio of Spanish men into the fourth round.

French Open runner-up David Ferrer also moved

through, beating Mikhail Kukushkin 6-4, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, while a third Spaniard, Tommy Robredo, ended the Cinderella run of British qualifier Dan Evans, winning 7-6 (6), 6-1, 4-6, 7-5.

Former world number one Caroline Wozniacki and the 2011 Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova were among the high-profile casualties in a women's draw packed with surprises.

Four of the eight women already through to the fourth round are unseeded and three of the eight are



Camila Giorgi of Italy celebrates defeating Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark at the US Open tennis championships in New York on 31 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

Italian. Camila Giorgi, who had to come through the qualifiers to reach the main draw, sent Wozniacki packing with a 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 win on Arthur Ashe Stadium while Flavia Pennetta knocked out the former US Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova 7-5, 6-1. Roberta Vinci also won for Italy.

Nadal has been in great form in the past month, winning warm-up tournaments in Montreal and Cincinnati. He has not dropped

a single set in getting to the last 16 at Flushing Meadows and believes he is still improving.

"I played better today than in the previous matches. (That's) always a positive thing," he said.

Nadal's next opponent is Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber, who beat towering American John Isner 6-4, 3-6, 7-5, 7-6 (5), with Roger Federer looming as a possible quarter-final opponent.

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Garcia grabs Deutsche Bank lead with 64

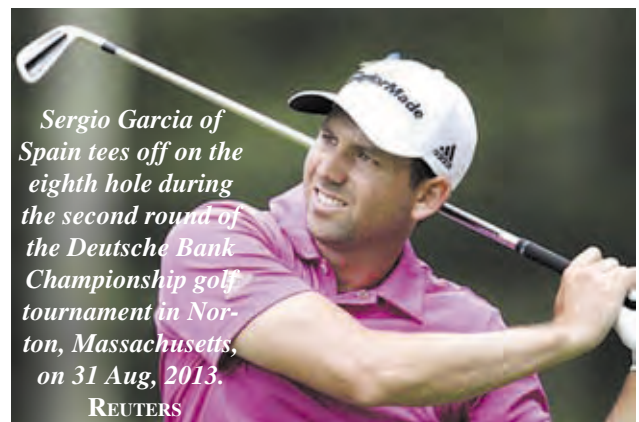
NORTON, (Massachusetts), 1 Sept—Sergio Garcia was not planning to play in the Deutsche Bank Championship but with a one-shot lead after Saturday's second round, the Spaniard will certainly be glad he did not take the week off. Garcia held a one-stroke lead from American Roberto Castro and Sweden's Henrik Stenson at a low-scoring TPC Boston on Saturday.

Garcia, only opted to play in the tournament because he risked missing the next cut in the FedExCup

playoffs and he eagled the 18th hole to complete an impressive seven-under-par round of 64, leaving him at 13-under for the tournament.

The Spaniard's only major hiccup came on the par-four 14th where he double bogeyed as did Castro.

Stenson was immaculate as he recorded a bogey free eight-under par 63, a round matched only by England's Justin Rose, the US Open champion who also avoided bogeys as he moved within four shots of the lead.—Reuters



Sergio Garcia of Spain tees off on the eighth hole during the second round of the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament in Norton, Massachusetts, on 31 Aug, 2013.

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Rafael Nadal of Spain hits a return to Ivan Dodig of Croatia at the US Open tennis championships in New York on 31 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

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Photo taken on 31 Aug, 2013 shows the main building of the art school of the Australian National University, in Canberra, capital of Australia.

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Giant panda in Madrid zoo gives birth to male cub

MADRID, 1 Sept—A giant panda in Madrid zoo has given birth to a healthy male and the one-day old, pink-skinned cub is already proving a handful, screaming his way through his first medical checkup.

The new arrival, delivered after a natural birth in the early hours of Friday, is only the 10th specimen of the highly endangered animal in Europe, Madrid zoo said.

The cub — the third for Giant Panda Hua Zui Ba, whose twins born in 2010 have since been transferred to China — weighed in at a larger-than-average 210 grams and was 15 centime-

ters long. “The team of specialists and veterinarians have confirmed it is a boy with a good set of lungs,” the zoo said in a statement. “The new giant panda cub... has shown it has a lot of character.”

Visitors will be unable to see Madrid’s baby panda, which has not yet been named, for several months. Its Giant Panda mother was now unlikely to give birth to a second cub, the zoo said. Female pandas can often have two offsprings at a time.

Like Madrid’s newest cub, most pandas bred in captivity are conceived through artificial insemina-

tion. Reproduction is difficult as females are only able to conceive for about two or three days in the spring.

There are roughly 300 giant pandas in captivity throughout the world, and fewer than 1,600 living in the wild, in a few mountain ranges in central China.

Britain is also gripped with “baby fever” over the possible birth of a panda at Scotland’s Edinburgh zoo, expected within weeks.

Only 10 Giant Pandas now live in captivity in Europe, including in Edinburgh and Beauval in France. Vienna zoo’s Giant Panda female gave birth to a cub in mid-August.—Reuters

Egypt destroys 10 tunnels beneath border with Gaza

GAZA, 1 Sept—The Egyptian authorities destroyed on Saturday night 10 tunnels beneath Gaza’s southern border with Egypt, witnesses and security sources said.

The security sources with the Hamas government told Xinhua that the tunnels located in Rafah town’s al-Barazeel neighborhood were destroyed by the Egyptian army as part of an ongoing security campaign.

Local witnesses testified that they saw white smokes coming out from the area after hearing several huge explosions.

No injuries have been reported.

The Egyptian se-

curity forces have been carrying out a large security campaign against the tunnels after the 30 June protests, which ousted Egyptian Islamic President Mohamed Morsi, who was accused of collaborating with Hamas.

The tunnels are used for smuggling food, fuel and medicine into Gaza since Israel imposed a tight blockade on the enclave in 2007.

The Gaza-ruling Hamas government said the tunnels provide Gaza with 40 percent of its needs, while the other 60 percent is allowed through Israeli-controlled commercial crossings.

Xinhua

Japan shut out of medals again at judo worlds

RIO DE JANEIRO, 1 Sept—Masashi Nishiyama made an early exit in the men’s 90-kilogram division as Japanese wrestlers failed to make the medals podium for the second day in succession Friday at the judo world championships.

Nishiyama was sent to an ippon defeat in the second round against Islam Bozbayev of Kazakhstan. Cuba’s Asley Gonzalez defeated Varlam Liparteliani in the final to win the gold medal.

“I was a bit of a pushover. Before I realized it I was going on the defensive. I wasn’t aggressive enough,” said Nishiyama. “Once this tournament is over I will have a think about what to do next.”

In the women’s competition, Ruika Sato suffered a yusei defeat in the 78-kg quarterfinals against eventual winner Sol Kyong of North Korea and she also lost in the repechage. Akari Ogata lost in the first round to Marhinde Verkerk of the Netherlands.

In the 70-kg class, Haruka Tachimoto lost her first match against Onix Cortes Aldama of Cuba. Yuri Alvear of Colombia won the gold medal.

Japan’s women will finish without a gold medal at the worlds for the first time since the 1991 meet in Barcelona unless Megumi Tachimoto wins the over 78-kg final.

Japan’s men have



Sol Kyong (front) of North Korea beats Marhinde Verkerk of the Netherlands to win gold in the women’s 78-kilogram final of the judo world championships in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 30 Aug, 2013.

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won three gold medals and one bronze here, while the women have just one silver in the 48-kg and one bronze at 52-kg.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham felicitates Vietnamese counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—On the occasion of the 68th Anniversary of the National Day of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, which falls on 2 September 2013, Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Madame Nguyen Thi Doan, Vice-President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.—MNA

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Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker pays goodwill visit to Thailand

YANGON, 1 Sept—To pay a goodwill visit to Thailand, a Myanmar delegation led by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint left here for Thailand by air this morning.

The delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, Secretary of Amyotha Hluttaw Political, Economic and Legal Affairs Commission U Myint Thein, representatives of Amyotha Hluttaw, Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win and Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung, officials from the Hluttaw Office and officials from Thai embassy.



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint being seen off by Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa and party.

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Attacks killed 800 Iraqis in August: UN

BAGHDAD, 1 Sept—About 800 Iraqis were killed in August, the United Nations said on Sunday, condemning a wave of violence in the country that has reached levels not seen since 2008.

Most of the 804 killed were civilians, targeted in shootings and bombings mainly claimed by the Iraqi wing of al Qaeda. More than 2,000 people were wounded, the U.N. figures showed.

The number of people who were killed last month

was however lower than in July, when the U.N. reported that there were 1,057 victims, the highly monthly toll since 2008. Violence in Iraq was at its height in 2006-2007 when the number of people killed per month sometimes exceeded 3,000.

Nearly 5,000 civilians have been killed and 12,000 wounded since the beginning of 2013, the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) said in a statement.

Reuters

Clashes in Iranian dissidents' camp in Iraq kill 15

BAGHDAD, 1 Sept—At least 15 people were killed in clashes following a mortar attack on an Iranian dissident camp north of the Iraqi capital Baghdad on Sunday, two security sources said.

It was not immediately clear who had fired the mortars, and those who died were killed in later confrontations between security forces and camp residents, the sources said.

One of the sources

said Iraqi security forces had opened fire on a crowd which had stormed a post at the entrance to Camp Ashraf, a site that Iraq's government wants closed down. About 50 people were wounded, the source said.

The United Nations in Iraq strongly condemned Sunday's "tragic events", without giving details on what had happened.

Reuters

Cultural delegation leaves for PRC

YANGON, 1 Sept—Rector U Kyaw Oo and Head of Training Department U Thit Lwin Soe from National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) of Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture left here by air this afternoon to attend 2013 China-ASEAN Vocational Education Exhibition and Forum to be held in the People's Republic of China from 2 to 5 September.

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Photo shows quality electronic equipment linking Internet seen at Samsung-KOICA Digital Library at the University of Computer Studies in Yangon.

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Union FM felicitates Vietnamese counterpart

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Sittoung River may reach danger level

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—According to the 14:30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk level.

It may reach its danger level during the next 48 hours, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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UCSY facilitated with Samsung-KOICA Digital Library

YANGON, 1 Sept—Thanks to the contribution of Samsung Electronics Company and under the arrangement of KOICA and Samsung Employee Volunteer Programme, faculty members and students of Yangon University of Computer Studies have easy access to Samsung-KOICA Digital Library in their study of technological subjects.

The digital library is facilitated with high quality electronic equipment

linking Internet. The readers can study books and publications form international libraries through online. The library is serving the users through modern technologies so as to record and study the lectures of faculty members and apply programming subject.

"I believe the Digital Library can support as the new educational environment that will lead the quality and effectiveness of education at UCSY,

especially in increasing accessibility to new and various information," said Mr Nam Kwon Hyoung, Chief Resident Representative of KOICA Myanmar office.

In addition to providing technology and machinery for the library, Prof Dr Shin Jang Koon and party of KOICA and volunteer group from Samsung spent US\$ 100,000 on health care services to local people in Shwepyitha Township.

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