

Stability of ASEAN's and China's economy becomes crucial for world economy

President U Thein Sein attends opening ceremony of 10th CAEXPO and CABIS

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept— The opening ceremony of 10th CAEXPO and CABIS was held at Nanning International Convention & Exhibition Centre of Nanning of the People's Republic of China this morning.

It was attended by President U Thein Sein, Chinese Premier Mr Li Keqiang, Cambodian Prime Minister Sandesh Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Thongsing Thammavong, Thai Prime Minister Mrs Yingluck Shinawatra, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen

Tan Dung, Deputy Prime Minister Mr Teo Choe Hean of Singapore, ministers from China and ASEAN, deputy ministers, high-ranking officers, ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Le Luong Minh and officials, entrepreneurs from China and ASEAN countries and international news agencies.

Secretary of CPC of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Committee Mr Peng Qinghua, Vice Minister of Commerce Mr Zhong Shan of China and Chairman of China Council for the

Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) Mr Wan Ji Fei of extended greetings on the occasion.

After that, President U Thein Sein, the Cambodian Prime Minister, the Laotian Prime Minister, the Thai Prime Minister, the Vietnamese Prime Minister, the Singaporean Deputy Prime Minister and the ASEAN Secretary-General delivered speeches.

In his speech, President U Thein Sein said that this year is 10th anniversary of CAEXPO and CABIS. In addition, it is crucial year for promoting China-ASEAN

strategic cooperation as this year coincides with the 10th founding anniversary of China-ASEAN strategic partnership.

It can be said that its motto is very synonymous with current situation. The Asian Region lies at the core (See page 8)

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein delivers an address at opening ceremony of China-ASEAN Expo in Nanning of China.

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President U Thein Sein concludes Nanning visit

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein left Liyuan Resort in a motorcade this afternoon and arrived at Nanning International Airport at 2.45 pm LST today.

The President and party were seen off at the airport by Vice-Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang People's Congress of Communist Party of China Mr Qin Ruixiang and party, the Myanmar Ambassador to China and staff

from Consulate-General of Myanmar in Nanning.

The President and party left Nanning by air and arrived back here this evening. They were welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-Presidents Dr Sai Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Union Ministers and officials.—MNA



President U Thein Sein being welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-Presidents Dr Sai Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun.—MNA

Correction

Please read Secretary of the China Communist Party Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Committee Mr Peng Qinghua instead of Secretary of Guangxi Zhuang Provincial

People's Congress Mr Peng Qinghua in the first column of page 8 under title of "President U Thein Sein and party arrive in Nanning of China" that appeared in this daily issued on 3-9-2013.

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Myanmar Judo team leaves for Japan to take joint training

YANGON, 3 Sept—To be able to secure victory in the SEA Games, under the Government to Government Programme being realized by Ministry of Sports, a Myanmar Judo team comprising the Japanese



National Sports

Chief Coach, coach and interpreter and 12 athletes, totalling 16 led by Lt-Col Saw Shwe of No. 2 WO and Sgt Training Depot of Ministry of Defence left here by air on 1 September to take joint training at Kodotan Judo training school in Tokyo of Japan from 1 September to 15 October.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by President of Myanmar Judo Federation U Tun Tun, the secretary and executives.—*Khin Maung Win (Kyemon)*

Myanmar U-23 rout National Team in football tune-up 3-0



YANGON, 3 Sept—Myanmar National Football Team and U-23 Team met in the tune-up match at Youth Training Centre in Thuwunna on 1 September afternoon as part of preparations to take part in the international tournaments.

Myanmar U-23 team could not show off its significant skills in the first half. But, the players of U-23 were in their brilliant form in the second half, scoring winning goals. Myanmar national team played against its opponent through counter attacks but it could not

control the attacks of the youth team.

Myanmar U-23 team changed a little for the line-up with Kyaw Ko Ko, Kyaw Zeyar Win and Zaw Min Tun in the first half and Kyi Lin and Kaung Sithu in the second half.

The Myanmar national team handled by Coach U Hsan Win was formed with star players Yan Paing, Khin Maung Lwin, Yazar Win Thein, Thiha Sithu and Paing Soe. Kyaw Ko Ko scored the opening goal for U-23 at 66th minute and Kaung Sithu 88th minute through penalty kick



Reporter U Ohn Kyaw, 62 who had provided news items to Kyemon and Myanma Alinn passed away at Aung Yadana Hospital in South Okkapala Township on 1 September. Township Reporters Social Organization presented K 180,000 to the family for the demise of the reporter.—**KYEMON-TIN WIN LAY (KYIMYINDINE)**

Myeik Jail practises drill for prevention against natural disaster



MYEIK, 3 Sept—Supervised by the Myeik Township Myanmar Correctional Department in Taninthayi Region, the staff of the Myeik Jail exercised drill for prevention against natural disaster on 1 September afternoon.

It was participated by

Commander of District Police Force Police Lt-Col Shwe Nya Maung and servicemen totalling 45, Staff Officer of District Fire Services Department U Zaw Win and party together with Deputy Commanding Officer U Kyan Aung and party of Auxiliary Fire Brigade, totalling 59 and

Assistant Director U Nyunt Win of District Myanmar Correctional Department and servicemen, totalling 45 of District Myanmar Correctional Department, totalling 149. They practised drills for prevention against disaster and control of the jail.—*Kyemon-278*

Crime

Nine persons squat land of Hlinethaya Township DAC



YANGON, 3 Sept—The township authorities have announced that no one is allowed to enter the departmental lands, vacant lands, pasture lands

and farmlands to build the housings in Hlinethaya Township.

However, U Myat Min and eight accomplices of Kanhla Village erected

the fencing posts on the vacant land of the Township Development Affairs Committee between Bago 4th and 5th streets in Ward 12 of Bago as of 8 am on 30

August.

The ward authorities and townsenders together with Assistant Head of Township Development Affairs Committee U Thet Naung Win, 10 Township DAC workers, local police officials explained matters related to existing laws and orders to those who encroached on the area. The authorities took out the fencing posts and wire meshes from the area and brought these materials to the office of Township Development Affairs Committee. The committee will take action against those entered the departmental lands deterrently.

Kyemon-Min Htet Paing (Hlinethaya)

Poppy seeds, opium, smoking materials, guns seized in Monghsat

MONGHSAT, 3 Sept—A section led by the commanding officer of the local battalion together with 10 people's militia cleared the region at 4.45 pm on 30 August in Monghsat District of Shan State (East).

They found a suspected Thai citizen together with 6.5 kilos of poppy seeds, 157 grams of opium, two opium smoking materials and three percussion lock firearms.

The military squad led by the commanding officer found a hut in the operation

area (at map reference NC 500550). They found Paul, the name of Thai citizen together with poppy seeds in 1.5 litres capacity container and opium worth K 157,000 in addition to materials and firearms.

According to the directive of the commanding officer, Lt Nay Myo Aung of No. 359 Light Infantry Regiment handed over the seized materials to Tachilek Anti-Drug Squad with receipt. SIP Min Min Tun of the squad accepted the



materials together with witnesses at 8 pm on 31

August.—*Kyemon-Maw Gyi (Triangle Region)*

Anti-Narcotic Drives

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India's parliament passes cheap food law for 800 million people



Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh speaks during the launch of the "Gandhi Heritage Portal" in New Delhi on 2 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

NEW DELHI, 3 Sept—India's upper house of parliament on Monday approved a \$20 billion (12.8 billion pounds) scheme to distribute subsidised wheat and rice to 800 million people, backing an anti-malnutrition drive that investors fear will mean missing the fiscal deficit target.

The Food Security Bill is seen as a vote winner by the ruling Con-

gress party as it prepares for elections due by May next year. But investors reacted negatively to the plan when the lower house approved it last week, on worries the government will struggle to contain the cost of subsidies.

The scheme has now been passed by both houses. Before becoming law it must be signed by the president, a formality.

Reuters

Gov't to spend over 47 billion yen to fight Fukushima toxic water

TOKYO, 3 Sept—The government plans to use 47 billion yen to tackle a massive buildup of radioactive water at the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, the chief government spokesman said on Tuesday. The move came amid growing concerns that a slow response could overshadow Tokyo's bid to host the 2020 Summer Olympics.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said during a meeting to discuss the nuclear disaster that the government will take necessary financial steps to address the toxic water issue, which the government believes can no longer be handled by plant operator Tokyo Electric Power Co alone.

The utility known as TEPCO has tried to manage the massive amount of radioactive water that is accumulating at the plant since the nuclear crisis began more than two years ago, but a serious toxic water leak and other revelations have led the government to consider playing a bigger role in the cleanup efforts.

There has also been speculation that the government wants to avoid any negative impact from the issue on Tokyo's bid to host the Olympics. Abe is scheduled to make Japan's final presentation at the International Olympic Committee's meeting in Buenos Aires on Saturday.

Kyodo News

Brazil, Mexico ask US to explain if NSA spied on presidents

BRASILIA, 3 Sept — Brazil assailed the United States on Monday after new allegations that Washington spied on President Dilma Rousseff, complaining that its sovereignty may have been violated and suggesting that it could call off Rousseff's planned state visit to the White House next month.

A Brazilian news programme reported on Sunday that the US National Security Agency spied on emails, phone calls and text messages of Rousseff and Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto, a disclosure that could strain Washington's relations with Latin America's two biggest nations.

Mexico asked the United States to investigate the allegations, saying they would be a serious violation of its sovereignty if proven true.

Brazil's government, already smarting from earlier reports that the NSA spied on the emails and phone calls of Brazilians, called in US ambassador Thomas Shannon and gave the US government until the end of the week to pro-



Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff participates in the inaugural ceremony for the new Minister of Foreign Affairs of Brazil Luiz Alberto Figueiredo Machado at the Planalto Palace on 28 August, 2013.—REUTERS

vide a written explanation of the new spying disclosures based on documents leaked by fugitive former NSA contractor Edward Snowden.

"I expressed to (Shannon) the Brazilian government's indignation over the facts revealed in the documents," Foreign Minister Luiz Alberto Figueiredo said at a news conference.

"From our point of view, this is an inadmissible and unacceptable violation of Brazilian sovereignty," he said.

Figueiredo declined to explicitly say whether

the allegations could lead Rousseff to call off her visit to Washington, the only state visit offered by President Barack Obama this year. The trip had been intended to highlight improving US-Brazil ties since Rousseff took office in 2011. But, in response to a question from reporters about the visit, he said that Brazil's response to the allegations "will depend" on the US explanation.

The report by Globo's news programme "Fantastico" was based on documents obtained from Snowden by journal-

ist Glenn Greenwald, who lives in Rio de Janeiro and was listed as a co-contributor to the report.

"Fantastico" showed what it said was an NSA slide dated June 2012 displaying passages of written messages sent by Pena Nieto, who was still a Mexican presidential candidate at that time.

In the messages, Pena Nieto discussed who he was considering naming as his ministers once elected.

A separate slide displayed communication patterns between Rousseff and her top advisers, "Fantastico" said, although no specific written passages were included in the report.

Reuters



An 31 Aug, 2013, photo from a Kyodo News helicopter shows the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station in Fukushima Prefecture.—KYODO NEWS

Afghan Taliban attacks coalition base in bordering area with Pakistan

JALALABAD, (Afghanistan), 3 Sept—Afghan Taliban insurgent group

early on Monday morning launched a complex attack on a US forces' base in

eastern Afghan Province of Nangarhar, sources said.

"Militants numbered six or seven use suicide jackets, RPG (rocket propelled grenade) and heavily weapons in the attack which took place in bordering town of Torkham in border area with Pakistan," the source said. No casualty reports were immediately available, he said, adding the attack took place at around 5:30 am local time.

The base is a complex where foreign forces' vehicles and logistic and supply trucks station there.

The clash was going on at the moment in the province with Jalalabad city as its capital 120 km east of Afghan capital Kabul, he noted. Following the attack, the Jalalabad-Torkham highway, a key roadway for local and foreign troops' logistic and supply convoys, had been blocked.

Xinhua

Japan to host 1st seminar on sea lanes for SE Asia, Africa officials

TOKYO, 3 Sept—The Japanese government plans to host its first seminar in Tokyo late this month on protecting sea lanes in the Pacific and Indian oceans with officials from Southeast Asian and African countries, a Japanese official said on Monday.

The event is likely to be held for three days from 24 Sept and will draw participants from more than 10 countries including the Philippines, Malaysia, Vi-

etnam and Djibouti. The working-level seminar is aimed at strengthening ties with countries in strategic locations such as the Strait of Malacca, the South China Sea and the Gulf of Aden.

Resource-poor Japan relies heavily on the sea lanes for a stable supply of oil and other natural resources.

In the seminar, Japan is expected to explain the technical cooperation and

financial assistance it has extended to ensure freedom of navigation and safe passage on high seas, according to the Japanese official.

In recent years, China has become increasingly active in the East and South China seas, and is eager to enhance its presence in the Indian Ocean through infrastructure aid to countries such as Sri Lanka, sparking concern in Japan.

Kyodo News



Photo taken on 2 Sept, 2013 shows the US military base following an attack by Taliban fighters in Torkham near Afghan border with Pakistan in Nangarhar Province, eastern Afghanistan. Afghan Taliban insurgent group early Monday morning launched a complex attack on a US forces' base in eastern Afghan Province of Nangarhar, sources said.—XINHUA

Microsoft to acquire Nokia's handset business for \$7.2 billion

HELSINKI, 3 Sept — Microsoft Corp on Tuesday said it will buy Nokia's mobile phone business for 5.44 billion euros (\$7.2 billion).

The deal is expected to close in the first quarter of 2014 and it is subject to

approval by Nokia's shareholders and regulatory approvals. Nokia partnered in 2011 with Microsoft and uses Microsoft's Windows software to run its mobile phones.

Reuters

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Verizon, Vodafone agree to \$130 billion Wireless deal

LONDON/SAN DIEGO, 3 Sept—Verizon Communications agreed on Monday to pay \$130 billion to buy Vodafone Group out of its US wireless business, signing history's third largest corporate deal announcement to bring an end to an often tense 14-year marriage. The deal in cash and stock will give Verizon full access to the profits from the United States' largest mobile operator, handing it fresh firepower to invest in

its mobile network and fend off challengers in a tough market that is fast becoming even more competitive.

For the British group, the accord will allow it to return 71 percent of the net proceeds — or \$84 billion including all of the stock — to shareholders while also ramping up investment in its networks to set itself apart from rivals. The deal, in which Verizon will buy Vodafone's 45 percent stake in Verizon Wireless,

is the defining event in the careers of Vittorio Colao and Lowell McAdam, the chief executives of Vodafone and Verizon, respectively. They had succeeded in rebuilding relations between the two sides, long strained by clashes about the Wireless dividend and who would eventually seize full ownership.

McAdam told Reuters in an interview that the two men had initially discussed the possibility of combining Verizon and Vodafone before deciding that the stake sale made more sense for both companies. He said the companies realized they were close to a deal after they spent the morning together in a hotel in San Francisco, chatting while on the exercise bike in the gym and later over breakfast. The code name assigned to the deal was Project River. "We were Hudson and they were the Thames," he said, referring to rivers in New York and London.—Reuters



The Droid Mini, Droid Ultra and Droid Maxx are seen on display during the Verizon Wireless media event in New York on 23 July, 2013.—REUTERS

Black carbon likely to blame for mysterious mid-1800's Alps glacier retreat

WASHINGTON, 3 Sept—US researchers said on Monday they have uncovered "strong evidence" that soot, or black carbon, sent into the air by a rapidly industrializing Europe, likely caused the abrupt retreat of Alps mountain glaciers. The findings, published in the US journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, may help resolve the scientific debate about why the Alps glaciers retreated beginning in the 1860s, decades before global temperatures started rising again.

Central European Alps glacier records dating back to the 1500s show that between 1860 and 1930, loosely defined as the end

of the Little Ice Age in Europe, large valley glaciers in the Alps abruptly retreated by an average of nearly 1 kilometre. Yet weather in Europe cooled by about 1 degree Celsius during that time. Scientists have long been puzzled as to why the mismatch between the climate and glacier records occurred. Now, researchers from the US space agency NASA and the University of Colorado Boulder believed that black carbon is to blame.

"In the decades following the 1850s, Europe was undergoing a powerful economic and atmospheric transformation spurred by industrialization. Residents, transportation, and perhaps most importantly, industry

in Western Europe began burning coal in earnest, spewing huge quantities of black carbon and other dark particles into the atmosphere," the researchers said in a statement. "When black carbon particles settle on snow, they darken the surface. This melts the snow and exposes the underlying glacier ice to sunlight and relatively warm air earlier in the year, allowing more and faster melt," they said.

To determine how much black carbon was in the atmosphere and the snow when the Alps glaciers began to retreat, the researchers studied ice cores drilled from high up on several European mountain glaciers.—Xinhua

Pro-Syria hackers put anti-attack message on US Marines site

WASHINGTON, 3 Sept—Computer hackers aligned with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad struck an Internet recruiting site for the US Marine Corps on Monday, urging troops to "refuse your orders" if the United States attacks Syria. The attack appeared to be the work of the Syrian Electronic Army, which also recently targeted the New York Times' website and Twitter.

The hackers posted a message and images on the website www.marines.com, signing it "delivered by SEA," a reference to the Syrian Electronic Army. A Defence Department spokesman said the site, on commercial network rather than the Defence Department network, had been restored after an outage of a few hours. The seven-sentence "Message to the United States Marine Corps," said the Syrian Army "should be your ally, not your enemy" against "a vile common enemy" of terrorism. "Refuse your orders," said the message which included six photos of people in military-style uniforms, their faces obscured and holding handwritten messages, such as "I will not fight for al-Qaeda in Syria."—Reuters

Picture taken on 2 Sept, 2013 shows the C-17 Globemaster III at Hindon Airforce Station, around 20 kms from Indian capital New Delhi, India. India on Monday inducted into its defence forces the world's biggest military transport plane, C-17 Globemaster III, in a bid to spruce up the country's Air Force's capability to move combat personnel and tanks to battle fronts as swiftly as possible.—XINHUA

Scientists find frogs that hear with mouths

WASHINGTON, 3 Sept—Scientists said on Monday that they have solved the mystery of why one of the world's smallest frogs, known as Gardiner's Seychelle frog, can hear without an ear. Gardiner's frogs from the Seychelles islands, which are just one centimeter long, can hear sounds because they use their mouth cavity and tissue to transmit sound to their inner ears, researchers reported in the US journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Most frogs do not possess an outer ear like humans, but a middle ear with an eardrum located directly on the surface of the head. Incoming sound waves make the eardrum vibrate, and the eardrum delivers these vibrations using ossicles to the inner ear where hair cells translate them into electric signals sent to the brain. Scientists previously thought that it's impossible to detect sound in the brain without a middle ear because 99.9 percent of a sound wave reaching an animal is reflected at the surface of its skin.

"However, we know of frog species that croak like other frogs but do not have tympanic middle ears to listen to each other. This seems to be a contradiction," lead author Renaud Boistel from the University of Poitiers in France said in a statement. To establish whether Gardiner's frogs actually use sound to communicate with each other, the researchers set up loudspeakers in their natural habitat and broadcast pre-recorded frog songs. This caused male frogs present in the rainforest to answer, proving that they were able to hear the sound from the loudspeakers, the researchers said.

They then identified the mechanism by which

these seemingly deaf frogs were able to hear sound. Various mechanisms have been proposed: an extra-tympanic pathway through the lungs, muscles which in frogs connect the pectoral girdle to the region of the inner ear, or bone conduction. As these animals are tiny, just one centimetre long, the researchers used X-ray images of the soft tissue and the bony parts with micrometric resolution to determine which body parts contribute to sound propagation. They found that neither the pulmonary system nor the muscles of these frogs "contribute significantly" to the transmission of sound to the inner ears.

Numerical simulations helped investigate the third hypothesis, that the sound was received through the frogs' heads. These simulations confirmed that the mouth acts as a resonator, or amplifier, for the frequencies emitted by this species. Synchrotron X-ray imaging on different species showed that the transmission of the sound from the oral cavity to the inner ear has been optimized by two evolutionary adaptations: a reduced thickness of the tissue between the mouth and the inner ear and a smaller number of tissue layers between the mouth and the inner ear.

"The combination of a mouth cavity and bone conduction allows Gardiner's frogs to perceive sound effectively without use of a tympanic middle ear," Boistel said. As Gardiner's frogs have been living isolated in the rainforest of the Seychelles for 47 million to 65 million years, since these islands split away from the main continent, the findings indicated that "their auditory system must be a survivor of life forms on the ancient supercontinent Gondwana," Boistel concluded.—Xinhua



BUSINESS & HEALTH

Novartis heart failure drug effective across patient groups



AMSTERDAM, 3 Sept — An experimental drug from Novartis to treat heart failure proved equally effective regardless of the age of patients or whether they had other medical problems, clinical trial results presented on Monday showed.

The drug, serelaxin, which is a form of a human hormone that relaxes blood vessels and eases stress on the heart and other organs, is viewed as an important medicine in the Swiss drug-maker's developmental

pipeline.

Analysts at Jefferies expect the drug to generate peak sales of \$1.5 billion a year. Results from a Phase III study last November found it reduced deaths by 37 percent compared with placebo — and the latest data offers further insight by showing how it performed in different patient sub-groups.

The drug led to reduced dyspnea, or breathlessness, and fewer deaths after six months in all patient groups, including

those with impaired kidney function, those aged 75 or older, and those with atrial fibrillation, or irregular heartbeats.

The new findings were presented at the European Society of Cardiology congress in Amsterdam, where heart doctors have highlighted the enormous need for new treatments for acute heart failure, in which the heart is unable to pump enough blood.

Some 2 million patients are hospitalized each year in Europe and United States as a result of heart failure, and about half of all patients die within five years of being diagnosed with the condition. Medical treatment of heart failure has changed little since the 1970s but Novartis hopes serelaxin will soon offer cardiologists a new therapy option.

Reuters

EU urges efforts to tackle rising trade protectionism

BRUSSELS, 3 Sept — The European Union (EU) said in a report on Monday that global efforts to combat rising trade protectionism need to be reinforced to help shield the fragile economic recovery. According to the EU Report on Potentially Trade-Restrictive Measures, about

150 new trade restrictions introduced by EU over the last year, whereas only 18 existing measures have

been dismantled. A total of almost 700 new measures have been identified since October 2008. The report said there has been a sharp increase in the use of measures applied directly at the border, especially in the form of import duty hikes. Brazil, Argentina, Russia and Ukraine

domestic goods and relocation of businesses have continued to spread, especially in government procurement markets. Brazil accounted for more than one-third of restrictions related to government procurement, followed by Argentina and India.

The EU said some countries continue to shield some of their domestic industries from foreign competition to the disadvantage of their consumers and other industry sectors. At same time, the EU blamed Brazil and Indonesia for providing the most striking examples of this approach. "All of us need to stick to our pledge to fight back against protectionism. It is worrisome to see so many restrictive measures still being adopted and virtually none abolished," said EU Trade Commissioner Karel De Gucht.—Xinhua



stand out for having applied the heaviest tariff increases. The EU also noted that measures forcing the use of

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Doctors get good and bad safety news on diabetes drugs

AMSTERDAM, 3 Sept — Diabetes pills known as DPP-4 therapies got a mixed safety report on Monday as studies showed they did not raise the risk of heart attacks but might be linked to heart failure, where the heart fails to pump blood adequately. Reassuringly, the medicines were not associated with increased rates of either inflammation of the pancreas or cancer — something that has been a worry in the past.

However, in the case of AstraZeneca and Bristol-Myers Squibb's approved drug Onglyza, there was a small increase in hospitalizations for heart failure. "It is a little bit concerning," said Dr Christopher Grainger of Duke University Medical Centre, who was not involved in the research. "I'm sure the FDA (US Food and Drug Administration) will want to know more about it." Citigroup analyst Andrew Baum, who forecasts Onglyza sales of \$2.47 billion in 2018, said the latest data would not ameliorate growing pressures on the DPP-4 drug class in terms of winning reimbursement and achieving wider use.

Doctors and regulators are wary of the cardiovascular safety profile of diabetes drugs following past prob-

lems, including with Glaxo-SmithKline's Avandia pill, since patients with diabetes are at increased risk of heart troubles. Researchers from Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, who studied Onglyza over two years in 16,492 patients, said the heart failure finding was unexpected and deserved further investigation. AstraZeneca and Bristol had already given headline results from the study in June, showing Onglyza did not increase heart attack risk — although it did not reduce it either, as the companies had initially hoped.

To date, researchers have been unable to identify any diabetes drug that is not only safe but actually beneficial to the heart. Some doctors were disappointed that Onglyza and Takeda's rival drug Nesina did not reduce heart risks. However, Dr Heinz Drexel, a heart specialist at Feldkirch Hospital in Austria and a spokesman for the European Society of Cardiology (ESC), said the idea of such a benefit from taking the medicines was "not logical". Drexel said DPP-4s still offered several advantages, including a lack of weight gain seen with some other antidiabetics, which would offset the heart failure worries. — Reuters

Austrian researchers discover potential remedy for dementia

VIENNA, 3 Sept—Austrian scientists have discovered a natural remedy which could play an important role in the future treatment of dementia. The scientists from the University of Graz in conjunction with researchers from the Free University of Berlin said the substance "spermidine" stimulates the breakdown of "cellular scrap," ORF reported on Monday. This should aid for instance with memory loss problems, a major issue for sufferers of dementia.

According to Frank

Facebook peer groups may be useful for HIV education

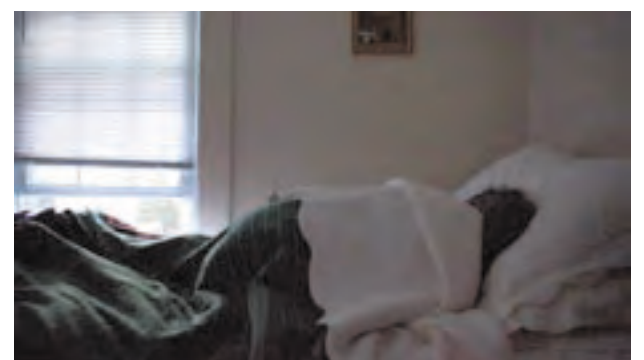


In this photo illustration, a Facebook logo on a computer screen is seen through glasses held by a woman in Bern on 19 May, 2012. — REUTERS

NEW YORK, 3 Sept — Groups on the popular networking site Facebook may help educate men about HIV prevention and testing, a new study suggests. Researchers found that specially-created Facebook social media groups helped encourage men who have sex with men

Madeo from the Institute for Molecular Bioscience at the University of Graz, spermidine is found in all body cells, though its concentration decreases with age. The compound aids in the breakdown of defective proteins and other damaged cellular components.

As part of their study the researchers conducted tests on fruit flies, where it was established that the older flies who had been administered spermidine had much better memory abilities. When confronted with certain stimuli, these older flies who other-



wise performed poorly, reacted with the same success as the younger flies.

Given that fruit flies, along with mice, have similar memory processes to that of humans, the re-

searchers hope the positive results can be adapted to the treatment of dementia in humans, with targeted patient studies expected as a next step.

Xinhua

Community and Behavioural Health at the Colorado School of Public Health in Denver, said. "I think it does have a lot of potential and a lot of promise," said Bull, who wasn't involved with the new study. "We wanted to look at if we can use what we know about behavioural science and behaviour change and integrate it with technologies that exist," study leader Sean Young from the University of California, Los Angeles Centre for Behaviour and Addiction Medicine, told Reuters Health.

For the new study, Young and his colleagues adopted the community peer-leader model for Facebook. The prevention model recruits people's

peers to act as leaders to inform the others about HIV and prevention. In the past, the community peer-leader model has been associated with increased condom use and fewer reports of unprotected sex. Those behaviour changes have been found to last up to three years. Young and his team recruited 112 men who have sex with men from the Los Angeles area between September 2010 and February 2011. Of those, over 85 percent were African American or Latino. In Los Angeles, African Americans and Latinos have a high incidence of HIV, and most cases are attributed to men who have sex with men, the researchers write in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

Reuters

Thailand's reconciliation endeavors might be time-consuming, painstaking: Former Western leaders

BANGKOK, 3 Sept — Former Western leaders said on Monday that Thailand's national reconciliation bids might be time-consuming and painstaking, which they believed would finally bear fruit for all Thai people. Addressing a special forum entitled "Uniting For the Future" at a Bangkok hotel, former British prime minister Tony Blair said Thailand's reconciliation bids would take a long time and great patience among the opposing sides of society, following several years of political conflict and social division.

However, Blair said, the ongoing reconciliation efforts might eventually succeed and benefit the Thai people as a whole.

"The most important factor for national recon-

ciliation is to never step back, however painful and divided it might be. The national leadership must set out to do it with support from a majority of people... Without popular support, the reconciliation will be unlikely," he said.

The former British leader suggested the Thai society need to review the attitudes towards democratic rule to the extent that it will not only rely on a majority vote in favour of the government but also respect the minority's views and that all sides will uphold and abide by the rule of law.

Blair said all previous happenings remain irreversible and can be taken as a lesson from which the Thais can learn and push toward the national reconciliation process, though it might be

painstaking and difficult for the time being.

Blair said a prominent Thai figure will be needed to spearhead the reconciliation bid and bring the others to the negotiation table at which all talk should be carried out in "sympathetic and straightforward" manner. He did not specifically recommend who should play the role of a leader in the reconciliation bid.

Former Finnish President Martti Ahtisaari said Thai reconciliation efforts might probably take more than 10 years' time to achieve and advised that all sides be "flexible, patient and sincere" for the sake of the ultimate good of the country and people.

"One must skip over



Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra (C) and former British Prime Minister Tony Blair (3rd R) pose for group photos at a special lecture on "Uniting for the Future: Learning from each other's experiences" in Bangkok, capital of Thailand, on 2 Sept, 2013.—XINHUA

the past and make a better future. The reconciliation bid must be based upon mutual trusts... True reconciliation depends upon the will of the people and it can

make a difference," said the 2008 Nobel Peace Prize laureate.

He said all sectors of the divided society should step back today in order to

move forward together tomorrow and see to it that the Thai society will get united toward the goal of national reconciliation.

Xinhua

Japan, Brazil to cooperate in developing marine resources



Brazilian Foreign Minister Luiz Alberto Figueiredo (L) and Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida hold a Press conference in Brasilia, Brazil, on 2 Sept, 2013, after their talks.—KYODO NEWS

BRASILIA, 3 Sept — Japan and Brazil agreed on Monday to cooperate in developing marine resources, including underwater oil fields, off Brazil as well as satellite-oriented anti-disaster measures for the Latin American country.

The agreement was reached by visiting Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida and his Brazilian counterpart Luiz Alberto Figueiredo.

The two ministers also agreed to promote talks on a nuclear power pact, eyeing the possibility of Japanese companies concluding orders for nuclear power plant projects in Brazil.

At a Press conference following their meeting, Kishida said, "We will expand our cooperative stance

in the future to address global-scale challenges, such as environmental issues." Figueiredo expressed hope that more Japanese companies will launch businesses in Brazil.

During the meeting, Kishida proposed starting dialogue to accelerate Brazil's approval procedures for drugs and medical equipment, aiming at expanding Japanese exports of such products. Kishida also asked Brazil to speed up issuance of working visas to expand business opportunities for Japan in Latin America's largest economy.

The two also agreed to introduce a visa waiver for each other's government officials on official business.

Kyodo News

Obama should return Guantanamo to Cuba, former US envoy says

GENEVA, 3 Sept — US President Barack Obama should return the naval base at Guantanamo Bay to Cuba, and some detainees could stay on at a US-run jail there, a former US envoy to Cuba said.

Obama, by negotiating a deal with Cuban leader Raul Castro about the base on the communist island, could build a long-term relationship with its people, said Michael Parmly, head of the US interests section in Havana from 2005-2008.

Since 1903, the United States has had treaty rights to Guantanamo Bay, a 45 square-mile territory in southeastern Cuba, originally needed as a fuelling station for US warships.

The prison was set up by former US President George W. Bush's administration for foreign suspected militants after the 11 September, 2001 attacks.

The US base is a "his-

toric anomaly" even though the two countries have not had diplomatic relations since 1961, Parmly wrote.

"The current partisan tensions on the (Capitol) Hill ensure that it would be an uphill climb, but it is the thesis of this paper that a similar bold step, akin to the Panama Canal, is called for regarding Guantanamo," he said, citing that 1977 US return of the waterway to Panama as a precedent. "Both sides would have an interest." The 26-page paper by the retired diplomat, obtained by Reuters, is to appear shortly in the Fletcher Forum of World Affairs, published by the Fletcher School in Massachusetts.

Obama has pledged to close the prison which has held dozens of suspected militants, most without charge, for more than a decade. But he has faced congressional resistance.

Reuters



Freshmen of Hainan Technology and Business College receive military training in Haikou, capital of south China's Hainan Province, on 2 Sept, 2013.

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S African president to attend G20 summit in Russia

JOHANNESBURG, 3 Sept — South Africa's President Jacob Zuma will attend the upcoming G20 summit in Russia, the Presidency announced on Monday.

The G20 summit is scheduled to be held in the Russian important city of Saint Petersburg from Thursday to Friday.

"The summit will take place at a time of increased turbulence in global financial markets, which has been brought about by speculation that the U.S. Federal Reserve will soon cut back on the 85 billion US dollars it has been pumping into the financial markets every month," said the Presidency. "The leaders of the G20 countries will also meet against the

backdrop of a fragile and uneven economic recovery," the Presidency added.

The South African Presidency hoped that the G20 memberships could take collective action to stabilize the volatile economy, saying "as the current volatility of emerging market currencies shows, decisions taken by countries based solely on their own national interest can have serious implication for other nations."

As the emerging economies, South Africa, India and some other countries have been worried over their troubled currencies which have been depreciated by nearly 20 percent so far this year.

Xinhua

Russia advises nationals to think twice before going abroad

MOSCOW, 3 Sept — Russian Foreign Ministry warned on Monday citizens to exercise extra caution while travelling abroad to avoid potential detention under US warrants. "Russian citizens are advised to refrain from the travels abroad, especially to the countries which have readmission agreements with the US," the ministry said in a statement.

It noted that the advice has been mostly applied to the Russian citizens who may expect to be on the US authorities' wanted list. "The court hearings with those (Russians) effectively ab-

ducted to the US are biased. They are based on a shaky legal ground and have clear accusation bias. As a rule, these hearings end up with indictments," the statement said.

Russia said despite its diplomatic missions assist fellow citizens in need, the court hearings nevertheless result in criminal indictments. Recently, several countries, including Lithuania, Spain, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, arrested and handed over to the US law enforcement agencies the Russian citizens wanted by Washington on various allegations.—Xinhua

LOCAL NEWS

Educative talks on human trafficking given in Lewe Township

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept— Talks on human trafficking and drug abuse were organized at Nos. (1) and (2) Basic Education High Schools in Lewe Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 27 August morning and afternoon.

Min Naing of Nay Pyi Taw Anti-Human Trafficking Squad gave talks on the background history of human trafficking and human trafficking in Myanmar, migration, facts and figures, legislations against human trafficking, major causes of human

trafficking, and tricks commonly employed by human traffickers.

Pamphlets were then distributed to the students.

Police Sub-Inspector Soe Min Thein of Lewe Myoma Police Station gave talks on crime reduction.

MMAL-Zaw Myo Naing

Business

Meiktila merchants to open brokerage



MEIKTILA, 3 Sept— Merchants in Meiktila held

a preliminary meeting at the meeting hall of District

General Administration Department on 29 August for opening a brokerage in the township in Mandalay Region.

The temporary working group for opening of brokerage was formed at the meeting.

The proposed site of the brokerage is the building of cooperative society in eastern wing of the market of Meiktila on 12 September.

MMAL-Thein Myint Kyaw

Myanmar track & field team leaves for Bangkok

YANGON, 3 Sept—A Myanmar track and field team comprising 11 coaches and athletes left here by air on 1 September morning for Bangkok of Thailand to take part in the Thai Track & Field

Championships from 3 to 6 September.

Myanmar team will take part in the 100-m, 200-m and 400-m races, shot put, discus, chain shot put and javalin events.



National Sports

In addition to 10 member countries of ASEAN, athletes from Sri Lanka, Taipei, Hong Kong, Korea, Iran and India will compete in the championships.—MNA

Agriculture

Agricultural staff, farmers working together on remaining monsoon paddy field



PATHEINGYI, 3 Sept— Patheingyi Township in Mandalay Region has a large acreage of monsoon paddy as the farmlands are well fed by irrigation water and rain.

A total of 17521 acres

of farmland have been put under monsoon paddy against the targeted 29382 acres of monsoon paddy in 2013 in the township.

The staff of agriculture department were working with the farmers to complete

remaining 11861 acres of monsoon paddy.

Ayeya Min, Manaw Thukha, Shwe Thwe Yin and Paletwe paddy were planted in the township.

MMAL-Aung Kyaw Tun (Patheingyi)

Agricultural production seminar organized in ChaungU

CHAUNGU, 3 Sept— Seminar on boosting agricultural production was held at Agriculture Department office in ChaungU Township on 28 August.

Township Management Committee Chairman U Hla Thein, Township Agriculture Department Head Daw Than Hla and the principal of agricultural training school of Japan delivered addresses.

Agriculturalist U Wai Lin Aung gave talks on necessities and nutrition for plants and agriculturalist U



Htein Lin, on the process of making natural fertilizers.

The seminar was attended by farmers and agricultural staff from 14

village-tracts.

Farmers participated in discussion and raised queries.

MMAL-Township IPRD

Porridge offered to schoolchildren

BAGO, 3 Sept— Chairperson of Bago Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Malar Myint and party and members of Hinthagon ward Maternal and Child Welfare

Association offered chicken porridge to 275 school children at Basic Education Post-Primary School in Hinthagon ward in Bago Region on 26 August as social activities.

MMAL-Thant Zin



YANGON, 3 Sept—The brick fence that was built around Hledan market in 1987 for security reasons was brought down to be able to cope with increasing traffic.

The road has become wider and eased the danger of traffic accidents.

The authorities also cleared hawkers on the road. It was brought down recently by the Markets Department of Township Development Affairs Committee under Yangon City Development Committee with the directive of the Region government.

It partly contributed to the efforts of coping with increasing traffic jams.

“The road in front of the market has become 20 feet wider,” in-charge of the market U Tun Tun Win said. The shop owners affected by the move received new ones built by the department in the market. The extended space has become a parking lot for cars coming to the market.—MMAL-Ko Gyi Tin

Construction

Hledan market road expanded



PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 4 September, 2013

Actively participate in rehabilitation of affected paddy fields

As Myanmar is a country based on agro-economy, agricultural development contributes a great deal towards national economy. Not only good weather but farmers and farmlands play a leading role in the boosting of agricultural production.

In August, there were floods in some areas of the country. Coordinations have been made among the state and region governments for rescue and resettlement of individuals and recovery and rehabilitation of paddy fields affected by the floods. Moreover, frequent drought in some arid zones of the country has resulted in the loss of crops.

Local authorities, NGOs, armed forces and police forces in cooperation with social organizations actively participated in monitoring the conditions of rainfalls and river waters, issuing early warning and evacuating flood victims to safety.

The most suitable ways are being sought for recovery and rehabilitation of the affected paddy fields along with the provision of subsidiaries to farmers when flood water was on the ebb. The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation will attend the needs of farmers in distress due to floods. Meanwhile, steps will be taken by the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development for rural development.

Global warning has triggered natural disasters such as drought and floods which are not preventable. The global nations are now at the mercy of such catastrophes. However, effective disaster preparedness based on past experiences could mitigate the impact of disasters to the most possible degree. We must be more vigilant against natural disasters and make necessary preventative measures in the future.

As reduction of the risk of disasters is a shared responsibility, local authorities, social organizations and local people are encouraged to make concerted efforts in the disaster risks reduction and recovery and rehabilitation of effected people and paddy fields.

UEC members to observe Australia's Election

YANGON, 3 Sept—Under the programme of AusAID, Union Election Commission members U Myint Naing and U Win Ko left for Australia this evening to observe general election to be held there on 7 September in Australia.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials from the Union Election Commission and Yangon Region Election Sub-Commission.

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Myanmar-Vietnam to promote trade

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept—The 7th Myanmar-Vietnam Joint Committee meeting was held at the Ministry of Industry and Trade in Hanoi, Vietnam on 30 August.

At the meeting, a Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan and Vietnamese delegation led by Minister for Industry and Trade Mr. Nguyen Cam

Tu discussed trade promotion of the two countries, trade policies, cooperation between customs departments, establishment of joint-venture bank, investment in energy sector, penetrating Myanmar agricultural products into Vietnamese market, and cooperation in fish and prawn breeding and in transport sector.

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Stability of ASEAN' and...*(from page 1)*

of economic development of the globe and has become a strategic location for the world economy.

Stability of ASEAN's and China's economy becomes crucial for the world economy. During two-decades, ASEAN-China relations have seen a lot of success. And relations between the ASEAN countries and China have promoted to a strategic partnership based on amity and mutual trust. He called for further cementing the ASEAN-China relations for new generations.

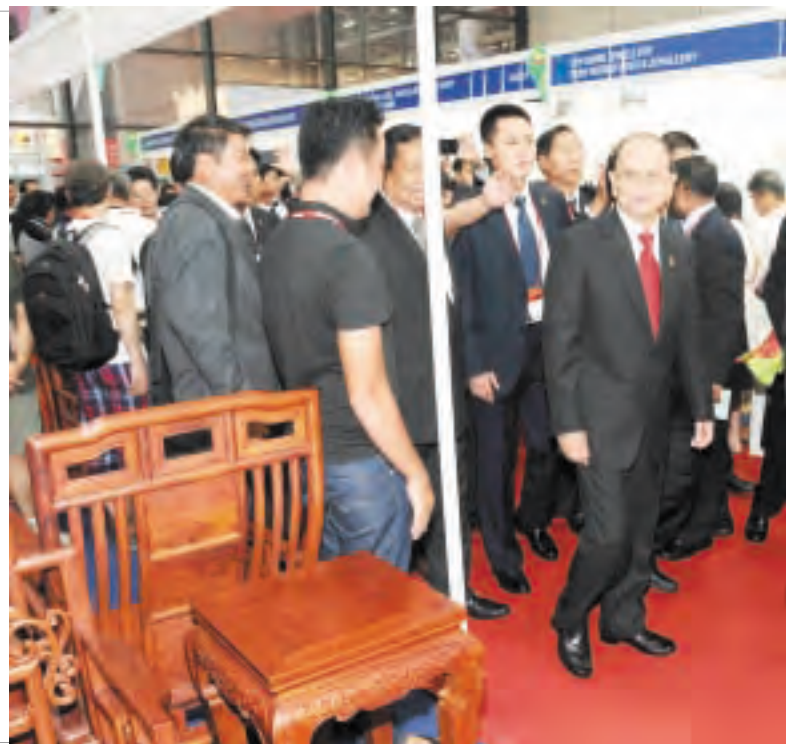
China is the biggest trade partner of ASEAN while ASEAN is the third biggest trade partner of China. China's direct investment volumes in the ASEAN region have significantly improved, showing positive sign. He called for maintaining this situation. In 2010, ASEAN-China Free Trade Area was established. It becomes a world's most populous region and has third largest GDP value.

He continued that he welcomes China's support for ASEAN Integration and establishment of ASEAN Community. The ASEAN Community that will emerge in 2015 would make China friendlier with ASEAN. Economic development of ASEAN and China would help support regional stability and peace.

For having more amity between the people, it needs to promote cooperation in exchanges between MPs, scholars, students, youths and stakeholders. He was pleased with already-existed "Pauk-Phaw" relations between the

President U Thein Sein observes products and goods of displays at Myanmar booth at 10th China-ASEAN Expo in Nanning of China.

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two countries. China is the biggest investor in Myanmar with a total investment of 14 billion USD. In 2012, trade between Myanmar-China had reached USD 6.5 billion. It needs to make efforts for trade promotion as Myanmar accounts for over 1 % of ASEAN-China trade.

Launching of Myanmar-China Oil and Natural Gas Pipeline project in July, 2013 is a significant success in Myanmar-China Economic Cooperation. China-ASEAN Expo help support promoting cooperation in such sectors as agriculture, energy, tourism industry, science and technology, human resource development, SMEs and public health. Myanmar values the already-prevailed amity between the two countries.

Myanmar is going to take the ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014. The year 2014 is crucial as being the last year for preparation of the 2015 ASEAN Community. He reaffirmed that at a time when Myanmar takes the ASEAN Chairmanship; Myanmar would further cement a

strategic relation and try to promote cooperation for cultural exchange between ASEAN countries and China.

Documentary video of China-ASEAN Expo was displayed. After that, President U Thein Sein, the heads from China and ASEAN countries, high-ranking officials and the ASEAN Secretary-General opened the 10th CAEXPO.

At the ceremony, the officials concerned presented the records on achievement of relations between ASEAN-China Youth Association, of science and technology of construction road networks between ASEAN-China Port Cities, and of bilateral cooperation between ASEAN-China Chamber of Commerce.

At 2:15pm, the President and his entourage attended opening of Myanmar booth at the 10th China-ASEAN Expo.

Union Ministers U Myint Hlaing and U Win Myint, Ambassador U Tin

Oo and UMFCI President U Win Aung formally opened the booth.

Next, the President observed the displays at the booth.

China-ASEAN Expo displays ASEAN goods and Chinese goods. ASEAN goods include ASEAN trademark products, agricultural produce and foodstuff, furniture, handicraft, jewellery and services while China goods are water and machines, electronic accessories, food and packaging machines, construction materials and electronics.

At Myanmar booth, Myanmar pearls, jewellery, furniture, bean, sesame, handicrafts and matters related to tourism industry are being displayed.

A total of 158 Myanmar entrepreneurs from 55 companies participated in the expo at 84 booths. Over 250 Myanmar entrepreneurs attended the expo.

The photo of Kyaukpyu was set up for City Of Charm at Myanmar National Booth.

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Union FM returns from ...*(from page 16)*

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand delivered statements and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of China, Mr Wang Yi proposed a toast. Following the reception, Mr and Mrs Yang Jiechi hosted dinner to the ASEAN Foreign Ministers and their spouses.

After the dinner, ASEAN Foreign Ministers, their representatives and Vice Foreign Minister of China Mr Liu Zhenmin left Beijing for Tianjin city by

high-speed train. At Tianjin city, they took a cruise tour in the Haihe river, and enjoyed the beautiful evening scenery of Tianjin city along the river.

In the morning of 30 August, the ASEAN Foreign Ministers visited Tianjin Planning Exhibition Hall and the Tianjin Ancient Culture Street before attending a luncheon hosted by the mayor of Tianjin Mr Huang Xingguo. The Ministers returned to Beijing from Tianjin by high-speed train in the afternoon.

Before the Special ASEAN-China Foreign Ministers' Meeting, the Union Minister had a bilateral meeting with his counterpart, Mr Wang Yi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of China in the morning of 28 August at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Beijing. Matters related to promotion of bilateral relations were discussed during the meeting. The Chinese Foreign Minister expressed China's support to Myanmar's Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2014. He also pointed out that the year 2014 is the 60th anniversary

of establishment of Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence, which was founded by the leaders of China, India and Myanmar.

At the end of his tour to Beijing, the Union Minister proceeded to Nanning city. Yesterday, the Union Minister joined the Myanmar delegation to the 10th ASEAN-China Expo and the 10th ASEAN-China Business and Investment Summit led by U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The Union Minister returned to Myanmar this afternoon.

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NATIONAL

Federal system suited the country should be practised: Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept—“It needs to adopt a federal system suited the country,” said Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann at a meeting with State Hluttaw representatives, members of Leading Bodies of Self-Administrated Zones, departmental heads, townsenders and officials from Town Development Committees at Taunggyi City Hall of Shan State yesterday morning.

After that, Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, State Hluttaw Speaker U Sai Lon Hsai, State Advocate-General U Maung Maung presented reports on sector-wise matters.

National Races Affairs Ministers, Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, responsible persons from Town Development Supporting Committee and National Races Parties gave suggestions on regional development and eternal peace.

With Regard to the reports, the Speaker replied that special emphasis is placed on dealing with the land disputes by forming the commission at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. At the same time, Land Management Committees which were formed by



Pyidaungsu and Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann meets with officials from Pa-O Self-Administered Zone, PNLO and SSA/RCSS in Taunggyi.—MNA

the government across the country are handling land disputes in accord with the laws.

He pointed out the country has lagged behind development in many other countries due to the lack of national unity, the rule of law and peace. As regards the federal system, he made it clear that federal means sharing powers while living together and suggested that federal system suited the country should be practised. He urged those present to do their bit to ensure national unity, national reconsolidation and eternal peace.

Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Aung

Tun donated cash for Parahita Homes and State Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee.

Afterwards, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker cordially greeted those present. It was also attended by Union Minister U Kyaw Lwin, Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut of the Ministry of Defence, Hluttaw Committee Chairmen U Maung Maung Thein, U Thein Zaw, U Maung Maung Swe and U Soe Naing and U Aung Tun, deputy ministers U Khin Zaw, U Khin Maung Aye and U Win Myint, Committee Secretary Dr Nay Linn and Defence Service Personnel Hluttaw Representatives. In the morning, he held talks

with officials from Pa-O Self Adminstrated Zone, Pa-O National Liberation Organization and SSA/RCSS at Pinglong House in Taunggyi of Shan State.

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets servicemen, families in Pathein

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept— Upgrading the education standard of Tatmadaw families is to contribute to development of human resources of the nation, said Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in meeting with servicemen and families of the station at Panmawady Naval Region Command Headquarters this morning.

The Senior General inspected construction of the hospital at the headquarters and then met servicemen and family members at Panmawady Hall.

He presented cash to the maternal and child fund of the station.

The Senior General

and party paid homage to Hsandawshin Myat Mawtin Pagoda in Hainggyigyun Sub-Township and made cash donations.

The Senior General and party comforted patients at the hospital of Battlefield Medical Battalion in Pathein. The wife of the Senior General presented foods to the patients at the women’s ward. The Senior General and wife gave air-conditioners for the Battlefield Medical Battalion and cash assistance to the patients at maternity ward.

The Senior General and part inspected Defence Services Education School and Combating Organizing Training Depot in Pathein.

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing comforts patient at the hospital of Battlefield Medical Battalion in Pathein.—MNA

Letpadaungtaung copper mine project, crucial for national development

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept— Letpadaungtaung copper mine project is crucial for economic development of the nation, contributing to poverty alleviation of national brethren, said Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun who is chairman of Implementation Committee of the Report of the Investigation Commission for Letpadaungtaung Copper Mining Project, at the coordination meeting of the committee at Win Unity Hall in Monywa yesterday afternoon.

He stressed the need to cooperate in prompt action on implementation of the report of the investigation commission. He pointed out that the committee is to join hands with INGOs and local people to gather

correct data for effectively implementing cooperate social development (CSD) and cooperate social responsibility (CSR) and environmental conservation.

The vice-chairman of the committee said that thanks to liaison offices, tasks can be carried out quickly for fulfilling the requirements of the people, and the respective committees are to adopt better managements for undertaking the tasks through coordination work, he said.

Member of the committee Union Minister U Win Tun explained plans for environmental conservation. Member of the committee Union Minister Dr Myint Aung said that only when the project is implemented successfully, will foreign investment flow

into the nation. The Ministry of Mines cooperates with departments concerned, he said.

Managing Director Maj-Gen Zar Ni Win of UMEHL explained creation of job opportunities for local people and regional development. Officials of the respective committees submitted their respective sectors. Before concluding the ceremony, the Union Minister stressed the need to implement the project in line with the investigation report.—MNA

Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin receives Ms Allison Morris and Mr Pete Silvester from OECD.—MNA

Union Attorney-General meets OECD guests

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept—Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin received Ms Allison Morris and Mr Pete Silvester from Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) at his office, here this morning.

The visitors from

OECD asked about international treaties, anti-corruption and relations with ministries concerned for legal affairs.

The Attorney-General of the Union explained actions being taken by his office regarding ministries in legal affairs,

measures being taken by higher committee with the Vice-President at the helm in anti-corruption drive and his office’s efforts for scrutinizing the domestic laws whether they are in conformity with International Treaties.

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Legal Affairs

Duty and function of Mobile Team (Yangon) clarified in Sittway



SITTWAY, 3 Sept—Under the supervision of Illegal Commodity Control Central Committee, the Sittway Border Trade Camp of Commercial and Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce held a clarification on duty and functions of Mobile

Team (Yangon) at the hall of Rakhine State Chambers of Commerce and Industry on 1 September afternoon.

Rakhine State Minister for Development Affairs U Mya Aung made a speech.

In-charge of the trade camp (Sittway) Assistant Director U Soe Win

Maung explained tasks to be undertaken by Mobile Team (Yangon) under the supervision of the central committee.

Officials replied to queries raised by local entrepreneurs.

After the general round discussion followed, and the State minister gave concluding remarks.

Also present at the meeting were OSS member State level departmental officials, Chairman of State Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Tin Aung Oo and members, owners of vehicles and watercrafts and company entrepreneurs.

Kyemon-Rakhine State IPRD

Child Protection

Workshop on protection of children held



THATON, 3 Sept—With the aim of ensuring protection of children against violence, exploitation and sexual abuse, the workshop on protection of children was held at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Thaton Township of Mon State on 31 August.

the future plans to protection against child rights.

Kyemon-Thet Oo (Thaton)

Mon and Kayin States in-charge child protection officer Daw May Zan Kyaw of UNICEF explained principles of Convention on Rights of Child of the United Nations.

Members of the Township Committee of the Child Rights participated in the discussions in respective sectors, tasks to be done point by point and requirements.

The workshop adopted

Fire Station Tower and Building standing for over golden jubilee



HRD

Hmawby Saya Thein Library under construction

YANGON, 3 Sept—Under the leadership of Hmawby Township Writers Association Chairman

Maung Cho Wai, the library

to mark the Hmawby Saya Thein is being constructed in Hmawby Township.

Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Kyi Myint

managed to donate bags of cement and the Township Administrator, construction materials.

Wellwishers donated K

6.2 million and Myanmar Libraries Foundation, K 1 million and local people K 550,000. The building will be 54 feet long and 25 feet wide.

Kyemon-Tun Hlaing (Myaing)

Water purifier and water tank equipped at Khoclel BEPPS in Indaw Tsp

INDAW, 3 Sept—A ceremony to donate one 1500-litre-capacity steel tank of water purifier and one 1000-litre-capacity water tank, one motor and water pipelines to Khochel Village Basic Education Post-Primary School had been held in Mawtaik of Indaw Township in Sagaing Region.

U Kyi Maung-Daw Aye Aye Mon and family of Hmawwanlay Village in Phakant Township in Kachin State donated K 1.2 million for the water purifier and accessories.

In addition, the local people also donated cash to the fund for the water purifier.



On 2 August, the village administrator, townselders, members of the school board of trustees, the headmaster and teachers formally iopened the water purifier facilities.

At present, seven teachers and 182 students from the post-primary school are enjoying sufficient consumption of purified drinking water.

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Sanitation

Sanitation, dredging drains carried out

YANGON, 3 Sept—Local authorities at grassroots level led by Ward Administrator U Aung Than of No 12 Ward in Hlinethaya Township together with townselders, regional development support committee and local people totalling over 70 participated in the sanitation tasks along Hsinbyushin and Thakin Mya Road on 31 August.



Moreover, students and parents joined them in dredging the drains along the road in the ward

of Hlinethaya Township, Yangon North District.

Kyemon-Min Htet Paing (Hlinethaya)

REGIONAL

Tornados hit eastern Japan, injuring dozens of people

TOKYO, 3 Sept — Tornados hit cities in eastern Japan on Monday afternoon, injuring dozens of people and damaging over 540 buildings, local police said. In Koshigaya, Saitama Prefecture, power poles collapsed and roofs were blown off residential buildings with police officials saying 66 people in the city were injured, including a man who suffered a skull fracture and a woman who broke her right leg.

In Noda, Chiba Prefecture, a woman sustained a minor injury.

Tornados moved in a straight line northeast from Iwatsuki Ward in the city of Saitama, adjacent to

Koshigaya, through Noda, leaving damage over a 13.8 kilometre-long area.

The Saitama prefectural police department said more than 390 buildings were damaged in Koshigaya and in the town of Matsubushi, and many trucks and other vehicles were overturned.

Flying debris smashed around 50 windows at Sakuraminami Elementary School in the city, injuring two third-grade boys, the school said. Principal Toshio Kudo said the tornado hit around 2:20 pm, just as pupils were leaving the school after an opening ceremony following the summer break.

At a public junior high school in Koshigaya, around 20 students were injured by the strong wind while playing volleyball, according to police.

Around 27,000 households in Koshigaya and nearby Kasukabe as well as about 8,500 households in Noda lost power due to high winds and lightning, Tokyo Electric Power Co said. In the town of Matsubushi, north of Koshigaya, more than 10 buildings lost their roofs.

In Chiba Prefecture, 68 houses and 27 vehicles in the city of Noda were damaged and power was temporarily cut to 6,200 households, according to local authorities.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told a Press conference in Tokyo the government had sent investigation teams to Koshigaya and Noda. He also called for caution to prevent accidents due to debris on roads and downed power lines. According to the Japan Meteorological Agency, atmospheric instability was caused by warm, humid air filling the space under a cold front building high above Japan.

Kyodo News



Photo taken from a Kyodo News helicopter shows houses destroyed by a strong gust of wind, an apparent tornado, in Koshigaya, Saitama Prefecture, near Tokyo, on 2 Sept, 2013.—KYODO NEWS

Australian opposition leader vows to scrap carbon tax if elected

CANBERRA, 3 Sept — Australian Opposition Coalition leader Tony Abbott promised on Monday to scrap the carbon tax within a year of government if elected.

Abbott dedicated much of his half-hour speech at the National Press Club in Canberra to attacking the Labour government's policy on carbon tax, claiming the cumulative cost of the policy in terms of the loss in gross domestic product to 2050 would be 1 trillion AU dollars (896 billion US dollars).

He said the upcoming

election on 7 September is a referendum on the carbon tax.

He also claimed that carbon tax damages Australian economy without helping the environment, quoting the government's own documents as saying that a carbon tax at 38 AU dollars (34 US dollars) a tonne won't actually reduce Australia's domestic emissions.

Abbott said Labour under Prime Minister Kevin Rudd can't be trusted to manage the economy.

"With the carbon tax,

our economy will find it much harder to pay for the better services that you (voters) want," he added.

Getting rid of the carbon tax would leave the economy three percent bigger or 40 billion AU dollar (35.8 billion US dollars) a year wealthier, Abbott said.

"Elect the Coalition and, within a year, the carbon tax will be gone so power prices will be down in the order of 10 percent and gas prices will be down in the order of nine percent," he added.

The carbon tax, which



Malaysia's King Mizan Zainal Abidin (C, with red tie) and Thai Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn (C, with grey tie) review the honour guard during a welcome ceremony upon Abidin's arrival at the military airport in Bangkok, Thailand, on 2 Sept, 2013. The King and Queen of Malaysia are on a four-day official visit to Thailand.—XINHUA

Indian Army chief embarks on Australia tour

NEW DELHI, 3 Sept — Indian Army chief General Bikram Singh on Monday embarked on a tour of Australia in a bid to bolster strategic ties with that country, sources said.

"General Singh's four-day visit will step up the strategic partnership between the two countries. He will hold meeting with several top defence officials as well as political dignitaries of Australia. The visit is aimed at increasing strategic interests of both the

countries," the sources said.

The Indian Army chief's visit came after Indian Defence Minister AK Antony made his first ever visit to Australia last June, during which he held talks with his Australian counterpart Stephen Smith.

The two Defence Ministers had agreed on a number of defence initiatives such as military exchanges, maritime security and a joint naval combat exercise in 2015.

Xinhua



Artists from Masti Makers perform during the World Puppet Festival in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 2 Sept, 2013. Puppet shows are presented in theatres, streets, cultural centres, parks and so on to celebrate the World Puppet Carnival.

XINHUA

S Korea to give \$6.3 mil in humanitarian aid to N Korea

SEOUL, 3 Sept — South Korea will give \$6.3 million in humanitarian aid to North Korea through a United Nations agency, Yonhap News Agency reported on Monday, citing an official of South Korea's Unification Ministry.

"The money to go to the World Health Organization will help repair medical facilities,

train healthcare workers and give essential drugs to the North that can help all people," an unidentified official of the ministry was quoted as saying.

The aid to the North will mark the second time that the government of President Park Geun Hye, who took office in February, has allowed humanitarian aid to reach the North. The last shipment was ap-

proved in late July.

South Korea also plans to allow 12 civic groups to send 2.35 billion won (about \$2.13 million) worth of aid to the North.

The aid by the civic groups includes medical supplies, baby formula, vitamins, soup, soy milk, supplies to make nutritionally fortified bread and stationary for children.

Kyodo News



Photo taken on 3 Sept, 2013 shows the outdoor scene of the Nanning International Convention and Exhibition Centre in Nanning, capital of southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. The 10th China-ASEAN Expo opened in the centre on Tuesday.—XINHUA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV ROYAL-18 VOY NO (-)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ROYAL-18 VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 4.9.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV ORA BHUM VOY NO (346)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ORA BHUM VOY NO (346) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 4.9.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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A teacher invites a student to answer a question in class at No 1 Primary School of Fuyuan County, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 2 Sept, 2013. All the 1,400 students from the flood-affected areas in Fuyuan County have been resettled in new schools at the beginning of the new semester.

XINHUA

MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION
MYANMA RAILWAYS
INVITATION TO OPEN TENDER

1. Open Tender is invited for supply of the following items in Euro:

Sr No	Tender No	Description
1.	12(T)10/MR(ML) 2013-2014	Locomotive Rolled Steel Tyre (Rough Turn) for DEL/DHL (500) Nos and Wheel Monobloc Rolled Steel (Rough) (100) Nos

Closing Date & Time: 7/10/2013 (Thursday) (12:00) Hour

2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 30.8.2013 during office hours and for further detail please contact: Deputy General Manager Supply Department, Myanmar Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291985, 291994

Dutch counter-terrorism unit assesses planned takeover of KPN

THE HAGUE, 3 Sept — The national counter-terrorism unit (NCTV) of the Netherlands is assessing the potential risks linked to a planned takeover of the Dutch telecom Royal KPN NV by America Movil, Dutch media reported on Monday. According to the national coordinator Dick Schoof KPN maintains a vital infrastructure that is

used by many services such as the 112 national emergency number.

The question of whether the national interest will be properly protected in any eventual sale should be reviewed, Dick Schoof told local media.

Last Friday, a foundation, founded in 1994 "to protect key national infrastructure" when KPN was

privatized, blocked the sale to the Mexican firm by erecting takeover defenses.

The foundation, named Preference Shares B KPN, said Amercia Movil has opted for a hostile approach by not first trying to reach an agreement on a merger protocol with KPN and has taken control of almost 50 percent of KPN's voting rights.—Xinhua

Over 120,000 affected by SW China quake

DEQEN, 3 Sept — The lives of more than 120,000 people in a prefecture in southwest China's Yunnan Province have been affected by earthquakes that occurred last week.

The government of the Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Deqen said on Monday that a 5.1-magnitude quake and a 5.9-magnitude quake that hit the province on 28 and 31 August, respectively, have caused a direct economic loss of nearly 1.5 billion yuan (240 million US dollars) and affected more than 120,000 people there.

According to statistics released by the government, as of 12 am on Monday, three people had been killed and 44 others injured in the counties of Shangri-La and Deqen, the worst-hit areas in the quakes.

Following the two quakes and 753 aftershocks in the prefecture, 596 houses there have collapsed, and 14,359 houses and more than 870 km of road have been damaged.

Quake and aftershock-triggered landslides have also suspended telecommunication, power and water supply in Deqen.

As of 7:30 pm, all the

injured people have received treatment in local hospitals, while more than 20,000 affected residents have been relocated to safe places. According to the civil affairs bureau of Deqen, a 20-million-yuan disaster relief emergency fund will be dispatched to those affected areas.

As of 2 pm, 4,923 tents have been pitched to settle affected people. And nearly 10,000 cotton-padded quilts, more than 3,000 coats, 4,700 folding beds and 4,700 mattresses have been dispatched to local people. The bureau has also provided rice and noodles for the affected people.

Meanwhile, 393 tourists are still trapped in a scenic spot in Shangri-La County because the second 5.9-magnitude quake damaged the road leading away from the site. No injuries or fatalities have been reported so far.

Armed police are making efforts to repair the road. The local government said that the tourists have access to sufficient water and food, that they can be reached through telecommunication, and that they are expected to be rescued on Tuesday.—Xinhua

Two bombs go off on Israel-Gaza border

JERUSALEM, 3 Sept — Two bombs went off early Monday near Israeli troops patrolling the border with northern Gaza, causing no injuries or damage, the army said.

Local media reported the roadside bombs were planted in the vicinity of Kibbutz Nahal Oz, an Israeli farming community, though the army would not confirm the location of the blasts.

It was the second time in the past week that Gaza militants have set off bombs against Israeli forces operating in the area, the army said.

A similar incident took place on Friday, when a bomb exploded near a military patrol near the Gaza border fence. No soldiers were injured in the incident.

Peter Lerner, an army spokesman, said the military preserves "the right to maintain its operational accessibility in the area, in order to prevent future attempts to execute terror attacks and to protect civilians."

Xinhua



The Chinese Academy of Governance holds the inauguration for its Autumn Semester in Beijing, capital of China, on 2 Sept, 2013.—XINHUA

New International Trade Centre chief looks to scale up operations

GENEVA, 3 Sept — The International Trade Centre (ITC) is "uniquely placed" to contribute to the United Nations post-2015 development agenda and help small and medium-sized enterprises become the agents of inclusive growth, new ITC chief Arancha Gonzalez said on Monday.

The "agenda is placing a huge onus on small and medium enterprises as engines for poverty reduction," she said, adding ITC would have to "scale up its operations" and develop

the best tools to plan, implement and monitor results.

ITC is the joint agency of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United Nations, which assists small and medium-sized enterprises in developing and transition economy countries to become more competitive in global markets.

Gonzalez, who was appointed to the post on 15 Aug, joins ITC from the WTO, where she served as chief of staff to the for-

mer director-general Pascal Lamy.

ITC's parent organizations will have new leaders as of September: Roberto Azevedo of Brazil took office as the new director-general of the WTO and Mukhisa Kituyi of Kenya as the new secretary-general of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

"The three organizations need to work very closely together," said Gonzalez.

Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

“Jurassic Park 3D” remains atop Chinese box office



BEIJING, 3 Sept—The 3D version of sci-fi adventure “Jurassic Park” remained top of China’s box office charts in the week ending on 1 September, taking about 100 million yuan

(16.34 million US dollars), according to a film industry weekly.

Steven Spielberg’s dinosaur classic has grossed over 300 million yuan since it premiered on 20 Aug in

China, according to China Film News on Tuesday. “Monsters University,” an American 3D computer-animated comedy, was second in the charts, taking 180 million yuan since its debut on 23 August.

“The Stolen Years,” a film directed by Hong Kong director Chun-Chun Wong and debuted during the week, came in third, taking in about 64 million yuan. Leonardo DiCaprio’s “The Great Gatsby” has made 27 million yuan since premiered on 30 Aug in China.

In the week from 26 Aug to 1 Sept, 12 million people visited cinemas nationwide, with a weekly box office total of 400 million yuan, slightly down on the previous week.—Xinhua

Are Shah Rukh Khan, Ekta Kapoor heading for a showdown again?

MUMBAI, 3 Sept—In round one between Shah Rukh Khan and Ekta Kapoor, the star seems to have won the first bout. But the producer appears to be gearing up for round two. Insiders say she wants her upcoming film Milan Talkies to clash with SRK’s Happy New Year at the box office on Diwali 2014.

Though Ekta’s film is yet to go on the floors, the producer allegedly has asked her team to wrap up pre-production work as fast as possible to begin shooting. Says a source, “Ekta recently replaced Imran Khan with Shahid

Kapoor for her film while the hunt for the female lead opposite him is still on. She has also requested director Tigmanshu Dhulia to complete the shoot in time so that she gets enough time for marketing the film.”

This year too, Ekta (with Once Upon A Time In Mumbai Dobaara!) was set to clash with Shah Rukh (Chennai Express) until the star requested her dad, veteran actor Jeetendra to alter the film’s release date. The producer apparently was extremely upset after her film failed to work wonders at the BO. So much so that



SRK and Ekta’s films may just clash at the box office.

PTI

she even pinned the blame for her film’s failure on Shah Rukh.

The source adds, “If Ekta decides to release her film next year on Diwali, it could prove to be a tough situation for SRK.” Farah’s film too has been delayed as much time was

‘Philomena’ impresses, Gilliam goes into black hole in Venice

VENICE, 3 Sept—Judi Dench and Steve Coogan’s heart-tugging “Philomena” continued to garner praise at the Venice Film Festival, while director Terry Gilliam’s “The Zero Theorem” took viewers into a dystopian world in the latest competition offering on Monday.

Gilliam’s film, which his legions of fans hope will mark a return to form for the maker of the cult classics “Twelve Monkeys” and “Brazil”, stars Christoph Walz as a reclusive number cruncher whose computer rig resembles a video game.

Haunted by visions of a black hole, he has no friends, talks about himself in the first person plural and



Actress Judi Dench arrives during a red carpet for the movie “Philomena”, directed by Stephen Frears, during the 70th Venice Film Festival in Venice on 31 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

works for a “management” that wants to prove that everything equals nothing. It elicited a few boos at the first festival showing but young Italian film bloggers said it captured the way people communicate and interact in the Internet age.

“Since Facebook, we work at home, we love at home and we never see each other,” Matteo Bernardini of website Pointblank (www.pointblank.it) said after seeing the film, which also stars a singing pizza box.

Trade publication Variety said the main buzz as the festival hit midpoint, between the opening with space drama “Gravity” last Wednesday and the awarding of the Golden Lion

on Saturday, was around “Philomena” and two other films, “Joe” and “Tracks”. The Nicolas Cage vehicle “Joe” tells the story of an ex-con mentoring a boy from a violent background and “Tracks” is based on the true story of a young woman’s voyage of self discovery in a trek across the Australian desert with four camels.

Based on the real-life story of an elderly Irish woman’s search for her child after nuns forced her to give him up for adoption, “Philomena” stars Dench in the title role and British comic Coogan as a world-weary journalist who agrees to write her story to try to rescue his flagging career.

Reuters

Dakota Johnson, Charlie Hunnam to star in ‘Fifty Shades of Grey’

LONDON, 3 Sept—US actress Dakota Johnson will play the naive Anastasia Steele alongside English actor Charlie Hunnam as the manipulative Christian Grey in the film version of the erotic novel “Fifty Shades of Grey”, its British author EL James said on Monday. “The gorgeous and talented Charlie Hunnam will be Christian Grey in the film adaptation of ‘Fifty Shades of Grey,’” James said on her website, before revealing Johnson’s role.

“Fifty Shades of Grey”, about a passionate relationship between literature student Anastasia and the manipulative entrepreneur Christian, was first published in 2011 and became a cultural phenomenon as it rocketed up the bestseller lists. Described as “mummy porn” by critics, James’s debut novel

became Britain’s fastest paperback to reach 1 million sales and was the first in a trilogy. Movie rights for the novels were bought up by Universal Pictures and Focus Features.

Johnson, 23, a fashion model and actress, is the daughter of “Miami Vice” actor Don Johnson and “Working Girl” star Melanie Griffith. Johnson is best known for films such as action comedy “21 Jump Street” (2012) and romantic comedy “The Five-Year Engagement” (2012).

The 33-year-old Hunnam’s latest film was sci-fi epic “Pacific Rim” (2013), in which he played a robot pilot fighting alien monsters. “Fifty Shades” will be directed by Sam Taylor-Johnson and is due for release in 2014. James, a former television executive whose real name is Erika Leonard, lives with her family in London.—Reuters

Jacqueline Fernandez excited to play film director in Roy

MUMBAI, 3 Sept—Jacqueline Fernandez, who will be seen in a double role in her upcoming film Roy, is excited that one of her characters in the film is of a movie director. She says she plans to take some tips from some director friends.

“I am lucky enough to be playing a double role in the movie, one of them being a director! So I am excited about that. I will take some tips from directors I know,” the 28-year-old said. She also said that the shoot for the film begins by the end of 2013.

“We haven’t started shooting for Roy yet. We will start by end of the year. It’s really interesting, I am working opposite two amazing actors,” she said. Roy features Ranbir Kapoor and Arjun Rampal. To be directed by Vikramjit Singh, it is currently slated for release in June 2014.—PTI



Jacqueline plays a double role in the film.—PTI

SPORTS

Ozil, Fellaini in big-money moves as window shuts



Belgium's Marouane Fellaini (L) celebrates after scoring against Serbia during their 2014 World Cup qualifying soccer match at the King Baudouin stadium in Brussels on 7 June, 2013.—REUTERS

LONDON, 3 Sept—Arsenal paid Real Madrid a club record fee for Germany playmaker Mesut Ozil and Manchester United bought Belgium forward Marouane Fellaini from Everton in a crazy last hour before the transfer window closed on Monday.

The two big-money

deals followed close on the heels of Wales winger Gareth Bale's world record move from Tottenham Hotspur to Real on Sunday worth 100 million euros (\$131.88 million).

After a quiet start to deadline day, things began hotting up when Arsenal

smashed their club record

by spending 42.5 million pounds (\$66.15 million) on Ozil.

The fee eclipsed the previous highest of 15 million pounds that the North London side paid for Russia forward Andriy Arshavin in 2009. It was also the first major signing of the window for Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger who had been heavily criticised by the fans and the media for not buying new players.

"I have said throughout the summer that we have been working hard to bring in top-quality players," he



Kaka

told the club website (www.arsenal.com) after landing long-term target Ozil, 24.

"This has involved many, many people across the club and I have always had the full support of the club in making decisions on the football side."

It was also all quiet on the north-western front at Arsenal's Premier League rivals Manchester United until manager David Moyes ended his long pursuit of Fellaini by returning to his former club Everton to sign the mop-haired Belgian.

Fellaini, 25, cost the Premier League champions \$43 million (27.6 million pounds), Everton said on their website (www.evertonfc.com).

Everton were also busy recruiting on deadline day, signing young Chelsea striker Romelu Lukaku and ex-England midfielder Ga-



Real Madrid's Mesut Ozil shoots towards the goal of Borussia Dortmund during their Champions League semi-final second leg football match at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 30 April, 2013.—REUTERS

reth Barry on season-long loan deals and buying playmaker James McCarthy from Wigan Athletic for \$20 million.

The league leaders signed central defenders Mamadou Sakho and Tiago Ilori from Paris St Germain and Sporting Lisbon respectively for a combined

fee of \$39 million and took Nigeria winger Victor Moses on a season-long loan from Chelsea.

Outside the English top flight, Kaka heading back to AC Milan on a free transfer after four forgettable years at Real Madrid topped the list of notable transfers on deadline day.—Reuters

American Diana Nyad, 64, sets record with Cuba-to-Florida swim

KEY WEST, (Florida), 3 Sept—American 64-year-old long-distance swimmer Diana Nyad became the first person to swim across the Florida Straits from Cuba without a shark cage on Monday, succeeding on her fifth attempt at the feat.

Her face sunburned and lips swollen, with barely enough energy to speak, Nyad waded ashore at Key West, Florida, after a 53-hour swim and told onlookers: "We should never, ever give up ... You never are too old to chase your dreams."

In an inspiration to baby boomers everywhere, Nyad completed the estimated 110-mile (177-km) journey after departing from Havana on Saturday morning. She set a record for the longest ocean swim without a shark cage or flippers, ac-

ording to her crew.

She was met by crowds in Key West who surrounded her, snapping photos, as they enjoyed sunny beach weather on the Labour Day holiday.

Helpers immediately placed Nyad on a stretcher and hydrated her with an IV before she was taken to a hospital.

Nyad had been trying to achieve the crossing for 35 years, describing it on her website as her "Xtreme Dream," and seemed determined to prove The Beatles were right that there is plenty to live for "when I'm 64."

"With all the experience I have in this ocean, I never knew I would suffer the way I did," Nyad told CNN in an interview.

Reuters



US long-distance swimmer Diana Nyad (front R), 64, is welcomed ashore after completing her swim from Cuba as she arrives in Key West, Florida, on 2 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

Shock Federer loss dashes first Nadal meeting

NEW YORK, 3 Sept—Roger Federer suffered a shock loss to Tommy Robredo at the US Open on Monday, ruining the prospect of meeting Rafa Nadal at the only grand slam where the two greats have never played each other.

In the biggest upset of the tournament, Robredo demolished a badly out-of-sorts Federer 7-6(3), 6-3, 6-4, in the fourth round, marking the first time in a decade the Swiss master has fallen before the quarter-finals at Flushing Meadows.

"I kind of feel like I beat myself, without taking any credit away from Tommy," a dejected Federer told reporters. "I kind of self destructed, which is very disappointing, especially on a quicker court.



Roger Federer of Switzerland waves as he walks off the court after losing in three sets to Tommy Robredo of Spain at the US Open tennis championships in New York on 2 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

"I just couldn't do it. It was a frustrating performance today."

As expected, Nadal safely made it through, recovering after losing a set for the first time in the

tournament to beat Philipp Kohlschreiber 6-7(4), 6-4, 6-3, 6-1, at an electrified Arthur Ashe Stadium.

But his win was overshadowed by Federer's unforeseen loss against a play-

er he had beaten in each of their 10 previous meetings, spoiling what was looming as the first meeting between the pair in the Big Apple.

"Two times we were one point away. This time we were one match away. But it's always the same," Nadal said.

"When I see the draw, I think about my first round. If I win, I think about my second. That's it."

"I don't see the quarter-finals or the fourth round before the first round. You know how tough is every tournament, every match."

Robredo was almost as surprised as everyone else after one of the biggest wins of his career.

"It's amazing," Robredo said. "For me, Roger, for the moment, is the best player of all time.—Reuters

Bilbao's Herrera caught up in hoax 'United' offer

LONDON, 3 Sept—Athletic Bilbao midfielder Ander Herrera's proposed \$47.5 million (30.5 million pounds) move to Manchester United turned out to be a hoax after three men attempting to broker the deal were labelled imposters, British media reported on Monday.

"Reports in Spain claim three men dressed in black suits and claiming to be United 'representatives' spent an hour at the La Liga offices attempting to negotiate a deal. The move collapsed

at the 11th hour," the BBC reported on the final day of the transfer window on Monday.

"Confirmation from Manchester United that three men who reportedly attempted to negotiate a deal to sign Ander Herrera were not acting on behalf of the Premier League champions and were... imposters," the BBC report added.

The Basque club last week rejected an offer which Spanish newspapers reported at \$40 million from United for



Athletic Bilbao's Ander Herrera kicks the ball during a training session on the eve of their Europa League final match against Atletico Madrid at the National Arena stadium in Bucharest on 8 May, 2012.—REUTERS

the 24-year-old Herrera, with the club's president Josu Urrutia adamant the

Premier League side had to meet a \$47.5 million buyout clause.—Reuters

GENERAL

Nagoya city to survey all its public school students on bullying

NAGOYA, 3 Sept—The municipal government of Nagoya will conduct a survey later this year at all 386 city-run elementary and junior as well as senior high schools on bullying, official said on Tuesday.

The move comes in the wake of the death of a 13-year-old student at a city-run junior high school who killed himself earlier this year.

The municipal education board has determined that the boy, who left a note saying he was “told to die by various people,” was highly likely to have been bullied.

In the survey, the city government will ask around 175,000 students if they have friends or teachers whom they can open their hearts to and whether they are happy with school life. The local government will allocate school counselors to schools found to have problems in the survey, the officials said.

It will allocate 85 million yen for the survey in its fiscal 2013 supplementary budget.

Kyodo News

Obituary

**Daw Mya Mya Sann @ Maimoona Esoof 87yrs
Rander Bohra Surti Jamaat Yangon-Pathein
(Shamie Family) Eldest daughter of Late E.M
Esoof-Aisha Atcha**

Cousin of late Chief Mufti Mahmood Dawood Yusuf, late Mohamed, Ahmed Babu (Shamie Confectionary), late Dr S.A.Nalla (Canada)-Halima (Karachi), Ahmed-Dr Aisha Esoof (US), Dr Timol-Hawa Esoof (UK), Hashim Bacchu (Scotland), Rahima Lei Lei Swe P.T (Singapore), Faruq Patail, Khalid Patail (Amir) Gora Moosa-Hafiza (Saudi), Dr.Htin Kyaw (Malaysia) Dr. Aslam (Saudi).

Dr. Saleem (Saudi) Elder sister of Khadija, Fatima, (Hashim), (Hawa), Sara, Dr Aung Soe (Medical Superintendent) Amina, Aunti of Myat Thu- Salma, Ubeida (Hallo Mobile-Pathein) Grand Mother of Aisha Kay Zin Han, Abdullah-Sofie (Zaire-Africa), Mufti Sa-ad answered call of Almighty Allah at 06:20 hrs at No-6, 132 street Ma-ugon, Yangon.

Bereaved Family

Australian F1 driver Ricciardo replaces Webber at Red Bull

SYDNEY, 3 Sept—Australian Formula One driver Daniel Ricciardo has been confirmed as Mark Webber’s replacement alongside triple world champion Sebastian Vettel at leading team Red Bull in 2014, local media reported on Tuesday.

The 24-year-old Toro Rosso racing team driver won the race for the coveted drive ahead of former world champion Kimi Raikkonen.

Webber, 37, has announced his retirement from Formula One to pursue a new career in sportscar racing. Red Bull team chief Christian Horner announced Ricciardo’s arrival on a multi-year deal next season in a statement.

“It’s fantastic to confirm Daniel as the team’s race driver for 2014,” he said.

“He’s a very talented youngster, he’s committed, he’s got a great attitude and in the end it was a very logical choice for us to choose Daniel.”

“He’s got all the attributes that are required to drive for our team: he’s got a great natural ability, he’s a good personality and a great guy to work with,” Horner added.

“Daniel knows what the team expects from him; he’ll learn quickly and it’s very much a medium-to-long term view that we’re taking in developing him.”

Xinhua

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Serena says wins determine who is greatest

NEW YORK, 3 Sept—Serena Williams enters the second week of the US Open believing she cannot be considered the greatest of all time unless she wins the most major championships.

The most dominant player of her era, America’s world number one will meet Spain’s 18th-seeded Carla Suarez Navarro in the quarter-finals of the US Open on Tuesday.

The 31-year-old Williams has won 16 majors to trail Margaret Court (24), Steffi Graf (22), Helen Wills Moody (19), Chris Evert (18) and Martina Navratilova (18) on the all-time list.

“I go by the numbers,” Williams said. “I don’t think I’m the greatest, because

Steffi has way more majors than me. I just go by what’s written down. I would not put me as the greatest. You still have Steffi and all those other women that have way more grand slams than me.”

Williams is a headline act of the US Open and arguably the most famous female athlete in the world. But she denied part of her mission against Suarez Navarro would be to entertain.

“I’m literally going out there to play, I’m not thinking about being a star,” she said. “I don’t go out there thinking like that.

“I just want to play tennis and I want to do really good at it. It’s not about the stage for me. It’s just about getting that ball in.”



Serena Williams

The other quarter-final on Tuesday will place China’s fifth seed Li Na against 24th-seeded Russian Ekaterina Makarova. An all-Italian affair between Roberta Vinci and unseeded Flavia Pennetta will be staged on Wednesday with the last quarter-final between Slo-

vakia’s Daniela Hantuchova and either Victoria Azarenka or Ana Ivanovic.

The round of 16 match between Azarenka, the second seed from Belarus, and Serbia’s 13th-seeded Ivanovic was postponed on Monday because of rain.

Reuters

Iran, Switzerland discuss regional developments

TEHERAN, 3 Sept—A high-ranking delegation from Switzerland met here with Iranian Foreign Ministry officials, the official IRNA news agency reported on Monday.

Wolfgang Amadeus Brulhart, director of Swiss Foreign Ministry for the Middle East and North Africa Affairs, who arrived here on Sunday, reviewed the recent regional developments with Iran’s Deputy Foreign Minister for Europe and American Affairs, Majid Takhtavanchi.

The Swiss diplomat also discussed with head of Foreign Ministry’s West Europe Division, Abolqasem Delfi, issues of

mutual interests, the report said.

The two sides underlined the need to restore peace and security to the region through diplomacy, voicing readiness to boost bilateral political, economic, cultural and parliamentary relations.

The report gave no further details about the talks, however, observers here speculate that Brulhart might have carried a message from the United States to Iran as Switzerland represents the interests of the US government in the Islamic republic after the US embassy was stormed and seized by Iranian students in 1979.—Xinhua

China supports Myanmar's approach for perpetuation of sovereignty, stability and development

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept— President U Thein Sein held talks with Premier of the State Council Mr Li Keqiang of the People's Republic of China at Liyuan International Conference Hall in Nanning at 6 pm local time yesterday.

In the talks, they exchanged views on comprehensive strategic cooperation, ongoing process of implementation for promotion of partnership relations, further cooperation in rural development and poverty alleviation, enhancement

of foreign investment, extended exportation of agricultural produce and fish and meat of Myanmar through regular trade, prospects of implementing Kyaukpyu Deep Sea-port and Special Economic Zone Projects, construction of Economic Corridor between India, Bangladesh, Myanmar and China, further cooperation in education, health and infrastructural sectors and China-ASEAN relations.

Chinese Premier Mr Li Keqiang reiterated that the People's Republic

of China supports a different approach adopted by Myanmar for ensuring perpetuation of sovereignty and stability and development of the nation.—MNA

President U Thein Sein shaking hands with Premier of the State Council Mr Li Keqiang of the People's Republic of China at Liyuan International Conference Hall in Nanning.—MNA



Line of communication between Myanmar and Yunnan to be upgraded

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept— President U Thein Sein received Governor of Yunnan Province Mr. Li Jigehen at Liyuan Resort at 12:00 pm LST today.

During the meeting, they frankly discussed more cooperation in Myanmar agricultural sector, promotion of rice, corn and fruits trade from border trade level to regular trade level, the Rule of Law in the border region and combating illegal extracting of logs and mining, upgrading of line of communication

between Myanmar and Yunnan Province to contribute to India-Bangladesh-Myanmar-China economic corridor, marine administration in Ayeyawady River and tourism industry development.

At 12:40 pm, the President received PetroChina Company Limited Chairman Mr. Wang Dongjin and discussed progress of Myanmar-China natural gas pipelines, measures to be taken for uplifting socioeconomic

status of the residents of the gas pipeline project area, and potentials to construct fertilizer plants, oil refinery and CNG plants in Myanmar including development tasks for Kyaukpyu.

At present, PetroChina Co Ltd has spent USD 20 million for socioeconomic development of the residents of the project area. The 50 per cent of workers of the project are Myanmar. Arrangements have been made to employ Myanmar workers up to 75 per cent in the coming two years. Now 60 Myanmar staff are receiving training in China under the programme of PetroChina.

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President U Thein Sein receives Governor of Yunnan Province Mr. Li Jigehen.—MNA

Union FM returns from Special ASEAN-China Foreign Ministers' Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept— Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin arrived back today after attending the Special ASEAN-China Foreign Ministers' Meeting, held in Beijing, China, on 29 August.

The meeting was held in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership. It was co-chaired by Dr Surapong Tovichakchaikul, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand and Mr Wang Yi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of China. During

the meeting, the Foreign Ministers of ASEAN and China discussed issues related to strengthening of cooperation between ASEAN and China.

The Union Minister pointed out the special relations existing between ASEAN and China and expressed Myanmar's readiness to support China's initiative to enhance the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area, and welcomed the plan to increase cultural exchange between ASEAN and China in 2014. He also stated that Myanmar will further promote ASEAN-

China relations when it takes the Chairmanship in 2014.

Following the meeting, the Foreign Ministers of ASEAN called on Mr Li Keqiang, Premier of the State Council of China at the Great Hall of the People.

They also had a meeting with Mr Yang Jiechi, State Councilor of China at Legendale Hotel, Beijing. In both meetings, the Chinese leaders mentioned the importance of China-ASEAN relations. Premier Li Keqiang emphasized the need to increase cooperation in economic and financial sectors.

In the evening, a reception in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership was held at Legendale Hotel.

The reception was attended by Mr Yang Jiechi, State Councilor of China, Ministers of Foreign Affairs of ASEAN and China, ASEAN Ambassadors to China, Senior Officials of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of ASEAN and China and other invited guests. Mr Yang Jiechi, State Councilor of China and Dr Surapong Tovichakchaikul, (See page 8)



President U Thein Sein shakes hands with PetroChina Co Ltd Chairman Mr. Wang Dongjin.—MNA