

Timor-Leste PM, wife to pay goodwill visit to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—At the invitation of His Excellency U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, His Excellency Mr. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, Prime Minister and Minister of Defence and Security of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and wife Mrs. Kirsty Sword-Gusmão will pay a goodwill visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in the near future.

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President sends felicitations to DPRK

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—On the occasion of the 65th Anniversary of the Day of the Foundation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which falls on 9 September 2013, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Kim Jong Un, 1st Chairman of the National Defense Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, His Excellency Mr. Kim Yong Nam, President of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK and His Excellency Mr. Pak Pong Ju, Premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK.—MNA

Political reform only not enough for democratization

YANGON, 8 Sept—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann met with responsible persons of livestock breeding, fisheries and business organizations and entrepreneurs at Thiri Annawa Hall of Myanmar Fisheries Federation in Hline Township this afternoon.

At the meeting, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw said he was there to observe the wishes of producers and distributors from livestock breeding and food production arenas, adding that discussions and suggestions would much contribute towards making laws. Political reform is only not enough for democratization. Executive reform, economic reform and function reform must be made in synchronization and harmony. Economic reform plays a crucial role in reform processes. The



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann meets entrepreneurs and producers.—MNA

speaker invited constructive suggestions on people's voice and aspirations to be fulfilled by legislative and executive bodies.

Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Economic and Trade Development Committee U Maung Maung Thein reported on

tasks of the committee.

The associations gave suggestions on difficulties in their respective sectors.

Yangon Region Chief

Minister U Myint Swe, the deputy ministers and officials gave clarifications on the reports.

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Adult literacy rate hits 95.13 percent in Myanmar in 2013

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—A ceremony to mark the International

Literacy Day 2013 was observed at Myanmar International Convention

Centre (MICC), here, this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye called for establishment of constant learning Myanmar society through basic literacy activity of entire people so as to build a democratic nation.

He said that a total of 43181 basic education schools were opened across the nation in 2013-14 academic year for creation of learning opportunities for the students. Thanks to strenuous efforts, adult literacy rate reaches 95.13 percent in the nation in 2013.

Among 774 million

population of illiterates throughout the world, over two-third population are women and girls. At present, 57 million of children of primary school level age and 69 million of middle and high school level age miss the chance to pursue education.

On behalf of the UN resident representatives, UNESCO Resident Representative Mr Sarder Umar Alam read out the message of the UN Secretary General and General Secretary of Myanmar UNESCO National Commission Dr Daw Lwin Lwin Soe, the message of UNESCO Director-General.

Union Ministers Dr Mya Aye and Dr Ko Ko Oo presented prizes to winners in the article, essay and poster contest.

UNESCO Resident Representative Mr Sarder Umar Alam said that millions of women and children need to be illiterates in the world. UNESCO always supports development of human resources and flourishing of democracy in Myanmar, he said. Ma Shine Nay Chi, eighth standard student of Patheingyi Education College Practising Middle School, said, "I won the first prize in the high school level essay contest. I am delighted with my achievement."

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Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye presents certificate to a winner.

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of Information Education Department of Myanmar Education Research Bureau Department, remarked that all the people must be educated persons to catch up the advancement of technologies in the education era. Therefore, he noted that basic literacy campaign is the most important in the world.

Myanmar secured Mohammad Reza Pahlavi Award presented by UNESCO in 1971 and Noma Prize in 1983.

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Central Body for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons
Myanmar Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day
 13th September

LET'S JOIN TOGETHER TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

2013 Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day's Objectives

- 1 To Mobilize the participation of all citizens in combating human trafficking as a national cause
- 2 To enhance human trafficking awareness raising and preventive efforts
- 3 To enforce criminal justice response in uncovering human trafficking cases and bringing perpetrators to justice
- 4 To strengthen protection and reintegration assistance for trafficking survivors
- 5 To strengthen cooperation and coordination among all counter trafficking stakeholders government agencies, civil society organizations, UFI agencies, international organizations and general public.

KIC provides news writing course

HPA-AN, 8 Sept—Mae Sot-based Kayin Information Centre (KIC) conducted the basic news writing course at Thumedayama Monastery in Hpa-an of Kayin State from 2 to 27 September.

A total of 10 men and five women are attending the course. On 2 September, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Aung Kyaw Naing of Hpa-an Township

gave lectures on general knowledge for youth and national matters. The editor in-charge of KIC and course instructors conducted basic news writing course.

“I did not invite media persons because I would like to give training to the youth who have already passed the matriculation examination,” said the in-charge.

Kyemon-Pwint Hsan (Popa)

Tourists arrive in Bago to pay visit to pagodas

BAGO, 8 Sept—This monsoon, number of globetrotters to Myanmar is growing.

More tourists are visiting pagodas and Myanmar cultural heritage in Bago this year, said a person from souvenir shop at Shwethahlyuang reclining Buddha image.

Bago located on Yangon-Mandalay Highway is about two-hour drive from Yangon, and it is a suitable camp for passengers who came from Mandalay.

In the new era, the foreigners value hand-made products and so they buy Myanmar cultural works.

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Accident

Dyna bus plunges off road to Thamaing Overpass



YANGON, 8 Sept—A Dyna bus rolled over the pavement at the down road of Mayangon overpass in Mayangon Township and then hit two students.

At 6 am on 2 September, a Dyna of 121st bus line was driven by Min Min Tun, 36 of Thingangyungyi Ward of Mingaladon Township from the east to west along Thamaing Railway Station Road in Ward 2 of Mayangon Township. While taking over another vehicle near the Thamaing Overpass, the Dyna hit two students from Mayangon BEHS No 1.

The students were injured in the incident and another nun on board the bus also injured. After that, the vehicle bumped into with one stationary taxi by the roadside. So, both vehicles were damaged in

the incident.

The injured are under treatment at Insein General Hospital. Bayintnaung Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against the reckless driver under the law.

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Agriculture

Farming rights certificates presented to farmers

KARATHURI, 8 Sept—A ceremony to present farming rights certificates for the second time was held at the sub-township General Administration Department in Karathuri Sub-Township on 4 September.

The ceremony was attended by Sub-Township Administrator U Ko Ko Nyein, Head of Sub-Township Settlement and Lands Department U Lin Lin Tun, Sub-Township Manager U Wai Phyto Aung

of Agriculture Department.

Head of Sub-Township Settlement and Lands Department U Lin Lin Tun explained the issuance of farming rights certificate and rights of farmers.

The Sub-Township Administrator and officials presented the certificates to farmers.

Kyemon-Karathuri IPRD

Anti-Narcotic Drives

Stimulant tablets worth K 1.2 million seized in Lashio



NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—Members of Lashio Anti-Drug (Special) Squad together with witnesses, acting on a tip-off, searched the jeep driven by Aung Thu, 43, of Ward 4 on Tangyan Township at 12.30 am on 3 September.

The squad seized 600 stimulant tablets worth K 1.2 million from the cover of cigarette box in the car at Sintin Bridge in Sintin Village of Lashio Township.

Naungmon Region Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Aung Thu, under sections 15/19(a) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—*Kyemon-Home Affairs*

Aung Thu seen with stimulant tablets and his jeep.

Health

Elephantiasis medicines given to people in Hpa-an

HPA-AN, 8 Sept—Under the prevention plan of Ministry of Health, a ceremony to provide anti-elephantiasis medicines will be held in Ward 4 of Hpa-an of Kayin State from 9 to 15 September.

The disease can show its symptoms not only at legs but also in face and chests and others.

The disease can develop

through mosquito and one patient with the disease can contaminate to others, a health staff explained to the administrative body of Ward 4 on 3 September.

The local people are to cooperate with health staff for prevention against the outbreak of the disease, he said.

Kyemon-Pwint Hsan (Popa)

Plan to build embossed print plate factories

YANGON, 8 Sept—According to the recent news, Directorate of Road Administration will extend the Embossed Print Plate Factories.

The department plans to build more factories to produce embossed print plates for vehicles.

Under the supervision of respective governments,

open tenders will be invited to construct the embossed print plate factories since the number plates of the vehicles have been changed with English alphabets and regional signs.

“After building the factories, job opportunities will be created for the local people. In consequence, the transport charge will decline,” said an official of the directorate.

Arrangements are being made to build the embossed print plate factories in the directorates (Ywathagyi) and (Mandalay). At present, the embossed print plate factory is located at the directorate (Myintha) of Yangon Region.

Kyemon-K Thein Swe

WORLD

Obama appeals for backing to hit Syria, Europeans urge delay

WASHINGTON/VILNIUS, 8 Sept—President Barack Obama urged Americans on Saturday to back him in launching an attack on Syria, as diplomatic pressure grew on the United States to wait for a UN report expected in a week's time before beginning military action.

Fresh from a European trip in which he failed to forge a consensus among global leaders, Obama plunged into a campaign on radio and television to try to convince a skeptical US public and Congress of the need for a military strike on Syria.

In Europe, pressure increased for delay. European Union foreign ministers meeting in Lithuania on Saturday blamed the 21 August chemical weapons attack in Syria on President Bashar al-Assad's government. But they did not endorse military action and made clear the bloc wanted the United Nations to have a role in agreeing on an international response.

Pope Francis, who two days ago branded a military solution in Syria "a futile pursuit," led the world's 1.2 billion Roman Catholics in a global day of prayer and fasting for peace in Syria,



US President Barack Obama speaks during a news conference at the G20 Summit in St Petersburg, Russia on 6 Sept 2013. —REUTERS

the Middle East and the world.

Obama, clearly still the reluctant warrior who rose to political prominence on his opposition to the Iraq war, emphasized he favored limited strikes on Syria to deter future chemical weapons attacks—not another costly and protracted

conflict. "This would not be another Iraq or Afghanistan," Obama declared in his weekly radio address, previewing arguments he will make in a nationally televised address on Tuesday. "I know that the American people are weary after a decade of war, even as the war in Iraq has ended, and the war in Afghanistan is winding down. —Reuters

N Korea prepares for 65th anniversary of country's founding

PYONGYANG/BEIJING, 8 Sept—North Korea on Saturday stepped up preparations to celebrate the upcoming 65th anniversary of its founding, with colourful signboards and other decorations adding to the festive mood in the capital Pyongyang.

Some diplomatic sources have said that a military parade by the country's militia, rather than the regular army, is expected to take place in Pyongyang on Monday, the day of the anniversary.

The focus is whether North Korean leader Kim Jong Un will deliver a speech, which comes at a time when a mood of dia-

logue is increasing between North and South Korea after tensions escalated in the wake of the North's third nuclear test in February.

The two Koreas have recently reached agreements to reopen a joint industrial zone in the North's city of Kaesong which was shut down in April and to hold a reunion of families separated by the 1950-1953 Korean War.

The leader showed up to watch a massive military parade by its regular force at the capital's main square on the 60th anniversary of the Korean War truce on 27 July but he did not make public remarks.

Kyodo News

Italian government hopes to avoid political crisis



Italy's Prime Minister Enrico Letta (C) gestures next to Economy Minister Fabrizio Saccomanni (L) and Labour Minister Enrico Giovannini during a meeting for "Jobs for Youth - Building Opportunities, Opening Paths", at Palazzo Chigi in Rome on 14 June 2013.

REUTERS

CERNOBBIO, (Italy), 8 Sept— Italian government leaders expressed hope on Saturday that the fragile ruling coalition could avoid a breakdown that would threaten strained finances and risk wrecking the trust won during months of painful austerity.

"I am confident, I believe there won't be a crisis," Economy Minister Fabrizio Saccomanni told reporters on the sidelines of a business conference in the northern town of Cernobbio. He warned that Italy risked a "totally unforgivable loss of credibility" if political turmoil disrupted efforts to keep its public deficit within European Union limits and renewed doubts about its budget stability.

There have been weeks of tension over the political future of centre-right leader Silvio Berlusconi after Italy's top court found

him guilty of being at the centre of a vast tax fraud conspiracy at his Mediaset broadcasting empire.

Allies of the former premier have said they could pull out of Prime Minister Enrico Letta's unwieldy left-right coalition if centre-left members of a Senate panel vote to strip Berlusconi of his seat in the upper house of parliament.

However, senior allies of the 76-year-old media billionaire have struck a more conciliatory tone in the past two days, following a statement from President Giorgio Napolitano warning parties against provoking another crisis.

"The country needs responsibility. We have guaranteed this sense of responsibility today," Renato Schifani, the floor leader in the Senate of Berlusconi's People of Freedom (PDL) party, told SkyTG24 television.

The cross-party panel, in which the center-left Democratic Party (PD) holds the largest number of seats, meets on Monday but it may take weeks for the complicated procedure that could lead to Berlusconi's expulsion from parliament to be completed.

Letta told the BBC in an interview that he was confident the government would now carry on.

But political risks have weighed on Italian government bonds in recent sessions and analysts say Rome may see weaker demand and be forced to pay higher yields at an auction next week if investors believe the government risks collapse.—Reuters

Brazilian protests fail to disrupt parades, soccer match

BRASILIA, 8 Sept—Police used teargas to contain street protests on Saturday in several Brazilian cities, stopping demonstrators from disrupting Independence Day military parades and an international soccer game between Brazil and Australia.

The protests against corruption were much smaller than the massive demonstrations that shook Brazil in June, when hundreds of thousands took to the streets in a sudden outburst of anger against the country's political class for mismanaging government money and failing to provide adequate public services.

In downtown Rio de Janeiro, some 500 protest-

ers invaded stands in the parade area, sending frightened families with children rushing for safety. Police used teargas and stun guns to disperse the demonstrators, who did not interrupt the parade.

"It was frightening. There was a wave of masked demonstrators dressed in black," said Rosângela Silva, who took a niece to watch the parade.

In Brasilia, police used pepper spray to hold back a peaceful crowd of more than 1,000 demonstrators who marched to Brazil's Congress to demand the ouster of corrupt politicians. Protesters were only allowed to march along the wide esplanade of Brazil's capital after the annual In-

dependence Day military parade led by President Dilma Rousseff had ended.

Organizers said many people who had intended to join the demonstrations did not turn up due to the heavy

police presence and the prospect of violence seen in recent clashes in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro where hooded youths have become protagonists.

Major US TV news networks, including the CNN, broadcast the videos on Saturday though they admitted that they could not independently verify the authenticity of these videos. The Obama administration claims that the Syrian government perpetrated the sarin gas attack on 21 August which the US claims killed 1,429 people including 426 children. It said the Syrian government will be held accountable for violating the international norm of banning the use of weapons of mass destruction, if US Congress gives him the authorization of use of force.—Xinhua



A policeman sprays anti-government demonstrators with tear gas outside the Congress in Brasilia, on 7 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



Tang Limei, the first woman scientist who dives into the ocean by China's manned submersible, waves on deck at Pacific Ocean, on 7 Sept, 2013. Jiaolong and its support ship the Xiangyanghong-09 are on a scientific research voyage focusing on polymetallic nodules in the northeast Pacific and cobalt-rich crusts in the northwest Pacific.—XINHUA

US moon probe now "healthy" after fixing minor glitch

WASHINGTON, 8 Sept—US space agency NASA said on Saturday its moon probe was now "healthy" after engineers fixed mechanical problems it encountered shortly after Friday night's launch. Although NASA described the launch of the Lunar Atmosphere and Dust Environment Explorer (LADEE) as being successful, the small car-sized spacecraft commanded itself to shut down the reaction wheels, used to position and stabilize the spacecraft, after its separation from the rocket.

On Saturday afternoon, NASA determined this as the result of fault protection limits put in place prior to launch to safeguard the reaction wheels, saying that engineers have since disabled the limits that caused the powering off soon after activation and will selectively re-enable them. "Our engineers will determine the

appropriate means of managing the reaction wheel fault protection programme. Answers will be developed over time and will not hold up checkout activities," said Butler Hine, LADEE project manager.

"The reaction wheel issue noted soon after launch was resolved a few hours later. The LADEE spacecraft is healthy and communicating with mission operators," said Pete Worden, director of NASA's Ames Research Centre, which is leading the LADEE mission.

The LADEE was now "on a perfect trajectory" to arrive at Earth's nearest neighbour in 30 days, NASA said.

The 280-million-US-dollar spacecraft is expected to spend about 100 days exploring moon's atmosphere and the role of dust in the lunar sky before running out of fuel and crashing into the moon's surface.—Xinhua



Chinese scientists publish new findings on deadly H7N9

BEIJING, 8 Sept—Chinese scientists have discovered that a type of H7N9 can bind with a human receptor, which explains how the virus can infect human beings. Research focused on how H7N9 infected hu-

man beings, examining the two earliest reported virus types, known as isolates. These were SH-H7N9 and AH-H7N9, discovered in Shanghai and Anhui Province respectively.

Researchers evaluated

Rare skull of fossil ape discovered

KUNMING, 8 Sept—A six-million-year-old fossilized cranium of a juvenile ape has been unearthed in southwest China's Yunnan Province, a rare find paleontologists hope may help unravel the mystery of human origins. The remains is only the second recovered cranium belonging to a juvenile ape inhabiting Eurasia in the Miocene that dates back to 23 to 5 million years ago, Ji Xueping, a researcher who led the study, told a news conference on Thursday.

"The skull boasts great significance in research on our ancestors, as the time when the primate lived was close to that of the first humans, estimated at between 7 million to 5 million years ago," said Ji, with Yunnan Institute of Cultural Relics and Archaeology. "Africa has found a number of fossils of ancient primates of that age, but such finds are scarce in Asia. From this perspective, the discovery is quite important," said Lu Qingwu, a professor with Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

A detailed description of the find was published in the Chinese Sciences Bulletin last month, nearly four years after Ji and his fellows found it in a pit owned by a brick factory in Shui-

tangba community, Zhaotong City. The age of the fossil ape, a member of the genus *Lufengpithecus*, was identified as between 6.2 to 6.1 million years ago in the late Miocene, the youngest among all ancient primates previously detected in Yunnan. The well-preserved cranium that has maintained most of the facial skeleton is relatively complete and largely undistorted, providing valuable information about the morphology and growth of *Lufengpithecus*, according to the study. "The study shows the primate bears some features in com-

Although the new find suggests its connection with the first humans in terms of timing and morphology, Ji noted, "We still lack adequate fossil evidence to clarify its relationship with early hominins." The mainstream view is that human ancestors originated in Africa.

"In recent years, some scholars proposed the theory that Asia, rather than Africa, is the cradle of human ancestry based on a series of recent finds. Apparently there's a lot more work ahead to explore such possibility," said Prof Lu. *Lufengpithecus* is a collec-

A press conference on archaeology is held in Kunming, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 5 Sept, 2013. A six-million-year-old fossilized cranium of a juvenile ape has been unearthed in Yunnan's Zhaotong, a rare find paleontologists hope may help unravel the mystery of human origins. The remains is only the second recovered cranium belonging to a juvenile ape inhabiting Eurasia in the Miocene that dates back to 23 to 5 million years ago, Ji Xueping, a researcher who led the study, told the news conference on 5 Sept, 2013.—XINHUA



mon with humans. A significant example is that the width of its eye socket is longer than the height, just like us," said Prof Lu.

tive name for the remains of fossil apes recovered in Kaiyuan, Lufeng, Yuanmou and Zhaotong in Yunnan since the 1950s. The re-

mains date back between 11 million and 7 million years ago, most crushed and badly deformed.

Xinhua

Internet experts want security revamp after NSA revelations

SAN FRANCISCO, 8 Sept—Internet security experts are calling for a campaign to rewrite Web security in the wake of disclosures that the US National Security Agency has developed the capability to break encryption protecting millions of sites. But they acknowledged the task won't be easy, in part because Internet security has relied heavily on brilliant government scientists who now appear suspect to many.

Leading technologists said they felt betrayed that the NSA, which has contributed to some important security standards, was trying to ensure they stayed weak enough that the agency

could break them. Some said they were stunned that the government would value its monitoring ability so much that it was willing to reduce everyone's security. "We had the assumption that they could use their capacity to make weak standards, but that would make everyone in the US insecure," said Johns Hopkins cryptography professor Matthew Green. "We thought they would never be crazy enough to shoot out the ground they were standing on, and now we're not so sure."

The head of the volunteer group in charge of the Internet's fundamental technology rules told Reuters on

Saturday that the panel will intensify its work to add encryption to basic Web traffic and to strengthen the so-called secure sockets layer, which guards banking, email and other pages beginning with Https. "This is one instance of the dangers that we face in the networked age," said Jari Arkko, an Ericsson scientist who chairs the Internet Engineering Task Force. "We have to respond to the new threats." Other experts likewise responded sharply to media reports based on

documents from former NSA contractor Edward Snowden showing the NSA has manipulated standards.

Documents provided to *The Guardian*, the *New York Times* and others by Snowden and published on Thursday show that the agency worked to insert vulnerabilities in commercial encryption gear, covertly influence other designs to allow for future entry, and weaken industry-wide standards to the agency's benefit.

Reuters



A general view of the large former monitoring base of the US intelligence organization National Security Agency (NSA) in Bad Aibling south of Munich, on 18 June, 2013.—REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Sawiris eyes Telecom Italia, but concerned about Rome

MILAN, 8 Sept—Egyptian telecoms tycoon Naguib Sawiris said on Saturday he was still interested in taking a stake in Telecom Italia (TLIT.MI) but might be discouraged if the Italian government was opposed. In an emailed statement to *Reuters*, Sawiris said he was considering a “potential investment in Telecom Italia” but might not submit a proposal “in view of (Italy’s)... alleged preference for Telefonica reported in the Italian press.”

Telecom Italia is seen as an early takeover target in a shake-up of the sector

expected to be triggered by Verizon Communications’ (VZ.N) \$130 billion buyout of British operator Vodafone (VOD.L) from their US wireless business. The struggling Italian firm’s board meets on 19 Sept to discuss how to push the company forward, including a possible change of the shareholder structure. Italy’s largest fixed-line operator telecoms firm by clients is controlled by a group of investors that own 22.4 percent through corporate holding Telco, with Spanish peer Telefonica (TEF.MC) the biggest shareholder.

In an unsourced report,



A Telecom Italia antenna booster is seen in northern Rome on 12 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

an Italian newspaper said on Friday that Rome would prefer a merger between Telecom Italia and Telefonica rather than a buy-in by Sawiris. However in an interview with *Reuters*, Italy Economy Minister Fabrizio Saccomanni said Rome welcomed foreign investments and companies should be left to decide on their future

strategy. “We don’t have any strategy to prevent such investments,” the minister said on the sidelines of the Ambrosetti forum in Cernobbio. “We don’t necessarily have a role to play in single negotiations and I think it should be up to the companies involved to decide on the terms and conditions for foreign takeovers.”—*Reuters*

Republican US senator warns of ‘sticker shock’ from Obamacare



Senator John Barrasso (R-WY) speaks to the media after the Republican policy luncheon on Capitol Hill in Washington on 18 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 8 Sept—Weeks before healthcare exchanges under President Barack Obama’s healthcare overhaul open next month, a Republican senator attacked the plan on Saturday by

saying Americans may experience “sticker shock” from higher prices. Senator John Barrasso said in the weekly Republican address released on Saturday that the Affordable Care Act

is hurting middle-class Americans. “Many families are going to have real sticker shock when they see their new insurance rates — even families who get government subsidies,” Barrasso, an orthopedic surgeon, said.

A White House official disputed Barrasso’s characterization, citing studies showing that repealing the healthcare law would lead to higher rates. Consumers will be able to buy health insurance from state exchanges — a key component of the healthcare overhaul — starting on 1 October. The exchanges allow residents of each state to seek subsidized health coverage.—*Reuters*

Harman CEO says worst over for European car market

BERLIN, 8 Sept—US audio systems maker Harman International Industries Inc said that Europe’s automotive industry, which accounts for most of its sales, has already bottomed out and may show modest recovery in the current fiscal year. There are indications that the European car market, where sales dropped to a two-decade low, might be turning the corner, with the region’s two top carmakers — Daimler and Volkswagen — reporting healthy profits for the second quarter.

“The rate of decline has slowed down and is close to zero now,” Chief Executive Dinesh Paliwal told *Reuters* on the sidelines of IFA, Europe’s largest consumer electronics trade show, which opened its doors on Friday. “For the current fiscal year we assume in our planning for the European auto sector a flat to 1 percent decline from last year.”

—*Reuters*

Italy, EU agree tougher conditions for Monte dei Paschi bailout

CERNOBBIO, (Italy), 8 Sept—Italy and the European Commission have agreed that Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena will have to carry out a larger-than-expected capital hike, cut costs and reduce its large government bond holdings in order to win a EU green

light for state aid, officials said on Saturday. Rome has offered 4.1 billion euros of state loans to Monte Paschi (BMPS.MI), Italy’s No 3 bank, in order to prop the lender, which has a weak capital position following a derivatives scandal and big Italian bond investments.

European Competition Commissioner Joaquin Almunia and Economy Minister Fabrizio Saccomanni reached a broad political agreement on Monte Paschi at a meeting on the sidelines of a business gathering in Cernobbio, on the shores of Lake Como.—*Reuters*

China buys into giant Kazakh oilfield for \$5 billion

ASTANA, 8 Sept—Chinese President Xi Jinping struck a deal with Kazakhstan on Saturday giving China a stake in its giant Kashagan oil project, a highlight of his tour of Central Asia to secure hydrocarbons for the world’s largest energy consumer. The \$5 billion deal further increases China’s rising clout in post-Soviet Central Asia, once Russia’s imperial backyard, and blocks an attempt by global rival India to get a stake in the oilfield, the world’s largest oil discovery in five decades.

“The two countries have agreed on China’s shareholding in the development of the Kashagan deposit,” Xi told a news briefing after talks with Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev. “The two governments hail and support this agreement.” Oil and gas deals, including on building an oil refinery in Kazakhstan, are among 22 agreements worth some \$30 billion reached during Xi’s visit, Nazarbayev said. Under the Kashagan deal, Kazakhstan will sell 8.33 percent of the offshore oilfield in the Caspian Sea to China for about \$5 billion.

The sale and purchase agreement was signed by the heads of Kazakh

state oil and gas company KazMunaiGas and China National Petroleum Corp CNPET.UL (CNPC) in the presence of the two presidents. “We suppose that the transaction will be closed by late September or late October,” a Kazakh official told *Reuters*. CNPC will also pay up to \$3 billion to cover half of Kazakhstan’s financing of the second phase of Kashagan’s development, KazMunaiGas head Sauat Mynbayev told reporters. This phase is expected to start after 2020.

Another draft agreement, seen by *Reuters*, would guarantee loans from The China Development Bank and The Export-Import Bank of China — worth respectively \$3 billion and \$5 billion — to Kazakhstan’s state holding firm Baiterek, which promotes innovation and industrial projects. China is already involved in a number of oil projects in its vast resource-rich neighbor, which is five times the size of France but has a population of just 17 million. This week, Xi visited Kazakhstan’s neighbour Turkmenistan, which holds the world’s fourth-largest natural gas reserves, and oversaw deals aiming to boost gas supplies and build a pipeline to China.

—*Reuters*



An aerial view shows artificial islands on Kashagan offshore oil field in the Caspian sea, western Kazakhstan, on 7 April, 2013.—REUTERS

E-cigarettes as good as nicotine patches in helping smokers quit

LONDON, 8 Sept—Smokers who switch to electronic cigarettes to try to kick their habit are at least as likely to succeed in quitting or cutting down as users of nicotine patches, according to research published on Sunday. In a first-of-its-kind study, researchers compared electronic, or e-cigarettes, with the more standard nicotine replacement therapy patches. They found levels of success were comparable, with e-cigarettes — whose effects are a subject of intense debate among health experts — more likely to help smokers who fail to quit cut the amount of tobacco they use.

Some experts fear e-cigarettes may be a

“gateway” to nicotine addiction and tobacco smoking, while others view them as the most useful method yet of cutting back and helping would-be quitters. While the argument rumbles on, smoking continues to kill half of all those who indulge in it. Tobacco is responsible for 6

million deaths a year and the World Health Organization estimate that number could rise beyond 8 million by 2030. As well as causing lung cancer and other chronic respiratory conditions, smoking is also a major contributor to cardiovascular diseases, the world’s number-one killer.—*Reuters*



Kerry delivers a love letter to France, in French



US Secretary of State John Kerry (L) arrives for a meeting with French Foreign Affairs Minister Laurent Fabius (2nd L) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Paris on 7 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

PARIS, 8 Sept — French, it is said, is the language of love. US Secretary of State John Kerry flaunted his fluency in the language on Saturday to deliver something of a love letter to France, one of the few world powers that seems likely to join the United States in any military action against Syria.

Following the British parliament's 29 August vote to reject any British use of force against Syria, which the United States accuses of gassing its own people with sarin, France has made no secret of its desire to play Washington's supporting partner.

Speaking in French for eight minutes beneath the

gold-painted cherubs of one of the Quai d'Orsay's elegant salons, Kerry traced the history of US-French relations beginning from the American Revolution, while glossing over their many tiffs.

"When he visited General de Gaulle in Paris more than 50 years ago, President Kennedy said, and I quote, 'The relationship between France and the United States is crucially important for the preservation of liberty in the whole world,'" Kerry said.

"Today, faced with the brutal chemical weapons attacks in Syria, that relationship evoked by President Kennedy is more crucial than ever," he added.

Not to be outdone, French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius broke a taboo by speaking in English at a news conference in the Foreign Ministry's

elegant building on the banks of the Seine, where he once chided a reporter, "Here, sir, we speak French."

While Kerry's performance might be seen as flattering a French government that is one of the few to back US President Barack Obama's call for air strikes to deter Syria from using chemical arms, it may help convince a skeptical French public.

An IFOP poll published on Saturday showed 68 percent of French were against an intervention in Syria.

France took no part in the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003, which it strongly opposed, but joined the United States, Britain and others in a military intervention that helped oust Libyan dictator Muammar Gaddafi in 2011.

Reuters

Australia's new government aims to re-boot mining boom

CANBERRA, 8 Sept — Australia's incoming conservative government promised to re-boot a stalled mining boom and revive an appetite for investment on Sunday after leader Tony Abbott swept into office on a platform to scrap a mining tax and run a stable administration.

Abbott's Liberal-National Party coalition ended six years of often turbulent Labour Party rule and three years of minority government, winning a majority of more than 30 seats in the 150-seat parliament at Saturday's national elections. It was Labour's worst result since 1934.

Abbott, a former student boxer, Rhodes scholar and trainee priest, began his first day as prime minister elect with a dawn bike ride with friends around his home on Sydney's northern

beaches, before meeting government and ministry officials.

"People expect the day after an election an incoming government will be getting down to business. That's what I'll be doing today," Abbott told reporters.

Abbott, who was backed by media owner Rupert Murdoch and his Australian newspapers, takes office as Australia's economy adjusts to the end of a mining investment boom, with slowing government revenues and rising unemployment.

But Abbott's finance spokesman Andrew Robb, who may become the trade minister in the new government, said Australia's economy and mining sector would receive a boost from the election result.

"As of today, the mining boom will be rebooted,"



Australia's conservative leader and Prime Minister-elect Tony Abbott leaves his house in Sydney on 8 Sept, 2013. REUTERS

Robb told Australian television, adding Australia had become uncompetitive under the Labour government. "We will restore an appetite for risk and investment."

Analysts said the victory for Abbott should give him at least two three-year terms in office.

Reuters

Voting begins in Ibaraki gubernatorial election

MITO, 8 Sept — Voting began on Sunday for the gubernatorial election in Ibaraki Prefecture in eastern Japan, with the incumbent aiming for a sixth four-year term against a newcomer.

A victory for Governor Masaru Hashimoto, who is seen as having the upper hand over his rival, means that he would become the longest-serving prefectural governor in Japan. Hashimoto, 67, is running as an independent.

Challenging Hashimoto is Shigehiro Tanaka, 66, a professor emeritus at Ibaraki University who is recommended by the Japanese Communist Party. Tanaka is also an independent.

With no major issue at hand, the election focuses on public evaluation of Hashimoto's administra-

tion. Political analysts expect that voter turnout will be low.

Hashimoto has the support of local groups and local assembly members who belong to the ruling Liberal Democratic Party and the main opposition Democratic Party of Japan.

During the campaign, Hashimoto underscored his achievements as governor, including how he led the prefecture in efforts to deal with the nuclear crisis at the Fukushima Daiichi power plant in Fukushima Prefecture neighboring Ibaraki, located northeast of Tokyo.

Tanaka contended that Hashimoto has been in office too long and criticized the governor for splurging tax money on large-scale development projects.

Kyodo News

Netanyahu unimpressed by Iranian greetings for Jewish New Year

JERUSALEM, 8 Sept — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Saturday dismissed the significance of reports that the new Iranian president and his foreign minister had both issued greetings to mark the Jewish New Year.

Twitter messages that

only by its actions and not by greetings" whose purpose, he said, was to deflect attention from its nuclear programme. He called on the international community to strengthen sanctions on Iran meant to curb its nuclear activities.

Relations between the



Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu gestures during his speech at the inauguration ceremony of a hi-tech industry park in the southern city of Beersheba on 3 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

appeared to have been issued by newly-elected Hassan Rouhani and Foreign Minister Javad Zarif, wishing Jews a good Rosh Hashanah—the Jewish New Year, which was celebrated this week—made headlines in Israel. They were a change in tone from Rouhani's predecessor, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who left office last month and regularly use to rile Israel by calling for the destruction of the "Zionist entity".

Netanyahu said in a statement he was "not impressed", and that the Iranian regime "will be judged

two countries have been dire for decades. Israel says all its options are on the table in preventing Iran from developing nuclear weapons that could one day jeopardize the survival of the Jewish state. Iran denies it wants nuclear weapons and says its nuclear programme is for civilian purposes.

Rouhani's election in June has encouraged speculation that Tehran may be taking a more conciliatory approach to foreign affairs, though the president's power is heavily circumscribed by the clerical hierarchy.

Reuters

Egypt's army kills nine Sinai militants, defuses bomb on railroad

CAIRO, 8 Sept — The Egyptian army, in a major operation against Islamic militants in North Sinai on Saturday, killed at least nine of them, and it also foiled a bomb attack on the railroad between two Canal governorates. "Nine people were killed, nine other militants were arrested, and three weapon warehouses were destroyed," the army said in a statement posed on its official Facebook page.

The second field military in coordination with the police launched a security operation at 4:00 am local time (0600 GMT) on a group of criminal hideouts in seven areas, the statement read.

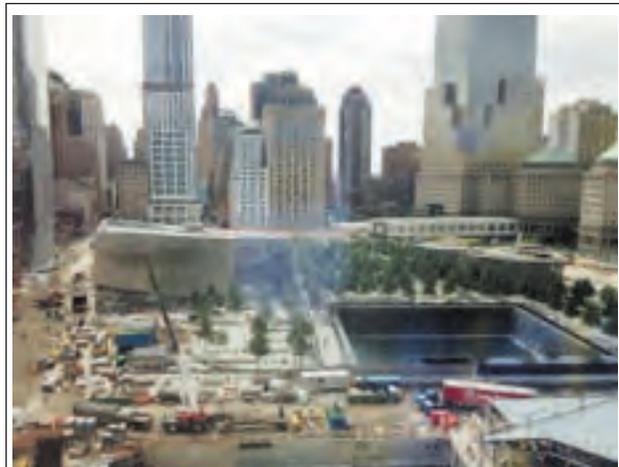
Meanwhile, a security source said the armed

forces found missiles and explosives warehouses in Kouriah village, including four bags of weapons, 20 RPGs (Rocket-propelled grenade), and a missile base; while laptops, cell-phones, and charts and maps in connection with terrorists' operations in Sinai were also seized.

The source told Xinhua that "It is the biggest military campaign in Sinai since the 1973 war," and around 2,500 soldiers and army officers, policemen and central security troops took part in the operation.

Security conditions in Sinai deteriorated after the ouster of Egypt's Islamist-oriented President Mohamed Morsi in July.

Xinhua



This 3 Sept, 2013 photo shows the reconstruction work underway at the site of the former World Trade Centre in New York. — KYODO NEWS

LOCAL NEWS

Development

Township support groups meet



NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—Support groups in Pobbathiri Township in Ottara District in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area gathered at Township General Administration Department meeting hall on 24 August morning. At first, Township Administrator U Tint Kyaw Lwin in his address urged township support groups, ward/village-tract support groups to meet

twice a month at Township General Administration Department to coordinate matters related to activities in each ward and village. Chairman of Township Support Committee U Kyaw Shwe called on ward/village-tract groups to coordinate with the township committees for assistance. MMAL-Ko Ko Yupa (Nay Pyi Taw)

Educative talks on census taking given

KYAIKTO, 8 Sept—Public awareness raising campaign on census taking was organized in Kanni village in Kanni village-tract in Kyaikto Township on 3 September. Kyaikto

Township Information and Public Relations Officer Daw Than Than Maw gave talks on census taking at the event at Basic Education Primary School in Kanni village. MMAL-Township IPRD

Environment

Biodiversity conservation talks given in Mohnyin

MOHNYIN, 8 Sept—The Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry is adopting policies for national socioeconomic development, conservation of natural resources and biodiversity and raising public awareness for their participation in natural resources management.

the lake. They gave educative talks on environmental and biodiversity conservation, wildlife and laws relating to conservation of natural resources and environmental conservation at Basic Education Primary School in Hepu Village in Mohnyin in August. It was attended by 247 students and teachers. Similar educative talks were given to villagers in Lonekhant Village in Mohnyin Township. It was attended by 69 villagers. MMAL-Forest Department

Indo Myanmar Conservation, Fauna and Flora International and Biodiversity and Nature Conservation Association (BANCA) are working in cooperation with staff of Forest Department for conservation of Indawgyi Lake and biodiversity around

Hlinethaya authorities give notice to squatters

HLINETHAYA, 8 Sept—Development Affairs Committee and Assistant Engineer (Civil) Office of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction in Hlinethaya Township in Yangon North District sent notices to squatting shops and tents by Yangon-Pathein road on 5 September through combined efforts of township departments. According to resolution of Yangon Region government, it is directed

to make the move right away as there are already instructions and manual for eviction. If anyone who has occupied the road area and fails to move will be subject to prosecution at the Township Court. The deadline for move is set on 14 September. Action would be taken against the encroachers as Development Affairs Law and Rules. They include shops, buildings and tents by the entrance of Hlinethaya 6.3-mile road section from Bayintnaung Bridge to



buildings and tents by the entrance of Hlinethaya 6.3-mile road section from Bayintnaung Bridge to

MMAL-164

Wellwishers donate three mini book corners

YANGON, 8 Sept—A poster and photo exhibition of mobile library and an educative talk were organized in Tamwaygyi ward on 30 August. Tamway Township Information and Public Relations Department organized the event. At the ceremony, donors U Phyoo Htaik and wife Daw Khin La Pyae Wun of

Tamwaygyi ward donated K 169500 for three mini book corners. Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Hla Hla Myint returned a certificate of honour to the donors. Ward Administrator U Tint Lwin spoke words of thanks on behalf of the donors.—MMAL-Hla Hla

Myanmar U-23 team leave for Malaysia

YANGON, 8 Sept—Myanmar U-23 national team left here for Malaysia on 5 September afternoon to participate in 41st Merdeka Cup organized by Football Association of Malaysia. The backroom team is formed with Manager U Tin Myint Aung, Chief Coach Park Seong-hua, Assistant Coach U Zaw Win Tun, Fitness Coach Ha Hae John, Goalkeeping Coach U Myo Chit, Liaison Officer U Soe Moe Kyaw and Doctor Aung Kyaw Oo. The players are goalkeepers Pyae Phyoo Aung and Kyaw Zin Phyoo; defenders Yan Aung Win, Thet Naing, Aung Hein Kyaw, Phyoo Ko Ko Thein, Zaw Min Tun, Aung Zaw, Thein Than Win and Zarni Htet; midfielders David Dann, Nay Lin Tun, Hein Zar Aung, Set Phyoo Wai, Htoo Htoo Aung, Ye Lin Aung, Kyi Lin and Nada Lin Kyaw Chit; and strikers Kyaw Ko Ko, Kaung Sithu, Kyaw Zeyar Win and Soe Kyaw Kyaw. The team participates in the competition that runs from 7 to 14 September. Hosts Malaysia U-23, Singapore U-23 and Thai Premier League All Stars

also participate in the tournament. Myanmar team played against Thai Premier League

Gyobingauk WVO grants stipends to offspring of members

GYOBINGAUK, 8 Sept—A ceremony to grant stipends for 2013-2014 academic year to offspring of members of War Veterans Organization in Gyobingauk Township in Thayawady District in Bago Region was held at Township WVO office on 3 September morning. Chairman of Township WVO Patronage Committee U Thaung delivered an address at the ceremony, followed by addresses of Township Administrator U Thein Tun and Township Education Officer Daw Mya

Mya Thein. The Chairman of Township War Veterans Organization awarded one-distinction winner Maung Htet Myat Win in 2012-2013 academic year and provided the assistance K 95,000 of the CEC. He also granted stipends to offspring of the members and cash assistances to the older members of Township WVO. The chairman then gave a concluding remarks at the ceremony. MMAL-111

National Sports



Myanmar U-23 national team seen at Yangon International Airport before departure to Malaysia.—MMAL-Soe Nyunt

All Start on 7 September at 7.15 pm.

The team is preparing for SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar in December. MMAL-Pho Thaw Zin

Anti-Narcotic Drives

Stimulant tablets, weapons seized in Myawady

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—Myawady Special Anti-Narcotics Squad raided U Zaw Win Shein's house in Pyithaya street in No (4) ward in Myawady on 4 September afternoon, acting on a tip-off. A total of 2015 stimulant tablets, K 6.045 million, 22 pistol, 17 bullets and one magazine were seized from

Aung Naing Soe, 32, of Hpa-an who was staying at the house. Myawady Police Station charged him with illegal holding of anti-narcotics drugs. MMAL-Police Information



Take Preventive Measures against Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 9 September, 2013

Adult literacy and reading habit

Every one agrees that literacy is of vital importance for social progress of a nation as books give knowledge through broader public reading habit. Here, young or old people must have at least basic reading and writing skills for a country-wide promotion of reading habit as it is the cornerstone of social progress.

Unfortunately, many adults in our country totally lack schooling in their childhood days, especially their number is high in the less-developed regions of the Union. The good news is that the government's adult-centred education for all program initiated in 1996 had helped increased national grown-up literacy rate to 91 percent in 2000 and 95.13 percent in 2013.

It is an encouraging sign we all take pride of. But the real important follow-up measure is the enhancement of the public reading habit for the newly literates to pursue constant learning through reading tables, reading societies or libraries particularly in areas where illiteracy rate is high. This will keep on promoting adult literacy rate as well as adult education level.

We have in history renowned adult learners like U Kyi Bwei who out of indomitable spirit became a learned person and farmer Po Yaza, whose constant reading and learning made him wise enough to become a court minister. As a Myanmar saying, which goes, "Learning has no age" what matters for every one is the will.

In fact, there is interaction between adult literacy and reading habit. Knowledge flourishes through constant reading and learning. So, we need more reading activities such as reading roundtables, reading societies, libraries everywhere to promote adult literacy rate and adult education in the most effective way.

Righteous King Minhti*Dr.Saw Mra Aung*

King Minhti was one of the 18 kings who reigned successively in the City of Laungkrat, which had been thriving on the bank of the Lemyo river in the northern Rakhine for about 156 years, after Vesali Period. He occupied Laungkrat's throne from 1279 AD to 1374 AD. (The Guinness Records 2002 says that his 95-year regnal period was the longest one the kings throughout the world history have ever enjoyed. Second to him, an Egyptian king who ascended the throne in 2281 BC. enjoyed the longest regnal period of 94 years.) He was such a righteous king that he ruled over the people in accordance with the Ten Kingly Attributes. Especially, he was a clever legislator and used to decide judicial cases without prejudice. Due to his punctilious observance of law, his reputation spread far and wide, even beyond the boundary of the ancient Rakhine kingdom. Therefore, he was sometimes held up as an exemplar in administering the public justly.

He was a son of King Min Bilu, the 7th descendant of king Alomapyu, who founded the City of Laungkrat in 1255 AD. In contrast to Minhti, he was a tyrant. He oppressed the people by imposing heavy taxes on them, taking the hands of beautiful women in marriage by force, etc. What is worse, he was not devoted to the Triple Gem, and cruel-minded. On the day when Minhti was born, due to his past meritorious deeds, all the weapons in the palace shone miraculously. Fearing that his newly-born baby would be more powerful than him and then usurp his throne, he, at night-fall, tiptoed into the delivery room and took away the baby stealthily to the bank of the river and floated it on a bamboo raft down the river. Some fishermen happened to rescue the helpless baby and submitted it to the king without knowing his ulterior motive. When the king knew that his unwelcome son was

almost indestructible, he dispatched it to the upper reach of the Yoe creek and committed it to the charge of his confidant. But as this unsavoury plan was leaked to the ministers and the public, senior minister named "Sitabin" and all royal officials thought thus: "This cruel king treated his own blood ill to such an extent. No doubt, his cruelty towards us will be beyond measure." So thinking, they assassinated king Min Bilu and installed minister Sitabin as king, who, however, persecuted all royal relatives. So the remaining royal relatives and the public assassinated him again two years after his accession.

Then, the ministers and the public crowned the then seven-year-old Minhti king of Laungkrat. Therefore, little Minhti had to undertake the State affairs, sitting on the lap of his uncle minister Anandabhaya. Despite his young age, he had great love for righteousness and justice. So, on the day of his accession, he declared equivocally thus: "If a son commits a crime, his father shall be punished; if a daughter commits a crime, her mother shall be punished; if a pupil commits a crime, his teacher shall be punished; if a wife commits a crime, her husband shall be punished."

One day, he saw a smear of lime on a gilded pillar of the royal assembly hall. That posed a great ugliness to the splendour of the palace. He, therefore, issued a royal order thus, "Those who smear lime on the pillars of the palaces shall incur a royal punishment." Many days elapsed away. No betel quid chewer appeared to destroy the beauty of the pillar of the palace by smearing his residual lime on the dazzling gilded pillar. Eventually, one day, King Minhti himself unconsciously smeared lime on a pillar of the royal assembly hall. A minister nearby saw that unintentional action of the king causally but was not brave enough to point it out. So he secretly recorded the date of that day in order that he could stand

witness to the action of the king in case of need. The next day, during the royal audience, the king, while sitting on the lion throne, saw the smear of lime on the pillar. He then flew into a rage and asked the royal audience pointing to the pillar. "Who smeared lime on that pillar going against my order." There was a pin-drop silence sustained for some time in the royal assembly hall. His anger mounted up. He interrogated in an uncontrollable tone, "Tell me straight away who did that." At long last, the minister who had recorded the smear of the king stood up shakily and recounted what he had seen. Then the king found himself guilty for the matter under investigation. He, therefore, saying "The law against smearing lime on the palace pillar was issued by me. So I should be the exemplar in following this law," went straight to that pillar and, putting his right finger on it, cut it off without a blink of his eyes. When all the nobility and gentry present at the royal audience saw his unshaken and undiminished love for righteousness at the risk of his parts of the body, they were filled with awe and respect for him.

One night, two slaves of a wealthy man named Dhanadacaya from Laungkrat City stole a cow and ate it. The case was reported to the king. At the king's order, an inquiry was staged by the royal officials. Fearing that he would be given a death-sentence, Dhanadancaya bribed Anandabhaya with the offer of one thousand coins into receiving the vicarious punishment for him. Anandabhaya then said "Don't be so afraid. The king is my nephew. He was brought up by me. If I soothe his anger away, it will be appeased. Then I will say that the two slaves are mine. He will parry my fault. And the case will thus be over peaceably." When the day of the trial came, the king asked whose slaves the criminals were and Anandabhaya, as had been planned, confessed publicly that they were his. The Minhti asked the wise

minister Vimala to come forward and to report to him on the way of deciding judicial cases in line with the ancient precedent. Vimala, after elaborating on the attributes of a king in Pali rhyme making references to various old treatises, suggested that a king should decide a judicial case in accordance with the kingly attributes and the Dhammasat Kyan (Code of Law). Then Minhti said that his uncle did not follow his order and continued, "Despite young age, a Kesaraja lion always sleeps in gold cave; the oil of the lion lies only in a pure gold bowl. A white elephant never gives birth to a black one. The sun and the moon never emit the rays of others but those of their own. The ocean never overflows its banks. Only if the king observes solemnities, the kingdom will be peaceful and tranquil. Prejudice should not be practised to preserve one's lineage." So saying, he committed his uncle to the charge of executioners. All the audience present at the trail, seeing the unbiased decision of Minhti, felt a mixed feeling of fear and love for him.

From that day onwards, the ministers, royal servicemen and the people stuck to the rules adopted by Minhti and the Five Precepts. Consequently, the whole kingdom became prosperous; the soil yielded a good harvest of paddy and crops; rampant robbery and banditry subsided. As, dispensing loving-kindness and upholding the Triple Gem, the king and the people observed the precepts, the Sasana (Dispensation of the Buddha) shone radiantly and the kingdom enjoyed an unprecedented period of prosperity and tranquility during the reign of King Minhti.

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Who will provide people with correct information for making right decisions quickly amidst a lot of news in different angles coming out all around us?

A trusted media will.

What will be the requirement for anti-extremism and honest reporting?

For that... we need the media in the public interest.

For State-own media to extend coverage up to border regions and win public trust and reliance....

Just put Public Service Media Law into effect by official proclamation.

Cartoon Tha Byay

LOCAL NEWS

Charity

Police donate blood at Mandalay General Hospital



MANDALAY, 8 Sept— Myanmar Police Force is placing emphasis on rule of law, peace and stability and

drug elimination. As a gesture of hailing the 49th Anniversary Myanmar Police Force, 237 policemen and family members from No 4, 14 and 16 police battalions under control of No 3 Police Battalions Control Command donated blood at National Blood Bank of Mandalay General Hospital yesterday.

It was attended by Officiating Police Col Ohn Khaing of the No 3 Police Battalions Control Command, commanding officers, Medical Superintendent Dr Maung Win of the MGH and officials.

Kyemon-469

Business

Research on rubber market presented in Mawlamyine

MAWLAMYINE, 8 Sept—A ceremony to present findings in the rubber market was held at Shwe Myint Mo Tun Hotel in Mawlamyine on 5 September with the aim of drawing the small-scale rubber farmers-based rural development plan in Mon State.

Mon State Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Myo Nyunt delivered an opening address.

Policy and Communication Expert U Min Shwe Thein of Care Myanmar and Karin Eberhardt of SDC of Swiss Embassy spoke words of thanks.

Leader of the research team Mr Kevin Ross Rutter explained findings of the research team with the use of

power point. Those present took part in the discussions.

The plan was jointly organized by Care Myanmar and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

The ceremony was attended by officials of Industrial Crops Development Department of Nay Pyi Taw, departments and ministries of Mon State, rubber entrepreneurs of Yangon Region and Mon State, small-scale rubber entrepreneurs, and rubber farm workers. After that, those attending the ceremony visited the Crumb Rubber Factory and Perennial Crops Applied Research Centre.

Kyemon-694

Environment

People wish conservation of Indaw Lake

INDAW, 8 Sept—Indaw Lake is located one mile northwest of Indaw, Katha District in Sagaing Region.

The 4x2 miles lake was reduced into 3x2 miles area.

About 20 creeks and drains flow into the lake.

Of them Indaw Creek is the largest one.

Indaw Creek flows about 100 tons of silt into the lake.

At present, Indaw Township Development Affairs Committee throws garbage along side of the

creek, so the garbage floated into the lake in the rainy season. As a result, the water of the lake becomes muddy with garbage and harms natural beauty of the lake.

In the long-run, the lake may disappear with the sediment and silt in addition to garbage.

At present, Indaw Township authorities need to give priority in under-taking conservation of the lake and its environs.

Kyemon-Ko Min (Indaw)



Magway Region Internal Revenue Department holds coord meeting

MAGWAY, 8 Sept—Magway Region Internal Revenue Department held the coordination meeting at its office for 2013-2014 fiscal year on 7 September morning.

At first, Chief Minister of Ma-



gway Region U Phone Maw Shwe delivered an opening address.

Township Internal Revenue Department heads reported on collection of tax.

Next, Director of Region

IRD U Kyaw Ye Tun gave a supplementary report.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the Chief Minister.

The second session of the meeting followed in the

afternoon.

The head of Region IRD and heads of Township IRD held talks on collection of taxes for 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Kyemon-Tin Tun Oo

Electrification to Hteintaw, Tharawaw in Bago Region (West)



PYAY, 8 Sept—The power line has been built to Hsinlan 33/11 KV 1250 KVA power station through 33 KV power line via Letpadan of Thayawady District of Bago Region (West).

After that, 13 miles long 11 KV power line

was linked with Hteindaw and the power station.

The 9.5 miles long 11 KV power line has been linked with Tharawaw. Hteintaw has been facilitated with two 314 transformers, 0.78 mile long 11 KV power line and 0.95 mile long 400 V line.

Tharawaw has also been equipped with one 315 KVA transformer, one 11/04 KV (200) KVA transformer, 0.76 mile long 11 KV power long and 1.9 miles long 400 V line.

Construction tasks have been completed on 1 September and the test-running of electrification is being operated round the clock.

Electrification

In the past, both towns consumed electricity three hours per day in the early evening with the use of diesel engines for many years.

Now, they can enjoy electricity 24 hours a day. Those living in 300 feet around the 400 V power line can get the opportunity to install electric meters for electrification on a self-reliant basis.

Thanks to power supply facilities of the State, the local people can enjoy fruits of education, health and social sectors.—Kyemon-497

30 Dong Feng tractors handed over to farmers in Ottwin

OTTWIN, 8 Sept—Agricultural Mechanization Department handed over 30 Dong Feng tractors to farmers at the office of the department in Ottwin of Bago Region on 6 September.

The tractors were sold to 2000-acre model plantation of mechanization farm in Kyettetnyaungbin Village of the township through instalment.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Kyaw Shwe made a speech and Head of Toungoo District Agricultural Mechanization Department U Myo Nyunt Oo explained matters related to transformation of manual farming to agricultural mechanized farming.

Head of the township



department U Win Aung handed over documents related to the tractors to Village-tract administrator U Thaung Lwin.

In the discussion, the officials explained sales of the tractors through special instalment system.

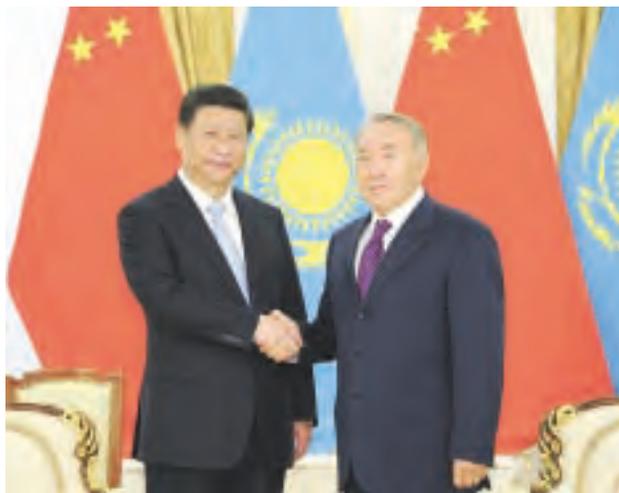
The local farmers expressed thanks for sales of tractors.

The ceremony was attended by 64 farmers together with members of the Township Agricultural Development Committee.

Kyemon-Township IPRD

WORLD

Chinese, Kazakh presidents agree to strengthen bilateral ties



Chinese President Xi Jinping (L) shakes hands with his Kazakh counterpart Nursultan Nazarbayev prior to their talks in Astana, Kazakhstan, on 7 Sept 2013.

XINHUA

ASTANA, 8 Sept—Visiting Chinese President Xi Jinping and his Kazakh counterpart Nursultan Nazarbayev agreed at a meeting on Saturday to strengthen bilateral ties.

During the talks, the two leaders summed up the development of China-Kazakhstan partnership, charted a future course for cooperation and reached extensive consensus on deepening their comprehensive strategic partnership.

Calling China-Kazakh-

stan ties as an example of neighbourliness and mutually beneficial cooperation, Xi said China is happy to see a stable, strong and prosperous Kazakhstan.

China supports Kazakhstan to choose a development path in accordance with its own reality, maintain national sovereignty, promote economic and social development and play a constructive role in international and regional affairs, Xi said. For his part, Nazarbayev said Kazakh-

stan will always be China's good neighbour, friend and brother, and Kazakhstan is willing to stride forward together with China.

He noted that Xi's visit carries on the tradition of close contact between the two countries' leaders and shows a high degree of trust, mutual support and sincere cooperation.

At the meeting, both leaders agreed that mutual support of each other's core interests and issues of major concern is the essence of the China-Kazakhstan comprehensive strategic partnership. They said China-Kazakhstan energy cooperation is complementary and mutually beneficial, and both countries are long, stable and reliable energy cooperation partners.

The two leaders pointed out that China and Kazakhstan have the potential for future cooperation in more extensive fields. Both sides should improve their two-way trade structure, stimulate trade diversification, improve cooperation scale and quality, so as to achieve a trade volume of 40 billion US dollars in 2015.

Xinhua

Ousted Nasheed faces Maldives run-off after split poll results

MALE, 8 Sept—Former Maldivian leader Mohamed Nasheed will face a run-off election on 28 September after his win in the presidential poll ended without a majority, provisional results showed on Sunday, nearly 20 months after his removal ignited months of unrest.

Nasheed, the Maldives' first democratically elected president, was forced from office in February 2012 in what his supporters call a coup. The turmoil tarnished the Indian Ocean archipelago's image as a tropical holiday paradise.

Nasheed, running against three rivals, had secured 45.45 percent of the total polled, according to the early results, Election Commissioner Fuwad Thowfeek told reporters.

He missed a required majority of 50 percent, as the votes were split among the other three contenders.

Nasheed's main rival, Abdulla Yameen, a half-brother of Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, who ruled for 30 years and was considered a dictator by opponents and rights groups, polled 25.35

percent, the preliminary results showed.

Gasim Ibrahim, a resort tycoon, media business owner and formerly a finance minister under Gayoom, secured 24.07 percent, while Nasheed's successor and incumbent leader Mohamed Waheed Hassan Manik performed the worst, with just 5.13 percent. Nasheed and Yameen will face each other in a run-off election on September 28, the election commissioner confirmed.

The election commis-

sion will release final results of the first round on 14 September, Thowfeek said. "Any boxes needed to be recounted will be recounted within this time and if required, make adjustments. Counting will be done in the presence of observers and representatives of candidates," he said.

Transparency Maldives, which deployed 400 observers to monitor the poll, said it was "largely peaceful", except for a few minor counting disputes.

Reuters



Maldivian presidential candidate Mohamed Nasheed, who was ousted as president in 2012, smiles as he casts his vote during the presidential elections in Male on 7 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Iran's atomic chief says ready to allay West concerns over nuclear programme

TEHRAN, 8 Sept—Head of Atomic Energy Organization of Iran Ali-Akbar Salehi said that the Islamic republic is ready to allay the West's concerns over its controversial nuclear programme, *Teheran Times* daily reported on Saturday. "We acknowledge their concerns and are ready to ease them by international conventions," said Salehi, without specifying the issues that might be the source of controversy.

In past nuclear talks, Iran's high-grade uranium enrichment activities and its refusal to give inspectors access to certain military sites suspected of nuclear experiments had been hampering progress in resolving its nuclear issue. Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) last met in May and failed to achieve any breakthrough that would allow the UN nuclear watchdog to carry out further investigations

into Teheran's nuclear activities.

The two sides are scheduled to hold their next round of talks in Vienna on 27 September. While Salehi stressed "our principles have not changed and we have always demanded our rights under the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and the statute of the IAEA," he noted Iranian negotiators will try to help find a "win-win solution" to the issue. Moreover, Iran's moderate president, Hassan Rouhani, has pledged much "transparency" in the nuclear program with the international community.

On Thursday, Rouhani tasked the Iranian Foreign Ministry with conducting the upcoming nuclear talks with the P5+1 (the five permanent UN Security Council members plus Germany), a move deemed likely to reduce the influence of hardliners on the process of talks.—Xinhua

Missouri governor bucks trend, campaigns for tax-cut veto

KANSAS CITY, 8 Sept—It is an uncommon sight in American politics — a governor barnstorming his state to rail against tax cuts.

But Missouri Governor Jay Nixon is on a campaign-style crusade to win public support for his veto of an income tax cut bill, even as state taxes nationwide are trending downward.

Nixon, a Democrat, has taken his case to towns across the state, arguing that corporate income tax cuts that are meant to draw business to Missouri would

in fact harm schools and mental health services. Nixon has made 29 appearances since 15 July to defend his position.

Missouri lawmakers will meet on Wednesday to vote on a veto override, which takes a two-thirds majority in the House and Senate, and even some Republicans admit that Nixon may win the fight.

"I want to leave this state better than I found it, and this bill would greatly limit that ability," said Nixon, who began his second

four-year term in January and cannot run again due to term limits, in an interview. He calls the bill "flawed policy" that will not generate new business or jobs.

The House faces the bigger task as it needs 109 votes to override the bill, which got 103 votes in May. Nine lawmakers were absent, three of the Democrats.

"I find it very odd that the governor has spent 90 percent of the summer working against a tax-cut bill that passed with a super majority," said Missouri House Speaker Tim Jones, a Republican, in an interview.

"He seems to be going against the stream."

If Nixon wins the tax battle, his strategy may become an interesting blueprint for Democrats in other conservative states who face a drive from Republicans and business groups for tax cuts.

The May tax-cut vote in Missouri broke largely along party lines in the Republican-dominated chamber, but some lawmakers

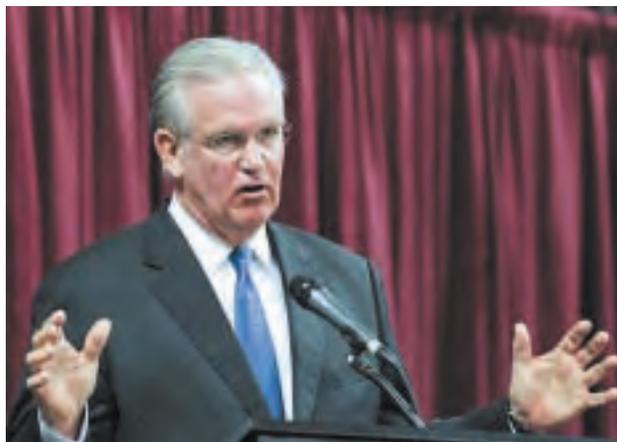
are feeling strong local pressure to back Nixon, said Rep TJ Berry, sponsor of the bill in the House.

Berry said Republicans are fighting an uphill battle to get the two-thirds. "The percentage chance of an override is small, but we are still working at it," he said.

Missouri Republicans sought the tax cuts in response to reductions in other states, especially neighboring Kansas in 2012. The bill's supporters say Missouri must have a more attractive corporate tax climate to compete.

Missouri lawmakers are not alone in trying to reduce taxes this year. About \$1.3 billion in tax cuts were approved by states in 2013, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. While that is just .02 percent of total tax revenue, seven states — Alaska, Arizona, Iowa, Maine, North Dakota, Iowa and Wisconsin — cut taxes by more than 1 percent, according to the NCSL.

Reuters



Missouri Governor Jay Nixon participates in a debate with David Spence at the Holiday Inn Executive Centre in Columbia, Missouri, on 21 Sept 2012.

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ASEAN+3 social welfare ministers meet in Cambodia to broaden cooperation

SIEM REAP, (Cambodia), 8 Sept—The ASEAN+3 social welfare ministers met here on Saturday to seek possibilities to broaden cooperation in social welfare for the benefits of the people in their respective countries.

Speaking at the 4th ASEAN+3 Ministerial Meeting on Social Welfare and Development, Cambodian Minister of Social Affairs Ith Samheng said the peoples of ASEAN+3 (China, Japan and South Korea) countries accounted for about one-third of the world population.

“The victims and vulnerable peoples of ASEAN+3 countries have received attention from and their welfare has been promoted by their respective governments through social protection and the

implementation of policies, strategic plans and programmes without discrimination,” he said.

“The meeting is very important to discuss ways to accelerate cooperation between ASEAN and plus three countries in social welfare.”

Ith Samheng, on behalf of the ASEAN ministers, extended deep thanks to the three countries for having provided their close cooperation and support to ASEAN in implementing existing projects and promising to look into new projects proposed by ASEAN countries.

Chinese Minister of Civil Affairs Li Liguo said it was of great significance for ASEAN and the three countries to continue exchanges and cooperation on social welfare under the

ASEAN 10+3 cooperation framework.

“We should accelerate the formulation of ASEAN 10+3 cooperation plan on social welfare,” he told the meeting. “The Chinese government is willing to strengthen the exchanges and cooperation with the rest of the ASEAN+3 countries in various fields, levels and areas of social welfare.”

Li said China was willing to share experience in development strategies, development patterns, institutional structuring, project management and other areas of social welfare with ASEAN countries, Japan and South Korea.

“We will support these countries to reinforce the efforts and actions on sharing policies and information with China,” he said. “We will also support ex-



The ASEAN+3 social welfare ministers pose for group photos at the 4th ASEAN+3 Ministerial Meeting on Social Welfare and Development in Siem Reap, Cambodia, on 7 Sept, 2013. The ASEAN+3 social welfare ministers met here on Saturday to seek possibilities to broaden cooperation in social welfare for the benefits of the people in their respective countries.—XINHUA

perts of both sides to conduct comparative studies on China-ASEAN social welfare policies.”

China also wanted to strengthen pragmatic cooperation on the welfare of the elderly, the disabled and children with all ASEAN countries and Japan and

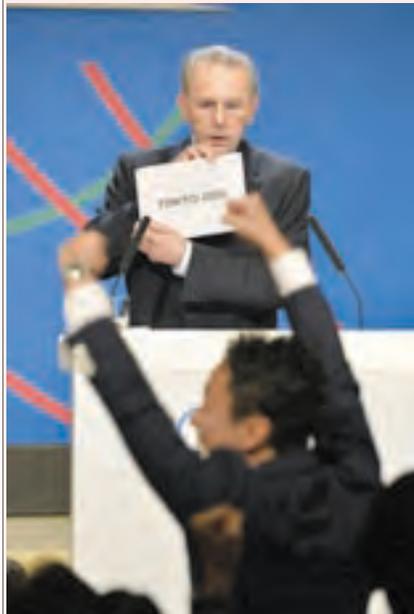
South Korea, he added. The ministers adopted a joint statement with a concerted commitment to improve social welfare for the people of their respective countries. The ASEAN+3 social welfare ministers meeting is held once in every three years. The last meeting was

held in Brunei in November 2010.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Xinhua

Tokyo wins bid to host the 2020 Summer Olympics



International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge shows a card with the name of Tokyo as the Japanese capital was chosen as the city to host the 2020 Summer Olympics at the International Olympic Committee's general session in Buenos Aires on 7 Sept, 2013. KYODO NEWS

BUENOS AIRES, 8 Sept—Tokyo was chosen as the “safe pair of hands” to host the 2020 Summer Olympics on Saturday, beating Istanbul and Madrid at the International Olympic Committee's general session in Buenos Aires. The Japanese capital will be the first Asian city to host the Olympics twice, having also hosted the 1964 Games. As a country, Japan will be hosting its fourth Olympics. Sapporo and Nagano hosted the 1972 and 1998 Winter Games.

In a secret ballot by IOC members, Tokyo beat Istanbul 60-36 in the runoff to decide the host city after Madrid was eliminated in the first round. While it did

not garner the majority of votes in the first round, Tokyo had 42 votes, the most among the three cities.

Istanbul defeated Madrid 49-45 in a tiebreak vote after receiving 26 each.

Tokyo overcame fears of the dangers of radiation-contaminated water from the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, crippled by the March 2011 earthquake-tsunami disaster, about 250 kilometres northeast of the city to win the vote. It also pressed home the message of using the Olympics as a force in its reconstruction efforts from the disaster. “We are confident our Japanese friends will be able to provide excellent Games. They are the

safe pair of hands they describe,” said IOC President Jacques Rogge. “They will provide secure Games, well organized with the welfare of the athletes in mind. I'm quite sure Tokyo 2020 will put the athletes at the centre of the Games.” Members of the Japanese delegation hugged and wept with joy as Rogge announced Tokyo as the winner of the race to host the sporting extravaganza.

“I thought that Tokyo could win,” said Tokyo Gov. Naoki Inose. “But you face the reality of having to make sure you can come across the finish in first. It's exhilarating, just like being an Olympic athlete. We could win because of our teamwork, the prime minister, the athletes, and everyone coming together.”

“I have waited so many years to experience this joy. It is an honour to be picked as the host city,” added Tokyo bid chief and Japanese Olympic Committee President Tsunekazu Takeda.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe touched on the Fukushima problem in Tokyo's final presentation and said the government would never put Tokyo in harm's way, saying, “The situation is under control. Tokyo 2020 will offer guaranteed delivery.”

Kyodo News

Singapore's Chinatown puts on 20,000 lanterns for Mid-Autumn Festival

SINGAPORE, 8 Sept—Singapore's Chinatown switched on some 20,000 decorative street lanterns in the heritage district on Saturday evening to officially kick off its Mid-Autumn Festival celebrations.

The lanterns, in five shapes, five sizes and 7 colours, will be kept on throughout the nights until 4, or 15 Oct days after the Mid-Autumn Festival, which falls on 19 September this year.

“This is a Singapore

record for the largest number of street lanterns on display,” said Philemon Loh, head of marketing and publicity at the Kreta Ayer-Kim Seng Citizens' Consultative Committee, which organized the celebrations.—Xinhua

36 more arrested in ongoing targeted operation in Pakistan's Karachi

ISLAMABAD, 8 Sept—Pakistan Rangers arrested at least 36 people on Saturday on the second day of the targeted operation that they launched in the country's violence-hit southern port city of Karachi against terrorists, target killers, kidnappers and extortionists, local media reported.

Local media, quoting Rangers officials, said that they had arrested 29 people including three female robbers in Orangi Town and seven from a plaza in Gulberg Town, bringing the tally of arrested people to 67 in two days.

In the Saturday evening, Rangers cordoned off a commercial building “Yousuf Plaza” and launched a detailed search operation and arrested seven miscreants including three target killers who were hiding in

a flat.

Rangers also recovered automatic guns, pistols and hand grenades from the possession of the detained people, who reportedly belong to the militant wing of a political party.

The operation was launched after a special cabinet meeting presided by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in Karachi on Wednesday

day which approved the start of targeted operation to address the deteriorating law and order situation in the business hub of the country. Interior Minister Nisar Ali Khan told media that 450 criminals had been identified in the intelligence reports and action would be taken against them and their aids.

Xinhua



Pakistan Rangers take part in an operation against criminals in the country's violence-hit southern port city of Karachi on 7 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Nigerian army says kills 50 Boko Haram Islamists

MAIDUGURI, (Nigeria), 8 Sept—The Nigerian army said on Saturday it had tracked down and killed 50 members of Boko Haram, days after the Islamist sect was blamed for killing 20 villagers in raids in its northeastern stronghold.

“Troops pursued the terrorists to their camps and with air support about 50 terrorists were killed in a shoot-out,” army spokesman Sagir Musa told reporters in Borno state capital Maiduguri.

“The villages have

been rescued from the fangs of the insurgents. Troops are pursuing the remnants of the fleeing terrorists by blocking all possible exit routes,” Musa added.

Boko Haram, which wants to impose Islamic law in northern Nigeria, and other splinter Islamist groups, are considered the biggest security threat in Nigeria, Africa’s top oil exporter. The military sometimes exaggerates its successes and plays down its own casualties and the deaths of civilians, resi-

dents of Borno and rights groups have said. Musa said the number of civilian casualties in the latest offensive was not known.

More than 160 people were killed in violence linked to Boko Haram last month — one of the bloodiest since President Goodluck Jonathan declared a state of emergency and a military crackdown in three northeastern states in May. A new army division was sent to Borno last month.

A civilian militia - often armed with no more

than clubs and knives - has been operating against the Islamists in recent weeks, leading to the arrest of hundreds of them, the military says. The vigilantes and their families have become targets and scores have been killed in revenge attacks. Jonathan is under intense political pressure due to a split in his party and from a recently formed opposition coalition. He has been criticized for not quelling Boko Haram’s insurgency, which has intensified under his leadership.—Reuters



Nigeria's President Goodluck Jonathan attends the 43rd Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) meeting in Abuja on 17 July 2013.

REUTERS

Taleban sets free Afghan female lawmaker

GHAZNI, (Afghanistan), 8 Sept—Taleban militants on Saturday evening set free female lawmaker Freeba Kakar after keeping her in custody for a couple of weeks, Ghazni governor Musa Khan Akbarzada said on Sunday.

“With the mediation of local elders, the Taleban set free the female parliamentarian, Freeba Ahmadi, and handed her to her family on Saturday evening,” Akbarzada told *Xinhua*.

However, he didn’t provide more details. Meanwhile, deputy to Ghazni’s Provincial Council, Abdul Jami Jami, told *Xinhua* that Freeba Ahmadi was freed Saturday after the release of seven Taleban detainees by the

government.

On the other hand, Zabihullah Mujahid who claimed to speak for the Taleban outfit told media via telephone from an unknown location said that lawmaker Freeba Ahmadi was exchanged with four women and two children loyal to the Taleban outfit.

A lawmaker from Kandahar Province, Freeba Ahmadi was abducted by the Taleban in mid August along with her daughter, son and driver. But a few days of the kidnapping, the Taleban released her son, daughter and driver and conditioned her release to the release of Taleban detainees from government prisons.

Xinhua

Centre for Human Resource Development (Yangon University of Foreign Languages) Invitation for Application to Foreign Language Courses

The Centre for Human Resource Development (Yangon University of Foreign Languages) will open evening courses on Chinese, English, French, French (Translation and Interpretation), German, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Thai and Myanmar as a foreign language.

Commencement date of course : 30-9-2013

Commencement date for submission of applications : 24-9-2013

Closing date for applications : 27-9-2013

(For English language the day on which the targeted number of applicants is reached)

Application to be submitted to : Yangon University of Foreign Languages

Days on which classes held : Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays

Time : 5:20 - 7:00 p.m.

Documents required : Certificate of Matriculation (or) Marks Certificate (or) Degree Certificate (Both Original and copy are required)

Enquiry : Student’s Affairs Section, YUFL

Phone : 514372 (Ext-809)

Application must be submitted in person.

Yangon City Development Committee

Invitation for Tender

1. Yangon City Development Committee hereby invites Tenders from interested foreign companies, local companies and foreign companies in joint ventures for the lease of land described below for the implementation of the Secondary Central Business District Project, Yangon, Myanmar:

Location - Corner of Mindama Road and Taw Win Road, Mayangon Township, Yangon Region.

Land Area - (36.551) Acres

2. The Land will be developed in accordance with plans approved or to be approved by the Yangon City Development Committee.

3. The Project may include the development of Hotel, Convention Center, Exhibition Halls, Theatres, Cinema Halls, Food Centers, Electronic Centers, Shopping Mall and Office Apartment.

4. The Tenders shall be submitted in two envelopes, one for financial proposal and the other for technical proposal. The Tenders shall be prepared in compliance with the Instructions to Tenderers.

5. Tenderers may obtain further information about the tendering from the following office, during office hours:

Engineering Department (Buildings), Yangon City Development Committee

6. A complete set of tender documents may be purchased at the above address from the date of 19th September, 2013 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of USD 1000 (US Dollars one thousand only) by means of overseas account transfer to Current Account No. - 1-DA-0691886(MFTB), Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank, Yangon or upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Kyat 1,000,000 (Kyat one million only) to Yangon City Bank Account No. DY- 9 through above department.

7. Tenders shall be delivered to the above office on or before 15 hrs. on 2nd December, 2013. Any Tender submitted after the designated date and time will not be considered.

8. All Tenders must be accompanied by tender security in the form of a bank guarantee valid for six months in the amount of USD 1,000,000 (US Dollars one million only) issued by local or foreign bank which must be correspondent bank of to Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank, Yangon.

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Tender Invitation Committee
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Location - Bominyaung Road and Myanmar Gonyi Road, Mingala Taung Nyunt Township, Yangon Region.

Land Area - (8.518) Acres

2. The Land will be developed in accordance with plans approved or to be approved by the Yangon City Development Committee.

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Jessie J wants to duet with Miley Cyrus

LONDON, 8 Sept—Singer Jessie J is keen to work with Miley Cyrus and has backed the blonde star after her recent controversial ‘twerking’ routine at the MTV Video Music Awards. The 25-year-old singer, who co-wrote Cyrus’ hit track Party In The USA, has backed the 20-year-old beauty following her controversial ‘twerking’ routine with Robin Thicke, and is keen to team up with her on a new track, reported Contactmusic.

“Miley at the moment is like olives; you either love her or hate her. You can’t do anything in this industry without testing it, and that means to do it for real in front of people. I’d love to work with her again,” Jessie said. The singer also recently collaborated with Thicke on the

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song Calling All Hearts, which will appear on DJ Cassidy’s new album.

Despite her success, Jessie has only released one studio album, 2011’s Who You Are, which spawned several singles including Do It Like A Dude and Price Tag.

But she says her new record, Alive, will have a more mature sound as she has grown up a lot since penning her debut. Alive is releasing on 15 September.

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Priyanka Chopra: I have a great track record with Bachchan remakes

NEW DELHI, 8 Sept—Not in the pink of health, nursing a cough and cold, the ever professional Priyanka Chopra was not going to let a bout of flu come in the way of her promotional drive. Looking ultra slim in a white and black fitted dress, the actress-singer wasn’t as nervous as her co-star Ram Charan Teja who cleared the air about being misquoted when he said he was “not expecting much from Zanjeer.”

“I always expect a lot from my movies, and this one is no exception,” said the new debutante from the south who is testing Bollywood waters. Stepping into the illustrious shoes of Amitabh Bachchan, Ram Charan said, “I am wearing my own shoes, and yes, it took me a long time to say yes to this film, I will be scrutinised but let’s hope I get ten percent of the love from the audience.” Priyanka Chopra, who has now become synonymous with Bachchan remakes with appearances in Don, Agneepath and now Zanjeer, said, “I have a good track record with the remakes, so I am the lucky mascot.”

Happy that the restraining order had been removed, we asked Priyanka and Ram Charan whether they had pre-empted the economic crisis, their tag line being “a fight against the oil mafia.” The cast hoped they could fight against the rising rupee dollar ratio instead. Priyanka, who has been working on her boxing skills and working out hard in the gym, admitted that she hated pumping iron, and was waiting to wrap up the Mary Kom biopic so that she wouldn’t need to go to the gym anymore.

“Yes, it’s a tough role, the lady is 32 and still boxing, what achievements and hats off to her. And there hasn’t been a movie on a female achiever since Fearless Nadia,” she said. “Mary Kom is tough and I am giving it all I have,” she added. So, what about the Chopra box office clash with cousin Parineeti’s Shuddh Desi Romance hitting theatres on the same day? Pat came the reply: “It’s a Chopra weekend at the movies. Enjoy folks.” Well, no one makes PC (perfect conversation) the way PC does.—PTI



Priyanka talks about Zanjeer and her biopic on Mary Kom.
PTI

Love at first sight for Siddharth Malhotra

DURBAN, 8 Sept—One-film-old Siddharth Malhotra, who has come to Durban for the first time, got a sneak peek of the exotic beaches and landscape from his hotel window and that, he says, evoked romantic feelings in his heart.

“It’s my first time in Durban. I haven’t seen the place yet, but whatever I can see from my hotel’s window, I feel like lip-syncing romantic songs on the beaches,” said the

Student of The Year actor here. He is in Durban to perform at the South Africa India Film and Television Awards (SAIFTA) on Friday, and said he is ready to put his best foot forward.

It’s his first performance in the city and Siddharth says that he is giving it his best and not worrying about the rest. The young model-turned-actor will be next seen in Hasee Toh Phasee. He has also signed Mohit Suri’s The Villain.

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Siddharth is in love with Durban’s beaches and landscape.—PTI

Firth tackles story of torture, forgiveness in ‘Railway Man’

TORONTO, 8 Sept—Actor Colin Firth said on Saturday he felt a special sense of obligation portraying the true story of a British soldier who was tortured and then suffered for decades before finding the strength to forgive his captors. In “The Railway Man,” which had its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival on Friday, Firth portrays World War Two veteran Eric Lomax, who was captured by the Japanese and spent years as a prisoner of war.

“You just want to be absolutely sure that you don’t drop the baton, that you don’t compromise how well this story has been told up to now, despite your limitations. Such care has been taken to get the truth out there,” Firth, who won an Oscar in 2011 for his performance in “The King’s Speech,” told reporters in Toronto. The film begins in the later decades of Lomax’s life, when he meets and falls in love with his future wife Patti, played by Nicole Kidman. Their marriage was tested by



British actor Colin Firth arrives for the film premiere of ‘Railway Man’ at the 38th Toronto International Film Festival in Toronto on 6 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

his nightmares and breakdowns, a legacy of the beatings and other torture he suffered.

Lomax is forced to confront his past when he learns that Takashi Nagase, the young English-speaking officer who participated in his brutal interrogations, is still alive. Screenwriter Frank Cottrell Boyce said that sadly, while the film is historical, topics like the trauma of torture victims and returning soldiers are as relevant as ever. “The way that Eric was tortured was water-boarding. When

we first started working on this film, that seemed like a kind of antique, remote thing. And now it’s part of how we do business in the West,” he told reporters. “These are very alive issues. It’s not just about a forgotten moment in history.”

But the filmmakers drew inspiration from the outcome of Lomax’s story. After confronting Nagase, he was able to forgive his former captor, and the two became friends. Lomax eventually recounted the events in a memoir, also called “The Railway Man.”

Reuters

Czech pair win US Open women's doubles title

NEW YORK, 8 Sept — Czech duo Andrea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka won the US Open women's doubles title on Saturday with a 7-6(4), 6-1, 6-4 win over Australia's Ashleigh Barty and Casey Dellacqua.

Hlavackova and Hradecka, who upset Serena and Venus Williams in the semi-finals, overcame a

swift start from the Australians and finished strongly to claim their second major doubles title following their 2011 French Open triumph. It was also a second title for Hlavackova at this year's US Open after she teamed up with Belarusian veteran Max Mirnyi to win the mixed doubles on Friday.

"It's been amazing,"

Hlavackova said. "I can't believe I have won two grand slams this week. "I want to thank Lucie. She helped me as much as Max did." It was third-time unlucky for Barty and Dellacqua, who lost both of their previous grand slam finals at the Australian Open and Wimbledon this year.

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Andrea Hlavackova (R) and Lucie Hradecka of the Czech Republic pose with their winner's trophy as Ashleigh Barty (L) and Casey Dellacqua of Australia pose with their runner's up award after their women's doubles final match at the US Open tennis championships in New York on 7 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Where now for Madrid's Olympic future?

MADRID, 8 Sept—The news that Madrid had fallen at the first round of voting in the decision to elect the host city for the 2020 Olympic Games was greeted with shock and disappointment by the crowds who had gathered in the city center on Saturday night. Although most Spaniards had envisaged a close contest between the Spanish capital and Tokyo, the news that Madrid lost a vote off against Istanbul was a major surprise.

Thousands of 'Madrileños' had gathered in the hours prior to the announcement at a party organized at the Puerta de Alcalá in the heart of the city, with the celebrations stretching down to the famous Cibeles fountain, where the city's famous football club, Real Madrid, traditionally celebrate their successes. There were no celebrations for Real Madrid last season as they crashed out of every competition they competed in, despite one of the most expensive squads in the

world, but the expectations for the Madrid 2020 bid were different.

Rather than being built on big names and star signings, the third consecutive big by the Spanish capital to host the Olympic Games, the fourth overall, had its roots in the economic crisis that is still affecting Spain. 'Austerity' was very much the watchword in Madrid, as reflected by the fact that 28 of the 35 required venues are already in place, although some such as the Olympic Stadium, which will also be the future home of Atletico Madrid, do need extensive work carried out on them.

However, in a time of economic crisis, Madrid offered a project that already exists in bricks, mortar and concrete, compete with a transport infrastructure that is the envy of most European cities and a hotel capacity, which would not have needed stretching too much to cope with the needs of hosting the Games.

Xinhua

IOC opts for stability, money in picking Tokyo

Buenos Aires, 8 Sept —The International Olympic Committee was in no mood for new adventures when it picked Tokyo as the host of the 2020 summer Olympics, opting for a "safe pair of hands" that could also boost its finances.

Tokyo beat Turkish metropolis Istanbul in a landslide vote after Madrid were eliminated in the first round, taking the world's biggest multi-sports event back to Asia for the first time since the Beijing 2008 Games.

While Istanbul officials were left licking their wounds after their fifth failed bid in the last six votes, Tokyo were vindicated for a strategy which saw them highlight their solid finances and strong track record of delivering on promises.

The Japanese capital also dangled \$4.5 billion in front of the IOC a year before the vote, saying the money for the Games was "in the bank." "You described yourself as a safe pair of hands and as a surgeon even if I did not vote,



Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (L) stands with Jacques Rogge (2nd L), president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Governor of Tokyo Naoki Inose (R) and Japan's Olympic Committee President Tsunekazu Takeda during the Signature of the Host City Contract after Tokyo was selected as the city to host the 2020 Summer Olympic Games, in Buenos Aires on 7 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

this appeals to me," IOC President Jacques Rogge told Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe during the contract signing ceremony after the vote.

The Japanese capital took the lead from the start, landing 42 votes compared to 26 for Madrid and Istanbul, before beating the Turkish metropolis 60-36 in their final round. Tokyo will now host the Games for a second time since 1964

while Istanbul, hoping the IOC would again go to uncharted waters after giving the 2016 Olympics to Brazil's Rio de Janeiro and to South America for the first time, leave empty handed. "All three bids were strong bids," IOC Executive Board member John Coates told Reuters. "But Tokyo's bid was very, very good for athletes, the concentration of venues there is very good."—Reuters

Djokovic, Nadal set up blockbuster US Open final

NEW YORK, 8 Sept—World number one Novak Djokovic and number two Rafa Nadal set up a mouth-watering men's singles final at the US Open with victories in the semi-finals at Flushing Meadows on Saturday. Monday's US Open championship showdown will be the third in four years for Djokovic and Nadal at the US National Tennis Centre after they advanced in contrasting fashion.

Top seed Djokovic sealed his berth first by overtaking gutsy ninth seed Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland in a heart-pounding 2-6, 7-6(4), 3-6,

6-3, 6-4 victory over four hours. Nadal conserved his energy, dismissing eighth-seeded Richard Gasquet 6-4, 7-6(1), 6-2 to improve his career record to 11-0 against the Frenchman and his 2013 hard-court record to 21-0.

The Spaniard, winner of 12 grand slam titles, won his only US Open crown in 2010 against Djokovic, who claimed his Flushing Meadows title the following year against Nadal. Last year Djokovic was runner-up to Briton Andy Murray. "Last year I didn't have the chance to play on this court," said Nadal, who was sidelined seven months due



Novak Djokovic

to a knee injury." To have the chance to play in the final Monday is just a dream for me. It has been two amazing weeks for me."

Djokovic and Nadal are the most familiar of rivals and will be playing against each other for a tour record 37th time. Nadal leads their series 21-15. "Novak is an amazing competitor," said the reigning French Open champion. "His results say he is probably one of the best players I have ever seen. He's a great champion and will be a tough final for me, but I hope to be ready for that."

While Nadal took apart Gasquet in his semi-final,

Djokovic got off to a slow start against an inspired Wawrinka and relied on his stamina to wear down the Swiss.

The tumultuous match included a warning for courtside coaching from Djokovic's box, the mangling of a racket by a frustrated Wawrinka and a medical timeout for the Swiss for a strained thigh muscle. It reached a crescendo at 1-1 in the fifth set on Wawrinka's serve.

The combatants locked into a marathon duel that lasted 21 minutes and featured a series of fierce rallies and brilliant shot-making.—Reuters



Rafael Nadal of Spain celebrates after defeating Richard Gasquet of France in their men's semi-final match at the US Open tennis championships in New York on 7 Sept, 2013. REUTERS

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A boy displays animation character dolls in the Anime Festival Asia (AFA) Indonesia 2013 exhibition in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 6 Sept, 2013. —XINHUA

Italy and Germany set to finish qualifying job

LONDON, 8 Sept—No World Cup finals would be complete without Italy and Germany on the cast list, and both nations will take their places in next year's Brazil showpiece with victories on Tuesday. Four-times world champions Italy will qualify if they beat the Czech Republic in Turin, while Germany, bidding for their 16th successive appearance, can follow suit with a win over the Faroe Islands, though a Sweden victory against Kazakhstan would delay the Germans' passage.

The Netherlands, assuming they beat Andorra, will be guaranteed top spot in Group D if Romania fail to beat Turkey. For other European powerhouses the task is less straightforward.

England will be wary of their trip to Ukraine despite going top of Group H after a 4-0 win over Moldova on Friday. Ukraine warmed up for the potential group decider with a 9-0 hammering of San Marino. Ukraine are one point behind England, and one of their three remaining ties is against San Marino.

"It's a massive game against Ukraine, but we have nothing to fear and can go there full of confidence," England captain Steven Gerrard, who scored the opener against Moldova, said. "We need to believe in ourselves, roll our sleeves up and put in a performance, because if we were to get all three points it puts us in the driving seat." England look

more certain qualifiers than France, whose hopes of topping world champions Spain in Group I look forlorn after a 0-0 draw with Georgia on Friday left them three points behind with two games to go.

They must win in Belarus on Tuesday to keep alive any realistic chance of heading the group and avoiding a playoff. Switzerland fluffed their lines in a dramatic 4-4 home draw with Iceland on Friday and could be vulnerable when they travel to Group E's second-placed side, Norway, on Tuesday. Victory, and a draw between Iceland and Albania, would be enough to ensure the Swiss will be in Brazil next year.

Xinhua

McKenzie under fire after Wallabies destroyed by South Africa

NAPIER, (New Zealand), 8 Sept — The honeymoon is well and truly over for Australia coach Ewen McKenzie, who will need to inspire a massive turnaround from his deflated players if they are to avoid becoming Argentina's first victims in the Rugby Championship next week. Three games into McKenzie's tenure, the Wallabies remain winless in the southern hemisphere tournament, their forwards beaten up in Saturday's 38-12 loss to the Springboks in Brisbane which followed two opening defeats to champions New Zealand.

The Australians were outgunned and outplayed by the South Africans, particularly in the pack where the Springboks' monster loose

forward trio of Willem Alberts, Duane Vermeulen and Francois Louw dominated. The Pumas were combative in their 28-13 loss to the All Blacks in Hamilton and will feel they have the opportunity to knock over the Wallabies in Perth, particularly if the game is played at a slower pace and scrums come to the fore. After notching his third loss from his three matches in charge, McKenzie repeated his mantra that he had selected the right players for the tournament, but it was up to them to perform on the field.

"We've got the players who have earned their spots and they are desperate to go out there and play," McKenzie told reporters after the Brisbane loss. "They have

to make the most of their opportunities, and it's their time to shine, so if we're not getting the outcome then we'll go back and have a look." Having not had the outcome, McKenzie, who took over from New Zealander Robbie Deans after the Wallabies' morale-sapping series

loss the British and Irish Lions, may be in for a fruitless search. While the forwards have traditionally struggled against the world's more physical sides, Australia's vaunted backline have taken a step backwards under the former test prop.

Reuters



Image provided by the Armed Navy Secretariat of Mexico (SEMAR) shows steam and ash rising from the crater of the Popocatepetl volcano in Puebla, Mexico, on 6 Sept, 2013. According to the latest report from the National Centre for Disaster Prevention (CENAPRED), during the last 24 hours there have been 37 exhalations of low intensity in the volcano, and the volcanic alert remains at yellow Phase 2.—XINHUA

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| 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw | 20. Joint Performance by State Orchestra and Traditional Orchestra |
| 6:25 am | 3:40 pm |
| 2. Physical Exercise | 21. Teleplay |
| 6:30 am | 4:00 pm |
| 3. Dance of National Races | 22. News/Weather Report |
| 6:50 am | 4:15 pm |
| 4. Documentary | 23. Dance of National Races |
| 7:00 am | 4:30 pm |
| 5. News/Weather Report | 24. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) |
| 7:20 am | |
| 6. Documentary | |
| 7:35 am | |
| 7. Documentary | |
| 8:00 am | 4:50 pm |
| 8. News/International News | 25. Road to 27th SEA Games (Table Tennis) |
| 8:25 am | 5:00 pm |
| 9. SEA Games Go For Gold (ATHLETIC) | 26. News |
| 8:45 am | 5:35 pm |
| 10. Teleplay (Health) | 27. Song Programme |
| 9:00 am | 5:35 pm |
| 11. News/International News | 28. Teleplay (SEA Games) |
| 9:25 am | 6:00 pm |
| 12. Cartoon Series | 29. News/Weather Report |
| 9:50 am | 6:50 pm |
| 13. Beautiful "ASEAN" | 30. TV Drama Series |
| 10:00 am | 7:00 pm |
| 14. News | 31. News |
| 10:15 am | 7:15 pm |
| 15. TV Drama Series | 32. TV Drama Series |
| 11:10 am | 8:00 pm |
| 16. New Melody | 33. News/International News/Weather Report |
| 12:00 pm | 8:35 pm |
| 17. News/International News/Weather Report | 34. People Talks |
| 12:25 pm | 8:45 pm |
| 18. Myanmar Movies | 35. Hit Songs of Stars |
| 3:00 pm | 9:00 pm |
| 19. News | 36. News |
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- * Secret Places For Yummy Food - (EP-7) (Aung Thu Kha Myanmar Rice Meal)
- * World News
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- * Those Who Never Give Up (Episode-3) -Zaw Win Myint
- * World News
- * Dengue Fever
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- * The Most Prominent Resort And Residence - Ngapali
- * World News
- * Myanmar Railways City Circular Train
- * Local News
- * World News
- * A visit to Ye

Soldier wounded in bomb blast at S Philippine highway

DAVAO CITY, 8 Sept — One soldier was wounded when an improvised bomb exploded in southern Philippines on Sunday morning, officials said.

The blast happened as soldiers and policemen were combing portions of a major road linking Davao

and Cotabato Provinces in Datu Paglas town, in Mindanao's Maguindanao Province around 6 am, village chief Armstrong Magibis told local radio.

He said an army corporal was wounded by shrapnel after a makeshift bomb went off, as troops from the army's 6th Infantry Division responded following reports of a bomb found in the area.

Another bomb, fashioned from a mortar shell, was also found near the first explosion site an hour later and safely detonated by police bomb experts.

Authorities were conducting investigation as to who planted the explosives and the possible motive.

Xinhua

Workshop on Perspective for Myanmar on Medical Practitioners held

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—The opening of Workshop on Perspective for Myanmar on ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Medical Practitioners was held at the University of Public Health on Myoma Kyaung Street, here, yesterday morning.

At the workshop, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin said that Myanmar Academy of Medical Science will be added with more scholars capable of giving good suggestions for further achieving success.

The Union minister called for materializing better health care system in Myanmar, urging those present to make preparations for capacity building.

The reps from MAMS, Myanmar Medical Council, Public Health Foundation, ministries and organizations took part in the workshop.

Afterwards, the Union minister attended the coord meeting on purchase, instalment and use of atomic ray machines at the hall of Yangon General Hospital and called for using those machines beneficially.

He also attended



Union Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin addresses Workshop on Perspective for Myanmar on ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Medical Practitioners.—MNA

workshop on drawing guidance for capacity building of general practitioners at the University of Medicine (1). The chairmen of Myanmar Medical Association and General Practitioners Association reported on the outcomes from the workshop.

The chairmen and officials from MMA, MMC and MAMS and the reps of GPA (central) and Regions/States participated in the workshop.

MNA

Kachin State Democracy Party to take part in 2015 election

MOHNYIN, 8 Sept—Kachin State Democracy Party has been constituted with 17 central executive committee members recently and it submitted application to the Union Election Commission on 28 August, said Chairman of the party Dr Tu Ja.

The party sets its visions for implementing socio-economic development of the people, peace, and

national reconciliation. It is aimed at participating in the 2015 general elections in Kachin State. The party will be headquartered in Myitkyina, the Chairman said.

In the multiparty democracy era, Kachin State Democracy Party will join hands with national race parties in realizing the national reconsolidation process.—NLM-001

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr. Roland Kobia as Ambassador-Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Yangon.

Mr. Roland Kobia was born in 1965. He obtained a law degree in 1989, a master degree in European Administration in 1991 and a master degree in international nuclear law in 2008. He worked as a professor at the Montpellier University in France and the Brussels University in Belgium during 1993-1996 and 2007-2011. In 1997, he joined the European Commission as an administrator, and then served in various capacities in European Commission in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo and Nairobi, Kenya. Since 2009 he has been carrying out as a head of EU Delegation to Azerbaijan.—MNA

Union FM felicitates DPRK counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—On the occasion of the 65th Anniversary of the Day of the Foundation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which falls on 9 September 2013, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Pak Ui Chun, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.—MNA

Low pressure formed over West Central Bay of Bengal

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—According to the observation at 07:00 hrs MST today, a low pressure area has formed over West Central Bay of Bengal, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department. MNA

Wall of Pledge ceremony for anti-trafficking in person

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—The Wall of Pledge ceremony took place at City Mark Promotion Area on Dhammazedi Road in Golden Valley Ward 2 in Bahan Township yesterday.

Joint Secretary of Anti-Human Trafficking Central Committee Chief of Staff (Police) Police Brig-Gen Khin Maung Si explained preventive measures against human trafficking and Project Manager Daw Ohnma Ei Ei Chaw of UNICEF matters related to trafficking in persons and they replied to queries raised by media persons.

Anti-Human Trafficking Envoy vocalist Phyo Gyi gave talks on measures of anti-human trafficking. Film actress Melody and vocalist Phyo Gyi put their signatures on CDs and posters in commemoration of the combating human

trafficking. The attendees were presented documentary video on activities of the anti-human trafficking bodies. Later, prizes were given to winners in the quiz on anti-human trafficking.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy

Commander of Anti-Human Trafficking Police Corps Police Col Win Naing Tun, Commander of Yangon Region Police Force Police Col Win Naing, officials, Daw Yin Yin Han of UNICEF and media persons totaling 60.

Police Information



Wall of Pledge ceremony in progress.—MPF

Developers invited to submit Expression of Interest (EOI) through open tender for Kyaukpyu SEZ



NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—A ceremony to submit Expression of Interest (EOI) from consultant firms through open tender to invite developers for successful implementation of Kyaukpyu Special Economic Zone took place at Inya Lake Hotel in Yangon today.

The ceremony is meant to draw strategies to implement the project in line

with international norms and standards, inviting tender in a transparent manner from developers in accord with international rules and regulations, giving suggestions to Bid Evaluation and Awarding Committee in financial and technical matters and inviting Expression of Interest (EOI) from consultant firms at home and abroad that will offer

services on Monitoring and Quality Contest over the project.

It was attended by Vice-Chairman of Bid Evaluation and Awarding Committee Deputy Minister for Finance Dr Maung Maung Thein, Kyaukpyu SEZ Management Committee Chairman Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Myint Thein, Vice-Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Set Aung and BEAC members, ambassadors, entrepreneurs, INGOs and NGOs, media men and guests.

The EOI original document and copies are to be submitted at BEAC Office, Kyaukpyu SEZ Management Committee, Ministry of Rail Transportation, Office No 29, Nay Pyi Taw, not later than 25 September.—MNA