

President U Thein Sein receives delegates to 2nd Myanmar Global Investment Forum

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—President U Thein Sein met Vice-President of Asian Development Bank (ADB) Mr Xiaoyu Zhao and party who are in Myanmar to attend 2nd Myanmar Global Investment Forum, at Myanmar International Convention Center (MICC) here this morning.

President U Thein Sein said holding of the Investment Forum is a golden opportunity for Myanmar at a time when sweeping reforms are taking place in the

country. The economic topics that will be discussed in the forum would contribute a lot to economic development of the country. He expressed his thanks to the representatives from international organizations and his hope for holding of similar forum next year.

It was also attended by Union Ministers U

Thein Nyunt, U Myint Hlaing, U Win Tun, U Khin Maung Soe, U Win Shein and Dr Kan Zaw, Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin, Deputy Minister U Thant Kyaw and departmental heads.

After the call, the President cordially greeted guests at the meeting hall of MICC.

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President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein shakes hands with a delegate to attend 2nd Myanmar Global Investment Forum, at MICC.—MNA

Myanmar Global Investment Forum commences



Myanmar Global Investment Forum in progress at MICC in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—The Myanmar Global Investment Forum, jointly organized by Myanmar Investment Commission and Euromoney Conferences, kicked off at Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC), here, at 9 am today.

Experts at home and

abroad, entrepreneurs and technicians participated in discussions on investment matters in respective sectors.

About 850 attendees from 35 countries are attending the forum.

The forum continues second-day session tomorrow.

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Biography of His Excellency Mr. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão Prime Minister and Minister of Defence and Security of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste



His Excellency Mr. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão was born on 20 June 1946 in Manatuto, Timor-Leste. On 25 April 1974, he joined the newly formed Social Democrat Association which was later transformed into the Revolutionary Front for an Independent Timor-Leste (FRETILIN) and took

on the party's job of Deputy Director of the Department of Information.

Having served under various capacities in his career, the First National Congress of National Council of Timorese Resistance (CNRT) elected Mr. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão as the President

of the CNRT/National Congress in August 2000. From November 2000 to April 2001, Mr. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão served as the Speaker of the National Council.

On 14 April 2002, Mr. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão was elected as the President of Timor-Leste and served as the President until May 2007. After leaving the Presidency, Mr. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão was elected as the President of the CNRT-National Congress for the Reconstruction of Timor-Leste, the newly established political party formed in April 2007. And from 2007 to 2012, Mr. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão served as the Prime Minister and Minister for Defence and Security. On 8 August 2012, Mr. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão was sworn-in as the Prime Minister for a second five-year term. Mr. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão was also sworn-in as the Minister for Defence and Security on 22 October 2012.

His Excellency Mr. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão is married to Mrs. Kirsty Sword Gusmão and he has also won many prizes and awards throughout his career.

Biography of Mrs. Kirsty Sword Gusmão, wife of the Prime Minister and Minister of Defence and Security of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste



Mrs. Kirsty Sword Gusmão was born in Melbourne, Australia in 1966. She earned a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree, majoring in Indonesian and Italian languages, and a Diploma of Education from Melbourne University. From 1992 to 1996, she lived in Jakarta, Indonesia and worked as a teacher and human rights campaigner. She married Mr. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão in July,

2000. She is the founder and chairwoman of the Alola Foundation which she established in 2001 to address the needs of East Timorese women and their families. In October 2007, Former President, Dr Jose Ramos Horta appointed Mrs. Kirsty as Goodwill Ambassador for Education. Mrs. Kirsty has tirelessly worked, addressing educational priorities of Timor-Leste.

Construction

Thinkyaing RC diversion weir benefits over 850 acres of farmland

YAMETHIN, 10 Sept—Under the arrangement of Mandalay Region Government, Thinkyaing reinforced concrete diversion weir is under construction on Lephyu Creek, south of Shwemyintin Hill, west of Myinna Village in Model Myinna Village-tract of Mandalay Region for rural development and poverty alleviation.

Under the instruction of the Ministry of

Agriculture and Irrigation, the Assistant Director of Meiktila Irrigation Department (Maintenance) and Yamethin Township Irrigation Department builds the diversion weir and it has been completed by 75 per cent.

The diversion weir will be 108 feet long, 80 feet wide and seven feet high. The retaining walls will be 20 feet high.

Workers of Irrigation

Department are building the diversion weir with the use of heavy machinery day and night.

On completion, the diversion weir can benefit 850 acres of farmlands in Model Theingon Village and Kyetsha Village in Yamethin Township.

This year, the region government plans to maintain and construct 31 dams.

Kyemon-Hlaing Than Tint (Yamethin)

Spoken English course conducted to bus workers in Kyaikto

KYAIKTO, 10 Sept—Organized by Kyaikto Township Bus Line, the spoken English course was conducted in Kyaikto Township of Mon State on

8 September.

The course was aimed at enabling the bus workers in order to smoothly communicate with the tourists on their visits to

Kyaikhtiyoe Pagoda, the most famous religious edifice in Mon State.

The training course will run 23 days. Instructors will provide training to the bus workers from 10 am to 12 noon.

Kyemon-Win Maung

Crime

Action taken against undisciplined vehicles in Kyaukse Township

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—Action was taken against those who broke traffic rules in Kyaukse Township under Section 91 of the Development Law in Mandalay Region.

In August, files were opened against 907 vehicles including 885 motorcycles, nine tuk-tuks and 13 trawlergy. The traffic rules

enforcement teams were formed with officials of No 58 Traffic Police Crops Section, local policemen, Transport Department, General Administration Department, Development Affairs Committee, Vehicles Supervisory Committee, Fire Services Department and ward administrators.

Kyemon-Tun Tun Naing

Illegally imported cars seized in townships of Mon State



MAWLAMYINE, 10 Sept—Under the instructions of Mon State government, the commanders of Mon State, Thaton District and Township Police Forces, cars without licences were seized in 10 townships of Mon State.

From 12 October to 5

September 2012, a total of illegally imported 194 cars worth over K 400 million were seized.

In the cases, action was taken against 97 persons in 194 cases under the Section 8 of Export and Import Law.

Kyemon-Kyaw Than (Mawlamyine)

Transport

Private hovercrafts reduce transport charges along Yangon-Ayeyawady route

YANGON, 10 Sept—Double-decker hovercrafts reduce their charges from K 2500 to K 1500. Private passenger/commodity double-decker watercrafts also reduce their transport charge from K 2000 to K 1500. New transport rates are announced at the jetties with vinyl boards.

Although the charge rate is fixed at K 1000 per passenger, the passengers are to take a seat downstairs. Those taking a seat upstairs had to pay K 1500 per seat, said a passenger.

Transport charge of inland water transport has been changed thrice within two years.

In the past, transport charge increased to K 2000 from K 500 per passenger. Now, the charge was reduced from K 2000 to K 1500, said a local of Mawlamyinegyun

Livestock Breeding

Development of breeding farms emphasized in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 10 Sept—A team comprising Head of Mandalay District Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Aung Kyi Oo and Staff Officer Dr Daw Mya Hnin Htwe of Aungmyethazan Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department made field trips to the breeding farms in townships of Mandalay District on 7

September morning.

They met milch cow breeders in Nyaunggye and Pyigyianlon Wards of Aungmyethazan Township and gave talks on systematic breeding of milch cows and systematic use of cow waste.

In Patheingyi Township, they met cow breeders at their farms in Kyangin Ward of Aungmyethazan Township

from the original places that were eroded by Ayeyawady River. They offered breeders for vaccination to the cows in Patheingyi and Aungmyethazan townships.

The team also met breeders of cows in Shangale and Shwekyetyet Villages in Amarapura Township and gave talks on development of breeding.—*Kyemon-Tin Maung (Mandalay)*



Police Affairs

Police stations installed with CCTVs in Mawlamyine Township

MAWLAMYINE, 10 Sept—CCTVs have been installed at Myoma police station in Mawlamyine Township of Mon State for ensuring transparency of police duties.

The record tapes on cases can be reviewed anytime from CCTVs, according to Mawlamyine Myoma Police Station Police Captain Myo Nyunt and Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Nyo Hla.

Likewise, Daingwunkwin police station has been installed with six CCTVs.

At present, CCTVs are being installed at Mupon, Myaingthaya and Zeyathiri police stations in Mawlamyine Township, said Commander of Township Police Station Police Major Nyo Hla.—*Kyemon-307*

Township.

It is competitiveness in market economic system in reducing the transport charge of hovercrafts along Yangon-Mawgyun route. In addition, watercrafts give incentive of reducing transport fare for commodities, said a goods transporter.

Various ships large and small are running along Yangon-Mawgyun route

with a great number of ships plying from Yangon to Deltaic region.

The merchants are allowed to sell their bags of rice on board the private ships during three days while the ships are docking at the Yangon Port.

That is why the merchants can manage their transport of rice by private ship.

Kyemon-Maung Say Aung



A team led by Chairperson Daw Ohnma Nay Tun of Yangon South District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee and District Women's Affairs Organization made a field trip to Ngabyayma Village of Thanlyin Township on 8 September. The chairperson and party are carrying out rural people-centred health care services for the local people in the village.—KYEMON-THAN

WIN (TANYINLAY)

Beware of Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever.

WORLD



South Korean President Park Geun Hye (L) and Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang shake hands in Hanoi on 9 Sept, 2013.—KYODO NEWS

UN chief may propose plan to destroy Syrian chemical weapons

NEW YORK, 10 Sept—UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon on Monday said he is considering asking the Security Council to back a possible proposal to demand that Syria destroy its stockpile of chemical weapons.

“I’m considering urging the Security Council to demand the immediate transfer of Syria’s chemical weapons and chemical precursor stocks to places inside Syria where they can be safely stored and destroyed,” Ban told reporters at a Press conference, his first in New York since returning from the Group of 20 summit in Russia where the subject of Syria took centre stage.

This comes on the heels of an earlier announcement that Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov proposed putting Syria’s chemical weapons arsenal under in-

ternational control, according to a *Reuters* report.

Ban also expressed his frustration at the two and a half year crisis as the Security Council has been too divided to take united action, especially as Russia, a Syrian ally, along with China, has vetoed three resolutions. So far more than 110,000 have been killed. “Two and a half years of conflict in Syria have produced only embarrassing paralysis in the Security Council,” he explained.

Meanwhile, the world awaits the results of a UN chemical weapons inspection team, which collected samples from the country after being dispatched to gather evidence from the suspected on 21 August chemical weapons attack in a Damascus suburb that the United States said killed more than 1,420 people.

Kyodo News

Japan sees Russian proposal over Syrian chemical weapons as positive

TOKYO, 10 Sept—Japan considers Russia’s proposal for Syria to place its chemical weapons under international control to avert a US military strike a “positive development,” the top government spokesman said on Tuesday.

“Although we need to closely look at the proposal made by Russia, we also believe it is a positive development,” Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told a Press conference.

On Monday, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov promised to push

Syria, Russia’s ally, to place its chemical weapons under international control and then dismantle them quickly to avert a US attack as punishment for the alleged chemical attack on Syrian people last month by President Bashar al-Assad’s regime. Suga said Japan will seek conditions under which chemical weapons would never be used again. Tokyo is “closely watching whether the Syrian government will make a sincere response” to the Russian proposal, he said.

Kyodo News

Conservative leader Solberg sweeps into power in Norwegian election

OSLO, 10 Sept—Norway’s opposition Conservatives, promising tax cuts and better healthcare, won elections in a landslide on Monday but faced tough coalition talks with a populist party that wants to spend more of the accumulated oil riches and curb immigration.

Led by Erna Solberg, a former girl scout leader who has overcome dyslexia, the Conservatives promise to diversify the economy away from oil, privatize state firms, and reduce some of the world’s highest taxes rates to give the private sector more breathing room.

Solberg, 52, will become Norway’s second female prime minister, as well as its first Conservative prime minister since 1990. At least the top two cabinet posts — and possibly the top three — are likely to be filled by women.

“Today voters have given a historically strong victory for the centre-right,” said a tearful Solberg, nicknamed “Iron Erna” for her tough stances when she served in cabinet between 2001 and 2005. “We will give this country a new government.”

Norway has enjoyed rare economic success dur-

ing the past decade, escaping Europe’s economic crisis with little more than a scratch, as its booming offshore oil sector lifted per capita GDP to \$100,000 and a huge public sector insulated the economy.

But growth is now slowing, competitiveness is stagnating, and the govern-

ment’s record on critical social services is mixed. Voters have accused outgoing Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg of wasting a once-in-a-lifetime economic boom.

With 76 percent of the vote counted, the Conservatives, the populist right-wing Progress Party and two centrist parties that campaigned together to oust Stoltenberg were set to collect 96 seats in parliament, 11 more than needed for the majority.

Stoltenberg and his allies collected just 72 seats and the prime minister announced he would step down after eight years and two straight terms in office.

“I have waited for a long time to say this: Good bye Jens!” Progress leader Siv Jensen screamed to cheering supporters. “We will sit down and negotiate a common government platform.”

Reuters



Norway’s main opposition leader Erna Solberg of Hoyre speaks to party members while waiting for the results of the general elections in Oslo on 9 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Obama says Russian proposal on Syria a potential ‘breakthrough’

WASHINGTON, 10 Sept — President Barack Obama, seeking to boost support for military action against Syria, said on Monday that Russia’s offer to work with Damascus to put its chemical weapons under international control could be a big deal — if it is serious.

“This could potentially be a significant breakthrough,” Obama told NBC

News in an interview. “But we have to be skeptical because this is not how we’ve seen them operate over the last couple of years.”

The president said he had explored the possibility of a proposal for Syria to cede control of its chemical weapons stockpile to international authorities with Russian President Vladimir Putin at a meeting last week in Russia.

If Syria did so, that would “absolutely” put any US military strike on pause, Obama told ABC News. Obama gave six television interviews on Monday to press his case that Congress should grant him authority to take action against Syria in response to an alleged 21 August chemical weapons attack that killed more than 1,400 people.

Reuters

Colombia’s Santos vows to thwart Nicaragua’s ‘expansionist plans’

BOGOTA, 10 Sept—Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos said on Monday he will do everything in his power to prevent Nicaragua’s “expansionist” ambitions over domestic territory and called an international court ruling that gave waters to Nicaragua inapplicable.

After years of diplomatic wrangling, the International Court of Justice in November drew a demarcation line in favour of Nicaragua, reducing the expanse of ocean belonging to Colombia and sparking a diplomatic dispute that led both sides to send armed vessels to pa-

trol the contested waters.

Colombia has been angered by Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega’s plans to allow foreign companies to explore for oil in Caribbean seas that Colombia maintains are its own and Santos has ordered his navy to remain in the disputed waters.

Santos said Nicaragua also wants to push its maritime borders closer to the historic city of Cartagena.

“Colombia is confronting, and will confront, such expansionist pretensions with all the determination and rigor it requires,” Santos said in a televised national address.

“What I guarded as a sailor and defended as a minister, I will protect until the ultimate consequences as president,” said Santos, a former defence minister and navy cadet.

Reuters



Colombia’s President Juan Manuel Santos speaks during a Reuters interview at the presidential palace in Bogota on 8 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

Two Koreas begin 2nd round of committee meeting to reopen

SEOUL, 10 Sept—North and South Korea began on Tuesday the second round of a joint committee meeting to work out details on resuming operations at a shuttered joint industrial zone in the North’s border city of Kaesong, according to South Korea’s Unification Ministry.

The committee meeting is being held at the Kaesong industrial complex and is to follow up on an agreement reached on 14 Aug to normalize operations that came to a halt in early April amid heightened tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

The Unification Ministry, handling inter-Korean ties, said more talks need to be held to work out details on a wide range of issues, including communication, customs, travel and dispute arbitration.

Pyongyang has sought the immediate resumption of operations at the industrial zone, which combines South Korean capital and expertise with cheap North Korean labour, but Seoul has said safeguards should be put in place to prevent another disruption.

Kyodo News

Microsoft urged to put Mulally, Lawrie on CEO shortlist

NEW YORK, 10 Sept—At least three of the top 20 investors in Microsoft Corp want a turnaround expert to succeed Steve Ballmer as chief executive and have urged the technology giant's board to consider Ford Motor Co CEO Alan Mulally and Computer Sciences Corp CEO Mike Lawrie for the job, several sources familiar with the matter said.

The special committee of the board, which is conducting the CEO search, and its advisers have been meeting with shareholders after Ballmer's surprise decision late last month to retire within a year, the sources said. It could name

a CEO as soon as the end of this year, the sources said. In one such meeting, Microsoft said it started with a list of about 40 people, including internal and external candidates, and has been narrowing it down, one of the sources said.

It wasn't clear whether the Microsoft board had reached out to any of the potential candidates suggested by investors or whether it was even considering them.

The names of other candidates in the mix could not be learned. Microsoft declined comment on Monday. Lawrie and Mulally could not be reached for comment. But last week,



Alan Mulally, President and CEO of Ford Motor Company speaks at the Automobilwoche automotive industry conference in Berlin on 7 Nov, 2012.

REUTERS

Mulally told *Reuters* that he was "absolutely focused on serving our Ford."

The sources requested their identity as well as those of the investors be kept anonymous because the discussions were private. The search for a new chief executive of the world's largest software

maker is one of the most closely watched developments in the technology sector this year. Microsoft remains highly profitable, but it has struggled to gain traction in the mobile device business against rivals such as Apple Inc and Google Inc.

Reuters

Icahn ends battle for control of Dell; vote due on Thursday

NEW YORK, 10 Sept—Carl Icahn on Monday ended his months-long effort to block Michael Dell's \$25 billion offer to take Dell Inc private, smoothing the way for the largest buyout since the financial crisis. The activist investor, the company's second-largest

shareholder, said he would no longer try to head off the deal, and that a war with the billionaire founder and the company's board "would be almost impossible to win." His withdrawal significantly improved the odds that the company would finally muster enough votes at a

special shareholders' meeting slated for Thursday to clinch the deal. But Icahn, known for aggressive tactics when going after corporations, could not resist a parting shot.

"The Dell board, like so many boards in this country, reminds me of Clark Gable's last words in 'Gone with the Wind,' they simply 'don't give a damn,'" Icahn wrote in a letter to shareholders on Monday. Dell declined to comment. Icahn's move ended a battle that has raged since March, pitting Michael Dell and private equity firm Silver Lake Partners against Icahn and money manager Southeastern Asset Management. The founder has sought to take the company private to transform it—away

from public scrutiny—into a provider of enterprise computing services, from a maker of personal computers. Icahn argued that Michael Dell's offer undervalued the company's shares.

Icahn's capitulation follows a number of setbacks to his opposition campaign. In August, a judge refused to fast-track a lawsuit Icahn filed against the company, blunting an integral part of his opposition campaign.

Reuters



Dell logos are seen at its headquarters in Cyberjaya, outside Kuala Lumpur on 4 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

New nano-tech could treat China's lake pollution

HEFEI, 10 Sept—Chinese scientists announced on Monday that they have developed a type of nano-material which can catalyze algae masses growing on water surfaces into inorganic earth. Chinese lakes are often plagued by catastrophic outbreaks of blue-green algae. Triggered by vast amounts of sewage water drained into rivers and lakes, it can exude an unusually bad odor, suffocate fishery stocks and turn water into a milky green shade. Algae pollution has been a particular problem

in three of China's major freshwater lakes — Chao-hu, Taihu and Dianchi.

Chinese governments at multiple levels have invested billions of yuan in recent years to treat the pollution. But large blooms of algae, although reduced in density, still persist in times of sufficient heat and sunshine, conditions that are favorable for its growth. Scientists with the Chinese University of Science and Technology said on Monday that their laboratory tests had showed a single gram of the new nanomate-

rial that can kill algae floating in an area equal in size to a basketball court.

Fan Chongzheng, who led the research, said that the catalyzer leads to a biodegradation of the algae into an inorganic earth-like substance. He added that lab tests were conducted on water covered with a density of algae of over 100 million particles per liter. The water of Chaoku Lake, home to the most serious algae pollution among China's major lakes, is covered with a density of algae of over 5 million particles per liter.—Xinhua

Pentagon, NASA to spend \$44 billion on space launches through 2018

WASHINGTON, 10 Sept—The US Defence Department and NASA expect to spend about \$44 billion to launch government satellites and other spacecraft over the next five years, including \$28 billion in procurement funding, the Government Accountability Office said on Monday. The GAO, a congressional watchdog agency, said it was difficult to determine exact funding plans because both agencies used different accounting methods, but it arrived at the combined total by analyzing Pentagon and NASA budget documents, and looking at funding from other government agencies.

GAO said the projected funding data was an initial step toward answering a larger request from lawmakers who question the

steep cost of space launches, and why efforts to inject more competition have not gotten more traction. "Defence and civilian government agencies together expect to require significant funding, nearly \$44 billion, in 'then-year' dollars that factor in anticipated future inflation, for launch-related activities from fiscal years 2014 through 2018," the agency said in a letter to the investigations subcommittee of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

Senator Carl Levin, a Michigan Democrat who chairs the investigations subcommittee, and John McCain, the top Republican on the panel, had asked GAO to investigate space launch funding to get a better handle on the overall government effort.—Reuters



Tourists take pictures of a NASA sign at the Kennedy Space Centre visitors complex in Cape Canaveral, Florida on 14 April, 2010.—REUTERS

Fairfax, one other, approached investors on BlackBerry

TORONTO, 10 Sept—BlackBerry's biggest shareholder has approached several large Canadian investment funds about forging a deal to take the smartphone maker private, but the proposal is still "an airy-fairy, 'what if' kind of thing," according to a source with direct knowledge of the situation. The

shareholder, Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd, has a 10 percent stake, and its chairman and chief executive, Prem Watsa, has left BlackBerry's board already to avoid any possible conflict of interest as the company assesses its strategic options.

The source, who declined to be identified be-

cause the still-preliminary talks are private, said that in addition to Watsa's Fairfax there had been an early and informal approach about a possible deal from another investor.

The person declined to name the second party. "There have been various calls saying 'if we came up with some kind of a proposal would you look at it?'," the source said. Fairfax did not respond to a request for comment, and Waterloo, Ontario-based BlackBerry said it does not comment on speculation.

BlackBerry, which has bled market share to rivals including Apple's iPhone and phones using Google's Android technology, said last month it was weighing its options, which could include an outright sale.

Reuters



A view shows the keyboard of the BlackBerry Z10 at a Rogers store in Toronto on 5 Feb, 2013.—REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Research renaissance offers new ways out of depression



Prozac medicine is seen at a pharmacy in Los Angeles, California, in this 18 Oct, 2010 file photo.

REUTERS

LONDON, 10 Sept—As Susan sits chatting to a nurse in a London clinic, a light tapping sound by her head signals that parts of her brain are being zapped by thousands of tiny electro-magnetic pulses from a machine plugged into the wall. The 50-year-old doctor is among growing ranks of people with so-called treatment-resistant

depression, and after 21 years fighting a disorder that destroyed her ability to work and at times made her want to “opt out of life”, this is a last resort.

Until recently, Susan and others like her had effectively reached the end of the road with depression treatments, having tied the best drugs medical science had to offer,

engaged in hours of therapy, and tried cocktails of both. But a renaissance in research into depression prompted by some remarkable results with highly experimental treatments has changed the way neuroscientists see the disorder and is offering hope for patients who had feared there was nowhere left to go.

Their drive to find an answer has taken neuroscientists to uncharted waters — researching everything from psychedelic magic mushrooms, to the veterinary tranquilizer ketamine, to magnetic stimulation through the skull, to using electrical implants — a bit like a pacemaker for the brain — to try and reset this complex organ’s wiring and engender a more positive outlook.—Reuters

Study says five pct of US children “severely obese”

WASHINGTON, 10 Sept—About 5 percent of children and teens in the United States are now classified as “severely obese,” and the prevalence is increasing, according to a scientific report from the American Heart Association. Despite recent data suggesting that childhood obesity rates are starting to level off across the country, “a worrisome trend

has emerged in the form of severe pediatric obesity,” researchers wrote in their paper published on Monday in the journal *Circulation*.

“Severe obesity in young people has grave health consequences,” lead author Aaron Kelly of the University of Minnesota Medical School said in a statement. “It’s a much more serious childhood disease than obe-

sity.” The researchers define children over age 2 as severely obese if they either have a body mass index (BMI) that’s at least 20 percent higher than 95 percent of other children of the same age and gender, or a BMI score of 35 or higher. BMI is a measurement based on weight and height. Age- and gender-specific growth charts are used to calculate BMI for children. Children at the 95th BMI percentile or higher are obese, and those between the 85th and 95th percentiles are overweight.

For example, a 7-year-old girl of average height weighing 75 pounds (34 kilograms), or a 13-year-old boy of average height weighing 160 pounds (73 kilograms), would be defined as severely obese.

Xinhua



US study urges more breast cancer screenings in younger women

WASHINGTON, 10 Sept—More than two-thirds of breast cancer deaths occurred in younger women who do not have regular mammograms, a US study said on Monday, refuting a 2009 recommendation that discouraged routine screenings for women under 50 and recommends only biennial screenings of those aged between 50 and 74.

Harvard Medical School Professor of Surgery Blake Cady and his colleagues identified 7,301 women diagnosed with breast cancer between 1990 and 1999 and followed their cases through 2007. Of the 609 women who died from breast cancer, 71 percent



were women who had not undergone regular breast cancer screenings, or were never screened prior to diagnosis, the researchers said. Moreover, 50 percent of the breast cancer deaths occurred in women under the age of 50, while only

13 percent were in women aged 70 years or older. For women who died of breast cancer, the median age at diagnosis was 49; for those dying of any other cause, the median age at diagnosis was 72.

The findings indicated

that women under 50 are a primary group in which greater screening compliance would provide the greatest benefit, the researchers said in the journal *Cancer*. “These findings should quiet those who argue that women age 40 to 49 do not need regular mammography screening. In fact, these women need annual screening — as do all women 40 and older.

This is the message physicians should be promoting,” Barbara Monsees, chair of the American College of Radiology Breast Imaging Commission, said in a statement.

Reuters

EU regulators tell Samsung to offer more to end antitrust case

BRUSSELS, 10 Sept—European Union regulators have told Samsung Electronics to offer more concessions to settle EU charges that its use of patent lawsuits against rival Apple breached antitrust rules after a first offer fell short.

If Samsung fails to allay the European Commission’s concerns, it could face a fine of as much as \$18.3 billion or 10 percent of its 2012 revenues. Samsung and Apple, the world’s top two smartphone makers by volume and sales, are locked in patent disputes in at least 10 countries as they vie for control of the lucrative and fast-growing mobile market.

“The Commission can confirm that Samsung has submitted proposals, the Commission has assessed them and asked Samsung to improve them,” EU spokesman Jonathan Todd said. He did not provide details. *Reuters* reported on 25 June that Samsung was in early talks with the EU antitrust regulator to settle the case. Samsung declined to comment.

The company dropped its injunction requests against Apple in Europe after the Commission filed charges against it last year, saying such actions against companies willing to pay the fees were anti-competitive.—Reuters

Foreign firms turn to FX swaps to fund Chinese operations

HONG KONG, 10 Sept—Foreign companies are increasingly using cross currency swaps to fund on-shore operations in China rather than raising money via the Dim Sum bond market in Hong Kong. Mul-

tinational companies said that they could raise more money, more quickly and more cheaply by borrowing in dollars and swapping the money into yuan than if they borrowed directly in yuan through the offshore

yuan-denominated bond (Dim Sum) market in Hong Kong.

“We swap from euros into renminbi for the maturity we want, which is a very straight forward treasury technique and that means we can have a fixed rate interest loan into China,” said a regional treasury head in Asia at a multinational firm who declined to be named as he was not authorized to speak to media. Companies’ growing use of currency swaps comes means

less issuance in the \$80 billion Dim Sum market, especially as the cost of issuing Dim Sum bonds has risen to become no cheaper than borrowing in China.

Rohit Srivastava, a New York-based executive director at JP Morgan, said it was easier for multinational companies to lend to their Chinese subsidiaries in yuan than in US dollars because it was time consuming for subsidiaries to get approval to borrow in dollars.—Reuters



An employee carries bundles of 100 yuan Chinese bank notes to store after counting at a bank in Taiyuan, Shanxi Province on 4 July, 2013.

REUTERS



Shin Jong-kyun, President and CEO, head of IT and Mobile Communication division of Samsung presents the Samsung Galaxy Note 3 during its launch at the ‘Samsung UNPACKED 2013 Episode 2’ at the IFA consumer electronics fair in Berlin, on 4 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

WORLD



India's Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister M. Veerappa Moily (R) and Japan's Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Toshimitsu Motegi shake hands after signing a joint statement in Tokyo on 9 Sept, 2013. The two countries called for "transparent and globally competitive" price formation in the procurement of liquefied natural gas in the Asia-Pacific market.
KYODO NEWS

Guatemalan bus plunges off cliff, killing at least 43

GUATEMALA CITY, 10 Sept—At least 43 people were killed and dozens injured on Monday when a bus went off a cliff on a hairpin bend in rural Guatemala, tumbling some 200 meters (660 feet) into a river at the bottom of a ravine, officials said.

Rescue workers said the bus, which plunged off of a paved highway about 60 km (37 miles) northwest of Guatemala City, was destroyed and more than 40 people were taken to hospitals for treatment.

Investigators do not yet

know what caused the crash or what was the final destination of the bus, which was traveling south toward Guatemala City. Rescue workers said conditions were dry and mostly sunny and that the bus was likely over capacity.

"The bus was overloaded," said Sergio Vasquez, a volunteer firefighter at the site.

He said 38 people died at the scene, including six children and 12 women. Five more died at hospitals, he said. Local television said many passengers were



Rescuers stand near bodies recovered from a bus crash site in San Martin Jilotepeque, Chimaltenango region on 9 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

vendors taking farm produce to market.

The government declared three days of national mourning.

The last major bus accident in Guatemala oc-

curred in 2008 when an overcrowded bus slid off a highway and down a 15-metre (50-foot) slope some 65 km (40 miles) southeast of the capital, killing 53.—Reuters

Egypt tightens Sinai security, assesses militant threat

CAIRO, 10 Sept—Egypt has tightened control of crossings from the Sinai peninsula and continued assaults on militants after an Islamist group based there said it tried to kill the interior minister in Cairo last week, the state news agency reported on Monday.

The group Ansar Bayt al-Maqdis claimed responsibility on Sunday for Thursday's suicide bombing aimed at Interior Minister Mohamed Ibrahim. It promised more attacks in revenge for a crackdown on Egypt's Islamists, raising fears that militant violence in Sinai could spread across the country. The Egyptian military on Saturday launched a major assault on militants in North

Sinai, killing or wounding at least 30 people in clashes close to the Palestinian Gaza Strip.

The assault continued on Monday, with security forces killing nine and arresting 10 "armed elements" near Sinai cities of Sheikh Zuweid and Rafah, state news agency MENA reported early on Tuesday, citing security sources.

MENA said Ibrahim decided to boost security surveillance and tighten control of crossings from Sinai to other Egyptian regions in conjunction with a broad security campaign in the peninsula. Earlier, state television said one supporter of deposed Islamist President Mohamed Mursi's Mus-

lim Brotherhood was killed and 10 people were injured in clashes between soldiers and supporters of the group in North Sinai on Monday. Security sources later said two people were killed in the clashes. In two separate incidents in central Sinai, three soldiers were injured when gunmen opened fire, according to MENA, while security sources said two soldiers were killed in attacks by gunmen in Sinai.

Islamist militancy has risen sharply in the often lawless region adjoining Israel and the Gaza Strip, and elsewhere in Egypt, since the army deposed Mursi two months ago following mass protests against him.

Thursday's daylight



An observation tower painted in the colours of the Egyptian national flag is seen near the Nitzana crossing, along Israel's border with Egypt's Sinai desert on 20 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

attack was the most spectacular so far. A suicide car bomber blew himself up next to Ibrahim's convoy as he left his Cairo home for work in an armoured limousine. The bomber, a passerby and an unidentified person were killed and more than 20 were wounded. Security officials

said they were assessing the threat posed by Ansar Bayt al-Maqdis, which is said to have 700 to 1,000 members and is considered the second-largest Islamist militant group in Sinai behind Salafiya Jihadiya, which has an estimated following of around 5,000 members.—Reuters

Left's backing boosts Mexico tax plan chances, right skeptical

MEXICO CITY, 10 Sept—The Mexican government's long-awaited tax reform won support from the leftist opposition on Monday, boosting its chances of passing Congress, but the centre-right was more skeptical about a plan that foresees running up a budget deficit.

Comprising a mix of higher taxes on the wealthier, a new charge on stock market gains and scrapping two-thirds of Mexico's tax breaks and exemptions, the plan was less aggressive than many had expected before its unveiling on Sunday.

Business groups and economists expressed disappointment that President Enrique Pena Nieto had not opted for a deeper reform, but the bill put forward appears designed to chart a middle course through

Congress, where the government lacks a majority.

"Fundamentally, I'd say that there are sufficient grounds for us to vote in favour of this," Jesus Zambrano, leader of Mexico's main leftist political grouping, the Party of the Democratic Revolution (PRD), told Reuters.

The fiscal reform had been expected to include measures to apply sales tax to food and medicine for the first time, but Pena Nieto ultimately backed away from this following a surprise contraction in the economy and growing protests on the left.

Reuters



Mexico's President Enrique Pena Nieto looks on during his speech in the presentation of the fiscal reform at Los Pinos presidential residence in Mexico City, on 8 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Multinational naval exercises underway in Colombia

BOGOTA, 10 Sept—A multinational naval drill, codenamed Unitas Naval Operation, kicked off in the Colombian Caribbean on Monday, Colombia's navy said.

In a statement issued by the navy, Colombian Defence Minister Juan Carlos Pinzon said the exercises involving regional naval commanders seek to bolster maritime security, safeguard waters from drug trafficking, and prepare naval personnel for search and rescue operations, emergencies and natural disasters, among other events.

Accompanied by the head of the US Southern Command John Kelly, Pinzon and his Peruvian counterpart Pedro Cateriano Bellido launched the maritime maneuvers in the northern Colombian city of Cartagena.

"We will see this large multinational fleet deployed in the Caribbean Sea, and witness how sailors from 16 countries will be training professionally, working on humanitarian operations, maritime intervention against transnational crimes and efforts to defend sovereignty when necessary," Pinzon said.

The 16 Participating countries are Belize, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Dominica, El Salvador, Ecuador, Germany, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Britain and the United States, according to the navy.

Held each year since 1959, Unitas Naval Operation includes traditional at-sea exercises and in-port training activities. This year's naval exercises last till 15 September.

Xinhua

Japanese woman killed, another injured in attack in Turkey

CAIRO, 10 Sept—One Japanese woman was killed and another was in critical condition after they were stabbed in a knife attack near Zemi Valley in Cappadocia in central Turkey on Monday, the Japanese Embassy in Turkey said.

Mai Kurihara, 22, died, while the other woman, also 22, is unconscious and being treated in intensive care at a hospital, according to the embassy. They were taking a walk alone when the attack occurred. The two seniors of Niigata University in central Japan left for Turkey last Friday and were scheduled to return home on 19 Sept, according to the father of the one in critical condition. They had traveled to South Korea together in the past.

Niigata University spokesman Naohiko Yamada said the university has not been able to confirm what happened despite asking for details from the Foreign Ministry. The women were found lying on the ground just past noon by a group of other tourists.

Local law enforcement officials said they are searching for the assailant or assailants, while Mehmet Ceylan, governor of Nevsehir Province where the attack occurred, expressed sadness over the incident and vowed utmost efforts to catch those responsible. Cappadocia, a World Heritage site, draws tourists to its landscape of rock formations that resemble mushrooms and chimneys.—Kyodo News

LOCAL NEWS

Commerce Ministry eases restrictions on exportation and importation

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—Ministry of Commerce is giving priority to trade promotion thereby easing restrictions on exportation and importation, said Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint in meeting with departmental officials, local merchants and townsenders at the office of Kyunhla Township General Administration Department on 8 September morning.

Departmental personnel are to make the merchants and farmers know market information at home and abroad, he added. He stressed

the need for the local people to produce main products on a commercial scale through One Village, One Product for regional development. He called on the entrepreneurs to establish SMEs and merchants to join brokerages to get market information.

The Union minister donated cash to the fund for construction of Sitagu Eye Free Sangha Hospital in Kyunhla. So far, the Union minister and wellwishers have donated over K 140 million to the fund of the hospital.

MNA

Construction

Hostel for nurses completed by 75 per cent

PAKOKKU, 10 Sept—A three-storey building, 126 feet long, 30 feet wide and 36 feet high, is under construction in the compound of Pakokku Township General Hospital of Magway Region in Ward 7 of the township as of February 2013 with the aim of giving secure and smooth transport services to the trainees of nursing course.

Medical Science Department spent over K 240 million on the construction of RC building, and it is expected to complete the construction tasks in September.

On 5 September, District



Deputy Commissioner U Tin Maung Win of Pakokku District and officials inspected progress of construction tasks.

An official reported on 75 per cent completion of the

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—The Training Program on Management Improvement for Executives in Myanmar-2013 was opened at Myat Taw Win Hotel, here, yesterday morning.

It is jointly organized

by the Overseas Human Resources and Industry Development Association of Japan and the Ministry of Commerce with the sponsorship of Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan.

Union Minister U Maung Myint delivered an

address on the occasion.

He urged the trainees to uplift their skills and expand their knowledge to become reliable ones for the country, calling for their active participation in the program for economic development of the country.

Next, Deputy Director

Mr. Oriyama Mitsutorshi of the Overseas Human Resources and Industry Development Association of Japan extended greetings.

It is being taken by 42 officers from the relevant ministries.

It lasts till 13 September.

MNA

building.

The supervisory committee urged officials to ensure timely completion of construction tasks.

MMAL-Aung (Mann Tekkatho)

Knowledge about security measures, danger of landmines shared

MAWLAMYINE, 10 Sept—The talks on security measure and danger of landmines were held at the platforms of Kyaikthanlan Pagoda and U Zina Pagoda in Mawlamyine of Mon

State on 4 September.

The talks were attended by members of the Pagoda Boards of Trustees, members of security troops and sanitation workers.

Officials have informed

them of installation of eight CCTVs and stressed the need to focus on security measures.

Commander of Mawlamyine District Police Force Police Lt-

HRD

International Literacy Day-2013 marked in Yangon

YANGON, 10 Sept—A ceremony to mark the International Literacy Day-2013 was held at Thiri Yadana Hall of No. 4 Basic Education High School in Ahlon Township, here, on 8 September morning.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe delivered an address on the occasion.

He said that the world countries are striving for reducing their illiterate population. In this knowledge age, everyone

needs to become literate. Only then, will they be able to keep abreast of changes and developments. He continued that authorities concerned, teachers and parents are duty-bound to ensure enrollment of school-age children, make them finish at least their basic education and reduce in adult illiteracy rate in the country.

Next, the chief minister awarded the prize winners of the International Literacy Day Essay Contest.

Afterwards, the chief minister, Region Minister for Development Affairs Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint, Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Yang Houlan, Chairman of Myanmar-China Friendship Association U Sein Win Aung and officials attended the seventh overseas Chinese workers' get-together held at MCC on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township this morning.—MNA

Haul of heroin powder seized in Phakant

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—Members of Special Anti-drug Squad in Myitkyina together with witnesses searched a motorcycle on Kyaukthwetaung pagoda road in Ward-4 in Seikmu Village of Phakant Township driven by Tin Hlaing, 33, of Ywahaung Village in Seikmu Village-tract on 6 September.

They seized 72 grams of heroin powder worth K 6.84 million in his motorcycle toolbox.

He was charged under section 15/19(a)/21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law at Phakant Myoma Police Station.

Police Information



Stationery donated to students in Kalay Tsp

KALAY, 10 Sept—A wellwishers' group of Cetana Lankara Association and Pyinnya Parami Donors Association led by Member of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Bhaddanta Puññasettha donated books to students of Basic Education Primary School No (2) in Aung Thitsar Ward in Kalay on 31 August.

The purpose of donation is to fight against illiteracy and ensuring schooling of

school age children in Kalay Township.

Books worth K 320,000 have been donated to 165 students of the BEPS (2) and of Aung Chantha Monastic Education School.

A total of 90 dozens of exercise books, 40 dozens of pencils and 20 dozens of ball pens were donated by the association in the second donation, according to the chairman of Cetana Lankara Association.

MMAL-Shin Nay Min

Poppy seeds handed over to authorities in Tangyan

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—A ceremony to hand over poppy seeds was held at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Tangyan of Shan State on 30 August afternoon, with an address by Base Tactical Operations Commander Col Tun Tun Nyi of Tangyan.

On the occasion, Commander of Tangyan Township Police Force Police Major Zaw Win gave talks on opium eradication and Supervisor officer of

Tangyan Anti-Drug Special Squad Police Captain Khin Maung Aye, danger of narcotic drugs and penalties, alternative development, drug elimination and implementation of drug eradication plan in cooperation with the people.

Next, the people from 19 village-tracts handed over 433.25 kilos of poppy seeds at the ceremony. It was also attended by ward/village administrators and clerks totaling 103.—MMAL-Ko Ye

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 11 September, 2013

Fight against elephantiasis

Elephantiasis is characterized by the gross enlargement of a limb or areas of the trunk and head. It is a crippling condition in which the limbs often are grotesquely swollen or enlarged. There is an abnormal accumulation of watery fluid in the tissue (edema) causing several swelling.

Elephantiasis occurs in the presence of microscopic, thread-like parasitic worms such as *Wuchereriabancrofti*, *Brugiamalayi* and *B-timori*, all of which are transmitted by mosquitoes. It is common in tropical regions and Africa. It is a highly infectious disease. Without medical intervention, the affected area is grotesquely enlarged, resulting in the obstruction of the lymph flow and possibly of blood circulation.

The Ministry of Health is working hard as part of its fight against elephantiasis the length and breadth of the nation. Towards this end, the ministry from 9 to 15 September launched a nationwide campaign of giving anti-elephantiasis medicines to all the people with the exception of children under two, pregnant women and those living with chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, renal and liver diseases and asthma.

To ensure the full coverage of the campaign, personnel from the Ministry of Health and those from different social organizations are providing domiciliary services in the areas where elephantiasis is common. Under the campaign, anti-elephantiasis medicines will be given twice in the affected areas five years in a row and for the first time in the areas where elephantiasis is not common. Therefore, we would like to encourage anyone who needs medical help to take such medicines without fail in order to be free from the risk of developing elephantiasis.

Myanmar hockey team clinch silver medal in Pre-SEA Games Hockey Tourney

YANGON, 10 Sept—Tentatively selected Myanmar hockey team yesterday arrived back here from Thailand after bagging a silver medal in the Pre-SEA Games Hockey Tournament from 1 to 8 September.

They were welcomed back by President of Myanmar Hockey Federation U Htin Zaw Win, general secretary

U Khin Maung Latt and CEC members at Yangon International Airport.

The Myanmar hockey team beat Thai selected team (B) 3-0 and Thai selected team (A) 1-0 in the semi-final match of the contest.

In the final match, the Myanmar team lost to Sri Lankan hockey team 2-0.



NATIONAL A&I Ministry, IRRI ink MoU for development of Myanmar rice



Union Minister U Myint Hlaing and IRRI Director-General Dr Robert S Zeigler exchange an MoU on Myanmar Rice Sector Development.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Institute Director-General Dr Robert S Zeigler signed MoU on Myanmar Rice Sector Development Strategy and Program at the head office

of Agricultural Research Department, here, yesterday morning. In the afternoon, they held a workshop on development of Myanmar

agriculture sector and discussed rice research and world food sufficiency, priority plan and strategy of Myanmar rice sector, international rice market and Myanmar's and papers on Myanmar rice research and development.

It was attended by officials of IRRI, resident representatives of ADB, IRRI, USAID, FAO, KOICA, JICA, IFAD, LIFT and WFP and agriculturists.

Myanmar is tasked with supplying 14,000 tons of rice for emergency food for ASEAN countries. A total of 1.4 million tons of surplus rice were exported last year. Strenuous efforts are being made for exporting 3 million tons of rice next year.—MNA

Dy Education Minister to attend Asia-Pacific Regional Policy Forum

YANGON, 10 Sept—A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Education Dr San Lwin left here for the Republic of Korea yesterday to attend the

Asia-Pacific Regional Policy Forum on Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) to be organized in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

MNA



Sports graduates, new generations in sports arena of Myanmar

Higher sports standard serves as the engine for uplifting prestige of the country. Achievement in sports can create the glittering future of the State. Only when the athletes have good health, fitness, high moral and fighting spirit, will they secure victory in the competitions.

Uplifting the sports standard of the nation needs to turn out qualified outstanding new generation athletes. Thus, the Ministry of Sports and Ministry of Education jointly organized the coordination meeting on curriculum of B.Sc (Sports) and B.A (Sports) to be conducted in 2013-2014 academic year, at the hall of Sports and Physical Education Department in Kyaikkasan Sports Grounds in Yangon recently.

"Sports plus education training course commenced at Sports and Physical Education Institute in Yangon in 1997-98 academic year. As of this academic year, SPEI in

Mandalay conducts the sports plus education course. Under the guidance of the Union Ministers,



the curriculum is being compiled in time through coordination between the departments concerned," said Deputy Minister for Sports U Zaw Win.

The deputy minister disclosed that fifty trainees each will be admitted to the two institutes in Yangon and Mandalay for undergraduate courses B.Sc (Sports) and B.A (Sports).

The subjects to be tough for fourth year students including those of

Byline: Maung Maung Myint Swe; Photo: Tin Soe (Myanma Alinn)

second and third years' are Health and Fitness, Sports Biology, Sports Psychology, Sports Medicine, Sports Biochemistry, Anatomy and Physiology, Sports Biomechanics, Sports Leadership, Administration and Management of Sports Training. Students will be accommodated at the hostels at two institutes. The students will be transported from the hostels to the universities by ferry in the morning of schooling days.

The Ministry of Education will choose qualified students for the undergraduate courses for 2013-14 academic year, and the right persons will be admitted at Yangon and Mandalay SPEIs.

As part of efforts to uplift sports standard of the nation, new generation sports graduates will emerge from the institutes in the near future.

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LOCAL NEWS

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

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, UN agencies, international organizations and general public.

Logos: UNIAP, unicef, Save the Children, FXB, IOM, JICA, UN, EXIT, WALK FREE

Construction

Stake driven for market in Taninthayi

TANINTHAYI, 10 Sept—As part of efforts to implement rural development and poverty alleviation, a ceremony to drive stake for construction of Aungmingala Market was held in Chaungnge Ward of Taninthayi Township of Taninthayi Region on 7 September. Officials participated in the ceremony.



The market collapsed at 4.30 pm on 4 August due to floods of Taninthayi River.

With K 21.5 million assistance of the Taninthayi Region Government, the market will be built in the designated site.

The market will be 90

feet long, 45 feet wide and 12 feet high.

A plan is underway to complete the construction task by November 2013. The market complex will comprise 50 shops.

Township level

departmental officials performed ground breaking and then drove stakes for the market building. It will be supervised by Township Development Support Committee.—*Kyemon-Htein Win-IPRD*

60 kilos of Ice worth K 1500 million seized

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—Members of Kengtung Anti-Drug Special Squad searched the vehicle driven by Sai Yi, 43 of Hsanh Sai Ward in Tachilek in Shan State, heading for Kengtung from Mongyang at Wamtapon checkpoint on 8 September.

They seized 60 kilos of Ice worth K 1500 million from

two bags of polyethylene and K 700,000 from the car.

Kengtung Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Sai Yi under sections 15/19(a)/20(a) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Kyemon-Police Information



Polyethylene bags gathered in ChaungU for environmental conservation



CHAUNGU, 10 Sept—Talks on environmental conservation was given at

the hall of Basic Education High School in ChaungU yesterday afternoon,

attended by Deputy Township Administrator U Soe Myint Hlaing, Chairman of Township Development Affairs Committee U Kyaw Myint Thein, ward administrators, Saya U Wunna Tun, U Kyaw Zaw (Hla Theikpan-Shwebo) and members of w.com northan youths.

Saya U Wunna Tun made a speech and Saya U Kyaw Zaw explained disadvantages of polyethylene bags.

Those present gathered polyethylene bags inside and

Environment

outside development market in ChaungU.

Member of the youth team Daw Kyi Kyi said that the polyethylene bags cannot be decayed in the grounds for thousands of years. Burning the bags can hazard the environment. Hot foods in polyethylene bags can cause cancer to the consumers and cause abortion to expectant mothers. Therefore, the people should minimize use of polyethylene bags as much as they can, she said.

Kyemon-Township IPRD

Anti-Narcotic Drives

Knowledge about menace of narcotic drugs shared in Insein

INSEIN, 10 Sept—An educative talks on danger of narcotic drugs was organized at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Insein Township of Yangon North District on 8 September.

Chairman of Township Committee for Drug Abuse Control Township Administrator U Kyaw Tint made a speech.

Police Captain Khin Maung Thein of Yangon West District Drug Abuse Control Committee gave talks on mass participation in narcotic drug elimination.



The talks was attended by officials of Township General Administration Department, members of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Township Wome's

Affairs Organization, ward administrators, members of supporting committees, members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade and Red Cross Brigade.

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Legal affairs course conducted in Myeik



MYEIK, 10 Sept—The legal affairs course was conducted at the hall of Myeik Township Immigration and National Registration Department in Taninthayi Region on 6 September.

Assistant Director U Aung Tun Baw of the district department gave lectuews on legal affairs after making an opening address.

Altogether 18 trainees from townships and sub-township in Myeik District

are attending course that ran two days up to 7 September.

Head of Myeik District INRD U Aung Tun Baw, Deputy District Judge U Tin Htoo, Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Than Oo and Township Law Officer Daw Aster Taw gave lectures on matters related to Myanmar Police Force, legal affairs, judicial matters and immigration subjects to the trainees.

Kyemon-Moe Hein (Myeik)

WORLD

Syria's Assad regime likely responsible for chemical attack



A man, affected by what activists say is nerve gas, breathes through an oxygen mask in the Damascus suburbs of Jesreen on 21 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

DAMASCUS, 10 Sept—Evidence strongly suggests Syrian government forces were responsible for a poison gas attack that killed more than 1,400 people, Human Rights Watch said on Tuesday, contradicting

repeated denials by Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

The US-based rights group, in a report issued in New York, said it had reached its conclusion after analyzing witness accounts, information of the likely

source of the attacks, remnants of the weapons used and medical records of victims.

“The evidence concerning the type of rockets and launchers used in these attacks strongly suggests that these are weapon systems known and documented to be only in the possession of, and used by, Syrian government armed forces,” Human Rights Watch said.

“Human Rights Watch and arms experts monitoring the use of weaponry in Syria have not documented Syrian opposition forces to be in possession of the 140mm and 330mm rockets used in the attack, or their associated launchers.”

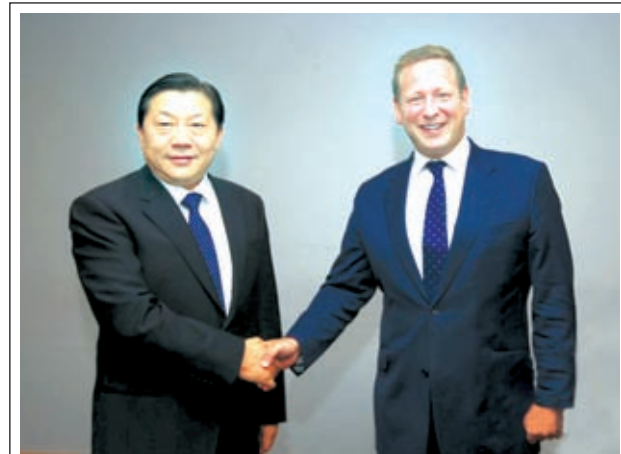
The chemical weapons attack near Damascus on 21 August killed more than 1,400 people. Syria has

been torn by a bitter civil conflict between Assad's troops and rebel forces who want to end the Assad family's four-decade rule.

The Human Rights Watch report comes as the United States pushes for congressional approval for military strikes on Syria and as US President Barack Obama explores a Russian proposal to put Syria's chemical weapons under international control.

Obama has argued that Assad must be punished for the use of poison gas on rebel areas, but his plan faces significant resistance from US lawmakers who are worried that a strike could draw the US into the conflict and spark wider conflicts in the Middle East.

Reuters



Lu Wei, China's Minister of the State Internet Information Office (L), meets with Ed Vaizey, British Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries, at the Fifth UK-China Internet Roundtable held in London on 9 Sept, 2013.—XINHUA

French unions march in protests against pension reform

PARIS, 10 Sept—French unions take to the streets on Tuesday in protest against a reform of the country's indebted pension system, with some disruption in transport expected but no mass upheaval against an overhaul seen as moderate in scope.

The hardline CGT union has called for protests in 180 locations across France, joined by student unions and far-left groups that denounce a reform they say will penalize workers and make youths pay an unfair share of the burden. But moderate unions did not join the calls, suggesting that reaction to oppose the reform is unlikely to resemble the uproar that former President Nicolas Sarkozy faced three years ago when he hiked the retirement age to 62 to from 60.

Socialist President

Francois Hollande has taken a slowly-slowly approach to reform, increasing only slightly the size and duration of pension contributions as he sought a smoother passage through parliament, and less rage in the street.

“Why strike tomorrow?” Laurent Berger, head of the moderate CFDT trade union, told Tele news television. “Any amendments we are seeking, we can obtain them in parliament.”

The draft pension law, to be presented to cabinet on 18 September and sent to parliament shortly thereafter, aims to wipe out an annual deficit that will otherwise hit 20 billion euros (\$26.5 billion) in 2010. Its main effect is to extend the pay-in period for pension contributions to 43 years by 2035 from 41.5 now.—Reuters

Chinese Premier stresses education equality

DALIAN, (Liaoning Province), 10 Sept—Chinese Premier Li Keqiang stressed raising education quality in underdeveloped regions while visiting teachers in Dalian on Monday ahead of Teachers' Day on 10 Sept.

Li visited Dalian No 20 High School, a school that has pioneered the enrollment of students from the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. Schools in China's prosperous towns host Xinjiang students in order to give them better education opportunities.

While talking with teachers at the school, Li extended festive greetings to all teachers in China and called teaching the most venerable profession.

Li also encouraged more people to teach in less developed regions in West China, and advocated more opportunities for teachers from western regions to receive training in the east so that education quality in the west improves and poverty-afflicted students see hope in pursuing education.

Li said education equality is the key to



Chinese Premier Li Keqiang poses for a group picture with teachers at No 20 High School of Dalian, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 9 Sept, 2013.

XINHUA

narrowing gaps between urban and rural areas and among different regions, and urged favouring re-

mote, rural and poverty-stricken areas when distributing educational resources.

Xinhua

US adoptive mother guilty of homicide in death of Ethiopian girl

OLYMPIA, (Washington), 10 Sept—A US adoptive mother accused of starving her 13-year-old Ethiopian-born daughter and locking her outside in the cold, where she died from exposure, was found guilty of homicide on Monday in Washington state.

Hana Williams, adopted from Ethiopia in 2008, died of hypothermia in May 2011 after she was found unconscious outside shortly after midnight in temperatures hovering around 40 degrees Fahrenheit (4 degrees Celsius), authorities said.

The girl's mother, Carri Williams, was convicted of homicide by abuse and of manslaughter linked to the girl's death, while the father,

Larry Williams, was convicted of first-degree manslaughter, a representative of the Skagit County Prosecutor's Office said.

“It was a very sad, sad story,” Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney Rich Weyrich told Reuters. “It was something that shouldn't have happened. Fortunately, we were able to prove the charges, so we were able to hold them accountable.”

The case is among several in recent years that have drawn attention to the vulnerability of children from overseas adopted by US families, among them the death in January of 3-year-old Russian adoptee Max Shatto.

Reuters

New Yorkers vote on Tuesday in uproarious mayoral primary elections

NEW YORK, 10 Sept—New York City Democrats on Tuesday will chose their candidate to succeed Mayor Michael Bloomberg, ending a primary campaign that has featured a scandal over lewd pictures, an accusation of racism, a council leader vying to be the city's first female, openly gay mayor and a see-sawing list of front runners.

Bill de Blasio, the city's public advocate, has taken the lead, but he may not have the 40 percent needed to avoid a run-off. His rivals City Council Speaker Christine Quinn and Bill Thompson are competing for second place. Two polls on Monday showed De Blasio with a comfortable lead. A Quinnipiac poll put his

support at 39 percent, while an NBC 4 New York/Wall Street Journal/Marist poll found him the choice of 36 percent of likely voters.

“Remember that there

are no undecided voters on Election Day. If de Blasio picks up just a few of those undecided voters, he's over the top,” said Maurice Carroll, director of the Quin-

nipiac University Polling Institute. In the same arena, former Congressman Anthony Weiner is fighting for his political life.

When he announced his candidacy for mayor, he asked voters to give him a second chance and he quickly moved to the top of polls. But campaign issues like police tactics and housing were overshadowed by another scandal involving lewd photographs he sent online, and his campaign began to sputter. As the clock ticked down to Tuesday's primary election, New York magazine published an interview with the city's current mayor, Michael Bloomberg, in which he effectively threw his support behind his close ally Quinn.—Reuters



New York City mayoral candidate Bill de Blasio (R), his wife Chirlane McCray (2nd R), daughter Chiara (2nd L) and son Dante pose for a picture as they arrive to speak with supporters at an event in Manhattan, New York, in this 18 Aug, 2013 file photo.—REUTERS

REGIONAL

Mamnoon Hussain sworn in as Pakistan's new president

ISLAMABAD, 10 Sept— Mamnoon Hussain was sworn in as the 12th president of Pakistan for next five years on Monday at the president house in federal capital of Islamabad, local media reported.

Chief Justice of Supreme Court of Pakistan Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry administered oath to the new president at a ceremony held in presidency in Islamabad.

The event was attended by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, members of the federal cabinet, chief ministers of four provinces, former presidents including

Asif Ali Zardari, former prime ministers, judges, the Services Chiefs, diplomats and senior officials.

Hussain assumed the office of the head of state after former president Zardari stepped down on Sunday after completing his five year term as the elected president of the country.

Hussain, a candidate of ruling party PML-N, won the Presidential polls held on 30 July by an electoral college comprising members of the Parliament, the Senate and the four provincial assemblies.

The 73-year-old Hus-

sain, who is the close ally of Nawaz Sharif, defeated Justice (Retd) Wajuddin Ahmed of Pakistan Tehrik-i-Insaf, as the former ruling party PPP boycotted the Presidential elections.

Hussain, a business graduate, born in 1940 in India migrated to Pakistan in 1947 along with his family at the time of partition.

He also served as governor of southern Province of Sindh from June to October 1999, till he was ousted along with the PML-N government of Nawaz Sharif by the then army chief General Pervez Musharraf.

Xinhua



Tourists visit the old town of Lijiang, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 8 Sept, 2013. The old town of Lijiang, a UNESCO World Heritage site with a history of more than 800 years, has received 9.597 million tourists during the first six months of 2013, increasing by 18.58 percent year on year. The tourism industry's revenue of the same period reached 12.65 billion RMB yuan (2.06 billion US dollars), growing by 19.8 percent year on year.—XINHUA



The photo from a Kyodo News helicopter taken on 31 Aug, 2013, shows the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station in Fukushima Prefecture. The Japanese government announced a plan on 3 Sept, 2013, to use 47 billion yen to tackle a massive buildup of radioactive water at the plant crippled since the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami.—KYODO NEWS

Leaked toxic water found at another site at Fukushima plant

TOKYO, 10 Sept—Tokyo Electric Power Co said on Monday it has detected 3,200 becquerels per liter of radioactive substances in a well near a leaky water storage tank at its crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant.

The radioactive substances emitting strontium and other beta rays were detected in samples taken Sunday from a well about 20 metres north of the water storage tank in the H4 area where toxic water had leaked.

On Thursday, TEPCO said it had detected 650 becquerels per liter of such radioactive substances in another well located about 20 south of the storage tank.

The latest finding rais-

es the possibility that leaked toxic water has reached groundwater at the power plant, which was devastated by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

To prevent groundwater from being contaminated at the reactors, TEPCO plans to use wells to pump up the groundwater before it flows into the reactor buildings and is discharged into the sea.

But the latest finding could affect the utility's plan as the nearest well to be used to pump up groundwater is only 130 metres away from the monitoring well where highly radioactive contamination was found in samples on Sunday.

Kyodo News

Philippine Moro rebels warn standoff in Zamboanga might escalate

COTABATO, (Philippines), 10 Sept— Philippine Moro rebel group on Tuesday warned the violence in Zamboanga City that left six dead while more than 200 people held hostage might escalate in other areas of Mindanao.

"It's been 24 hours now and the government is doing nothing but sending more troops. We are on a defensive posture, however if under attack we will respond," Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) spokesman Atty. Emmanuel Fontanilla told a local radio station.

Fontanilla said before the incident on Monday, they have movements in preparation for their cara-

van in the city of Zamboanga.

"We did not carry out attacks. We have movements to secure our chairman for a peace rally. Our plan is to coordinate with authorities but they attacked us instead," he added.

With the current situation on the ground, he accused the administration of President Aquino of using the situation to cover up pork barrel scandal involving politicians.

"Don't expect the situation will die down. This will escalate as the government prefer to solve the crisis with the use of military," Fontanilla stressed.

In Central Mindanao, MNLF men under Nur Mis-

uari, founder and chairman of the group, are on high alert for possible military offensives.

Ismael Doc Farnan, Misuari's general for Central Mindanao, said by phone that they were instructed by their comrades in Zamboanga City to alert their forces in all their camps in the region amid the on-going violence in Zamboanga.

"I got a message from our comrade involved in the crisis. There were no plans to attack Zamboanga. Those men involved were supposed to return to their respective homes after attending their independence declaration last 12 August," he said.—Xinhua



People wade through flood waters in the Morigaon district of India's northeastern state of Assam, on 9 Sept, 2013.

XINHUA

Cambodian king to call 1st parliamentary session on 23 September

PHNOM PENH, 10 Sept— Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni will convene the first National Assembly session on 23 Sept after the official election results were confirmed on Sunday that Prime Minister Hun Sen's ruling party won an absolute majority of vote.

"I will invite all elect-

lawmakers in the fifth legislature of the National Assembly for the first session on 23 Sept at the National Assembly Palace," the King said in a royal message to Im Suosdey, president of the National Election Committee (NEC), on Monday.

Sihamoni has been in Beijing since 12 Aug for

a routine medical checkup and is scheduled to return on Wednesday.

The NEC released the final election results on Sunday, showing that the Cambodian People's Party (CPP) of Prime Minister Hun Sen got 68 seats and the Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) of

NHK expands 24-hour English broadcast in Australia, Israel

TOKYO, 10 Sept—Japanese public broadcaster NHK has expanded round-the-clock broadcasting of its English-language channel NHK World TV in Australia and Israel through contracts with local broadcasters, it said on Tuesday.

The channel, which screens news and lifestyle programming from Japan, began broadcasting on Australia's largest satellite television provider Foxtel on 3 September, and Israel's cable television provider Hot on 1 September.

Since the start of April, NHK World TV has started broadcasting in Britain, Los Angeles, Tanzania and regions in the Middle East and North Africa.

With the addition of 1.6 million households in Australia and 600,000 in Israel, NHK World TV is now available to about 265 million households worldwide, NHK said.

Kyodo News

long-time opposition leader Sam Rainsy took the remaining 55 seats.

But the opposition rejected the results, claiming that its party should win 63 seats, with the CPP receiving 60 seats if alleged irregularities during the poll were fairly resolved.

Xinhua

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Polar bear cub Pezoo is seen at a local aquarium in Yantai, east China's Shandong Province, on 6 Sept, 2013. Pezoo, born at the Polar Sea World in north China's Tianjin, arrived at the aquarium on Friday for a three-month sojourn.—XINHUA

Four dead after bus, car fall into river in SW China

KUNMING, 9 Sept—At least four people died and seven others went missing after a bus and a car fell into a river in southwest China late Sunday, local authorities said on Monday.

The bus and car fell into a river in Yunlong County, Dali Bai Autonomous Prefecture at around 10 pm on Sunday after a bridge collapsed due to flash floods and mud flow, according to the prefectural authorities.

The bus, which belonged to a transport company, had 35 people aboard when it left the bus

station in Fugong County. It was bound for Kunming, the provincial capital.

The car had three aboard. Its driver has been rescued. Five from the bus and two from the car remain missing. As of 6 am Monday, rescuers have retrieved four bodies from the scene. Twenty-six others, who were passengers from the bus, were rescued and sent to a local hospital.

The rescue operation is underway. Authorities are still checking the exact number of people on the two vehicles.

Xinhua



A giant rubber duck is seen on the Yuanbo Lake in the Garden Expo Park in Beijing, capital of China, late 6 Sept, 2013. The 18-metre-tall inflatable rubber duck, created by Dutch artist Florentijn Hofman, is expected to visit Beijing from September to October.

XINHUA

Egyptian Jihadists claim responsibility for attacking minister, vow for more attacks

CAIRO, 9 Sept—A Sinai-based Islamist Jihadist group claimed responsibility on Sunday for the recent bomb attack targeting Egypt's interior minister, as the army pressed security operations in the peninsula for the second consecutive day.

The Ansar Beit al-Maqdis (supporters of Jerusalem) group said in a statement that it was behind the failed suicide attack against Interior Minister Mohamed Ibrahim.

On Thursday, Ibrahim survived an assassination attempt when a bomb exploded near his convoy, but one recruit was killed and 24 other people were injured. The Jihadist group, which had claimed responsibility for rocket attacks launched from Sinai on Israel last year, vowed further attacks against the interior minister and Defence Minister Abdel Fattah Sisi.

The group blamed Sisi and Ibrahim for killing hundreds in the dispersal operation against the supporters of ousted president Mohamed Morsi on 14 August.

The group's statement, which came three days after the bomb attack, raised doubts about its credibility, official news agency MENA quoted a military source as saying. The statement may be an attempt to mislead the police from arresting the real perpetrators, according to the source.

"It may be also a reply to the successful security operation carried out in Sinai by the army and police in order to seize terrorists and outlaws in the peninsula," he added.

Some 80 persons, who are suspected in the failed attempt to assassinate Ibrahim, have been arrested, said the source.

In the largest operation in Sinai to eradicate

the terrorists' hideouts, the armed forces for the second day poured more troops and armours "to purge Sinai of terrorism," the armed forces said.

Apache helicopters have hit targets in northern Sinai near Rafah border crossing, the only terminal to the outside world for the Gaza Strip ruled by Islamist Hamas movement, the security source told Xinhua.

On Saturday, the army said "nine people were killed, nine other militants were arrested, and three weapon warehouses were destroyed." The military operation on Sunday left 11 killed or injured, MENA quoted a security source as saying, adding that 10 militants were arrested.

Ahmed Aly, armed forces spokesman, said the troops surrounded villages where militants had taken haven, and the operation would "last sever-

al days to regain security and stability."

The police and the army have destroyed 118 focal points of the militants, as well as 33 vehicles used in storming the army and police check points, Aly said in a statement posed on the armed forces Facebook page.

Security situation in Sinai has deteriorated since the ouster of Morsi in July, as militants launched almost daily attacks against security forces in recent weeks. The army then intensified operations to uproot terrorists and hardline Jihadist movements in the peninsula.

Moustafa Hegazi, presidential political advisor, said in televised statement on Sunday that the number of terrorists in Sinai has increased from 1,000 to 12,000 during the one-year rule of Morsi.

Xinhua

Sultan of Brunei congratulates newly-elected Australia PM

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 9 Sept—Sultan of Brunei Hassanal Bolkiah has sent a congratulatory message to Tony Abbott following his victory in Australia's national elections recently.

In the message released on Monday, the Sultan expressed

hope that Tony Abbott would achieve great success in his new post and also looked forward to working with him in further enhancing the good relations and cooperation enjoyed by the two countries.

Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Naomi Watts: Playing Princess Diana reduced me to tears

LONDON, 10 Sept—King Kong actress Naomi Watts reveals that she regularly wept while filming the biopic *Diana* because the royal's life seemed very tragic. The 44-year-old actress, who plays Diana in the movie, constantly felt emotional on the sets, reported *Daily Star*.

"It was an emotional one to do, definitely. There were loads of tears on set, tons of them, because it's a tragic story," Watts said. "It's hard for anyone to come out of a divorce well, particularly when you're under such scrutiny. And then she was sadly gone," she added.

Watts initially refused to do the role over concerns that the biopic would upset the royal family. *Diana* shows the last two years of the princess' life before she was killed in a car crash in 1997. It also follows her relationship with surgeon Hasnat Khan, played by Naveen Andrews, 44.—PTI



Diana shows the last two years of the Princess Diana's life before she was killed in a car crash in 1997.—PTI



The actor says his mother is always the same regardless of the place she is.—PTI

Bradley Cooper wants to take his mother for Oscars again

LOS ANGELES, 10 Sept—Actor Bradley Cooper wants to take his mother Gloria to the Academy Awards this year again.

The 38-year-old took Gloria for the Oscars last year and will ask her again this year, reports femalefirst.co.uk. "Of course she's the person I will go with. Well, first I should ask her. Maybe she won't feel like it," *Vanity Fair Spain* magazine quoted Cooper as saying. Recalling last

year's experience, Cooper said: "You can't imagine how cool it was! I introduced her to people like George Clooney and she greeted them saying, 'Hey man, what's up?' It was great." She is always the same regardless of the place she is ... It was incredible. Everyone was there - Robert De Niro, Jennifer Lawrence, Daniel Day-Lewis, Quentin Tarantino ... It was like heaven," said Cooper.

PTI

Katy Perry: Killer Queen made me discover music

LONDON, 10 Sept—Pop star Katy Perry believes the hit track *Killer Queen* of the legendary band Queen helped her forge a love of rock music.

The 28-year-old Teenage Dream hitmaker has often expressed her admiration for the 1970's British rock band that consisted of Freddie Mercury, Brian May, John Deacon, and Roger Taylor, reported *Daily Mirror*. "Queen's track *Killer*

Queen made me discover music and helped me come into my own at the age of 15," Perry said. "The way Freddie Mercury delivered his lyrics just made me feel like a confident woman. I'd say his fingerprint is all over me," she added. The singer also performed the band's song *Don't Stop Me Now* during her Hello Katy tour in 2009. Perry even named her new perfume *Killer Queen*.—PTI



The singer has often expressed her admiration for the 1970's British rock band Queen.—PTI

Hidden for a century, 'fake' is actually a Van Gogh

AMSTERDAM, 10 Sept—A French landscape painting stored in an attic and kept from public view for a century because it was considered a fake is the work of Dutch master Vincent Van Gogh, a museum said on Monday citing new research. "Sunset at Montmajour", which shows twisted holly oaks and a distant ruin bathed in the light of the setting sun, was painted in 1888 when Van Gogh was living in Arles, in the south of France.

The work, owned by a private collector, will go

on show at the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam later this month for a year. Museum director Axel Rueger described the discovery of a new work by Van Gogh as "a once in a lifetime experience" as the painting was unveiled at a Press conference on Monday. "What makes this even more exceptional is that this is a transition work in his oeuvre, and moreover, a large painting from a period that is considered by many to be the culmination of his artistic achievement, his period in Arles," Rueger said.



A painting titled "Sunset at Montmajour" is seen in this handout photo received from The Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam on 9 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

As recently as 1991 the Van Gogh Museum had concluded that the painting was not by the Dutch artist when contacted by the owners of the work for an opinion. But thanks to new research, including analysis of the pigments in the paint used and their discoloration, as well as letters from Van Gogh himself, the museum has changed its view. In a letter to his brother Theo dated on 5 July, 1888, Vincent described the scene he had painted the previous day, but expressed his disappointment at the end result, writing: "I brought back a study of it too, but it was well below what I'd wished to do."

The work was later listed in one of Theo's catalogues, and then reappeared in 1970 in the estate of a Norwegian industrialist, Christian Nicolai Mustad, who had collected the works of Edvard Munch. The Mustad family believed the painting had been bought by Mustad in 1908 but that he was advised later on that it was a fake or wrongly attributed, and banished it to the attic.—Reuters

Why Shah Rukh Khan loves travelling by plane

NEW DELHI, 10 Sept—Superstar Shah Rukh Khan loves the calm and 'alone-time' that he gets to experience while flying.

"Love the solitude in a plane cabin. Makes me feel extremely cosy and restful. Need to catch up on some much needed sleep. Love you all," SRK posted on Twitter. However, he was later surprised when his Happy New Year co-star Boman Irani disappeared on the plane.

"My extremely distinguished friend Boman is a class act. It's the first time I have lost someone on a

plane. Nobody could find him!!! How?!" he posted on the micro-blogging site. Shah Rukh did not elaborate where Boman had

disappeared. Directed by Farah Khan, *Happy New Year* also stars Deepika Padukone and Abhishek Bachchan.—PTI



Shah Rukh even tweeted that he needed to catch up on some much needed sleep.—PTI

James Bond's 'Spy Who Loved me' submarine car sold in London

LONDON, 10 Sept—The "submarine car" used in the James Bond film "The Spy Who Loved Me" sold for 550,000 pounds (\$864,600) at auction on Monday, less than had been expected.

The white Lotus Esprit, which transformed into a submarine during a sequence in the 1977 movie starring Roger Moore as 007, had been expected to sell for between 650,000 and 950,000 pounds, according to RM Auctions. Bidding started at 100,000



The 007 Lotus Esprit 'Submarine Car', used in the James Bond movie 'The Spy Who Loved Me' is pictured in this undated handout photo.

REUTERS

pounds in an auction which ran live on the Internet.

Known as "Wet Nellie" on the set of the film, the fully operational submarine car was among the contents of a storage unit in Long Island, New York, which was bought by a couple in a "blind" public auction in 1989. Although six Esprit body shells were used in filming, only one was converted into a submarine car, RM Auctions said.

"We have a great track record in selling incredible and iconic movie cars, and this particular Lotus is certainly up there amongst the most famous cars of all time," RM Managing Director Max Girardo said in a statement. The auction house previously sold the Aston Martin DB5 used by Sean Connery as James Bond in the "Goldfinger" and "Thunderball" movies for 2.9 million pounds in 2010.

Reuters

SPORTS

Nadal crowns brilliant year with US Open title



Rafael Nadal of Spain celebrates after defeating Novak Djokovic of Serbia in their men's final match at the US Open tennis championships in New York, on 9 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

NEW YORK, 10 Sept—Rafa Nadal crowned his brilliant year by defeating world number one Novak Djokovic to win the US Open title at Arthur Ashe Stadium on Monday and earn his 13th grand slam singles crown. The Spaniard earned his second major championship this season following his French Open triumph, sealing the 6-2, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 win when Djokovic dumped a forehand into the net, sending Nadal down onto his back before rolling face down and sobbing in joy.

Nadal's career total of 13 grand slam wins moves him one ahead of Australian Roy Emerson and into third on the all-time list behind Roger Federer (17) and Pete Sampras (14). Nadal, who won the 2010 US Open in a final against Djokovic and then lost their

finals rematch in 2011, improved his hard court record to a spotless 22-0 this year and his overall match record to a sensational 60-3. "I never thought something like this could happen," said the 27-year-old, who watched last year's U.S. Open on television at home during a seven-month absence from the Tour due to a knee injury.

"I feel very lucky about what happened since I came back." Luck has accounted for a very small sliver of his remarkable season. Since rejoining the Tour in February, Nadal has reached the finals in 12 of his 13 tournaments, winning 10 of them. The Spaniard said beating Djokovic made this victory even more meaningful. "Playing against Novak is a very special feeling," he said at the trophy ceremony.



Rafael Nadal of Spain raises his trophy after defeating Novak Djokovic of Serbia (L) in their men's final match at the US Open tennis championships in New York, on 9 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

"Probably no one brings my game to the level that Novak does." The match was a Tour-record setting 37th meeting between the two rivals, eclipsing the 36 clashes between John McEnroe and Ivan Lendl. Nadal improved his lead in their series to 22-15.

The left-hander from Mallorca collected prize

money of \$2.6 million. Nadal also pocketed an extra \$1 million for having topped the standings in the US Open run-up series of events, matching the \$3.6 million haul of women's winner Serena Williams. "He was too good," said Australian Open champion Djokovic.

Reuters

Super Bowl contenders flex muscles in Week One

TORONTO, 10 Sept—It may have only been the first week of the National Football League season but that is all that was needed for Super Bowl contenders to reveal themselves while other hopefuls got off to a rocky start.

The Denver Broncos, San Francisco 49ers and New Orleans Saints confirmed their championship ambitions with impressive wins while the New England Patriots and Super Bowl champion Baltimore Ravens had worrying flaws exposed. Over the course of a 16-game season more challengers will surface while others fade, but in January, barring injuries to their star quarterbacks, the Broncos, 49ers and Saints should all be competing for Super Bowl berths. As is typical, the season's opening week of games did not produce the highest quality

performances from teams, coaches or officials.

But some players were quick out of the blocks, led by Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning, who opened the new campaign by tossing a record-equaling seven touchdown passes in a 49-27 demolition of the Ravens. Denver, preseason favourites to win the Super Bowl, should only get better, particularly on defense, when All-Pro defensive back Champ Bailey returns from injury and Von Miller serves his six-game doping suspension. A Ravens title defence suddenly seems a longshot after Manning shredded a Baltimore defense that was without retired inspirational leader Ray Lewis and safety Ed Reed for 49 points — the most ever surrendered by the franchise in a single game.

San Francisco quarter-



Dallas Cowboys linebacker DeVonte Holloman (57, C) recovers a muffed punt which set up a touchdown for the Cowboys against the New York Giants as cornerback Jayron Hosley (L), cornerback Trumaine McBride (2nd L) and linebacker Keith Rivers converge on the play in the second half of their NFL football game in Arlington, Texas on 8 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

back Colin Kaepernick could not match Manning's magic but looks ready to build on last year's breakout season after tossing for a career-high 412 yards and three touchdowns in a 34-28 win over the Green Bay Packers. The 49ers used the opener to unveil their newest offensive weapon, wide receiver An-

quan Boldin, who hauled in 13 catches for 208 yards and a touchdown after coming over from the Ravens in the offseason. "(Kaepernick) did exactly what he's capable of doing," Boldin said. "He did exactly what he needed to do. He's a quarterback first. Being able to run is just a bonus."—Reuters

Norman says bad back contributed to '96 Masters meltdown

MELBOURNE, 10 Sept—It is an excuse 17 years in the making but former world number one Greg Norman has finally come up with an explanation for his infamous final-round flop at the 1996 US Masters which gifted Briton Nick Faldo the famed 'Green Jacket'.

Norman, who held a six-stroke lead heading into the final round but crashed to a 78 in one of the greatest sporting 'chokes' of all time, said he was suffering from a bad back and it was not just a case of nerves



Greg Norman of Australia walks under an umbrella on the 15th green during the second round of the European Masters golf tournament in the Swiss mountain resort of Crans-Montana on 31 Aug, 2012.—REUTERS

getting the better of him. "There's more to it than people realize because I did have back issues that morning," the 58-year-old told the "Australian Story"

programme on state broadcaster ABC. "I tried to walk it off but I couldn't. I told my coach, 'today's not going to be easy.'"

Norman ended up los-

ing one of golf's most coveted titles by five strokes, his third agonizing near-miss at Augusta. The two-time British Open champion also finished runner-up in 1986 when he bogeyed the last hole to miss out on a playoff with a 46-year-old Jack Nicklaus. A year later he was beaten in a playoff by Larry Mize, who chipped in to win. Some will question why Norman has waited so long to break his silence on the back problem, but most golf fans but will understand his reaction to the galling Masters failure.—Reuters

Serena lucky in love on the tennis court

NEW YORK, 10 Sept—Serena Williams admits that having love in her life has been a key to her rousing success over an exhilarating 13 months in which she has won Olympic gold, two US Open titles and a French Open. Following a fitful night's sleep after winning her fifth US Open crown on Sunday in a three-set thriller over world number two Victoria Azarenka, Williams surprised a small group of reporters when asked about the power of love.

"Love? I think it's important to have it in your life, I guess. I'm not an expert on that subject," said Williams, whose stellar run coincides with her partnership with French coach Patrick Mouratoglou, who has also been linked romantically with the American world number one. "Everyone says you

get one. Some people say you get two. I'm definitely in love with tennis right now," Williams, a towering figure in crystal spike heels adorned in gold rhinestones and wearing a black blazer over a mini-dress, added coyly with a smile.

Williams, who will turn 32 later this month, became the oldest women's winner of the US Open since tennis turned professional in 1968 when she claimed her fifth US Open title.

The American world number one said she was having too much fun and success to contemplate leaving the tennis stage. "I haven't thought of a number or age when I'm going to stop. I can tell you this: I don't see myself retiring any time soon and obviously there's some goals that I want to reach and things that I want to do."

Reuters



Serena Williams of the US poses with her trophy after winning the women's singles final match against Victoria Azarenka of Belarus at the US Open tennis tournament in New York's Central Park, on 9 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

GENERAL



A staff member holds a guide card next to a customized shuttle bus in Beijing, China, on 9 Sept, 2013. The Beijing Public Transport Holdings launched customized shuttle buses on Monday, and released three bus routes and price. The customized bus service, designed to meet the passengers' demand of routines and stops, is offered for city dwellers to subscribe a greener option than private cars.—XINHUA

Singapore's NUS ranked top university in Asia

SINGAPORE, 10 Sept—The National University of Singapore was ranked the No 1 university in Asia for the first time, overtaking the University of Hong Kong, according to the World University Rankings by London-based education consultancy Quacquarelli Symonds.

The rankings released on Tuesday saw the university moving up to 24th on the global list. Another Singapore university, the Nanyang Technological University, also jumped six spots in the global ranking to 41st in the world.

"HKU feels like a British university with large numbers of British faculty who have been there a long

time and a more relaxed atmosphere. By contrast, NUS seems to be running faster than others. My suspicion is that at some point in the next 10 years, NUS will enter the top 20," the Straits Times quoted Ben Sowter, head of research at Quacquarelli Symonds, as saying.

Tan Chorh Chuan, president of the National University of Singapore, said that the university was "pleased" with its performance, and that it was a reflection of Singapore's strong support for higher education.

"We will continue to keep a sharp focus on nurturing and recruiting talented academics, staff and students," he said.

Bertil Andersson, presi-

dent of the Nanyang Technological University, said the ranking was "incredible" for the 22-year-old university.

"Recruiting top professors from all over the world boosts our reputation. These professors and researchers have also started to publish. Their research is recognized globally," he said.

On the global list, American universities took seven of the top ten places. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology maintained its top spot, followed by Harvard University, the University of Cambridge, University College London and Imperial College London.

Xinhua

25 militants killed in Afghan raid in 24 hours

KABUL, 10 Sept—Twenty-five militants were killed and eight others were wounded in a series of military operations across Afghanistan since Monday morning, said the country's Interior Ministry on Tuesday.

"In the past 24 hours, Afghan National Police (ANP) conducted several

joint clearance operations with the cooperation of Afghan army, National Security Directorate and Coalition Forces in Badakhshan, Kapisa, Kandahar and Helmand Provinces. As a result 25 armed Taliban was killed, eight wounded and eight others were arrested," the ministry said in a statement providing operational

updates.

The joint forces also found and seized weapons besides defusing several landmines and improvised explosive devices (IEDs), it said.

The Taliban insurgent group, which has been waging an insurgency of more than one decade, has yet to make comments.—Xinhua

Swimmer Nyad to meet skeptics of her record Cuba to US feat

MIAMI, 10 Sept — US long-distance swimmer Diana Nyad plans to meet a group of fellow endurance swimmers to answer skeptics about her record-breaking crossing of the Florida Straits last week. Some long-distance swimmers have taken to social media and blogs to discuss how Nyad, 64, was able to dramatically accelerate her pace during one stretch of the 110 mile swim from Cuba to Key West, Florida. They asked whether or not she received help by holding onto one of five support vessels that accompanied her.

Nyad's team said in a statement on Monday that she planned to meet on Tuesday on "with her peers in the swimming community ... to

answer all their questions directly."The statement said, "Diana is proud of what she and her team accomplished last week, and she is committed to complete transparency." Nyad completed the 53-hour swim without a shark cage. Some skeptics have questioned her use of a customized body suit and face mask to protect her from potentially deadly box jellyfish stings, in contravention of the so-called English Channel rules for swimmers who attempt the crossing between France and Britain.

Australian Chloe McCordel followed English Channel rules in her attempt to swim the Florida Straits in June but was forced to give up after 11 hours after being stung by jellyfish. Defenders

of Nyad point out that while the body suit and face mask protected her from jellyfish it actually hindered her swimming, weighing her down and restricting her arm and leg movement. The face mask also caused greater water resistance and led to her swallowing sea water, causing repeated vomiting. Nyad's team say she used the body suit and face mask as little as possible because it slowed her down. After the swim, Nyad told reporters that she benefited from a favorable current in the Gulf Stream during the second half of the crossing, allowing her to more than double her pace.

Most of the social media chatter stops short of accusing her of cheating, and

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US long-distance swimmer Diana Nyad, 64, who completed her swim from Cuba to Key West, Florida, yesterday, speaks at a news conference on Stock Island, on 3 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

around the world invited to participate in a panel discussion via Skype on Tuesday evening with Nyad and her team."I anticipate it will be an extremely interesting and valuable discussion for everyone," he said. "It will shed a lot of light where there's been none so far." The re-

cord was previously held by Australian Penny Palfrey, who attempted the crossing from Cuba without a shark cage in June 2012, aged 49, and covered 80 miles before she was forced to give up after 41 hours in the water due to adverse currents.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker calls for covering accurate and reliable news in accord with media ethics



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann meets with Region Hluttaw MPs, departmental officials, townsenders at City Hall in Dawei.—MNA

DAWEI, 10 Sept— Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann met with Region Hluttaw representatives, departmental officials, townsenders and responsible persons from the town development supporting committee,

at City Hall in Dawei of Taninthayi Region yesterday morning.

Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko and Region Hluttaw Speaker U Htin Aung Kyaw presented reports. After that, those present gave suggestions on the requirements for

regional development and eternal peace.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker called for all MPs to be serious about people's voices to fulfill their requirements. He urged all media men to obey media ethics by covering accurate and reliable news in the

collaboration on flourishing of democracy in conformity with democratic practices.

Afterwards, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker proceeded to Deep Sea Port of Dawei Special Economic Zone. At the briefing hall of the SEZ, Chairman of Dawei SEZ Supporting Work Group (Temporary) U Aye Han, Chairman of Italian-

Thai Development Public Co, Ltd (ITD) Mr Premchal Karnasuta presented the reports to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and party looked round small scales of Dawei SEZ, Bawa Housing Project and construction of simple houses there.

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Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann observes scale model of Dawei SEZ and Bawa Housing Project.—MNA

Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw receives First Secretary of British Embassy



Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa receives First Secretary Mr Wayne Ives of British Embassy to Myanmar.—MNA

YANGON, 10 Sept— Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa received First Secretary Mr Wayne Ives of the British Embassy to Myanmar at the

Hluttaw Office (Branch) on Inya Road in Kamayut Township, here, this afternoon.

They discussed matters related to the constitution.

Also present at the call were member of Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission U Aung Myint and officials.—MNA

Houses on fire as fighting erupts in southern Philippines

ZAMBOANGA CITY, 10 Sept—Houses were set ablaze on Tuesday as fighting erupted between Philippine security forces and rebels occupying five districts of the southern Philippine city of Zamboanga, witnesses said.

prevented from getting to the houses by sniper fire, a Reuters witness said.

On Monday, hundreds of heavily armed gunmen landed in coastal districts of Zamboanga, took 30 hostages and had planned to march to the city hall to raise their flag and declare an independent state. But

security forces stopped them from reaching the city center and a naval blockade prevented hundreds of gunmen from neighboring Basilan and Jolo from reinforcing their comrades, setting off a sea battle that killed seven rebels, a navy spokesman said.

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JICA trains Myanmar officials on ODA loan disbursements

(By Ye Myint and Aye Min Soe (NLM) reported from Tokyo, Japan)

TOKYO, 10 Sept— The Japan International Cooperation Agency is seeking to ensure smooth disbursement of its aid to Myanmar and raise the level of expertise in receiving

assistance by holding a seminar specifically for Myanmar officials.

JICA, which is preparing nearly 10 percent of its development funds for Myanmar this year, began

a seminar for Myanmar officials for the first time Monday at its training facility in Tokyo.

"This is the very first time for Myanmar officials, numbering 41, to receive a training program in how JICA has been providing ODA loans to developing countries and will focus on enabling trainees to implement the projects effectively and efficiently," Takeharu Kojima, a JICA advisor, told NLM reporters.

Japan first began assistance to Myanmar in 1954, building the Baluchaung Hydropower Plant in Kayah State.

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Ye Myint (NLM) and his colleague seen in Tokyo.—NLM