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U Kyaw Myo Htut appointed as Ambassador to US

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Kyaw Myo Htut, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United States of America.—MNA

Ambassador U Tin Yu concurrently accredited to Belarus

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Tin Yu, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Russian Federation, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Belarus.—MNA

Staff need to be loyal to the State says Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann meets with local people at Myintzuthaka Hall in Kawthoung.—MNA

KAWTHOUNG, 11 Sept—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann met with local people at Myintzuthaka Hall in Kawthoung yesterday morning.

It was attended by Taninthayi Region Chief

Minister U Myat Ko, Region Hluttaw Speaker U Htin Aung Kyaw, Hluttaw Committee Chairmen U Maung Maung Thein, U Soe Naing and U Htay Myint, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Htay, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn, Committee Secretary and members, Defence Services Personnel Representatives, members of the Pyithu Hluttaw Legal

Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission and departmental officials.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker said that the service personnel need to be loyal to the State and the region as Kawthoung is sharing border with the neighbouring country. He urged local people to present their difficulties on the ground. In his concluding remark, he urged all to

refrain from doing any acts that can harm national reconsolidation and national unity. After that, responsible persons from the political parties and Township Development Supporting Committee and townsenders discussed the matters related to regional development, education, health, transport and power supply.

The Hluttaw Affairs Committee Chairmen, the Region Chief Minister, the Region Hluttaw Speaker and departmental officials reviewed the reports.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker viewed the statue of King Bayintnaung and Bayintnaung Hill in Kawthoung, Taninthayi Region and drawing of Myanmar-Thai water territory demarcation line.

From there, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and party visited the 555 hill viewpoint and the islands on Myanmar's side.—MNA

Timorese PM, wife and party arrive in Yangon

YANGON, 11 Sept—A goodwill delegation led by Mr. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, Prime Minister

and Minister of Defence and Security of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and wife Mrs. Kirsty Sword- Gusmão arrived here at 7.15 pm today.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe, wife Daw Khin Thet Htay and officials.

Prime Minister and Minister of Defence and Security of Timor-Leste Mr Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão and wife being welcomed by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe at the airport.—MNA

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Development

Road sections, bridge upgraded to concrete facilities in Sittway



SITTWAY, 11 Sept—A concrete road, which is 6035 feet long, 24 feet wide and

Efforts are being made for timely completion of the road linking Point (Shukhintha) and Sittway Hotel.

The concrete road will have five feet wide pedestrian on either side, 40 lamp-posts, 114 flowery plants and 150 concrete chairs. It is expected to complete construction in April 2014.

The Rakhine State Chief Minister inspected progress

of placing concrete along 9240 feet long road from Sittway Port to Myolechaung Bridge, 1774 feet long road from Myolechaung Creek to Mayyu Junction, 350 feet long road from the junction to Shukhintha concrete road.

The road sections along the road are 11364 feet long, 40 feet wide and eight inches thick.

Moreover, the Chief Minister looked into Hsatyoekya Bridge linking Ywagyitaung Ward and Hsatyoekya Bridge. The bridge is 280 feet long and 80 feet wide with 18 feet wide motorway and three feet wide pedestrian on both sides. Clearance of the bridge is 75 feet wide. It is of RC steel frame type. The bridge will be built through mechanic type system.

Kyemon-State IPRD

YCDC plans to supply 45 more million gallons of water

YANGON, 11 Sept—Yangon City Development Committee is implementing the second phase plan of Ngamoeyeik Water Supply Project's water treatment plant to supply safe water to the dwellers.

The committee manages supply of 160 million gallons of water to Yangonites daily. In late 2013, the committee will increase supply of 205 million gallons of water daily.

To add 45 million gallons of water, the committee manages laying HDPE plastic water

pipelines as of 20 April 2012. The pipelines will be laid along the 22.97 miles long route from Thanthuma road in Thingangyun Township to second phase water treatment plant in Hmawby Ngamoeyeik Project (Nyaunghnapin). In addition, the committee is to build the water station, power station, waterworks and roads.

On completion, the Yangonites will have 205 million gallons of water. So, 60 to 70 percent of population will consume safe water. Moreover, arrangements have been

made to pump up water to the pipe-ended areas. The project will be finished in the last week of September.

In the open season, the second phase project of the water treatment plant (Nyaunghnapin) of Ngamoeyeik Project will kick off. The townships Thingangyun, South Okkalapa, Thakayta, Dawbon, Mingala Taungnyunt, Mayangon, North Okkalapa and Mingaladon where the pipeline passes will have more volume of water than that in the past.

Kyemon-Yi Thant

Successful mini book corner at Kalay District Court



KALAY, 11 Sept—A mini book corner was launched at the recreation hall of Kalay Township Court under the instruction of Kalay District Judge as of June.

Kalay District Information and Public Relations Department opened the mini book corner with the aim of enabling the persons related to the court to have easy access to reading facilities.

Under the leadership of the Kalay District Judge, lawyers, clerks and bookworms residing in Kalay District donate books and publications to the mini book corner weekly.

The number of reader at the mini book corner is growing day by day because they cannot spend their valuable time when they are at the court.

Kyemon-Ju Nine

Knowledge about environmental conservation shared

YANGON, 11 Sept—A talk on environmental conservation was held at Shwetaing Aye Dhammayon of Mula Uyin Monastery in Linlun South Ward of Sangyoung Township on 7 September afternoon.

Deputy Head of Department U Hla

Win Aung and Head of Branch Daw Khin Hnin Aye of Environmental Conservation and Sanitation Department of Yangon City Development Committee gave talks on conservation of environment and climate change in Myanmar and across the world.

They discussed gathering of garbage from 32 buildings at Mula Uyin Monastery.

The people are to abide by disciplines prescribed by YCDC for throwing their garbage dry and wet with the use of packaging.

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Traffic accident kills one in Toungoo



TOUNGOO, 11 Sept—Two trucks collided each other near mile post No 17 8/5 on Yangon-Mandalay Highway near Kanyoe Village of Toungoo Township in Bago Region at 2 pm on 8 September.

A Mitsubishi Canter carrying bags of rice driven by Min Zaw Oo, 41 of Meiktabala Ward in

Meiktila violently collided head-on with 10-wheeled Nissan with the loads of onion bags driven by Wunna Tun. After that, the Canter body was totally damaged due to hitting a tree by the road again.

In the incident, conductor of Canter Ange Lay (a) Aye Min Soe of Meiktila died on the spot

with serious injuries at head, leg and nose. The remaining three persons suffering from serious injuries were rushed to Toungoo District General Hospital.

Toungoo Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit over the traffic accident.

Kyemon-Kyaw Swa (Toungoo)

A trawlergy loaded with gravel overturned between combined gate and nursery of Forest Department at the exist of Taunggyi on downhill road on Taunggyi-Kengtung Union Highway in Kengtung on 9 September.
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Traffic Accidents in Townships

A fully loaded mini truck overturned due of out of control on the road section on Yangon-Mandalay Highway between Pyisok Village and Hmansi Village in Yedashe Township of Bago Region at 4.30 am on 9 September.
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WORLD

Kerry to meet Russian counterpart on diplomatic solution to Syria crisis

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept — US Secretary of State John Kerry is to meet with his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov in Geneva on Thursday to discuss Russia's proposal for Syria to surrender its chemical weapons to avert a US military strike, a media report said Tuesday.

A US State Department official has confirmed the meeting, according to a report published by the Capitol Hill newspaper *The Hill* on its website. It did not disclose further details

of the meeting or how long Kerry will stay in Geneva.

The meeting was scheduled after a dramatic turn to the Syria crisis occurred on Monday, when Russia proposed Syria place its stockpiles of chemical weapons under international control so as to solve the crisis in a diplomatic way.

Syria has agreed to accept Russia's proposal to avoid a possible US military strike. Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem said in Moscow on Tuesday that his country is ready

to "completely cooperate" with Russia to implement the initiative and will reveal the sites of its chemical weapons storage to representatives of Russia and the United Nations.

Washington welcomed Russia's proposal as paving the way for a possible diplomatic breakthrough in the Syria crisis, while expressing deep skepticism that this could be a "stalling tactic" by Damascus to delay the US military attack on Syria.

US President Barack Obama and his security team have been working hard in recent days to lobby Congress to authorize the use of force against Syria as punishment for the alleged on 21 August chemical attack in the suburbs of Damascus, which the US claims killed more than 1,400 people. Syrian government has strongly denied the accusation.

Kerry, speaking in a State Department-sponsored Google hangout on Tuesday, stressed that any deal for Syria to surrender its chemical weapons must include a "fully verifiable process."

Xinhua



US Secretary of State John Kerry (L), Secretary of Defence Chuck Hagel (C) and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Martin Dempsey testify before the House Armed Services Committee during a hearing on the authorization of use of force in Syria on Capitol Hill in Washington DC, capital of the United States, on 10 Sept, 2013.—XINHUA

White House ramps up 9/11 security measures, citing Benghazi

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept — The White House on Tuesday said it had ordered heightened security of US facilities abroad on the 11 September anniversary, citing the attack that killed four US government employees in Benghazi, Libya, last year.

"The president's national security team is taking measures to prevent 9/11 related attacks and to ensure the protection of US persons and facilities abroad," the White House said in a statement.

President Barack Obama's counterterrorism aide Lisa Monaco has been in charge of reviewing security measures in place for

the anniversary, the White House said.

Four Americans including the US Ambassador to Libya were killed in an attack on a compound in Benghazi a year ago. The administration initially said the assault grew out of anti-Western protests.

Later, however, it turned out that Islamist extremists launched the attack on the 11 September anniversary. The administration was forced for months to defend its handling of the events at Benghazi, with critics charging officials deliberately played down the nature of the attack to protect the president's re-election bid.—Reuters



People plant some of the 3000 US flags placed in memory of the lives lost in the September 11, 2001 attacks, at a park in Winnetka, Illinois, on 10 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

Obama vows to explore diplomatic route on Syria chemical weapons

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept — US President Barack Obama vowed on Tuesday to explore a diplomatic initiative from Russia to neutralize Syria's chemical weapons but voiced skepticism about it and urged war-weary Americans to support his threat to use military force.

Obama said a Russian offer to push Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to place chemical weapons under international control opened up the possibility of halting the limited military strike that he is considering against Syria.

Speaking from the White House's East Room, Obama said US he would discuss the diplomatic option with Russian President Vladimir Putin, with whom he has had rocky relations.

Obama asked the US Senate to put off a vote on his request for an authorization of military force to let the diplomacy play out. It has been far from certain whether Obama would win a vote in the restive Congress on the Syrian issue. A negative outcome would be a huge embarrassment for the president.

Obama set no deadlines for diplomacy to run its course, but said any deal



US President Barack Obama addresses the nation about the situation in Syria from the East Room at the White House in Washington, on 10 Sept, 2013.

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with Assad would require verification that the Syrian president keeps his word.

"It's too early to tell whether this offer will succeed. And any agreement must verify that the Assad regime keeps its commitments. But this initiative has the potential to remove the threat of chemical weapons without the use of force, particularly because Russia is one of Assad's strongest allies."

The Russian offer had the effect of extending Obama a lifeline as he fought an uphill battle to persuade Congress and Americans to support a go-it-alone attack

on Syria.

Obama has faced stiff resistance in Congress to any military action and lawmakers on both sides of the issue were quick to seize on the Russian proposal as a possible way out, despite doubts about its eventual success.

Obama used much of his speech to lay out the case against Syria, saying there was plenty of evidence showing that the Syrian government was behind on 21 August chemical weapons attack that killed 1,429 people, including more than 400 children.

Reuters

Italian lawmakers delay showdown over Berlusconi

ROME, 11 Sept — Italian lawmakers on Tuesday pulled back from a showdown over the political future of Silvio Berlusconi after allies of the billionaire media tycoon threatened to bring down Prime Minister Enrico Letta's unstable ruling coalition.

A meeting of a cross-party Senate committee charged with deciding whether Berlusconi should be barred from the Senate following a conviction for tax fraud ended without holding a vote, easing political tensions at least for the time being.

The centre-left Democratic Party (PD), which has the largest presence on the 23-member committee, accepted centre-right

demands to slow down hearings on the case, but it maintains its position that Berlusconi must lose his seat.

The meeting ended at around midnight (6 pm

ET). Hearings will resume on Thursday at 9 am ET, Senator Benedetto Della Vedova of Mario Monti's Civic Choice said.

"The discussion will start again in the next few

days and it will take a long time," the Senate group of the anti-establishment 5-Star Movement, which is most hostile to Berlusconi, said in a tweet as the meeting neared its end.

After a tense day in which centre-right leaders threatened to pull out of Letta's coalition, potentially triggering snap elections, a sign of reduced hostilities came when Berlusconi called off a meeting with his lawmakers scheduled for Wednesday. Many observers had expected that meeting to sanction the end of the Letta government if the center-left had maintained the uncompromising stance it had shown at an initial committee meeting on Monday.—Reuters



People of Liberty party (PDL) leader Silvio Berlusconi talks with reporters as he signs a referendum on justice reforms and human rights in downtown Rome on 31 August, 2013.—REUTERS

Two Koreas agree to reopen joint industrial zone on 16 September

SEOUL, 11 Sept — North and South Korea have agreed to resume operations at the shuttered joint industrial zone in the North's border city of Kaesong from next week, according to a statement released on

Thursday by South Korea's Unification Ministry.

The agreement was reached on Wednesday during the second round of a joint committee meeting held at Kaesong to work out details on how to resume op-

erations at the complex that came to a halt in early April amid heightened tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

Under the agreement, South Korean firms will be allowed to restart operations at the zone after a trial run

on Monday, the statement said. The two Koreas also agreed to host a road show for foreign investors at the zone in October in an effort to develop Kaesong into an international industrial zone.

Kyodo News

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Three space station crewmembers land after 166-day mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, (Florida), 11 Sept—Two Russian cosmonauts and a US astronaut left the *International Space Station* on Tuesday, leaving a skeleton crew to maintain the outpost until replacements arrive later this month.

Outgoing station commander Pavel Vinogradov, NASA astronaut Christopher Cassidy and Russian cosmonaut Alexander Misurkin bid their crewmates good-bye and climbed aboard their Russian *Soyuz* capsule to prepare for a 3.5-hour flight back to Earth after 166 days in orbit.

“The time has gone by so incredibly fast,” Cassidy said during an inflight interview last week.

“It’ll be really sad to leave. This is an incredible experience ... but by the same token, I’m ready to go. It’s time for some other people to come ... and I’m really excited to go back and see my friends and family.”

Before leaving, Vinogradov, a veteran of three spaceflights, transferred command of the \$100 billion station, a project of 15 nations, to fellow cosmonaut Fyodor Yurchikhin, who remains aboard with Italian astronaut Luca Parmitano and NASA’s Karen Nyberg.

“We had a great environment here, very friendly and very warm,” Vinogradov said through a translator in a ceremony on NASA TV on Monday marking the change in command.

Strapped inside their *Soyuz* capsule, Vinogradov, Cassidy and Misurkin pulled away from the station’s Poisk module at 7:35 pm EDT/1135 GMT as the two ships sailed 258 miles above Mongolia, said NASA mission commentator Brandi Dean.

Three hours later, the *Soyuz* hit the top of Earth’s atmosphere, giving the men their first sampling of gravity since their launch

on 28 March. The final leg of the journey took place under parachutes, with the capsule finally coming to a stop on the steppes of Kazakhstan at 10:58 pm EDT/0258 GMT, marking the end of the Expedition



36 mission. The space station has been continuously staffed by rotating crews of astronauts and cosmonauts since November 2000. Following medical checks, Vinogradov and Misurkin will be flown to Star City near Moscow. Cassidy will fly on a NASA jet back to the

The International Space Station crew members (L to R) US astronaut Chris Cassidy and Russian cosmonauts Pavel Vinogradov and Alexander Misurkin walk after donning space suits before the launch at the Baikonur cosmodrome March 28, 2013.

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Johnson Space Centre in Houston.

A replacement space station crew, headed by veteran cosmonaut Oleg Kotov and including rookies Sergey Ryazanskiy and Michael Hopkins, is due to launch on 25 September.

Reuters

Google loses appeal in Street View privacy case

TORONTO, 11 Sept—A federal appeals court rejected Google Inc’s bid to dismiss a lawsuit accusing it of violating federal wiretap law when its accidentally collected emails and other personal data while building its popular Street View program.

The 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals refused to exempt Google from liability under the federal Wiretap Act for having inadvertently intercepted emails, user names, passwords and other data from private Wi-Fi networks to create Street View, which provides panoramic views of city streets.

“It’s a landmark decision that affirms the privacy of electronic communications for wireless networks,” said Marc Rotenberg, executive director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center in Washington, DC.

“Many Internet users depend on wireless networks to connect devices in their homes, such as printers and laptops, and companies should not be snooping on their communications or collecting private data.”

Writing for a three-judge panel, Circuit Judge Jay Bybee said Wi-Fi communications did not qualify as a “radio communication,” or an “electronic communication” that was “readily accessible to the general public,” such that Google deserved an exemption from the Wiretap Act.

“Even if it is commonplace for members of the general public to connect to a neighbour’s unencrypted Wi-Fi network,” Bybee wrote, “members of the general public do not typically mistakenly intercept, store, and decode data transmitted by other devices on the network.”—Reuters



A Google logo is seen at the entrance to the company’s offices in Toronto on 5 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Apple aims to extend market reach with two new iPhones



Phil Schiller, senior vice president of worldwide marketing for Apple Inc, talks about the pricing of the new iPhone 5C at Apple Inc’s media event in Cupertino, California on 10 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

CUPERTINO, (California), 11 Sept—Apple Inc unveiled on Tuesday an iPhone with a fingerprint scanner to help it stand out in a crowded field of similar smartphones, plus a cheaper plastic model for emerging markets that proved pricier than expected.

The “iPhone 5C” comes in five hues—blue, green, pink, yellow and white—and starts in the United States at \$99 with a contract, or \$549 without. But an unlocked 5C will go for 4,488 yuan (\$730) and above in China, more than the average urban resident earns in a month and a price that may disappoint those hoping for a more aggres-

sive assault on the world’s largest cellular market.

Apple has been losing ground to Samsung Electronics Co Ltd and Huawei Technologies Co Ltd in emerging markets such as China, and a more affordable 5C was deemed instrumental to helping it claw back market share.

It also needs to sharply expand its existing distribution. The company on Wednesday did not address speculation that it is on the verge of signing a distribution pact with China Mobile Ltd, the country’s biggest wireless carrier with more than 740 million subscribers. Otherwise, details of the two new iPhone models

had been telegraphed ahead of time in several media reports, leaving the US launch devoid of major surprises, and Apple shares dropped more than 2 percent on Tuesday to \$494.64.

The pricier “5S” begins at \$199 with a contract and also comes in three colours—gray, silver and gold. It sports a faster processor, a camera that takes bursts of photos and chooses the best, and the fingerprint-scanner that unlocks the phone with a touch. It also includes a separate chip, called the “M7 Motion co-processor”, which can track motion data continuously without heavily draining the battery.

That opens the door to better track sports and fitness-related user activity, now the domain of wearable devices like the wrist-worn Fitbit, and lets developers experiment with apps that make use of those functions.

Carolina Milanesi, an analyst with Gartner, called it “brilliance” on Apple’s part, in that it gives them potential exposure to the wearable-devices market without having to actually design and rush out a gadget of their own like a smartwatch. Apple stock had gained more than 11 percent over the past month, in

a typical rally ahead of a big product launch. Tuesday’s sell-off also reflected a post-event pattern.

“We are just seeing an aspect of device numbing or resistance, meaning it takes more and more to thrill and excite the consumer,” said Jonathan Kanterman, an independent alternative investment consultant.

The cheaper phone goes on sale online on Friday, while the pricier gadget will be available from September 20. For the first time, it will sell in China at the same time as the United States, a move expected to severely curtail the underground market for smuggled phones in the world’s No 2 economy.

The 5C marks a departure from Apple’s focus on purely premium phones, but not as much as some expected. “It means Apple will hold on to margins but clearly they are not going after the very low-end of the market, which will disappoint some investors,” said Shannon Cross of Cross Research. “This is their first foray into multiple colors and the plastic back. Keep in mind by next year they would have probably have discounted this down, so I think there’s still opportunity.”

Reuters

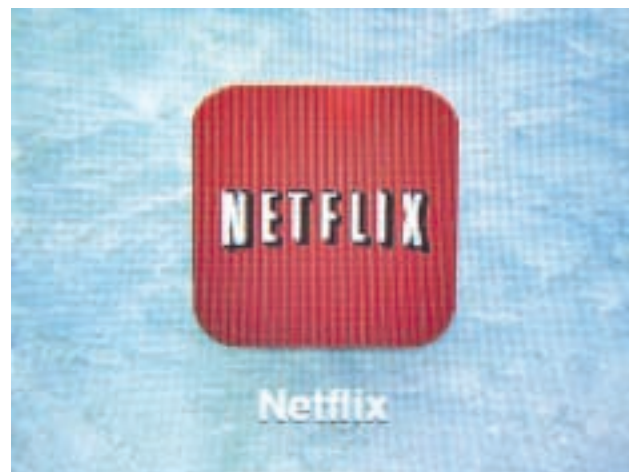
Netflix launches video streaming service in The Netherlands

NEW YORK, 11 Sept—Netflix Inc launched its video streaming service in The Netherlands on Wednesday, offering movies and TV shows from Hollywood and local producers as the US-based company expands its reach into Europe.

The service will cost 7.99 euros (\$10.60) a month for on-demand content watchable on Internet-connected TVs and mobile devices, Netflix said in a

statement. The company announced in June it would enter The Netherlands market this year but had not revealed a specific date.

Netflix boasts 29.8 million streaming subscribers in the United States and 7.8 million in international markets, delivering movies and TV shows to Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, Scandinavia and parts of Latin America and the Caribbean.—Reuters



BUSINESS & HEALTH

Auto execs more downbeat than desperate at 2013 Frankfurt show

FRANKFURT, 11 Sept—At the last Frankfurt motor show in 2009, the big story was not the cars, but the euro zone crisis and specifically how the continent's car companies could survive.

This year, the crisis is waning but caution remains. As sales continue to lag, especially in Southern Europe, the most interesting new models are not sports or luxury cars, but family station wagons, the epitome of practicality.

The most troubled car companies, France's

Peugeot SA (PEUP.PA) and Italy's Fiat SpA (FIA.MI), have cut product-development spending so much that they have little new to display. But cutting-edge designs are also few and far between on the stands of even such market leaders as Volkswagen AG (VOWG_p.DE).

As a barometer of Europe's economy, the show's atmosphere has improved in two years—from desperate to downbeat—while the attitudes of Europe's top auto executives reflect much of the market's ambivalence.

"Perhaps a little bit of optimism is justified," said Trevor Mann, Nissan Motor Co Ltd (7201.T) executive vice president. "But I think the recovery generally will be slow (and) we should not get over-enthusiastic."

Alfredo Altavilla, chief operating officer of Fiat's Europe, Middle East and African regions, added: "The real answer is that no one has any visibility beyond the quarter. The trend is stabilizing (but) it's too soon to say that it's picking up."

Reuters



The stand of Volkswagen is pictured during a media preview day at the Frankfurt Motor Show (IAA) on 10 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Britain's house prices jump in August, setting in train increased growth

LONDON, 11 Sept—The British economy could be set in train for a period of increased growth, backed by rising housing prices which recorded their fastest rise in almost seven years.

The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) house price survey released on Tuesday revealed increased optimism, with new buyer inquiries jumping to +66 from +54.

The survey also

showed surveyors across the country reporting rising prices at +40, up from +37 a month before.

James Knightley, senior UK economist at ING, said: "The strengthening housing market is already having a positive feedback into consumer confidence as households feel wealthier. With credit availability improving and the cost of borrowing falling, this could become a virtuous

positive spiral, which is likely to support economic activity more broadly as households become more inclined to spend."

The British economy has struggled to recover from the after-effects of the financial crisis and the subsequent recession, and largely flatlined between 2010 and the first quarter of this year. The past two quarters have shown encouraging growth, 0.3

percent and 0.7 percent increases respectively, with most economists revising upwards their expectations for growth this year and next. RICS survey respondents remarked that government measures designed to stimulate the mortgage and housing market such as the Funding for Lending Scheme (FLS) and Help to Buy had helped spark the improvement in house-buying activity.—Xinhua



A no entry sign is pictured outside the GlaxoSmithKline building in Hounslow, west London on 18 June, 2013.

REUTERS

FDA panel supports approval of Glaxo lung drug Anoro

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept—A federal advisory panel recommended approval of GlaxoSmithKline Plc's new drug to treat chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), but suggested the company be required to conduct further safety studies once the drug is approved.

The panel of expert advisers to the US Food and Drug Administration voted 11-2 on Tuesday to approve the inhaled drug, Anoro Ellipta, which is designed to improve lung function in people with the disease, which is typically associated with smoking.

Anoro is a combination of vilanterol, a long-acting beta-agonist (LABA) which opens the airways, and umeclidinium, a long-acting muscarinic receptor antagonist (LAMA) which improves lung function. GSK is developing the product with partner Theravance Inc.

The FDA is not required to follow the advice of its advisory panels but typically does so.

Anoro is expected to generate sales of more than \$2 billion a year by 2018, according to the average estimate of six analysts polled by Thomson Reuters. A decision is expected by 18 December.

Much of the panel's discussion centred on the drug's safety profile, which showed an imbalance in the number of non-fatal heart attacks experienced by patients taking Anoro in certain clinical trials compared with those taking a placebo.

A similar imbalance was not seen in a longer study of the drug at a higher dose, however, leaving many panel members scratching their heads and worried that additional heart problems could emerge once the drug is used outside the closely-monitored confines of a clinical trial.

Dr. James Stoller, chair of the Education Institute at the Cleveland Clinic, said the data left him with a "non-specific sense of unease" and he voted against the drug.

Reuters



US Airways, American defend planned merger in court filing

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept—US Airways defended its proposed merger with American Airlines on Tuesday, arguing that the deal would create \$500 million in savings to consumers annually by building a stronger competitor to Delta Air Lines Inc and United Continental. The Justice Department filed a lawsuit on 13 August to stop the \$11 billion deal between US Airways Group and American's parent AMR Corp. The government argues the merger would violate anti-trust laws because it would lead to higher fares and related fees.

In November, a judge will hear the case without a jury and decide whether the

merger should go forward.

US Airways, in a filing Tuesday evening, argued that the deal was lawful and should be allowed to go forward. "Conservative estimates place the net benefits to consumers at more than \$500 million annually," the company wrote in its 50-page filing.

US Airways accused the Justice Department of ignoring the rise of small, aggressive low-cost carriers such as JetBlue Airways and Spirit Airlines, saying that they, along with Southwest Airlines Co and regional airlines, now carry 40 percent of US air traffic. "The demonstrable success of low-cost carriers is a market-driven response to

consumer demand, but the (Justice Department) complaint inexplicably ignores their profound and permanent effect on industry competition," US Airways said.

American also weighed in, saying that those opposed to the deal were "ignoring the realities of the airline industry."

"This transaction, viewed through the lens of the actual US airline industry today, rather than some idealized vision of the past, does not violate the anti-trust laws," American said in its 15-page filing. "The airline industry is intensely competitive today and would remain so after this transaction."—Reuters

US Airways jets are seen at Reagan National Airport in Washington on 12 July, 2013.

REUTERS

Infectious diseases kill 1,497 in China in August

BEIJING, 11 Sept—A total of 1,497 people died of infectious diseases on the Chinese mainland in August, with AIDS the top cause of death, according to figures released by health authorities on Monday.

AIDS infections resulted in 1,102 deaths last month, according to a statement posted on the website of the National Health and Family Planning Commission.

Tuberculosis was the second-biggest killer by claiming 161 lives.

A total of 619,396 infectious disease cases were reported on the Chinese mainland last month, according to the statement.

Ten cases of cholera were reported, but no deaths were reported in this regard.

Plague and cholera are categorized as Class A infectious diseases—the most serious infectious disease category.

Xinhua

US envoy on N Korea suggests time not ripe to resume to 6-party talks



Glyn Davies (L), US special representative for North Korea policy, and Cho Tae Yong, South Korea's special representative for Korean Peninsula peace and security affairs, shake hands ahead of their talks in Seoul on 10 Sept, 2013.

KYODO NEWS

SEOUL, 11 Sept—A senior US envoy urged North Korea on Tuesday to fulfill its denuclearization obligations and suggested the time is not ripe to resume the long-stalled six-party talks as the country keeps asserting that it is a nuclear power.

“Right now, we simply do not see the positive attitude of North Korea toward fulfilling its obligations, its

commitments to living up to the UN Security Council resolutions,” Glyn Davies, US special representative for North Korea policy, told reporters.

Davies, who arrived in Seoul on Monday for a two-day visit, made the remarks after talking with Cho Tae Yong, South Korea's chief delegate to the six-party talks. “We need to see some signs that they are sincere

about what is the central issue of the six-party process, which is the peaceful denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula,” Davies said.

Cho, standing alongside Davies, also stressed North Korea should realize the purpose of the six-party talks is to achieve North Korea's denuclearization and should take whatever actions are necessary to reach that goal.

“Basically, North Korea should decide to give up nuclear weapons and come forward on the path of peace,” Cho said.

Davies arrived in China later Tuesday and is to visit Japan later this week.

The six-party talks involving the two Koreas, the United States, China, Japan and Russia have been suspended since late 2008.

Kyodo News



The US Special Representative for North Korea Policy, Glyn Davies, answers reporters' questions upon arriving at Incheon Airport in South Korea on 9 Sept, 2013. —KYODO NEWS

Tropical storms Gabrielle, Humberto swirl in Atlantic

MIAMI, 11 Sept—Tropical Storm Gabrielle regenerated and bore down on Bermuda on Tuesday while Tropical Storm Humberto strengthened to the verge of becoming the season's first Atlantic hurricane, forecasters said.

The burst of activity came right on schedule as the Atlantic-Caribbean storm season hit its traditional peak. Gabrielle was about 30 miles south-southwest of Bermuda and forecasters at the US National Hurricane Centre said it was expected to pass over the mid-Atlantic island later Tuesday.

Its top winds had jumped to 60 mph, up from 40 mph earlier, and a slight further increase in strength seemed likely, the forecasters said. They said Bermuda was already being lashed by rough seas, heavy wind gusts and rain and several flights to the island had been canceled in anticipation of the storm.

The affluent British territory has strict building codes and tends to withstand tropical storms without major damage. Gabrielle first formed last week in the northeastern Caribbean, soaking Puerto Rico as it crossed into the Atlan-



Tropical storm Humberto (lower R) and the remnants of tropical storm Gabrielle near the Bahamas are shown in this image provided by NOAA's GOES-East satellite and captured on 9 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

tic. It fizzled quickly, but regrouped during the weekend and became a tropical storm again on Tuesday.

On its current track, after dusting Bermuda, Gabrielle should curve north toward Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, the hurricane center said. It was expected to remain a tropical storm until it approached Newfoundland on Saturday. Tropical Storm Humberto formed on Monday in the eastern Atlantic near the African coast and brushed by the southern Cape Verde Islands. It was about 245 miles west of Cape Verde on Tuesday afternoon, headed northwest over open waters and posing no threat to land.

Humberto had top winds of 70 mph and was expected to cross the 74 mph threshold to become a hurricane later Tuesday or early Wednesday.

It is the eighth tropical storm of the Atlantic-Caribbean hurricane season, which runs from 1 June to 30 November and historically peaks on 10 September. But it would be the first this year to reach hurricane strength. The first hurricane of the season usually forms by 10 August. Since the dawn of the satellite era in the mid-1960s, the latest date for the first hurricane to arrive was set in 2002 when Hurricane Gustav made its debut on 11 September.—Reuters

Iran says time for solving nuclear issue not “unlimited”

TEHRAN, 11 Sept—Iran's President Hassan Rouhani said on Tuesday that time for solving the nuclear issue of the Islamic republic is not “unlimited” and both sides should seize the time. “The world should

know that the time span for resolving the nuclear issue will not be unlimited and they (powers) should seize the time and we will,” said Rouhani in a televised speech on Tuesday night.

The end results of the

upcoming talks between Iran and the world powers over Iran's nuclear issue should be based on a win-win approach and a win-lost formula is meaningless, said the Iranian president.

Xinhua

Police fire teargas to disperse protests in Turkish cities

ISTANBUL, 11 Sept—Turkish police used teargas to disperse crowds in Istanbul and Ankara who were rallying against the death of a protester earlier in the day, witnesses said.

Police blocked protesters from reaching Istanbul's Taksim Square—the focus of recent anti-government protests.

Dozens of riot police backed by water cannon advanced down a main pedestrian and some fired teargas canisters and plastic pellets into side streets as protesters fled.

In the capital Ankara, more than 1,000 people gathered in the central square of Kizilay before police used water cannon and teargas to break up the crowd.

Broadcaster CNN Turk said protests also occurred in the southern Province

of Hatay at the funeral of Ahmet Atakan, 22, who died in the early hours of Tuesday at a demonstration against Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan's handling of nationwide protests this summer.

The cause of Atakan's death was in dispute, with witnesses saying he suffered a blunt trauma to the

head, while police said he fell from a rooftop.

Teargas in Istanbul forced UEFA match officials to temporarily halt play at an Under-21 match between Turkey and Sweden after gas affected players at the Recep Tayyip Erdogan Stadium near Taksim, CNN Turk reported.

Reuters



A masked demonstrator uses fireworks against riot police with a home made device during a protest in central Istanbul on 10 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

LOCAL NEWS

Self-reliant transformer launched in Ottwin Tsp

OTTWIN, 11 Sept—A ceremony to launch 11/0.4 KV, 315 KVA transformer was held in Bawdigon Village of Pauktaw Village-tract in Ottwin Township on 5 September.

The transformer was installed on a self-reliant basis of the local people, spending over K56.9 million within four months.

Bago Region Minister

for Electric and Industry U Baby Ohn, Deputy Region Electrical Engineer U Win Myint and Township Administrator U Kyaw Shwe made speeches.

Village Electrification Committee U Lay Win explained tasks to supply electricity to the village. The ceremony was attended by about 100 people.

MMAL-TownshipIPRD

National Sports

Cash assistance provided to aerobic athletes

PYAWBWE, 11 Sept—The cash assistance was provided to members of the Pyawbwe Township aerobics team that will take part in the Mandalay Region Women's Affairs Organization Aerobics Contest on 7 September evening.

Cash was provided by Pyawbwe Township Sports and Physical Education Department and Township

WAO.

Chairperson of Township WAO Daw Myint Myint Htwegave instructions to the athletes and presented cash assistance to the athletes through coach trainer Daw Tin Thuza Htweg.

The athletes of the township will take part in the single, triple and team events.

MMAL-440

Sittway youths participate in administrator cup football tournament



SITTWAY, 11 Sept—The Sittway Township Administrator's Cup U-25 Football Tournament 2013 was held at Danyawady sports ground in Sittway on 8 September afternoon, with an address by Township Administrator U Tin Myint.

Among the spectators were township level departmental officials and coaches.

In the debut of the group matches, Football Field team played against Mingan Ward.

Altogether 32 teams are taking part in the first round knock-out matches.

The second round will be held with 16 teams in groups. After that, the quarterfinal, semifinal and

final match followed in the programme.

MMAL-L/003

Two-star floating hotel under construction in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 11 Sept—A floating hotel with two star is under construction for tourists at Mayangyan Jetty of Ayeyawady River in Mandalay.

Construction started in December 2012 and it is expected to complete construction tasks before the XXVII SEA Games, said U Lay Myint, the manager of the construction tasks.

At present, the construction tasks have

TACHILEK, 11 Sept—Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge No 1 was upgraded at International Gate in Tachilek.

The foreigners are allowed with passport and visa for their of entry and exist as of 28 August 2013.

So far, five Myanmar men and nine women, totalling 14 and 10 foreigner men and five women, totalling 15 entered the nation. Meanwhile, 11 Myanmar and 17 foreigners exited there.

Two foreigners submitted EV (B) visas, 11 with EV (T) visas and two with MJSRV visa, totalling 15 for entry whereas two

Foreigners pass Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge No 1 in Tachilek



foreigners showed off EV (B) visas and 15 EV(T) visas for exit.

Foreigners were from Germany, Spain, Australia the Netherlands, Italy, Thailand, China, Ireland, and France.

MMAL-Maung Yin Kyay

Odd News

Food poison kills baby in Kawlin Township

KAWLIN, 11 Sept—Two sisters Ma Kyu Kyu Naing, 27 and Ma May Myat Noe, ate one cake from the tea shop in Taungpon Village of Kawlin Township in Sagaing Region at 3.30 pm on 1 September.

A half hour later, they became unconsciousness with froth after vomiting due to food poison. Nanda Myitta social association transported Ma Kyu Kyu Khaing at 4 pm to Kanbalu

People's Hospital by car.

After the car had left there, Ma May Myat Moe, ate the remaining parts of cake and was unconscious like Ma Kyu Kyu Khaing.

Officials from Rural Health Centre in Kokkagon Village of Kawlin Township sent her to Kanbalu People's Hospital but she was pronounced dead at 1.30 am on 2 September.

MMAL-092

Shan State govt provides cash assistance to flood victims

MONGPHYAT, 11 Sept—Shan State government provided cash assistance to flood victims of Suklaung Village in Mongphyat Township of Shan State.

On 10 August, four households were evacuated to the safe place due to overflow of Namlon Creek.

Therefore, Shan State

government presented K 120,000 to the households for reconstruction of their houses.

On 6 September, Township Administrator U Zaw Myo Nyunt and officials handed over the cash assistance to the flood victims at their home.

MMAL-Than Zaw (Mongphyat)

in Mandalay

been completed by 80 per cent. The hotel will be 235 feet long, 53 feet wide and

13 feet draught. It will have seventy 20x18 feet rooms, 40 double



Crime

Illegal foreign cigarette seized in Pangsai (Kyukok)

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Members of Pangsai (Kyukok) police station of Shan State, acting on information, together with witnesses, raided the house of Ma Wam Hong, 49 of Ward 4 in Pangsai (Kyukok) on 5 September.

They seized 481 cartons of cigarette boxes with Yan Yan brand, 686 China-made

Honghe brand cigarette cartons, 174 cartons of China-made Hongtashan brand cigarette, 1345 cartons of Hescanlest brand cigarette and 15 sheets of golden papers for cigarette boxes.

Pangsai (Kyukok) police station opened a file of lawsuit against Ma Wam Hon under the law.

MMAL-Police Information



Heavy rains in Bhamo Township of Kachin State caused inundation at Letpandan, Khuntha and Tatkale wards on 7 September. On 8 September, the roads were flooded and the local people used boats in their transportation.—MMAL-MINTADATHAR

rooms, four family rooms and two suites.

“When water level of

Ayeyawady River subsides, the jetty, 350 feet long and 125 feet wide jetty will be built on the Mandalay bank. Ten pony carts design structures will be built along the beach. Arrangements have been made for transport of visitors by speed boat,” said U Lay Myint.

The hotel will accept charge of service in Kyats for Myanmar people but the foreigners will be prioritized.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay)

ARTICLE

Politics and Media



Special Interest

Special interest is generally understood as people seeking benefits (or) privileges through advocacies (or) lobbies. Mostly, such interest is served only with a particular person, community, social class or group. However, special-interest groups functioning with long-term social objectives can be large and important for political and social development (for example, environmental conservation groups). To assure such kind of interest, special-interest groups are usually formed with intellectuals and technical experts in respective fields, which sometimes cooperate for mutual interests. Support for special interest advocacies and lobbies are often rallied through network links. Various approaches are applied to serve special interest, ranging from direct lobbying, communications, mobilization through media, trying new things to draw interest of ordinary people, petitions, specific field surveys, public assemblies to mass activities. Their consequences make it hard for officials from branches of power to distinguish between public interest and special interest in decision-making process. Though the officials prefer to serve public interest, they need to take a lot of risks to do so as public interest

makes a silent approach whereas special interest makes a loud arrival. On the global stage, officials with considerable experience in political field do not view special interest groups like environmental conservation groups which are believed to serve public interest as the representatives of public interest but as groups which just should be favoured over private interest.

I am discussing public interest and special interest as far as I know in order that officials from branches of power can make right and sensible decision in serving the public interest. Likewise, media persons need to be able to distinguish between these two interests to accomplish their duties because media is mainly responsible to share information that can serve public interest without intruding on privacy of others. We all need to understand that it is the right of people to obtain accurate information from the media. This is stipulated in detail in the code of ethics of prestigious Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) which says journalists should avoid conflicts of interest, real or perceived; remain free of associations and activities that may compromise integrity or damage credibility, refuse gifts, favors, fees, free travel and special treatment, and shun secondary employment, political involvement, public office and service in community organizations if they compromise journalistic integrity; disclose unavoidable conflicts; be vigilant and courageous about holding those with power accountable: deny favored treatment to advertisers and special interests and resist their pressure to influence

news coverage; and be wary of sources offering information for favors or money; avoid bidding for news. I think these are ideal concepts for journalists.

Now is the time a range of options are available for media development in our country. It is everyone's knowledge that such opportunity has not arisen over the past decades. We should be able to accept that personnel from branches of power and journalists, despite mountains of

Min Ba Htoo

differences between them, are striving for a good media environment with own ways. As the two parties share the same intention of serving public interest, personnel from branches of power should not hold that what they are doing is the best and the media should not insist that all of their demands must be met. But, it is required to set a specific goal for development of Myanmar media by common consent. This is sorting a common ground out of differences. Only then, it would pave the clear way for development of Myanmar media, removing some potential obstacles.

In a democracy, three pillars and the Fourth Estate, the media can never be partners, but at the same time they should not view each other as an enemy. They are like two men standing facing each other and need to accept that their points of view can't be same, each has its own point of view and one's right side is the left side of the other. I would like to quote some points from "A Responsible Press Office in the Digital Age" by

former White House officer Ms Sullivan who provided training on relations with media to government officials at Ministry of Information in August as follows:

"We believe that truth is inviolable and sacred; that providing public information is an essential civil service."

"There will come a time when a reporter needs to ask probing questions or write or air a story that you may not want. You can't just rely on friendship. Something will suffer—either the professional relationship or the friendship."

"In a democracy, press and government cannot be partners. They are natural adversaries with different functions. Each should respect the role of the other and yet recognize that a natural tension exist between the two."

Even at the present time when democracy is being introduced, if personnel from branches of power and media did their own jobs rightly and bravely, one side was willing to try to understand the works of other and both sides were willing to recognize the natural concerns of each other, the two would be able to avoid apparent confrontations to create a favourable media environment.

In reality, officials from the branches of power and media have a lot in common regarding the professional ethics to observe under democracy system. As media has own codes of ethics I will not go into details. But I would like to tell some about what code of ethics the government press teams should follow.

(To be continued)

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PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 12 September, 2013

Produce quality products

Being an ASEAN member country, Myanmar is making efforts for emergence of the ASEAN Community in 2015. We are reviewing our roadmap to the ASEAN Community 2015 with its three community blueprints: ASEAN Political-Security Community, ASEAN Economic Community, and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community. Among them, ASEAN Economic Community is crucial for the country.

The ASEAN Economic Community can generate trade promotion between ASEAN countries; establishment of ASEAN free trade areas with dialogue partner countries and implementation of integrated master plan in the ASEAN region.

Meanwhile, all-out efforts are being made for establishment of SMEs through the country. And it needs to produce high quality products that can compete with those of foreign countries, adhering to local and foreign norms and standards.

Production of quality products can protect market collapse. Every product bearing "Made in Myanmar" label should meet international standard. Every product should provide guarantee in every step of their production. High quality products can penetrate into local markets as well as international markets. Mass production of high quality products can contribute to economic development of the country.



Junior Lwin

Shankan Village in Dala Tsp illuminated by solar-powered lamp-posts



YANGON, 11 Sept— Children played under the light of lamp-posts along one mile concrete at the entrance to Shankan Village of Dala Township. Some local people young and old strolled along the road and some rode bicycles. The entrance road to the village was built by Yangon Region government. U Kyaw Naing of AMS Co Ltd said, "Ayemyathaya

Village of Kungyangon Township donated nine solar-powered lamp-posts, Myitta and Thauggon villages, one each and Yangon Region government office, two." The solar panels of the lamp-post receiving four-hour sun light can be lit two nights. One solar panel has 18 megawatts. Erection of lamp-posts cost about K 20 million, he explained.

As there is no need to spend on fuel, maintenance charge and tax and no need large areas, solar panels are used on a wider scale

MWEA executive leaves for Thailand

YANGON, 11 Sept— Executive Daw Soe Amy Kyaw of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association left here by air yesterday morning to attend the Regional Workshop on the Development of Women's Potential in Tourism and Services to be held in Thailand from 11 to 13 September.—MNA

in rural areas of Myanmar for electrification like that of other developing nations.

Khin Maung Htwe



NATIONAL

Vice-Senior General Soe Win receives Asian Affairs Special Envoy of China

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept— Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win received Asian

Affairs Special Envoy Mr Wang Yingfan of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, at 2 pm yesterday.

At the call, they cordially discussed cooperation between the two armed forces of the two countries and matters on internal peace process.—MNA

Union FM explains situation in Rakhine State

YANGON, 11 Sept—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs gave a briefing on the situation in Rakhine State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here this morning. It was

attended by diplomats and representatives from foreign missions here.

At the briefing, the Union Minister explained the ground situation in Rakhine State and the efforts made by the

Government of Myanmar for peace, stability and developments in the region.

The Union Minister also answered questions raised by the diplomats, it is learnt.

MNA

Union Minister receives Korean MP

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye received MP Mr Jeasung Choi and party of the Republic of Korea at his office, here yesterday afternoon.

They mainly focused on donation of Koran traditional folk tales books translated into Myanmar for basic education schools which will cooperate in education sector between the two

countries and participation of Myanmar football team formed with outstanding student footballer at Basic Education Schools' level in Korean football friendship match.

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Scania Office Yangon opened



Technical assistance for improvement of rural development discussed



Union Minister U Ohn Myint and party pose for documentary photo with US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Union Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development U Ohn Myint met with US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell at his office here today.

The Union Minister explained rural development tasks, the tasks to be implemented in arid zones, flood-prone regions and border regions on a priority basis and works related to other ministries concerned.

The US Ambassador discussed continued provision of technical assistance and experience for Myanmar's rural development tasks, importing meat products from the USA and the basic requirements for importing meat products.—MNA

YANGON, 11 Sept— Octagon International Services Co Ltd opened Scania Office Yangon in Hlinethaya Township yesterday morning.

Scania South East Asia and Swedish Consul Dr Lisbeth Hellvin Stalgre formally opened the office.

Yangon Region Minister for Development Mayor U Hla Myint, Shwedaung Development Co Ltd Chairman U Aik Tun, Managing Director Mr James Armstrong of

Chief Minister U Myint Swe of Yangon Region unveiled the office signboard.

They visited the office and car service centre.

Scania Office is complete with sales centre, training hall, car store and showroom. The service centre gives service to the customers daily.

The Chief Minister enjoyed the football match between Myanmar and Laos women's teams in AFF Championship 2013.

MNA

Sailing contest organizing committee meets

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept— The Organizing Committee for Sailing Contest of XXVII SEA Games was held at Ayeyawady Region Government office in Patheingyi yesterday.

Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung and Deputy Minister for Sports U Zaw Win explained successful holding of sailing contest.

MNA

Publication of the actions...

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and upon its emergence, small and medium enterprises that can't put up security can receive required loans with the guarantee of the corporation. In addition, immovable and moveable properties can be bought through hire purchase system on condition that the purchase is in line with loan policy of bank concerned. The Ministry of Finance, to address the problems industrial zones are facing, has lent K 5,000 million to Small and Medium Industrial Development Bank (SMIDB) at the interest rate of 8.25 per cent and industrial zone-related loans can be taken out from that bank.

(b) Small and Medium Enterprise Development Center has relaxed requirements in loan proposal submitted to SME credit issue department. It no more demands applicants to submit unnecessary documents and recommendations. The interest rate on deposit is fixed at just 8 percent and 8.5 interest rate on SME loans it not high as the respective interests rate on credit of ASEAN countries are as follows:-

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| (1) Brunei | 4.60 % |
| (2) Malaysia | 4.77% |
| (3) Singapore | 5.38% |
| (4) Philippines | 5.95% |
| (5) Thailand | 7.13% |
| (6) Indonesia | 11.78% |
| (7) Vietnam | 14.70% |
| (8) Cambodia | 17.00% |
| (9) Laos | 22.00% |
| (10) Myanmar | 13.00% |

(c) The government is taking actions to establish Credit Guarantee Corporation and Financial Institution to provide loans to SMEs for their development at national level.

3. Regarding the suggestions for creating an environment that allows competition by comparing tax exemption and breaks with newly-enacted laws, Ministry of Industry and Ministry of Finance replied that the SMEs Development Law (draft) has been written to help build healthy economic environment to be able to run small and medium enterprises at full capacity. After the parliament approves the SMEs Development Law (Draft), SME policy can be adopted to protect small and medium enterprises. The

SMEs development draft law encompasses providing one-stop service, tax reliefs and encouragement to SMEs and creating favourable for them to be able to compete internationally.

4. Regarding its release of restrictions for SMEs development, the Ministry of Construction said that previously it took 32 days for applicants with complete documents to apply for land grant but it now only takes 18 days. It can take longer time if the applicant fails to contact the department concerned after he applied for land grant and he doesn't have complete documents.

5. Regarding the complaint about human habitation in newly-constructed buildings that Yangon City Development Committee only issues the habitation permit to those who can show tax clearance certificate, the Ministry of Finance replied that its action ensures there is no tax evasion and it makes sure to be fast in issuing tax clearance certificates to those who only actually paid tax.

6. Further complaints and inquiries about the actions of ministries concerned can be sent to Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee.

Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee

Electrification

Ayadaw equipped with 33 KVA transformer



Photo shows the site of installation of new transformer in Ayadaw.

MONYWA, 11 Sept—The sub-power station is being upgraded in Ayadaw Township of Monywa District in Sagaing Region for sufficiently supply electricity to the local people. In early August, a 33 KVA transformer was installed at the sub-power station of the Township Electrical Engineer's Office in region 3 of the township.

Township Electrical Engineer U Nyi Nyi Win and workers made concerted efforts in installing the transformer at the station with the assistance of the Sagaing Region government and district and region electrical engineers.

Ayadaw Township gets electricity from Aungchantha Sub-Power Station of Monywa through 11 KVA

power line. Due to growing population of Ayadaw Township, a 33 KVA power line was installed from Ohndaw-Shwebopower line via Ywathagyi Village of Wetlet Township to Ayadaw. On completion, the 18 miles long power line will supply electricity to Ayadaw and its environ villages sufficiently.

Kyemon-Chindwin Ye

Hluttaw representatives' Office opened in Kangyidaunt

KANGYIDAUNT, 11 Sept—A ceremony to open Hluttaw representatives office was held in Ward 3 of Kangyidaunt Township,

Ayeyawady Region, on 9 September morning.

On the occasion, Kangyidaunt Township Administrator U Myint Sein

made an opening address. Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Win recounted his experiences in Hluttaw.

Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Kyi Lwin gave lectures on crime reduction, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Zin Mar Oo, public participation in development tasks and Deputy Township Administrator U Zaw Min Naing, nationalistic spirit.

Kyemon-Township IPRD

Disaster

Yamonna circular road in Mawgyun disappears in erosion



MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 11 Sept—West Tonhle Creek in Mawlamyinegyun is eroding houses and farmlands near Yamonna circular road in Myoma Ward 9 of Mawlamyinegyun in Ayeyawady Region.

Due to impacts of erosion, 24 houses out of 29 were abolished from the eroded area. Five remaining houses are being abolished.

The houses at Yamonna circular road was about 150 feet distance to the creek. At

present, over 1000 feet long Yamonna Road disappeared in erosion.

The current of Sawke Creek and West Tonhle Creek strongly erode the road. Now, the water started to erode the houses and Zizawa Road in addition to Yamonna Road.

The local people wish to construct new road and retaining walls as soon as possible.

Kyemon-Mawgyun Myint Aung

Kyangin elects Township Development Affairs Committee

KYANGIN, 11 Sept—The election of Kyangin Township Development Affairs Committee in Ayeyawady Region was held at the hall of Township Administrator Office on 8 September.

At first, Township Administrator U Tin Yi gave an introductory speech. He said that according to the instructions of the Region Government dated 29 August, the five-member supervisory team including the township administrator,

the commander of Township Police Force, the head of Township Immigration and National Registration Department, the township Law Officer and the executive officer of Township Development Affairs Committee will set up the Township Development Affairs Committee and Executive Officer U Min Zaw explained rules and regulations for election of the committee members.

The meeting elected U Thet Naung Oo (Ywathit

Ward), U Aung Shwe (Myoma Ward), U Soe Min (Betye 2 Ward) and U Soe Myint (Ywathit ward) as Chairman together with the deputy township administrator and deputy head of Rural Development Department as members. The DAC Executive Officer will serve as secretary of the committee.

The seven member committee will seek approval from the region government for undertaking development tasks of the township.

Kyemon-648

Construction

Gyongyongya Bridge on Mawgyun-Yangon Road under preparations

Local people participate in building a temporary road before building the bridge.



MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 11 Sept—Preparations are being made for construction of the temporary road so as to build Gyongyongya Bridge on Mawlamyine-Yangon Highway of Ayeyawady Region.

The new bridge will be 100 feet long with 24

feet wide motorway and 3.5 feet wide pedestrian on either side.

The present bridge is 100 feet long with 12 feet wide motorway for one lane. The new bridge will withstand two-way motor road.

"We are so pleased for hearing the information to students.

Police Captain Nay Win of No 52 Traffic Police Platoon explained disciplines for drivers, prevention against traffic accidents, traffic congestion and loss of life in traffic accidents.

Head of District Directorate of Road Transport U Aung Htay gave talks on safety for traffic users, disciplines for motorcyclists, bicyclists and walkers, traffic signs, indicators and use of helmets through demonstration.

The headmistress spoke words of thanks. The educative talks was attended by teachers and students totalling about 600.

Kyemon-Moe Hein (Myeik)

build the Gyongyongya Bridge. It is an important one to Mawlamyinegyun as well as Mawgyun-Yangon motor road. On completion, the local people will have easy access to Gyongyongya, Yegyawgyi, Kwinchaung, Techaung, Natmingyi and Yeleinaunghlaing villages," said local people.

Kyemon-364

Fingerlings released into Inlay Lake

NYAUNGSHWE, 11 Sept—A ceremony to release fingerlings into Inlay Lake at Phaungdawbyan Yeiktha of Nyaungshwe on 6 September.

Shan State Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Sai Hsa Lu, Inn National Races Affairs Minister U Win Myint, departmental officials and party released 200,000 fingerlings into Inlay Lake.

Kyemon-Nay Myo Thurein (Nyaungshwe)

HRD

Traffic rules talks held at Myeik BEHS No 2

MYEIK, 11 Sept—The traffic rule talks was held at the hall of No 2 Basic Education High School in

Myeik of Taninthayi Region on 7 September morning to disseminate knowledge about traffic rules to the



REGIONAL

Vietnam lifts radiation inspection on Japanese food imports

TOKYO, 11 Sept—Vietnam lifted earlier this month a radiation inspection requirement for fresh food imported from Japan, ending the measure taken after the Fukushima nuclear meltdown in 2011, according to the agriculture ministry.

The measure, removed on 1 September, had required that all imported fresh food originating from Fukushima, Ibaraki, and Tochigi prefectures be checked for radioactive materials and that samples of fresh food items from other parts of Japan be checked for radiation. Vietnam no longer considers the measure necessary, the ministry said on Tuesday.

Japan's Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Min-

ister Yoshimasa Hayashi had asked the Vietnamese authorities to lift the regulation during his visit to the country in May.

South Korea announced last week an expanded import ban on foods from Japan to include all fisheries products from Fukushima and seven near-by prefectures. The previous ban had been limited to 50 fisheries items from the region.

On Tuesday, Hokkaido Gov Harumi Takahashi expressed concern about Seoul's move, saying, "We are paying serious attention to the South Korean measure."

She noted Hokkaido is the largest exporter of fisheries products to South Korea among Japan's 47

prefectures. The South Korean ban does not cover Hokkaido.

Takahashi said she would ask the Japanese government to urge South Korea to take steps based on scientific evidence.

"We are confident of safety because we have been regularly disclosing information from the monitoring of radioactive substances in Pacific seawater and major fish species," she said. Besides Fukushima, the South Korean ban covers Aomori, Iwate, Miyagi, Ibaraki, Tochigi, Gunma and Chiba.—*Kyodo News*

IAEA to send probe team to Japan over toxic water leak

VIENNA, 11 Sept—The International Atomic Energy Agency will dispatch a team of nuclear experts to Japan in the autumn to investigate the leakage of radioactive water at the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, agency Director General Yukiya Amano said on Monday.

Amano disclosed the plan in the speech at the outset of the IAEA regular board meeting which started on Monday, stating the massive buildup of radioactive water at the disaster-

struck power plant was a problem that needed to be tackled urgently.

Plant operator Tokyo Electric Power Co has struggled to manage the accumulation of radioactive water at the plant since the nuclear crisis began more than two years ago. Recently it admitted that 300 tons of highly radioactive water had leaked from a storage tank, some of which could have flowed into the adjacent Pacific Ocean.

The IAEA previously sent a team of experts to



Yukiya Amano, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, attends a regular IAEA board meeting in Vienna, Austria, on 9 Sept, 2013.

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conduct an on-site survey at Fukushima last April at the request of the Japanese government.—*Kyodo News*

Violence claims 12 lives in Pakistan's Karachi

ISLAMABAD, 11 Sept—At least 12 people were killed and several others injured in separate incidents of violence in Pakistan's southern port city of Karachi over the last 24 hours despite the ongoing targeted operation by police and paramilitary troops in various areas of the city, local media and police said on Wednesday.

In the latest incident, a man was shot dead in downtown Nazimabad area of the city. Police said that the victim was chairperson of a mosque community and investigation into his

killings are being carried out. In another incident, two people from an ethnic minority community were killed in firing by unknown gunmen at a rickshaw. The attackers fled the scene after the incident and police said that the firing might be an outcome of personal enmity.

In a separate incident in the wee hours of Wednesday morning, two policemen were killed in firing by unknown gunmen at Haideri road of the city. Senior Superintendent Police of the area said that the cops were killed in

firing by unknown gunmen at a police mobile.

Earlier on Tuesday, seven people including two political workers and a fruit vendor were killed and several others were injured in separate incidents of firing. Local paramilitary troops, Rangers, killed an alleged criminal and arrested several others in targeted operation against the target killers, extortionists and other criminals on Tuesday.

Rangers also apprehended seven alleged criminals affiliated with a banned outfit and seized

a heavy quantity of arms and ammunition from their custody.

Meanwhile, Karachi police apprehended 148 alleged criminals, including 23 absconders, 40 others under Arms Ordinance, 22 under Narcotics Ordinance, four under Terrorism Act and three alleged extortionists on Tuesday.

Police started targeted operation to nab the criminals involved in street crimes, target killings, extortion and other crimes on the directives of the country's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif.—*Xinhua*

Singapore PM to visit Vietnam

SINGAPORE, 11 Sept—Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong is scheduled to visit Vietnam from Wednesday to Friday, during which Lee and his Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Tan Dung will formally launch a strategic partnership agreement between the two countries, the city-state's Prime Minister Office (PMO) said on Tuesday.

The key event is in sync with the commemorative activities of the 40th year of the two countries' bilateral ties.

During his stay in Hanoi, Lee will call on main Vietnamese leaders, including General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam Nguyen Phu Trong and President Truong Tan Sang. He will also have meetings with Prime Minister Dung

and President of the National Assembly Nguyen Sinh Hung. During his stay in Quang Ngai Province in Central Vietnam, Lee and Dung will "co-officiate the ground-breaking ceremony of the 5th Vietnam-Singapore Industrial Park", the PMO said in a statement.

Local media Channel NewsAsia said one symbol of the success of ties between both countries are

the Vietnam-Singapore Industrial Parks, with four developed already. It said the four industrial parks have attracted investments from 22 countries totaling nearly 6.4 billion US dollars, providing nearly 140,000 jobs for Vietnamese.

The fifth park located in Quang Ngai will "comprise a 600 hectare industrial park and another 520 hectare site zoned for commercial and residential purposes near downtown Quang Ngai city", the report said. Dung visited Singapore in late May when he made a keynote speech at Shangri-La Dialogue here.

Lee will be accompanied by Grace Fu, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for the Environment and Water Resources and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs; Lee Yi Shyan, Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry and Senior Minister of State for National Development and some Members of Parliament and senior officials.—*Xinhua*



Photo taken with a mobile phone shows damaged window glass of a nearby building after an explosion occurred at a storehouse in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province, on 10 Sept, 2013. Rescuers have found four bodies at the scene. Fourteen people were injured and have been taken to hospital.—XINHUA

Pakistan to release top Afghan Taliban leader

ISLAMABAD, 11 Sept—Pakistan said on Tuesday it would soon release senior Afghan Taliban leader Mulla Abdul Ghani Baradar who was arrested in Karachi in February 2010 in a joint raid by the American CIA agents and Pakistani forces.

Afghan government has been demanding Baradar's release since his arrest as they believe he can play a key role in peace process. "Pakistan has decided in principle to release senior Afghan Taliban leader Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar in a bid to help promote the Afghan peace process," Foreign Office spokesman Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry

said. He told Radio Pakistan that the Taliban leader will be released at an appropriate time.

Earlier, Pakistan's Advisor on National Security and Foreign Affairs, Sartaj Aziz, also said his country would release Mullah Baradar this month.

Pakistan freed seven Afghan Taliban detainees this week, taking the number of freed Taliban prisoners to 33 in 10 months.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai had called for the release of Mullah Baradar and other Taliban who can help in the peace process during his visit to Pakistan late last month.

Xinhua



Liu Yunshan (2nd R), a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, meets with Sri Lanka National Heritage Minister Jagath Balasuriya (3rd L, front), Governor of Southern Province Kumari Balasuriya (4th L, front) and other Sri Lankan officials in Galle, Sri Lanka, on 10 Sept, 2013.

XINHUA

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Yangon City Development Committee

Invitation for Tender

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

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

Land Area - (36.551) Acres

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

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

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

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

Engineering Department (Buildings), Yangon City Development Committee

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

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

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

9. Tenders will be opened in a session to be held at the office of Yangon City Development Committee in the presence of representatives of tenderers on the date and time as may be notified to the tenderers.

Tender Invitation Committee
Yangon City Development Committee

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Location - Bominyaung Road and Myanma Gonyi Road, Mingala Taung Nyunt Township, Yangon Region.

Land Area - (8.518) Acres

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Two militants killed, 2 arrested in anti-terror operation in Tunis

TUNIS, 11 Sept—Two militants allegedly affiliated to al-Qaeda were killed on Monday morning in an anti-terror operation in Tunisia's capital Tunis, said a statement of the Interior Ministry.

Two others, belonging to an armed branch of the radical Islamist group Ansar al-Sharia, were arrested

in the operation.

The two men were wanted for their involvement in the latest assassination of opposition figures and a weapons trafficking ring.

Xinhua

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2. Tender Forms are available at Myanma Radio and Television, Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon) on 9-9-2013 between (9:30 am to 16:30 pm).
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Singers Swift, Musgraves top Country Music Awards nominations

NEW YORK, 11 Sept— Singers Taylor Swift and newcomer Kacey Musgraves on Tuesday led the nominees for this year's Country Music Association awards, one of the genre's top prizes. Swift, 23, and Musgraves, 25, each scored six nominations, followed by husband-and-wife singers Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert with five nominations each. Country singer and "American Idol" judge Keith Urban landed four nominations along with group Florida Georgia Line.

The Country Music Association is a trade organization comprising individuals working in the genre and members vote winners across singing categories.

American Idol judge and country music star Keith Urban arrives at the Season 12 finale of "American Idol" in Los Angeles, California on 16 May, 2013.—REUTERS



NASHVILLE, (Tennessee) 11 Sept— Keith Urban had made eight albums over the past two decades when he began recording his latest, "Fuse," and the

The awards will be handed out in a televised ceremony on November 6 in Nashville, Tennessee, country music's capital. Shelton, who won CMA's top accolade Entertainer of the Year last year, is nominated for the award again along with Jason Aldean, Luke Bryan, Swift and country music veteran George Strait.

Swift, country music's cross-over pop star, is also nominated for top female vocalist, album of the year, best single, top musical event and top music video. Her latest album "Red" has sold about 4 million copies and earned her four top 10 singles on the US pop chart.

Singer-songwriter Musgraves, whose top hit



Taylor Swift holds her award for best female video for "I Knew You Were Trouble" during the 2013 MTV Video Music Awards in New York on 25 Aug, 2013.

REUTERS

"Merry Go 'Round" differs from most country music by describing the dark sides of rural American life, scored nominations for top female

vocalist, best new artist for her debut "Same Trailer Different Park," album of the year and single of the year.

Reuters

Singer Keith Urban navigates 'uncharted waters' on new album

Australian country singer figured it was time to make some changes.

bum's release on Tuesday.

So Urban, the husband of Oscar-winning actress and fellow Australian Nicole Kidman, sought out a new group of songwriters and producers.

"The whole journey was me trying to meet these people and get in the studio with them," Urban said.

For "Fuse," Urban worked with nine different producers, including Butch Walker, best known for his production work with rock and pop acts such as Fall Out Boy and Katy Perry, his long-time collaborator Dann Huff and R&B hit-makers Benny Blanco and the Norwegian duo Stargate.

"I cut about 25 songs and certain ones just kept hitting me a way where I felt very strong about them for their energy and what they were saying," said Urban, who was also nominated for the top male vocalist Country Music Association award on Tuesday.

"Slowly this particular group of 16 songs started to really come together for me."

"Fuse" is expected to perform much like Urban's albums from the past decade, reaching the top of the US Billboard country music chart and in the top five of Billboard's 200 album chart.

Reuters

Clint Eastwood's wife files for legal separation in California



Honouree, actor and director Clint Eastwood (L) and wife Dina Eastwood arrive at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) Art + Film Gala in Los Angeles, California in this 5 November, 2011 file photo.—REUTERS

LOS ANGELES, 11 Sept—The wife of actor-director Clint Eastwood has filed for legal separation after 17 years of marriage,

her attorney said.

Attorney C Michael McClure said he filed the petition on Monday on behalf of Dina Eastwood in

Monterey County Superior Court in Northern California.

McClure declined to comment about why Dina Eastwood, 48, a former television journalist, had filed for separation or if she would eventually seek a divorce. The Eastwoods married in 1996.

A representative for Clint Eastwood, 83, was not immediately available for comment.

Eastwood rose to fame a gunslinger in "spaghetti Westerns" such as "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" in the 1960s and as tough cop in the 1970s "Dirty Harry" movies.

Reuters

Disney delays 'Pirates' sequel after pushing up 'Ant-Man'

LOS ANGELES, 11 Sept— Walt Disney Co said on Tuesday that it would delay the release of the film "Pirates of the Caribbean 5," the latest in the blockbuster series starring Johnny Depp. The movie had been scheduled to open in theaters on 10 July, 2015.

Disney's announcement gave no reason for the film's delay. A person familiar with the project said studio executives did not think the script and other aspects of the film were ready for it to start production. No date was given for the film's release.

The delay on "Pirates 5" comes a day after the studio said it would move up the release of another big-budget film, "Ant-Man," from Oc-



Cast member Johnny Depp poses at the premiere of "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" at Disneyland in Anaheim, California on 7 May, 2011. The movie opens in the US on 20 May.—REUTERS

tober 2015 to 31 July, 2015, three weeks after the John Depp film was originally scheduled to be released.

"Ant-Man" is based on

a super hero created by Marvel Comics, whose "Iron Man" and other action heroes have been made into hit movies.—Reuters

SPORTS

Argentina crush Paraguay to seal World Cup berth

ASUNCION, 11 Sept—Lionel Messi converted two penalties as Argentina booked their ticket to the 2014 World Cup finals with a crushing 5-2 away win over Paraguay on Tuesday.

Argentina lead the South American group on 29 points with two qualifiers remaining next month. The top four qualify automatically and the group leaders can now only be overtaken by Colombia and Chile.



Argentina's Lionel Messi (R) controls the ball between Paraguay's Salustiano Candia (C) and Cristian Riveros during their 2014 World Cup qualifying match in Asuncion, on 10 Sept, 2013. —REUTERS

"We knew how difficult it is to qualify and this is our reward for all the good work we've been doing," Messi told Fox Sports.

"It wasn't easy to play with the poor state of the pitch but the main thing was to go for our qualification," he added at the Defensores del Chaco stadium.

Captain Messi put his team ahead in the 12th minute at the same venue where Argentina had lost the equivalent qualifier un-

der Diego Maradona four years ago.

Messi converted from the spot after Sergio Aguero was brought down by goalkeeper Roberto Fernandez.

But Paraguay, who began the match with only the slimmest hopes of reaching the fifth-place playoff berth, conjured up a fine equaliser when striker Jose Nunez deflected a left cross past Sergio Romero from a narrow angle six minutes later.

The visitors were soon back on the front foot, however, and Aguero gave Argentina a crucial 2-1 halftime lead in the 32nd minute.

Messi chested down a ball with his back to goal into Aguero's path and the striker nudged it forwards before hitting a low left-footed shot inside the base of the far post.

Winger Angel Di Maria increased Argentina's lead five minutes into the second half, running onto a through ball from playmaker Fernando Gago and shooting home across Fernandez.—Reuters

US seal World Cup berth with win over Mexico

COLUMBUS, (Ohio), 11 Sept—The United States qualified for the World Cup finals in Brazil after second half goals from Eddie Johnson and Landon Donovan gave them a 2-0 home win over Mexico on Tuesday.

With Honduras drawing 2-2 with Panama and Costa Rica held to a 1-1 draw in Jamaica, the Americans stand on top of the CONCACAF standings on 16 points with two games remaining.

Costa Rica, who also qualified on Tuesday, are on 15 points with Honduras on 11 points still fighting for the third automatic qualification spot.

The defeat leaves Mexico deep in trouble though — they are in fifth place, level on eight points with fourth-placed Panama and with only a slim chance of making third place.

'El Tri', who started qualification as clear favourites to top the group, still have plenty of work ahead to even get the fourth spot and get a shot at Brazil via a playoff with Oceania winners New Zealand.

The Americans had to



United States' Clint Dempsey (8) passes the ball under pressure from Mexico's Jesus Zavala (17) during the first half of their 2014 World Cup qualifying soccer match in Columbus, Ohio on 10 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

wait for almost an hour after the game to know their spot in Brazil was secure—needing Honduras to pick up at least a point.

While players sat in the changing room watching the late game on television, hundreds of fans stayed in the stadium hoping to celebrate qualification and were rewarded with the US team returning to the field to complete a lap of honour.

"This is a huge achievement for all of us," coach

Juergen Klinsmann told reporters.

"We can all be extremely proud of this team who gave everything. It's a huge milestone whenever you make it to the World Cup, the biggest competition in this sport, especially hosted in Brazil, one of the biggest soccer nations.

"It means a lot to all of us. To our fans and to this country as well," said the German, who took charge of the team in 2011.—Reuters

Spain wait on Nadal ahead of Davis Cup playoff

MADRID, 11 Sept—Spain captain Alex Corretja will wait until Rafa Nadal arrives in Madrid before deciding whether the US Open champion should play in Friday's singles in the Davis Cup World Group playoff at home to Ukraine.

World number two Nadal won his second Flushing Meadows crown on Monday when he beat top-ranked Novak Djokovic in the final and after a day's rest in New York will arrive in the Spanish capital on Wednesday.

The 27-year-old is back in the Davis Cup for the first time since helping his country defeat Argentina in the 2011 final in Seville.

Spain, champions three times in the last five years,

need to beat Ukraine to protect their elite World Group status after losing in Canada in the first round in February.

"The important thing is Rafa will be here tomorrow," Corretja told a news conference on Tuesday at Madrid's Magic Box arena where the tie is being played on Nadal's favoured red clay and where he won the Masters event in May.

"We will evaluate his condition and decide what is best for the team. The key thing is he feels as comfortable as possible when he gets here."

With a fully-fit Nadal back, Spain will be overwhelming favourites in the three-day tie which features two singles matches on Friday, Saturday's doubles



Rafael Nadal

and the reverse singles on Sunday.

Corretja has also selected Tommy Robredo, who reached the last eight at the US Open before falling to Nadal, Fernando Verdasco and doubles specialist Marc Lopez.

Lopez said it would be "special" if he could partner Nadal in the doubles.

"But the important thing is not that, but to play and win the point and that is what we are training for," he added.

Reuters

Shevchenko makes debut on Europe's second tier circuit



Andriy Shevchenko

LONDON, 11 Sept—Former European Footballer of the Year Andriy Shevchenko will swap his boots for golf spikes on Thursday when he makes his debut on the continent's second-tier Challenge Tour.

The former AC Milan and Chelsea striker will compete alongside ex-Ryder Cup player Oliver Wilson and former European Tour win-

ner Nick Dougherty at the Kharkov Superior Cup in his native Ukraine.

"This is the first big event for me and of course it is the first event in Ukraine so it's a huge event for golf in this country," Shevchenko said in a news release on Tuesday.

"I have played with many good players in proams but this is different. I

hope I play well...but I just want to have a good time and enjoy the week."

The tournament offers a prize fund of 200,000 euros (\$265,300) and will be held at the Superior Golf and Spa Resort in Kharkov. "The course is quite difficult," said former Ukraine forward Shevchenko who was voted European Footballer of the Year in 2004.—Reuters

Van Persie double sends Netherlands to World Cup

ESTADI COMUNAL, 11 Sept—Forward Robin van Persie scored twice as the Netherlands became the first European team to qualify for the 2014 World Cup finals in Brazil after a 2-0 away win over Andorra in Group D on Tuesday.

Van Persie proved the catalyst as he broke the a frustrating deadlock against a defensive home side in Andorra-la-Velle with his two goals which moved him two short of equaling his country's all-time scoring record.

The first was a stinging shot from outside the penalty area in the 49th minute, followed four minutes later by a tap-in after a defensive blunder.

Van Persie might have grabbed a hat-trick in the

70th minute but put his header wide. His 38 goals in 79 appearances took him past Denis Bergkamp in the Dutch scoring standings and just behind Patrick Kluivert on 40.

"It was a good shot and a nice goal," Van Persie said of his opening effort, "but most important is it meant that we were finally 1-0 up and that we could relax a little bit in our approach."

Before that, he told Dutch television, it had been an exasperating encounter.

"It was very hard to create chances in the first half. They played with eight, nine men behind the ball and pushed in the midfield. They were really good at it. We found it really difficult."

Reuters



Netherlands' Robin Van Persie (L) celebrates with teammate Jeremain Lens after scoring a goal against Andorra during their 2014 World Cup qualifying soccer match at Estadi Comunal in Andorra on 10 Sept, 2013. —REUTERS

GENERAL

Police try to recover iPad video of Zimmerman domestic dispute

MIAMI, 11 Sept—Police were trying to piece together an iPad video that captured a domestic dispute between George Zimmerman and his estranged wife to determine if any charges would be filed in the case, a police spokesman said on Tuesday.

Shellie Zimmerman used the iPad to film the altercation on Monday, but her husband later smashed the device into pieces during the confrontation, said the spokesman for the Lake Mary, Florida police, Zach Hudson.

“We want to get more information off that iPad so we can have a clearer picture of what was going on,” Hudson said. Shellie Zimmerman called 911 on Monday and said her husband had threatened her with a gun and punched her father in the face at an Orlando suburban home where the couple lived during George Zimmerman’s murder trial in the fatal shooting of unarmed black teenager Trayvon Martin.

She later decided not to press any charges against Zimmerman, who was briefly detained for questioning by police. Kelly Sims, a lawyer for Shellie Zimmerman, said she does not plan to seek a restraining order against him.

The couple blames each other for starting the incident, Hudson said.

Zimmerman’s attorney, Mark O’Mara, said on



George Zimmerman (R) walks toward his vehicle before entering a house that he and his wife Shellie Zimmerman were renting in Lake Mary, Florida on 9 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Monday that Zimmerman was carrying a gun during the incident. But police said they did not find a weapon when they searched Zimmerman and suggested he may have given the impression he was armed.

“If you normally carry a gun on your person and you reach into that area because you have a scratch in the middle of an argument, are you in fear?” Hudson said. “And the answer is probably yes.”

Police have sent the iPad to a crime lab to see if the video footage can be recovered. The video’s contents will determine if either of the couple will be charged with domestic battery. Under Florida law, police can make an arrest in a domestic violence case even if a victim decides not to press charges.

The iPad is critical evidence in part because

George claims Shellie hit him with it.

Zimmerman was acquitted in July of murdering Martin as the 17-year-old walked back to the townhouse where he was staying, ending a case that polarized the US public on issues of race, gun and self-defense laws.

O’Mara blamed Monday’s incident on “fallout” from the Martin case and Shellie Zimmerman’s decision last week to file for a divorce. Shellie, 26, and her father arrived at the house with a truck and trailer on Monday to remove her belongings. Video from a house surveillance camera shows Shellie following George into the house and filming him with her iPad. Another piece of surveillance video shows George methodically breaking apart the iPad in the front yard.

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Oracle calls time out in America’s Cup after Kiwi trouncing

SAN FRANCISCO, 11 Sept—Embattled defending champion Oracle Team USA postponed a second America’s Cup race on Tuesday, saying it needed to regroup after Emirates Team New Zealand won its fourth commanding victory on San Francisco Bay.

Software billionaire Larry Ellison’s American team appeared shell-shocked and asked for the time out just before the start of race two, under a rule giving the teams the right to delay one race in the 17-race series for the world’s oldest sporting trophy. The so-called postponement card is generally reserved for boat breakdowns.

“We feel like we need to regroup,” skipper Jimmy Spithill said at a post-race press conference. “It’s obvious we’ve got to make some changes.”

Oracle faces an uphill battle, having started the regatta with a two-race penalty and without its first-choice wing-sail trimmer, Dirk de Ridder. An international jury punished the team for illegally modifying its smaller, 45-foot practice catamarans in a preliminary regatta.

The unprecedented cheating penalty means that for Oracle to keep the Cup it must win 11 races — two more than government-backed New Zealand. Al-



Emirates Team New Zealand (L) trails Oracle Team USA at the the first mark during Race 5 of the 34th America’s Cup yacht sailing race in San Francisco, California on 10 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

though the score on the water is 4-1, Oracle officially lags the Kiwis 4-0 due to the infraction.

On Tuesday, Oracle won the race start and cruised in its 72-foot catamaran past New Zealand to lead the first two legs of the five-leg heat, that saw average winds of 20 knots (23

mph). Then Oracle tried to do something that has never been done — to lift its foils out of the water while tacking. It bungled the rounding manoeuvre with a eight-second lead at the second mark, almost stopping dead, which allowed the Kiwis to close the gap.

Reuters

Inter-African border control operations to fight drug trafficking

ALGIERS, 11 Sept—Combined control operations on borders between African countries to counter narcotic trafficking will be launched soon, President of Interpol Mireille Ball-estrazzi said on Tuesday.

At the opening of 22th Interpol African Regional Conference in Oran, 415 km west of the Algerian capital of Algiers, Ball-estrazzi said that drug trafficking is wreaking havoc in Africa and Asia.

Under the main themes of terrorism, drug trafficking and piracy, the Interpol chief said that these joint actions would be “extremely successful” as they would lead to seizing large

quantities of drugs, weapons and smuggled ivory.

She also hailed the key role of Algeria in this international criminal police organization, stressing the importance of the participation of all forces between African countries responsible for law enforcement, including police, customs, border guards.

Meanwhile, the representative of Algeria at the executive committee of the Interpol, Abdelkader Kara Bouhadba, was quoted as saying by APS news agency that a total of six people involved in criminal cases have been extradited to Algeria since 2011.

Xinhua

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Chairman of Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met former member of Japanese House of Councilors and Chairman of Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association Mr Hideo Wantanbe at the Zeyathiri Beikman, here this afternoon.

They cordially exchanged views on further promoting relations and cooperation between the governments and Tatmadaws of the two countries and Myanmar's reforms.—MNA



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing poses for documentary photo with Japanese guests.—MNA

Union Ministers, IRRI DG, officials of international organizations attend concluding of ploughing in Pyinmana



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing explains display of agricultural machinery to officials from international organizations at showroom.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation

U Myint Hlaing and Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan together with IRRI Director-General Dr Robert S Zeigler,

representatives of ADB, USAID, FAO, KIOCA, JICA, SIDA, IFAD, LIFT, WFP, SwissAID, SAMEO-SERCA and experts attended

the concluding ceremony of ploughing in Pyinmana Township, here, this morning.

Pyinmana Township cultivated 16,535 acres of monsoon paddy on mechanized farms, exceeding 834 acres against the target of 15,701 acres.

They viewed thresher, tractors, multi-purpose power-tillers, paddy transplanting machines and farming equipment displayed at the agricultural machinery showroom near Chaing Village.

They also looked into thriving Paletwe monsoon paddy plantation, dragon fruit plantation and display of fruits, vegetables and value-added agricultural produce at the Ngalaik Dam irrigated mechanized farm.

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Publication of the actions of ministries concerned in response to suggestions sent to Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee

1. The Finance Ministry said its actions for sustainable development of small and medium enterprises are as follows:

- (a) The Banks Supervisory Committee with instruction No. 1/2010 on 22 January, 2010 instructed the banks as follows—For national businessmen who purchase properties, factories and workshops from the government and have paid 30 percent of the price at one time, banks are to lend them the remaining 70 percent as a loan with interest rate of 16 percent per year up to five years period. It has further instructed that in doing so loans are to be provided to only those who purchase K 1,000 million and above worth properties and the grace period should not be more than three years at most and no other service charges except interest is to be levied, and only account transfer method is to

be allowed to transfer the loans into bank account set by privatization committee.

- (b) The interest rate on loans provided is adjusted to just 12 percent per year beginning 1 January, 2012. Businessmen, industrialists and project graded agricultural producers who purchase properties from the government can apply for loans at banks and banks are providing loans in line with loan policy after necessary scrutiny.

2. Regarding the suggestions about monetary policies for SMEs development, the Ministry of Industry and Ministry of Finance replied that—

- (a) Sufficient loans would be provided only when security is put up enough. The Ministry of Finance is planning to form Credit Guarantee Corporation (See page 9)

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of HE Mr. Rogelio Granguillhome Morfin as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United Mexican States to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

HE Mr. Rogelio Granguillhome Morfin was appointed as Ambassador of Mexico to the Republic of Korea from 1999 to 2004 and Ambassador of Mexico to the Republic of India from 2004 to 2009. He also served as head of the Unit for Economic Relations and International Cooperation from 2009 to 2011. Mr. Rogelio Granguillhome Morfin has been serving as Ambassador of Mexico to the Republic of Singapore since July 2013.

HE Mr. Rogelio Granguillhome Morfin will be concurrently accredited as Mexican Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Singapore.—MNA

Myanmar Connect 2013 for linkage of Myanmar and international telecom markets

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—The Myanmar Connect 2013 took place at Delegates Listening Room (1) of Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC), with an address by Union Minister for Communications and Information Technology U Myat Hein.

Over 400 intellectuals from 25 countries discussed further development of communications and information technology sector in Myanmar, progress of communications law in Myanmar, prospects

of flourishing Myanmar telecom market through linkage between Myanmar and international telecom markets, and drawing the plans for raising market investment, rights and visions and development of communication technology sector in Myanmar.

In the afternoon, the delegates to the ceremony met media persons.

The meeting jointly organized by the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology and Capacity Media ran two days.—MNA



Union Minister U Myat Hein speaking at ceremony of Myanmar Connect 2013.—MNA

Meeting on school development held

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—As part of free primary education programme, a meeting on improving activities of school development and providing more stipends which is jointly organized by the Ministry of Education and the World Bank (WB) was held at the Ministry

of Education, here, this morning.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister for Education Dr Zaw Min Aung and directors-general, Education Team Leader Mr James Stevens of the World Bank, Washington and officials. The meeting continues tomorrow.—MNA