

## President U Thein Sein felicitates Mexican counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Enrique Pena Nieto, President of the United Mexican States, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the United Mexican States which falls on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013.—MNA

## Balancing accountability, transparency and freedom a must for burgeoning democracy

### Message of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Agga Maha Thayay Sithu, Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma U Thein Sein to the International Day of Democracy which falls on 15 September 2013

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept—*The following is the full text of the message sent by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the ceremony to mark the International Day of Democracy 2013.*

#### Esteemed National People

On this International Day of Democracy, which falls on 15 September this year, I wish people of Myanmar fully enjoy the essence of democracy while taking part in the mission of further burgeoning democracy and democratic reforms. In 2007 the 62<sup>nd</sup> United Nations General

Assembly resolved to observe 15 September as the International Day of Democracy in commemoration of democracy and with the purpose of raising the awareness of continuous democracy promotion both at present and in future and also encouraging governments to promote democratic principles and public understanding of

democracy.

Democracy is a universal value based on the freely expressed will of all the people and their full participation in their own administrative affairs. It is a principle of living as a whole regardless of locality, race, origin, religion, rank, status, culture, gender and wealth. Democratization is no easy task, and democracy is not an all-perfect system.

Democracy has no end goal. Continuous efforts to meet the changes as well as mutual respect and amicable settlements are its requirements.

Myanmar is among the countries with resolve towards democratization, and her people are making bold steps in building a modern democratic nation. From political and economic reforms to

peace, nation-building and national integration, we are reshaping our society and raising democracy values.

In democracy not only the governments have decision-making power. The people themselves participate equally in choosing the administrative system and values they aspire. As our political transition is from centralized system to democracy governance the

responsibility of shaping our own democracy culture in our own way falls on every one of us.

To be able to hear people's voices and make self-determination over administrative machinery, the International Day of Democracy for 2013 is observed with the theme "Strengthening Voices for Democracy". And the  
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## International Day of Democracy 2013 observed in Nay Pyi Taw



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint deliver addresses at ceremony to mark International Day of Democracy 2013.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept—In line with the motto "Strengthening Voices for Democracy" a ceremony to mark the International Day of Democracy 2013 was held on a grand scale at Thabin Hall of the Hluttaw Complex, here, this afternoon.

At first, Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann delivered an opening address. He said:

Among the sovereign

nations in the world, 162 countries have adopted democracy. The 62<sup>nd</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution in 2007 to designate 15<sup>th</sup> September as the International Day of Democracy and organize commemorative ceremonies in each country with the noble aims of honouring the widespread adoption of democracy, ensuring that States are

able to promote democratic practices and cultivate the spirit of democracy among the people, to serve as a reminder to continue democratic practices not only at present but also in the future. Hailing the date on which the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) adopted the Universal Declaration on Democracy in 1997, 15 September was designated as the International Day of

Democracy.

The United Nations member countries that practise democracy have been organizing International Day of Democracy ceremonies every 15 September since 2008 under the leadership of the Parliament, and this year's ceremony is the 6<sup>th</sup>. In our country, Myanmar, this ceremony is the third of the annual commemorative ceremonies organized

under the leadership of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw that appeared in 2011 with the transition to multi-party democracy.

Direct democracy originated with the Greek nation-states about 2500 years ago. Citizens assembled at a designated venue and discussed the problems they faced. The decisions of the majority were followed by everyone. Then, it became a challenge for everyone to assemble in one place, so a manageable number of representatives were selected to attend the discussions and participate in the decision-making, leading to representative democracy. While the will of the minority is considered to be that of all the people, the will of the minority cannot be altogether ignored. Thus, to ensure that the fundamental freedoms of individuals are safeguarded, that the majority does not bully the minority, and that the laws of the land are enforced in the administration of the nation, Constitutions are

formulated specifying the mandate of the governments and the privileges and rights of the people who are governed, leading to constitutional democracy.

Democratic systems in various countries today have been adopted to serve the interests of the nation and the people, depending on the geographical characteristics, culture and customs, historical background, geopolitics and economy. According to specialists in political science, there are 35 types of democracy in the world today. Despite this diversity, democracy is simply government of the people, by the people, for the people. The people elect their representatives in accordance with the fundamental principles and the representatives elect and confirm those to govern the country on behalf of the people.

Myanmar achieved a gentle transition to a multi-party democracy. Concerted efforts need to continue to  
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## Natdaga Creek Bridge stretching on Kalay-Yazagyo Road



Kalay Township in Kalay District is constituted with 156 villages in 41 village-tracts. A total of 25 village-tracts are located in southern part of Kalay and 16 village-tracts in northern part.

Kalay-Gangaw motor road and railroad serve as an engine for development of village-tracts in southern part of Kalay. Likewise, Kalay-Tamu motor road contributes to development of the southern part village-tracts.

Kalay-Yazagyo Road,

located in northwest of Kalay, is the most reliable transport facility for the local people from the villages of Kalay Township in regional development. Natdaga Creek Bridge lies near mile post 14/4 on 30 miles long Kalay-Yazagyo Road for smooth transport of vehicles large and small all the year round.

Natdaga Creek Bridge is 197.5 feet long, 16 feet wide and 15 feet wide. It was built of steel beams and reinforced concrete floor funded

K 177.69 million by the government and K 41 million by Kalay Township Development Affairs Committee. The facility was opened on 30 January 2013.

Thanks to the road in northwest of Kalay and Natdaga Creek Bridge, Kalay Township secures greater development in economic, commercial, transport and social sectors, benefiting the rural people from northwest area of the township.

*Kyemon-Ju Nine*

## People should take DEC and Albendazole to be free from elephantiasis

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept—As the Ministry of Health is implementing the fighting elephantiasis disease, health staff feed DEC and Albendazole medicines to the people except children under two, expectant mothers and chronic disease patients to be free from elephantiasis disease in

Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area from 9 to 15 September.

The similar plan will be implemented in other regions and states. Those who took the DEC and Albendazole medicines will be dizzy if they will make moves. The patients with elephantiasis will suffer from fever and

muscle will be stiff. But, these symptoms will not appear at the body once more. If the people take the medicine of anti-elephantiasis once every year for five times, they will be free from the disease. To be free from elephantiasis, all the people must take the medicine.

*Kyemon-Kyaw Thu Htet*

## MPF launches emergency, complaint-handling phone lines

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept— Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs has put hot lines into place at Myanmar Police Force HQ and region/state police stations to enable the public to submit tip-offs and complaints over illegal acts, mis-appropriation and corruption.

The public may reach the numbers for their information and complaints but are requested to avoid manners causing disruptions to these phone lines.

Myanmar Police Force HQ, Nay Pyi Taw Police Force, Kachin, Kayah,

Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan State Police Forces, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Region Police Forces, Offices of Commanders of East, West, South and North District Police Forces in Yangon Region, No (1) Police Station in Taunggyi, Office of Deputy Commander of State Police Force in Lashio, and Kengtung Police Station in Kengtung have emergency numbers of 199.

Phone numbers receiving complaints from the public are Myanmar Police Force HQ (067-412222 and 067-412444),

Nay Pyi Taw Police Force (067-550333), Kachin State Police Force (074-21444), Kayin State Police Force (058-23355), Sagaing Region Police Force (071-24996), Taninthayi Region Police Force (059-23998), Bago Region Police Force (052-23999), Magway Region Police Force (063-28099), Mandalay Region Police Force (02-61444), Mon State Police Force (057-24987), Rakhine State Police Force (043-22833), Yangon Region Police Force (01-2302199), Shan State Police Force (081-2125455) and Ayeyawady Region Police Force (042-23844).—MNA

## Outbreak of fire kills two in Kyaiklat

KYAIKLAT, 15 Sept—A fire broke out at the tea shop in Ward 3 of Kyaiklat in Ayeyawady Region at 3.30 am on 13 September.

The fire destroyed six houses and killed two people.

The township administrator, departmental officials, members

of Myanmar Police Force, members of social organizations and members of Fire Services Department put out the fire at 5 am.

The tea maker who



fell asleep at a house died in the fire. Fire victims are being accommodated at the relief camps. Departmental officials and social organizations provided

assistance to the victims.

Kyaiklat Township Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against the owner of the tea shop.

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## Anti-Narcotic Drives

### Stimulant tablets, heroin seized in Muse, Tachilek, Phakant townships

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept—A combined team comprising members of Muse Special Anti-Drug Squad of Shan State, acting on a tip-off, discharged duty of patrol on Kutkai-Tamoenye Road near Namhu Village on 12 September.

In searching Toyota Hilux driven by Kyein Kwe Li, 42 of Shaukhaw Village in Kutkai Township, the combined team seized 51480 stimulant tablets weighing 5.148 kilos worth K 102.96 million.

Kutkai Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Kyein Kwe Li under the law.

Likewise, members of Tachilek Special Anti-Drug Squad together with witnesses searched a motorcycle driven by Aik Mat, 26 of Samsai Ward B of Tachilek together with Nyunt Swe, 25 of Wammai Ward on the back seat in front of Suki (29) Baht Inn in Palyan Ward 3 of Tachilek. They seized 200 stimulant tablets weighing 20 grams worth K 400,000 from the underwear of Nyunt Swe.

Tachilek Myoma Police Station filed Nyunt Swe and Aik Mat under Sections 15/19(a)/21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

On 13 September, members of Myitkyina Special Anti-Drug Squad together with witnesses raided the house of Win Soe, 30 of Ward 2 in Seikmu Village-tract in Phakant Township. They found Ma Soe, 27, wife of Win Soe in the house and seized 233 grams of white powder believed to be heroin worth over K 22.13 million, K 35 million of proceeds from sales of narcotic drugs and 22.8 ticals of gold.

Phakant Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Ma Soe under the law.—*Kyemon-Police Information*

## Stimulant tablets seized in Pyigyidagun Township



NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept—Members of Mandalay Anti-Drug Special Squad (South) searched the motorcycle driven by Ma Ohnma Htwe (a) Ange Lay, 18 of Kyansittha Street between 54<sup>th</sup> and 55<sup>th</sup> streets in Thinbangon Ward F of

Pyigyidagun Township on 9 September.

They seized 12000 stimulant tablets in her bag.

After investigation, they raided the house of Ah Wam (a) Sai Thein Han, 30 at the corner of 30<sup>th</sup> and 91<sup>st</sup> streets in West

Pyigy Pyawbwe Ward in Chanayethazan Township and seized K 1 million proceeds from the sales.

According to the investigation, the squad searched his Wam Wam II textile shop at Mann Myanmar Zaygyo Plaza and seized 66000 stimulant tablets worth K 390 million.

Pyigyidagun Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Ohnma Htwe (a) Ange Lay and Ah Wam (a) Sai Thein Han under Sections 15/19(a)/21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law and No 6 region police station filed Ah Wam (a) Sai Thein Han under Sections 15/19(a)/20(a)/21 of the same law.—*Kyemon-Police Information*

## WORLD

## Obama welcomes US, Russia deal on Syrian chemical weapons

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept — US President Barack Obama on Saturday welcomed a US-Russian framework agreement for eliminating Syrian chemical weapons, but warned that the country remains to act if diplomacy fails.

In a statement released by the White House, Obama welcomed the progress made between Washington and Moscow through talks in Geneva, Switzerland, saying that the deal represents “an important, con-

crete step toward the goal of moving Syria’s chemical weapons under international control so that they may ultimately be destroyed.”

Obama stressed that the United States will continue working with Russia, the United Kingdom, France and the United Nations and others to ensure the process is “verifiable” and “there are consequences.”

However, Obama also warned, “If diplomacy fails, the United States remains prepared to act.”

After three days of intense negotiations, US Secretary of State John Kerry and his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov reached agreement Saturday on a framework to secure and destroy Syria’s chemical weapons by mid-2014 and impose UN penalties if the Bashar al-Assad government fails to comply.

According to the framework, Syria must submit a “comprehensive listing” of its chemical

weapons stockpiles within one week, and weapons inspectors must be on the ground in Syria by November.

The Obama administration has argued for weeks that the United States should launch military strikes against Syria for its alleged use of chemical weapons. But opposition from scores of lawmakers and the majority of the public complicated the issue for the president.

In a dramatic turn on



US Secretary of State John Kerry (L) and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov gesture, following meetings regarding Syria, at a news conference in Geneva on 14 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Tuesday evening, Obama embraced a Russian proposal to put Syrian chemical weapons under in-

ternational control and announced the meeting between Kerry and Lavrov.—Xinhua

## Japan to be without nuclear power for 2nd time since Fukushima crisis



Members of a Fukushima prefecture panel, which monitors the safe decommissioning of the nuclear plant, inspect a contaminated water tank (C, in the back) which leaked radioactive water at the H4 area of the contaminated water storage tanks, at Tokyo Electric Power Co (TEPCO)’s tsunami-crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in Fukushima in this 13 Sept, 2013.—KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 15 Sept — Japan’s sole operating reactor is set to be taken offline for routine checkups later Sunday, leaving the country with no nuclear power supply for the second time following the 2011 Fukushima Daiichi complex disaster.

The halting of the No 4 reactor at Kansai Electric Power Co’s Oi plant in Fukui Prefecture in western Japan comes as Japan is in the process of deciding which reac-

tors are safe to restart based on new nuclear regulations introduced in July. All of the country’s 50 commercial reactors will likely remain offline at least until the end of this year, with the safety assessments by nuclear regulators and the procedures for winning local approval for restarts expected to take time.

Public concern that a lack of nuclear power may create serious power short-

ages appears to have diminished in the absence of large-scale blackouts despite the halt of most reactors.

But households and businesses have been affected by electricity rate hikes resorted to by many utilities to cover fuel costs for thermal power generation. Before the nuclear crisis, triggered by a huge earthquake and tsunami on 11 March, 2011, nuclear power supplied about 30 percent of Japan’s total electricity. Amid heightened concerns over the safety of nuclear power in the quake-prone country, Japan’s nuclear power supply dropped to zero for the first time in more than 40 years for a two-month period from May last year, ending when the government allowed the restart of the Nos. 3 and 4 reactors at the Oi plant.

No other reactors have been restarted since and routine checkups for the No. 3 unit commenced Sept. 2 ahead of those for the No. 4 unit. Nuclear reactors in Japan are required to undergo periodic inspections every 13 months.—Kyodo News



An Afghan policeman stands guard at the site of a suicide car bombing in south Afghanistan’s Kandahar Province, on 14 Sept, 2013. Four people were killed and six others wounded Saturday morning in a car bomb attack in Kandahar province, said a Provincial government spokesman.—XINHUA

## US-Vietnam basic accord clears major hurdle to TPP deal

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept — The United States and Vietnam have reached a basic accord on market access and reforms of state-owned enterprises in the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade negotiations, clearing a major hurdle toward an overall agreement, negotiation sources said on Saturday.

Seeking to conclude a comprehensive free trade agreement by year-end, the 12 TPP member countries are negotiating on 21 fields, ranging from government procurement rules for pub-

lic works projects to fishing subsidies.

The United States and Vietnam reached the accord at a minister-level bilateral session in Brunei in late August, the sources said. They now aim to reaffirm their policy of accelerating negotiations during a four-day meeting of chief negotiators from Wednesday in Washington, they added.

The 10 other TPP members are Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru and

Singapore.

In Brunei, Washington agreed to open up its textile and apparel markets to Vietnam while Hanoi offered to scrap preferential treatment for state-owned firms in the Southeast Asian country, they said.

In a bid to protect its domestic textile and apparel industry, the United States previously insisted that all products in a garment, including the fiber or yarn, must be made in TPP member countries, thereby denying duty-free access to

products made with materials imported from non-TPP countries such as China.

However, Washington agreed to greatly increase the number of duty-free Vietnamese textile and apparel items treated as exceptions, effectively freeing up its markets.

In return, Vietnam pledged to carry out reforms to treat Vietnamese state-owned firms and foreign private companies equally after a five-year transition period.

Kyodo News

## Hurricane Ingrid soaking Mexico’s Gulf Coast

MEXICO CITY, 15 Sept — Hurricane Ingrid strengthened on Saturday night off Mexico’s Gulf coast, dumping heavy rain across central and eastern Mexico and causing thousands to seek emergency shelters as river levels climbed.

Tropical Storm Manuel on Mexico’s Pacific coast was also strengthening late on Saturday, drenching coastal towns, including the beach resort of Acapulco.

Rain from the Category 1 Ingrid, which was 185 miles east of the port of Tampico, in Veracruz state, at 0300 GMT, has caused

landslides and local flooding, but state oil monopoly Pemex said its installations in the Gulf of Mexico were operating normally.

More than 6,000 people in Veracruz state on Mexico’s Gulf coast were in temporary shelters or staying with relatives, state Governor Javier Duarte said on Twitter late on Saturday. A hurricane watch was in effect along Veracruz’s northern coast, where Ingrid is expected to make landfall on Monday.

Ingrid, with sustained winds of 85 miles per hour, could grow even stronger over the next two days as



Residents wade through a flooded street in Poza Rica, in the Mexican state of Veracruz on 14 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

it nears Mexico’s coast, the US National Hurricane Center said. A Category 1 storm is the lowest intensity on the five-step Saffir-Simpson scale.

Pemex was operating under security protocols, but none of its installations had been affected, a spokesman said on Saturday.

Ingrid, the second hurricane of the Atlantic season and the ninth storm of the season, was moving north at about 7 mph late on Saturday, the NHC said.

“A turn toward the northwest is expected by Sunday morning, followed by a turn toward the west by early Monday,” said the NHC. That would send Ingrid directly toward Mexico, on track to make landfall to the north of Tampico on Monday.

The storm was expected to dump between 10 inches and 25 inches of rain over a large part of eastern Mexico, which could cause rivers to swell, provoking flash floods and mudslides, according to the Miami-based NHC.—Reuters

## Telecom Italia says board member probed for insider trading quits

MILAN, 15 Sept—Telecom Italia's independent board member Elio Catania, who is being investigated for alleged insider trading, resigned on Friday, the company said.

In a statement, Telecom Italia said Catania had decided to quit so that the board's activities and the work of investigators could proceed "in an orderly man-

ner." In his resignation letter, Catania said he had always acted correctly.

Catania, a Telecom Italia board member since 2008 and a former director at Intesa Sanpaolo, is suspected of supplying a newspaper with privileged information about Telecom Italia whose publication led to strong fluctuations in the company's share price, a source familiar with the



A Telecom Italia antenna booster is seen in northern Rome. —REUTERS

probe has said.

In July, Italy's financial police searched the offices and home of Catania as part of the investigation.

Telecom Italia holds a

board meeting on September 19 where it is expected to discuss key strategy issues including a reshuffle in its shareholder structure.

Reuters

## Microsoft's Outlook.com finally adds IMAP support



NEW YORK, 15 Sept—Over a year after it unveiled Outlook.com as a replacement for its iconic Hotmail email service, Microsoft has finally fulfilled its promise of adding support for IMAP.

Microsoft made the announcement via a blog post, and also listed the server settings that users will need to use to get IMAP support setup for their Outlook.com account.

IMAP, or Internet Message Access Protocol, is one of two popular email retrieval protocols that helps users keep various devices in sync with the same email account (or mailbox).

The other popular protocol is POP (Post Office Protocol), which offers far fewer features compared to IMAP. POP (also called POP3, for the prevalent version of the protocol) is an email retrieval proto-

col that lets users retrieve emails from the server onto their device (like a computer or a mobile), while optionally leaving a copy on the server.

IMAP goes way beyond this, by letting various devices sync to the same mailbox, such that they can share information like message status (read, unread, replied-to, flagged etc.) with each other. Contrast this with POP, where if you flag a downloaded message on your computer for follow up, this status cannot be passed back to the server.

Microsoft had been criticised for offering out-of-the-box POP support with Outlook.com, but not extending IMAP support, which other providers like Gmail offer for free. Yahoo Mail, the other popu-

lar free email service, does not offer POP and IMAP support in most regions.

Microsoft's defence so far had been pointing to its support for Exchange ActiveSync, which lets compatible devices, including all popular mobile operating systems, offer IMAP-like features, as well as additional features like contacts and calendar sync. However, the addition of IMAP will allow a much wider range of apps to connect to Microsoft's Outlook.com, and should offer a small, but significant, push in adoption of the email service by end users.—PTI

## Nikon Coolpix S6600 with 16-megapixel sensor launched at Rs. 14,450

MUMBAI, 15 Sept—Nikon India has announced the launch of its Coolpix S6600 compact digital camera for Rs. 14,450.

The newly launched Nikon Coolpix S6600 comes equipped with a vari-angle monitor and features a 16-megapixel backlit CMOS sensor. It sports a 12x optical zoom NIKKOR lens with a focusing distance of 2 cm for macro photography and a lens-shift vibration reduction (VR) function. The Coolpix S6600 also comes with built-in Wi-Fi and offers gesture control function.

Commenting on the launch Hiroshi Takashina, Managing Director, Nikon India said, "Nikon COOLPIX S6600 is a great addition to our growing COOLPIX portfolio. The power packed camera

enables consumers to take advantage of the high-power zoom and vari-angle monitor that will help users take a creative leap in photography. Today's announcement reiterates our commitment to give users an unprecedented digital camera experience through the perfect combination of advanced technology and ultra-stylish design."

The company notes that the Nikon Coolpix S6600 will go on sale from third week of September and will be available in three colours.

Prior to this, Nikon launched its Coolpix Spring Series 2013 of compact digital cameras which introduced 17 new models with 69 colour variants.

The launched cameras included Nikon Coolpix A (which is equipped with a

DX-format CMOS sensor and comes with a wide-angle 18.5mm, f/2.8 fixed focal length NIKKOR lens), Nikon Coolpix P-series models (Coolpix P520 which is equipped with a 42X optical zoom NIKKOR lens, and Coolpix P330 which comes with 12.2-megapixels), the S-series (which included nine models - Coolpix S9500, S9400, S6500, S5200, S4400, S3500, S3400, S2700 and S31 that featured Wi-Fi compatibility and built-in GPS), the Coolpix L-series (which included four models - Coolpix L820, L320, L28 and L27), and the AW-series (which included Coolpix AW110, an outdoor camera built with waterproof resistance to a depth of 18 metres and Wi-Fi enabled, built-in GPS).—PTI

## LG G2 may launch in India soon, company posts teaser on Facebook page

MUMBAI, 15 Sept—LG India has posted an image on its Facebook page to tease its new flagship smartphone, the LG G2 which is expected to be launched soon in India.

The teaser image does not reveal anything new and comes with the taglines 'Learning from You LG G2 Coming Soon' and 'The best surprises are always hidden on the back'.

The South Korean electronics major seems to be doing its bit to generate interest in the Indian market by teasing its flagship smartphone that launched

globally last month.

Recently, the company announced that the LG G2 was ready for a global roll out. The phone was recently launched in the United States and Germany. The LG G2 was initially released in South Korea.

For those unaware, the LG G2 comes with a 5.2-inch full-HD (1080x1920 pixels) display with a pixel density of 423 pixels-per-inch (ppi). It is powered by Qualcomm's quad-core Snapdragon 800 processor clocked at 2.26GHz. The device comes with 2GB RAM and offers 16GB and 32GB storage options.

PTI



## Japan's new rocket Epsilon launched successfully

TOKYO, 15 Sept—Japan's new solid-fuel rocket Epsilon was launched successfully on Saturday afternoon and later put a space telescope into its targeted orbit, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency said.

Japan's first new rocket in 12 years, which carried the "SPRINT-A" telescope for observing planets, lifted off from the launch pad at the Uchinoura Space Centre in Kagoshima Prefecture,

southern Japan, at 2 pm, 15 minutes later than planned, according to the space agency known as JAXA.

SPRINT-A, named "Hisaki" in Japanese after the name of a place near the space centre, is the world's first space telescope for remote observation of planets including Venus, Mars and Jupiter from its orbit around Earth, according to JAXA. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said

in a statement the successful launch "certified the high credibility of Japan's space technology."

The Epsilon—the successor to the M-5 rocket which was retired in 2006 due to high cost after it sent up space probe vehicles such as Hayabusa—is about half the size of Japan's mainstay H-2A rocket at 24.4 meters long, and 91 tons in weight.

It features reduced cost and artificial intelligence, according to JAXA.

The development cost was kept to about 20.5 billion yen by using the H-2A's solid booster for the three-stage rocket's first stage, while the launching cost of about 5.3 billion yen is half the H-2A's, with an aim to lower it further to 3 billion yen.

The low cost makes it possible to launch the Epsilon frequently, carrying into space small satellites for scientific research or earth observation.

Kyodo News



Japan's new solid-fuel rocket Epsilon lifts off from the launch pad at the Uchinoura Space Center in Kagoshima Prefecture, southern Japan, at 2 pm on 14 Sept, 2013. According to the JAXA space agency, the Epsilon, Japan's first new rocket in 12 years, later released a space telescope into orbit as planned. —KYODONews

BUSINESS & HEALTH

## Suzuki recalls 193,936 SUVs, SX4s over air bags



WASHINGTON, 15 Sept—Japan's Suzuki Motor Co is recalling 193,936 Grand Vitara SUVs and SX4s cars because of a defective air bag sensor mat in the front passenger seat, US officials said.

The recall covers Grand Vitaras from the 2006 through 2011 model years and the 2007 through 2011 SX4 small cars,

according to a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration letter acknowledging the recall.

Sensor mats measure passengers' weight and determine if the air bag should deploy. Children can be hurt if the sensor cannot determine who is sitting in the seat.

The letter said the sensor mat installed in the

front passenger seat may fail because of repeated flexing. During a crash, the air bag will deploy regardless of whether the person is an adult or a child.

There have been no reports of accidents or injuries. Suzuki will notify owners starting in October and dealers will replace mats for free, the letter said.

Reuters

## Ford India recalls 1.66 lakh Figo, Classic units

NEW DELHI, 15 Sept—In the biggest vehicle recall in the country, Ford India said on Friday that it is recalling 1,66,021 units of its best-selling cars Figo and Classic to rectify problems related to steering and rear suspension.

The recall will impact different batches of Figo and Classic models manufactured between January 2010 and June 2012. "Ford India is extending its existing voluntary Field Service Action (FSA) and will recall the remaining batches of Ford Figo and Ford Classic models to inspect them for potential issues related to the rear twist beam (RTB) and the power assisted steering hose," the carmaker said in a statement.

With respect to the

RTB, 1,09,469 units of Ford Figo and 22,453 Ford Classic produced and sold from January 2011 till June 2012 will need to be inspected but will not necessarily need part replacements, it said.

In the case of the power steering hose, 30,681 units of Ford Figo and 3,418 units of Ford Classic produced and sold in India from January 2010 to August 2010 and from March 2011 to November 2011 will be inspected and then replaced, it further said.

"This is to ensure the safety and satisfaction of our customers by inspecting and replacing any potentially affected parts as required— Ford India will continue to drive this service initiative through its authorised dealers," Ford India said. No injuries or accidents related to these issues have been reported, it added.

the company had recalled over 1.28 lakh Figo and Classic units to rectify problems related to steering and rear suspension. The recall had impacted different batches of cars made between January 2008 and December 2010, and from September 2010 till February 2011.

At that time, Ford India had said a potential crack in the RTB first manifests itself in the form of an abnormal noise from the rear. If the vehicle continues to be driven and the noise symptoms are ignored, it could lead to the RTB unit breaking, resulting in diminished ride and handling and brake performance - potentially rendering the vehicle inoperable. In the case of the PAS Hose issue, the company had said there was a potential for development of an oil leak, which could result in potential fumes being emitted from the area causing the leak.—Reuters

## SEC denies rejecting settlement over money fund that 'broke the buck'

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept—The US Securities and Exchange Commission denied on Saturday that the commission had rejected a proposed settlement with managers of a large money market fund that "broke the buck" during the 2008 financial crisis, saying their negotiations never reached that point of consideration.

SEC lawyer Nancy Brown, in a brief court filing, said lawyers for defendants including Reserve Management Co made a "misstatement" when claiming they had reached a settlement in principle with the regulator at the end of August, only to learn on September 5, that the SEC subsequently rejected it.

The claim that the SEC rejected a settlement with the money managers was made by John Dellaportas, a lawyer for the defendants. Dellaportas made the claim



The US Securities and Exchange Commission logo adorns an office door at the SEC headquarters in Washington, on 24 June, 2011.—REUTERS

in a 5 September 5 court filing and complained that the commission's "sudden refusal to settle" harmed fund shareholders with additional delays and costs.

"Today, much to our surprise, we were informed that, not only had the Commission rejected the proposed settlement agreement in principle that had been negotiated between defendants and

the SEC staff, but it was also unwilling to settle with defendants on any other terms," he wrote, italicizing the last four words for effect.

The alleged breakdown was viewed as significant because it could derail a separate accord reached last week in which the founder of the fund, Bruce Bent Sr, and others agreed to settle a class-action lawsuit by the

fund's investors.

Brown, the lawyer for the SEC, countered on Saturday. "Contrary to their contention that a settlement had been considered and rejected by the Commission, the parties' negotiations never reached the point at which a proposal was submitted to the Commission for its consideration," said Brown in the filing.

Later on Saturday, Dellaportas filed a court letter in response to Brown and detailed the settlement discussions between the SEC and defendants along with his colleague Robert Romano. "On September 5, the staff called Mr. Romano and advised him that "the Commission" would not be settling on the terms to which we had previously agreed, nor would it settle on any other terms," Dellaportas said in the filing.—Reuters

## Canadian union and General Motors reach tentative deal

CHICAGO, 15 Sept—The union representing Canada's auto workers said on Saturday it has reached a tentative agreement with General Motors for production and skilled trades workers at its assembly plant in Ingersoll, Ontario.

Unifor, which represents approximately 2,700 workers at the CAMI-GM plant, said details of the four-year contract will be withheld until after the ratification vote on Sunday in London, Ontario.

The outcome of Sunday's vote is expected to be released on Sunday evening, said a statement from Unifor. The recently

formed union is a merger of the Canadian Auto Workers and the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada.

General Motors could not be reached for comment Saturday evening.

The workers at the CAMI plant are represented by Unifor Local 88, and manufacture the Chevrolet Equinox and GMC Terrain vehicles, Unifor said.

Contract talks had started earlier in February, but union officials told reporters last spring that the negotiations required more time. The existing contract was scheduled to expire on Monday, according to media reports.—Reuters



The General Motors logo is seen outside its headquarters at the Renaissance Centre in Detroit, Michigan in this file photograph taken on 25 Aug 2009. REUTERS

## Gold retraces Rs 30,000 mark on heavy buying; silver spurts

MUMBAI, 15 Sept—Notwithstanding extreme global volatility, gold witnessed a meaningful rebound after a four-day slump on the domestic bullion market today on the back of fresh wave of buying by stockists and jewellers.

The white metal also recouped modestly owing

to renewed speculative demand coupled with industrial buying.

Standard gold of 99.5 per cent purity rose Rs. 460 to finish at Rs. 30,150 per 10 gram from last closing level of Rs. 29,690.

Pure gold of 99.9 per cent purity climbed Rs. 460 to end at Rs. 30,300 per 10 gram from yesterday's

closing level of Rs. 29,840.

Silver ready (.999 fineness) jumped Rs. 975 to conclude at Rs. 51,200 per kg from Friday's closing level of Rs. 50,225.

Meanwhile, globally, the yellow metal plunged to a five-week low owing to heavy liquidation by funds and investors amid heightened fears that

the US Federal Reserve would taper its stimulus programme in upcoming policy meet.

Gold for December delivery fell by \$22 to settle at \$1,308.60 an ounce on the Comex division of the NYMEX late yesterday. Silver December contract declined to \$21.72 an ounce.—PTI

## Rail Transportation

### Yangon's circular trains equipped with special coaches by Myanma Railways



YANGON, 15 Sept—With the aim of providing smooth and convenient transport services to the passengers, Myanma Railways has installed 14 special coaches at circular trains of Yangon, according to the release from the MR.

With regard to installation of the special coaches, "The trains carried special coaches designated months. On 17 April, we linked five special coaches

at the train as a test-running. In the survey, increasing number of passengers took the special coaches. On 20 May, we installed four more special coaches. At this juncture, the people made request to install more and more special coaches to be installed the trains. So, we added two more coaches on 12 June. Due to more demands, we installed three more coaches on 10 September. At present, 14

trains have been installed with each special coach," said Assistant General Manager U Kyaw Kyaw Myo of Myanma Railways Division 7.

Each special coach is facilitated with five fans and 62 fibre seats. A plan is underway to equip the special coaches with air-conditioners. The plan will be implemented in October, he said.—Kyemon-Soe Win (MLA)

### Thermal power plant construction for Thilawa SEZ to start soon



Photo shows

a power plant built by Western Power Co Ltd.

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept—The first phase of the construction of thermal power plant in Thakayta Township in Yangon Region is scheduled to complete in December 2014 and the power plant to generate electricity by the end of 2015.

The power plant would be built by Hanza International Company Limited with the support of 18 technical support companies including a Korean-based Western Power Co Ltd.

It would generate 500 Megawatts upon completion, according to Hanza International

Company Ltd.

The joint venture between Western Power Co Ltd and Myanmar Hanza International Co Ltd will operate the power plant with the cooperation of Korean electronics manufacturing association.

The power plant will generate electricity to Thilawa Special Economic Zone, according to CEO Dr Sone Han of Hanza Co Ltd.

The power plant construction will start on 50 acres by the end of 2013.

"We have signed an MoU in earlier September. We will now start working. Combined with electricity technologies from Korea,

we are combined that the project would get off the ground," an official of Western Power Co Ltd said.

MMAL-Thun Wathan

### Educative talks on violence against women given

MYITKYINA, 15 Sept—Educative talks on violence against women were organized by Myitkyina Township Women's Affairs Organization and Anti-Human Trafficking at No (3) Basic Education High

School in Myitkyina on 4 September morning.

Chairperson of Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Moe Ni Ni Lwin gave talks on preservation of traditional customs, adoring the unique

traditions. Police Inspector Hlaing Soe of Myitkyina Anti-Human Trafficking Police Corps gave talks on human trafficking to China to the students of the school.

MMAL-Moe Kya (Myitkyina)

### Nearly 600 people affected by flood in Sagaing Region

SAGAING, 15 Sept—Sagaing on 12 September witnessed the water level of Ayeyawdy River two centimeters above the danger water level, deluging wards with flood.

A total of 107 houses in riverside Ayeyawdy ward were affected by the flood.

Ward administrator U Ye Win Oo and party moved 591 residents to Nyaungbintha monastery yard. The township management committee provided

four bowls of rice to each family. Sayadaw Dhammapiyalankara, the Presiding Monk of Laykyunmyay Brick Monastery of Sagaing Region and Thukhakari social service association chairman U Zaw Win Aung and members provided aid

to the flood victims.

Township Development Affairs Committee took anti-mosquito measures to prevent flood victims from Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever. The Township Police Force has ensured security of the flood victims.

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### Illegal Myanmar migrant workers handed over in Tachilek

TACHILEK, 15 Sept—Thai authorities are arresting illegal Myanmar workers in Thailand.

On 10 September morning, a ceremony to hand over seven detained Myanmar migrant workers was held at No 1 Friendship Bridge.

The Staff Officer of Maesai Immigration Department handed over six men and one woman to Head of Immigration Squad U Win Aung and officials of No 8 Foreigner Illegal Immigration Prevention Team of Myanmar.

The handed over persons were under interrogation at the Maha Muni Monastery in Macaokham Ward of Tachilek.

After the investigation, they were handed over to their relatives and parents.

Kyemon-Mawgyi (Triangle Region)



### Fire

### One injured in Mandalay fire outbreak



MANDALAY, 15 Sept—A fire broke out in Nyaungkwe ward in Aungmyethazan Township in Mandalay on 12 September due to overheated telephone charger from a building.

A total of 27 fire engines and 260 firefighters put out the fire 30 minutes

after the outbreak.

Three houses were damaged by the fire outbreak and one light truck and two motor bikes were destroyed, leaving 25 homeless.

The estimated loss in the fire is K 22,650,000. Daw Su Su May, 53, of Katha was injured.

No (4) Police Station filed a lawsuit against occupant of the house U Myo Min.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay)

## ARTICLE

## Explanation of Terms “State” and “Government”

Our country has three constitutions—1947 Constitution, 1974 Constitution and 2008 Constitution. I will here explain provisions about the terms “State” and “Government” as defined by the constitution currently in force and existing laws in plain language for general public and lawmakers. The Section 47 of Chapter 1 of the 2008 Constitution denotes the phrase “Union” as follows:-

“The Basic Principles set forth in this Chapter, and **Chapter 8, Citizen, Fundamental Rights and Duties of the Citizen**, the term “**Union**” means person or body exercising the legislative or executive authority of the Union under this Constitution according as the context may require.”

The Chapter 8 “Citizen, Fundamental Rights and Duties of the Citizens” include in Sections 347, 348, 352, 356, 358, 359, 361, 362, 363, 368 and 371 which start with “**The Union**”. Similarly, Section 451 of the Chapter XVI “General Provisions” suggests, “The application of the Basic Principles of the Union in the legislation and administration shall be the care of the Union but shall not be enforceable in any Court of law.”

Section 9 of the 1947 Constitution under the title “Definition of the word the **State**” prescribes, “In this Chapter and in Chapters III and IV, the term “**State**” means the executive or legislative authority of the Union or of the unit concerned according as the context may require”. The term “State” is specifically defined and nothing arguable.

I will then explain the term “Government” in accord with the provisions of the 2008 constitution and existing laws. Chapter X “Executive” of the

2008 Constitution features the title “The Union Government”. Section 199 Sub-section (a) prescribes, “**The Executive Head of the Union is the President.**” Section 16 states, “The Head of the Union and the Head of Executive of the Union is the President.”

Section 200 of Chapter V states that **Formation of the Union Government** suggests “The Union Government shall comprise the following persons:

- (a) The President;
- (b) Vice-Presidents;
- (c) Ministers of the Union
- (d) The Attorney-General of the Union.”

It makes clear that the legislature is not the part of the government.

Section 219 states, “**The Union Government** preserves stability of the Union, community peace and tranquility and prevalence of law and order.” Let’s see more provisions to make it clearer.

- Section 220 says, “**The Union Government** shall promulgate its policies in accord with the provisions of the Constitution. The necessary projects have to be drawn in accord with the said policies and shall be implemented with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.”

- Section 221 prescribes, “**The Union Government** shall draft the Union Budget Bill based on the annual Union budget, after coordinating with the Financial Commission, and submit it for approval to the **Pyidaungsu Hluttaw** in accord with the provisions of the Constitution.”

- Section 225 states, “In carrying out functions of the Region Government, the State Government, and the Leading Bodies of Self-Administered Division and Self-

Administered Zone, the Union Government cooperates and coordinates with them to be effective and successful.”

- Section 228 prescribes, “**The Union Government** shall:

- (a) implement the administrative resolutions passed occasionally by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and report back the actions which have been taken to the **Pyidaungsu Hluttaw**,
- (b) submit occasionally matters relating to the general situation of the Union to the **Pyidaungsu Hluttaw**.”

**Provisions mentioned above are precise definitions separating the sovereign power between the government, the executive branch and the legislature.**

I would like to explain the provisions in Chapter (XIV) Transitory Provisions, which provides provisions on separation of power between the government, the executive branch and the legislature.

- The Article 446 states “Existing laws shall remain in operation in so far as they are not contrary to this Constitution until and unless they are repealed or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.”

- The Article 447 states “Existing rules, regulations, by-laws, notifications, orders, directives and procedures shall remain in operation in so far as they are not contrary to this Constitution until and unless they are repealed or amended by the Union Government.”

- The Article 448 states “All functioning Civil Services personnel of departmental organizations including the Defence Services under the

State Peace and Development Council on the day this Constitution comes into operation, shall continue in their functions unless otherwise prescribed by the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.”

**Therefore, the constitution has already provided the clear definitions of the words “State” and “government”.**

The Section 17 of the Penal Code which is still in effect states “The word “**Government**” denotes the person or persons authorized by law to administer executive government in any part of the Union of Burma.”

The Section 5 (a), sub-clause (3) of the **Interpretation Act 1973** defines the meaning of

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the government as the word “Government” is an organization empowered to manage the nation either by constitution or a particular law.” The Section 2, Sub-section (26) of the Burma General Clauses Act which was written in English and replaced with Interpretation Act 1973 defines the meaning of government as the word “Government” or “The Government” shall mean the person authorized by or under the Constitution of the Union of Burma to exercise the executive authority of Burma.” The provision with reference to interpretation law in effect can be seen Section 453 of the constitution in force as follows: “In interpretation of expressions contained in this Constitution reference shall be made to the existing Interpretation Law.”

**It is not even hard for those who have**

**some general knowledge though not graduated in law to understand that when it comes to referencing, only provisions and definitions in the constitution and other existing laws, ratified by the fellow citizens, are valid and surely not the provisions**

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**and definitions of other countries. Reversing this rule means misleading the law.**

**So, I wrote for public to know the truth that only the organization or person given executive power described in Chapter (V) of the 2008 Constitution is the government.**

Here is the summarization of the above-presented points.

- The word “State”

represents the executive and legislative branches.

- The word “**Government**” represents the executive branch or personnel from executive branch.

- In interpretation of expressions contained in the Constitution and existing laws reference shall be made to the 1973 Interpretation Law

- The popular phrase “**Rule of Law**” no doubt is sine qua non for the nation. The point of the Rule of Law is no one is above the law and every one shall act in accordance with the law. Everyone shall abide by the existing laws and not mislead by misinterpreting a provision of an existing law.

- Any of the provision in the constitution

written by nearly 2000 persons of eight groups representing different social strata of the entire nation about 15 years period and ratified by a referendum shall not be violated for any reason either with or without knowledge. Particularly, officials in executive, legislative and judicial branches should not even think of violating the constitution for any reason.

- The legal saying “Ignorance of Law is no excuse” should be upheld.

- Those who are mainly responsible for and personnel should make sure transparency, responsibility and accountability in

three branches of power for the public interest.

Above-mentioned explanations are made with reference to provisions in the constitution, which can be said mother of the laws and existing laws. In addition, the legal system is built on strong foundation as legislative personnel have enacted necessary laws throughout successive periods, personnel of respective agencies should observe and abide by those laws.

**Moreover, whoever desires the rule of law should try to learn and abide by the laws. Law is everybody’s concern. Reckless interpretation of law without careful study can mislead the people. I here would like to suggest the readers the wrong knowledge can lead to wrong action.**

Trs:HKA+TKK

# PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 16 September, 2013

## The best motto for every business

A brisk trade is a wish for every seller, while a slow trade is a nightmare for him. Bad business can even make a trader bankrupt. Sometimes, brisk sale doesn't depend on the type of goods. But every shopkeeper doing good business has his own secret.

The secret is the fairness and hospitality that can buy consumer trust. Goods must be sold at fair prices as per their quality. So, fairness, quality and hospitality are the cornerstone for gradual business development. There cannot be any brisk trade even if one the three is missing. Buyers will come to a shop again only if the seller can win consumer confidence through consumer satisfaction. In fact, these three are also the cornerstone for consumer trust and satisfaction and expanding market.

Some even say that doing business with fairness, quality and hospitality is like doing good deeds. Every one understands that a trader is not a donor. Trading in reality is one of the professions to earn a living. So, a trader needs to make profits, but not in an unjust way. Buyers on their part are willing to pay according to quality. However, the ratio must be fair in fixing profit percentage. In addition to quality, weights and other measuring equipments must be guaranteed. Shops must never cheat their customers. They must always consider long-term benefits through mutual interest.

In towns and cities all around Myanmar, we can find shops crowded with consumers and enjoying brisk trade every day, and that is the result of their fairness, quality and hospitality.

Like a saying, which goes "Honesty is the best policy" for every person, "fairness, quality and hospitality are the best motto" for every business to prosper and live long.

## Silver medal winner Myanmar hockey team honoured

YANGON, 15 Sept—A ceremony to honour tentatively selected Myanmar hockey team that stood second in the First Asian Challenge Cup held in Thailand from 1 to 8 September was held at Kandawgyi Royal Garden Restaurant, here, yesterday evening.

President of Myanmar Hockey Federation U Htin Zaw Win and the coach of men's hockey team made

speeches and recounted their experience in the challenge cup.

Next, the president of the federation accepted K 29.2 million and 65 watches and 100 clothes worth K 4 million donated by wellwishers. In the group matches, Myanmar routed Thai (B) team 3-1 and played a 2-2 draw with Sri Lanka. Myanmar won over Thai (A) team 1-0 in the semifinal.

Than Swe (Pabedan)



## Balancing accountability, transparency...

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Initial steps have already been taken for the Myanmar people to be able to enjoy more rights, to have their say in public affairs management as well as in the political decision-making process. Although they have been able to express their wishes, they must stay away from harming others' rights and hate speech. If we want a burgeoning democracy,

we must strike a balance between accountability, transparency and freedom that shape a human society.

Depending on historical background of a nation and its lifestyles, traditions and customs, values, political parties, political, economic and social organizations and the entire people or all the stakeholders in shaping democracy, democracy evolves through different approaches and ways.

Anyhow mindset maturity, vision, discipline and democracy are indivisible.

Myanmar is now facing a series of uncertainties, challenges and obstacles in its unprecedented transition to democracy. We are going to overcome those challenges through goodwill, with active participation of the government, the parliaments, political forces, civil societies, the Armed Forces and the people as the basic strength. The current conflicts and hardships are just the unavoidable challenges in democratization, and such

challenges often bring with them opportunities. Making better use of the opportunities those challenges are to be surmounted.

### Esteemed National People,

On this occasion of the International Day of Democracy, I would like to urge you all to respect different voices, to participate in revealing discussions, persuasive talks and negotiations and to strengthen public voices for flourishing of democracy.

## Union C&IT Minister attends ASEAN-Japan Cybersecurity Cooperation meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept—A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Communications and Information Technology U Myat Hein attended ASEAN-Japan Ministerial Policy Meeting on Cybersecurity Cooperation held in Tokyo of Japan on 12-13 September.

In commemoration of 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary founding of ASEAN-Japan relationship, the meeting was opened at Hotel Okura in Tokyo on 12 September afternoon, attended by the ministers relevant to cyber security ministries from ASEAN member countries, representatives, the Japanese minister of Internal Affairs and Communications and the president of National Information Security Center (NISC) of Japan. Japanese Prime Minister Mr. Shinzo



Union Minister U Myat Hein poses for documentary photo with the representatives at ASEAN-Japan Ministerial Policy Meeting.—MNA

Abe attended the meeting and formally opened it.

The meeting focused on cyber security between ASEAN and Japan and the difficulties facing in doing so.

Japan press conference was held on 13 September.

The Union minister met with Mr. Yoshitaka Shindo, Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan on 12 September and discussed matters

on technical assistance programmes of Japanese government for development of Myanmar's postal services and Myanmar-Japan cooperation.

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## Myanmar Maritime University, World Maritime University sign MoU



Rector Dr Myat Lwin of MMU and President Dr Bjorn Kjerfve of WMU sign MoU in the presence of Union Minister U Nyan Tun Aung.—MNA

Lwin of MMU and President Dr Bjorn Kjerfve of WMU

signed an MoU on learning management and electronic

education tasks cooperation.

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YANGON, 15 Sept—A ceremony to sign MoU between Myanmar Maritime University and World Maritime University (WMU) took place at Sedona Hotel, here, yesterday evening, with an address by Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung. The Union minister said that he believes learning management & E-learning systems will contribute much not only to the students but also the faculty members of the university.

President Dr Bjorn Kjerfve of WMU extended greetings and Academic Information Officer and Lecturer Mr. Johan Bolmsten from WMU and Assistant Lecturer Daw May Soe Aung of MMU demonstrated matters on learning management & e-learning systems.

Then, Rector Dr Myat



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## International Day of Democracy...

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ensure the vitality and strength of multi-party democracy that has been adopted, and to better serve the interests of the nation and the people. Political parties that have appeared in accordance with the Constitution, the Hluttaws consisting of representatives elected by the people, and the governments elected and confirmed by the Hluttaws need to work together for the interests of the nation and the people, to discharge the duties that they have been called upon to undertake, ensuring by means of the separation of powers and checks and balances that the risk of deviation is minimized. The capacity-building of the Hluttaws in democratic practices is being conducted through the provision of reading materials, discussions and consultations, study tours to international parliaments, and training courses.

As all the entities have appeared through the support of the people in the basis of the people's choice to serve the interests of the people, they need to strive to be aware of the people's voice, aspirations and hopes, and fulfill them as circumstances permit. The theme of the International Day of Democracy 2013 designated by the International Parliamentary Union is "Strengthening Voices for Democracy". People have the wisdom born of their life experiences, and aspirations based on an awareness of the reality they face. It is necessary to promote communication of the people's voice reflecting the people's aspirations, needs and views to the Hluttaws and the government. At the same time, the people's voice needs to be accurate and genuine so that implementation work can be carried out in accordance with democratic practices. The people also need to have the capability to have an awareness of and exercise judgement on incitements and efforts to organize that are not for the interests of the nation and the people but for individual interests, motivated by self-interest, ego and malice. I would like to point out the need for the concerted efforts to enhance that people's capacity for independent thinking and foster democratic practices.

The last point I'd like to make is that the principal aim of the entire people is national stability, the rule of law and sufficiency and fulfillment in social life. In implementing these aims, I would like to

urge the three branches of national sovereignty—the Hluttaw with the legislative mandate, the administrative bodies with the executive mandate, and the courts of law with the judicial mandate—as well as the representatives elected by the people, and the political parties that have appeared with the support of the people to make concerted efforts in order that the voice of the people that comes with heightened awareness and common sense is heard and that the welfare, the aspirations and the needs of the people expressed by the people's voice are addressed equitably. I would like to conclude by hailing the International Day of Democracy 2013.

Next, Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint delivered an address. He said:

It is only natural for people to have high hopes and aspirations as one system transforms into another—and the people, who have had their hopes raised, should not have their dreams crushed. And this is why the leaders should, first and foremost, have the courage to confront the problems that are causing fear and anxiety among the people. And these leaders should focus especially on, and give preference to, the majority of our citizens—who are the farmers and the workers at the lowest economic level. In all policies promulgated their interests should be represented. All ideologies, too, should reflect their interests as well.

Another point is that although it is true that Rome was not built in a day, and that we cannot expect to just snap our fingers and see a cornucopia magically appear, nevertheless we must strive to better our citizens' economic status, improve their welfare, increase their level of health, and uplift their educational level. Only then will our people's hearts be filled with joy. As we slowly progress towards our ideal of a perfect society, so too will their satisfaction increase by each day. We need the people to march towards our democratic goals with optimism and enthusiasm.

The people are the key actors in implementing Democracy. And because they occupy such a vital place, the people need to be familiar with Democracy, and practice its precepts everywhere. Now, with the exception of a religious or a



Dignitaries at ceremony to mark International Day of Democracy 2013 at Thabin Hall of Hluttaw Complex.—MNA

societal context, a vertical, superior-subordinate type of relationship should not exist at all. There must be respect and recognition for the inherent value of humanity, there must be the freedom to express your convictions, and equal justice before the law. There must be freedom to choose your own occupation and to find your own prosperity through business. There must be freedom to profess any faith that you believe in.

However, the most important point is that the principles of Democracy, such as the principal that your own personal freedom should never infringe upon the rights of others or of society, should be understood, accepted and carried out in practice by the people, as naturally as the air they breathe. At this point I would like to refer to a former Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, the famous jurist Oliver Wendell Holmes. In the 1919 case of *Schenk vs. The United States* he wrote his legal opinion stating "The most stringent protection of free speech would not protect a man in falsely shouting fire in a theatre and causing a panic."—an opinion which is still widely quoted by American jurists today. And therefore we will need to begin the teaching of Democracy from our schools so that our people can practice a mature expression of Democracy. Only an educational system has the capability to mold each and every citizen to be in harmony with a democratic society. And when our citizens have reached that high-water mark of a well-educated society, they will then be capable of selecting capable and deserving representatives, just as the people's representatives will only be capable of making a

true majority decision when they themselves are highly educated.

I would like to make an additional point on the subjects of the media, and Political Parties. The Reason why I am conflating these two subjects together is this—the Media do not declare themselves to be politician, and yet they do engage in Politics.

It has been said that there are three types of politicians—the Activists, the Politicians, and the Statesmen. Now the Media are those who agitate and are activists for unearthing the truth about events. And those in the Media may, through these activities, become Statesmen—and become those who will think ahead for our future generations. It we study previous generations of great writers and newspaper columnists of Myanmar we will see this very clearly indeed, Politicians are those who engage in party politics, and seek office because they wish to build the country. It is also important for party politicians to show the people the right way forward.

Here the point I want to emphasize is that—only if our educational system is advanced and our media and politicians are strong, will we gain good and capable national leaders. And that is why I wish for the emergence of a high quality educational system as well as equally qualified media and political parties.

Another point I want to raise is on the question of our internal peace situation. We will never become a fully democratic country so long as there are still armed conflicts raging within it. Our martyred leaders gained our independence at great personal sacrifices to themselves. And then as soon as we gained that independence, we engaged in

pointless conflicts with each other. On that subject I have only this to say—no matter what the reasons were in the past that had caused us to take up arms and wage war against each other, today is the perfect time to take a hard look at the two difference paths in front of us—the path of armed conflict, and the path of democracy—and make a clear decision in favour of democracy.

In conclusion I would like to say that the very fact that we have managed to hold this ceremony in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for three consecutive years, and the fact that we are carrying out review work on amending the Constitution, shows the maturity of our Parliamentary Institutions. This task is one which will enhance our Democracy. And in this task, too, the people are the key. And so I will conclude by saying that we will all need to carry out this task in a way that will most closely reflect, and be most appropriate for, the practical situation in Myanmar.

After that, Chairman of the Central Committee for Organizing the International Day of Democracy-2013 U Htay Oo read the message sent by the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

UN Population Fund (UNFPA) Representative Ms Janet E Jackson read the message in commemoration of the International Day of Democracy sent by UN Secretary General Mr. Ban Ki-moon.

Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo read the message sent by the IPU Chairman.

The representatives read the papers sent by student youths, public representatives, Inn National Development Democracy Party, Kayin State Democracy and

Development Party, New National Democracy Party, Taaung (Palaung) National Party, Unity and Democracy Party Kachin State (SaDaKa), "Wa" Democratic Party, Pa-O National Organization, National Democratic Front, Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party, Chin Progressive Party, All Mon Region Democracy Party, Rakhine Nationalities Development Party, Shan Nationalities Democratic Party, National League for Democracy and Union Solidarity and Development Party.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann presented certificates of honour to writers U Ko Ko Maung and U Kyaw Win, SkyNet channel and local and foreign media.

He then gave concluding remarks. After the ceremony, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and officials cordially greeted the guests and diplomats.

Also present at the ceremony were wife of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker, the Chief Justice of the Union, the Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, the Chairman of Union Election Commission, the Deputy Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and wife, the Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw and wife, Union ministers, deputy ministers, members of the Organizing Leading Committee, Speakers of region and state Hluttaws, Pyithu and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, representatives of political parties, ambassadors of foreign missions in Yangon, embassy officials, officials of UN agencies, NGOs, social organization members, entrepreneurs, people's representatives of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, students and media persons.

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Agriculture

Farming rights certificates presented in Thanatpin Township



THANATPIN, 15 Sept—A ceremony to issue farming rights certificates to farmers was held at the gymnasium in Thanatpin of Bago Region on 13 September. Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win delivered an address. He said that farmers in Bago Region are to work hard in growing suitable crops on a commercial scale of their own accord and avoid

gambling and liquor. Head of Bago Region Settlement and Land Records Department U Myo Oo said that Bago Region has presented over 400,000 certificates of over 1 million to the farmers. Thanatpin Township has also given 23,108 farming right certificates of 26,172 to the farmers.

The Chief Minister presented farming rights certificates for farmers through village administrators.

Bago Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Tin Soe presented one computer to the head of Thanatpin Township Settlement and Land Records Department for his performance in completion of the tasks.

Farmer U Win Htay of Kamase Village spoke words of thanks.

Kyemon-Ye Htut (Minywa)

HRD

Basic librarian course conducted in Pyay



PYAY, 15 Sept—Jointly organized by Pyay District Information and Public Relations Department of Bago Region and Region Trade Promotion Department, the basic multiplier librarian course 1/2013 was opened at the office of the Region Trade Promotion Department in Pyay yesterday.

Staff Officer U Win Myint of Pyay District IPRD made a speech.

Additional Head of Region Trade Promotion Department U Kyaw Thu said that the training course was aimed at enabling the staff to have wider scope of knowledge and to have reading habit. He urged the trainees to take knowledge

from the training course as much as they can.

Deputy Head of District IPRD Daw San Tint explained the establishment of the library and management subject, Head of Paukhaung Township IPRD Daw Khin Win Tint on knowledge about librarian, Head of Shwedaung Township IPRD Daw Tin Thuza Hlaing maintenance of publications and Head of Padaung Township IPRD U Thein Tun Myint compilation of catalogue. A total of 53 training course was attended by staff from Region Trade Promotion Department and townships.—Kyemon-District IPRD

Assistance provided to flood victims in Singaing Township

SINGAING, 15 Sept—People of some villages in Singaing Township were evacuated to the safe places.

Under the arrangements of Mandalay Region government and supervision of District and Township level administrators, rice, water and foods were presented to flood victims from the flooded villages on 13 September.

Mandalay Region government provided 26 bags of rice, District General Administration Department 44 bags of rice, District Women's Affairs Organization 17 boxes of instant

noodle and 2400 bottles of purified drinking water to the flood victims.

Deputy Commissioner of the district U Ohn Than, Township Administrator U Myint

Thien, officials, Chairperson of District WAO Daw Aye Aye Win and members presented donations to the



flood victims.

Dokhtawady River flooded villages along its beach namely Myaukkaing

(East), Inlaychan, Hsehnitkaing, Myaukkaing (West), Myaukkaing (South), Byinnyalaw, Tabetswe and Tethmyaw. Due to floods, 21 villages of six village-tracts were inundated on 9 September.

A total of 2306 people from 499 houses were evacuated to the safe places and accommodated at the relief camps.—Kyemon-District IPRD

of Mohnyin Station, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Soe Lay and Deputy Commissioner U Aung Soe Moe and officials.

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Coord meeting held for handing over confiscated farmlands



MOHNYIN, 15 Sept—A coordination meeting on presentation of confiscated farmlands to farmers was held at Mohnyin Township GAD Office on 13 September.

The meeting discussed the list of confiscated farmlands to be handed over to farmers and approved it.

The meeting was attended by Brig-Gen Thet Lwin

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Desks donated to basic education school in Meiktila

MEIKTILA, 15 Sept—Rector of Meiktila University Dr Maung Thin and family donated desks to Basic Education Primary School No 25 in Kanma Village of Kywetalin Village-tract of Meiktila Township on 13 September morning.

“The desks were equipped to the school in 1952. Students are attending the school with old and damaged desks. So the family of the rector donated 30 desks to the school. There are 60 students at the school, so their desks



are convenient for the students,” said Headmistress Daw Aye Myint.

Rector Dr Maung Thin and family plan to reconstruct the damaged build-

ings of the school.

The rector and family donate exercise books and stationery to the students yearly.—Kyemon-Chan Tha (Meiktila)

Disaster

## REGIONAL

## Pakistani Taleban sets free 8 kidnapped gov't employees

ISLAMABAD, 15 Sept — Pakistani Taleban on Saturday released eight government employees who were kidnapped nearly a year ago, at a time when the militants and the government are set to hold peace talks, officials said.

The freed men had been working on a dam project in South Waziristan tribal region when they were kidnapped by the Taleban militants in August last year.

A government spokesman in Peshawar confirmed the release of the eight, who had been handed over to tribesmen in Waziristan region Saturday morning.

Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) had released several videos of the abducted employees, who had asked the government

to accept demands of the captors.

The TTP wanted the release of some of their prisoners for exchange of the employees, sources said. However, the government had not accepted their demands.

A tribal council had been in touch with the Taleban for their release and the Taleban agreed to free them at a time when the Taleban and the government are close to begin peace talks.

Taleban spokesman Shahidullah Shahid, said the eight men were released as a "goodwill gesture."

The detainees were freed just two days after the Gomal Dam Zam dam was formally inaugurated which will produce nearly 27 MW electricity and irrigate the land in the area.—Xinhua



People wait in line to visit the Oriental Pearl Tower in east China's Shanghai Municipality, on 14 Sept, 2013. The 2013 Shanghai Tourism Festival kicked off Saturday. From 14 Sept to 18 Sept, up to 52 scenic spots in Shanghai will have promotions and half-price tickets.

XINHUA

## India testfires nuclear capable Agni-V intercontinental ballistic missile

NEW DELHI, 15 Sept — India Sunday testfired its home-made, nuclear capable Agni-V intercontinental ballistic missile from Wheeler Island off the coast of the eastern state of Odisha, sources said.

"The missile, which can hit targets up to 5,000

kms, was launched at around 8.45 am local time. This was in fact the second launch since the longest-range missile was developed by the state-owned Defense Research Development Organization," the sources said.

Xinhua

## Philippines, Japan agree to increase flights

MANILA, 15 Sept—The Philippines and Japan have agreed to increase the frequency of commercial flights between the two countries, in a development projected to boost tourism and business, a Philippine official said on Saturday.

Carmelo Arcilla, executive director of the Philippine Civil Aeronautics Board, said the agreement to increase "the traffic rights or total maximum flight frequencies for the airlines" of Japan and the Philippines at 400 flights per week between Manila and Narita was signed on Friday in Tokyo.

Prior to the new agreement, the maximum number of flights between Manila and Narita per week was only 119.

"We also agreed on new traffic rights between Haneda airport and Manila at 14 flights per week for each side, and unlimited traffic rights between airports in the Philippines except Manila, and points in Japan, except Haneda," Arcilla said in an

email message to *Kyodo News*.

"This is a major breakthrough, especially that Japan is a major (economy), in fact, the third biggest tourism market for the Philippines," he added.

The tourism department recorded 209,813 visitors from Japan during the first half of the year, up 7.32 percent from the same period last year, of the total 2,143,506 inbound tourists.

In July, Japan relaxed its visa policy for Filipinos in its desire to lure more Southeast Asian tourists in the coming years.

Noting that the talks for the expansion of the Japan-Philippines flights were last held in 2008 and that the current Philippine entitlements are almost fully utilized, Arcilla said the new agreement is "one of most liberal increases that we have concluded so far." He attributes the positive development to the "current liberal aviation policies of both countries."—*Kyodo News*

## Singapore Red Cross launches nationwide first aid training programme

SINGAPORE, 15 Sept—The Singapore Red Cross has launched a nationwide first aid training programme called Elder First Aid Course for caregivers of the elderly and stroke and diabetic patients, local TV Channel NewsAsia reported on Saturday.

Participants will learn basic first aid techniques such as CPR (Cardiopul-

monary resuscitation), the Heimlich manoeuvre and bandaging, as well as preventive first aid and safety tips like how to prevent strokes and falls.

The programme was launched by MP, Associate Professor Fatimah Abdul Lateef, on Saturday.

Fatimah said "The launch of the targeted first aid programmes for the vul-

nerable groups of persons will definitely benefit families of those with a background history of chronic illnesses such as diabetes, ischaemic heart disease and stroke. They can make a difference if they know what to do in an emergency. I hope everyone will take some time and learn these life-saving skills."

Xinhua

## Two bodies found, 15 missing as ferry capsizes in western Bangladesh

DHAKA, 15 Sept—Two bodies were found and 15 people were still missing after a boat sank into the mighty river Padma in western Bangladesh on Saturday evening, police and fire service said on Sunday.

Abdur Rahman, a fire service official at Rajshahi district, some 256 km west of capital Dhaka, told *Xinhua*

by phone Sunday morning that a overcrowded ferry carrying around 50 passengers sank into the mighty river Padma late Saturday afternoon due to rough weather.

Rahman said around 35 passengers swam to shore, but 15 others remained missing. He said the rescuers of the fire service recovered the bodies of a kid and a man

from the river.

The strong current of the mighty river was hampering the rescue operation, he said, adding that rescuers suspended the operation at 8 pm local time Saturday.

Fire service men feared the strong current might flush the bodies of the missing passenger to the downstream of the river.



A worker dries shark parts at a home factory in Pasuruan of East Java, Indonesia, on 14 Sept, 2013. According to a World Wide Fund for Nature report, Indonesia is among the world's largest shark catchers.

XINHUA

## Lightning kills one, injures 16 in E China

NINGBO, 15 Sept—A group of tourists ended on a tragic hiking in east China's Zhejiang Province on Saturday afternoon when one of them was charred alive in a lightning strike.

Another 16 tourists sustained burns when the bolt hit the crowd when they were seeking shelter from a thunderstorm, local authorities said on Saturday.

The accident happened at 1:23 pm on the top of the Jiufeng Mountain in Beilun District in the coastal city of Ningbo when the group were climbing the mountain in a thunderstorm, according to the district government.

The injured are being treated in local hospitals. The identity of the tourists is to be verified.

Xinhua

## Heavy rain hits central, eastern Japan, typhoon may make landfall

TOKYO, 15 Sept—Heavy rain fell on Sunday morning in central and eastern Japan due to an approaching typhoon, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

The agency said the typhoon could make landfall on the Pacific coast of east-

ern Japan on Monday and warned of continuing heavy rain, strong winds and high waves.

As of 9 am Sunday, Man-yi, the 18th typhoon of the season, was moving north-northwest in waters south of Japan at a speed of

around 30 kilometers per hour, the agency said. It had an atmospheric pressure of 980 hectopascals at its center, with gusts of up to 126 kph.

Heavy rainfall of 71.5 millimeters an hour was recorded in Ebina, Kanagawa Prefecture.—*Kyodo News*



Tractors dig out potatoes in the fields in Shangdu County, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 12 Sept, 2013. Potatoes in Shangdu entered the harvest season recently.—XINHUA

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Land Area - (36.551) Acres

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Photo taken on 14 Sept, 2013 shows an exhibition booth of periodicals published by Xinhua News Agency at the first China Periodicals Fair in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province. The three-day fair, which kicked off here Saturday, would present near 50,000 kinds of periodicals from all over the world.  
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Hamas takes security measures to ease tension with Egypt

GAZA, 15 Sept— Hamas movement that controls the Gaza Strips has recently taken a series of cautious measures to defuse the tension with Egypt's military-backed interim government after the ouster of Islamist president Mohamed Morsi, local media reported on Saturday.

On Thursday, Hamas' Religious Affairs Minister Ismail Radwan issued a note advising preachers to avoid "talking about the situation in Egypt." He also urged them to get away from politics in their Friday sermons.

Also on Thursday, Hamas proposed an initiative to the Egyptian authority to regularly open Rafah border crossing, the main crossing point of the coastal enclave.

Thousands of people are

stuck in Gaza as the Egyptian military keeps the crossing shut most of the day and restricts the people to leave Gaza due to the deteriorating security situation there.

Hamas also suggested to send the names of people applying to travel to the Egyptian side one day in advance for security checking.

Mkhaimar Abusada, a political science professor at Gaza's Al- Azhar University, say that the measures Hamas has taken are " important, positive initial steps to ease the tension," but adding these steps are not enough.

More steps should follow, such as avoiding showing Hamas' solidarity with the Muslim Brotherhood on its satellite channels, he said.

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Performers take part in the Grand Parade for the opening of the Shanghai Tourism Festival on the Huaihai Road in Shanghai, east China, on 14 Sept, 2013.

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China to increase share while new comers join PTA Bank

ADDIS ABABA, 15 Sept —The Eastern and Southern African Trade and Development Bank, known as PTA Bank, has approved China, the first non-African member state of the bank, to increase share and others to join the bank.

The new members to join the bank include South Korea, Belarus, Brazil, and Malaysia as well as all African countries that are interested in joining the bank.

At the conclusion of the bank's 29th annual general meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on Friday, Admassu Tadesse, President of the Bank, told Xinhua that the bank has decided to increase its capital and has invited China to take additional share in the bank.

"We had a very good meeting apart from adopt-

ing, approving, the annual report and the financial statements. We considered a number of strategic matters, one of them being growing the capital of the bank," said Tadesse.

"We are now looking to increase the capital. The Board of Governance has approved an increase in the capital and the People's Republic of China has been invited to take additional share in the bank alongside the African members," he said.

"The People's Republic of China has 6 percent. The increase is not going to take China too far up. I think it is for China to decide how much more it wants to take and there is no specific number that I can report at this point," the president said.—Xinhua



ENTERTAINMENT

## Nicolas Cage to star in *The Croods 2*

LONDON, 15 Sept— Actor Nicolas Cage is to reprise his role alongside Emma Stone and Ryan Reynolds in DreamWorks Animation follow-up *The Croods 2*.

The 49-year-old actor will join the follow-up to the caveman caper, directed by Chris Sanders and Kirk DeMicco, reported Contactmusic.

“There’s not much to talk about yet because we’ve got a big lump of clay and we’re forming it as we speak. There will be lots of good creatures. We’ve got creatures that never got into the first

movie. We’re going to take a very, very close look at those,” Sanders said.

The animated hit is set in a prehistoric era and centres on a family who must adjust to the times as new inventions, such as fire, are created.

Cage voices the *Croods*’ old-fashioned patriarch Grug, who is reluctant to accept the new innovations, while Stone lends her voice to Eep, Grug’s adventurous young daughter who tries to open her parents’ minds and falls for the handsome and smart Guy.

PTI



Actor Nicolas Cage



Kanye West performs “Blood on the Leaves” during the 2013 MTV Video Music Awards in New York on 25 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

## Kanye West charged with battery, attempted theft in airport scuffle

LOS ANGELES, 15 Sept—Rapper Kanye West has been charged with battery and attempted grand theft for an alleged altercation with a photographer at Los Angeles International Airport, a city official said on Friday.

The alleged altercation took place on 19 July, Los Angeles City Attorney spokesman Frank Mateljan said.

A video posted on celebrity news website TMZ

of the incident shows the Grammy-winning rapper glaring at photographers as he leaves the airport. West confronts one of the photographers and appears to lunge at him.

Mateljan said that West, 36, also attempted to take equipment from the photographer.

Each misdemeanour charge carries a maximum penalty of six months in prison.

West is scheduled to

be arraigned in Los Angeles on 10 October. The rapper’s representative did not immediately return a request for comment on Friday.

West has become a frequent target of paparazzi after striking up a romance last year with reality TV star Kim Kardashian. The couple welcomed their first child, a baby girl named North West, in June.

Reuters

## Elton John: Touring is killing me

LONDON, 15 Sept— Singer Elton John believes touring is slowly killing him as he is always on the road and never has any time to spend with his family.

The 66-year-old Rocket Man hit maker is keen to cut down on the amount of concerts he does to spend more time with his husband David Furnish and their two children, Zachary, three, and seven-month-old son Elijah, reported Contactmusic.

“The time has come

in my life when I will definitely cut back on shows so I have more time with my family. That’s a conscious decision. I know I’m addicted to playing. I’m addicted to working. I’m addicted to touring. I’m addicted to everything,” John said.

“I can’t have one bunch of flowers. I can’t do one show. That’s part of my nature. But I sat down with David and said, ‘You know, I’m fed up with it. The travelling is killing me. I can’t do it anymore. I’ve never



Singer Elton John

taken enough time to smell the roses’,” he added.

John was forced to cancel a number of his sum-

mer tour dates after being struck down with crippling appendicitis two months ago.—PTI

## Julianne Moore joins cast of ‘The Hunger Games

LOS ANGELES, 15 Sept—Actress Julianne Moore will be dipping her toes into the young adult film universe with a key role in the two-part final installment of “The Hunger Games,” the film franchise’s distributor Lionsgate said on Friday.

Oscar-nominated actress Moore, 52, will play President Alma Coin in “Mockingjay” parts 1 and 2. Coin is the leader of the rebel alliance

against the dictatorship running the fictional capital city Panem in the novel’s dystopian future setting.

Moore will join a cast led by Oscar-winner Jennifer Lawrence, who plays heroine Katniss Everdeen, a young girl who becomes a symbol of hope for a repressed society after winning a life-or-death televised survival competition.

The “Mockingjay” films are scheduled to be released in November 2014 and November 2015.

Moore has been nominated for four Oscars including her role in 2002’s “The Hours.”

“The Hunger Games,” based on the first of a trilogy of novels by Suzanne Collins, grossed more than \$400 million in the North American box office when it was released last year, and has catapulted its young stars into the av-

idly followed young adult fiction spotlight. The second film, “Catching Fire,” will be released on 22 November in theaters.

Oscar-winning actress Kate Winslet joined 2014’s dystopian fantasy film “Divergent,” based on a series of novels by Veronica Roth.

Reuters



Cast member Julianne Moore poses at the premiere of “Don Jon’s Addiction” during the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah on 18 Jan, 2013.—REUTERS

## Bale scores on debut but Real held at Villarreal

MADRID, 15 Sept—Gareth Bale had a bitter-sweet start to his Real Madrid career when the world's most expensive player scored on debut but Real dropped their first points of the La Liga campaign in a 2-2 draw at promoted Villarreal on Saturday.

The Wales winger, who joined from Tottenham Hotspur for a record fee of 100 million euros earlier this month, struck in the 38th minute at the Madrigal to make it 1-1 after Cani had put the home side ahead in the 21st.

Playing in a three-pronged attack with Cristiano Ronaldo and Karim Benzema, Bale sped into the area and clipped a Dani Carvajal cross into the net

with his right foot before being mobbed by his new team mates.

The 24-year-old, whose pre-season training was disrupted by the protracted negotiations over his move, was replaced by Angel Di Maria on the hour.

Ronaldo, the 94-million euro man who Bale succeeded as the most valuable player in football, netted a bizarre goal to put Real ahead in the 64th minute when his own shot cannoned back off a defender onto his leg and ricocheted into the net.

It was hard on an impressive Villarreal side, who were denied by a string of brilliant saves from Diego Lopez, but they were level in the 70th minute



Barcelona's Alexis Sanchez (L), Lionel Messi (R) and Adriano Correia (C) celebrate a goal against Sevilla during their Spanish first division soccer league match at Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona, on 14 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

## Agony for Mourinho as Chelsea lose at Everton

LONDON, 15 Sept—Jose Mourinho's Chelsea homecoming party turned sour as a 1-0 defeat at Everton on Saturday condemned them to their worst start to a Premier League season during the big-spending era of owner Roman Abramovich.

Steven Naismith celebrated his 27th birthday by heading the winner in first-half injury time before the hosts clung on to secure manager Roberto Martinez's first victory and inflict Chelsea's maiden defeat of the campaign.

On a day of debuts, Mesut Ozil gave Arsenal fans a glimpse of his creative talents in a comfortable 3-1 win at Sunderland and Chelsea handed a first start to Samuel Eto'o, but the Cameroonian fluffed a host of chances. It was a similar story for Manchester City, whose costly attacking recruits misfired in a goalless draw at Stoke City.

Champions Manchester United laboured to a 2-0 win over 10-man Crystal Palace at Old Trafford and Totten-



Chelsea's Samuel Eto'o (centre R) challenges Everton's Phil Jagielka during their English Premier League soccer match at Goodison Park in Liverpool, northern England on 14 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

ham Hotspur's Gylfi Sigurdsson netted twice as they beat Norwich City by the same scoreline.

Newcastle United's mercurial talent Hatem Ben Arfa grabbed one goal and created another in a 2-1 victory at Aston Villa. Hull City against Cardiff City and Fulham against West Bromwich Albion both ended 1-1.

Arsenal top the table with nine points, ahead of



Real Madrid's Gareth Bale celebrates after he scored against Villarreal during their Spanish first division soccer match at the Madrigal stadium in Villarreal, on 14 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

when Giovanni Dos Santos, another former Tottenham player, lashed in a shot that crept into the net off the Real keeper.

The draw spoiled Real's perfect start to the season and they have 10 points from four matches, the same as Villarreal and two behind champions Barcelona and Atletico Madrid.

"It is very good news that he (Bale) scored on his debut," former Real forward Emilio Butragueno, now a club director, said in an interview with Spanish television broadcaster Canal Plus.

"But he has only been training with his team mates for three days and we have to wait for him to adapt," Butragueno added.

"He is a player with enormous potential and obviously we have a lot of

expectations."

Barca had Alexis Sanchez to thank for maintaining their winning start after he came off the bench to score in the fourth minute of added time and snatch a 3-2 victory at home to Sevilla earlier on Saturday.

Barca have yet to settle under new coach Gerardo Martino and it was another unconvincing performance at the Nou Camp as they let slip a two-goal lead and were seconds away from dropping their first points of the campaign.

A rare Daniel Alves header against his former club put Barca ahead in the 36th minute before Lionel Messi looked to have made the game safe when he clipped a Neymar centre high into the net with 15 minutes left.

Reuters

## Dynamic Dortmund turn on style with six-goal show

BERLIN, 15 Sept—Borussia Dortmund let slip a two-goal lead before recovering to blast four goals in 16 minutes as they maintained their perfect start to the season with a thrilling 6-2 victory over Hamburg SV on Saturday.

New signing Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang and Robert Lewandowski netted twice each, Marco Reus capped a virtuoso performance with a goal and Henrikh Mkhitaryan completed the scoring as the Bundesliga leaders made it five wins out of five.

Champions Bayern Munich, also unbeaten and two points behind in second place, rode their luck to beat Hanover 96 2-0 while the club's former player Luiz Gustavo was sent off again for his new team VfL Wolfsburg as they lost 3-1 at Bayer Leverkusen.

Kevin-Prince Boateng's first goal for Schalke 04 earned a 1-0 win at Mainz 05 and To-

## Nadal on hand again as Spain win doubles to ensure Davis Cup future

MADRID, 15 Sept—The Spanish doubles pairing of Rafael Nadal and Marc Lopez defeated their Ukrainian opponents of Sergiy Stakhovskiy and Denys Molchanov 6-2, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4 this Saturday in the Caja Magica I Madrid to give Spain an unassailable 3-0 lead in their David Cup tie and assure Spain's position in the World Group of the tennis team competition. The win follows on from the wins of Nadal and Fernando Verdasco in Friday's two singles rubbers and the Spanish have shown their superiority over their Ukrainian rivals.

There was a surprise in the Spanish doubles line up as it was Nadal and not Tommy Robredo who was named to partner Lopez.

Nadal had said before the match that he was tired, but would do what he was asked to help the team and it seems as if Spain captain, Alex Corretja had taken the US Open winner at his word.

Spain got off to a perfect start as they broke the first two Ukrainian serves of the first set to race into a 4-0 lead, before going on to win the first set 6-2.

If the Spanish were expecting an easy time, however, they were to be surprised as the Ukrainian pair fought back to win the second set on a tie-break. At least it guaranteed better value for money for the paying fans after Nadal had criticized high ticket prices after his win over Stakhovskiy on Friday.—Reuters



Rafael Nadal of Spain poses with his trophy after winning the men's singles final match against Novak Djokovic of Serbia at the US Open tennis tournament in New York's Central Park, on 10 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

bias Werner grabbed a stoppage-time goal to give Augsburg a 2-1 home triumph over second from bottom Freiburg who are still without a Bundesliga victory this season.

Vaclav Kadlec's double helped Eintracht Frankfurt win 3-0 at Werder Bremen who had Franco Di Santo sent off after 26 minutes for a dangerous high challenge which left Bastian Oczipka's face splattered with blood.

Dortmund got off to a

flying start when Aubameyang and Mkhitaryan put them 2-0 ahead after 22 minutes, only to see Hamburg level through Zhi-Gin Lam's curling shot and a Heiko Westermann header.

New signing Mkhitaryan then combined with Aubameyang before the Gabon forward scored with an angled shot in the 65th minute and Lewandowski added a fourth goal after being set up by a brilliant Reus dummy in the 73rd.

Reuters



Borussia Dortmund's Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang celebrates a goal against Hamburg SV during the German first division Bundesliga soccer match in Dortmund on 14 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

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# Happier Woods back in contention after rules violation



Tiger Woods of the US watches his approach shot on the first hole during the third round of the BMW Championship golf tournament at the Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, Illinois, on 14 Sept, 2013.

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LAKE FOREST, (Illinois), 15 Sept—Tiger Woods surged back into contention for the BMW Championship on Saturday, a day after he was left fuming after being docked two strokes for a rules violation in the second round.

Though he still disagreed with the penalty imposed on him for a moving ball, he was in much more upbeat mood after putting himself in position to clinch his sixth PGA Tour victory of the season after ending the third round four shots off the pace.

The world number one mounted his charge with an electrifying run of six birdies in seven holes from the par-three sixth on the way to a five-under-par 66 in the pe-

ultimate FedExCup playoff event of the year.

“I made a big bomb there at six, which was nice, and then I got hot from there,” Woods told reporters, referring to the 30-footer he drained to spark his birdie blitz.

“I had a nice little run to at least get myself in there where I have a chance tomorrow.”

Woods was in imperious form with his approach play after the turn, hitting his second shot to six inches at the 10th, his tee shot to six feet at the par-three 11th and his approach to inside two feet at the 12th to close to within two of the lead.

Though his momentum stalled when he missed a six-foot birdie putt at the par-five

14th and at the driveable par-four 15th, where he bogeyed after dumping his tee shot into water, he finished on a good note with a birdie at the last.

“(Caddie) Joey (LaCava) and I both misread that putt there at 14,” said Woods, who ended the day alone in fifth place at nine-under 204 but is projected to return to the top of the FedExCup points standings after Sunday’s final round.

“Thought it was going to go to the right because Sergio’s putt coming up the hill went left, so I thought my putt was going to go right. My putt ended up going left, and missing that one.”

Woods was paired with Sergio Garcia for the third round at Conway Farms Golf Club, the first time they have played together since the Spaniard’s much-publicized “fried chicken” jibe at the American’s expense in May.

“And then I had three-wood on 15,” said Woods. “I was caught between three-wood and five-wood and tried to hit a little soft cut three-wood and just hit a pull-straight ball right in the water.” Once Woods had finished his round and signed his card, he then spoke to a large group of reporters who were mainly interested in his reaction to the two-stroke penalty imposed on him the previous day.—Reuters

## MYANMAR TV

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<b>6:30 am</b>	17. Myanmar Movies
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<b>6:40 am</b>	18. News
3. Song & Dance of National Races	<b>3:20 pm</b>
<b>6:50 am</b>	19. 2013 ASEAN Women Championship (Myanmar & Indonesia) (Live)
4. Documentary	<b>5:00 pm</b>
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5. News/Weather Report	<b>5:20 pm</b>
<b>7:20 am</b>	21. Song Programme
6. People Talks	<b>5:35 pm</b>
<b>7:30 am</b>	22. Teleplay (SEA Games)
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8. News/International News	<b>6:20 pm</b>
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9. SEA Games Go For Gold	<b>6:35 pm</b>
<b>9:00 am</b>	25. TV Drama Series
10. News/International News	<b>7:00 pm</b>
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11. Cartoon Series	<b>7:15 pm</b>
<b>9:50 am</b>	27. TV Drama Series
12. Beautiful “ASEAN”	<b>8:00 pm</b>
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13. News	<b>8:35 pm</b>
<b>10:15 am</b>	29. People Talks
14. TV Drama Series	<b>8:45 pm</b>
<b>11:10 am</b>	30. Hit Songs of Stars
15. New Melody	<b>9:00 pm</b>
<b>12:00 pm</b>	31. News
16. News/International	32. India Drama Series

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- \* World News
- \* Myanmar Traditional Identity (Episode-2) Myanmar Chinthe (Myanmar Lion)
- \* Local News
- \* The Night of Hearthrob Pho Chit
- \* World News
- \* Yu Suk Dance of Chin National
- \* Local News
- \* Travelling In Shan Mountain Ranges (Inle Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda Festival) (Day-2)
- \* World News
- \* Great Minds of Myanmar (Anthropologist U Kyaw Win)
- \* Local News
- \* Back to a paradise (Episode-2)
- \* World News
- \* Sweet Delicacy of Patheingyi
- \* Local News
- \* Those Who Nearer Give Up (Episode-6)-In Pursuit of a dream
- \* World News
- \* Colonial Buildings and a New Yangon
- \* Local News
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- \* World News
- \* Goldsmith
- \* Local News
- \* Me N My Travel (Min Gun)
- \* World News
- \* Mosaic Painting

# Napoli go top of Serie A after Juventus drew with Inter

ROME, 15 Sept—Napoli beat Atalanta 2-0 at home to go top of Serie A after Juventus were held to a 1-1 draw by Inter at the San Siro stadium on Saturday.

Mauro Icardi scored his first goal for Inter midway through the second half to break the deadlock, but Chilean midfielder Arturo Vidal equalised for Juventus with his 20th league goal for the Turin giants.

Inter head coach Walter Mazzarri was pleased with his side’s performance and content enough with the point against Juventus.

“We played on a par with a consolidated team, especially in the first half. After the break we even pushed for the victory, which is a big leap in such a short space of time together,” he said.

“I was interested in seeing this Inter. We had done

very well against Genoa and Catania, but with all due respect they are not Juventus and I wanted to see how we’d approach this game,” he said.

Juventus head coach Antonio Conte believed that the draw showed Inter have the credentials to fight for the



Juventus’ Arturo Vidal (L) celebrates with his teammate Paul Pogba after scoring against Inter Milan during their Italian Serie A soccer match at San Siro stadium in Milan, on 14 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Scudetto with Juventus this season.

“We confirmed today that Inter can target the top of the table this season, while Juventus are very tough to beat,” he said.

“I saw my team play very well in a difficult arena against a side that has eve-

rything to compete right to the end, as they don’t have European commitments and therefore will have better fitness levels,” he said.

Rafael Benitez’s Napoli were made to work hard for the points before the resilient Atalanta, and they had to wait until the 71st minute when Gonzalo Higuain found the net. Three minutes later, the visitors’ hopes of equalising evaporated once Luca Cigarini was sent off for his second bookable offence.

Jose Callejon then wrapped up victory late on to extend Napoli’s 100% winning start to the season.

AC Milan came from two goals down to draw 2-2 at Torino, and Mario Balotelli denied the hosts first win over the Milan side in 12 years with the last kick of the game.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 15 Sept, 2013 shows the reporters working at the 2013 China-Arab State Expo in Yinchuan, capital of northwest China’s Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region.—XINHUA

# China’s August power consumption growth at 18-month high

BEIJING, 15 Sept—China’s electricity consumption, a common indicator of economic activity, rose 13.7 percent year on year in August, marking its fastest growth since March 2012, according to official data released on Saturday.

Power consumption expanded to 510.3 billion kWh in August, accelerating from the 8.8-percent increase seen in July and the 3.6-percent growth in August 2012, the National Energy Administration (NEA) said.—Xinhua

# Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to attend 1<sup>st</sup> Thailand-Myanmar High Level Committee Meeting



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing being seen off by Vice-Senior General Soe Win and senior military officers at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept—A Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing

left here by air this noon to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> Thailand-Myanmar High Level Committee Meeting to be held in Thailand.

They were seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and senior military officers of the Commander-in-Chief Office.

The Senior General was accompanied by Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win and senior military officers of the Commander-in-Chief Office.

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## Union FM sends felicitations to Mexican counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Jose Antonio Meade Kuribreña, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the United Mexican States, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the United Mexican States which falls on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

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## Press meet for holding International Day of Democracy 2013

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept—A press conference on holding International Day of Democracy 2013 which falls today was held at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, this afternoon. It was attended by Chairman of Central Committee for holding International Day

of Democracy 2013 U Htay Oo and members, local and foreign journalists and officials.

Committee Chairman U Htay Oo clarified matters on holding the ceremony.

The chairman and members replied to queries raised by the media men.

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## Timor-Leste delegation concludes visit



Prime Minister of Timor-Leste Mr. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão holds discussion with Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept—A visiting goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister of Timor-Leste Mr. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão and wife

Mrs. Kirsty Sword-Gusmão at 8:30 am today visited the Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon before they left Yangon by air.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and wife and officials.—MNA

## Workshop on moving forward to power up Myanmar kicks off

YANGON, 15 Sept—The workshop on moving forward to power up Myanmar, jointly organized by Ministry of Electric Power and General Electric Co Ltd (GE) of the US, took place at Parkroyal Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Road in Dagon Township, here, yesterday morning.

Only when the engineers have

technological skills in their fields, will they be able to hand down the techniques to new generations, and the workshop will contribute much to capacity building of Myanmar engineers, said Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe at the opening speech at the workshop.

Mr Stuart Dean (CEO, ASEAN) of General

Electric Co Ltd made a speech. Deputy Chief Mission of US Embassy Ms Virginia E Murray explained matters related to the workshop.

Altogether 50 power plant managers and engineers from Ministry of Electric Power are attending the workshop that runs up to 17 September.

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### Opening of workshop on moving forward to power up Myanmar in progress.

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## Bombings across Iraq kill at least 21 people

BAGHDAD, 15 Sept—Car and roadside bombs in Baghdad and predominantly Shi'ite provinces of Iraq killed at least 21 people on Sunday, police sources said.

No group immediately claimed responsibility of Sunday's the attacks, which appeared coordinated, but Sunni Islamist insurgents, including an al Qaeda affiliate, have been regaining momentum in recent months.

More than two years of civil war in neighboring Syria have aggravated deep-rooted sectarian divisions in Iraq, fraying an uneasy

government coalition of Shi'ite, Sunni and ethnic Kurdish factions.

The deadliest attacks were in the city of Hilla, where two parked car bombs exploded simultaneously near a busy market and a third blew up near a vehicle repair workshop killing nine people in total, police said.

The bloodshed, 18 months after US troops withdrew from Iraq, has stirred concerns about a return to the sectarian slaughter of 2006-7, when the monthly death toll sometimes topped 3,000.

Reuters