

## President U Thein Sein felicitates King of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which falls on 23 September 2013.—MNA

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## Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker presents cash assistance, relief supplies to relief camps in Myitkyina, Waingmaw

MYITKYINA, 22 Sept—Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint attended donation ceremony of cash and relief aids to relief camps in Myitkyina this afternoon.

At the relief camp in the compound of Wuntho Monastery in Myitkyina, the Speaker said that the Amyotha Hluttaw Relief and Victim Care Committee was constituted with various national races for giving a helping hand to IDPs who had to abandon their places due to security concerns. The committee has donated cash and kind to flood-affected Mon and Kayin states.

The cash and kind donation made in Kachin State is to relax the local people for their traumas caused by conflict.

Next, the Speaker, Union Minister U Soe Maung, Chief Minister of Kachin State U La John Ngan Hsai, Deputy Ministers Dr Aung Myat Oo and U Phone Swe, Pyithu Hluttaw representatives U Thein Zaw, Dr Khin Shwe,



Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint cordially greets children at Thagara relief camp in Waingmaw Township.—MNA

U Khet Htein Nan and Daw Dwe Bu made speeches at the relief camps and presented cash assistance and relief items to the victims.

They provided K 5 million and relief supplies

worth over K 400,000 to the relief camp in Wuntho Monastery in Myitkyina, K 5 million and relief items worth about K 2.7 million to Janmaikaung KBC camp, K 5 million

and relief aid worth over K 1.2 million to St John camp, K 5 million and relief supplies worth over K 1.8 million to Thagara Monastery camp in Waingmaw, K 5 million

each and relief items worth over K 3.6 million and relief supplies worth over K 6.3 million to Maingna (RC) camp and Maingna (KBC).

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## Local firms looking to joint venture with foreign companies in energy sector

Local energy companies are making necessary preparations for joint venture with foreign firms in implementation of energy sector development in Myanmar, according to the Myanmar Investment Commission.

More than 150 local firms have applied for a licence to explore and produce oil and natural gas in inland and offshore blocks through the ministry concerned, looking to joint venture with international companies.

Local firms are will-

ing to do businesses with foreign companies. They applied for a licence to invest in the energy sector before FDI flooded into the country, but no detailed discussions are taken. Some local companies had already inked MoUs with foreign firms.

Joint venture with international energy firms is eyed by local entrepreneurs as invitation to tenders have been issued for oil and natural gas production in the country—18 inland blocks and 30 offshore blocks. So, local firms are interested to

do business with foreign companies. Up to date, 154 local entrepreneurs have been registered to invest in the energy sector, based on the ministry concerned.

There are 59 qualified companies that have submitted their bids to the Ministry of Energy which offered tenders for 18 inland blocks. Among them, winners will be allowed to cooperate with local companies.

“Better experiences and more opportunities could be brought about by working together with in-

ternational energy firms. At present, local companies are looking to joint venture with them,” an official of

Shwedaung Company said. *Myanma Alinn: 22-9-2013*

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**Thoon Wathan**



LOCAL NEWS

**Myanmar to play against Australian volleyball club**

YANGON, 22 Sept— Myanmar women's volleyball team and Nor Wod Bears women's volleyball team of Australia will meet in the friendly match at Zeyathiri Gymnasium in Nay Pyi Taw on 30 September and 1 October. Myanmar women's team is formed with Nilar Aye of Yangon City Development Committee, Yi Yi Lwin and Cho Cho Win

of Ministry of Defence, Aye Nanda Kyaw and Ohnma Than of Spots and Physical Education Department, Phyu Phyu Wai and San San Htay of Ministry of Industry, Thi Thi Aung and Khin Thet Wai of Ministry of Home Affairs, Moe Moe San of Ministry of Transport and Aye Nanda Myint and Zar Zar Hlaing of Ministry of Construction.

Kyemon

**Odd News**

**About 3000 bullets found in Tamu Township**

TAMU, 22 Sept— Sawbwa Ward administrator U Kyi Tun informed the Myoma Police Station of finding about 3000 .303 bullets in the ward in Tamu of Sagaing Region at 11 am on 14 September.

The local police and SIP Myo Myint Swe and party of

surveillance squad of Myoma Police Station inspected the findings of bullets.

There were 2900 rounds of ammunition of .303 gun. The bullets were found in unearthing the tree stump in the compound of U Khin Maung Myint.

The rounds of

ammunition were decayed and these were unusable, said a worker of the group that excavated the tree stump in the incident.

The surveillance officer handed over the bullets to the Myoma Police Station.— *Kyemon-Zo Hae Hsa (Chin Hill)*

**Natural Disaster**

**Kyweyaingbyin Village in Yedashe Tsp flooded**



YEDASHE, 22 Sept— Sittoung River that has been flowing at lowest water level in the rainy season for 40 years rose on 17 September due to inflow of water from

small creeks and drains and torrential rains.

The river rises its water level in the last week of July and the first week of August yearly. Whenever water

level rises, the local farmers face loss and damages in the farmlands.

Due to rising water level of the river, about 180 people from 40 houses in



Led by Township Administrator U Min Min Tun, doctors and health staff of Thabyegon Station Hospital, members of Shwegyin Police Outpost, village administrator and local people participate in relief and rescue works of flooding and providing health care services to flood victims.

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Kyweyaingbyin Village of Yedashe Township, Bago Region, were in transport distress.

Within two years, a total of 45 houses had been moved to the safe places, said a local.

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**Mandalay-Bangkok direct flight launched its maiden trip**

MANDALAY, 22 Sept— Mandalay-Bangkok direct flight was launched at Tha Yadana Hall of Shwepyitha Hotel in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay at 6 pm on 16 September.

Chief Minister of the region U Ye Myint attended the ceremony and delivered an address.

Also present on the occasion were Speaker of Mandalay Region Hluttaw U Win Maung and ministers, the Thai Ambassador to Myanmar and officials of Bangkok Airlines.

On the occasion, Mr Puttipong Prasartong Osotha of Bangkok Airlines said that Myanmar is a tourist attractive country as it has

plenty of natural resources and cultural heritages. He placed emphasis on development of tourism industry of Myanmar. Arrangements have been made for plying direct flight to Mandalay, cultural city of Myanmar. Mandalay-Bangkok direct flight will be run four days a week. Thanks to the direct flight, he expressed his belief that Myanmar and Thai relations will be promoted and trade improved.

It is projected to upgrade Mandalay International Airport for manage direct flights with regional countries.

Kyemon-Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)



**Anti-Narcotic Drives**

**Stimulant tablets, heroin seized in Phakant, Monywa, Kunglon, Myawady**

PHAKANT, 22 Sept— Members of Myitkyina Special Anti-Drug Squad of Kachin State at 4 am on 17 September raided the house of Ma Bauk Htwel, 30, of Hmawshan Ward of Seikmu Village-tract in Phakant Township of Kachin State.

They found Ma Bauk Htwel and Ma Ja Lin (a

Daw Kai in the house and 9800 stimulant tablets from 76 soap boxes weighing 885 grams worth K 124.875 million from their bedroom.

Likewise, members of Monywa Special Anti-Drug Squad of Sagaing Region lying in wait at the toll gate in Monywa of Sagaing Region at 5 pm on 17 September searched the Van driven by Po Myint (a) Tuk Pi, 37 of Monywa who is one of the related persons wanted by Monywa Police Station.

They saw 6940 stimulant tablets with WY brand weighing 694 grams worth K 34.7 million from the bag.

Similarly, members of Kunglon Special Anti-

Drug Squad of Shan State together with witnesses searched the KK-T 0084 bus driving from Laukkai to Chinshwehaw near Pakye Hawye outpost at the entrance to Chinshwehaw at 6 pm on 17 September.

They seized 6000 stimulant tablets weighing 600 grams worth K 9 million from the handbag of passenger Hli Shi Huam, 51 of China and 181 grams of heroin from three bottles worth K 3.63 million.

A similar case was exposed by members of

Myawady Special Anti-Drug Squad and Myawady District Police Force of Kayin State on 18 September.

They together with witnesses raided the house of Mya Yi, 51 of Mepale Village in Myawady Township.

They found 396 stimulant tablets and 408 grams of marijuana from the bedroom. Thingan-Nyinaung Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Mya Yi under the law.

Kyemon-Police Information

## WORLD

## Merkel eyes third term in first German vote since euro crisis

BERLIN, 22 Sept—In the first German election since Europe's debt crisis erupted four years ago, voters are likely to give Angela Merkel a third term on Sunday, but may force her into a coalition with her leftist rivals and catapult a new anti-euro party into parliament.

The vote is being closely watched by Berlin's European partners, with some hoping Chancellor Merkel will soften her approach towards struggling euro states like Greece if she is pushed into a 'grand coalition' with the Social Democrats (SPD).

But major policy shifts seem unlikely because the

center-left SPD, whose campaign stalled after a gaffe-prone start by its lead candidate Peer Steinbrueck, agrees with the thrust of Merkel's approach even as it accuses her of weak leadership.

Voting is due to begin at 8 am (0600 GMT) and the first exit polls will be published at 6 pm (1600 GMT). Some 62 million Germans are eligible to vote. Roughly a third described themselves as undecided in the run-up to the election, adding to the uncertainty. The most recent opinion polls show support for Merkel's conservative bloc—her Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and the

Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU)—around 39 percent, some 13 points ahead of the SPD, the second-biggest party.

That virtually guarantees that Merkel, whose staunch defence of German interests during the crisis has sent her approval ratings soaring over 60 percent, will stay on as chancellor. The wild card is the Alternative for Germany (AfD), a seven-month-old party that has seized on voter fears about the cost of euro zone bailouts, for which Germany, Europe's largest economy, underwrites the biggest share.

Led by a group of renegade academics, lawyers



German Chancellor and conservative Christian Democratic Union (CDU) leader Angela Merkel waves to supporters during a CDU election campaign rally in Stralsund on 21 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

and journalists, the AfD wants an "orderly dismantling" of the euro and says Germans should consider returning to the Deutsche Mark.

If it nudges above the 5 percent mark needed to en-

ter parliament, it will be the first new party in the Bundestag since 1990 and the only one to favor a breakup of the euro, the currency created in 1999 and now shared by 17 countries.

Reuters

## TEPCO split proposed to speed up Fukushima reactors' scrapping



Supplied photo shows bolts at the bottom of a tank that has leaked about 300 tons of toxic water at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant. Plant operator Tokyo Electric Power Co said on 20 Sept, 2013, that five bolts at the bottom of the huge cylindrical tank were found to be loose. The tank is one of around 300 containing highly radioactive water at the plant. — KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 22 Sept—A senior official of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party has proposed to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe that Tokyo Electric Power Co be split up through the creation of a company in charge of decommissioning reactors at the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, a party official said on Saturday.

Tadamori Oshima, head of the LDP committee for the recovery of areas in northeastern Japan devastated by the 2011 March earthquake and tsunami, made the proposal Wednesday so that the utility will be able to focus on compensation for those affected by the nuclear crisis and its primary business while decommissioning work can be speeded up, the official said.

Of the plant's six re-

actors, TEPCO is moving ahead to decommission the Nos 1 to 4 units that suffered meltdowns or hydrogen explosions in the early days of the crisis. Abe on Thursday urged TEPCO to scrap the Nos. 5 and 6 reactors as well, even though those two reactors suffered no major structural damage.

Under the plan of Oshima, former vice president of the LDP, TEPCO employees dealing with the plant's cleanup efforts and decommissioning work would be transferred to the new company, which will receive financial support primarily from the government.

However, observers say the plan may face resistance from some quarters as it could result in a confusion of responsibilities between TEPCO and the government over decommissioning work.—Kyodo News

## Syria meets deadline for chemical weapons disclosure

AMSTERDAM, 22 Sept—Syria has handed over information about its chemical arsenal to a UN-backed weapons watchdog, meeting the first deadline of an ambitious disarmament operation that averted the threat of Western air strikes.

The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) said on Saturday it had "received the expected disclosure" from Damascus, 24 hours after saying it had been given a partial document from Syrian authorities.

It said it was reviewing the information, handed over after President Bashar al-Assad agreed to destroy Syria's chemical weapons in the wake of a sarin gas strike in Damascus's suburbs last month — the world's deadliest chemical attack in 25 years.

Washington blamed Assad's forces for the attack, which it said killed more than 1,400 people. Assad blamed rebels battling to overthrow him, saying it made no sense for

his forces to use chemical weapons when they were gaining the upper hand and while UN chemical inspectors were staying in central Damascus.

The timetable for disarmament was laid down by US Secretary of State John Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov a week ago in Geneva when they set aside sharp differences over Syria to address the chemical weapons issue.

Their plan set a Saturday deadline for Syria to give a full account of the weapons it possesses. Security experts say it has about 1,000 metric tons of mustard gas, VX and sarin—the nerve gas UN inspectors found had been used in the 21 August attack.

The US State Department said on Friday, after the OPCW announced Syria's initial declaration, that it was studying the material. "An accurate list is vital to ensure the effective implementation," spokeswoman Marie Harf said.

Once the OPCW ex-

ecutive has voted to follow the Lavrov-Kerry plan in a meeting expected early next week, the Security Council is due to give its endorsement of the arrangements—marking a rare consensus after two years of East-West deadlock over Syria.

Reuters

## Five killed in federal police helicopter crash in southern Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 22 Sept—A federal police helicopter crashed into the mountain range in the southern state of Guerrero, killing all three crew members and two passengers on board, police sources said on Saturday.

Official sources quoted by local media reports said that the Black Hawk helicopter was found near the community of La Pintada, where 68 people were missing after a landslide triggered by heavy rains. The Black Hawk, which was missing since Thursday, was one of the many helicopters that came to help with the evacuation of residents in high risk areas after floods and landslides

caused by the storms "Ingrid" and "Manuel" which hit last weekend in 24 states of the country.

The ill-fated rescue helicopter was conducting rescue operation in the municipality of Atoyac de Alvarez after taking off Thursday afternoon from the base of Pie de la Cuesta to address La Pintada.

Federal Police lost contact with the aircraft hours later after it rescued a group of people, said the sources.

Cause of the accident remained unknown.

At least 101 people died and another 68 were missing in Mexico because of the two devastating storms, local authorities said.—Xinhua

## Malta marks independence day

VALLETTA, 22 Sept—Malta held an official ceremony in the capital city Valletta and its adjacent town Floriana on Saturday morning to mark the 49th anniversary of Malta's independence.

The Armed Forces of

Malta (AFM) held a parade down Republic Street and formed up at St John Square, where it accorded a salute to Prime Minister Joseph Muscat and was inspected by President George Abela.

Xinhua



Free Syrian Army fighters take cover from snipers by crawling on the front line in Aleppo's Sheikh Saeed neighbourhood on 21 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

## SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY

## RSA warns developers to stop using NSA's weak security formula



NEW YORK, 22 Sept—In the latest fallout from Edward Snowden's intelligence disclosures, a major US computer security company warned thousands of customers on Thursday to stop using software that relies on a weak mathematical formula developed by the National Security Agency.

RSA, the security arm of storage company EMC Corp, told current customers in an email that a toolkit for developers had a default random-number generator using the weak formula, and that customers should switch to one of several other formulas in the product.

Last week, the New York Times reported that Snowden's cache of documents from his time working for an NSA contractor showed that the agency used its public participation in the process for setting voluntary cryptography standards, run by the government's National Institute of Standards and Technology, to push for a formula that it knew it could break. NIST, which accepted the NSA proposal in 2006 as one of four systems acceptable for government use, this week said it would reconsider that inclusion in the wake of questions about its security.

But RSA's warning underscores how the slow-moving standards process and industry practices could leave many users exposed to hacking by the NSA or others who could exploit the same flaw for years to come.

RSA had no immediate comment. It was unclear how the company could reach all the former customers of its development tools, let alone how those programmers could in turn reach all of their customers. Developers who used RSA's "BSAFE" kit wrote code for Web browsers, other software, and hardware components to increase their security. Random numbers are a core part of much modern cryptography, and the ability to guess what they are renders those formulas vulnerable.

The NSA-promoted formula was odd enough that some experts speculated for years that it was flawed by design. A person familiar with the process told Reuters that NIST accepted it in part because many government agencies were already using it.—Reuters

## NASA announces an end to Deep Impact comet mission

WASHINGTON, 22 Sept—US space agency NASA on Friday announced an end to the eight-year Deep Impact mission that included an unprecedented impact, comet flybys and the return of approximately 500,000 images of celestial objects.

The project team at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) gave up on the Deep Impact after being unable to communicate with the spacecraft for more than a month. The last communication with the probe was on 8 August.

Deep Impact was most traveled comet research mission in history, going about 4.7 billion miles (7.58 billion km).

"Deep Impact has been

a fantastic, long-lasting spacecraft that has produced far more data than we had planned," Mike A'Hearn, Deep Impact principal investigator at the University of Maryland said in a statement. "It has revolutionized our understanding of comets and their activity."

Launched in January 2005, the spacecraft first made worldwide headlines on 4 July, 2005, when it released a refrigerator-sized impactor to collide spectacularly with comet Tempel 1, giving scientists their first-ever view of pristine material from inside a comet.

"Six months after launch, this spacecraft had already completed its planned mission to study

comet Tempel 1," said Tim Larson, project manager of Deep Impact at JPL. "But the science team kept finding interesting things to do, and through the ingenuity of our mission team and navigators and support of NASA's Discovery Programme, this spacecraft kept it up for more than eight years, producing amazing results all along the way."

The spacecraft's extended mission culminated in a successful flyby of comet Hartley 2 on 4 Nov, 2010. Along the way, it also observed six different stars to confirm the motion of planets orbiting them, and took images and data of the Earth, the Moon and Mars.

These data helped to

## Lenovo unveils new range of gaming laptops, AIOs in India

NEW DELHI, 22 Sept—Lenovo has launched a new range of gaming PCs that include the all-in-one IdeaCentre Horizon 27, IdeaPad Y510p and the IdeaPad Z510 for the Indian market. All the three newly launched devices are based on Windows 8 and equip high-performance graphics and audio for a seamless gaming experience, notes the company.

The Lenovo IdeaCentre Horizon 27 is an all-in-one PC that supports multi-touch and doubles up as a table PC. It features a 27-inch display and runs Intel Core i7 (Third generation - Ivy Bridge). It is powered by Nvidia GeForce GT 620M 1GB/2GB graphics with DirectX 11. It also features stereo speakers with Dolby Home Theatre V4 and weighs around 8.6 kilograms. The Lenovo IdeaCentre Horizon 27 will be available in India from next week, at a price of Rs. 1,36,500 (taxes included).

The second gaming PC unveiled is the Lenovo IdeaPad Y510p which features a 15.6-inch full-HD LED Glare display. It runs Intel Core i7

processor (Fourth generation - Haswell) and is powered by dual NVIDIA GeForce GT 750M 2GB graphics with use of Ultrabay technology. It comes with 8GB RAM and includes 1TB of Hard disk drive. Other features include backlit accutype keyboard with touchpad, USB 3.0 Port, HDMI output, 720p HD Webcam and Dual Digital Array Microphones. The device also features JBL speakers with Dolby Home Theater v4. The Lenovo IdeaPad Y510p will be available in India from next week in Dusk Black colour, at a price of Rs. 69,990 (taxes included).

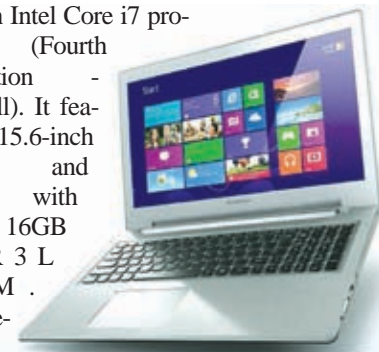
Last of the newly launched gaming PCs is the Lenovo IdeaPad Z510 which runs on Intel Core i7 processor (Fourth generation - Haswell). It features a 15.6-inch display and comes with up to 16GB D D R 3 L R A M .

The de-

vice includes Intel Wireless Display (WiDi) Technology that enables streaming the content to a device with bigger display. The IdeaPad Z510 also comes with OneKey recovery, that makes data backup and recovery easy, notes the company. There are stereo speakers with Dolby Theatre certification for audio enhancement. The Lenovo IdeaPad Z510 has been priced at Rs. 50,990 (taxes included), and will be available from the middle of October.

Commenting on the launch Shailendra Katyal, Director—Consumer Business, Lenovo India said, "Lenovo is fostering its growth in the PC+ era through these multi-media devices that will add a new dimension to our existing portfolio of Consumer products and redefine the concept of gaming in India."

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## Videocon Mobile Services rebranded as Videocon Telecom

MUMBAI, 22 Sept—Videocon Mobile Services, a subsidiary of Videocon Industries, Thursday rebranded itself as Videocon Telecom.

The company roped in Pujabi actor and singer Gippy Grewal as its brand ambassador and also unveiled a new logo which replaces text 'mobile services' in its old logo with with Telecom in white and green box.

"Change is always good and refreshing and brings in vibrancy in the environment. I am pleased to unveil our new brand logo 'Videocon Telecom' which brings with it a reinforced identity and a new vibrant approach," Videocon Telecom's CEO and Director Arvind Bali said in a statement.

On roping in Grewal

as brand ambassador, Bali said: "Gippy is known for his versatility and has a huge fan following not only from youth, but also from people from all walks of life.

This in addition to our all new and refreshing Videocon Telecom logo reflects our core values." The company in November 2012 auctions won spectrum in six circles for Rs. 2,221.44 crore and operates in four circles of Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat, at present. It aims to add about 60 lakh subscribers in 2013-14.

The company had over 22 lakh customers at the end of May this year.

Videocon is gradually building network in Bihar, UP East and UP West.

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## Google gets a new logo, does away with embossment and shadows



Google had last tweaked its iconic logo three years ago in May 2010.

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NEW DELHI, 22 Sept—After initially refuting reports of a new logo, Google has announced that it is indeed giving the look of its six letters a makeover. Recently Yahoo and Microsoft's Bing also unveiled their new logos. Microsoft had given itself a new logo a year ago.

In a post on the official

Google Search blog announcing an updated Google bar, Eddie Kessler, tech lead/manager at Google, said that Google has "refined the colour palette and letter shapes of the Google logo." The new Google logo will be rolled out across different Google products over the next few weeks.

The new Google logo

is flatter in appearance and does away with the embossment and shadows, but distinctive colours remain, albeit in slightly different shades. Google has also retained the Catull font for the new logo but as mentioned in the post there is could be some changes in the letter shapes, but that doesn't seem apparent.—PTI

## BUSINESS &amp; HEALTH

## Ad tech provider Rocket Fuel shares nearly double in debut

NEW YORK, 22 Sept—Shares of advertisement technology company Rocket Fuel Inc nearly doubled in their debut as investors flocked to grab a piece of the company that has shown impressive revenue growth.

The company, which helps customers place their ads on websites and mobile networks, sold 4 million shares at the top end of its price range of \$27-\$29 per share, raising \$116 million.

Shares of the company closed at \$56.10 on the Nasdaq on Friday after touching a high of \$62.50, valuing the company at \$2.03 billion.

About 5.56 million shares changed hands during the session, making them one of the most heavily traded stocks on the Nasdaq.

Many smaller ad tech companies are trying to grab market share from Google Inc, whose slice of the business is expected to climb to 20.7 percent next year from 17.6 percent this year, according to eMarketer.

The sector, however, is characterized by hundreds

of different companies and it is often difficult to distinguish how one ad tech company's algorithms are better than the next, analysts and bankers say.

"Rocket Fuel is in a hot area combining artificial intelligence and Big Data-driven predictive modeling," said Jay Ritter, an IPO expert at the University of Florida.

Investors feel that Rocket Fuel has a winning technology and are optimistic that the company will be able to grow and become profitable, he said.

Redwood City, California-based Rocket Fuel's revenue has grown dramatically since its inception in 2008, rising nearly six-fold to \$106.6 million in 2012 from \$16.5 million in 2010.

Net loss, however, widened to \$10.34 million for the year ended December 2012, from \$4.32 million a year earlier.

The company had 784 active customers, including 65 of the top 100 national advertisers and over 40 Fortune 100 companies as of 30 June, its filing showed.

Reuters

## Italy's Fiat to take full control of VM Motori



A Fiat logo is seen on a car during a press preview at the 2013 New York International Auto Show in New York, on 28 March, 2013.—REUTERS

MILAN, 22 Sept—The Italian carmaker Fiat (FIA.MI) is planning to take full control of the diesel engine manufacturer VM Motori by buying out the half of the company owned by joint venture partner General Motors (GM.N), Fiat said on Saturday.

VM Motori, based in the northern Italian city of Cento, is currently a 50:50 JV between Fiat and GM.

The plant supplies engines for various car models, including the Jeep Wrangler and Jeep Grand

Cherokee.

"GM's notification to exercise its put option to sell to Fiat its 50 percent interest in VM Motori SpA is in line with the contracts Fiat entered into when it acquired a 50 percent stake in VM in 2010," Fiat said in an emailed statement.

"The transaction's satisfactory conclusion is expected before year-end and is conditional upon the requisite regulatory approvals." The company did not give a value for the deal.

Reuters

## Obama warns congressional Republicans over government funding

WASHINGTON, 22 Sept—US President Barack Obama on Saturday urged Republicans to stop political brinkmanship on government funding and debt limit in order to avert self-inflicted wounds to the economy.

In his weekly address, Obama said there is a fraction "on the far right" of the Republican party who have convinced their leadership to threaten a government shutdown if they can't shut off the Affordable Care Act, commonly known as Obamacare.

"Some are actually willing to plunge America into default if they can't defund the Affordable Care Act," he said.

## Rodents, insects found in Virginia ice-cream cone warehouse

WAYNESBORO, 22 Sept—US authorities have seized ice-cream waffle cones from a food storage facility in Waynesboro, Virginia, after inspectors found widespread rodent and insect infestation on the premises.

US marshals seized the products after Food and Drug Administration inspectors determined that the company had not taken effective measures to protect food,

"Both houses of Congress can take a simple vote to pay our bills on time, then work together to pass a budget on time," to avoid reversing economic gains since the end of the recession, said Obama.

Bowing to pressure from the Republican conservatives, the House of Representatives on Friday



equipment or surfaces from contamination.

The company, Gourmet Provisions LLC, does business as Matt's Supreme Cones, the FDA said on Friday.

Authorities also seized products from Royal Cup Inc, which stores coffee service items in a separate area within the Gourmet Provisions warehouse.

On a website showing

approved a stopgap bill which would fund the government through Oct. 15 at existing funding levels while stripping funding for implementing the health-care law.

"Our message to the United States Senate is simple: the American people don't want the government shutdown, and they don't

want Obamacare," said House Speaker John Boehner. The funding bill now moves to the Democratic-controlled Senate, where the Democrats would for certain restore the Obamacare funding before sending it back to the House for passage by 30 Sept in order to prevent a government shutdown.

Later Friday, Obama responded with an angry speech during his tour at a Ford plant in Missouri, saying the Republicans are more interested in politics than the economy.

Obama also reiterated his refusal to negotiate over the debt limit, saying the full faith and credit of the United States is not negotiable.—Xinhua

## Positive outlook in heart disease tied to fewer deaths

NEW YORK, 22 Sept—People with heart disease who are more upbeat and excited tend to live longer than those who don't have such a positive outlook, a new study suggests, possibly because they are often more active.

Researchers surveyed people with ischemic heart disease—when the heart doesn't get enough blood due to narrowed arteries—and found earning a high score on measures of "positive affect" was tied to a greater chance of be-

ing a regular exerciser and a lower risk of dying over the next five years.

"It adds to the body of literature suggesting that there may be relationships between positive affect ... and all-cause mortality," Richard Sloan, who studies psychological risk factors and heart disease at Columbia University Medical Centre in New York, said.

But, "It's going to take more than this to be confident that there's a link in the way we're confident there's a link between depression

and (a higher risk of) heart disease," Sloan, who didn't participate in the new research, told Reuters Health.

The new study included 607 heart patients who were seen at one Danish hospital.

Susanne S Pedersen from Tilburg University in The Netherlands and her colleagues asked the patients about their quality of life, mood and lifestyle habits including physical activity in 2005. Then they used death and hospital records to track participants through 2010. On a mood

it says.

The company advertises waffle cones, sugar cones, mini cones, wafers and cookies, offering the "largest pre-made waffle cone assortment in the industry." The mini waffle cones are "great" for ice cream shops, weddings, catered events and baby showers, it says, and shipping is free anywhere in the United States.

Reuters

scale ranging from 0 to 40, where higher scores indicate feeling more relaxed, self-confident and excited, half of participants scored a 24 or above. (Negative affect was measured separately—so a person could score high or low on measures of both positive attitude and insecurity or helplessness.)

During the follow-up period, 30 of the high positive affect patients died of any cause, compared to 50 people with a lower positive attitude score.

Reuters

People participate in a blood donation activity held by Indonesian Red Cross in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 21 Sept, 2013. XINHUA





**Kim Eyi Do,**  
spokesman of  
South Korea's  
Unification  
Ministry, releases  
a statement in  
Seoul on 21 Sept,  
2013, after North  
Korea postponed  
planned reuni-  
ons of families  
separated by the  
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KYODO NEWS

## Taliban using internet in propaganda war

KABUL, 22 Sept — Taliban militants fighting Afghan government and NATO-led forces to regain power in the militancy-plagued Afghanistan, contrary to the past, have been enormously using the internet in the propaganda war, a change of mind unthinkable 12 years ago.

The armed outfit which was dethroned by the US-led military coalition invasion in late 2001, had outlawed internet, television, video player, cinema, photography and all kind of entertainment during its six-year rule which collapsed in late 2001, nowadays is largely relying on internet to send out its activities and messages to the world.

Today, the Taliban outfit has several websites to publish their military and political activities and put on wire for its readers across the globe.

Contrary to the past, which the fundamentalist outfit had banned Pho-

toshop and filming, the Taliban militants today put on display the clips and footage of their activities, which are carried mostly in the shape of suicide attacks, roadside bombings and car bombs against the security forces.

Their websites in English, Arabic, Dari, Pashtu and Urdu languages, are full of written stories, articles, clips and photos of Taliban activities against Afghan and the NATO-led forces based in Afghanistan.

Clinging on re-establishing Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, the name given to Taliban's ousted regime, the armed outfit in its statements and stories posted on its websites often propagated that the Mujahidden, or the holy warriors, of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan have targeted the Afghan and foreign forces, inflicting huge casualties.

Xinhua

## Explosive criminal cases drop in China

BEIJING, 22 Sept — Crimes involving explosives have decreased markedly in China, according to the Ministry of Public Security on Saturday. The explosive criminal cases dropped by 22.9 percent annually from 2000 to 2012. The figure reduced 26.1 percent year on year so far this year, the ministry said. Since the start of the year, China has dealt with 2,602 cases il-

legally producing, trading, transporting and storing explosives. It has confiscated 998 tonnes explosives and 276 tonnes black powder, and shut down 178 relevant illicit websites, the ministry said.

China has carried out severe crackdown on crimes involving guns and explosives, which is a magic key to protect people's lives and properties, the ministry said.

The ministry has recently issued a circular with four relevant departments to combat crimes relating to dangerous explosives. The circular bans illegal production, trading, transporting and storing of explosives and highly toxic and flammable chemicals, adding that those who fail to abide by the regulation will be punished.

The circular reiterates that people who vol-

untarily hand in illegal explosives before 31 Oct 2013, will receive mitigation or exemption from punishment, while those who refuse to obey will be severely punished. The ministry also encouraged the public to report clues of crimes relating to illegal possession of guns and explosives, with rewards provided by public security bureaus at all levels.

Xinhua

## China braces for super typhoon Usagi

GUANGZHOU, 22 Sept — Southern Chinese coastal provinces have evacuated residents, issued alerts and canceled air and shipping services as super typhoon Usagi strengthens over the Pacific and moves towards China. Usagi is expected to hammer south China's Pearl River Delta some time between on Sunday afternoon and Monday morning.

Usagi was 660 km southeast of Hong Kong at 5 pm Saturday, packing a wind speed of 187 km per hour at its centre. It was moving northwest at a speed of up to 20 km per hour, the National Meteorological Centre said in a latest update.

The agency issued the highest level of alert for Usagi, warning that it will bring gales and downpours to southern and southeastern coastal areas.

The centre said Usagi would bring strong storms to the east of Taiwan and the

coastal areas of Guangdong, Zhejiang and Fujian provinces on Saturday and Sunday.

China Southern Airlines said it would cancel flights in and out of Hong Kong on Sunday and cancel flights to Shantou, Zhuhai and Shenzhen in the Pearl River delta as of 10 am Sunday as local airports could be battered by heavy rains and strong gales starting Sunday noon.

The airlines would notify affected passengers through phone calls, text messages and emails, it said.

Meanwhile, the Baiyun International Airport in Guangzhou, the capital city of Guangdong, has issued a yellow alert over the approaching typhoon and stepped up support measures to guarantee safety and deal with emergencies.

Guangdong government has issued warnings and activated the second highest alert for disaster response. Local authorities have been send-



Fishing boats stay in a harbour to avoid typhoon Usagi in Xinbei City, southeast China's Taipei, on 20 Sept, 2013. — XINHUA

ing SMS messages to coastal residents, telling them to be prepared for the super typhoon.

Guangdong has increased the number of salvage forces. More than 44,000 fishing boats and 19,000 fishermen have been told to return to harbors and land. Meanwhile, Guangdong's neighboring Fujian Province has evacuated more than 80,000 people and deployed over 50,000 disaster-relief personnel.

"Typhoon Usagi is strong and dangerous. It poses quite significant threats to

Fujian," said Su Shulin, governor of the province. Su told local officials to be solidly prepared. Shipping transport between the Chinese mainland and Taipei has been partially suspended.

Most shipping lines from Xiamen City to Kinmen and all lines from Quanzhou City to Kinmen were canceled on Saturday.

Meanwhile, the government in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region has issued alerts and officials in Hainan Province were told to step up their typhoon watch.—Xinhua

A Humvee from the US Marines participates in a live-fire exercise in Tarlac Province, the Philippines, on 21 Sept, 2013. US and Filipino forces commenced on 18 Sept the RP-US Amphibious Landing Exercise (PHIBLEX) which will last until 11 Oct and involves 2,300 Filipino and US soldiers.

XINHUA



## Dugong habitat confirmed at relocation site of Okinawa base

TOKYO, 22 Sept — The inhabitation of a site planned for the relocation of a US Marine base in Okinawa by dugongs, an endangered marine mammal, was confirmed last year for the first time in three years

by the Okinawa Defence Bureau, a recent survey by the bureau revealed on Saturday.

Only a small number of dugongs live in waters near the Japanese archipelago. A survey report obtained

by *Kyodo News* through a freedom-of-information request confirmed traces of seaweed having been eaten by dugongs at the planned reclamation site in the April-June period of 2012.

*Kyodo News*

## At least 65 killed in attack in Baghdad Shi'ite stronghold

BAGHDAD, 22 Sept — At least 65 people were killed in a triple bombing that targeted a tent filled with mourners in Baghdad's Shi'ite Muslim stronghold of Sadr City on Saturday, police and medical sources said.

A car bomb went off near the tent where a funeral was being held, a suicide bomber driving a car then blew himself up, and a third explosion followed as police, ambulances and firefighter were gathering at the scene, police said.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, in which at least 120 others were wounded, medics said.

"Crowds of people

were visiting the tent to offer their condolences when suddenly a powerful blast ... threw me to ground," said 35-year-old Basim Raheem.

"When I tried to get up, a second blast happened. My clothes were covered with blood and human flesh. I thought I was wounded, but later discovered I was lying in a pool of others' blood," he added.

A *Reuters* reporter said distraught survivors attacked policemen and firefighters who tried to move them away from the scene. Puddles of blood surrounded the tent.

In a separate incident, at least eight people were killed when a car bomb ex-

ploded in a busy street in the predominantly Shi'ite Ur District of northern Baghdad, police said.

Iraq's delicate sectarian balance has come under growing strain from the civil war in neighbouring Syria, where mainly Sunni Muslim rebels are fighting to overthrow a leader backed by Shi'ite Iran.

Both Sunnis and Shi'ites have crossed into Syria from Iraq to fight on opposite sides of the conflict. Al-Qaeda's Iraqi and Syrian branches merged earlier this year to form the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, which has claimed responsibility for attacks on both sides of the border.

*Reuters*

LOCAL NEWS

**Traditional medical care provided to monastic school students**

PATHEINGYI, 22 Sept— Underguidance of Mandalay Region Traditional Medicine Department, Patheingyi Township Traditional Medicines Department provided free medical treatment to the students at a monastic school in Shwebontha Monastery in Leinbin village in Patheingyi Township of Mandalay Region on 17 September.

The department is providing treatment at the local monasteries in the

township.

The campaign was joined by Head of Mandalay District Traditional Medicine Department U Than Oo, Head of Patheingyi Township Traditional Medicine Department U Thit Lwin, Chairperson of Patheingyi Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Kaythi Shwe and members.

They provided medical treatment to 620 students at the monastic school.

MMAL-Aung Kyaw Tun (Patheingyi)



Staff of Township Electrical Engineer Office are installing 480-ft long 400 Volt grid in Htargon village (5) in Pyu in Toungoo District in Bago Region on 14 September.—MMAL-IPRD

**UN aids convoy reaches Kachin IDP camps**

LWEJEL, 22 Sept— United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Aids on 9 September provided medicines and rations to internally displaced persons in Kachin State who were displaced for security issues.

The logistics group provided non-food items and stationery to IDPs in Waing Kyaing camp in

Laiza, Munlun, Laiza IDP boarding school, Myitkyina-Jaeyan, Lwejel in Momauk Township, Pakahtaung, Ingaungpa and Dunpon of Maijayan.

Humanitarian Affairs Officer of UNOCHA Mr Armin Daewerit and Field Coordinator U Moe Aung provided aids with the convoy of four cars and six trucks on 9-23 September.

**Chin State Government planning establishment of new village for landslides victims**

FALAM, 22 Sept— Chin State Government is planning a new village as Laizo and Lalai villages in Falam Township in Chin State engulfed by the landslides in August are in danger of losing their settlement.

Five houses were destroyed as the landslides hit two villages, leaving many traces of further landslides.

The Chin State Government is planning to evacuate the villagers

to a safe and new place, according to Chin State Social Affairs Minister Dr Ba Maung.

The Chin State Government will establish a new village near Lonpi village seven miles from Falam and 11 miles from Zalai village.

The government has yet to announce how and when the houses are to be evacuated.

"The evacuation depends on each individual. We are getting ready for

those who want to evacuate. Some who afford new house will build one. Some will rebuild the old one. We will provide assistance whatever we can. We will find logs. We are in talks with Forest Department," the minister said.

The evacuation is likely to take place in the summer. It would take long just as there are many households," an official of Zalai landslides victims support group said.

The source said the

evacuation could take place in batches. Some of the victims are taking refuge at relatives' houses.

The group is also considering building makeshift tents in Lonpi and Lonrahan villages.

Some 300 victims in Zalai village are taking refuge in relatives' houses and they would find it difficult to immediately cope with the new land provided by the state government.

MMAL-Nay Su (Chin Yoma)

HRD

**Educative talks on reading habits, census taking given**

TOUNGOO, 22 Sept—Toungoo District Information and Public Relations Department gave educative talks and exhibited posters, documentary photos and documentary videos at Aryone U Library in Kanhla village in Toungoo on 14 September afternoon.

Staff Officer of Toungoo

District Information and Public Relations Department Daw Khaing Thin gave talks on promotion of reading habits.

Staff Officer II Daw Thanda Lin gave talks on census taking.

Daw Thanda Lin presented publications to the library through the village-tract administrator U Myint Lwin.

Those present at the ceremony then viewed round posters, documentary photos and videos.—MMAL-Maung Shwe Win (Pyay)

Relief

The aids include medicines, foods and stationery.

"The convoy has been permitted access to the region by the government. They provide aids to the camps after reporting the local authorities. They provide aids themselves. IDP families are happy as they get necessary aids," said writer Yin Nyein Pan who lives in Lwejel.

MMAL-Nyan Min (Namkham)

**Chin tomato on demand**

KALAY, 22 Sept—The demand of tomatoes from Tamu in Chin State and Gangaw is increasing, according to a tomato trader from Tahan.

Multi-cropping pattern has started applying in the sector over the past five years.

Tomatoes were transported to tomato brokerages in Kalay, Tamu and Gangaw markets with trucks.

Areas in Chin State where tomato is planted are Lonepan, Parthe,



Larthe, Hsinzun and Kuzun areas.

MMAL-Shin Nay Min

**Nine bus accidents in first half of September in Yangon**

YANGON, 22 Sept— There are nine road accidents of passengers recorded in Yangon on 1-15 September, according to Yangon Region All Bus Lines Control Committee.

The central committee met the media on 18

September.

Buses of the committee (Yangon Region) hit three people who were crossing the road and was hit by a motorbike which is not allowed in Yangon.

Buses of the committee (Yangon West District) hit

one who was crossing the road. Buses of the committee (Yangon North District) saw one passenger fell off the bus from the door and run into the back of another bus.

Shwe Yangon Bus hit a person crossing the road.

MMAL-Soe Win (SP)

**Two-headed bull born in Singu**

SINGU, 22 Sept—A two-headed bull was born in farmer U San Hla's house in Singu Township.

"This cow has delivered thrice. It is quite amazing that the two-headed baby bull was

born in her third delivery," U San Hla said.

The bull died just after its delivery.

U Myo Kyaw of Singu bought the strange bull for K 30,000.—MMAL-433



**Firefighters and ward/village-tract administrators conducted rescue and evacuation measures in No (1) ward in Minbu in Magway Region on 19 September as roads and wards have been deluged with flood caused by rising water level of Ayeyawady River.**  
MMAL-KHAING SOE LIN (MANDALAY SUB-PRINTING HOUSE)



## PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 23 September, 2013

## The three blossoms

A cluster of three blossoms is definitely more beautiful and impressive than a single bloom. Each flower has its own attractiveness and the three are rivaling one another in loveliness. But the blended beauty of the three added with the emerald leaves produces an inspiring elegance for every beholder.

The education sector too has three blossoms –

the teachers, the parents and the students – forming like a bunch of flowers. Like the three flowers enhancing their beauty through threesome power, the dutifulness of the teachers, the parents and the students will bring out quality citizens for the nation. As for the teachers, their duty is teaching, while the parents are mainly breadwinners. What the students need mostly is hard work.

However the teachers are dutiful and the parents are giving support, students cannot become excellent and decent adults without perseverance and efforts. So, there must be harmony between the three. But the world is not a perfect place. In some cases, students lack will even though there is

enough support from both the teachers and parents, and in other cases students have will, but the support from teachers and parents is weak. A boy or a girl cannot be good in education without his or her eagerness and the fine support of parents and teachers.

Boy or girl, a student has only two kinds of major work. One is schoolwork and another is homework. They must do both their schoolwork and homework well and must be outstanding students who love learning. Only if all the three – the teachers, the parents and the students – do their job well their achievement will be impressive like the exquisiteness of the three blossoms.

## ARTICLE

## Rule of Law

In a sovereign state, only the rule of law could guarantee the peaceful living of its citizens and stability of the state itself. Then who is responsible for the rule of law? In response to the question, lawmakers, some leaders of some political parties, and some media reportedly said the judges failed to enforce the rule of law, the judicial pillar is being corrupted and there would be groups monitoring courts to crack down corruption of judges.

I am a habitual reader of legal books. To the best of my knowledge, there are two types of judicial cases—civil cases and criminal cases. Those involved in the civil cases are plaintiff and defendant, lawyers hired by both sides and judges. In criminal cases, there are police officers who handled the case at the first hand, plaintiffs and defendant, prosecutors, lawyers hired by both sides and judges. In both civil and criminal cases, it is assumed that the above-mentioned persons are responsible for the rule of law. In both cases, each side uses various means beyond the law to beat their rivaling side. Despite specific code of ethics for the lawyers, many (not the all) lawyers are reportedly giving inappropriate advices to their clients. Some lawyers are even writing letter complaint for money beyond their profession as a court lawyer. They are in breach of code of ethics of lawyers. Anyone would have to file a lawsuit at the police station if any criminal case arises. If the case is cognizable offence, the police station open the case based on the First Information Report (FIR). Though, some police stations are not opening the cases immediately. Responsible for the community

peace and the rule of law, they should open the case promptly to ensure the rule of law. After the opening of the case and interrogation, the police are to seek advice from prosecutor over the charges. Also in this cases, some prosecutors are doing misappropriate conducts. Only with the remarks of the prosecutor, could the case be brought to the court. So, plaintiffs, attorneys, police and prosecutors if it is criminal case are also responsible for the rule of law along with the judges.

The judges rule the cases as per relevant laws. The judges rule over the Code of Civil Procedures, Evidence Act and other relevant laws in civil cases, and over the Code of Criminal Procedures, Evidence Act and other relevant laws in criminal cases. It would not be right for a judge to rule a case on their own rationality or on sympathy listening to the voices of the people. They judge a case according to admissible evidence as defined in Evidence Act. It would be Direct Evidence, not Hearsay Evidence.

The monitoring of the judges by responsible bodies, the monitoring of police officers by their departmental heads, and ensuring all lawyers to abide by the code of ethics by Myanmar Bar Council would advance the rule of law. The lack of monitoring would weaken the rule of law. Myanmar is adopting the common law system. An old saying goes, "Delay defeats equity." So, the judges are not supposed to delay a case without firm reasons. There should be higher judiciary bodies to prevent such cases.

The Union-level parliament, region/state parliaments, the central government and region/state governments are responsible for the rule of law. The peo-

ple are also responsible for it as well. Only when the parliaments, the governments and the people abide by the 2008 constitution ratified with 98.12% majority vote and, will the rule of law prevail.

The parliaments are responsible to make and discuss laws as per the constitution, the supreme of all laws. The constitutionality of impeachment of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union and suspension of the Right to Recall bill should be considered. The lawmakers should refer to the constitution in speaking in and outside the parliament. Some journals reported that a lawmaker's proclamation "Above the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw only lies the sky" earns ovation of the parliamentarians. The 2008 constitution is drafted as per the will of the people. The elections were held and MPs were elected in 2010 as per the constitution. If there is no 2008 constitution, he or she would never become a lawmaker. So, the constitution and the people must be above the parliament. Section (4) of the Constitution reads, "The Sovereignty power of the Union is derived from the citizens and is in force in the entire country."

A lawmaker reportedly said that the Attorney-General of the Union, the Chief Justice of the Union and judges of the Supreme Court of the Union are being under the thumb of the President as they are appointed by him. According to the 2008 Constitution, the President doesn't have the right to appoint directly the Chief Justice of the Union and Attorney-General of the Union, but with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. So, it is clear that the 2008 constitution must be learnt to be able to speak rightly before the people.

## Mawgun

The 1947 Constitution obliges the president to appoint a barrister nominated by the prime minister as the attorney-general. The approval of the parliament is not required. The attorney-general is obliged to resign upon the resignation of the prime minister. The President appoints chief justice of the Supreme Court and high court with the approval of two houses. This is how the two constitutions differ from each other.

According to the 2008 Constitution, the chief justice of the Union can be only appointed with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. In addition, the President can only appoint the judges of the supreme court of the Union with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in coordination with the chief justice of the Union. So, it can be assumed that the President has no influence over the appointments of the chief justice, attorney-general and judges of the Supreme Court of the Union as they can be only appointed with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Moreover, the article 11 of the constitution and legislative principles state that the President doesn't have the right to interfere with the judicial power of the chief justice of the Union.

As the representatives of respective houses had taken oath to safeguard the constitution and abide by the laws of the State after they were elected to the houses, and therefore it is assumed that they are obliged to know and follow provisions in the 2008 Constitution. That they pass laws adhering to provisions in the constitution means enforcing the rule of law.

The President serves as the head of the executive branch of the State under the

2008 Constitution to exercise the executive power, one of the three branches of State's sovereign power. The Union government is made of the President, the Vice-Presidents, Union ministers and the Attorney-General of the Union to handle the administrative matters. The Union government is responsible for rule of law in the country. As far as I am concerned, the President is not hesitant to correct a mistake as soon as he knows it is. To give some examples, the President issued an order to form Road Transport Authority and revoked the order immediately when he found that the order was inappropriate. Likewise, he suspended the Myitsone Dam Project according to the wishes of people during his tenure. Union ministers of different Union ministries are required to stick to the policies of respective ministries to be dutiful for ensuring the rule of law.

It is assumed that media persons, the Fourth Estate of the State, would contribute to the rule of law by accurately and correctly reporting the State's affairs to the public. People now accept that both the houses and the Union government led by the President are making all-out efforts for introducing genuine multi-party democracy into the country. Even the foreign governments and international non-governmental organizations have recognized it. Under such circumstances, media persons should correct usages in reporting news. However, I've read in an article in a particular people that "the military government has supported amending the 2008 Constitution" and "the majority of the military government wants to cling to the form of the 2008 Constitution and only wants to allow required changes." Today, the country is under the rule of the Union government, formed according to the 2008 Constitution and not

the military government. So, I think it should not be written as it would mislead the people. In addition, in an article in that newspaper, the term "military-backed quasi civilian government" was used instead of the Union government. The expression would mislead the public perception of the Union government formed according to the 2008 Constitution. As the saying goes, "The pen is mightier than the sword," media persons should avoid news presentation that can mislead the people at a time when the Union government is building democracy.

Moreover, I'd like to suggest that media persons on whom people rely should also avoid advertisements that go against Myanmar culture and traditions. I also think personal news presentation should be avoided at the moment. I remember gossip news on Tharbeinda and personal affairs of a professor from Yangon University were excessively put on headlines in some newspapers in parliamentary democracy period. I think such news should not make headlines anymore now.

The constitution states that "Every citizen is responsible for public peace and tranquility and prevalence of law and order" and thus each and every citizen is obliged to bring about the rule of law. Each and every citizen should be dutiful as there will not be peace and tranquility without the rule of law.

To put it in a nut-shell, the onus is on the legislative, executive and judicial branches and the Fourth Estate as well as each and every citizen to advance the rule of law. The tireless efforts of all those stakeholders will surely bring about the rule of law.

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LOCAL NEWS

Development

Concrete road laid for ensuring easy access to Pyapon District IPRD Office



PYAPON, 22 Sept—Pyapon District Information and Public Relations Department was opened in Ward 3 on Chaungwin Road of Pyapon, Ayeyawady Region, in February 2000.

The office is located in the low-lying area. So the

plot was inundated in the rainy season yearly.

Wellwisher U Sein Win and family donated construction of the concrete road to the office.

The concrete road is 52 feet long, 2 feet and nine inches thick and 7.5 feet wide. It cost K 700,000 for

construction.

The wellwisher said, “We are engaged in education and literacy services. We open a medical store and boarding for tuition.

We saw many persons going to the District IPRD for enjoying reading and Internet but they slipped for many times on the way to the office. So, we donated cash to the fund for construction of the concrete road.”

In the past, the readers and Internet users in addition to office staff faced difficulties in going to the IPRD Office.

Kyemon-540

Rail bus gives smooth transport to local people on Thazi-Pyawbwe route

THAZI, 22 Sept—A rail bus is run by Myanmar Railways along Thazi-Pyawbwe railroad daily for convenience of local people from Thazi and Pyawbwe Townships in Mandalay Region in transportation.

The rail bus departs Thazi Station at 5 am and leaves Pyawbwe at 12 noon. The train stops over at Nahto, Nyaungyan and Shanywa stations for transportation of passengers and commodities. “We, the rural people are very easy access to Pyawbwe,



Thazi and other places. We are convenient for transport of chilli, sesame and other domestic products to the brokerages in Thazi, Pyawbwe and other cities, said farmer U Khin Maung Myint from

Nyaungyan Village.

The ticket for Thazi-Pyawbwe train is K 50 per passenger from Thazi to Nahto, K 100 to Nyaungyan, K 150 to Shanywa and K 200 to Pyawbwe.—Kyemon

Illegal two-digit lottery gambler arrested

NYAUNGLEBIN, 22 Sept—Police arrested Aung Lwin (a) Chet Kyi who committed gambling in Extended Ward 4 of Nyaunglebin, Bago Region, at 10.45 am on 13 September.

Surveillance Squad leader IP Win Htut Aung and party of Nyaunglebin Myoma Police Station together with witnesses U Ye Min Latt and U Kyaw Min Nang searched the suspected person namely Aung Lwin (a) Chet Kyi, 39, son of U Aung Pu, on the road in the extended ward 4.

They seized vouchers

of selling illegal two-digit lottery from the pocket of Aung Lwin (a) Chet Kyi, voucher books, carbon papers, stationery, a shirt, K 9500 as proceeds in the presence of the witnesses.

Aung Lwin (a) Chet Kyi confessed he had committed the gambling.

Police Inspector Win Htut Aung opened a file of lawsuit against Aung Lwin (a) Chet Kyi at Nyaunglebin Police Station under Sections 15(a)/16(a) of Gambling Act.

Kyemon-Nay Lin (Nyaunglebin)

Agriculture

Broadcasting of fertilizers on flooded paddy plantation



KAWKAREIK, 22 Sept—Kayin State Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Saw Christopher and officials of Kayin State Agriculture Department and Irrigation Department on 20 September attended the broadcasting of fertilizer on

four acres of paddy plantations recultivated on the flooded farmland of farmers U Ngwe Oo and U Pyi Sone in Ingyi Village-tract in Kawkareik Township.

The Head of Kayin State Agriculture Department explained cultiva-

tion of beans and pulses and boosting production of monsoon paddy to 65 farmers and members of District and Township Agricultural Supervisory Committees.

The State minister and party vied broadcasting of fertilizer on four-acre Hsinthukha trality paddy plantation in Yepugyi Village-tract. It was also attended by about 80 farmers from Yepugyi Village-tract.

Kyemon-Soe Htet Aung (Kawkareik)

Buddha image, food, clothes, personal goods donated

YANGON, 22 Sept—Myitta Myet Wun Parahita Group formed under the aegis of Sayadaw U Javana of Sigon Village in Shwepyitha Township donated one marble Buddha image, one day meal for 142 leprosy patients, clothes and personal goods worth K 150,000 and K 100,000 for one day meal to Dhammayon and Leprosy Camp in Mayanchaung Village of Hlegu Township, Yangon Region, on 20 September morning.

The Buddha image will be kept at the Dhammayon.

Kyemon-Myint Kyi Than (Shwepyitha)

People enjoy mini book corner in Kawkareik

KAWKAREIK, 22 Sept—Information and Public Relations Department of the Ministry of Information gives public service media to the local people with mini book corners.

Readers enjoy the mini book corner of Kawkareik District Information and Public Relations Department opened in the Aswe Daw Bus Terminal.

The in-charge of the terminal said, “Readers prefer daily newspapers and journals. They read the publications while waiting for their buses. They

arrive at the terminal half an hour ahead of the departure time. Before departure of the bus, the passengers read the books and publications. Four Aswe Daw buses run daily from Kawkareik to Yangon. So the book corner is crowded with readers.”

District IPRD opens mini book corner at District People’s Hos-

pital, Township Court and Myanmar Economic Bank and updates them with new

books and publications.

Kyemon-Soe Htet Aung (Kawkareik)



Under the leadership of Township Administrator U Than Naing, the head of Township Development Affairs Committee, workers and local people, engineers and staff, health staff, members of Township Supportive Committee and the chairman of Township Development Affairs Committee, ward administrators, members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade and Red Cross Society participate in sanitation tasks and dredging of drains for proper flow of water along Strand Road in Galon Ward of Ahlon Township of Yangon West District on 21 September.—KYEMON-TIN MAUNG OO (AHLON)

## WORLD

## Citing shootings, Obama says must 'go back at' gun-control push

WASHINGTON, 22 Sept—President Barack Obama urged supporters on Saturday to “go back at it” and pursue gun-control measures after mass shootings in Washington and Chicago in the past week put the spotlight back onto the problem of gun violence in the United States.

Obama made passing tough gun laws a top priority after a gunman killed 20 children and six adults at an elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut, in December, stunning the nation.

But Congress rejected his proposals to restrict sales of certain types of guns and require greater background checks. Gun-rights groups

opposed the measures, saying they would infringe on Americans’ constitutional rights.

“We fought a good fight earlier this year, but we came up short, and that means we’ve got to get back up and go back at it,” Obama told an awards dinner for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation.

“As long as there are those who fight to make it as easy as possible for dangerous people to get their hands on guns, then we’ve got to work as hard as possible for the sake of our children ... to do more work to make it harder,” he said to applause.

The Obama administration has largely moved on to other priorities since



US President Barack Obama addresses the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Annual Phoenix Awards Dinner in Washington, on 13 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

the gun measures were defeated in Congress, but a recent spate of shootings has brought the issue back into the headlines.

Last Monday, a government contractor killed 12 people during rampage at the Washington Navy Yard before police killed him in a gun battle.

On Thursday night in Chicago, the president’s

hometown, suspected gang members opened fire with an assault weapon late at a park, wounding 13 people including a 3-year-old child.

Obama is scheduled to speak at a memorial service for the Navy Yard victims on Sunday and referred to both shootings during his remarks.

Reuters

## Iraqi Kurds vote as oil-rich region seeks greater autonomy

ducing region further down the road to greater autonomy from Baghdad.

The region’s rulers have been at odds with the central government over control of crude reserves, and have infuriated Baghdad by negotiating their

export route that could make the Kurdish government financially self-sufficient and give it the clout to seek greater concessions from Baghdad.

“The strategic stakes are extraordinarily high,” said Ramzy Mardini at the Beirut-based Iraq Institute for Strategic Studies.

“The 2013-2017 government in Arbil will be responsible for the most significant decisions for the Iraqi Kurds in a quarter century.”

Airports were closed on Saturday and a ban was imposed on travel between cities in the three provinces that make up the Kurdish region for security reasons.

At least two people have been killed by bullets fired into the air during a month of feverish campaigning. Strings of flags festooned the streets and

posters of aspiring parliamentarians were plastered on nearly every wall.

Some voters said they had become disenchanted by the two dominant parties - the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) — who have shared power since fighting out their rivalries in a civil war during the 1990s.

“We don’t know where the oil and (fuel) products go,” said 63-year-old Abu Hiwa, emerging from a polling station in the regional capital Arbil with an ink-stained finger after giving his vote to opposition party Gorran (Change).

Reuters

**Iraq’s Kurdistan Prime Minister Nechirvan Barzani (L) and his wife Nabila prepare to cast their ballots during the regional parliamentary elections at a polling station in Arbil, capital of the autonomous Kurdistan region, about 350 km (217 miles) north of Baghdad, on 31 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS**



ARBIL, (Iraq), 22 Sept—Iraqi Kurds voted on Saturday for a new parliament that analysts said was poised to lead the oil-pro-

own deals with oil majors. The elections come as workmen lay the final stretch of a pipeline from Kurdistan to Turkey — an

## Four dead in shootings as Chicago gun-death toll rises

CHICAGO, 22 Sept—A new spate of gun violence in Chicago left four men dead, Chicago police said on Saturday, less than two days after a shooting spree at a park in the city wounded 13 people, including a 3-year-boy.

The latest shootings came as America’s third most populous city struggled to respond to a rash of street violence that killed seven people in less than 30

hours and wounded over a dozen more, according to local authorities.

The four gun deaths occurred in incidents between 6:15 pm on Friday and 3 am on Saturday, Chicago Police Department spokesman Mike Sullivan said.

The victims ranged in age from 18 to 37. Three of the attacks occurred in the city’s mostly poor South Side, where Thursday night’s shootings by

suspected gang members carrying an assault weapon took place. Separately, a teenage boy was found shot and killed in the Park Manor neighbourhood on Friday afternoon, police said.

The Cook County Medical Examiner’s Office also reported two fatalities from gunshots at 2 am Friday and 6 am on Friday, although details on those shootings were not available on Saturday.—Reuters

## Global senior officials appeal for promoted peace education

KUNMING, 22 Sept—Education is vital for fostering global citizenship and building peaceful societies, said UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Saturday.

Ban made the remarks in a video keynote speech about importance of education to achieving global peace during the opening ceremony of China-South Asia Peace and Development Forum, which was held in southwest China’s city Kunming.

Themed “Education for Peace and Cooperation for Win-win”, the forum also aimed at celebrating the International Day of Peace in 2013, with senior officials from China and

words of Malala Yousafzai, a schoolgirl from Pakistan who was targeted for assassination by the Taliban for campaigning for the right to education, as saying “One teacher, one book, one pen can change the world.”

Meanwhile, Han Qide, Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), stressed the fundamental role of education in advancing development and peace.

As a basic human right, education is the crucial way out of poverty and backwardness. China’s rapid development is also a result of synchronous educational



Ma Wenpu, Executive Vice President of the the Chinese People’s Association for Peace and Disarmament (CPAPD), attends a sub-forum in Kunming, capital of southwest China’s Yunnan Province, on 21 Sept, 2013.

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South Asian countries attending.

“Fifty-seven million children now are still denied an education,” Ban emphasized, adding that most of them came from countries with the greatest needs, such as those affected by conflict.

He also quoted the

progress, Han noted.

He also introduced the achievements of international cooperation on education made by China for past years. So far, Confucius Institutes have been established in over 100 countries, and China has become an important recipient of foreign students.—Xinhua

## Russia willing to further inter-parliamentary cooperation with China

MOSCOW, 22 Sept—The Russian parliament is willing to maintain close contacts and positive dialogues with its Chinese counterpart, Russia’s State Duma speaker said in a recent interview with Xinhua.

“All State Duma members, regardless of their respective parties, fully support the further development of Russia-China inter-parliamentary relations,” Sergei Naryshkin, chairman of the State Duma, or the lower house of parliament, told Xinhua ahead of the visit by Zhang Dejiang, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People’s

Congress (NPC). The first official visit by Zhang since he assumed office in March will further promote contacts and dialogues between the legislative bodies of the two countries, Naryshkin said. During his visit, Zhang will attend the seventh meeting of the China-Russia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee, and will also meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

“The visit is of great importance to advancing bilateral relations in various areas,” Naryshkin said. The two sides will discuss a wide range of issues during the upcoming talks,

Naryshkin said, noting that inter-parliamentary communication has played an increasingly significant role in the Russia-China comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination.

Currently, Russia and China are making frequent contacts in various forms, he added. Recalling the sixth meeting of the cooperation committee of the Russian State Duma and the NPC held in Beijing in May, Naryshkin said he cannot agree more with Zhang’s proposal on exchanging experience on legislation in such areas as economic modernization.

Xinhua

## REGIONAL

## Malaysian PM retains ruling party chief uncontested

KUALA LUMPUR, 22 Sept—Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak retained the post as the president of the ruling United Malays National Organization (UMNO) uncontested on Saturday, putting an end to speculation that he might face a leadership challenge after the general election in May. As the nominations for the UMNO election next month closed on Saturday, Najib emerged as the only candidate for the president post, according to UMNO Election Committee chairman Tajol Rosli. Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin also retained the post as deputy president uncontested. Najib and Muhyiddin nominated each other to defend the current posts to show unity among them, despite earlier speculations that Muhyiddin would launch a bid for top job.

Najib, who left for the United States on Saturday for a working visit and the United Nations General Assembly, told a press conference that the uncontested victory of him and Muhyiddin allow

them to concentrate on efforts to consolidate the party and continue its policies and government administration without being pressured.

Najib took over as UMNO president and prime minister in 2009 after his predecessor Abdullah Ahmad Badawi bowed to pressure within the party to stepped down following a poor performance in the 2008 general election. The ruling coalition, under the leadership of Najib, failed to improve in the May election as it retained power with a reduced majority, but UMNO emerged as a big winner after securing nine more seats than in the previous election.

The UMNO members are scheduled to cast votes next month to decide other top posts of the party. The vice-president post will feature a heated contest as three incumbents face challenge from three other candidates, including Mukhriz Mahathir, son of the former Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, who remains influential in the party.—Xinhua

## Sri Lanka's main Tamil party sweeps key polls

JAFFNA, 22 Sept—Sri Lanka's main minority Tamil party, the Tamil National Alliance (TNA), swept to victory in provincial council elections held in the North after 25 years, official results showed on Sunday.

The party led by R Sampanthan with former Supreme Court judge CV Wigneswaran as the chief ministerial candidate, secured 30 of the 38 seats for the newly formed council while the ruling UPFA got 7 seats and the Sri Lanka Muslim Congress 1 seat.

The elections were held in five districts in the North, most of which were under Tamil Tiger rebel control for nearly 30 years before the rebels were defeated in May 2009 in a bloody final war.

In the Jaffna District, TNA won 84.37 percent of the votes while the UPFA was a distant second with just 14.20 percent of the votes. A total of 273,821 people voted in the district.

Xinhua

## Pakistani PM announces youth interest-free loan, other welfare schemes

ISLAMABAD, 22 Sept—Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Saturday launched several welfare schemes for youth with initial allocations of twenty billion rupees (about 189.4 million US dollars). Addressing the nation over state television and radio networks, he said these programmes aimed at creating self-employment opportunities for youth and are in fulfillment of its election manifesto.

He said the micro-interest free loan scheme is targeted at disadvantaged sections of the society and will benefit 250,000 people. An allocation of 3.5 billion rupees has been made during the current financial year. The Small Business Loan Scheme has been designed for the unemployed, especially educated youth, to enable them to start their own businesses. Under the scheme, loans ranging from 500,000 to 2 million rupees would be advanced to youth at concessionary mark-up rate of 8 percent and the remaining burden of the



Photo released by Press Information Department (PID) on 21 Sept, 2013, shows Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif addressing the Nation over TV and Radio Network in Islamabad, capital of Pakistan. Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Saturday launched several welfare schemes for youth with initial allocations of twenty billion rupees (about 189.4 million US dollars).—XINHUA

mark-up would be borne by the government.

Fifty percent of the loans would be given to women and initially these

loans would be advanced by the state-owned banks. Five billion rupees have been allocated for the scheme.

The Prime Minister

said under Youth Training Scheme, those completing sixteen-year degree education from recognized institutions would be given practical training to help them secure jobs at home or abroad. For this on-the-job training, ten thousand rupees of scholarship would be given per month for one year and 50,000 graduates would benefit from the scheme. Four billion rupees have been earmarked for this scheme.

The Youth Skilled Development Scheme is being launched for boys and girls who have passed 8th class. They will be given six months training in different trades along with scholarship of 5,000 rupees a month. The government has earmarked 800 million rupees for the scheme.

Nawaz Sharif also announced a scheme for sponsoring tuition fee of students belonging to backward areas so that brilliant students are not deprived of their right to education due to financial constraints.

Xinhua

## Poor track maintenance could be factor in derailment

SAPPORO, 21 Sept—Failure to repair track according to company rules could have been a factor in the derailment of a cargo train on Thursday, Hokkaido Railway Co said on Saturday. A company investigation found that the track width exceeded the allowable limit at the site of Thursday's derailment, one of nine places along its railway network where that problem

was not quickly fixed as company rules require.

At the accident site, the track width was found to be 20 millimetres wider than normal last October and 25 mm wider in June. In-house rules stipulate that a deviation of 19 mm or more must be rectified within 15 days of discovery. JR Hokkaido said the tracks in question had all been repaired by Saturday. The widest deviation

confirmed was 28 mm, it said.

There have been a series of recent accidents on JR Hokkaido lines, including three train fires between April and July. Another cargo train derailment last month is believed to have been caused by heavy rainfall, which swept away gravel and soil buttressing railway sleepers.

Kyodo News

## 5.7-magnitude quake hits 115km NNW of Nggilat, Indonesia

HONG KONG, 22 Sept—An earthquake measuring 5.7 on the Richter scale jolted 115km NNW of Nggilat, Indonesia at 09:39: 14

Hong Kong Time (01:39:14 GMT) on Saturday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 536.86 km, was

initially determined to be at 7.3033 degrees south latitude and 119.9736 degrees east longitude.

Xinhua



People ride motorcycles on a water-logged road in New Delhi, India, on 21 Sept, 2013. A heavy rain hit New Delhi on Saturday and many streets were flooded by the rainwater, causing traffic jams and inconvenience for local people.—XINHUA



A South Korean traditional performing art is demonstrated during a Japan-South Korea exchange festival at Tokyo's Hibiya Park on 21 Sept, 2013.—KYODO NEWS

## Two dead, two missing as Typhoon Usagi batters N Philippines

MANILA, 22 Sept—Two people died and two others were reported missing as Typhoon Usagi, locally named Odette, continued to batter the northern part of the Philippines, a senior government official said on Saturday.

National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council executive director Eduardo del Rosario said Alejandro Abalos, 50, and April Kim Manuel, 20, drowned when the boat where they were on board sank in the northern province of Aurora on Friday.

The ill-fated boat had 13 passengers, including six crew members, when it

capsized. Nine of its passengers survived, while two others were missing.

Del Rosario said that 22 families or 65 individuals in Cagayan were displaced by the weather disturbance and were evacuated to a gymnasium and a municipal hall.

According to him, the Department of Social Welfare and Development has pre-positioned 99.86-million pesos worth of emergency relief resources for the affected population.

The state weather agency said that Typhoon Usagi has slightly weakened and was still affecting extreme northern part of the country.—Xinhua

## MINISTRY OF ELECTRIC POWER

## Invitation of Open Proposal

- The Ministry of Electric Power invites all Foreign and Local Investors to submit -
  - Proposal for Renting of Gas Engine Generator near Kyaukse and
  - Proposal for Implementation of Combined Cycle Power Plant (CCPP) near Myingyan as Independent Power Producer (IPP) system.
- Natural gas resources for both projects shall be "SHWE" offshore gas.
- For proposal (1), both of Technical and Commercial Proposal shall be submitted not later than at 16:00 hr on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2013.
- For proposal (2), Technical proposal shall be submitted not later than at 16:00 hr on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013.
- Detail information and Technical Specification related to
  - Renting Gas Engine Generator can be inquired up to (30-9-2013).
  - Implementation of Combined Cycle Power Plant can be inquired up to (15-10-2013).

Please contact the following address during the office hour;

Contact Address: Managing Director  
Myanma Electric-Power Enterprise,  
Ministry of Electric Power,  
Office No. (27), Nay Pyi Taw

Phone : +95 67 410202  
Fax +95 67 410074

- Bidding rules and facts of the project can be available after the next day of this invitation at Material Planning Department, Myanma Electric Power Enterprise.

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IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT

## INVITATION TO OPEN TENDER (LAY LAN)

- Open tenders are invited for selling of the used and unserviceable tyres/batteries/and drums.
- Starting from the day of its advertisement in newspaper, tender documents and tender instructions can be bought during office hours at the Procurement Branch of Irrigation Department (Head Office). Office No. (43) in Nay Pyi Taw.
- Detail information can be inquired to contact number 067.410316.

Irrigation Department (Head Office)  
Office No. (43)  
Nay Pyi Taw

Ministry of Information  
Myanma Radio and Television  
Invitation for Open Tender to purchase of  
Machinery

- Open tenders are invited for purchasing of the following items in Myanmar Kyats.
  - News Room Computer System (1 Lot)
  - Program Delay System (1 Lot)  
(Catone live Program Delay System)
- Tender forms are available at Myanma Radio and Television, Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon) from (9:00 am to 16:30 pm) starting from 23-9-2013.
- Tender forms are to be submitted to Myanma Radio and Television Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon) from 9:30 am to 16:30 pm in the presence of the Tender Committee Members.
- Enquiry over tender rules, item lists and other details can be made at the following address.
- Prize scrutiny will be made at Ministry of Information, Office No (7) Nay Pyi Taw.

Purchasing Committee  
Myanma Radio and Television  
Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon)  
Ministry of Information  
Ph -067-79411, 067- 79135

Visiting East Timor's President Taur Matan Ruak (front R) and his Portuguese counterpart Anibal Cavaco Silva (front L) inspect honour guards at Belem

Presidential Palace in Lisbon, capital of Portugal, on 20 Sept, 2013. —XINHUA



## US and allies target Hezbollah financing, ties in Africa

DAKAR, 22 Sept — The United States and its allies are clamping down on suspected Hezbollah activity in West Africa, which Washington says is a major source of cash for the Lebanese group as its patron Iran feels the pinch of sanctions. The push coincides with Hezbollah's deepening

role in Syria, where it has dispatched thousands of fighters to back President Bashar al-Assad. It also comes in the wake of attacks outside Lebanon linked to Hezbollah that Western experts say are part of global campaign that could soon include Africa. Critics, however, argue that Washington and its allies may be exaggerating the threat and failing to distinguish between different forms of support for various elements of the Shi'ite Islamist guerrilla and political movement, which was founded with Iran's help after Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1982. US officials say that while most Lebanese in West Africa have few links to the group, Washington's financial sanctions have reduced an annual flow of millions of dollars which Hezbollah receives from people and businesses in the region.

Iran remains the main sponsor and armourer of a group which fought Israel with missiles in a month-long war in 2006. But Western sanctions imposed on Teheran over its nuclear plans add significance to Hezbollah's other income, US officials say.

US officials say.

"(West Africa) is more important in the sense that what they're getting from Iran is squeezed. Iran's capacity to fund Hezbollah has been impaired," said David Cohen, US treasury undersecretary for terrorism and financial intelligence. "There's reason to think Hezbollah is not just collecting money but it is also using these outposts as places where they can plan and conduct activities," he added.

Nigeria, with support from Israel, says it has uncovered a Hezbollah cell and arms cache and arrested has locals it accuses of spying for Iran. A resource-rich but poorly policed part of the world, which already sees al Qaeda-linked activity, could see future Hezbollah attacks, some Western experts say.—Reuters



Ammunition and explosives seized from suspected members of Hezbollah are displayed after a raid of a building in Nigeria's northern city of Kano on 30 May, 2013.—REUTERS

## Ukraine ready to help destroy Syria's chemical weapons

KIEV, 22 Sept — Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich said on Friday his country is ready to provide technical assistance in destroying Syria's chemical weapons.

"We have the experience and the mobile units that are patented in Ukraine. These units have proved in practice to be effective, and we are ready to work with the experts of to use them for the most rapid destruction of chemical weapons in Syria," Yanukovich told the 10th International Yalta Meeting in Ukraine's southern Crimean peninsula.

Stressing the importance of peaceful settlement of the Syrian conflict, Yanukovich said that Ukraine welcomes the decision to facilitate a solution to the Syrian crisis through political dialogues.

The 10th International Yalta Meeting opened on Friday and gathered some 250 leading politicians, businessmen and public figures from more than 20 countries. The event, launched in 2004, was jointly organized by the Yalta European Strategy group and Ukrainian media tycoon Viktor Pinchuk.

Xinhua

## Shell completes drilling first gas exploration well in Ukraine

KIEV, 22 Sept — Royal Dutch Shell has completed drilling its first gas exploration well in Ukraine, the company's top representative said on Friday.

"The preliminary results obtained by our company allow us to hope that the drilling was successful," Graham Tiley, general manager of Shell Ukraine Exploration and Production LCC, told reporters here.

It will take up to a year to fully analyze the results of the drilling and evaluate the productivity of the reservoir, Tiley added.

Shell, which is developing shale gas deposits in the Yuzovska field in eastern Ukraine, plans to drill 15 wells as part of a 50-year joint venture with local Ukrgezvydobuvannya

company.

Kiev expects the project, involving around 10 billion US dollars in investment, to open up large new unconventional gas reserves that will give a great boost to its campaign for energy independence.

Local experts estimated that Shell's development area could produce up to 11 billion cubic meters of gas annually, which amounts to around 20 percent of Ukraine's consumption.

Ukraine is seeking to end reliance on costly Russian gas imports by developing its shale gas deposits which are believed to be one of Europe's largest. Preliminary data put estimated reserves at more than 1.2 trillion cubic metres.

Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

## Eva Mendes launches clothing line

LOS ANGELES, 22 Sept—Hitch star Eva Mendes has launched her first fashion line.

The collection, which is a collaboration between the 39-year-old actress and retailer New York and Company, is demure and consists of vintage-inspired pieces designed to be ‘modern and feminine’, reported *OK* magazine.

Mendes, who unveiled a portion of the collection on GMA this morning, said she wanted to dress ‘real women’ with her sweetly-printed dresses, pussy-bow blouses and soft pants.

The clothes are available in sizes zero to 18. The affordable collection and is priced in the range of USD 55 for pants to USD 80 for a dress.

“It offers simple, sensible clothes for the everyday woman. I love a bargain. I am always shopping at thrift shops. I will go and buy a USD 6 dress, then I will get a coffee, and there are always women who are like, ‘Where can I get your dress?’” Mendes said.

Although her sisters and best friends expressed their continued excitement for the collection, Mendes said she was initially hesitant.

“New York and Company came to me with the opportunity, and I have been a fan of theirs for years. My first reaction was nervous, I was like, ‘I’m not sure I have anything to offer’. But I accepted the challenge with one goal: to make women look good,” Mendes said.—*PTI*



Actress Cate Blanchett

## Cate Blanchett to don director's hat

LOS ANGELES, 22 Sept—Actress Cate Blanchett will step behind the camera for her directorial debut with the physiological thriller *The Dinner*.

The movie is based on Dutch writer Herman Koch’s eponymous bestseller, reports *aceshowbiz.com*.

The *Dinner* is a dark tale about two couples who are struggling to make a tough decision regarding their teenage sons. The story unfolds while they are gathered for dinner at a high-end restaurant in Amsterdam.

Blanchett was last seen in Woody Allen-directed movie *Blue Jasmine*. Her next projects as an actress include *The Monuments Men*, *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug* and *The Hobbit: There and Back Again*.

*PTI*

## Jennifer Aniston “desperate” for baby?

LONDON, 22 Sept—Former *Friends* star Jennifer Aniston is reportedly getting broody and is desperate to have a baby.

The 44-year-old actress has been trying to get pregnant since her engagement with actor Justin Theroux in August 2012, and she is said to be frustrated that she’s not expecting yet, reported *Daily Mirror*.

“It is starting to be a source of irritation for Jen. She purposely left her work slate clean for the next few months to prepare for motherhood. She puts a brave face on the rumours, but it masks her desperate desire to be a mother,” a source said.

It is also said the couple’s wedding may be delayed due to their working commitments. Aniston has



recently spoken about their future wedding, insisting they haven’t set a date yet because they want to wait until the timing is ‘perfect’.

“We just want to do it when it’s perfect, and we’re not rushed, and no one is rushing from a job or rushing to a job.

“And, you know, we already feel married. There have been no cancelled weddings. There have been no postponed weddings. There have been no arguments about where to get married. Just clearing all that up,” she had said.

*PTI*

Former *Friends* star Jennifer Aniston



Hitch star Eva Mendes

## US singer Selena Gomez cancels Russian concerts

ST PETERSBURG, 22 Sept—US pop singer Selena Gomez has scrapped two concerts in Russia after falling foul of new visa rules which critics say can be used to keep out Western artists who promote gay rights.

The concert organizers said the “Come and Get It” singer pulled out of the planned performances in St Petersburg and Moscow next week when it became clear she would not be able to secure a visa in time.

They blamed the delay on the new rules, which they said were prompted by official concern over two concerts in Russia at which Madonna and Lady Gaga defended gay rights, and a gig in neighbouring Ukraine where the lead singer of US group Bloodhound Gang stuffed a Russian flag down his trousers.

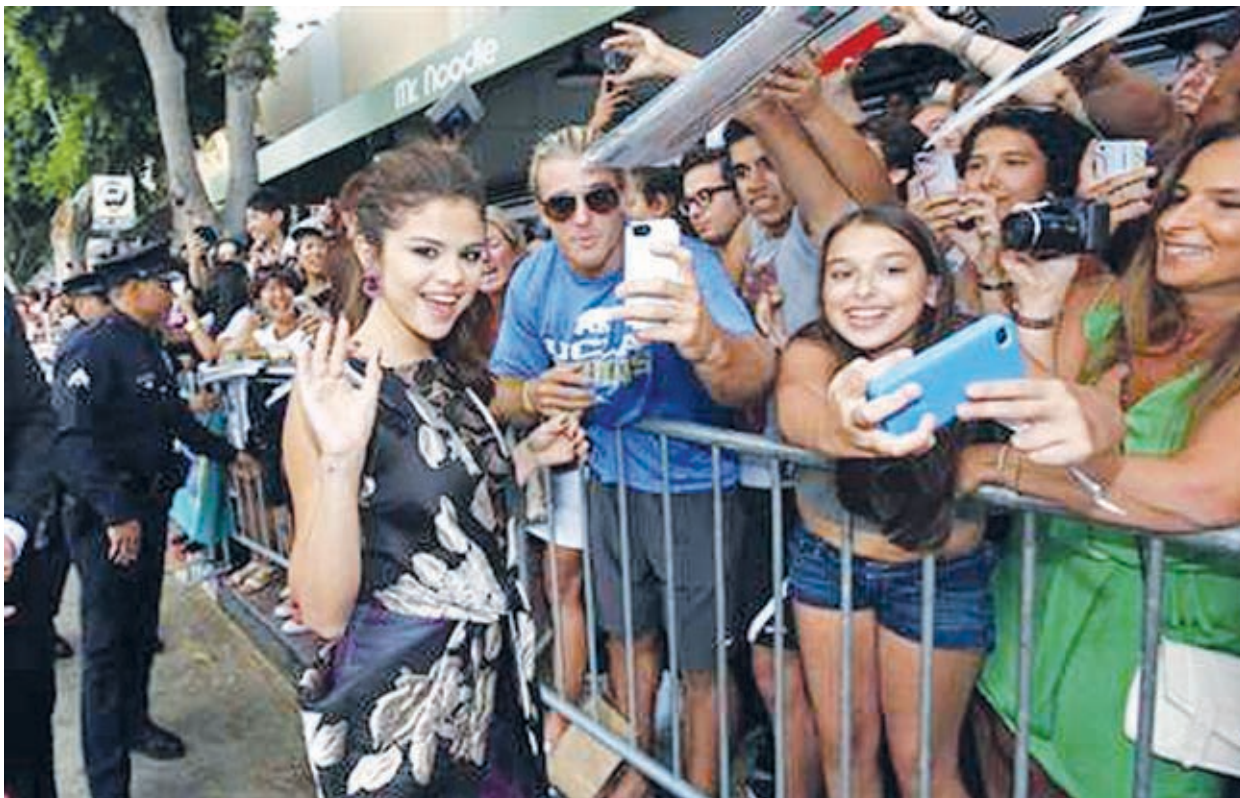
“The situation is a result of the scandals over the Madonna, Lady Gaga and Bloodhound Gang concerts, after which the Russian authorities changed procedures for issuing visas to foreign musical and artistic groups,” said the promoters, the Russian Entertainment Academy. A representative for Gomez, 21, confirmed the Russia concerts were canceled but declined further comment.

Gomez, who has not taken a public stance on gay rights, has also come under pressure to denounce Russia’s law prohibiting gay propaganda to minors. A US petition started on the Change.org website has gained about 14,000 signatures. Foreign artists can no longer receive visas by invitation from the Culture Ministry under the aegis of cultural links if they come

to Russia to conduct commercial activity, according to state-run news agency RIA.—*Reuters*

Cast member Selena Gomez waves while greeting fans at the premiere of “Getaway” in Los Angeles, California on 26 Aug, 2013.

REUTERS



## SPORTS

## Chelsea go top, Southampton shock Liverpool

LONDON, 22 Sept—Chelsea put a miserable week behind them to return to the Premier League summit with a 2-0 home win over Fulham as the wheels came off Liverpool's bright start in a 1-0 home defeat by Southampton on Saturday.

A first Premier League goal from Chelsea's John Obi Mikel, after Oscar had given them the lead, sealed a victory that will help consign to memory last weekend's loss at Everton and their shock midweek Champions League reverse at home to Basel.

The victory moved Chelsea on to 10 points from five matches, ahead

of Liverpool on goal difference after Southampton inflicted a first defeat of the season on the Merseysiders.

Saints defender Dejan Lovren scored with a second-half header to emphatically quieten the premature talk of a title push that had been swirling around Anfield.

Unbeaten Everton celebrated a stunning 3-2 success at West Ham United with Leighton Baines twice equalizing from free kicks and on-loan striker Romelu Lukaku heading a late winner to move them up to fifth with nine points.

Hull City also twice came from a goal down to win 3-2 at Newcastle

United and West Bromwich Albion's debutant Stephane Sessegnon scored against his former club Sunderland in a 3-0 victory that left the visitors stuck at the bottom of the table.

Aston Villa's deadline-day Czech signing Libor Kozak came off the bench to replace the injured Christian Benteke and then scored his first goal for the club in a 1-0 win at Norwich City.

The standings could take on a new complexion on Sunday when champions Manchester United visit local rivals Manchester City, third-placed Arsenal host Stoke City and Tottenham Hotspur, who are fourth,

visit promoted Cardiff City.

Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho had sought to make light of their difficult week but was no doubt aware that a third straight reverse would have prompted awkward questions.

"After a bad start that everybody kept telling me was the worst start for a decade, today I go to bed and nobody is in front of us," he told Sky Sports.

"I'm in football for a long time and when results are not good I'm not expecting people to speak well about our team."

Striker Darren Bent missed a good chance for Fulham when he shot straight at Chelsea goalkeeper Petr Cech when through on goal in the first half, but it was a brief scare in an otherwise comfortable win for the hosts.

A nervy silence greeted the halftime whistle, but normal service was resumed when Oscar tapped home six minutes after the break.

Fulham keeper David Stockdale could only parry a cross from Andre Schuerrle as well as Samuel Eto'o's follow-up and the



Liverpool's Kolo Toure (L) challenges Southampton's Jay Rodriguez during their English Premier League soccer match at Anfield in Liverpool, northern England on 21 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Brazil international was on hand to prod home.

Nigerian Mikel ensured there was no tension-racked finale as he scored his first goal in 185 league games for the club with a hooked finish after John Terry headed down a corner. Liverpool were without playmaker Philippe Coutinho after the Brazilian suffered a shoulder injury against Swansea City on Monday and his creative link play was sorely missed as the Merseysiders laboured.

Southampton grew in confidence as the game wore on and looked by far the more threatening when Lovren gave them into the

lead after 53 minutes.

The Croat easily held off Daniel Agger to meet an Adam Lallana corner and directed his header back across goal and past Liverpool keeper Simon Mignolet. The visitors held on comfortably to grab their second win of the season and move up to sixth place with eight points.

"I just thought we never got going in terms of our tempo and technically we were nowhere near," Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers said on Sky Sports.

"To lose the goal from the corner was a double blow, but the players will recover from it."

Reuters



Chelsea's John Obi Mikel (L) celebrates scoring his goal against Fulham with Branislav Ivanovic (R) during their English Premier League soccer match at Stamford Bridge in London on 21 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

## Manchester United's Lingard makes sparkling start at Birmingham

LONDON, 22 Sept—Manchester United midfielder Jesse Lingard made a stunning start to his month-long loan at Birmingham City by scoring all four goals in a 4-1 victory over Sheffield on Wednesday in the Championship on Saturday.

Lingard struck three times in a blistering 13-minute spell midway through the first half and after adding his fourth the 20-year-old was substituted 20 minutes from time.

The signing of Lingard provided a welcome boost for Birmingham who had started the day with only four points and four goals from their first seven league games of the season.

The England Under-21

international has yet to make his first team debut for the Premier League champions but impressed during pre-season for Manchester United. Italian striker Federico Macheda,

another Manchester United player out on loan, scored both goals for Doncaster Rovers as they held in-form Nottingham Forest to a 2-2 draw in their second division game.—Reuters



Manchester United's Jesse Lingard celebrates after scoring against A-League All Star XI during their friendly match in Sydney on 20 July, 2013.—REUTERS

## Injured Alex out of PSG home clash against Monaco

PARIS, 22 Sept—Champions Paris St Germain will be without injured centre back Alex when they host French Ligue 1 leaders Monaco on Sunday.

The Brazilian, who started all five of PSG's previous league games, has not fully recovered from the thigh strain that already forced him out of Tuesday's Champions League

4-1 victory at Olympiakos.

Compatriot Marquinhos, who scored the fourth goal in Greece on his debut for the French side he joined in the summer from AS Roma, is likely to make his first Ligue 1 appearance.

PSG are third on 11 points from five games, two behind Monaco with both sides unbeaten.

Reuters



Barcelona's Cesc Fabregas (L) and Paris St Germain's Alex challenge for the ball during their Champions League quarter-final second leg soccer match at Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona on 10 April, 2013.

REUTERS

## In-form Radwanska breezes into Korea Open final

NEW YORK, 22 Sept—Poland's world number four Agnieszka Radwanska breezed past Spaniard Larra Arruabarrena 6-0, 6-2 in the semi-finals of the Korea Open on Saturday to set up a title clash with Russia's Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova.

Pavlyuchenkova, seeded third, had a tough outing against former French Open champion Francesca Schiavone of Italy but eventually prevailed 7-6(11), 7-6(6) in the other semi-final.

Top-seeded Radwanska continued her good form on her Seoul debut, having dropped just 11 games in four matches, and needed 64 minutes to thrash the Spaniard, ranked 113 in the world.



Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland walks off the court after losing her match to Ekaterina Makarova of Russia at the US Open tennis championships in New York, on 1 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

"It was definitely a very good match. I was playing really good tennis," said Radwanska, after reaching her fourth final of the year.

"It was really hot out there but I played my 100 percent throughout the match, so that's why it was two quick sets."

Pavlyuchenkova was hopeful that she could recover for Sunday's final after her gruelling semi-final that lasted two hours and 23 minutes.

"I'm so tired right now,

to be honest," the Russian said after her victory. "I have to be aggressive but also consistent (in the final).

"We just played at the US Open and she's very consistent, she never misses, and if I make a lot of mistakes it'll be an easy victory for her," said Pavlyuchenkova who lost to Radwanska at Flushing Meadows last month.

"It will be a tough match for me, but it's the finals, and I hope I'll be 100 percent tomorrow (Sunday)."—Reuters

GENERAL

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**Daw Ciang Khaw Cing**  
**Khuasak, Chin State**  
**Age (94) years**

Beloved wife of (U Lun Pum- Retd: Minister for Land Nationalisation Ministry/S.A.T) of Building No.5, Room.10, U Wisara Housing Estate (Minmanaing), Dagon Tsp, Yangon, beloved mother of Helen Lun Pum+Retd. Brig-Gen Myo Tin (G.M.MPRL. E&P), (Betty), (Sam), (Richard) Than Aye, (Peter), Professor Mary Lun Pum, Head of History Department, Yangon Institute of Education, Cynthia Lun Pum+Retd-Major Ngo Za Tuang (No.2 Steel Mill Pangpet), Dolly Lun Pum (Myanmar Techmat Venture), beloved grandmother of Min Thu (M.D. Kuntong Co.Ltd), Capt. Nay Myo Tin+Khone Thazin Thaug, Dr. Hau Khan Dim, H.S Ciin Khan Cing, Simon (Cin Kim) B.E.H.S No.1, Dagon, Ma Yu Sandar, Great-grandmother of Zayar Myo Tin (U.K), Banya Myo Tin (ILBC), was called to her heavenly home on 21.9.2013 (Saturday) at 5:55 am at Asia Royal Hospital. Funeral service will be held on Monday 23.9.2013 at Worship Center the Yay Way Christian Interdenomination Garden at 14:00hrs. (and then leave for entombment) vehicles will leave the above residence, Imanuel Baptist church, and Siyin Baptist church, No.125, Bo Myat Tun Street, Botataung Tsp at 12:00 hrs.

The bereaved family

**China's first aircraft carrier carries major tests**

BEIJING, 22 Sept — China's first aircraft carrier, the *Liaoning*, returned to its homeport on Saturday after a three-month voyage, during which it carried out major and crucial tests.

During the voyage that started on 11 June, the carrier witnessed more than 100 sorties of landing and takeoff by various aircraft, including the J-15 carrier-borne fighter, the official *Liberation Army Daily* (*Jiefang ribao*) said on Sunday.

J-15 fighters took off and landed on the carrier with maximum load and various weapons, the report said.

Some observers have questioned if J-15 could take off and land on the carrier with a full load of weapons.

The tests have resulted in further improvement of the carrier's flight control processes, according to the official newspaper of the People's Liberation Army.

The voyage is the longest and farthest that has been taken by the *Liaoning* since its maiden voyage, the report said. It is also the first since it based its homeport in Qingdao in February.

Xinhua

**MYANMAR TV**

(23-9-2013, Monday)

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| <b>6:00 am</b>                                | <b>3:00 pm</b>   |
| 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw | 18. News   |
| <b>6:30 am</b>                                | <b>3:15 pm</b>   |
| 2. Physical Exercise                          | 19. Myanmar Movies (Part-II)   |
| <b>6:35 am</b>                                | <b>3:25 pm</b>   |
| 3. Song & Dance of National Races             | 20. Performance by State Traditional Orchestra                           |
| <b>6:45 am</b>                                | <b>4:00 pm</b>   |
| 4. Documentary                                | 21. News   |
| <b>7:00 am</b>                                | <b>4:35 pm</b>   |
| 5. News/Weather Report                        | 22. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (History) |
| <b>7:20 am</b>                                | <b>4:45 pm</b>   |
| 6. People Talks                               | 23. Documentary (SEA Games)  |
| <b>7:35 am</b>                                | <b>5:00 pm</b>   |
| 7. Nice & Sweet Songs                         | 24. News   |
| <b>8:00 am</b>                                | <b>5:15 pm</b>   |
| 8. News/ International News                   | 25. Song Program   |
| <b>8:25 am</b>                                | <b>5:35 pm</b>   |
| 9. SEA Games Go For Gold                      | 26. Teleplay (SEA Games)   |
| <b>9:00 am</b>                                | <b>6:00 pm</b>   |
| 10. News/International News                   | 27. News/Weather Report  |
| <b>9:25 am</b>                                | <b>6:45 pm</b>   |
| 11. Cartoon Series                            | 28. Documentary (Analos to Digital)                                      |
| <b>9:50 am</b>                                | <b>7:00 pm</b>   |
| 12. Beautiful "ASEAN"                         | 29. News   |
| <b>10:00 am</b>                               | <b>7:15 pm</b>   |
| 13. News                                      | 30. TV Drama Series  |
| <b>10:15 am</b>                               | <b>8:00 pm</b>   |
| 14. TV Drama Series                           | 31. News/International News/Weather Report                               |
| <b>11:15 am</b>                               | <b>8:35 pm</b>   |
| 15. New Melody                                | 32. People Talks   |
| <b>12:00 pm</b>                               | <b>8:45 pm</b>   |
| 16. News/International News/Weather Report    | 33. Hit Songs of Stars   |
| <b>12:25 pm</b>                               | <b>9:00 pm</b>   |
| 17. Myanmar Movies (Part-I)                   | 34. News   |
|   | 35. India Drama Series   |

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**

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- \* Local News
- \* History Of Kyaik Wyne Pagoda
- \* World News
- \* Myanmar Traditional Identity (Episode-3) The Sphinx Of Egypt And The Manousiha Of Myanmar
- \* Local News
- \* Secret Places For Yummy Food (Episode-10) (Porridge)
- \* World News
- \* Adventurous Journey to Bontalar Waterfall
- \* Local News
- \* History Of Wishfulling Mai-Lamu Pagoda
- \* World News
- \* A Mirror reflecting Rakhine Architecture (Shitthaung Stupa)
- \* Local News
- \* Me And My Travel (Pyin Oo Lwin) (Episode-2, Part-2)
- \* World News
- \* A Myanmar Tapestry
- \* Local News
- \* Kyauk Gu Umin Cave Gu Pha Ya
- \* World News
- \* Marketable Goods- (Straw painting)
- \* Local News
- \* Unique Pattern Of Myanma...A Trend Of Chin Traditional Dress
- \* World News
- \* Licuala Palm Leaf
- \* Local News
- \* Myanmar Invites You
- \* World News
- \* Gulding Star of Song Birds
- \* Local News
- \* Youth Of The Future (Episode-13) (Young Artist Pann Kyi)
- \* World News
- \* The Beauty of Stylish Myanmar Dress

**Pakistani PM to address UN General Assembly**

ISLAMABAD, 22 Sept — Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif left for New York on Sunday to lead his country's delegation at the UN General Assembly session, officials said. He will address the UN General Assembly on 27 September and highlight Pakistan's view on various regional and international issues besides domestic priorities, the Foreign Ministry said.

Nawaz Sharif is visiting the United Nations for the first time since he took office in June.

During his week-long stay in New York, the prime minister will also hold bilateral meetings with world leaders on the sidelines of the General Assembly session, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry said.

Aizaz Chaudhry said that Sharif will also attend various events during his stay there, including high-level meetings on nuclear disarmament, millennium development goals and sustainable development.

Xinhua

**Five killed in small plane crash in Brazil**

RIO DE JANEIRO, 22 Sept — Five people died on Friday in the crash of a small plane in Caldas Novas, Goias state, midwestern Brazil, authorities said.

The plane, a Seneca 3 model, crashed on Friday morning into the woods near the Nelson Ribeiro Guimaraes airport as it prepared to land, according to rescue workers, who said that the plane's undercarriages were out already.

The five victims included three men and two women.

The plane was supposed to make a stop in Caldas Novas for refueling.

The local Centre for the Investigation and Prevention of Aircraft Accidents has been called to investigate the causes of the crash.—Xinhua

**Stenson stays four ahead at wet East Lake**

ATLANTA, 22 Sept — Henrik Stenson retained his four shot lead in the season-ending Tour Championship despite dropping four shots in torrential rain over the closing holes of Saturday's third round.

With the FedExCup playoff title and a bonus

jackpot of \$10 million also on the line at East Lake Golf Club, Stenson carded a one-under-par 69 in difficult scoring conditions to stay on track for all those honors.

The Swede, ranked second in the FedExCup points standings, raced to

the turn in four-under 31 to briefly lead by nine strokes but dropped four shots on the back nine to post an 11-under total of 199.

Long-hitting Dustin Johnson, who narrowly squeezed into the elite field of 30 players, fired a 67 to sit alone in second place at seven under, two ahead of fellow American Steve Stricker (68).

FedExCup points leader Tiger Woods, seeking a sixth PGA Tour victory this season, was a distant 14 strokes off the pace after returning his first sub-par score this week, a 69.

"I think I'll choose to look at it from the bright side even though the weather is not that bright at the moment," Stenson told reporters.

"Started the day with a



Henrik Stenson of Sweden hits from the rough off the 17th fairway during the third round of the Tour Championship golf tournament at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta, Georgia on 21 Sept, 2013. —REUTERS

four-shot lead and I've still got it, so that's all that matters really. I had it going, and I had a much larger lead than that for a while.

"Then the rain came, and I started hitting a couple of loose ones on the back nine. It was just hard. It was just a grind to get finished. I'm happy we got the

round done."

Asked how much he was focused on winning the FedExCup title, Stenson replied: "First of all, I'm interested in winning the tournament, and I know, if I do that, then I'm going to win the FedExCup. We're just trying one more day."—Reuters



Tiger Woods of the US walks off the green on the eighth hole during the third round of the Tour Championship golf tournament at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta, Georgia on 21 Sept, 2013. —REUTERS

## Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham felicitates Crown Prince, Deputy Premier and Defence Minister of Saudi Arabia

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept—Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, Crown Prince, Deputy Premier and Minister of Defence of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which falls on 23 September 2013.—MNA

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## Myanmar parliamentary delegation leaves for Thailand



Daw Khin Lay Thet, wife of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, being seen off by officials.—MNA

YANGON, 22 Sept—At the invitation of Speaker of House of Representatives and President of National Assembly of Thailand Mr. Somsak Kiatsuranont, a Myanmar parliamentary delegation led by Daw Khin Lay Thet, wife of Speaker of

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann, and Pyithu Hluttaw Agriculture, Livestock Breeding and Fisheries Development Committee Chairman U Soe Naing left here by air this afternoon for Thailand to pay a goodwill visit to Thailand.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Tin Aung, Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Pisanu Suvanajata and officials of the Hluttaw Office. MNA

## Moderate earthquake hits Myanmar-China border

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept—A moderate earthquake of magnitude 5.2 Richter Scale with its epicenter Myanmar-China border about 300 miles east-southeast of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 16 hrs, 40 min 52 sec MST today, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

## Union FM sends felicitations to Saudi FM

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept—On the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which falls on 23 September 2013, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Royal Highness Prince Saud Al-Faisal Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.—MNA

## UEC members to observe Election Commission in the Philippines

YANGON, 22 Sept— here by air this morning to observe the Election Commission of the Philippines. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials of the UEC Office and those from Yangon Region Election Sub-commission.—MNA

UEC members seen at the airport before departure for Philippines.—MNA



## 25 killed, 45 injured as twin blasts hit Christian church in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 22 Sept—At least 25 people were killed and 45 others injured when twin blasts hit a Christian church in Pakistan's northwest city of Peshawar on Sunday morning, said local officials.

Police Commissioner of Peshawar Sahibzada Anees confirmed that 25 people were killed and 45 others injured in the attack and the killed include a policeman, four women and four children. Local media quoted hospital sources as saying that 28 people were killed in the attack.

The attack took place at

about 11:45 am local time. Two suicide bombers blew themselves up at a Christian church in the Qissa Khawani market of the city when people were leaving the church after prayers, according to local officials and media reports.

About 300 people were at the site when the attack took place, said local media.

Earlier reports said that it was a single suicide blast, but bomb disposal squad officials later confirmed it was a twin suicide blast attack and the body parts of the twin attackers were found at

the site. An estimated 8 kg of explosives were used in the attack, said bomb disposal squad officials.

Police and rescue team rushed to the site shortly following the blasts.

All the injured have been shifted to Lady Reading Hospital, a hospital in Peshawar, which is famous for the treatment of blast victims.

So far no group has claimed the responsibility for the attack yet. Both Pakistani President Mamnoon Hussain and Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif have condemned the attack.—Xinhua

## Gunfire erupts at Kenyan mall, 59 dead

NAIROBI, 22 Sept — Gunfire erupted on Sunday at an upmarket shopping mall in Kenya's capital Nairobi, where at least 59 people were killed and several more held hostage by gunmen from a Somali Islamist group that has declared allegiance to al Qaeda.

The shooting, lasting about 30 seconds, came after a period of tense quiet in the standoff, a Reuters

witness said, speaking from close to the shopping centre that has several Israeli-owned outlets and which is frequented by Westerners and Kenyans.

Foreigners, including a Canadian diplomat, were killed in Saturday's attack at Westgate mall, claimed by the Islamist group al Shabaab.

Shortly after the shots were fired, troops in camouflage ran crouching below a

restaurant terrace along the front of the building that had been buzzing with customers when assailants charged in. One witness said they first told Muslims to leave.

For hours after the brazen attack, the dead were strewn around tables of unfinished meals. At one food outlet, a man and woman lay in a final embrace after they had been killed, before their bodies were later removed.

Reuters

Soldiers and armed police hunt gunmen who went on a shooting spree in Westgate shopping centre in Nairobi on 21 Sept, 2013. REUTERS

