

Myanmar, Japan to cooperate in Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay railroad upgrading project, TadaU Airport and Dawei SEZ Project

President U Thein Sein receives MP of the House of Councilors of Japan and party

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept—President U Thein Sein received a delegation led by MP Ms Eriko Yamatani of the House of Councilors of Japan at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 11 am today.

At the call, the Japanese MP said that they arrived there as ODA delegation of the Japanese House of Councilors. A Japanese delegation of ODA from the Japanese House of Councilors visited Myanmar in the previous year. Japanese House of Councilors pays special attention to providing assistance to Myanmar. They arrived there to review prospects of Myanmar in the future and support development of the nation. Japan has already granted US\$ 5 bil-

lion as a new ODA loan to Myanmar.

President U Thein Sein explained preparations of many countries including Japan for making investments in Myanmar; implementation of Thilawa Special Economic Zone Project, and Yangon water supply and power project with the assistance of Japan; and cooperation in Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay railroad upgrading project, TadaU Airport and Dawei Special Economic Zone Project.

Also present at the call were Union Ministers U Aung Kyi and Dr Pe Thet Khin, Deputy Minister U Thant Kyaw and officials. The Japanese delegation was accompanied by the Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar.—MNA



President U Thein Sein cordially converses with MP Ms Eriko Yamatani of the House of Councilors of Japan at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace.—MNA

Japanese delegation visits Hluttaw buildings



NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept— A delegation led by Ms Eriko Yamatani, a member of the House

of Councilors (Upper House) of Japan visited Hluttaw buildings here this morning.—MNA

Thilawa Special Economic Zone to be launched in late October

Khin Yadanar

The Initial phase of the Thilawa Special Economic Zone is expected to be launched in late October, creating job opportunities for local workers.

Construction work will start on 1000 acres in the special economic zone after the rainy season as the first step of the project and the infrastructures are

expected to be established on nearly 6000 acres by 2015, and local workers will have job opportunities, said U Win Aung, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI).

Some developer companies are preparing to

launch the work on construction of the factories after the rainy season and to hire workers.

“We need many skilled workers and will hire construction workers first,” said a businessman from Japan-based automobile spare parts manufacturing factory. The issue related to giving compensation for

lands that are in the project area will be finalized in September, according to the UMFCCI.

According to the survey made by the UMFCCI, the investment in Myanmar has reached over US\$ 42 billion and about 60 per cent of the businessmen who visited Myanmar are interested in Thilawa Special Economic Zone.

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Cambodian team observes conservation of Inlay Lake



tasks. They viewed cultivation of tomato plantations on the floating islands with bio-fertilizers through the new technology in Myenigon Village and organic plantations in Kyungyi North Village, soil preservation and forest nurturing in Pindaya

NYAUNGSHWE, 23 Sept—Cambodia-based Forum SYD team observed Inlay Lake conservation and maintenance project from 15 to 17 September.

Ms Seng Sothira of

Forum Syd Gorup held talks with environmental conservation studies group and partnership organizations in Taunggyale Village for conservation of Inlay Lake and maintenance

Township. Eight partnership teams are engaged in conservation and maintenance project of Inlay Lake in 2013.

Kyemon-Nay Myo Thurein (Nyaunshwe)

Moderate earthquake damages buildings, pagodas in Thabeikkyin Tsp

NAYPYI TAW, 23 Sept—Moderate earthquakes jolted Thabeikkyin Township of Mandalay Region yesterday afternoon, causing damages of some buildings and housings.

The quakes epicentered in Thabeikkyin Township, 80 miles north of Mandalay seismological observatory, shaking the 4 magnitude of Richter Scale at about 6 pm and at Lower Ponna Village, the 5 magnitude of of Richter Scale at about three miles southeast of Thabeikkyin at 6.25 pm and 5.4 magnitude of

Richter Scale at about four miles northwest of Thabeikkyin.

Due to the earthquakes, some Buddha images were damaged in Seikkan and Kanbe wards, some buildings cracked down and 45 houses damaged.

Moreover, walls of Basic Education Post-Primary School in Phongon Village of Tagaung Sub-Township was cracked down and three pagodas in Hsinhnyat Village of Magyigon Village in the township damaged.

Kyemon-Mandalay Sub-printing House

Blocks picked out from Nguwa Street in Ahlon Township

YANGON, 23 Sept—A team led by the Deputy Head of Township Development Affairs Committee of

Ahlon Township in Yangon Region together with members of Development Affairs Police Corps and

workers of DAC gathered blocks laid on the pavement of the residences along Nguwa Street in Ahlon Township on 18 September.

They removed the blocks on the street not to cause traffic jams and to be free from traffic accidents.

Ward administrators helped with their works.

Kyemon-Tin Maung Oo (Ahlon)



Health care services provided to patients in Sinbaungwe Township

MAGWAY, 23 Sept—Chief Minister of Magway Region U Phone Maw Shwe and officials on 16 September viewed health care services being provided to the patients by a medical team comprising specialists at Sinbaungwe People's Hospital in Thayet District of Magway Region.

Head of Region Health Department Dr Zaw Htay reported on performing the

surgical operations at the patients. The Chief Minister donated cash to the fund for surgical operations.

The medical team gave health care services to 1370 patients free of charge.

The Chief Minister proceeded to Horse and Sheep Farm (Yanpei) of Pharmaceuticals and Foodstuff Industries of Ministry of Industry in Taungdwingyi Township.

He viewed breeding of horses and sheep and cultivation of feedstuff grasses and attended to the needs of officials.

He looked into progress of renovation of Aungmye Zeya Rakhine Pagoda in Taungdwingyi and heard reports on construction project by engineers. Later, the Chief Minister fulfilled the requirements.

Kyemon-Nan Moug

Traffic Rules Enforcement

TV channel to air traffic rules broken vehicles

YANGON, 23 Sept—Traffic Police Corps and Skynet channel will jointly broadcast the vehicles that

broke the traffic rules in Yangon, according to the meeting 9/2013 of Yangon Region Traffic Rules

Enforcement Supervisory Committee.

The programme will be broadcast with the purpose of disseminating knowledge to traffic rules breakers so that they are not in breach of rules.

“Traffic Police Corps and Skynet will record the cases by video camera to show the acts of undisciplined vehicles to the people on TV. All departments are to cooperate in reducing traffic congestions,” said an official of the Yangon Region Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee.

The ministries concerned will apply various ways and means for solving traffic accidents and consequent sufferings of the people based on traffic congestions.

Kyemon-K Thein Swe

Transport

195 bus workers removed from bus lines in nine months

Of them, 58 persons were removed from the bus lines for traffic accidents, 85 for failure to pay fine, five from Parami Bus Line for debts, 10 for attacking each others, 13 for attacking

passengers, 15 for absent without leave, two for lack of licence and seven for impoliteness, according to the statistics of the Yangon Region APBCC (Central).

Kyemon-K Thein Swe



Traffic Accident

22-wheeled vehicle drags motorcycle, leaving three injured

YEDASHE, 23 Sept—A motorcycle bumped against a 22-wheeled vehicle on Yangon-Mandalay Highway near Yedashe Township Hospital in Bago Region at 7 pm on 15 September.

The motorcycle driven by Win Naing Soe, 30 with Aung Thu, 26 and Ko Ko Oo, 24 of Indaing Ward in Thargara on the pillion was dragged with a 22-wheeled vehicle driven by Myint Zaw, 48 of Shwepyitha Township in Yangon between mile posts 191/2



and 191/3 on the highway.

In the accident, three persons from the motorcycle were injured and the motor overturned.

Yedashe Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit over the traffic accident case under the law.

Kyemon-Ko Lwin (Swa)

Beware of DHF

WORLD

Merkel romps to victory but faces tough coalition choices



Die Linke top candidate Bernd Riexinger, Social Democratic Party (SPD) top candidate Peer Steinbrueck, Christian Social Union (CSU) Bundestag faction leader Gerda Hasselfeldt, Christian Democratic Union (CDU) party leader and German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Greens (Die Gruenen) top candidate Juergen Trittin (L-R) pose after a TV discussion regarding the German general election (Bundestagswahl) results, at the ZDF studios in Berlin on 22 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

BERLIN, 23 Sept — Angela Merkel won a landslide personal victory in Germany's general election on Sunday, but her conservatives appeared just short of the votes needed to rule on their own and may have to convince leftist rivals to join a coalition government.

Partial results put support for Merkel's conservative bloc on 42 percent, their strongest score since 1990, the year of German unification, and a ringing

endorsement of her steady leadership during the euro zone crisis.

The outcome left the centre-right chancellor tantalisingly close to an absolute majority in the Bundestag lower house of parliament, a feat achieved only once in 1957 by Konrad Adenauer, the father of the West German federal republic.

"This is a super result," Merkel told cheering supporters. "Together, we will do all we can to make the

next four years successful ones for Germany."

If she were to rule alone, which looks unlikely, she would have to do so with a tiny majority, leaving her vulnerable to rebel eurosceptics in her Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and its sister party, the Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU).

The alternative could be to revive a 'grand coalition' with the centre-left Social Democrats (SPD), who came a distant sec-

ond with 25.5 percent, their second worst result in the post-war era. Former finance minister Peer Steinbrueck's gaffe-prone campaign never gained traction against the popular Merkel.

Polls show that the consensus-driven German public would welcome a right-left partnership, as would Berlin's European partners, who hope the SPD might soften Merkel's austerity-focused approach to struggling euro zone members.

But after alienating millions of their own supporters when they partnered Merkel in her first term between 2005 and 2009, the Social Democrats are wary of a sequel.

"We won't automatically go into a grand coalition," said SPD Chairman Sigmar Gabriel. "What is important are the policies."

There was bitter disappointment for Merkel's allies in the outgoing government, the market-friendly Free Democrats (FDP), who suffered a humiliating exit from the Bundestag, the first time they will be absent from the chamber in the post-war era.

Reuters

Cambodian King appoints Hun Sen as Prime Minister for new five-year term

PHNOM PENH, 23 Sept — Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni on Monday appointed incumbent Prime Minister Hun Sen as the Prime Minister for the new five-year-term government after his ruling party won the 28 July election, according to a royal decree.

"The Prime Minister of Cambodia has duties to prepare the members of the Cambodian government in order to ask for the adoption of confidence from the National Assembly," said the royal decree.

ment on Tuesday in order to ask for the adoption of confidence.

According to the official schedule, Hun Sen will be sworn in for another five-year term on Tuesday.

The appointment came after King Norodom Sihamoni presided over the opening session of the fifth legislature of the National Assembly, which was attended by only the ruling party's elected lawmakers as the opposition's elected legislators boycotted it.

Sixty-eight elected



Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen (C) waves to reporters at the National Assembly in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 17 Sept, 2013. —XINHUA

In response to the appointment, Prime Minister Hun Sen thanked the king and vowed to put all his efforts to fulfill his duties in order to serve the nation and the people.

The premier said that he would submit the members of the new government to the dean of the parlia-

lawmakers from the ruling Cambodian People's Party (CPP) of long-serving Prime Minister Hun Sen were present at the opening session, while all the 55 legislators from the Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) of long-time opposition leader Sam Rainsy did not attend it.—Xinhua

Nairobi attack may trigger tighter security at malls worldwide

WASHINGTON, 23 Sept — The deadly attack on a high-end Nairobi shopping mall on Saturday put the safety of malls around the world into the spotlight and could trigger moves to improve security and make it more visible.

"They're obviously going to ramp up security," said Malachy Kavanagh, a spokesman for the International Council of Shopping Centres, a US-based trade group of mall and shopping centre owners, adding that he expected the US government's Department of Homeland Security to reach out to the heads of corporate security for all American malls following the events in Kenya.

Some of the changes that may be made include bringing in off-duty police officers into the mall, putting more non-uniformed security officers into uniform, and more closely co-

ordinating with local police departments.

Islamist militants were holding hostages on Sunday at a shopping mall in Nairobi, where at least 68 people were killed and 175 wounded in an attack by Somalia's al Shabaab group. Those killed included Kenyans, Dutch, British and Chinese citizens and diplomats from Canada and Ghana. Some US citizens were wounded, though the final toll is still far from clear.

The Westgate mall has several Israeli-owned outlets and is frequented by prosperous Kenyans and foreigners.

"Shopping centers and retailers will have to spend more money on security," Irwin Barkan, CEO of African mall developer BGI LLC, said in a phone interview from Ghana where he is based. BGI, based in the US, is developing properties in West Africa.



People scramble for safety as armed police hunt gunmen who went on a shooting spree at Westgate shopping centre in Nairobi, on 21 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

"I hope it doesn't get to the point where it is like getting into an airport," Barkan said ahead of a trip to Nairobi for the African Hotel Investment Forum this week.

Kavanagh said that US shoppers have indicated they do not want to go through this type of security line with metal detectors and other security ma-

chines.

Following the attacks on New York's World Trade Centre and the Pentagon in Washington, DC on 11 September, 2001, the trade group surveyed mall shoppers about their views on such ideas. "Unless there was an immediate threat, by and large they said 'no'," he said.

Reuters

Abe to vow support for women's social advancement at UN meeting

TOKYO, 23 Sept — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will leave Japan on Monday to attend a UN General Assembly meeting in New York where he is expected to vow in a speech to support women's social advancement and protect their rights, government sources said on Sunday.

Abe is expected to take the opportunity on Thursday to demonstrate the Japanese government's policy of helping improve women's position in society in line with a UN Security Council resolution in 2000 on the protection of women's rights.

Some observers say the move is also aimed at correcting the perception that Japan does not respect women's rights, partly due to the issue of women who

were forced into sexual servitude by the Japanese military before and during World War II.

During the speech, Abe is expected to explain the government's growth strategy that targets increasing the proportion of women in leading corporate positions to 30 percent by 2020.

Abe is also expected to express Tokyo's readiness to contribute to global efforts on protecting women's rights and compiling an action plan to prevent violence against women during conflicts and disasters, and encourage women's participation in the process of reconstruction.

Abe plans to hold a meeting with female business managers in the United States after the speech.

Kyodo News

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Scientists set to prepare strongest warning that warming man-made



A truck engine is tested for pollution exiting its exhaust pipe as California Air Resources field representatives (unseen) work a checkpoint set up to inspect heavy-duty trucks traveling near the Mexican-US border in Otay Mesa, California on 10 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

OSLO, 23 Sept—Scientists meet on Monday to prepare the strongest warning yet that climate change is man-made and will cause more heatwaves, droughts and floods this century unless governments take action. Officials from up to 195 governments and scientists will meet in Stockholm from 23-26 September to edit a 31-page draft that also tries to explain why the pace of warming has slowed this century despite rising human emissions of greenhouse gases.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) will present an edited, summary report on Friday as a main guide for governments, which have agreed to work out a United Nations deal by the end of 2015 to avert the worst impacts.

IPCC drafts seen by Reuters say that human activities, primarily the burning of fossil fuels, are “ex-

tremely likely” - at least a 95 percent probability - to be the main cause of warming since the 1950s. The likelihood is up from 90 percent in the last report in 2007 and 66 percent in 2001.

“There is high confidence that this has warmed the ocean, melted snow and ice, raised global mean sea level, and changed some climate extremes,” the draft says of man-made warming. Most impacts are projected to get worse unless governments sharply cut greenhouse gas emissions, it says. The report, by 259 authors in 39 countries, is the first of four due in the next year about climate change by the IPCC.

In itself, a shift from 90 to 95 percent “would not be a huge short of adrenalin” for spurring government and public awareness, said Alden Meyer, of the US-based Union of Concerned Scientists.—Reuters

German group claims to have hacked Apple iPhone fingerprint scanner

BOSTON, 23 Sept—A group of German hackers claimed to have cracked the iPhone fingerprint scanner on Sunday, just two days after Apple Inc launched the technology that it promises will better protect devices from criminals and snoopers seeking access.

If the claim is verified, it will be embarrassing for Apple which is betting on the scanner to set its smartphone apart from new models of Samsung Electronics Co Ltd and others running the Android operating system of Google Inc.

Two prominent iPhone security experts told Reuters that they believed the German group, known as the Chaos Computing Club, or CCC, had succeeded in defeating Apple’s Touch ID, though they had not personally replicated the work.

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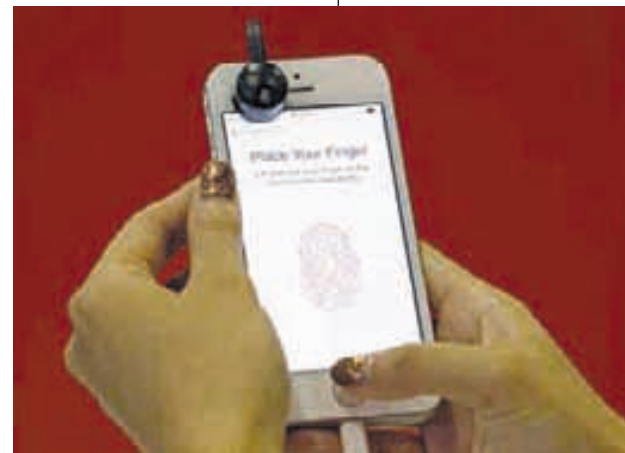
One of them, Charlie Miller, co-author of the iOS Hacker’s Handbook, described the work as “a complete break” of Touch ID security. “It certainly opens up a new possibility for attackers.”

Apple representatives did not respond to requests for comment.

CCC, one of the world’s largest and most respected hacking groups, posted a video on its website that appeared to show somebody accessing an iPhone 5S with a fabricated print. The site described how members of its biometrics team had cracked the new fingerprint reader, one of the few major high-tech features added to the latest version of the iPhone.

The group said they

targeted Touch ID to knock down reports about its “mar-



A promoter demonstrates the fingerprint scanner feature of the newly launched Apple iPhone 5S in Singapore on 20 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

vels,” which suggested it would be difficult to crack.

“Fingerprints should not be used to secure anything. You leave them everywhere, and it is far too easy to make fake fingers out of lifted prints,” a hacker named Starbug was quoted

as saying on the CCC’s site.

The group said it defeated Touch ID by photographing the fingerprint of an iPhone’s user, then printing it on to a transparent sheet, which it used to create a mold for a “fake finger.”

Reuters

Private Cygnus cargo ship delays rendezvous with ISS



WASHINGTON, 23 Sept—US space company Orbital Sciences Corp said on Sunday that the rendezvous of its Cygnus cargo ship with the International Space Station (ISS) was delayed for at least 48 hours due to a computer data link glitch between them.

The unmanned Cygnus spacecraft was originally

expected to be captured by a robotic arm operated by astronauts inside the space station at 7:25 am EDT (1125 GMT) before the issue appeared.

“This morning, at around 1:30 am EDT (0530 GMT), Cygnus established direct data contact with the ISS and found that some of the data received had val-

ues that it did not expect, causing Cygnus to reject the data. This mandated an interruption of the approach sequence,” Orbital wrote in a status update on its website.

“Orbital has subsequently found the causes of this discrepancy and is developing a software fix. The minimum turnaround time to resume the approach to the ISS following an interruption such as this is approximately 48 hours due to the orbital mechanics of the approach trajectory,” it said.

Space news website Spaceflight101 reported that the rendezvous was called off when the spacecraft’s navigation system “encountered a compat-

ibility issue” with ISS communications system and “was unable to receive GPS (Global Positioning System) data from ISS.”

Cygnus was launched to the space station on Wednesday on a demonstration mission of proving its capability to reliably deliver cargo, only carrying 1,300 pounds (589 kg) of food, clothing and other items.

Orbital is the second US company to send a commercial cargo craft to the space station. SpaceX was the first company to send its own cargo ship with two successful commercial resupply missions and two demonstration missions under its belt.

Xinhua

iPhone 5s and iPhone 5c found to be less durable than last generation

New York, 23 Sept—As Apple pitches its newest smartphones, users may find something lacking compared with last year’s model: They could break more easily.

SquareTrade, a provider of protection plans for gadgets, tested five smartphones, including Apple’s new iPhones, to see if they could withstand drops, dunks and other common hazards. Its finding: The latest models aren’t as durable as last year’s iPhone 5.

The biggest loser, however, was Samsung’s Galaxy S4 (Review I Pic-

tures), which failed to work after being submerged in water and being dropped 5 feet (1.5 metres) off the ground, according to San Francisco-based SquareTrade.

The phone that withstood SquareTrade’s torture test best was Google Inc.’s Moto X (Review I Pictures). The Moto X is the first phone designed with the Internet company as Motorola’s new owner. Released in



August, the Moto X is also the first smartphone assembled in the US.

“We were expecting that at least one of the new iPhone models would up its game, but surprisingly, it was the Moto X that proved most forgiving of accidents,” said Ty Shay,

chief marketing officer at SquareTrade.

Officials from Apple Inc, Samsung Electronics Co and Google Inc. didn’t immediately return email messages for comment.

Apple started selling two new iPhones on Friday. The iPhone 5s (Review) sports a fingerprint sensor, a better camera and a faster processor. A less expensive version, the iPhone 5c (Review), offers consumers a wider choice of colours and has a better front-facing camera than the iPhone 5.

With every upgrade Apple has made, the latest model has usually been more durable than the previous one, based on drop tests SquareTrade has done over the past few years,

Shay said. But that wasn’t the case this time.

SquareTrade reviewed each device based on eight factors, including the materials of the device’s front and back panels, its size and its weight. It also tested the device’s ability to withstand drops from 5 feet (1.5 metres) and being dunked in water for 10 seconds. SquareTrade says it uses robots to do the testing to ensure consistency.

SquareTrade rates phones on a scale of 1 to 10, with a higher number reflecting a higher risk of the device breaking. All five phones tested were considered to have a medium risk of breakage, but where they fell on the scale differed.—Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Greece and lenders expect 2013 budget surplus: Greek finance ministry source



A Greek flag flutters at the port of the Greek southeastern island of Kastelorizo on 15 April, 2013. Picture taken on 15 April, 2013.—REUTERS

ATHENS, 23 Sept — Greece and its lenders are close to agreeing that Greece will achieve a primary budget surplus this year, a senior Finance Ministry official told report-

ers on Sunday after senior Greek and EU and IMF officials met. Hitting a primary budget surplus, before interest payments, is key for Greece because it would trigger a clause in its

EU/IMF bailout allowing it to seek further debt relief from its lenders.

“I think we are close to converging on a common, realistic estimate that there will be a small, viable primary budget surplus this year,” the official said on condition of anonymity, after the first meeting in the latest review of Greece’s bailout by its lenders.

“There are four or five budget items on which we still have to fully agree,” the official added.

The latest review by officials from the “troika” of European Union, International Monetary Fund and European Central Bank is expected to last at least

until the end of next month.

Athens and its lenders are also very close to agreeing on a joint economic growth forecast for 2013 and 2014, the official said, without revealing the estimates. Athens said on Thursday that it expected its economy to shrink by 3.8 percent this year, less than a previous estimate of 4.2 percent.

Finance Minister Yanis Stournaras said the economy may have bottomed out after a severe, six-year recession, citing government estimates that GDP had expanded on a quarter-on-quarter basis in the second quarter.

Reuters

China’s logistics sector reports higher growth

BEIJING, 23 Sept — Higher growth was reported in China’s logistics sector for the first eight months of 2013 on Sunday, with goods worth 127 trillion yuan (20.62 trillion US dollars) moving around the country.

The sector’s 9.5 percent year-on-year growth in the first eight months gained 0.2 percentage points from the January-July period, according to data released by the China Federation of Logistics and Purchasing.

Costs in the logistics sector rose 9.1 percent year on year to 6.1 trillion yuan and the growth rate

was also up 0.2 percentage points from the January-July period.

The sub-index for logistics service prices rose 2.6 percentage points to 50.6 percent in August, the first time the sub-index has been above the boom-bust line of 50 percent since May. A reading above 50 indicates steady growth momentum.

The federation said that increasing demand for logistics and improving performances of companies were among the factors boosting the sector’s growth.

Xinhua

Kids’ race may play a role in ER treatment for pain

NEW YORK, 23 Sept — Black children who are brought to the emergency room for stomach pain and cramps are less likely than white children to be given painkillers, a new study suggests.

Using records from more than 2,000 ER visits, researchers found that white children and teenagers more often received painkillers available over the counter, such as ibuprofen and acetaminophen (Tylenol), or more powerful opioids, including oxycodone. The difference remained after the severity of children’s conditions and various hospital-related factors were taken into account.

Dr Robert Fortuna, a health services researcher from the University of Rochester Medical Centre in New York, said it was “especially concerning” to see that pattern show up among kids.

Fortuna’s own work and other studies have found

similar racial disparities in painkiller prescribing with adult patients.

“Moving forward, we need to better understand why these disparities exist and work to correct them,” he told Reuters Health, noting that blaming the differences on doctors’ racial biases would be an “oversimplified response.”

“I don’t believe the vast majority of physicians knowingly or consciously treat patients differently,” he said. But, “The bottom line is that minority children in this study were less likely to receive pain medications, and that’s concerning.”

Oxycodone and other powerful painkillers have been in the spotlight recently as deaths from overdoses and more drugs end up in the hands of people taking them for non-medical purposes.

Dr Tiffani Johnson from Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and her colleagues said the stressful en-

vironment of an ER and lack of an established doctor-patient relationship, combined with the subjective nature of stomach pain, may lead doctors to use mental shortcuts including racial stereotypes when making treatment decisions.

The researchers used data from a national study that surveys hospitals about their ambulatory care and scales up the results to reflect the general US population. Their report included information on 2,298 patients age 21 and under who visited an ER in 2006 to 2009 with stomach pain, cramps or spasms, representing 8.1 million such visits across the country.

Among children in severe pain — defined as a rating of seven or higher on a 10-point scale — 27 percent of white kids were given some type of painkiller, compared to 16 percent of black children and 19 percent of Hispanic children.

Xinhua

China’s manufacturing activity at six-month high: HSBC



BEIJING, 23 Sept — China’s manufacturing activities rose to a six-month high in September, according to a preliminary survey from HSBC. The HSBC Flash Manufacturing Purchasing Managers’ Index (PMI) for September rose to 51.2, the highest level since April and up from 50.1 in August, according to figures released by HSBC on Monday.

The Flash PMI is based on a survey of purchasing executives in Chinese

companies. An index figure above 50 signals expansion, while below 50 indicates contraction. Qu Hongbin, chief economist of HSBC China, said the country’s manufacturing sectors are being boosted by rising external demand and micro stimulus policies at home.

The HSBC report showed that output and new orders including new export orders rose in September. Meanwhile, stocks of raw material purchases and finished goods also increased.

That suggested restocking is part of the driver of the current economic recovery, according to Xiaojia Zhi and Ting Lu, China economists from Bank of America Merrill Lynch, in a report.

The Flash PMI is published on a monthly basis, approximately one week before final PMI data are released, making the HSBC PMI the earliest available indicator of manufacturing sector operating conditions in China.—Xinhua

BlackBerry move away from consumers unlikely to stem decline

TORONTO, 23 Sept — BlackBerry Ltd’s plan to retreat from the consumer market in favor of its traditional strength serving businesses and governments is widely seen as a desperate move that industry watchers warn will only accelerate its downward spiral.

The strategic shift and dramatic restructuring are fueling fears about BlackBerry’s long-term viability. The uncertainty created could easily push

a growing number of its telecom partners, business customers and consumers to abandon the platform.

“Perception is nine tenths of reality and if customer and supplier confidence continues to fall it doesn’t matter how much cash they have on the balance sheet. Things could get worse,” said GMP Securities analyst Deepak Kaushal.

The Canadian smartphone maker, once the leader in wireless email, announced the change in focus

on Friday afternoon when it also said it will report a quarterly loss of close to \$1 billion and slash more than a third of its workforce.

In response to queries about its future sales strategy BlackBerry said on Sunday it would provide more detail when it announces quarterly earnings on 27 September.

On Friday, Chief Executive Thorsten Heins said the strategic shift to focus on so-called enterprise customers would play to the

company’s strengths in security and reliability.

“Security matters and enterprises know the gold standard in enterprise mobility is BlackBerry,” he said in a statement.

BlackBerry still has a substantial subscriber base—72 million users globally at the end of June, though that did decline from 76 million three months earlier.

The company has struggled ever since Apple Inc’s iPhone and Samsung



A BlackBerry Z10 is displayed at a store in Toronto on 5 February, 2013.—REUTERS

Electronics Co Ltd’s Galaxy phones, using Google’s Android software, grew to dominate a market that was

previously BlackBerry’s and had once made it highly profitable.

Reuters

Railway reopens on Russia-N Korea border after overhaul work

KHASAN, (Russia), 23 Sept—After years of work to directly connect railway tracks between Russia and North Korea, a 54-kilometre section linking border areas of the two countries reopened on Sunday with a ceremony in Rason, a special economic zone in northeastern North Korea.

A special train carrying a group of reporters arrived at Rajin Port in Rason from Khasan in the Russian Far East, making it the first train to travel between the two countries without changing bogies at the border.

Trains had traveled on the section since the Soviet era. But given differences

in track width between the Russian side and the North Korean side, workers had to change bogies every time a train crossed the border.

With the end of overhaul work, North Korea appears poised to promote the development of its special economic zone, while Russia seeks to revitalize the Trans-Siberian Railway by linking it, in the future, to a railway system that would run through the Korean Peninsula.

In 2008, the two countries started work to lay Russia-sized railway tracks from the Russian border area to Rajin Port after Russian President Vladimir Putin and then North Korean



Photo shows a special train after its arrival at Rajin Port in Rason, a special economic zone in northeastern North Korea, from Khasan in the Russian Far East, on 22 Sept, 2013. After years of work to directly connect railway tracks between Russia and North Korea, a 54-kilometre section linking border areas of the two countries reopened the same day. —KYODO NEWS

leader Kim Jong Il agreed in August 2001 to directly connect the two railway systems.

Moscow shoulders 70 percent of 8.3 billion rouble, or 25.8 billion yen, in costs to lay the new tracks and build the North Korean port, while Pyongyang cov-

ers the remainder.

The two countries conducted a trial run on the section using a freight train in October 2011. They initially planned to launch commercial runs in autumn last year, but the plan was delayed until now.—Kyodo News

Typhoon Usagi kills 25 upon landfall in Guangdong

GUANGZHOU, 23 Sept—Typhoon Usagi has killed at least 25 people after making landfall in south China's Guangdong Province Sunday evening, according to the provincial flood control headquarters on Monday.

Thirteen deaths were reported in Shanwei City, where 24 others were

injured in accidents during the storm, according to official tallies.

Usagi—Japanese for rabbit — was designated a super typhoon on Saturday after it passed through the Philippines and Taiwan, moving toward China's mainland. Although its power weakened on Sun-

day, the storm's winds still reached a speed of 45 meters per second at its eye upon landfall in Shanwei at 7:40 pm on Sunday.

Usagi has devastated the eastern part of Guangdong, with trees blown down and water and electricity supply cut off in several counties in Shanwei.

As the rain stopped on Monday, local residents were mobilized to help clean up debris and branches on roads to ease traffic.

The provincial flood control headquarters said the typhoon has caused sea water encroachment in coastal areas, river overflow and landslides in rural regions.

On Monday, 14 cities in Guangdong, including the provincial capital of Guangzhou, Shenzhen, and Zhuhai, as well as neighbouring Hong Kong and Macao, had still suspended school classes and air, railway and shipping traffic as a precaution against the storm.



A woman's umbrella is turned over due to strong wind caused by Super typhoon Usagi in south China's Hong Kong, on 22 Sept, 2013. Super typhoon Usagi moves to Southern Chinese coastal provinces at a speed of up to 20 km per hour and is expected to hammer Hong Kong's neighbouring Guangdong Province on Sunday night, according to local authorities. —XINHUA

Snake on plane forces Qantas to ground flight

SYDNEY, 23 Sept—Hundreds of Qantas passengers were stranded in Sydney after the discovery of a tiny snake on board the plane at Sydney Airport on Sunday night, local media reported on Monday.

A Qantas spokeswoman said the 20-centimetre snake was found by a cabin crew member near

the doorway of the aircraft on Sunday night before the 370 passengers boarded the flight, which was bounded for Tokyo.

The flight was cancelled and the 370 passengers were put up in accommodation in Sydney overnight, the spokeswoman told the *Australian Associated Press* (AAP).

The spokeswoman said it was yet to be determined what type of snake it was and where it had come from.

"The snake has gone into quarantine to determine where it's come from," she said. A replacement flight was scheduled to leave Sydney at 10:15 am (local time) on Monday.—Xinhua

Mexico to revise 2014 budget after storms, death toll around 115

MEXICO CITY, 23 Sept—Mexico's Congress will revise its proposed 2014 budget in the wake of some of the worst storm damage in decades, President Enrique Pena Nieto said on Sunday as the death toll from widespread flooding and mudslides rose to about 115.

The government earlier this month said it aimed to run a budget deficit this year and next as it forges ahead with spending on infrastructure. It must now find additional funds to repair roads and infrastructure hammered by the storms.

Pena Nieto said Mexico's Congress "will

eto in a speech in the northwestern state of Sinaloa.

He did not specify new funding levels beyond the roughly 12 billion Mexican pesos (\$938.97 million) available in emergency funding. Pena Nieto also noted that the death toll from the storms stands at "110 or 115."

Mexico's president called for a quick state-by-state evaluation of damage to be overseen by the country's interior minister that "will allow us to add resources beyond those already budgeted for contingency and disaster funds to rebuild infrastructure that has sadly been lost."



Villagers carry their belongings through a stream after the road was destroyed by floodwaters in Coyuca de Benitez, in the Mexican state of Guerrero, on 21 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

absolutely have to adjust" the federal budget in light of the mounting destruction caused by Tropical Storm Ingrid and Hurricane Manuel over the past week.

"Today we can already anticipate that due to the damages that we've seen, our (emergency) funds are insufficient," said Pena Ni-

"We are confronting rainfall that has practically been the most extensive in the history of the entire national territory," he added. Mexico's government aims to widen the budget deficit next year to 1.5 percent of gross domestic product, the finance ministry said earlier this month.—Reuters

Japan, Canada to boost tie-ups toward Canadian shale gas exports

TOKYO, 23 Sept—Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper are expected to agree to increase cooperation toward starting Canadian shale gas exports to Japan from around 2020, Japanese officials said on Sunday.

Canada's envisaged

shale gas exports are likely to total 40 million tons a year. Shale gas will be shipped after being processed into liquefied natural gas, according to the officials.

Abe and Harper plan to reach the agreement in a meeting on Tuesday in Ottawa during the Japa-

nese leader's five-day visit to Canada and the United States from Monday.

Canada will be the second country to export shale gas to Japan. The United States plans to start shipping 6.7 million tons a year of shale gas to Japan from around 2017.

Kyodo News

US Navy helicopter crashes in Red Sea

WASHINGTON, 23 Sept—A US Navy helicopter crashed in the central Red Sea on Sunday with five military personnel on board, a statement from US Naval Forces Central Command said.

Three of the people

on board the aircraft have been found and are "stable" while the other two are still being sought, the statement said.

The MH-60S Knighthawk helicopter assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 6 crashed while

operating with the guided-missile destroyer *USS William P. Lawrence*, the statement said.

"The crash was not due to any sort of hostile activity," the statement said. The incident was under investigation, it added.—Xinhua

LOCAL NEWS

Japanese Experience on IP for Supporting IP System in Myanmar

YANGON, 23 Sept—Speakers from Japan Patent Office (JPO) under Japan Economic and Trade Representative Office based in Bangkok of Thailand will give talks on “Japanese Experience on IP for Supporting IP System in Myanmar” at the Office of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and

Industry in Yangon on 5 October. The talk on first floor of UMFCCI Office Tower in Lanmadaw Township in Minye Kyawswar street in Lanmadaw Township is free to all those interested.

The UMFCCI is organizing academic talks regularly.

MMAL-Myat Sandi Thin Zaw

Interfaith dialogue organized in Patheingyi

PATHEINGYI, 23 Sept—An interfaith friendship dialogue was organized at the meeting hall of Ayeyawady Region Government Office in Patheingyi on 13 September.

It was attended by Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung, Patron of Interfaith Friendship Group retired ambassador U Hla Maung, CEC members, region ministers, the district deputy commissioner, the region level departmental

personnel, leaders from four major religions and townselders.

Delegates of the interfaith group introduced themselves to the participants.

Chief Minister U Thein Aung and retired ambassador U Hla Maung delivered addresses.

Head of Region Religious Affairs Department elaborated on the formation of region interfaith group.

Representatives of the four major religions participated in discussion.

The chief minister then made concluding remarks to bring the meeting to an end.

MMAL-District IPRD

Citizenship cards granted to ethnic people near border town



MYAWADY, 23 Sept—Myawady Township Immigration and National Registration Department and Norwegian Refugee Council jointly initiated a project to grant citizenship scrutiny cards to the ethnic people in Htiwapalaw village in Myawady in

Kayin State.

A total of 480 cards have been granted to the local people. Myawady District Deputy Commissioner U Tint Wai Thon and party accompanied their field trips and observed their efforts.

MMAL-Htein Lin Aung



Bago police launched a raid into a house and captured Min Min Soe, a suspect of multiple bike thefts, on 16 September. The police seized two motorbikes at the home and 20 more bikes after interrogation.—MMAL-THANT ZIN

The aisle walkway of the hawkers' market in Kalay in Sagaing Region was widened on 17 September for safety of the market.
MMAL-NAY SU (CHIN HILL)



Agriculture

Good Agricultural Patterns demonstration organized in Singu

SINGU, 23 Sept—A demonstration of Good Agricultural Patterns for sugarcane was organized in Khatetchin plantation in Singu Township of Mandalay Region on 18 September morning as part

of farmers' education.

The move is aimed at increasing the crops production of the farms thereby increasing the incomes of the farmers.

The demonstration and seminar at 5-acre plantation

was to boost the production rate of the industrial raw materials.

Assistant Director of Mandalay Region Industrial Crops Development Department U Zaw Win elaborated on the Good

HRD

Tatmadaw medical team provides healthcare to flood victims



Agricultural Patterns.

Questions raised by the farmers were answered by the region head of department and officials.

The staff and farmers then viewed round the thriving plantation and documentary photos.

MMAL-Myint Thu (Singu)

MANDALAY, 22 Sept—Mobile medical team of local battalions provided healthcare to flood victims in Magway and Mandalay Regions which were hit by flood caused by rising water level of Ayeyawady River.

They provided healthcare to 306 local people in the flood-hit area in Shwekyet and Myitnge village-tracts.

The Tatmadawmen from local battalion are giving their helping hands in rescue, evacuation and healthcare works.

A total of 864 people from 476 households in Bagan NyaungU Township and Minbu Township were evacuated to temporary relief camps on 18 September evening.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Coordination meeting for holding Toungoo's 503rd birthday held

TOUNGOO, 23 Sept—A coordination meeting for organizing 503rd birthday of Toungoo in Toungoo District in Bago Region was held at Royal Kaytumadi Hotel on 17 September.

It was attended by district/township level departmental personnel, townselders, sub-committee

members and ward/village-tract administrators. Toungoo District Deputy Commissioner U Kyat Thet delivered an address at the ceremony. Secretary of organizing committee Toungoo Township Administrator U Thein Zaw Win elaborated on the work plan (draft).—MMAL-115



Local authorities including police, firefighters and the village-tract administrators evacuate the flood victims in Thanzalon village in Koehtaung village-tract along Ayeyawady River as the flood escalate to erode river banks in Seikpyu Township in Magway Region.—MMAL-AUNG (MANDALAY UNIVERSITY)

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 24 September, 2013

Within the scope of social responsibility media

Even though the three daily newspapers – The New Light of Myanmar, the Mirror, and the Myanma Alinn – are still State-run dailies, their reforms process is on the move, adapting themselves to new media environment and adopting whatever methods available for their better image.

Of them, the two Myanmar newspapers – The Myanma Alinn and The Mirror—are in their mission of turning into public service media-PSM making great strides in changing both in form and substance, with reader satisfaction as the core of their reforms.

There also is the owner satisfaction, and both the reader satisfaction and the owner satisfaction are important for the people of the Press.

We all know that the government has already adopted the people-centred approach in its all-round democratization strategy, and the main focus of the two dailies is the people oriented approach in their PSM transition.

So, the objective of the reader satisfaction and the owner satisfaction has become the same, but in a way that supports the PSM policy or serves the national interest.

As the initial goal of PSM is serving the national interest, the Ministry of Information is in favor of adopting the social responsibility model over other systems as this model totally embraces freedom of expression and freedom of speech, the cornerstone of an independent media we are realizing, and is free from any government control.

In this system the national interest always comes first, and it ever stays away from any issues that may harm peace, stability, unity and prosperity of the Mother country and never covers any news that encourage hate speech and hate crime, obscenity, illegal activities, narcotics, conflicts and communal violence however they are attractive.

So, the new PSM dailies will stay neutral opening way for more innovations, initiatives, creations all within the scope of social responsibility media.

Union Ministers at President Office meet locals in Chin State

HAKA, 23 Sept—A meeting between the Union Ministers at the President Office and departmental officials, township management committees, township development supporting committees, township DACs and townsenders in Chin State was held at City Hall in Haka this morning.

At the meeting, Union Minister U Soe Thane made a speech. Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein clarified review on development of the state and prospects, undertakings of people-centered administration and development of private sector reform, the necessities of human, financial and natural resources and transformation of public administration system.

Then, the chairmen and members of TMC,

TDSC and TDAC reported on measures on education, health, electrification, transportation, agriculture, supply of drinking water,



A meeting between the Union Ministers and locals in Chin State in progress.—MNA

communications and job opportunities. The Union ministers clarified the reports and Union Minister U Soe Thane gave concluding

World Tourism Day
Tourism & Water : Protecting our common future
MICC, Nay Pyi Taw 27th September, 2013

Songs in honour of farmers

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept —“With the help of power of musicians and composers, songs in honour of farmers will make them know their better opportunities and brighter future in agriculture sector,” Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing said at a work coordination meeting to hold a song-writing and singing contest at the ministry this morning, adding that it is required to encourage farmers to adore their farmlands and to be proud of being a farmer as agriculture workforce is on a decline today.

He also called for collaborative efforts between musicians and composers



Union Minister U Myint Hlaing addresses work coordination meeting.—MNA

and officials concerned to be able to produce songs honouring farmers.

Next, Deputy Minister U Ohn Than explained ongoing tasks for agriculture sector development, Deputy Minister for Information U Ye Htut, purposes of holding the contest and

rules and Director-General U Kyaw Win, preparations for broadcasting farmer channel.

Then, the Union minister handed over K 10 million for winners of the contest to Deputy Minister U Ye Htut and presented a cash award to U Tin Maung

Khim Kham, departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people.

Chin State IPRD

(U Poe Aye), adviser to Farmer Channel.

It is planned to present K 5 million to first-prize winner, K 3 million to second-prize winner and K 2 million to third-prize winner. Consolation prize winners will be given K 500,000 each.—MNA

Myanmar-American Friendship Gamlang Razi Expedition press conference

YANGON, 23 Sept —Myanmar-American friendship mountaineering team that successfully scaled Mt. Gamlang Razi in Kachin State held a press conference at Sedona Hotel, here, today.

The team comprising two Myanmar mountaineers and four American climbers accomplished their mission of reaching the summit of the moun-

tain on 7 September. They became the first persons to conquer the mountain on which no one had reached before.

The team said at the press meet that they received a letter of congratulations from the President who recognized and praised their efforts in the letter, saying that the success has strengthened Myanmar-US relations and made the

world people known Myanmar beauty.

Htoo Foundation, Myanmar Phon Yin Travel Agency, Air Bagan, AGD Bank, Aureum Palace Hotel and Treasure Resorts sponsored the team.

Mr. Andy Tyson who took part in the expedition said Mt. Gamlang Razi is the highest mountain in Myanmar.

MNA



Press conference on Myanmar-American Friendship Gamlang Razi Expedition in progress.—MNA

NATIONAL

Peace Music Concert-2013 Myanmar held



Peace Music Concert-2013 Myanmar in progress at National Theatre in Yangon.—MNA

YANGON, 23 Sept—Peace Music Concert-2013 Myanmar conducted by Peace Music Group was staged at the National Theatre here this evening.

Speaking on the occasion, U Aung Min, Vice-Chairman of the Union Peace-making Work Committee, stressed the importance of collaboration to

bring about peace as peace cannot be achieved by individuals or in groups.

U Maung Maung Hla, Patron of Peace Music Group, and U Min Ko Nang of 88 Generation Peace and Open Society also spoke on the occasion.

The concert is to commemorate the World Peace Day which falls on 28 Sep-

tember. Among the audience were Yangon region ministers, personnel from Myanmar Peace Centre, diplomats, guests and people.

Vocalists Saw Hpo Kwa, Me Me Khe, Lin Htet, Daniel Saw and Zin Zin Tun entertained the audience with songs.

MNA

Union Minister inspects forest plantations



Union Minister U Win Tun clarifies establishment of forests to local people in Taunggyi District.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun inspected forest plantation, protected public forests and forest research and watershed administrative stations in Taunggyi District, Shan State on 21 and 22 September.

In meeting with State/District/Township officials and staff from the Forest Department and Myanmar Timber Enterprise at the meeting hall of Shan

State Forest Department, the Union minister urged them to meet quick-win situation while carrying out people-centered development tasks. He then looked around Taunglaylone forest research station and mixed-cropping plantation. He called for holding demonstration of mixed-cropping to grow

crops plantations, reestablishment of forests to serve interest of the local people, providing saplings and techniques, and systematic

forest management.

He met Chairman of Danu Self-Administered Zone Leading Body U Htoo Ko Ko, Pyithu Hluttaw Rep U Aung Thein and the township administrator at Mintaingpin watershed station in Ywangan Township of Danu Self-Administered Zone in Taunggyi District.

He together with members of Danu Self-Administered Zone Leading Body held talks with local people and attended to the needs.—MNA

Myanmar Business and Development Week seminar commences

YANGON, 23 Sept—The seminar on Myanmar Business and Development Week was held at UMF-FCCI Office in Lanmadaw Township this morning.

Union Minister for Industry U Maung Myint in his speech said that Public Private Partnership scheme is being implemented for development of private sector. SMEs is playing a key role in economic development of the nation, he added.

Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint affirmed that the seminar will contribute much to

development of the private sector and the State economy.

The seminar is being jointly organized by UMF-FCCI and UNICEF and attended by about 150 participants from government departments and private sectors up to 27 September.

The seminar will focus on foreign investment policy, SME development tactics, national export strategy development policies and removal of non-tariff trade barriers, trade promotion and rural development.

MNA



Union Minister U Win Myint delivers an address at Seminar on Myanmar Business and Development Week.—MNA

Second Myanmar Power Summit kicks off

YANGON, 23 Sept — Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe delivered an address at the opening of the Second Myanmar Power Summit at Sedona Hotel, here, this morning saying workshops and summits, which are frequently held in Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon, could widen Myanmar citizens' horizons.

He called for more constructive suggestions to continue IPP projects being implemented by the government and private companies, pointing out that criticizing the projects based on different points of view could delay the task.

He vowed to take immediate suspension if the projects have affect on the environment and local people at the Summit.

Officials from the Ministry of Electric Power and representatives from 15 countries and 55 local

and foreign companies will take part in the Summit that focuses on cooperation and investment in the sectors of generating and distribution of electricity and electric power system.

The Ministry of Electric Power and Centre for Management Technology (CMT) of Singapore jointly organized the Summit that will run up to 25 September. — MNA



Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe speaking at opening of Second Myanmar Power Summit.—MNA

Public service media aids, publication donated in Kyaukse



KYAUKSE, 23 Sept— With the aim of enhancing people-centred public service media being undertaken by Kyaukse District Information and Public Relations Department, a ceremony to donate books and publication and aids was held t the hall of the district IPRD in Kyaukse on 21 September morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner U Ohn Than of District General Administration Department said that reading is the best way to develop knowledge of the people.

At the ceremony, U Win Maung-Daw Mya Yin (Mya Bayin) and U Myo Thant-Daw Aye Aye Kyaing family donated one computer

worth K 350,000 for opening of Internet Room to give free Internet service to the people and six chest drawers for the township libraries, and people 10 mini book corners to be opened in Kyaukse, Singaing, TadaU and Myittha townships worth over 4 million.

Region Hluttaw representative U Aung Myint Than, the deputy commissioner and officials accepted the donations.

The head of District IPRD donated 3000 books for libraries in 30 villages to the Township Administrator U Khin Maung Than.

Staff Office of the district IPRD spoke words of thanks for donations.

Kyemon-Tun Tun Naing

Livestock Breeding

Hatching fingerlings demonstrated for development of fish breeding

KYAUKSE, 23 Sept— Kyaukse District Fisheries Department held a demonstration on hatching of golden Hamilton's carp was held at the pond of farmer U Myo Lwin in Htanzindaw Village of Kyaukse Township on 20 September morning.

The hatching is aimed at developing the regions and promoting fish breeding.

It was attended by Deputy Commissioner U

Ohn Than of Kyaukse District General Administration Department, Township Administrator U Khin Maung Than and members of Township Development Supportive Committee and fish breeders.

Head of



District Fisheries Department U Thet Oo explained breeding of fish in Myanmar, success in hatching, supply of fish to domestic consumption.

In-charge of Kume fish hatching camp U Phaw Min

Nauk demonstrated hatching of fish and sorting of female and male fish and the head of District Fisheries Department and officials replied to queries raised by those present.

Kyemon-Tun Tun Naing

Water Supply

Mandalay Region government to survey underground water in Thazi

THAZI, 23 Sept—Thazi Township Constituency No 2 Hluttaw representative U San Tun raised a question whether there is a plan of the Region Government to undertake to supply of water in seven wards of Thazi at fourth day seventh regular session of first Mandalay Region Hluttaw.

Mandalay Region Development Affairs Minister U Aung Mung on Mandalay Region Government replied to the question that

the region government will conduct survey for underground water to as to supply sufficient safe water to the local people this year.

Thazi Township is formed with seven wards which is home to 18559 people of 3968 households.

The urban area needs 371,180 gallons of water per day.

At present, the Township Development Affairs Committee supplies 240,000 gallons of water

to the local people with the use of three eight-inch-diameter tubewells and one six-inch-diameter tubewell.

Kyemon

Major repair for Bahtoo Gymnasium

MANDALAY, 23 Sept— The Bahtoo Gymnasium of Sports and Physical Education Department will be repaired.

The gymnasium repaired in 2000 was damaged at roofs. Drops of rainwater

causes decays of floors. Therefore, tender was invited for carrying out major repair at the gymnasium.

Bahtoo Gymnasium hosts Inter-Region/State sport events and Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's

sports competitions.

In addition, the gymnasium hosts training courses for volleyball, Wushu, Taekwondo, Karate, martial arts and gymnastics at the region level.

Kyemon-Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Transport

Indaw Township gets new express bus line

INDAW, 23 Sept— A ceremony to launch express lines for Katha-Indaw-KhinU-YeU-Monywa route and for Bamauk-Indaw - Shwebo-Mandalay route was held at Aung Yadana Bus Terminal in Indaw on 22 September morning.

Chairman of Indaw Township Management Committee Township Administrator U Ye Min Aung, Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Ye Myint and Chairman of Township Bus Line Control Committee U

Sonny formally opened the bus lines.

Bus fare is K 13000 per passenger from Bamauk to Mandalay, K 12000 from Indaw to Mandalay, K 14000 from Katha to Monywa and K 13000 from Indaw to Monywa.

The local people and

departmental personnel are pleased for runs of express buses.

The buses leave Katha at 5.30 pm and Indaw 7 pm. The buses depart Monywa at 4.30 pm and Bamauk 3.00 pm and Indaw at 6.00 pm.

Kyemon-Ni Toe

Public service media and code of ethics of newspapers explained

EINME, 23 Sept—The ethics of media and news reporting were discussed at the hall of the Commander of Einme Township Police Force in Einme on 21 September.

Commander of the Township Police Force Police Major Myint Soe introduced matters related to the crime news.

Reporter of the Mirror (Kyemon) Zaw Htet (Einme) explained basic knowledge about covering the news and information and reporting, taking photos, and ethics for reporters. Police of Einme

Township Police Force participated in the discussions.

Reporter Zaw Lin Htwe (Einme) also recounted his experience in covering the news and news for the journals.

The reporter of Kyemon Daily replied to queries raised by police officers.

Myanmar Police Force is a news sources for those wishing to create crime news. The crime correspondents have to abide by ethics in covering the news from the police force.

Kyemon-Yan Myo Lin (Einme)



Due to heavy rains, railway Station Road in Hline Township was inundated at 1 am on 21 September.—KYEMON-686

Prevention of girls against violence talked

REEDKHODA, 23 Sept— The talks on prevention against girls against violence and menace of narcotic drugs was held at Basic Education High School in Reedkhoda of Chin State on 17 September morning.

Sub-Township Administrator U Pawng Deik Tong made a speech.

Commander of Reedkhoda Police Station IP Myint Zaw gave talks that girls may face violence and harassment; the people are to help the girls for their security and prevent the girls against violence.

Head of Sub-Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Thawk Arl disseminated disadvantages of narcotic drugs and prevention against menace of narcotic

drugs.

The talks was attended by 350 students at middle school level and parents.

Kyemon-Zo Hae Hsa (Chin Hill)

REGIONAL

China, Venezuela agree stronger strategic partnership



Chinese President Xi Jinping (L) holds a welcoming ceremony for his Venezuelan counterpart Nicolas Maduro before their talks in Beijing, capital of China, on 22 Sept, 2013. Xi held talks with Maduro on Sunday.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 23 Sept—China and Venezuela on Sunday pledged to seek a stronger strategic partnership. The pledge came out of the talks

between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro at the Great Hall of the People on Sunday.

Xi gave a red-carpet welcome ceremony to Maduro, who is paying his first state visit to China from Saturday to Tuesday.

During their hour-long talks, Xi said Venezuela is an important country in Latin America and reviewed the sound development of China-Venezuela relations.

Xi recalled late Venezuelan leader Hugo Chavez, saying he was a great friend of the Chinese people and hailing his contribution to bilateral relations.

China appreciates Maduro and the new Venezuelan government for continuing Chavez's friendly policy with China and giving priority to developing bilateral relations, Xi said.

Stressing China-Venezuela relations are now connecting the past and the future, Xi called on the two countries to deepen friendly relations and bring their strategic partnership to a new high.

Xi said China and Venezuela should keep high-level visits, deepen the interactions between gov-

ernments, legislative bodies and parties and share experiences on party building and economic development. The two countries should bring into play their high-level steering committee and financing cooperation mechanism, advance pragmatic cooperation in energy, agriculture, infrastructure and finance and create favorable conditions for mutual investment.

As China and Venezuela will mark the 40th anniversary of their diplomatic relations in 2014, the two countries will stage a series of cultural events to deepen mutual understanding and friendly feelings, Xi said. Xi also called on the two countries to deepen multilateral collaboration, boost the establishment of China-Latin America Cooperation Forum and improve the overall cooperation between China and Latin America.

Maduro said Venezuela

and China are sincere and friendly towards each other, seeking mutually beneficial cooperation.

Venezuela appreciates China's support, particularly China's profound friendship with Chavez, saying the good relationship with China is one of the greatest achievements of Chavez, Maduro said.

Venezuelan President said the Venezuelan people are following the trail blazed by Chavez, stressing that Venezuela will consolidate and expand cooperation with China and promote economic and social development.

Maduro called on the two countries to map out bilateral cooperation for the next decade, particularly the party-to-party exchanges and cooperation on industry, agriculture, oil and gas, transportation, science and technology, investment and finance.—Xinhua

China marks Car Free Day



People walk in Nanluogu lane which is temporarily designated as a car-free zone during the World Car Free Day in Beijing, capital of China, on 22 Sept, 2013. XINHUA

BEIJING, 23 Sept—More than 150 Chinese cities including Beijing observed World Car Free Day on Sunday to fight air pollution, but the capital remained clogged with traffic jams.

Car-free zones were introduced in areas near Beijing Olympic Park, the bustling commercial street of Wangfujing, and popu-

lar tourist destination Nanluoguxiang on Sunday.

Residents were encouraged to get around by foot, bicycle or use public transportation, according to the Beijing Municipal Commission of Transport.

In order to make travelling across the city more convenient, all 17 subway lines will extend their service time for 30 minutes

on Sunday. Government officials and locals took part to support the city's efforts in promoting green transportation and bringing about cleaner air. However, as the first workday after the three-day Mid-Autumn Festival, and the day that cars are not required to be taken off the road based on their license plate numbers, Sunday's traffic was unlikely to ease much, especially during peak times, the commission predicted.

Other cities took part as well. In Zhengzhou, capital city of central China's Henan Province, 90 percent of government cars were not allowed to be on the road. Shanghai Public Transportation Card Company held a public transportation promotion and offered a lottery with 1 million yuan (163,400 US dollars) worth of gifts. It is the seventh year that the country has observed Car Free Day.—Xinhua

S Korea reiterates call on DPRK to hold family reunion

SEOUL, 23 Sept—South Korea reiterated its call on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) to hold the family reunion event as scheduled after Pyongyang abruptly postponed it last weekend. "North Korea (DPRK) should rapidly respond to (our call for holding) the family reunion event to cure pain and scars of separated families," Kim Eui-do, Seoul's Unification Ministry spokesman, told a Press briefing on Monday.

Seoul and Pyongyang originally planned to hold the reunion event for families separated by the 1950-53 Korean War, allowing up to 100 people from each side to meet their relatives for six days from Wednesday in the DPRK's Mount Kumgang resort.

The DPRK, however, announced its decision on Saturday to delay the

humanitarian event "until normal atmosphere is created" for the two Koreas to be able to hold dialogue and negotiations.

Kim said that the DPRK's unilateral delay of the family reunion cannot be justified by any excuse and explanation, noting that Pyongyang would face condemnations from the international community and South Korean people.

Touching on the talks on resuming the tour to Mount Kumgang, Kim stressed the ministry's persistent stance that the tour-resuming issue should be dealt with separately from the family reunion, saying

that various issues should be resolved such as fact-finding on the tourist death, prevention of recurrence of such incident and guarantee on safety of tourists.

The tour to Mount Kumgang, launched in 1998, was halted in 2008 when a South Korean female tourist was shot dead by a DPRK soldier for apparently venturing into an off-limit area.

Pyongyang notified Seoul of its decision to postpone the working-level dialogue to discuss the resumption of tour to Mount Kumgang. The two Koreas were scheduled to hold such talks on 2 Oct.

Xinhua

New Zealanders working more, producing less than OECD average

WELLINGTON, 23 Sept—New Zealand workers are working about 15 percent longer than their counterparts in other developed countries, but producing about 20 percent less output per hour worked, according to a new research paper from the government's Productivity Commission.

In a comparison with other nations in the OECD (the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development), the paper said New Zealand had been very successful at increasing

participation in the labour market and employment growth had been among the strongest in the OECD from the mid 1990s.

However, the country's labour productivity ranked in the lower third of OECD countries and was similar to that in Slovenia, Israel and the Slovak Republic.

"It is because of this poor labour productivity performance that GDP and average incomes per person are low in New Zealand," said a summary of the paper.—Xinhua

Japan eyes new air traffic control rule for introduction of drones

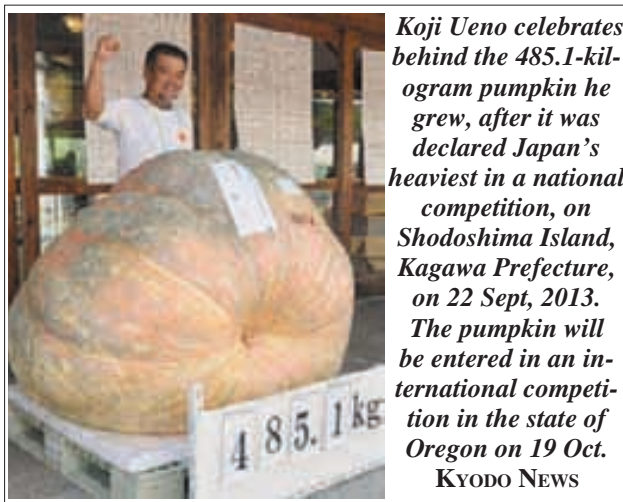
TOKYO, 23 Sept—The government plans to devise a new air traffic control rule to prepare for the Self-Defence Forces' introduction of unmanned reconnaissance aircraft, government officials said on Sunday.

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport

and Tourism will start studying similar rules in other countries next month to work out a new rule in fiscal 2014 from April, the officials said.

The current aviation law may be revised since it only applies to manned aircraft, they said.

Kyodo News



Koji Ueno celebrates behind the 485.1-kilogram pumpkin he grew, after it was declared Japan's heaviest in a national competition, on Shodoshima Island, Kagawa Prefecture, on 22 Sept, 2013. The pumpkin will be entered in an international competition in the state of Oregon on 19 Oct. KYODO NEWS

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2,000 artifacts stolen in Egypt since start of 2011 unrest

CAIRO, 23 Sept — Egypt's antiquity sector has been suffering from looting, suspension of excavation, shortages of funding since the start of the 2011 unrest, the minister of antiquities said in a recent interview with *Xinhua*.
 "At least 2,000 artifacts have been stolen since the eruption of 2011 unrest in Egypt due to the political turmoil and consequent violence," Mohamed Ibrahim told *Xinhua*.
 The Egyptian national museum in downtown Cairo took the hardest hit as many priceless pieces were stolen on 28 Jan, 2011, said Ibrahim. "Only 26 pieces were retrieved in the national museum and they will be displayed again after restoration by the end of September."
 The international police and cultural organizations like UNESCO have been notified to put the stolen pieces on the Red List, whose items are protected from auctions and galleries, he added. Despite new government measures in place to protect antiquities, the Malawi National Museum in the Upper Egyptian city of Minya was stormed in August.
 Ibrahim said: "the Malawi museum had 1,089 pieces; 32 mummies and statues were smashed for being too heavy to carry, and more than 1,000 artifacts were stolen."
 The attack is seen as the Islamists' reaction toward the dispersal operation against their two sit-in camps supporting ousted President Mohamed Morsi in mid-August.—*Xinhua*

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NOTICE FOR PREQUALIFICATION
JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY (JICA) MYANMAR OFFICE
INVITATION TO PREQUALIFICATION FOR TENDER OF
THE PILOT PROJECT OF RESTORATION OF DALLA FERRY TERMINAL JETTY AT DALLA SIDE
UNDER THE URGENT PROJECT FOR REHABILITATION OF YANGON PORT
AND MAIN INLAND WATER TRANSPORT
IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Myanmar Office announces the prequalification for tender of the pilot project of RESTORATION OF DALLA FERRY TERMINAL JETTY AT DALLA SIDE, which consists of the following components:

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Prequalification documents are available from 10:00 to 15:00 on September 24th (Tue), 25th (Wed), 26th (Thu), and 27th (Fri) 2013 at the following JICA Myanmar office at a non-reimbursable cost of 10,000 Kyats per one set of documents.

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 701, 7th Floor, Sakura Tower, No.339, Bogyoke Aung San Road, Kyauktada Township, Yangon, Myanmar
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The complete application form should be submitted to the JICA Myanmar Office by 2:00 PM on October 11th (Fri), 2013.

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Kajol to attend United Nations General Assembly week in New York



NEW DELHI, 23 Sept—Kajol will appeal to policymakers to scale up hand washing with soap programmes to reduce child mortality.

Bollywood actress and mother of two, Kajol, will petition for the cause of handwashing with soap at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) week in New York.

She will be present at a series of UN events in New York from 23-25 September as the handwashing ambassador and advocate of a soap brand's 'Help a Child Reach 5' campaign. She will appeal to policymakers and governments to scale up hand washing with soap programmes to achieve development goals to reduce child mortality.

Kajol, who is married to actor Ajay Devgn and has two children - daughter Nyasa, 10, and son Yug, 3 - is proud to support the cause.

"I would like to take this opportunity to urge governments and the United Nations policymakers to recognise that hand washing with soap is the most cost-effective intervention to reduce child mortality," the 39-year-old said in a statement.

Kajol will be a part of high profile events including high level UN panel dinner, press breakfast with Unilever CEO Paul Polman. She will also speak at the Social Good Summit along with other distinguished speakers like Al Gore and Melinda Gates. She will meet key UN dignitaries too.—PTI

Kate Moss to star on Playboy's 60th anniversary cover

LOS ANGELES, 23 Sept—To celebrate her forthcoming 40th birthday and Playboy's 60th anniversary, supermodel Kate Moss will pose as a

known for her waifish figure, was deemed the best choice for the special issue on account of her being a global fashion icon.

"You're talking about



Kate Moss

Playboy bunny on the cover and go full-frontal nude inside the January-February issue next year.

The news was announced on Twitter by Playboy founder Hugh Hefner's son Cooper recently, reported Acshowbiz.

"It'll be a great issue," he tweeted.

Moss will be posing as a Playboy bunny on the cover, complete with the velvet ears, French cuffs and silk stockings, while, inside the pages, she will reportedly go full-frontal nude.

The Forbes second top-earning model for 2012,

the face of Burberry, the biggest supermodel in the world on the cover of Playboy. She's the perfect partner for us to help launch the next 60 years," said the magazine's editorial director Jimmy Jellinek.

Hefner himself said, "It's a natural for us" to have Moss on the cover, which had been typically reserved for curvier celebrities like Marilyn Monroe, Anna Nicole Smith and Pamela Anderson".

"She's a worldwide celebrity and iconic and crosses the boundaries from sexual imagery to upscale modeling," said Hefner.

PTI

Critics divided on Orlando Bloom's Broadway debut as Romeo

NEW YORK, 23 Sept—British actor Orlando Bloom scored mixed reviews on Friday for his Broadway debut in a modern-day, interracial remake of "Romeo and Juliet," William Shakespeare's classic tale of doomed, young lovers.

Bloom, the star of Hollywood blockbusters "Lord of the Rings" and "Pirates of the Caribbean," plays Romeo opposite Tony-nominated stage actress Condola Rashad in the David Leveaux production that opened on Thursday night.

The New York Times praised Bloom for a "first-

rate debut" but other critics were less enthusiastic, saying he lacked stage presence.

"For once, we have a Romeo who evolves substantively, from a posturing youth in love with love to a man who discovers the startling revelation of real love, with a last-act descent into bilious, bitter anger that verges on madness," the New York Times said.

The newspaper was equally approving of 26-year-old Rashad's performance, describing it as "incandescent with virginity."

"You see why Romeo,

who's been around and packs a knife, would fall hard for a girl who is so palpably untarnished," it added.

The Hollywood Reporter noted that at 36, Bloom should be too old to play Romeo, but it said that his boyish good looks and classical training served him well in the role.

"Looking lean and athletic in a torso-hugging white Henley, ripped jeans and cherry-red Doc Martens, Bloom gives his screen fans plenty to swoon over, including a brief shirtless scene that will set lots of hearts racing," it said.

Reuters

Cast member Orlando Bloom poses during a photocall for the film "Zulu" at the 66th Cannes Film Festival in Cannes on 26 May, 2013. REUTERS



SPORTS

'Flying Alone' Zhang hopes Guangzhou win a new start



Zhang Shuai of China returns the ball to Angelique Kerber of Germany during the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 27 May, 2012.—REUTERS

BEIJING, 23 Sept—Zhang Shuai was aware of the risks involved when she opted to "Fly Alone" two months ago but the 24-year-old Chinese now stands vindicated after winning her maiden WTA Tour title on Saturday.

Li Na, the 2011 French Open champion, broke free from China's state-run training system and went independent after the 2008 Beijing Olympics in a move dubbed "Fly Alone" by the Chinese media.

Peng Shuai, Zheng Jie and Yan Zi also took the plunge, to be followed this year by Zhang who won the Guangzhou Open with a 7-6 (1), 6-1 victory over American qualifier Vania King.

Radwanska rallies to win year's third title in Korea

SEOUL, 23 Sept—Polish top seed Agnieszka Radwanska came from behind to beat Russia's Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-7(6), 6-3, 6-4 in the final of the Korea Open in Seoul on Sunday and bag her third WTA title of the year.

Radwanska's victory in the gruelling final, which lasted two hours and 45 minutes, also gave the 24-year-old world number four her 13th career title.

"After a great match, almost three hours of great tennis at a really high level, of course I'm very happy," Radwanska said after her win.

Pavlyuchenkova, who lost to Radwanska in the US Open last month as well, came back after losing the first three

"It is no doubt the most memorable time in my life," Zhang was quoted as saying by the official Xinhua news agency on Sunday. "I hope today's victory will be a new start for me, not a destination. "I know there will be many troubles ahead of my journey of 'Flying Alone'," Zhang, who won in Guangzhou without dropping a set whole week, said. "In the past I was an employee, but now I am the boss. I should be responsible for all the team expenses. I can only earn more when I win more. "I am experiencing a huge shift, not only in tennis, but my whole life. 'Fly Alone' is not easy. I am enjoying happy moments (but) also painful ones."—Reuters

games and saved four set points to eventually win the opening set in the tie-breaker.

Radwanska wrestled back control after breaking the third-seeded Russian early in the second set and closed out the match with a break in the 10th game of the deciding set.

"It was a very close match - tight sets, all of them - but I was just a little bit better in the important moments today," Radwanska said.

"And at the end of the third set I think I was playing a little bit more aggressively than she was, and I managed to win a couple more points in the end.

"In the third set I was just trying to fight every point and stay calm, and I'm happy I made it."

Reuters

Stenson wins Tour Championship and FedExCup

ATLANTA, 22 Sept—Henrik Stenson held his nerve to fend off a last-day charge by Jordan Spieth and win the season-ending Tour Championship by three shots on Sunday, along with FedExCup honors and the mind-boggling \$10 million bonus.

Four strokes in front overnight in the fourth and final playoff event, Stenson's lead was briefly cut to one on the back nine before

he birdied the 15th on the way to his fourth title on the US circuit, and his second of the year.

The Swede, one of five players who came into this week knowing that victory would automatically secure him the playoff crown, signed off with a two-under-par 68 on a sun-splashed day at East Lake Golf Club for a 13-under total of 267.

PGA Tour rookie sen-



Henrik Stenson of Sweden hits off the second tee in the final round of the Tour Championship golf tournament at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta, Georgia on 22 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

sation Spieth, seeking his second victory of the year, closed with an eight-birdie (65). American Steve Stricker (65) closed with an eight-birdie (64) to finish in a tie for sec-

Reuters

City crush United, Arsenal and Spurs top table

LONDON, 23 Sept—David Moyes endured a humiliating first derby in charge of Manchester United as the champions suffered a crushing 4-1 defeat at Manchester City on Sunday.

Sergio Aguero scored twice while Yaya Toure and Samir Nasri were also on target for a rampant City as they moved into third place, two points behind early pace setters Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur who both won to continue their strong starts.

Aaron Ramsey scored his seventh goal of the season as Arsenal beat Stoke City 3-1 at the Emirates Stadium while Brazilian Paulinho struck deep into stoppage time to earn Tottenham a 1-0 victory at

Cardiff City. Swansea City followed up a notable 3-0 Europa League win in Valencia in midweek with a 2-0 victory at Crystal Palace that moved Michael Laudrup's side into mid-table.

It was events at the Etihad Stadium that reverberated around the Premier League though as United were blown away in their first derby without Alex Ferguson in charge since 1986.

Ferguson, who ended his glittering reign at United last season having won the title 13 times, was not present as his successor suffered a chastening afternoon—his side conceding three goals in five minutes either side of halftime.

Wayne Rooney curled



Manchester City's Sergio Aguero (R) shoots to score against Manchester United during their English Premier League soccer match at the Etihad Stadium in Manchester, northern England, on 22 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

in a precision free kick with the clock ticking down to become the highest United scorer in the history of the fixture but it was about the only ray of sunshine on a dreadful day for the Reds who were second best throughout.

"Maybe the game meant a little bit more to us than for them," City skipper Vincent Kompany told Sky Sports after leading City to their fourth victory in five league games against the 20-times league champions.

While Moyes was left to pick up the pieces, his City counterpart Manuel Pellegrini, also sampling the atmosphere of a Manchester derby for the first time, was celebrating a display which sent out a pow-

erful message to the title contenders.

"I'm very happy, not because of the win but because of the way we played," Pellegrini, whose side had lacked a little spark so far this season, told Sky Sports.

"No-one believes that 4-1 is possible before the game. For the fans they will be happy for the month now."

United have picked up only seven points from five league games and there will be no respite for Moyes whose team face arch rivals Liverpool in the League Cup on Wednesday.

Moyes was deprived of injured striker Robin van Persie on Sunday but offered no excuses for a woe-filled display.—Reuters



Arsenal's Olivier Giroud (C) goes for the ball during Arsenal's English Premier League soccer match against Stoke City at the Emirates Stadium, London, England on 22 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Oracle wins two more America's Cup races, Kiwis dominance slips

SAN FRANCISCO, 23 Sept—Oracle Team USA won both America's Cup races on Sunday, putting the heat on Emirates Team New Zealand, which once dominated the regatta but has not had a win since Wednesday.

Oracle's winning streak has narrowed New Zealand's overall lead to 8-5, but the Kiwis still only need one more race to take home the trophy.—Reuters



Emirates Team New Zealand (L) and Oracle Team USA sail near the Golden Gate Bridge before the scheduled Race 14 of the 34th America's Cup yacht sailing race in San Francisco, California on 21 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

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Norman Quijano (L) of El Salvador's Nationalist Republican Alliance party (ARENA), a candidate for the 2014 presidential election, and Rene Portillo Cuadra (R), vice presidential candidate, take part in the ARENA General Assembly, in San Salvador, capital of El Salvador, on 22 Sept, 2013.—XINHUA

Huge fire in Dubai industrial zone under control

DUBAI, 23 Sept—A huge fire that broke out on Sunday morning in Dubai's industrial area Al Quoz was put off on the evening.

Dubai police said it was still unclear what caused the fire which completely destroyed two warehouses of Al Sana Fashion in Al Quoz near Dubai's main artery Sheikh Zayed Road. Police said no casualties have been reported.

The fire caused black smoke throughout the day and forced police to cordon off nearby streets, but Sheikh Zayed Road remained open for traffic throughout the day.

Fire brigades staff said the huge volumes of clothes in the warehouses functioned like a catalyst that kept the flames alive and made it difficult to put off the blaze.

Xinhua

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Russian embassy shelled as Syria discloses chemical arsenal

BEIJING, 23 Sept—Three diplomats were injured in a mortar shell targeting the Russian embassy in Damascus on Sunday as Syria promptly handed over a preliminary report of its chemical weapons in fulfillment of its commitment made earlier.

In the mortar attack, one shell was fired by militants in the hotspot district of Brazeh onto the Russian embassy compound.

Brazeh has been a scene of fierce clashes raging on for days between the rebels and the Syrian government army.

“Three members of the embassy's staff received wounds not threatening their lives,” the Russian foreign ministry said in a statement released in Moscow.

An investigation is underway and additional steps are being taken with the help of the Syrian side to tighten security of the Russian diplomatic mission, it noted. The Russian embassy in Damascus has been targeted several times by the opposition militants who are trying to overthrow Assad's government.

Roughly one hour before the attack, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said in Moscow that his country was ready to send military observers to safeguard the experts and process of the destruction of Syria's chemical weapon stockpiles.

He said Russia doesn't intend to send a full military contingent, adding it has proposed an international presence on all spots where

experts will work in Syria.

In The Hague, the Organization of Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) said Syria handed over a preliminary report of its chemical weapons on Saturday.—Xinhua

Ronaldo leads Real rout, Bale misses home debut

MADRID, 23 Sept—Garreth Bale injured himself in the warmup and was forced to wait for his Bernabeu debut but Real Madrid did not miss him as Cristiano Ronaldo scored twice in a 4-1 win over Getafe in La Liga on Sunday.

The world's most expensive player was set to start against Getafe, having featured in only two away games since joining for 100 million euros (\$135 million) three weeks ago, but was forced to make way for another new recruit, Isco, just before kickoff.

Getafe's Angel Lafita made the most of another sluggish start from Real, though normal order was soon restored when Pepe equalised in the 19th minute and Ronaldo scored with a penalty in the 33rd as the chances fell thick and fast.

Isco grabbed his fourth



Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo heads the ball during their Spanish first division soccer match against Getafe at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 22 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

of the campaign after the break, and after Getafe were reduced to 10 men, Ronaldo grabbed his second at the end with a clever backheel.

“Bale has a small problem, nothing more. They will do tests tomorrow,” Real director Emilio Butragueno told Spanish broadcaster Canal Plus.

“The team created a

lot of chances and the result doesn't do us justice. Ronaldo's last goal was marvellous, but Isco's skill in the third was rather special.”

Carlo Ancelotti's side moved up to third with 13 points from five games, two behind joint leaders Barcelona and Atletico Madrid, who both maintained perfect starts with wins on

Saturday.

Pedro scored a hat-trick as the champions won 4-0 at Rayo Vallecano, and Atletico are second on goal difference after a 2-0 victory at Real Valladolid.

Promoted Villarreal remained unbeaten on their return to the top flight but slipped to fourth with 11 points, after being held to a 0-0 draw at Celta Vigo.

Brazilian striker Jonas scored twice to help Valencia to a 3-1 home win over bottom side Sevilla, easing the pressure on new coach Miroslav Djukic after four straight defeats in all competitions.

Jonas stroked in the opener late in the first half, and after Sevilla equalised just after the break, he struck a wonderful low shot from outside the area. Victor Ruiz looped in a header for the third in the 82nd minute.—Reuters



Photo taken on 22 Sept, 2013 shows the Russian embassy to Syria in Damascus, capital of Syria. A mortar shell slammed the Russian embassy in Syria's capital Damascus on Sunday.—XINHUA

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept — The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of HE Mr Omer Eisa Ahmed as non-resident Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Sudan to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Mr Omer Eisa Ahmed was born in Um Ruwaba in 1964. He got a Diploma of Modern Chinese from Beijing Language Institute, Beijing, China in 1985 and a Diploma of International Relations from National Centre for Diplomatic Studies. He got a Bachelor Degree of Architecture from Tsing Hua University, Beijing, China in 1990.

Mr Omer Eisa Ahmed joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1990. He was posted as the Assistant to the Director of Commercial and Trade Section

and as the Translator and Public Relations Officer at the Embassy of the Republic of the Sudan in Beijing from 1992 to 1994. He had served at the Asian Department and Cultural Department, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sudan as a Second Secretary in 1996 and then as Deputy Head of Mission and Director of Economic and Trade Centre at the Embassy of the Republic of Sudan in Beijing since 1996. He is currently Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Sudan to the People's Republic of China since April 2013. He is married.

Mr Omer Eisa Ahmed will serve as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Sudan to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Beijing. — MNA

Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw arrives back



YANGON, 23 Sept — Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa and party arrived back at Yangon International Airport at 11.20 am today after attending the International Day of Peace and the China-Southeast

Asia Peace and Disarmament Forum from 20 to 22 September in China.

They were welcomed back by Deputy Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Tin Aung and officials at the airport. — MNA

Life skills education to be launched at schools

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept — Ministry of Education held a coordination meeting on life skills education for children at the ministry here today.

The meeting was opened with an address by Deputy Minister for Education Dr San Lwin and it was participated by personnel from the Education and

Training Department of the Ministry of Education, Myanmar Police Force, Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Office, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and UNICEF.

The programme for life skills education at basic education schools is jointly conducted by Ministry of Education and UNICEF. — MNA

Thura U Shwe Mann attends closing of 34th General Assembly of AIPA



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann shakes hands with the President of AIPA.
MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept — Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann together with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives attended the closing ceremony of the 34th General Assembly of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly at the Empire Hotel and Country Club in Bandar Seri Begawan of Brunei yesterday morning.

The chairmen of the AIPA committees submit-

ted reports of the respective committees and decisions in the assembly.

The 35th General Assembly of AIPA will be hosted in Vientiane of Laos from 14 to 20 September.

The Speaker signed the report on cooperation together with speakers of parliaments of ASEAN member countries and leaders of the delegation.

Next, the duties of chairmanship were handed over to the

chairman for the 35th AIPA General Assembly.

The Chairman of the 34th General Assembly chairman of the Brunei Legislative Council gave concluding remarks.

On 20 September evening, the Myanmar goodwill delegation led by the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw attended a dinner hosted by Mr Awaang Abu Bakar Bin Haji Apong of the Ministry of Education of Brunei together with MPs of ASEAN

countries and delegates.

The AIPA General Assembly has been held for 34 times annually since 1978. The 34th General Assembly AIPA was held in Bandar Seri Begawan of Brunei from 17 to 23 September 2013, attended by speakers of the Parliaments of ASEAN countries, delegates, speakers and delegates from Japan, China, India, Russia, Belarus, Canada and EU as observers. — MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker provides cash and kind to relief camps in Bhamo

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept — Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, accompanied by Union Minister U Soe Maung, Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai, deputy ministers, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Thein Zaw and official, offered alms to Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Silavamsa and made cash donation of K 1 million to Wuntho Monastery in Myitkyina this morning.

They left for Bhamo and presented cash assistance and relief items to Yoegy Ywama relief camp, Robert Baptist (KBC) relief camp and AD 2000 (RC) relief camp.

Union Minister U Soe Maung and U Thein Zaw made speeches at the relief camps. Dr Khin Shwe explained the purpose of providing the assistance.

Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Union Minister U Soe Maung, Chief Minis-



Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint gives a present to a local people. — MNA

ter U La John Ngan Hsai, Deputy Minister U Phone Swe and Dr Khin Shwe gave cash assistance and relief aids to the relief camps.

They presented K 5 million and relief items worth about K 1 million to Yoegy Ywama camp,

K 5 million and relief aids worth over K 10 million to Robert Baptist KBC relief camp, and K 5 million and relief items worth about K 4 million to AD 2000 RC camp. The relief items are rice, edible oil, textiles, dishes and personal goods.

Amyotha Hluttaw Relief and Victim Care Committee handed over K 60 million and relief items worth over K 130 million donated by Zay Gabar Co Ltd to the IDP who had to abandon their places due to security concerns. — MNA