

## President U Thein Sein felicitates Cambodian Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen on his re-election as Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia.—MNA

## Vice-President U Nyan Tun receives Chairman of Board of Directors from Telenor Group

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—U Nyan Tun, Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received a delegation led by Mr Svein Aaser, Chairman of Board of Directors of Telenor Group, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this morning.

Present on the occasion together with the Vice-President were Deputy Ministers U Thant Kyaw and U Thaug Tin and officials.

At the call, they frankly discussed the reform processes of information and technology sector, increase of telephone density for contributing towards economic development, creation of job opportunities for local communication technicians and soonest implementa-



tion in communication sector and related programs by Telenor Group.—MNA

Vice-President U Nyan Tun poses documentary photo with Mr Svein Aaser, Chairman of Board of Directors of Telenor Group, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace.—MNA

## The Elders support peaceful political transition, peace accords

YANGON, 26 Sept — The Elders including Former US President Jimmy Carter, former president of Finland Martti Ahtisaari and former Prime Minister of Norway Gro Harlem Brundtland have encouraged all parties in Myanmar to advance national reforms and support peace accords, in a press conference here today.

The Elders have con-

cluded their first visit to Myanmar. After hearing from leaders and civil society representatives, they expressed their support for the country's peaceful political transition and their anticipation of further engagement in the region.

Concluding a three-day visit to Myanmar, the Elders offered their support to the people of Myanmar during

this exciting period of transition. They also encouraged decision-makers responsible for the implementation of the political reform process to make further progress.

Welcoming the work of local and international actors involved in supporting the peace process with ethnic minority armed groups and addressing ongoing violence in Rakhine state, the Elders

noted that they anticipated remaining engaged in the country in the coming years.

Commenting on Myanmar's political process Jimmy Carter, former US President and Elders' said "We had constructive discussions with President U Thein Sein and members of his government, as well as Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in Nay Pyi Taw. We were impressed by the pace with which reforms are proceeding. Myanmar is becoming a more open society. The release of political prisoners is particularly encouraging. We hope that there will be no political prisoners by the end of the year, as the President has pledged."

"We have also been struck by the growing contribution and leadership of women in civil society, and yet they are under-represented in the political process. A truly vibrant democratic society cannot thrive without women's equal status in all aspects of life," Jimmy Carter said.

The Elders encouraged a comprehensive resolution to the ethnic conflicts in the country including a political dialogue involving all relevant parties.

Commenting on the prospect of peace between the government and the ethnic minority armed groups in the border regions Martti Ahtisaari, former President of Finland, said "I always say that building peace only begins once hostilities cease. This is the start, not the end, of a process."

"For Myanmar to reap the benefits of peace, careful attention will need to be given to how the factors underlying conflict are managed, in particular the contest for land and other natural resources," Martti Ahtisaari said.

"Although no two conflicts are ever the same, post-conflict societies share at least one trait: their success depends on the abandonment of an adversarial mindset, on addressing common challenges together. Ultimately, no one can want peace more than the

Myanmar people," martti Ahtisaari said.

Commenting on the inter-communal strife afflicting several parts of the country Gro Harlem Brundtland, former Prime Minister of Norway and Deputy Chair of The Elders, said:

"A lot of attention has been given to the tensions between people of different faiths in Myanmar, but we have also been struck by the extent of the divisions within religious groups. We have encouraged the religious leaders to work for compassion and tolerance."

"It could take decades to overcome the ingrained prejudices promoted by extremist voices in parts of the country. This will require far-reaching cultural changes in all parts of society, including through changes in the education curriculum."

The Elders is an independent group of global leaders who work together for peace and human rights. They were brought together in 2007 by Nelson Mandela.—NLM

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The Elders meet the press.—MNA



## Health Care Service

### Hepatitis B vaccine given to novices in Toungoo

TOUNGOO, 26 Sept—The Hepatitis B vaccines was given to 150 novices of 900 in Toungoo Township of Bago Region on 22 September.

At Sasana Hitakari Dhammayon in Toungoo Township, doctors and nurses injected the vaccine to the novices under the arrangement of Aham

Aleyoma (Toungoo) Novice Health Care Service Association.

The vaccine will be given to the remaining novices.

It needs to inject the vaccine to the novices for five times during the designated period, said Chairman of the Association Dr Ba Swe.

The association also donated personal goods and stationery to the novices.

*Kyemon-Kyaw Swa (Toungoo)*



A nurse gives Hepatitis B vaccine to a novice in Toungoo.

### Short-term capability building course for reporters

MANDALAY, 26 Sept—The township reporters capability building short-term course conducted by News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information was opened at the hall of Chanayethazan Township Information and Public Relations Department in Mandalay on 21 September morning.

Officials of the News and Periodicals Enterprise and journalists gave speeches.

Journalist Advocate U Sein Hlaing (Sein Hlaing Bo) gave lectures on legal affairs for reporters.

Chief Editor U Aung Naing Oo of Myanma Alinn

daily explained the press ethics. The trainees took part in the discussions. After the training course, the trainees visited operating of newspapers at Sub-Printing House (Mandalay).

The training course was conducted from 21 to 23 September. Journalist U Sein Hlaing (Sein Hlaing Bo), U Shwe (Shwe Yoe-Mandalay) and U Han Nyunt (Law) gave lectures on journalism and legal affairs.

Altogether 64 trainees attended the course. Gold Roast served them with coffee mix daily.

*Kyemon-Mann Sub-Printing House*

## Accident

### Passenger train derails on Yaksawk-Thazi

THAZI, 26 Sept—A derailment of passenger train caused between mile posts 320/3 and 320/4 of Yinmabin and Phayanghsu stations in Thazi Township of Meiktila District in Mandalay Region at 1.25 am on 14 September.

The 144-down Yaksawk-Thazi train leaving Yaksawk derailed on the railroad section. The incident did not cause any casualty for passengers and staff.

Manager of Thazi Coach Shed U Myo Htaik and workers arrived at the scene and carried out repairing works. The rail transportation returned to normalcy at 8.10 am on 14 September.

*Kyemon-Chantha (Meiktila)*

### Pakokku, bustling with cargo ships in rising water level

The jetties in Pakokku of Magway Region are bustling with rice motorboats, ships and cargo barges with the loads of cement and so on when its water level is rising in the month of Tawthalin.

“This year, motorboats do not take rice from Pakokku. These motorboats carried rice of bags from Monywa, Yesagyo and Myingyan. They anchored at Pakokku as a station. The entrepreneurs directly placed an order for buying the rice. When water level is declining, the motorboats dock at Pakokku as a siphon to transport the products to the destinations. When water level is rising, the watercrafts carry rice to Monywa,” said a rice merchant of Pakokku.

Pakokku has been a station for many years to transport rice to Pondaung Ponnya region, Kabaw region, Bantkyi region and

Chin State. Rice merchants from Pakokku stayed in Myaungmya and Hinthada of the delta region for six months and Pakokku for six months in trading rice and paddy in rotation. In September, if the great volume of rice flows into Pakokku from Hinthada and Myaungmya, transport charge will be cheap.

Transport charge for Myaungmya-Pakokku route through water way is fixed at around K 1000 per bag of rice. In the rainy season, although only lesser volume of rice from Shwebo flows into rice market in Pakokku but inflow of rice from the delta becomes larger. Prices of rice are K 33000-34000 per bag of Shwebo Pawhsan and K 32000-33000 for Myaungmya Pawhsan. Prices of Myaungmya summer rice is sold at K 19000/15000

per bag and monsoon rice K 22000/23000 per bag.

From December to September, about 50000

to 100,000 bags of rice on average flow into the market. In January and February, rice brokerages

in Pakokku are so busy with customers.

*Kyemon-Nay Oo Maung (Pakokku)*



## Natural Disaster

### Heavy rains cause three-hour traffic congestions in Yangon

YANGON, 26 Sept—The main roads in Yangon were inundated due to heavy rains on 24 September.

In consequence, traffic congestions against inundation happened on Lanni Road, Roundabout, Shwetaunggyar, Thamaing, Botahtaung, Tamway, U Wisara Roundabout, Myenigon and Strand Road.

The traffic congestions caused three hours delays for transportation for workers, staff and local people.

“It may set record for traffic jams in heavy rains in Yangon. I left home at 7 am for the office. I was subject

to traffic congestions and arrived at the office on Hledan at 10 am,” said a staff of company. The traffic congestions reached the lanes and streets in the wards of townships in addition to the main roads.

“I drove the car along Shwetaunggya Road to evade University Avenue, but almost all the streets were blocked. Shwetaunggya Road was under inundation,” said a driver.

Some staff of companies took half-day leaves due to traffic jams.

“Some staff living in Dagon Myothit Township

unavoidably took half-day leave,” said a staff of the bank on Strand Road.

Traffic police were busy in traffic congestions. Some members of the Traffic Police Corps assigned more members to the congestion areas, said an official of No. 27 Traffic Police Platoon in Tamway Township.

“Five traffic police members controlled the traffic jams caused by heavy rains at the Tamway Roundabout and Tamway Mosque,” said an official of Traffic Police Corps from Tamway Township.

*Kyemon-Kyi (Yankin)*





## WORLD

## Abe at Wall Street vows to keep nuclear energy, pitches deregulation



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe rings the closing bell the New York Stock Exchange in New York on 25 Sept, 2013.—KYODO NEWS

NEW YORK, 26 Sept—Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told Wall Street on Wednesday that alongside his push for deregulation and empowering women to spur the economy, Japan will contribute its nuclear safety technology to the world by overcoming the Fukushima crisis.

Abe also said Japan, together with the United States, should lead multilateral efforts toward concluding the Trans Pacific Partnership free trade pact by the end of this year.

“Buy my Abenomics,” the prime minister said in a speech delivered at the New York Stock Exchange, touting a set of measures he has taken since assuming power in December to jump-start the Japanese economy that for years languished in deflation and recession.

Describing the third largest economy in the world as in “extremely good” shape, the prime minister said he came to the heart of the US capitalism to say that “Japan is back.”

Abe noted growth of

annualized 3 percent or higher in two consecutive quarters this year in stark contrast to a contraction in the third quarter of last year just before he took power.

Manufacturing, consumer spending and finally corporate capital investment have turned positive, he said. Business confidence is also steadily changing after it was drained by long years of deflation.

Abe pitched nuclear safety technology while boasting Japan’s strengths in energy technology such as lithium ion batteries used for cars and energy-saving LED illumination.

“Japan will keep contributing to the world in the area of safety technology for nuclear power plants,” the prime minister said. “We will never abandon it. I believe we have the responsibility and obligation (to provide) the world with the world’s highest standard of safety by overcoming the Fukushima accident.”

Abe said he wants to see Japan become a country of venture spirit and entrepreneurship like the United States.—Kyodo News

## India-US ties lose shine over economic differences

NEW DELHI, 26 Sept—When India’s Prime Minister Manmohan Singh last visited the White House in 2009 he was feted at President Barack Obama’s first state dinner, a star-studded affair that reflected the excitement about blooming ties between the two big democracies.

Back then, optimists in Washington saw India as a counterbalance to a rising China and a new engine for the US economy. In a dinner toast, Obama talked of his “duty” to bring the two countries closer.

That duty has only been partly fulfilled. As the two leaders prepare to meet again at the White House on Friday for a working bilateral meeting, Obama is under pressure from lobby groups and lawmakers seething at what they see as India’s protectionism and lax enforcement of intellectual property rights.

India’s \$60 billion trade with the United States is widely seen as less than it could be and is just an eighth of US trade with China. Even India’s national security adviser accepts there is a perception the relationship is drifting off course.

“It arises from the macro-economic situation. US

friends mention concerns about economic reforms and specific policy issues in India. These concerns are not unique to the US. They are, first and foremost, of concern to Indians,” National Security Adviser Shivshankar Menon said on Friday.

India has still not shaken off memories of foreign

restrictions on travel visas for skilled workers. In June, fourteen US business groups took the unusual step of forming a coalition specifically to pressure Obama over India’s perceived protectionist measures, piracy and patent laws.

Indian sourcing rules for retail, IT, medicine and



India’s Prime Minister Manmohan Singh attends a BRICS leaders’ meeting at the G20 Summit in Strelina near St. Petersburg, on 5 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

domination through trade and it is increasingly hard for the government, ahead of elections next year, to push ahead with economic reforms and deals seen as favouring US companies.

In turn, Indian IT firms which operate in the United States are angered by re-

clean energy technology are contentious and US companies gripe about “unfair” imports from India of everything from shrimp to steel pipes. In June, more than 170 US lawmakers signed a letter to Obama about Indian policies they said threatened US jobs.—Reuters

## Western envoys tout deal on core of UN Syria draft, Russia denies it

UNITED NATIONS, 26 Sept—Envoys from the United States, Russia, France, China and Britain have come to an agreement on the core of a UN Security Council resolution to get rid of Syria’s chemical weapons, three Western diplomats said on Wednesday, but Russia denied such an accord had been reached and insisted work was “still going on.”

Diplomats from the five veto-wielding permanent members of the Security Council have been haggling over the details of a resolution to back an accord hammered out by Russia and the United States on 14 September in Geneva to eliminate Syrian President Bashar al-Assad’s chemical weapons arsenal.

Wednesday’s development came after the foreign ministers of the five council powers met over lunch with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, the diplomats said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Several envoys said a



UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon (C) addresses the start of the 68th United Nations General Assembly at UN headquarters in New York, on 24 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

draft resolution could be presented to the full 15-nation council soon, and the five permanent members would also meet on Friday to discuss a proposed Syria peace conference in Geneva.

“We have a few details to solve. But I think we shall reach a common resolution maybe today or tomorrow,” said French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius.

A Western diplomatic source said: “It seems that things are moving forward,”

adding that there was “an agreement among the five on the core.” “We are closer on all the key points,” he said. A third diplomat also suggested a deal on the draft resolution was within reach.

However, Russia rejected the Western diplomats’ suggestions that there was an agreement on the core of a draft resolution.

“This is just their wishful thinking,” said the spokesman for Russia’s UN delegation. “It is not the re-

ality. The work on the draft resolution is still going on.”

A US official cited progress while cautioning that there was still work to be done. “We’re making progress but we’re not done yet,” the official told Reuters.

One of the Western diplomats said “there has been real progress. There was an agreement between the five on the core of the project.”

Another diplomat also said core issues had been agreed, but there are “still some areas of outstanding disagreement” and there were no plans yet to circulate a draft resolution to the full council—a key step before putting it to the vote.

Negotiations on a draft in New York had come to a standstill while Russia and the United States struggled to reach an agreement acceptable to both. But it appears that after talks between US Secretary of State John Kerry and his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov on Tuesday, the deadlock was broken.

Reuters

## Iran says it wants to resolve nuclear row within months

UNITED NATIONS, 26 Sept—Iran’s new government, stepping up a campaign to project a more moderate image abroad, said on Wednesday it wants to jump-start talks with world powers to resolve a decade-long dispute over its nuclear programme and hoped for a deal in three to six months.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif is set to hold talks on the nuclear issue on Thursday with US Secretary of State John Kerry as well as diplomats

from Britain, France, Russia, China and Germany, in a rare encounter between top American and Iranian officials.

“The only way forward is for a timeline to be inserted into the negotiations that’s short,” new Iranian President Hassan Rouhani was quoted as telling the *Washington Post*, through a translator, during a visit to New York, where he addressed the United Nations General Assembly on Tuesday.—Reuters



Iran’s Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif (L) shakes hands with French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius during the UN General Assembly at the UN Headquarters in New York on 25 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS



## SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY



Visitors pose besides the electric vehicle "Vilti", manufactured by La Ruta Solar ONG and Chile's University, during its presentation for 2013 Desafio Cero competition, in Santiago, capital of Chile, on 24 Sept, 2013. Vilti, which means falcon in Kunza (Atacameño) language, is impelled by electrical energy and human traction, reaching a maximum speed of 50 km per hour, and it counts with an autonomy of 20 km just using electric energy. The La Ruta Solar ONG, launched the activities of the electric vehicles competence "Desafio Cero 2013" on Tuesday, aiming to develop urban transport alternatives. The competence will be held from 4 October to 6 in Farellones, Valparaíso, Santiago.—XINHUA

## HTC aiming to triple its Indian smartphone market share to 15 percent

MUMBAI, 26 Sept—Mobile handset maker HTC on Wednesday said it is eyeing almost three fold jump in its market share to 15 percent as it focuses on ramping up distribution network and service support to strengthen its foothold in country's growing smartphone market.

The company said it also intended to launch smart phone with less than Rs. 10,000 price range though it ruled out launching phones in the price range of Rs. 5,000-6,000.

"We want to get 15 percent market share in next three quarters," company's Country Head, Faisal Siddiqui told reporters Chandigarh on Wednesday. The

Company said it presently had about 3-6 percent market share in the country's mobile handset market. "We are focusing on increasing our reach and ensuring consumers have access to our after sales service support to gain

market share," Siddiqui said.

As part of plans to expand its reach, HTC has appointed four national mobile handset national distributors.

"Currently, we are selling through 4,000 multi brand outlets and want to



## BlackBerry's decline in established Indonesian market a lesson for Apple, Samsung

JAKARTA, 26 Sept—Indonesia has long been a surprising jewel in the crown of BlackBerry Ltd, a rare market where its devices enjoyed mass appeal. But the country also highlights the struggling company's failure to embrace the emerging economies that are leading smartphone sales growth across the globe.

Indonesia is still one of BlackBerry's biggest markets, accounting for about 15 percent of global users but its share of smartphone sales in Southeast Asia's biggest economy has fallen fast to 21 percent in the second quarter from 39 percent a year earlier, according to data from telecoms consul-

tancy IDC.

Industry experts say BlackBerry was too slow to capitalise on its handsets' popularity with ordinary Indonesians, a clientele far removed from its traditional corporate and government "CrackBerry" users, a mistake that offers lessons for rivals like Apple Inc and Samsung Electronics Co Ltd. "Indonesia was an opportunity lost - and at what cost," said a former BlackBerry executive familiar with the company's strategy, who declined to be identified as he did not want to jeopardise business ties with his ex-employer.

As smartphone prices fall and the number of global

users rises, companies must either focus on niche markets, like Apple does with its high-end devices, or rapidly roll out a wide range of products at prices that would appeal to all customers, a strategy market leader Samsung has wielded with much success. BlackBerry's stuttering approach meant it did neither. After failing to spark interest with its upgraded operating system and devices, BlackBerry said last week it would step back from the consumer market and focus on enterprise

increase it to 7,000 outlets in the next six months," he said.

The company has planned to expand after sales service network to 400 shops from the present 250.

Asked about launching more handsets, he said the company will come out with 3-5 new models with a price range between Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 40,000 by December this year. He said it was also looking at bringing out mobile phones in the price range of less than Rs. 10,000.

Country's smart phone market is projected at 25-26 million units this year, out of which 50 percent will be of handsets priced at less than Rs. 10,000.

PTI

## Tokyo Electron takeover could be a mold-breaker for Japan

TOKYO, 26 Sept—Applied Materials Inc's \$10 billion acquisition of Tokyo Electron Ltd is more than just a milestone foreign takeover in Japan — it's a rare forward-looking deal in a country where selling to an overseas rival is usually a last resort.

US-based Applied Materials, the world's largest maker of chipmaking equipment, and third-ranked Tokyo Electron announced the all-stock deal late on Tuesday. On completion, it would be the biggest foreign takeover of a Japanese manufacturer. While board representation is to be split evenly, Applied Materials shareholders will own 68 percent of the new company, keeping

them firmly in control.

Analysts were surprised by the move in part because Tokyo Electron has a solid balance sheet and didn't need a deal to survive. That makes the deal stand out against other big inbound transactions, many of which involved a struggling target — such as Citigroup Inc's \$16 billion acquisition of broker Nikko Cordial in 2007-08 and Renault SA's \$5 billion injection into Nissan Motor Co almost a decade earlier.

Edward Johnson, a partner at law firm Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe,

said the willingness of a blue-chip Japanese company like Tokyo Electron to cede control to a foreign rival could encourage other Japanese firms to consider similar moves.

"I don't think it's a one-off. I think it has broader implications," said Johnson, whose practice includes advising foreign companies on investments in Japan.

While Japanese companies spent a record \$83 billion on overseas acquisitions in 2012, inbound deals totaled just \$15 billion.

Reuters



Tokyo Electron Ltd Chairman and President Tetsuro Higashi (L) and Applied Materials Inc Chief Executive Officer Gary Dickerson attend their joint news conference in Tokyo, in this photo taken by Kyodo on 24 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

## China unveils its first and unnamed moon rover

BEIJING, 26 Sept—Chinese scientists described the country's first moon rover on Wednesday and invited the global public to come up with a name for it.

Zhao Xiaojin, director of the aerospace department of the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation, depicted the lunar rover an orbiter adaptable to harsh environments; a highly efficient and integrated robot; and a high altitude "patrolman" carrying the dreams of Asia.

The Chang'e-3 mission to moon, named after a Chinese lunar goddess, will take place in December, when a Chinese spacecraft will soft-land on a celestial body for the first time.

The rover has two wings, stands on six wheels, weighs 140 kg and will be powered by solar energy.

"When it arrives in lunar orbit on board a lander, the rover will choose the best landing site and gently touch down the moon's surface, using optical and microwave sensors to avoid rocks and craters," Zhao said.

The rover will "select the best route, use minimal fuel and make the smallest possible error" during landing and is capable of hovering to steer clear of obstacles, he said.

Domestic and overseas compatriots can submit their proposed names for the rover through the Internet and the official name will be announced in November after an online poll on the selected proposals.

Li Benzhen, deputy chief designer of China's lunar probe programme, said the name of the rover should express the wishes of Chinese at home and abroad, feature the modern and national traits to inspire people.

Li noted the rover will recognize obstacles on the moon's surface, and plot a path of least resistance by a combination of onboard navigation systems and remote control from the command centre. The rover can "rest", automatically entering a dormant state to recharge its batteries, and return to work after a while, Li said.—Xinhua





## BUSINESS &amp; HEALTH

## US house prices up one pct in July



WASHINGTON, 26 Sept — US house prices edged up one percent in July on a seasonally-adjusted basis, marking the 18th consecutive monthly increases, official data showed on Tuesday.

House prices rose 8.8 percent in July from a year ago, according to the monthly House Price Index of the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA).

Though the upbeat figures indicated a steady improvement in the US housing market, the situa-

tion varied from region to region.

Among the nine census divisions, prices of the Pacific division, including Hawaii, Alaska, Washington, Oregon and California, climbed the most by 20.8 percent from a year ago, while the East South Central division, including Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama, saw the smallest annual increase of 3.8 percent.

The house price index in July, said the FHFA, was still 9.6 percent below the

April 2007 peak level and roughly the same as the March 2005 level.

The FHFA measured changes in real estate values using purchases of properties with mortgages backed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. It did not provide a specific price for houses.

The US National Association of Realtors last week reported that the median existing home price for all housing types was 212,100 US dollars in August, up 14.7 percent from a year earlier.—Xinhua

## US durable goods edge higher, fiscal uncertainty weighs

WASHINGTON, 26 Sept — Orders for long-lasting US manufactured goods barely grew in August in a possible sign that companies are holding back on investments due to uncertainty over government spending. Other data on Wednesday showed sales of new US homes last month were near their lowest level of the year, a sign that a rise in interest rates was weighing on the economy.

Durable goods orders rose 0.1 percent during the month, driven by the strongest rise in vehicle orders since February, Commerce Department data showed. The data also showed shipments of non-military capital goods other than aircraft grew 1.3 percent during the month, snapping two straight months of declines.

The reading for these so-called “core” shipments feeds directly into the government’s estimates for total economic growth and the increase supports the view that government austerity has so far taken only a modest bite from national output. But concerns are growing. “Companies are still cautious in their capex (capital expenditure) due to the uncertain economic scenario,” said Annalisa Piazza, an analyst at Newedge Strategy.

The data, which cover everything from toasters to tanks, had little impact on sentiment on Wall Street, where eyes have grown more focused on debates in the US Congress over government spending and the national debt. Stock index futures were little changed.

Reuters



A woman shops for refrigerators at a store in New York on 28 July, 2010. — REUTERS

## UNSG’s MESSAGE ON WORLD TOURISM DAY

27 September 2013

With unsustainable consumption and climate change threatening global water resources, this year’s World Tourism Day highlights the responsibility of the tourism industry to safeguard and intelligently manage water. In this International Year of Water Cooperation, I urge tourism establishments to cut consumption and improve waste management and I call on individuals to play their part by making environmentally conscious choices when they travel. By making water saving a priority we can all help to build the future we want.—UNIC/Yangon

## BUSINESS &amp; HEALTH

## Top banks have \$155 billion capital shortfall, most in Europe

LONDON, 26 Sept — The world’s biggest banks would need to boost their capital by 115 billion euros (\$155 billion) to comply with tougher rules and more than 60 percent of that shortfall is in Europe, where lenders have been slower to strengthen.

The capital shortfall fell by 83 billion euros during the second half of last year as banks retained more of their profits and raised capital, although the pace of improvement was not as quick in Europe as elsewhere.

The Basel Committee of global regulators said on

Wednesday the shortfall at top international banks was based on a target to hold a minimum core capital level of 7 percent, plus capital surcharges required for the biggest banks. Its finding was based on their balance sheets at the end of last year.

Some 70 billion euros of the shortfall was at banks in the European Union, representing 61 percent of the global deficit. The shortfall at EU banks was cut by 29 billion euros in the second half of last year, according to a European Banking Authority (EBA) estimate.

Markets and regulators

have been putting pressure on banks to move early to comply with the global Basel III accord being phased in, to dispel any doubts about their ability to thrive and encourage investors to buy their bonds and shares.

Basel roughly triples how much capital banks must hold compared with before the financial crisis, when many undercapitalized lenders had to be rescued by taxpayers.

It requires banks to have a core capital buffer equivalent to at least 7 percent of their assets on a risk-weighted basis by January 2019.—Reuters

## Don’t put them in refrigerator

1. Tropical fruit
2. Green pepper
3. Leaf vegetables
4. Baked food



## Spain revises up 2014 GDP growth forecast to 0.7 pct

MADRID, 26 Sept — Spanish government would revise up the 2014 gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast to 0.7 percent from the previous predicted 0.5 percent.

Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy confirmed on Tuesday when speaking at the Spanish parliament during the government control session held at the Senate.

The forecast was in line

with the prediction made by Spanish Saving Banks Association on 16 September, which also said the Spanish economy would grow by 0.7 percent year on year in 2014.

The 2014 General State Budget will be approved at the cabinet meeting on 27 Friday and will include these new economic forecasts.

Rajoy said that the economic situation had im-

proved but warned that the government had to be careful because there were still important imbalances that Spain should correct, such as reducing the deficit.

On Tuesday, the Ministry of Finance released the latest data on the state budget deficit that reached 4.62 percent of the country’s GDP to 47.579 billion euros (64.167 billion US dollars).

Rajoy’s statements confirmed what he said in an

interview published by *The Wall Street Journal*, where he claimed that “Spain is out of recession but not out of the crisis.”

Rajoy said in the interview that the Spanish economy would grow between 0.5 percent and 1 percent, but ruled out predicting when the Spanish unemployment rate would start decreasing, which currently is above 26 percent.

Xinhua

## FDA strengthens hepatitis B warning on 2 cancer drugs

WASHINGTON, 26 Sept — US health regulators have strengthened the warnings on two blood cancer drugs to reflect the risk that they may reactivate the hepatitis B virus in patients previously infected with the disease.

The warnings affect GlaxoSmithKline Plc’s Arzerra, which was approved in the United States in 2009 to treat chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL); and Rituxan, a drug made by Roche Holding AG and Biogen Idec Inc that is approved to treat a variety of conditions including CLL, non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma and rheumatoid arthritis.

The US Food and Drug

Administration said the risk is already described in the warnings and precautions section of the label for both drugs but that cases of reactivation continue to occur and some patients have died. Now the information will be placed in a black box, indicating the most serious type of risk.

The FDA said it recommends that physicians screen all patients for hepatitis B infection before starting treatment with the drugs, and monitor patients with evidence of prior hepatitis B infection for signs that the virus has been reactivated, including for several months after therapy has stopped.—Xinhua



## Ecuador's FM says South America studies how to curb US 'spying'



Ecuador's Foreign Minister Ricardo Patino gestures during a news conference on the hidden spy microphone uncovered at the office of Ana Alban, the Ecuadorean ambassador to the United Kingdom, in Quito, on 3 July, 2013.—REUTERS

NEW YORK, 26 Sept — South American nations are jointly exploring the creation of a communications system to curtail US spying in the region, Ecuadorean Foreign Minister Ricardo Patino said on Wednesday.

He said the idea was to set up a common platform

to “minimize risks of being spied on” and added the project was an outgrowth of the disclosures by former US National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden on US spying worldwide. The new project is under consideration by the Union of South

American Nations (UNASUR), which groups the 12 governments of the continent. UNASUR is based in Quito, Ecuador's capital.

“We have decided to begin to work on new Internet communication systems of our countries, of our societies, to avoid continuing being the object and prey of illegal spying that US spying entities have developed against us,” Patino said in an interview with Reuters at Ecuador's mission to the United Nations in New York City. UNASUR's defence council — made up of the region's defence ministers — is in charge of examining how to implement the idea.

“The ministers of defence have instructed their technical teams to examine the project,” he said. “I understand there have been meetings at a technical

level to advance the creation to minimize the risk of espionage.”

Those meetings had taken place in recent weeks, he added.

Latin American countries raised a storm of protest after, according to NSA leaks by Snowden, the agency spied on an array of nations in the region.

On Tuesday, in a speech to the UN General Assembly, Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff accused the United States of violating human rights and international law through espionage that included spying on her email.

Rousseff had expressed her displeasure last week by calling off a high-profile state visit to the United States scheduled for October over reports that the NSA had been spying on Brazil.—Reuters

## Railway suicides surge after series of rainy, cloudy days

KYOTO, 26 Sept — Railway suicide cases tend to increase after a series of cloudy and rainy days, a team of researchers from two Japanese universities said on Wednesday in an international academic journal.

Patrolling train stations and railroad crossings on days preceded by poor weather and installing high-intensity white light bulbs designed for treating depression at platforms and train cars may help prevent suicides, the researchers from Kyoto University and Shiga University of Medical Science said.

The study, published in the *Journal of Affective Disorders*, examined the length of daylight on the days prior to the days that had seen suicide-related train service cancellations

or delays of over 30 minutes during a five-year period starting 2002. The data were taken from Tokyo, Kanagawa, and Osaka, the three prefectures with the highest numbers of railway suicide cases in Japan.

The number of such cancellations and delays tended to increase on the days preceded by three consecutive days of rain and cloudy weather than on the days preceded by consecutive days of poor weather including at least one clear day in between, the study said. Suicide cases rose on the days preceded by seven consecutive days of rain or cloudy weather, the researchers said. They added that the weather of the day of suicides or suicide attempts apparently had no influence on the trend.

Kyodo News

## Researchers say Hacker 'mercenaries' linked to Japan, South Korea spying



An employee works near screens in the virus lab at the headquarters of Russian cyber security company Kaspersky Labs in Moscow in this 29 July, 2013 file photo.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 26 Sept — A small, sophisticated international hacking group was responsible for a widely publicized 2011 spying attack on members of Japan's parliament as well as dozens of previously undisclosed breaches at government agencies and strategic companies in Japan and South Korea, security researchers said. Researchers at Kasper-

sky Lab believe they have found a squad of hackers for hire, who contract out to governments and possibly businesses, in contrast to recent reports on hacks said to be carried out by full-time government employees.

“What we have here is the emergence of small groups of cyber-mercenaries available to perform targeted attacks,” said Kaspersky's

global research director, Costin Raiu, in an interview with Reuters.

“We actually believe they have contracts, and they are interested in fulfilling whatever the contract requirements are,” he said.

The espionage against members of the Japanese Diet had been blamed by that country's officials on Chinese hackers, according to local media, but few details had been provided. Kaspersky attributed the attack to the new group. He was unable to say if the Chinese government was behind or contributed to the attack.

Logs and other records show that the same group also took aim at some of the world's biggest shipbuilders, media companies and defence contractors including Selectron Industrial Co, although Kaspersky did not say which attacks had been successful.—Reuters

## Peru's strong earthquake claims three lives

LIMA, 26 Sept — The 6.9-magnitude earthquake that hit southern Peru on Wednesday has killed three people in the district of Chaparra, in Caraveli province of Arequipa department, local daily “*El Comercio*” reported on its website. The three people were buried in a mine during work, while the other 12 workers were injured, the daily online said.

Miguel Alyaza, chief of Civil Defence in Arequipa, arrived at the mine to confirm the information, said the daily.

The head of the National Institute of Civil Defence, Alfredo Murgueyto, said his agency was monitoring the area and no significant damage has been reported.

The epicentre of earthquake that occurred at 11:42

am local time (1642 GMT) and struck 46 km deep in the Pacific Ocean was 46 km south of the district of Acari in Arequipa department, the US Geological Survey said. The quake was also felt in departments like Huancavelica, Cusco, Ica, Ayacucho and Lima, causing panic among population there, the Peruvian Geophysics Institute said.

Xinhua

## Bundestag opens job centre for Merkel's defeated allies

BERLIN, 26 Sept — Germany's labour office set up shop in parliament on Wednesday to advise hundreds of Free Democratic Party employees cast adrift by Sunday's election, which left the FDP unrepresented in the Bundestag (lower house) for the first time since 1949.

Chancellor Angela Merkel's junior coalition partner was booted out of parliament when it missed the 5 percent threshold for seats. The FDP has served in more governments than either of the two biggest parties, the conservatives and Social Democrats.

But the outcome of the latest election was bad news

for the free-market party's 93 lawmakers, including five cabinet ministers, and for their 650 staffers.

The queue to talk to the 30 unemployment agency advisers sent to parliament stretched down a hallway, where glum people filled out forms and, asked about job prospects, shook their heads.

“It can't get much worse than this,” said a 32-year-old FDP staffer who declined to give his name. “We can put all our work from the past four years through the paper shredder.”

He said FDP workers had received dozens of emails mocking their fate

since the election, “but the computers are being turned off in the next few days anyway”.

Andreas Ebeling, spokesman for the labor office, said many FDP people could network to find work with non-governmental organizations or in political and business consultancy roles.

Failing that, he said, there might be job opportunities with Merkel's Christian Democrats (CDU), who boosted their share of the vote and will have 74 more seats in the lower house — presuming Merkel finds a new governing coalition partner.

Reuters



A man walks in the lobby of the former faction rooms of the Free Democratic Party (FDP) in the building of the lower house of parliament, the Bundestag, in Berlin, on 24 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS



LOCAL NEWS

HRD

MWAF organizes educative talks in Bago

BAGO, 26 Sept—An educative talk on healthcare was given by social and cultural working group of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation at a Dhammayon in southern Zaganai ward in Bago of Bago Region on 21 September.

Joint leader of the working group Associate

Professor Daw Thet Htar Win, Health group leader Dr Than Than Oo and Dr Su Su Hnin gave talks.

Physicians of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation provided treatment to diabetes and hypertension patients after the talk.

MMAL-183

Educative talks on violence against women given



BHAMO, 26 Sept—An educative talks on violence against women in Women's

Affairs Organization in Bhamo Township were held in No (3) Basic Education

Myanmar's tribes in pictures

YANGON, 26 Sept—International documentary photographer Richard K Diran will display his photos of ethnic people in Myanmar in a show titled "The Vanishing Tribes in Burma", referring the old name of the Southeast Asian country.

The photos taken by Richard K Diran in 25 years in Myanmar will be put on display at the show.

Seventy selected photos

to be showcased include the ethnic tribes which are about to disappear.

The photos will be donated to the National Museum and are expected by organizers to be a contribution to the country's peace process.

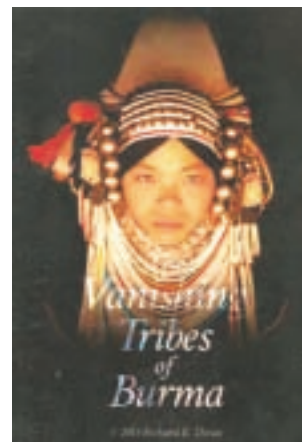
The show on 28-30 September will be hosted by

Cultural Heritage

Inyalake Hotel.

The opening session is expected to be attended by Chairperson of National League for Democracy Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

MMAL-Myat Sandi Thin Zaw



Kyaukme IPRD opens mini book corner

KYAUKME, 26 Sept—As Kyaukme Township Information and Public Relations Department is providing books, periodicals and publications to the public with the opening of a mini book corner in Central Market in Kyaukme.

The book corner has met with success with a bunch of readers and donors.

The department is updating the book corner with new books and publications.

MMAL-090

Stipends granted to WVO offspring



HLAINGBWE, 26 Sept—Myanmar War Veterans Organization (Central Headquarters) granted stipends to offspring of its members in Hlaingbwe Township for 2013-2014 fiscal year at Township WVO office on 22 September.

Chairman of Hlaingbwe Township WVO Captain Khin Soe (Retd) delivered

an address at the ceremony. The organization provided K 20,000 each to 17 high school students, K 15,000 each to 43 middle school students and K 10,000 each to 52 primary school students.

A total of K 1,505,000 were granted to 122 students.

MMAL-Township WVO

Tourism Industry

Nay Pyi Taw to host World Tourism Day

YANGON, 26 Sept—World Tourism Day ceremony will be organized in Myanmar International Convention Centre in Nay Pyi Taw on 27 September.

Myanmar Tourism Development Forum will be held on the sidelines of the ceremony.

The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, the Norwegian government and Asian Development Bank drafted the Tourism Master Plan.

The tourism industrialists participated in the development of the Tourism Master Plan.

The forum will be

supported by the Asian Development Bank and Hans Siedel Foundation.

The stakeholders in tourism industry, respective officials and officials of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism will participate in discussion.

MMAL-Myat Sandi Thin Zaw

Tatkon police officers meet townsenders

TATKON, 26 Sept—Tatkon Township Police Force in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area held a meeting with townsenders at the office of Tatkon Township Police Force on 18 September morning.

Acting Commander of Township Police Force

Officiating Police Major Win Tin, Police Sub-Inspector of Tatkon Police Station Than Win and 40 townsenders attended the meeting.

Commander of Township MPF Officiating Police Major Win Tin elaborated on crime reduction, anti-gambling

and anti-corruption efforts. He said the police force could work more thoroughly thanks to the cooperation of the townsenders. Police Sub-Inspector Than Win also explained the activities to crack down the crimes and townsenders participated in discussions.—MMAL-012

MPF launches emergency, complaint-handling phone lines

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs has put hot lines into place at Myanmar Police Force HQ and region/state police stations to enable the public to submit tip-offs and complaints over illegal acts, mis-appropriation and corruption.

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

Myanmar Police Force HQ, Nay Pyi Taw Police Force, Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon,

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

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

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

MNA



Yangon City Development Committee staff working on the site of parking lot in front of Emanuel Church at the corner of Maha Bandoola Park and Maha Bandoola street in Yangon on 21 September.—MMAL-KO YE



PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 27 September, 2013

### Electrical devices and danger of fire

Most fire broke out in towns started at electrical devices. It is found that negligence on using electrical equipment and devices is the major cause of fire than short circuit.

Power consumption has risen dramatically in towns today when compared with the previous times as town dwellers have used more electrical devices at their homes. There was only one TV at a home in the past. Today, it is found that there are a video device, a washing machine, a refrigerator, an electric iron and an electric fan at a home and the number of electric devices at a home has increased depending on the economy of the household. Besides, MP3, MP4, Laptop and iPhone, iPad and mobile phone handsets have to be recharged. Increasing numbers of electrical devices among the people can be seen as a barometer for development, but if we do not take good care of them, they can pose a danger to us.

Recently, a laptop user died in the fire caused by overheating of his laptop while he fell asleep after using it over the night. We, all electric devices users, should take a lesson from that incident.

Using electrical devices is popular among youths and can be seen as a progress. However, we need to use them systematically. Power is our friend if we use it properly. But, negligent use of power is dangerous to human and may start fire.

The signboards saying "Fire should not start due to your negligence" are erected on roads to raise awareness of fire. Fire should not start by any reason. We should not be careless even with a baby viper. Like that, we should not use the fire negligently. A spark can cause a big fire. A beautiful and smart electrical device can cause a fire if we do not treat it with care. Hence, all users should systematically use electrical devices with care.



NATIONAL

## Myanmar, Norway discuss environmental conservation

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun received Norwegian Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Katja Noorgaard at the ministry, here, yesterday afternoon.

On the occasion, they discussed development of environmental sector and forest resources, United Nations Collaborative Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (UN-REDD) including environmental impact assessment in investment sector for sectoral development for the State in the long run, promotion of cooperation in environmental conservation of Indawgyi



Lake and Inlay Lake and protection of biodiversity between Norway and Myanmar.—MNA

Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun holds talks with Norwegian Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Katja Noorgaard.—MNA

### SEAMEO CHAT holds 12<sup>th</sup> meeting



Deputy Minister Dr Zaw Min Aung poses for documentary photo with participants of 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Management Board of SEAMEO CHAT.—MNA

YANGON, 26 Sept—The Management Board of the SEAMEO CHAT held the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at its hall on Pyay Road, here, this morning, with an address by Deputy Minister for Education Dr Zaw Min Aung.

Admin Manager Mrs Natcha Kampiranond of SEAMEO Secretariat extended greetings. The meeting followed on schedules and continues tomorrow.

Also present at the meeting were directors-general, rectors and officials of the Ministry of Education, members of the management board of SEAMEO, and guests from SEAMEO Secretariat and Myanmar SEAMEO CHAT.—MNA

### Myanmar National Volleyball Team leaves for UAE

YANGON, 26 Sept—A Myanmar National Volleyball Team comprising 17 members led by Vice-President U Thein Win of Myanmar Volleyball Federation left here by air this morning to take part in 17<sup>th</sup> Asian Senior Men's Championship to be held in Dubai of UAE from 28 September to 6 October.

Altogether twenty four countries including Myanmar from Asia will take part in the championship.—MNA



Myanmar National Volleyball Team seen at Yangon International Airport before their departure for UAE.—MNA



LOCAL NEWS

Development

Good Local Governance and People Centred Services workshop held in Haka

HAKA, 26 Sept—Chin State Government and UNDP/UNCDF jointly organized the Good Local Governance and People Centred Services for State Government and State and Township Administrations at the city hall in Haka on 24 September.

Chief Minister of Chin State U Hong Ngai made an address.

Local Governance and Development Expert Dr Anki Dellnas of UNDP explained reforms of UNDP plans, aims of the workshop and prospects of out comes.

Assistant Resident Representative U Aye Lwin of UNDP (Myanmar)



reported on support for local governance with quick response.

The workshop was attended by 35 trainees from chairmen of township management committees, township supportive committees and township development affairs com-

mittees till 25 September.

Also present at the workshop were state, district and township level departmental officials, officials of UNDP and members of social organizations.

*Kyemon-Chin State IPRD*

Computer, printer, teaching aid donated to Post-Primary School in Indaw Tsp

HRD

INDAW, 26 Sept—Under the aegis of Sayadaw Bhaddanta Adicça from Lebyin Monastery, Çetana Education Foundation donated one Acer Laptop Computer, one Canon Laser Printer, exercise books, stationery and cash to Lebyin-Maugon Basic Education Post-Primary School in Maugon Village-tract of Indaw Township, Katha District, Sagaing Region, on 24 September morning.

The education founda-

tion also fed refreshments to the students.

Also present at the ceremony were the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, the township education officers, township executives of USDP, members of social organizations, village administrators of lower Mezar region, local students, members of the School Board of Trustees, local teachers, students and guests.

At first, Lebyin Sayadaw Bhaddanta Adicça gave words of advice.

The wellwishers donated over K 1.3 million and teaching aids to the Headmistress.

The USDP of Maubin

Village donated K 10000 to the school.

*Kyemon-Township IPRD*

Charity Affairs

Assistance provided to health and social tasks

YANGON, 26 Sept—The Patron of Yangon Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee and party attended the opening ceremony of midwifery training course 1/2013 and provided assistance to health and social affairs in Twantay Township on 24 September morning.

Patron of the Committee Daw Khin Thet Htay made a speech. Head of Township Health Department Dr Nay Win Thwin reported on the purpose of conducting the training course.

The patron presented K 1.3 million for the training course to the officials of the Township Health Department.

The training course will be conducted with the participation of 25 trainees. It will last six months.

After that, the patron presented supplies to Home for the Women under the Social Welfare Department.

*Yangon Region*



MCWSC donated hospital equipment to Twantay Township Hospital and K 100,000 to the fund of Twantay Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association for taking care of TB patients with the assistance of the Global Fund.

*Yangon Region MCWSC donated K 1 mil-*

lion to the fund of Miba Gonyi Home for the Aged in Twantay.

Townsenders U Saw Myint Swe spoke words of thanks.

Later, they presented clothes and foodstuff to 27 older persons at the Home.

*Kyemon-Myo Hlaing (Twantay)*

*Hluttaw representatives and Taungthu Swan-ah Co provide 200 bags of Urea fertilizers free of charge to 200 farmers who are unaffordable to cultivate quality paddy strains, at the Dhammayon in Bilu Village of Mohnyin Township on 20 September.*

*NLM-001*



Relief supplies provided to flood victims in Nattalin



NATTALIN, 26 Sept—Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Tun Zaw, Bago Region Hluttaw representative U Tint Lwin, Township Administrator U Zaw Lwin, the township education officer, members of Red Cross and Fire Brigades and those of social organizations presented rice, clothes, instant foods, money and medicines to the 1356 flood victims of 405 households in Yayhmway Village-tract and 1587 people from 396 households of Taungyataw Village-tracts in Nattalin Township of Thayawady District in Bago Region on 25 September.

*Kyemon-Tin Myint*

Citizenship scrutiny cards issued

KAWKAREIK, 26 Sept—A ceremony to issue citizenship scrutiny cards to the eligible citizens was held at the monastery in Naungtapwe Village of Kawkareik Township in Kayin State on 23 September morning. Director of Kayin State Immigration and National Registration Department U Htein Win presented cards to 526 people from Kawkathoung, Kawchyan,

Kawhman, Htiwasukhee and Kawankhun villages of the township.

The necessary works for issuance of the cards were undertaken by Head of Kawkareik Township INRD U Nyo Nyo Than and staff and NRC under the supervision of Head of Kawkareik District INRD U Saw Chit Than.—*Kyemon-Khin Lay Nwe (Kawkareik)*

*Take preventive measures against DHF.*



## WORLD

## Debt-wracked nations could learn from Norway, Prime Minister says

BOSTON, 26 Sept—Debt-laden European nations, the United States, and resource-rich developing countries could all learn from Norway's tight-fisted spending habits and oil wealth management, the Scandinavian nation's outgoing Prime Minister said on Wednesday.

Jens Stoltenberg said Norway had become one of the wealthiest countries in the world mainly by refusing to spend its huge state oil revenues, instead placing them in a sovereign wealth fund and using only the annual returns.

"That way the fund lasts forever," he told an



Norway's Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg answers a question from the audience following his speech at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts on 25 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

academic audience at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. "The problem in Eu-

rope with the deficits and the debt crisis is that many European countries have spent money they don't have. The problem in Norway is that we don't spend money we do have. That requires a kind of political courage."

Stoltenberg, a member of the Labour Party who served two consecutive four-year terms as prime minister, is due to resign his post on 14 October after losing 9 September elections to the opposition Conservatives, who campaigned to lower taxes and raise spending.

Stoltenberg said Norway's sovereign wealth

fund — a now \$700 billion fund with investments in bonds, more than 7,000 companies, and some real estate — was the main reason Norway sidestepped the "curse of oil" that has plagued many other resource-rich nations particularly in the developing world.

Also referred to as Dutch disease, the curse of oil occurs when a sudden influx of petro-dollars to state coffers triggers a public spending spree that in turn creates inflation and stifles other domestic industries. The Netherlands suffered a decline in its manufacturing sector in the

1970s after the discovery of a large natural gas field.

"There are many, many other countries in the world that are in similar positions, that are facing the same kinds of challenges that we are facing, which is huge temporary income from natural resources," Stoltenberg said.

"So, if there is a danger of an oil curse, Norway is really exposed to that danger. But we have managed to avoid it. The oil industry has been a blessing for Norway." Norway's sovereign wealth fund is fed, among other things, by a 78 per cent tax rate on private oil companies.—Reuters

### Small bomb goes off outside Greek tax office in wealthy Athens suburb

ATHENS, 26 Sept—A small makeshift bomb exploded outside a Greek tax office in a wealthy Athens suburb on Thursday, damaging the entrance of the building and smashing windows but causing no injuries, police officials said.

Police had cordoned off the area in the upscale suburb of Kifissia, where many business executives and politicians live, after an unidentified person called a Greek newspaper and a news website around 0200 GMT warning a bomb would go off in 30 minutes.

No one has claimed responsibility for the explosion, which police officials said was small.

"The bomb contained a small amount of explosive material," said a police official, who declined to be named.

Homemade bomb attacks by urban guerrilla groups are frequent in Greece, which is struggling to end its worst financial crisis in decades.

Attacks on political figures, police and justice officials have picked up in recent months, some claimed by anarchist guerrilla groups and anti-establishment leftists angry about Greece's financial woes. In June, the anarchist guerrilla group Conspiracy of Fire Cells claimed responsibility for a time bomb that exploded outside the home of a prison director.

Reuters

### Italian court orders new search of Costa Concordia wreck

ROME, 26 Sept—An Italian court on Tuesday called for a new expert examination of the *Costa Concordia* cruise liner to seek further evidence related to its sinking, accepting a request from the lawyers of the ship's captain and civil parties.

Last week the *Concordia* was raised off the rocks where it capsized, opening the way for a new quest for clues.

The *Concordia's* skipper, Francesco Schettino, has been charged with

offences including manslaughter, causing a shipwreck and abandoning ship after the 290-metre vessel, carrying more than 4,000 passengers and crew, struck a reef off the island of Giglio and keeled over with the loss of 32 lives on January 13, 2012.

The court in Grosseto, Tuscany, wants experts to pay particular attention to the electrical system of the lifts on the vessel, a legal source told Reuters.

Lawyers for Schettino say emergency generators

failed to kick in during the disaster, preventing the lifts from working.

The court has also agreed to further checks on other aspects such as the ship's watertight doors, once the safety of the investigators can be guaranteed.

The 114,500-tonne vessel now sits, upright but two-thirds submerged, on specially constructed platforms just off Giglio while salvage crews prepare for it to be towed away next year to be broken up.

Reuters



The capsized cruise liner *Costa Concordia* is seen at the end of the "parbuckling" operation outside Giglio harbour on 17 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

### French president hails strategic partnership with Vietnam

PARIS, 26 Sept—French President Francois Hollande met visiting Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung here on Wednesday, welcoming a strategic partnership agreement between the two countries, the French presidency said in a

statement.

Hollande hailed such a kind of partnership, saying it will strengthen the bilateral ties and promote cooperation in all dimensions.

The signing of the strategic partnership coincided with the 40th anniversary

of the establishment of diplomatic relations between France and Vietnam.

The 2013-2014 France-Vietnam-year will be an opportunity to concretely implement priorities between the two countries, said Hollande.—Xinhua



Pakistani survivors search for household items in the debris of their destroyed houses in the earthquake-devastated district of Awaran in southwest Pakistan's Balochistan Province on 25 Sept, 2013.—XINHUA

### Pakistan earthquake death toll rises to 348 as 20 more bodies recovered

ISLAMABAD, 26 Sept—The death toll of a powerful earthquake that hit Pakistan's southwest province of Balochistan on Tuesday afternoon has risen to 348 as 20 more bodies were recovered by rescue teams in the quake-hit areas, local media quoted an official as saying on Thursday.

Abdul Rasheed Gadozai, deputy commissioner of Awaran, a district which was worst hit by the quake, told local media that 20 more bodies were recovered from a collapsed building in Mashkai, a small town in Awaran, late Wednesday night.

As of 6:30 pm (local time) Wednesday, 328 people were confirmed dead in the earthquake and 445 were injured, said the country's top disaster management organ National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in a Press release.

A 7.7-magnitude earthquake struck Awaran district and its five neighbouring districts in Balochistan

at about 4:30 pm (local time) Tuesday, leaving hundreds of houses leveled to the ground, including a number of schools.

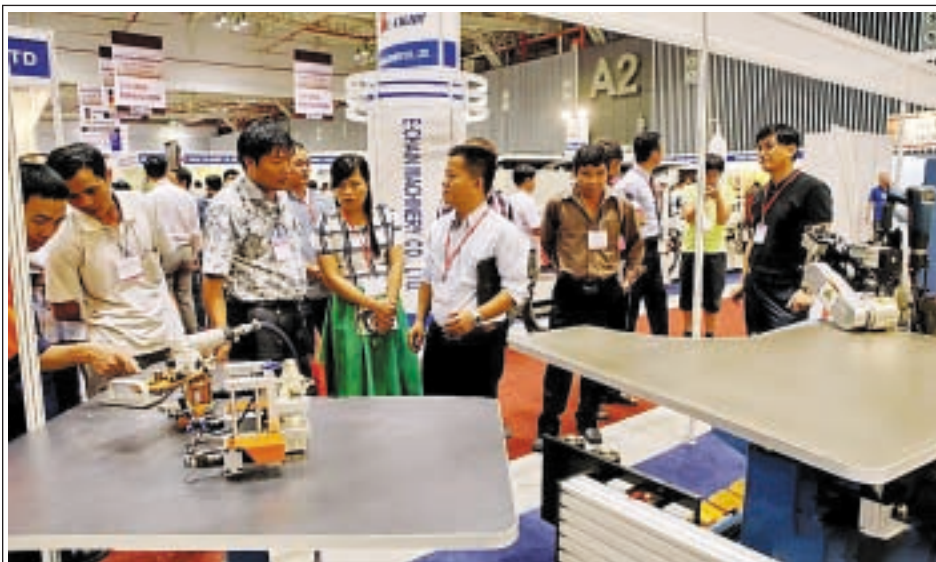
In Mashkai, 40 students of a school were killed in the earthquake while attending classes, said local media.

Officials from local meteorological department said Tuesday's earthquake is the strongest in Pakistan in the past seven years.

The provincial government of Balochistan and the federal government of Pakistan have reacted swiftly to the catastrophe. Nearly 2,000 troops including 1,600 from the Army and 300 from Navy have been dispatched to the affected area. A Forward Operating Base has been set up in Khuzda in central Balochistan to oversee the rescue and relief operations in the affected region. Hundreds of tons of relief goods including food, tents, water, medicines have been sent to the affectees.—Xinhua



## REGIONAL



Visitors view new products at the Vietnam Woodworking Industry Expo 2013 in Ho Chi Minh City, southern Vietnam, on 25 Sept, 2013. The four-day event kicked off on Wednesday, attracting around 260 companies from 19 countries and regions.

XINHUA

## A fighter jet crashes in S Korea

SEOUL, 26 Sept — A fighter jet crashed down in South Korea, *Yonhap* News Agency reported on Thursday. As of 11:56 am local time, the F-53 fighter crashed down in the Chungcheong province, south of the country's capital Seoul. The military authorities confirmed that the only one pilot in this jet has escaped from the jet by parachute.

They said the crashed jet may carry explosives and some explosions occurred 50 minutes after the crash. The cause of the incident is not yet known.

The military authorities and local fire department have sent firefighters, vehicles and helicopter to rescue. They have already blocked the scene of the incident in case of the second blast.—*Xinhua*

## Indonesia receives last delivery of Sukhoi Flanker fighter jets, completing full squadron

JAKARTA, 26 Sept — Indonesia has received the last delivery of Sukhoi fighter jets it ordered from a Russian producer, thus turning its *Sukhoi Flanker* air superiority fighter jet fleet into one full squadron.

The delivery of the last two *Su-30 Mk2* planes took place on Wednesday in Indonesian air forces base of Hasanuddin, located in the capital city of South Sulawesi province, Makassar where the air forces' 11th squadron wing 5 is based. Those two fighter jets were delivered in unassembled forms, transported by Antonov 124-100 from Russian city of Khabarovsk and made a stopover in the Philippines' Ninoy Aquino Manila airport.

With the last delivery

of the *Su-30 Mk2*, Indonesia now has one full squadron of Flanker air superiority fighter jet fleet that consists of 16 *Su-27 SKM* and *Su-30 Mk2* planes. Those planes were produced by Russian aviation industry of KNAPO (Komsomolsk-na Amure Aircraft Production Association).

Delivery of Sukhoi's Flankers fighter jet planes to Indonesia initially commenced in 2003, followed by further deliveries in 2009, 2010 and 2013.

Indonesia's Defence Minister Purnomo Yudiantoro, who witnessed the last delivery of Sukhoi *Su-30 Mk2* at the air forces' base, said that the nation has spent a total of 1.17 billion US dollars to buy all of those 16 planes as well as on

ammunitions, pilot training programmes and logistic.

Purnomo said that funds to finance the procurement of those planes were allocated from state budget and foreign loans. According to Purnomo, procurement of those planes were conducted in different batch of contracts at different prices.—*Xinhua*

## Southeast Asia ramps up investment in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 26 Sept — Foreign direct investment (FDI) from Southeast Asia into New Zealand grew to 4.4 billion NZ dollars (3.63 billion US dollars) in the year ending March, up from 2.8 billion NZ dollars from March last year, the government statistics agency announced on Thursday.

The majority of this increase was attributed to FDI from Singapore, according to Statistics New Zealand.

"In the latest year, Singapore replaced Japan as the fourth-largest inward

investor to New Zealand," balance of payments manager Jason Attewell said in a statement.

Australia remained the country with the largest direct investment in New Zealand, with stocks valued at 63.3 billion NZ dollars (62 percent of FDI), followed by the United States and Britain.

Meanwhile, New Zealand's outward direct investment fell by 1.7 billion NZ dollars.

"Over the last five years, the value of New Zealand's portfolio invest-

ment has increased by almost a third, whereas direct investment into overseas subsidiaries still sits at a very similar level," Attewell said.

Australia remained the largest destination for New Zealand's total investment abroad, with stocks valued at 48.2 billion NZ dollars, or 29 percent of total, followed by the United States and Britain.

In the year ending March, Japan replaced Germany as New Zealand's fourth largest outward investment partner.—*Xinhua*



Workers use heavy machinery to clear debris around the Togetsukyo Bridge in Kyoto's Arashiyama area, a tourist spot, on 26 Sept, 2013, after heavy rain and flooding brought by Typhoon Man-yi earlier in the month.—KYODO NEWS

## Thai provinces hit by floods, authorities say industry safe

BANGKOK, 26 Sept — Nine people have died and more than 1 million have been affected by flooding in Thailand, officials said on Wednesday, but authorities offered assurances that floodwaters would not reach central industrial areas and near Bangkok as in 2011.

Widespread floods in 2011 killed more than 800 people and caused massive disruption to industry, cutting economic growth that year to just 0.1 percent.

Authorities discount the possibility of any similar disruption, but have expressed concern over one

industrial estate in Ayutthaya province, 80 km (50 miles) north of Bangkok.

"We are monitoring Saha Rattana Nakorn complex in Ayutthaya, where flood walls are only 30 percent complete, but are confident that we will be able to take care of all industrial estates," Chatchai Promlert, director general of the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department, told *Reuters*.

Ruangrit Kusolgambot, director of the estate which specialises in production of parts for global

auto makers, told *Reuters* the water would not enter the compound.

"The water is a safe distance from our complex and water levels in surrounding areas have decreased significantly over the past few days" he said.

The national meteorological department forecast more rain for the coming weekend.

So far, around 1.5 million people living in 27 of Thailand's 77 provinces have been affected by the floods. Nine districts have been evacuated.

Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra reassured businesses on Tuesday that there would be no repeat of the flooding that affected more than 13 million people in 2011.

A court has ordered the suspension of flood control projects worth 290 billion baht (\$9.26 billion) undertaken as part of a campaign to reassure investors of improved flood defences. The projects had encountered legal delays and protests.

*Reuters*

## Oceanography experts visit new island off Pakistani coast



An island that rose from the sea following an earthquake is pictured off Pakistan's Gwadar coastline in the Arabian Sea on 25 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

ISLAMABAD, 26 Sept — Experts from Pakistan's National Institute of Oceanography have visited a small island created by Tuesday's powerful earthquake that rocked the coun-

try's southwestern province of Balochistan, media reports said on Wednesday.

The island is about 21 metres above sea level and has a landmass of 100-120 metres by 250-300 metres,

the experts were quoted by GEO TV as saying. The island, which appeared off the Gwadar coast in the Arabian Sea following the magnitude 7.7 earthquake, was spewing methane gas which could be seen in bubbles at various points on the surface.

According to Mohammad Danish, a marine geologist at the National Institute of Oceanography, the bubbles indicate frozen methane under the sea which escaped because of the shockwaves created by the earthquake. Speaking to Geo TV, Danish called for a geological inspection of the island's subsurface.

*Kyodo News*



A resident walks outside a flooded shop at Srimahaphot district in Prachin Buri province, east of Bangkok on 24 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS



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## Bank Holiday

All Banks will be closed on 1<sup>st</sup> October (Tuesday) 2013, Bank Holiday, Under the Negotiable Instruments Act.  
Central Bank of Myanmar

Tourists visit the scenic spot of the Yulong (Jade Dragon) Snow Mountain in Lijiang, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 25 Sept, 2013.  
XINHUA



A woman crosses a river at El Carrizal in the Costa Grande region, in Guerrero, south Mexico, on 25 Sept, 2013. The death toll from floods and landslides caused by heavy rains due to tropical storms "Ingrid" and "Manuel", rose to 139, Mexican Interior Minister Miguel Angel Osorio Chong has said.—XINHUA

## Exhibition explores Van Gogh's years in Paris

LONDON, 26 Sept—London's private gallery Eykyn Maclean will start an exhibition this Thursday to explore Dutch painter, post-Impressionist Vincent Van Gogh's life between the years 1886 and 1888 when he lived and worked in Paris.

"We are interested in the period because it saw huge changes in the artist," said Nicholas Maclean, co-founder of the gallery who curated the exhibition.

Before coming to Paris, Van Gogh painted scenes of Dutch peasant life in dark, earthy tones in Holland. But in Paris, he was inspired by impressionists and neo-impressionist in terms of techniques and use of colour.

The evolution was clear from his eight paintings on display. An early one, "A Pair of Shoes, One Shoe Upside Down," was completed in the autumn of 1886 and still dark in color. "But he has got the red signature on it," Maclean said.

A self-portrait from Collection Gemeentemu-

seum Den Haag was one of Van Gogh's earliest self-portraits. "He couldn't afford to pay for models," said the curator. The areas of darker, tonal painting looked back to Van Gogh's earlier Dutch period, "But the colors in the face and hair was brighter. He has got the red head and ear."

"Wheat Field," on loan from P And N De Boer Foundation in Amsterdam, was painted in June, 1888, shortly before he left Paris to the south. Tired of his life in Paris, the painter wanted to return to nature.

Some of the key lessons Van Gogh learned in Paris were manifest in the paintings, like the bright palette of the Impressionists and the Neo-Impressionists' individual touch.

The exhibition also gathered works from some other famous artists whom Van Gogh admired while in Paris and who influenced him in various ways, including Paul Gauguin, Emile Bernard, Claude Monet, and Paul Signac, among others.—Xinhua

## Kenya mall attack survivor cautions media against misinformation

NAIROBI, 26 Sept—A message went viral on social media after it was claimed that the rescuer lady was the infamous terrorist Samantha Lewthwaite escaping from the scene after masterminding the massacre while masquerading as a Good Samaritan.

The photo that was taken at the scene of the Westgate attack during the earlier stages of the siege showed an armed plainclothes policeman and a woman assisting an injured wounded female.

The face of the veiled woman is circled in red and an arrow links it to that of Samantha, for comparison,

with the caption underneath: "Could this be Samantha Lewthwaite escaping after masterminding the massacre?"

During the Westgate ordeal, witnesses talked of "a woman" leading the massacre, but Kenyan officials have urged caution over apparent involvement of any foreigners.

Lewthwaite, nicknamed "White Widow," is the widow of Jermaine Lindsay, one of the July 7, 2005 suicide bombers who coordinated a series of suicide attacks in London, which targeted civilians using public transport system during the morning

rush hour.

The 29-year-old woman, who has been on the run since 2005, is wanted in Kenya for plotting terrorist attacks and has been the subject of growing speculation that she was involved in the mall massacre after survivors said a white woman wearing a veil was among the hostage takers.

In December 2011, Kenyan police found chemicals similar to those used in the London attack after raiding a two-room apartment in the coastal town of Mombasa, where she lived with her four children, but she was not captured. Her associate

and fellow Briton, Germaine Grant, is due to go on trial next Tuesday in Kenya with Scotland Yard officers expected to testify against him.

In a move to preempt a backlash from security personnel, Heena Arani on Tuesday appeared on national television and painfully denied she was the "villainous Lewthwaite".

She said she was at the shopping mall with her children for a shopping spree, and while escaping she saw the wounded woman and grabbed her and ran away with her to the road before she met assistance from the police.—Xinhua



Models demonstrate short wings during the 15th Aviation Expo in Beijing, capital of China, on 25 Sept, 2013. The four-day event kicked off at the China National Convention Centre on Wednesday.  
XINHUA

## Post-2015 development a favoured topic in annual UN debate

UNITED NATIONS, 26 Sept —Most speakers at the 68th UN General Assembly's annual General Debate on Wednesday referenced its theme featuring "The Post-2015 Development Agenda: Setting the Stage." At the debate's opening on Tuesday, General Assembly (GA) President John Ashe said the new framework, designed to follow the 2015 deadline of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), targeted poverty eradication,

economic growth, equity, social inclusion and environmental sustainability.

"Adoption of the MDGs has represented a major shift in the ability of the United Nations to mobilize the global will to eradicate poverty and achieve sustainable development, thus clearly expressing the scope of success of the will of the international community and the feasibility of the global partnership," said Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al Mubarak Al Ham-

ad Al Sabah of Kuwait, said. "However, the emergence of new major challenges are related either to security disruptions .. or to challenges related to steady environmental deterioration that threatens our world."

President Ricardo Martinelli Berrocal of Panama endorsed the theme when he said: "Nations have learned a lot about development. We have realized that development that is not sustainable is simply not development."—Xinhua

## One dead, one injured in small plane crash

CHICAGO, 26 Sept—A small plane carrying two crashed into a bank parking lot in Bolingbrook on Wednesday afternoon while trying to land at Clow International Airport nearby, killing one person and injuring the other.

The female passenger was pronounced dead at the scene, and the male pilot suffered severe burns and was rushed to hospital immediately.

The plane crashed into a tree, a light pole and three vehicles near a Chase Bank branch in Bolingbrook, southwest of Chicago.

Deputy Bolingbrook Fire Chief Trinidad Garza said when firefighters arrived, they found several cars in the parking lot and the plane on fire. The fire was under control about 15 minutes later.—Xinhua



ENTERTAINMENT

Britney Spears

### Britney Spears' ex-husband bans son from performing with her



LOS ANGELES, 26 Sept—Britney Spears' ex-husband Kevin Federline has suggested he would not let his young son Sean Preston perform alongside his former wife during her concert residency in Las Vegas.

Spears, 31, had said that her eight-year-old son would "probably be on stage" during her two-year concert residency at the Planet Hollywood Hotel, reported TMZ.

Asked whether he would let his son perform, Federline, who was married to Spears from 2004 to 2007, said, "I mean ... we'll see about that, won't we. Yeah I would like him to perform if he was like 25 years old."

The star, who wed his long-term girlfriend Victoria Prince earlier this month, has moved on

from Spears and has no plans to watch her rumoured USD 310,000-a-night performances in the US gambling capital.—PTI



Supermodel Kate Moss

### Kate Moss to record track on 40th b'day

LOS ANGELES, 26 Sept—Supermodel Kate Moss is reportedly planning to record a song to celebrate her 40th birthday.

The 39-year-old will turn 40 in January next year. She will collaborate

with her musician husband Jamie Hince for the song, reports dailystar.co.uk.

"She's working on the song at the moment with husband Jamie Hince. It's shaping up to be a rocky number about her iconic ca-

reer," said a source.

"Kate really wanted to mark the milestone birthday by recording the track and playing it at the big party she'll be having," the source added.

PTI

### Jake Gyllenhaal: Am instantly attracted to complicated characters

LOS ANGELES, 25 Sept—Actor Jake Gyllenhaal says he looks for complicated characters because

he gets instantly attracted to a part that has a hidden depth.

The 32-year-old, known for taking on complex roles, plays detective Loki in *Prisoners*, reports contactmusic.com.

"I look for something in the story that offers love in a more complicated way. I don't look for darkness, whatever that means, but in my mind, darkness acknowledges great light too," Guardian newspaper quoted Gyllenhaal as say-

ing.

"I think when it comes to a character, I'm moved by folk that I might struggle to love at first; characters that I have to do enough research on and think enough about to be able to really fall in love with them. Recently, in particular, that's what's been happening. I love Detective Loki. I found it hard to let him go," he added. He also said that he spends a great deal of time researching about his characters.—PTI

### Michael Douglas hopes to "work things out" with Catherine Zeta-Jones

LOS ANGELES, 26 Sept—Actor Michael Douglas is hopeful that things between him and his wife Catherine Zeta-Jones will get better.

The couple is on a break from each other due to personal differences, reports contactmusic.com.

"Catherine is great. She is doing wonderful,

talked to her (and) just got a lovely note from her. I'm very hopeful that we're going to work things out," Douglas said.

"As I said, we're just taking a break, a couple of issues, sometimes you got to do that," he added.

The couple has been married for 13 years.

PTI



Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones



Jake Gyllenhaal spends a great deal of time researching about his characters.—REUTERS

### Richard Gere, Carey Lowell split after 11 years

LOS ANGELES, 26 Sept—Pretty Woman actor Richard Gere and his wife Carey Lowell have reportedly parted ways after eleven years of marriage.

According to reports, the couple has been spending time apart for quite some time and is planning on filing for divorce, reported Acshowbiz.

The reason cited for split is the difference in their lifestyle.

Gere, a devout Buddhist, likes privacy, while Lowell, a former model and actress, enjoys socialising

with other bigwigs.

"They have a place in Bedford, NY, and he likes it because it's quiet and he likes the solitude. She likes being in North Haven in the limelight," a source said.

Gere, 64, and Lowell, 52, married in 2002 after dating for about seven years. Their son Homer, named after the actor's father, was born two years before they tied the knot.

"They'll do everything possible to keep things amicable and put their child first," a friend of the couple said.



Richard Gere married Carey Lowell in 2002

It is the second marriage for the Gere who was previously married to Cindy Crawford from 1991 to 1995.—PTI

### Arnold Schwarzenegger enjoys a romantic dinner with his new girlfriend

LOS ANGELES, 26 Sept—Amidst rumours of actor Arnold Schwarzenegger dating Heather Milligan, photographs of the duo kissing each other have emerged.

The 66-year-old was photographed kissing Milligan on 20 September after a romantic dinner at Fig Restaurant in Fairmont Hotel, Santa Monica, reports tmz.com.

They arrived separately, but before leaving the actor slipped into Milligan's car to give her a goodbye kiss as she got into her car.

The Terminator was married to Maria Shriver, but they filed for divorce in 2011 to end their 25-year-old marriage.—PTI



Arnold Schwarzenegger



## Arsenal to play Chelsea in League Cup fourth round



Swindon Town's Massimo Luongo (R) challenges Chelsea's Juan Mata during their English League Cup soccer match at the County Ground in Swindon, western England on 24 Sept, 2013. REUTERS

LONDON, 26 Sept—Arsenal will host Chelsea in the standout tie of the English League Cup fourth round after the draw was made on Wednesday.

Arsenal needed penalties to beat West Bromwich Albion on Wednesday while Chelsea booked their place in the next round with a routine win over Swindon Town on Tuesday.

Manchester United's prize for knocking out rivals Liverpool was a home tie against Norwich City.

Tottenham Hotspur

will play Hull City, Newcastle United face Manchester City and Sunderland host Southampton in the other all-Premier League ties.

Second tier Birmingham City, who knocked out holders Swansea City, host another top-flight side in Stoke City, Leicester City host Fulham and Burnley welcome West Ham United.

The Capital One Cup's fourth-round ties will be played in the week beginning on 28 October.

Draw (Premier League unless stated):

Sunderland v Southampton

Leicester City (II) v Fulham

Birmingham City (II) v Stoke City

Manchester United v Norwich City

Burnley (II) v West Ham United

Arsenal v Chelsea

Tottenham Hotspur v Hull City

Newcastle United v Manchester City.

Reuters

## United's second string give Moyes food for thought

LONDON, 26 Sept—Manchester United manager David Moyes was given the perfect tonic to soothe the pain of Sunday's loss to Manchester City as a largely second-string side gave him a pleasing selection headache against Liverpool on Wednesday.

Moyes made eight changes to face their arch-rivals in the League Cup third round, but those who had been waiting in the wings took their chance and battled to a 1-0 win, showing the fight missing during the

weekend's Premier League defeat.

United striker Javier Hernandez scored the only goal of the game with a typical poacher's finish, losing his marker before side-footing the ball home from close range in the second half.

"We had to try and come out and show something a bit better than we had done," Moyes told Sky Sports. "We had to bounce back and I thought it was a good result tonight. It's given me a chance to see some players I haven't seen much

and it's given me food for thought."

Among those given a first chance to impress were Jonny Evans, who kept Liverpool's attacking duo Luis Suarez and Daniel Sturridge under wraps.

Japanese playmaker Shinji Kagawa was handed his second start of the season and came into the match after the interval, rattling the top of the bar with a shot from distance.

Liverpool welcomed back striker Suarez after he had served a 10-match ban for biting Chelsea's Branislav Ivanovic last season.

Reuters



Manchester United manager David Moyes celebrates a goal against Liverpool during their English League cup soccer match at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England on 25 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

LOS ANGELES, 26 Sept—Novak Djokovic, the world's top-ranked tennis player, announced via social media on Wednesday that he was engaged to marry his longtime girlfriend, Jelena Ristic.

"Meet my fiance (sic) and future wife," Djokovic, 26, said in a tweet that linked to a photo of the Serbian-born tennis star being kissed

## Ronaldo rescues Real with late penalty at Elche

MADRID, 26 Sept—An unconvincing Real Madrid needed a controversial Cristiano Ronaldo penalty deep into stoppage time to snatch a 2-1 win at promoted Elche on Wednesday that kept them hard on the heels of La Liga leaders Barcelona and Atletico Madrid.

The Portugal forward smashed home a free kick to put Real ahead in the 51st minute against a plucky Elche side before substitute Richmond Boakye looked to have secured a point when he headed past Diego Lopez in the 91st minute.

There was more drama to come, however, as Real won a final corner and the referee pointed to the penalty spot after Pepe tangled with midfielder Carlos Sanchez in the area.

Television replays showed the pair grappling

with each other before tumbling together to the floor and the Elche players' fury with the decision appeared justified.

However, as the match ticked into its 96th minute, Ronaldo calmly struck the ball into the corner for his sixth goal in six matches this term.

"Anyone who watched the game can decide why Madrid won, it's very clear," Elche captain Jose Albacar said in an interview with Spanish television broadcaster Canal Plus.

"We are going away with the feeling that a match has been stolen from us that we could have drawn against a very good team," he added.

Reuters



Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo

## Spurs make case for defence as they face Chelsea

LONDON, 26 Sept—With the abundance of flair and attacking talent Tottenham Hotspur acquired knowing Gareth Bale was leaving, it has perhaps been surprising that their impressive start to the season owes a lot to a watertight defence.

Spurs anticipated the arrival of 100 million euros (84.05 million pounds) in Bale booty by bringing in the likes of Spain striker Roberto Soldado, Argentine forward Erik Lamela, Denmark playmaker Christian Eriksen and Brazil midfielder Paulinho.

While the new boys have already given more than a glimpse of their talents, the men in white forming an impregnable wall at the back have gone quietly about their business.

Spurs, who host London rivals Chelsea at White Hart Lane in Saturday's early kickoff (2:45 pm-British time), are level on

points at the top of the Premier League with neighbours Arsenal and have conceded one goal in nine games in all competitions this season.

That came in a 1-0 loss away to their local rivals on 1 September but, apart from that blip, goalkeeper Hugo Lloris and defenders Michael Dawson, Jan Ver-

tonghen and Kyle Walker, along with Danny Rose and Kyle Naughton, have been rock steady.

Manager Andre Villas-Boas would dearly love a first victory over his former side since they sacked him in March last year and believes Spurs have hit the ground running.

Reuters



Tottenham Hotspur's Jermain Defoe celebrates his goal against Aston Villa during their English League Cup third round soccer match at Villa Park in Birmingham, central England, on 24 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

## Tennis star Novak Djokovic announces engagement to girlfriend



by his fiancee, also a Serb. "So happy! Thank you for the wonderful wishes #Nole-Fam and friends!"

Ristic is well-known to tennis fans as a fashionable and enthusiastic presence at Djokovic's matches and is director of his charitable foundation.

Serbian tennis player Novak Djokovic and his girlfriend Jelena Ristic

Djokovic became a top-10 player on the ATP tour in 2007 but was overshadowed for several years by Roger Federer, the so-called Swiss Maestro, considered by many to be the greatest tennis player of all time, and Spaniard Rafael Nadal.

Reuters



GENERAL



The 2013 Beijing Gourmet Culture Carnival kicked off on 19 Sept in Beijing Shijingshan Amusement Park. Apart from food from across the world, there are singing and dance performances, parades, painting exhibitions and other interactive activities. The carnival will run until on 7 October.—XINHUA

## 13 killed, 53 wounded in violent attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 26 Sept—At least 13 people were killed and 53 others wounded in violent attacks in Iraq on Wednesday, police said.

Seven people were killed and 40 others wounded when a roadside bomb exploded in a market for stationery and books on Najafi Street in the city centre of Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, a police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Five people were killed and four others were injured when a car bomb went off near a shop in the Qadisiya neighbourhood in the town

of Yathrib, 80 km north of Baghdad, the source said.

The blast also caused damage to the shop and nearby buildings and several cars nearby were destroyed, he added.

Unidentified gunmen assassinated an employee of the agriculture department in Mosul when he stood in front of his home in the Al Qudise neighbourhood in the southeastern part of the city, the source said, adding that the gunmen fled after the attack.

Nine civilians were wounded when a roadside bomb exploded near shops

in the Ghazaliya area in western Baghdad, police source said.

Iraq is witnessing its worst eruption of violence in recent years, which raises fears that the country is sliding back to the full-blown civil conflict that peaked in 2006 and 2007, when monthly death toll sometimes exceeded 3,000.

The UN Assistance Mission for Iraq said earlier this month that almost 5,000 civilians were killed and 12,000 others injured in Iraq from January to August this year.

*Xinhua*

## Capping an epic comeback, Oracle wins the America's Cup

SAN FRANCISCO, 26 Sept—Oracle Team USA prevailed in a dramatic winner-take-all showdown with Emirates Team New Zealand on Wednesday to win the 34th America's Cup, completing a stirring comeback that helped make the once-troubled event among the most exciting in sailing history. For Oracle and its hard-charging skipper, Jimmy Spithill, the win was an extraordinary sporting triumph, one that saw the team climb back from a seemingly insurmountable 8-1 deficit in the best-of-17 series to keep the trophy it won three years ago.

The thrilling final races were also a ringing vindication of Oracle owner Larry Ellison's controversial decision to transform a once-staid yachting event into a

TV-friendly, extreme-sports spectacle featuring huge catamarans flying across the natural amphitheatre of San Francisco Bay at 50 miles per hour.

"A lot of people who were never interested in sailing are now interested in sailing," Ellison said at a post-race news conference. "This regatta has changed sailing forever." Emirates Team New Zealand, a plucky challenger that lacked a billionaire sponsor but nonetheless sailed to the brink of Cup victory, must now endure the ignominy of having let the prize slip from its grasp in the final days after a grueling two-year campaign of boat development and training.

Oracle dominated the last race, showcasing the dramatic improvements in boat speed on the upwind leg of

the race that began to emerge a week ago. Oracle seemed to find an extra gear after losing most of the early races, and even overcame a pre-match penalty that required it win 11 races on the water.

The speed improvements appeared to come mainly from changes that enabled the boat to consistently "foil," or lift almost completely out of the water on small horizontal wings, even when heading upwind. The team also changed tactics after its early losses, installing Britain's Ben Ainslie - the winningest Olympic sailor in history - in that spot in place of San Francisco native John Kosteki.

The winning Oracle team had only one American on board.

As one of the most coveted sporting prizes, the

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Skipper James Spithill lifts the America's Cup with members of the Oracle Team USA after winning the overall title of the 34th America's Cup yacht sailing race over Emirates Team New Zealand in San Francisco, California on 25 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

America's Cup over its 162-year history has fueled patriotism even in non sailors and winning the trophy was seen as a mark of a nation's seafaring greatness.

When Australia broke America's 132-year hold on

the Cup in 1983 the jubilation brought normal business to a standstill.

Just a week ago, New Zealand fans had all but begun celebrating what seemed like an inevitable sporting and economic windfall for

the longtime international sailing power, which supported the team with about \$30 million in government funds in the hopes of bringing the trophy - and attendant tourism and publicity - back home.—Reuters



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives former US President Mr. Jimmy Carter, British Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received London-based The Elders members led by Former US President and Nobel Laureate Mr. Jimmy Carter at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, this morning.

The meeting was attended by Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win and senior military officers from the Office of Commander-in-Chief. The US ex-president was accompanied by former President of Finland and Nobel Laureate Mr. Martti Ahtisaari, former Norwegian Prime Minister Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland and members of London-based The Elders Group.

They exchanged views on adhering to democratic practices in democratiza-

tion, role of the defence services personnel Hluttaw representatives, forging amity and cooperation of the Tatmadaw with its counterparts of neighbouring countries, regional countries and global countries as well as with UN's peacekeeping forces and Myanmar's Tatmadaw affairs.

The Senior General also received British Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Andrew Patrick at 11 am today. At the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on cooperation between the governments of Myanmar and Britain and the two armed forces.—MNA

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing shaking hands with Former US President and Nobel Laureate Mr. Jimmy Carter.—MNA



Work coordination meeting on economic and planning held

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—A work coordination meeting on fund allocation, economic development and economic and planning of

investments to implement the projects, adding priority should be given to the wishes of locals in drawing the projects. He called

in communications, port and health sectors, comprehensive development plan of Myanmar, priority tasks to be implemented within

to fulfill the requirements of people in implementing people-centered development in the first five-year term of National Comprehensive De-



A work coordination meeting on fund allocation, economic development and economic and planning of the Union ministries, organizations and region and state governments in progress.—MNA

the Union ministries, organizations and region and state governments took place at the meeting hall of Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, here, this morning.

First, Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein said that it needs to consider equitable development in making

for striving for doubling in production sector, saying the important of effective management of natural resources. He discussed matters on economic data of Myanmar, economic growth and poverty alleviation tasks, ASEAN investment and taxation system, foreign direct investments

30 months of the President's term.

Union Minister U Soe Thane said that the government was elected by the people and it needs to recognize as public government by assessing the undertakings of the government depending on implementation of people's wishes. The Union government is to draw projects depending on necessities of the regions and states, he added. He stressed the need to fulfill the basic requirements and current needs of the people.

Then, Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw underscored that it needs to consider how

development Plan. The benefits of fund allocation, economic development and economic projects are required to be directly beneficial to the people in 2014-15, he added.

The deputy ministers and the region/state ministers reported on the work progress.

Union Ministers U Tin Naing Thein and Dr Kan Zaw coordinated on the reports and gave concluding remarks.

It was attended by the deputy ministers, region and state ministers, directors from Budget Department, Planning Department and departmental officials.—MNA

Myanmar, Angola knot diplomatic ties

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—The Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Angola, desirous of establishing friendly relations and mutually beneficial cooperation on the basis of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the norms of International Law in accordance with the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic Relations and on Consular Relations, established diplomatic relations at Ambassadorial level with effect from 19 September 2013.

The Joint Communique

on the establishment of diplomatic relations was signed by the Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations and the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Angola to the United Nations in New York on 19 September 2013. Myanmar has been making efforts to expand diplomatic relations with countries all over the world, and the Republic of Angola has become the 114<sup>th</sup> country with which Myanmar has established diplomatic relations.—MNA

MWAF shares knowledge about ASEAN affairs

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—A talk on facts about ASEAN was held at Dekhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council this morning.

salient points of ASEAN not only to the WAO members but to relatives and friends.

President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Mya Mya said that Myanmar will assume responsibility of chairmanship for ASEAN in 2014. The talk was aimed at sharing knowledge about ASEAN to the attendees. She called for disseminating the

Member of Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission Daw Aye Aye Mu explained facts about ASEAN. Patron of the federation Daw Ni Ni Win and Head of International Relations Department of the federation Daw Lin Lin Tin presented gifts to the speaker.—MNA



A talk on facts about ASEAN in progress.—MNA

ACC, MCF launch level-1 coaching & umpiring course-2013

YANGON, 26 Sept—Asian Cricket Council and Myanmar Cricket Federation jointly conducted a course on level-1 coaching & umpiring at the Horizon International School in Thakayta Township, here, today.

President U Than Win of MCF addressed the opening ceremony.

The course intends the game be popular in the

country by promoting skills of Myanmar cricket players.

Mr. Aminul, Mr. Mahboob and Mr. Bappy gave a lecture to the trainees practically and theoretically from 26 September to 1 October. The course is being taken by 22 trainees—12 physical training instructors and 10 others—from the four corners of the country.—NLM

Water level of Sittoung River may reach its danger level

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—According to the observation at 12:30 hr M.S.T today, the water level of the Sittoung River at Toungoo has reached by 13 cm (about 0.4 foot)

below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next 24 hours commencing this noon, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA