

Initiate ways and means for better outcome President U Thein Sein meets chairmen of Cabinet Sub-committee/Delivery Unit



President U Thein Sein delivers an address at the meeting with deputy ministers who will chair respective Cabinet Sub-committees/Delivery Units.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept — President U Thein Sein met deputy ministers who will chair respective Cabinet Sub-committee/Delivery Unit and delivered an address at the meeting hall. It was also attended by Vice-Presidents Dr Sai

Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun, the Union ministers at the President Office and officials.

In his speech, the President said today's meeting is to assign 23 deputy ministers to newly-formed

26 Cabinet Sub-committees/Delivery Units. He stressed the importance for (See page 8)

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission Nay Pyi Taw

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Eight Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representatives substituted

According to the request made in accordance with Section 33 of Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law to substitute eight Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in the first multiparty democracy general election held on 7 November 2010, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted the following Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representatives under the Notification No. 1/2011 of the commission dated 20-1-2011, the Notification No. 4/ 2011 of the commission dated 24-1-2011, the Notification No. 22/2012 the commission dated 22-4-2012 and the Notification No. 12/2013 the commission dated 12-6-2013 with personnel shown against them.

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| (1) BC 22613
Lt-Col Ye Htut | BC 17969
Lt-Col Chit Win |
| (2) BC 20991
Lt-Col Khin Maung Win | BC 20662
Lt-Col Lwin Oo |
| (3) BC 21909
Lt-Col Tin Moe | BC 22482
Lt-Col Aung Kyaw Nyunt |
| (4) BC 21470
Lt-Col Win Naing | BC 24920
Lt-Col Kyaw Zeya |
| (5) BC 23174
Lt-Col Htin Kyaw Soe | BC 19536
Lt-Col Soe Myint Aung |
| (6) BC 17678
Lt-Col Myint Maw | BC 27015
Lt-Col Aung Myat Thein |
| (7) BC 27025
Major Moe Thu | BC 33504
Major Min Zaw Lin |
| (8) BC 29516
Major Kyaw Myint Aung | BC 33505
Major Zaw Hlaing Win |

By order,

(Tin Tun)
Secretary

Union Election Commission

Farmland disputes to be solved in accord with laws and rules in consideration of rights and opportunity of each people for correct results

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—The Union government is making all-out efforts to better serve the interest of the people by adopting policies and plans, said Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun at the press conference of the Land Utilization Management Central Committee at the Forest Department, here, this morning.

He continued to say that farmland disputes will be solved in line with laws and rules in consideration of rights and opportunity of

each of the people for correct outcomes.

He said that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw formed the investigation commission for easing sufferings of people whose farmlands and other lands were confiscated, and sent a message with three portions on the findings over 745 cases of the commission to the President.

Since a time before the commission had sent its findings to the President, the government has been solving the complaints and information sent by minis-

tries concerned. The project commission meetings were held for drawing the development plans of region/state, district, township and ward/village so as to allot land plots to the landless people.

The land utilization central committee led by Vice-President U Nyan Tun has been formed for systematically solving the farmland cases. Likewise, the committees have been constituted at different levels and duty and functions assigned to them.

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Union Minister U Win Tun making speech at the press conference of Land Utilization Management Central Committee.—MNA

Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department

“World Rabies Day” (28-9-2013)

Anti-rabies vaccination free of charge

Traditional cultural artistic competition organized in Taunggyi



TAUNGGYI, 27 Sept—The traditional cultural artistic competition of national races was held at the city hall in Taunggyi of Taunggyi District in Shan State on 23 September morning.

Shan State Minister for Kayan National Races Affairs U Law Yin, District Education Officer U Bo Htay and Township Administrator U Zaw Myint Thein cut

the ribbon to open the competition.

On behalf of the Taunggyi District Deputy Commissioner, Staff Officer U Ye Yint Hlaing made a speech. Associate Professor Daw Nan Nu Nu Khin of Taunggyi University explained the disciplines for the competition.

In the first day programmes, Shan cultural

dance troupe and Danu cultural troupe representing Taunggyi Township presented Thudanu choruses dances.

It was also attend-

GSM SIM cards distributed

PANGSAI, 27 Sept—Myanma Posts and Telecommunications had sold 300 GSM SIM cards to local people for the first time, 300 more cards for second and 300 another cards for third time in Pangsai Sub-Township.

Kyemon-L Soe (IPRD)

Aungthukha concrete road under construction in Pyapon

PYAPON, 27 Sept—As Pyapon in Ayeyawady Region is located in the area of high rainfalls, the local roads are being upgraded to the concrete ones.

As of the third week of September,

Aungthukha 2nd Street in Ward 3 is under construction as a concrete one and it is planed to complete the project in the fourth week of the month.

A local people from Ward 3 said, “In our ward, roads and streets are being upgraded to the concrete ones with the cooperation of the local people and Township Development Affairs Committee.

In the past, the local roads were constructed as

asphalt ones. The heavy rain caused damages to the roads as well as the vehicles with overloads caused damage to the roads. On completion, the new roads will provide smooth transport to the local people.

But, the overloaded vehicles should not roll on the roads.”

The concrete road is built at a cost of K 3.2 million contributed by the local people and K 10 million by the Township Development

Affairs Commttee.

The road is 800 feet long, 12 feet wide and six inches thick.

The profits and interests from the Rural Development Bank of Township Development Affairs Committee were spent on the construction of the concrete road with the assistance of the local people.

So far, Pyapon Township has built 42 concrete roads in the town.

Kyemon-Chan Tha



Natural Disaster

Heavy rains cause inundation in Hlinethaya Township

YANGON, 27 Sept—Heavy rains on 24 September morning caused inundation in Hlinethaya Township. Water flowed into the schools of the township. So, the students were moved to the safe schools to continue learning.

The heavy rains hit the township from 3.30 am to

8.30 am on 24 September. In consequence, Basic Education Middle School No 10 on Minbu Street in Ward 9 of the township was inundated in five-inch water. A total of 1650 students from GM to 8th standard were allowed to go back home at 10 am.

At Basic Education

High School No 2 on Thakin Mya Road in Ward 12, two halls of the school were inundated under 1.5 feet deep water. About 50 students were moved to another hall to continue their learning. However, there was no loss and damage at the school.—Kyemon-Soe Win (MLA)



As a gesture of hailing the 49th Anniversary Myanmar Police Force Day, Commander of Meiktila District Police Force Police Lt-Col Sao Nay Lin led the squad comprising Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Maung Shwe and officers, 60 police members from police stations in participating in the sanitation tasks at Meiktila District General Hospital on 24 September.

KYEMON-TIN HLAING (MEIKTILA)

Flood hits urban areas of Zalun

ZALUN, 27 Sept—Ayeyawady River submerged Kanna Ward of Zalun, one of the townships of Ayeyawady Region causing inundation at roads and residences at 290-house ward.

The local people are now relying on boats for transport.

Members of the social organizations in Kanna Ward donated meals to flood victims.

Under the supervision of the Township Administrator,



members of Fire Brigade, ward administrator and officials of Township Irrigation Department

carried out rescue and relief works for the flood victims together with local people. Kyemon-Ngwe Than (IPRD)

WORLD

PM Abe, Iranian President call for nuclear disarmament at UN meeting

NEW YORK, 27 Sept — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Iranian President Hassan Rouhani of Iran were among world leaders who called for international nuclear disarmament at the opening of the first ever high level meeting on the topic during the United Nations General Assembly in New York on Thursday. “The devastation that occurred in Hiroshima and Nagasaki reminds us of the humanitarian conse-

quences resulting from the use of nuclear weapons... such tragedies should never be repeated,” said Abe.

Abe also invoked the Japanese constitution’s desire for “eternal peace” in affirming Japan’s commitment to nuclear disarmament. Nuclear threats are now “more diverse and challenging than what we encountered in the cold war era,” said Abe, mentioning attempts by North Korea to develop nuclear weapons and the possi-

bility of nuclear terrorism by non-state actors.

Iranian President Rouhani, speaking on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, a group of 120 countries that do not align themselves with any major power, said that “no nation should possess nuclear weapons.” Rouhani lamented the lack of a nuclear weapon free zone in the Middle East and said that the creation of such a zone was necessary “to avoid unwanted consequences.”

To this end, Rouhani said that all nuclear activities in the region should be subject to International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards and called on Israel to join the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

However, the Iranian President made no mention in his speech of the country’s own nuclear development programme which has been widely suspected to be for military purposes. In his speech to the UN General Assembly on Tuesday, Rouhani expressed willingness to restart talks on the matter.—*Kyodo News*



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (L) and Iranian President Hassan Rouhani shake hands prior to talks in New York on 26 Sept, 2013.—KYODO NEWS

US, Russia agree on Syria UN chemical arms measure

UNITED NATIONS, 27 Sept — Ending weeks of diplomatic deadlock, the United States and Russia agreed on Thursday on a UN Security Council draft resolution that would demand Syria give up its chemical arms, but does not threaten military force if it fails to comply.

Samantha Power, the US ambassador to the United Nations, said a deal was struck with Russia “legally obligating” Syria to give up its chemical stockpile and the measure went to the full Security Council in a closed-door meeting on Thursday night. UN diplomats said a vote could come within 24 hours.

“Just two weeks ago, tonight’s outcome seemed

utterly unimaginable,” Power said. “Two weeks ago, the Syrian regime had not even acknowledged the existence of its chemical weapons stockpiles.”

“But tonight we have a shared draft resolution that was the outcome of intense diplomacy and negotiations over the past two weeks,” she said.

US, Russian, French and British diplomats told reporters the vote could come as early as Friday evening, provided the Executive Council of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in The Hague approves a plan for the destruction of Syria’s poison gas arsenal beforehand.

Reuters

US Secretary of State John Kerry speaks to the media after a meeting of the foreign ministers representing the permanent five member countries of the United Nations Security Council, including Germany, at the UN Headquarters in New York on 26 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS



Six major powers, Iran agree to meet in Geneva next month

UNITED NATIONS, 27 Sept — Six major powers and Iran on Thursday agreed to meet in Geneva next month for further talks on resolving the standoff with Teheran on its nuclear programme, the European Union’s foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton said on Thursday. “We had a discussion about how we would go forward with an ambitious timeframe to see whether we can make progress quickly,” Ashton told reporters after a meeting between major powers and Iran.

She described the

Draft confidentiality bill gives due consideration to press freedom

TOKYO, 27 Sept — A draft bill to bolster the protection of national secrets by imposing tougher penalties on civil servants who leak such information stipulates that due consideration will be given to freedom of the press, government officials said on Thursday.

Meanwhile, the draft legislation presented by the government to the ruling



(L-R) BRICS countries foreign ministers Sergey Lavrov of Russia, Wang Yi of China, Maite Nkoana-Mashabane of South Africa, Luiz Alberto Figueiredo of Brazil, and Salman Khurshid of India shake hands during a luncheon under the framework of the 68th session of the United Nations General Assembly, at the UN headquarters in New York, on 26 Sept, 2013. — XINHUA

Russia not to join Arms Trade Treaty

MOSCOW, 27 Sept — Russia will not join the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) before its defects are removed, a senior diplomat said on Thursday at an arms exhibition.

“We had proposed to make amendments to the treaty to bring it into compliance with international law,” Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov told a

meeting during the Russian Arms Expo-2013 held in Nizhni Tagil in the Urals.

“However, neither the EU nor NATO want to hear us so far,” the *Interfax* news agency quoted him as saying.

Ryabkov said the treaty has many defects, which may result in the illegal transfer of weapons “to certain unauthorized non-

state subjects.” Moscow will make the final decision depending on “when the treaty comes into force and when the first conference to review its clauses will take place,” the diplomat said.

The United States signed the treaty on the sideline of the annual UN General Assembly in New York on Wednesday.

Xinhua



British Foreign Minister William Hague (L) shakes hands with Iran’s Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif at the beginning of their bilateral meeting at the United Nations in New York on 23 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

meeting as substantial and energetic.

The meeting took place on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York and included Iranian Foreign Minister Moham-

mad Javad Zarif and counterparts from the United States, France, Russia, China and Germany.

The talks were aimed at jump-starting efforts to resolve a decade-long

standoff over Iran’s nuclear ambitions. Ashton said the Geneva meeting on October 15-16 would “carry on from today’s meeting and hopefully move this process forward.”

“We want to spend our time in Geneva translating that into the practical details,” said Ashton, adding: “I am very ambitious for what we can do, but we all know we have to be very practical.”

Earlier, British Secretary William Hague described the tone and spirit of the meeting as “extremely good.”—*Reuters*

Diet session slated to convene on 15 October. The move reflects the government’s plan to launch in Japan an institution similar to the US National Security Council. The government maintains it is necessary to strengthen penalties for those who leak national secrets as it plans to share information with the United States and other countries.

However, about 80 percent of the public who commented on the outline of the legislation between 3 and 17 September expressed opposition to it. Opponents are concerned that the imposition of strict penalties on offenders for leaking national secrets could restrict people’s right to know and the freedom of the press.

Kyodo News

Google introduces new 'Hummingbird' search algorithm



Amit Singhal, senior vice president of search at Google, speaks at the garage where the company was founded on Google's 15th anniversary in Menlo Park, California on 26 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

MENLO PARK, (California), 27 Sept — Google Inc has overhauled its search algorithm, the foundation of the Internet's dominant search engine, to better cope with the longer, more complex queries it has been getting from Web users.

Amit Singhal, senior vice president of search, told reporters on Thursday that the company launched its latest "Hummingbird" algorithm about a month ago and

that it currently affects 90 percent of worldwide searches via Google.

Google is trying to keep pace with the evolution of Internet usage. As search queries get more complicated, traditional "Boolean" or keyword-based systems begin deteriorating because of the need to match concepts and meanings in addition to words.

"Hummingbird" is the company's effort to match

the meaning of queries with that of documents on the Internet, said Singhal from the Menlo Park garage where Google founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin conceived their now-ubiquitous search engine.

"Remember what it was like to search in 1998? You'd sit down and boot up your bulky computer, dial up on your squawky modem, type in some keywords, and get 10 blue links to websites that had those words," Singhal wrote in a separate blogpost.

"The world has changed so much since then: billions of people have come online, the Web has grown exponentially, and now you can ask any question on the powerful little device in your pocket."

Page and Brin set up shop in the garage of Susan Wojcicki — now a senior Google executive — in September 1998, around the time they incorporated their company. This week marks the 15th anniversary of their collaboration.—Reuters

EBay to buy Braintree to boost PayPal's mobile presence

ENCINITAS, (California), 27 Sept—Ebay Inc will buy payment gateway Braintree for about \$800 million to strengthen its PayPal unit's presence on mobile devices and take out a rapidly growing rival.

PayPal, the dominant online provider of payment services, has been trying to fend off a clutch of fast-rising competitors such as Braintree, Intuit Inc's GoPayment and Twitter founder Jack Dorsey's

Square Inc.

The deal gives Ebay access to Braintree's Venmo, an app that lets consumers make payments on smartphones and tablets, an area in which EBay wants to be more involved.

"We believe that this deal makes reasonable sense strategically as it expands PayPal's distribution and removes a competitor," RBC Capital Markets analyst Mark Mahaney said.

Shares of EBay, 40

percent of whose revenue last year came from PayPal, rose as much as 4.4 percent on the Nasdaq on Thursday.

PayPal, with its 120 million users, has dominated online payment services for about a decade. But its growth has moderated in recent years, partly as a result of increased competition on mobile devices from smaller but nimbler rivals.

Hill Ferguson, EBay's vice president of global product, did not rule out more acquisitions to boost PayPal's mobile presence. "Anything's possible," he said in an interview.

PayPal bought mobile app developer Duff Research in March to add to its technology expertise.

The company has also been expanding into the much larger offline market, working on ways to convince customers to pay through PayPal accounts instead of credit cards or debit cards.

Reuters



The results of a Google image search on Ebay are shown on a monitor in this photo illustration in Encinitas, California, on 16 April, 2013. — REUTERS

HTC One Android 4.3 Jelly Bean update now rolling out globally

MUMBAI, 27 Sept — As reported on Wednesday, the HTC One had been rumoured to be receiving the Android 4.3 Jelly Bean update, now however, this rumour has been lent some credibility, with the update having been noticed by users to be rolling out globally, though no official statement has been released yet by HTC.

Some users at Xda-developer forum, located in different parts of the world, have reported getting the update on their HTC One. A shared screenshot of the device's update notifications reveals the build number, which is 3.22.1540.1, and claims to contain Android



4.3 Jelly Bean update and Sense 5 enhancements. The Android 4.3 Jelly Bean update for the HTC's flagship smartphone is reportedly available over the air (OTA).

A member of Xda forum claims to receive the

update for his unlocked HTC One 32GB in US. While another member claims that his HTC One 64GB Developer Edition is receiving Android 4.3 update in Los Angeles, CA. As of now, the Android 4.3 Jelly Bean update has been

confirmed for the US region but we assume that other regions will be receiving the update soon. While the Taiwanese handset maker has still not revealed details about any official Android 4.3 update rolling out to the HTC One.

Additionally, a user at forum confirmed that HTC One dual-SIM is also receiving an update for bug fixes including network stability and SMS transmission.

Earlier, it was reported that HTC One was getting Android 4.3 update in Taiwan. A ROM developer had posted an image of the screenshot of Android 4.3 update for the HTC One on Twitter.—PTI

US develops device able to detect survivors buried deep in rubble

WASHINGTON, 27 Sept — US space agency NASA and the Department of Homeland Security said on Wednesday that they have teamed up to develop a portable radar device capable of detecting the heartbeats and breathing patterns of disaster victims trapped in large piles of rubble.

The prototype technology, called Finding Individuals for Disaster and Emergency Response, or FINDER, can locate individuals buried as deep as 30 feet (about 9 meters) in crushed materials, hidden behind 20 feet (about 6 meters) of solid concrete, and from a distance of 100 feet (about 30 meters) in open spaces.

"FINDER is bringing NASA technology that explores other planets to the effort to save lives on ours," Mason Peck, chief technologist for NASA and principal advisor on technology policy and programmes, said in a statement.

John Price, programme manager for the First Responders Group in Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate, said the ultimate

goal of FINDER is to help emergency responders efficiently rescue victims of disasters.

"The technology has the potential to quickly identify the presence of living victims, allowing rescue workers to more precisely deploy their limited resources," Price said.

The device works by beaming microwave radar signals into the piles of debris and analyzing the patterns of signals that bounce back, a radar technology regularly used by NASA's Deep Space Network to locate spacecraft.

"FINDER illuminates the search area with a low power microwave signal, and looks for the small changes in the reflection caused by the victim's body surfaces moving from breathing and heartbeats," James Lux, task manager for FINDER at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, told Xinhua.

"We also verify that the breathing and heartbeat are consistent with a human, so we don't detect small animals or some mechanical device like a pendulum," Lux said.—Xinhua

Strontium launches high-speed Nitro UHS-1 microSD cards in India

MUMBAI, 27 Sept — Strontium Technology has launched its Nitro range of UHS-1 microSD cards, in India. The flash cards will be available in 8GB to 64GB capacities, with price ranging between Rs. 990 to Rs. 5,990, and featuring limited lifetime warranty.

The company calls the

Nitro UHS-1 Class 10 cards the ideal storage option for smartphones and tablets, and are said to deliver superior app performance, better phone gaming experience and high speed data transfer.

The Nitro UHS-1 cards are said to offer up to 85MB per second read speeds,



and, are also compatible with all Android and Windows Phones. They also come with a free copy of My Backup Pro app, which reportedly costs Rs. 314 on

Google Play store.

The Strontium Nitro UHS-1 microSD cards are also supposedly temperature proof, x-ray proof, and waterproof.—PTI

BUSINESS & HEALTH

China reduces intervention and facilitates business

BEIJING, 27 Sept—The central government announced on Wednesday it will give up more administrative power to let the market better play its role, streamlining procedures for administrative approvals and easing investment controls.

Once the efforts materialize, the State Council will have cut 221 administrative powers since Premier Li Keqiang unveiled an administrative reform initiative in March.

The latest round of reforms consists of cutting 75 approval requirements and procedures, according to a State Council executive meeting chaired by Li on Wednesday.

Investment projects subject to full market competition no longer need approval, but only have to register with government

departments.

For projects guided by industrial policies and technical standards, the rights of approval will be transferred to local governments from the central authorities.

The government will also speed up reforms to transform government functions and economic development patterns.

“The moves show that the government has relaxed its control on sectors open to market competition. It’s good news for private capital entering such sectors,” said Jin Linbo, vice-president of the National Academy of Economic Strategy at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

In August, the State Council announced that strict standards must be used in setting new approval requirements for products,

for investments by enterprises and for qualification processes, while restricting authorities from setting approval requirements in industries where the market can properly govern itself.

The central government started the first round of moves to streamline administrative procedures for investment, production and operation in April.

“In the next step, policies for private enterprises will be further relaxed and private investment will be diverted into sectors such as public services and environmental protection, which will break the bottlenecks of these sectors, stabilize economic growth and expand domestic demand as well as keep China’s economic growth sustainable,” said Zheng Xinli, vice-chairman of the China Centre for International Economic Exchanges and former deputy director of the Communist Party of China Central Committee’s Policy Research Office.—*Xinhua*



US data gives conflicting signals on economy’s health

WASHINGTON, 27 Sept—Contracts to buy previously owned US homes fell for the third straight month in August but fewer Americans filed new claims for jobless benefits last week, giving conflicting signals on the health of the economy.

Another economic report on Thursday showed a worrisome decline in consumer prices during the second quarter.

Together, the data offers a challenge for the Federal Reserve, which wants

to see more evidence that the US economy is gaining momentum before it scales back a bond-buying stimulus programme.

The Fed last week flagged a rise in interest rates as a threat to the economy, and also said that employment and inflation remain too weak.

The National Association of Realtors said its Pending Homes Sales Index, based on contracts signed last month, decreased 1.6 percent last month.—*Reuters*



Job seekers wait to meet with employers at a career fair in New York City, on 24 October, 2012.—*REUTERS*

Alitalia seeks capital hike, Air France-KLM votes against



An Alitalia plane passes an Air France plane on the tarmac of Charles de Gaulles International Airport in Roissy near Paris, on 8 January, 2013.—*REUTERS*

ROME, 27 Sept—Struggling Italian carrier Alitalia will seek a capital increase of at least 100 million euros (\$135 million), it said on Thursday after reporting another heavy loss for its first half.

But its top shareholder Air France-KLM (AIRF. PA), which holds a 25 percent stake, voted against the capital hike proposal, a source close to the matter said. The Franco-Dutch group declined to comment.

Alitalia, which has struggled to make a profit

throughout its life and was bailed out repeatedly by the Italian state before being privatized in 2009, again faces a cash crunch.

Its net loss for the first six months was 294 million euros, on top of losses of more than 840 million euros the group had already accumulated since its privatization in 2009.

Analysts said it needed a sizeable cash injection and a strong foreign partner.

“The shareholders will be called to approve a

capital increase of no less than 100 million euros,” the company said. It did not specify the terms of the capital increase, which usually includes a share issue.

“With this capital hike they are just buying time, but it doesn’t really solve the problem,” said Andrea Giuricin, a transport analyst at Milan’s Bicocca University. “First they need to find the money to recapitalize.”

A shareholder meeting to debate the capital increase was called for 14 October, and the board will meet again next Thursday.

Shareholders are also asked to underwrite the remaining 55 million euros of a 150 million euro convertible loan Alitalia’s board approved in early 2013 and to approve a mandate to seek bank financing for another 300 million euros.

The airline said net debt at the end of June stood at 946 million euros, while liquidity was equal to 128 million euros.

Reuters

China’s rural couples to take free pre-pregnancy examinations

BEIJING, 27 Sept—All Chinese rural couples planning to have a baby may now receive a free pre-pregnancy health examination, health authorities said on Thursday.

The free pre-pregnancy

check-up project previously only covered 60 percent of China, according to the National Health and Family Planning Commission.

The project was initiated in 2010 to reduce birth defect

risks. Medical care staff will assess the couples’ physical conditions and risks for giving birth, and will offer guidance and suggestions.

To ensure the effectiveness of the examinations, the

commission organized an assessment of medical care institutions responsible for the project starting in early June, and found that 85.5 percent merited a good or excellent rating.—*Xinhua*

Experts: Be alert of H7N9 amid flu seasons

BEIJING, 27 Sept—The avian influenza strain of H7N9 is highly likely to return and affect humans in the autumn and winter on the Chinese mainland, warned Zeng Guang, chief epidemiologist at the Chinese Centre for Disease Control and Prevention.

China has remained free of new human H7N9 cases for more than a month since the last fatality — a 51-year-old woman who died of multiple organ failure caused by the virus on Aug 12 in Huizhou, Guangdong province — according to the National Health and Family Planning Commission.

The woman, who was transferred from Langfang, Hebei Province, in mid July, worked in slaughtering poultry at a local market.

China has reported 134 human infections of H7N9 on the mainland, including 45 deaths, official statistics

show.

“Given that the virus never stopped circulating among birds, humans are also at risk of infection, particularly in the common peak flu season, which usually lasts till spring,” Zeng said.

An overlap of the peak flu season and more frequent smoggy weather could make the situation even worse and intervention efforts more complicated, he said.

Flu prevention requires good ventilation, which can’t be easily supplied in smoggy weather, he explained.

He urged the public to take precautions such as to avoid staying in public places for long and to be aware of good personal hygiene, including frequent hand-washing.

In addition, to prevent H7N9 infection, “people shouldn’t go to live poultry markets”, he said.



Feng Zijian, director of the health emergency center of China CDC, echoed the need for public awareness but dismissed the possibility of a widespread human outbreak.

Close surveillance of the virus has so far detected no major mutations that would enable H7N9 to easily spread among humans, he said.

“We’ll have joint consultation on Friday with the agriculture departments which oversee virus surveillance of animals to evaluate the epidemic risk

in the autumn and winter season to guide more targeted interventions,” he said.

The Beijing Health Bureau said on Monday it would further strengthen surveillance and intervention of H7N9 in autumn and winter. All districts and counties of the capital must give all patients with flu or flu-like symptoms within the jurisdiction H7N9 virus screening upon detection of any human bird flu case, according to an announcement by the bureau.

Xinhua

Italian PM Letta to meet president as political crisis mounts



Italian Prime Minister Enrico Letta speaks during a news conference held for the Italian media, at the Italian Academy in Columbia University, New York on 26 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

NEW YORK/ROME, 27 Sept—Italian Prime Minister Enrico Letta returns from a visit to New York on Friday to face the threat of a government collapse following renewed threats from Silvio Berlusconi's centre-right party to pull out of his fragile coalition.

Letta will immediately meet President Giorgio Napolitano to discuss the crisis, which has loomed ever closer since Berlusconi was convicted of tax fraud last month and sentenced to four years in prison, commuted to a year under house arrest or in community

service. The sentence has prompted fury in the centre-right and repeated threats to pull out of the unwieldy coalition with Letta's centre-left Democratic Party (PD), formed after February's deadlocked parliamentary elections.

Late on Wednesday, lawmakers from Berlusconi's People of Freedom (PDL) party threatened to resign en masse if a special Senate committee meeting on 4 October voted to strip their leader of his seat in the upper house following his fraud conviction.

Speaking just hours

before he was due to leave New York, where he has been courting foreign investors, Letta said the threat was "a humiliation, not of me personally, but of Italy".

He wanted the PDL to make it clear whether they supported his government or not, although he declined to say whether he would call a vote of confidence in parliament.

"I want this clarification to take place before the Italian people, who should be able to make up their own minds so that everyone assumes their responsibilities," he said.

With the government due to pass urgently needed deficit cutting measures on Friday, Letta said Italy required stability while it struggles to emerge from two years of recession and rein in its 2-trillion-euro (\$2.7-trillion) public debt.

Earlier, Napolitano, who would have to decide whether to dissolve parliament or try to build a new coalition if the government fell, issued a sharp rebuke to Berlusconi's party allies, accusing them of undermining parliament.—Reuters

IAEA offers Japan help in monitoring seawater at Fukushima plant

VIENNA, 27 Sept—The UN nuclear watchdog is ready to help Japan with ocean monitoring in connection with the recent leak of radioactive water at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant, its chief Yukiya Amano said on Thursday.

If Japan requests it, the IAEA will cooperate in the implementation of ocean monitoring to measure the level of radioactive substances in seawater, the director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency said during an interview with *Kyodo News* and other Japanese media outlets.

Concerns have been lingering over the outflow of toxic water from the plant into the adjacent Pacific Ocean, especially among Japan's neighboring countries. While Japan has already been monitoring seawater, its survey methods have not been uniform.—*Kyodo News*

Maldives court orders security forces to enforce run-off election postponement

MALE, 27 Sept—The Maldives Supreme Court on Friday ordered security forces to take action against anyone who violates the constitution, after the archipelago's election chief said it will hold a presidential run-off on 28 September as scheduled despite a court ruling to postpone it.

In a special court session after midnight, six out of seven Supreme Court judges ruled that the court's earlier order of 23 September to postpone the run-off should be upheld.

In its order, the court

told security forces to "stop any individual from disobeying" the postponement. The run-off vote is being delayed after a complaint of voting irregularities from the losing party.

"Since it is stated clearly (in the constitution), it is illegal to disobey or challenge a Supreme Court order within the jurisdiction of the Maldives," the order said.

Election Commissioner Fuwad Thowfeek, amid increasing international pressure on the government to push ahead with a run-

Japan, US hold "2-plus-2" talks 3 Oct on security guidelines

NEW YORK, 27 Sept—Japan and the United States said on Thursday the two governments will hold so-called two-plus-two security talks 3 Oct in Tokyo involving their foreign and defence ministers.

Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida told reporters in New York the ministers "will discuss future defence cooperation and the realignment of US military forces in Japan based on the perception that the security environment in the Asia-Pacific region has been significantly changing."

Kishida, Japanese Defence Minister Itsunori

Onodera, US Secretary of State John Kerry and US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel will attend the meeting, the Japanese and US governments said.

The four are expected to mainly discuss a possible review of bilateral security cooperation guidelines that define the roles played by the Japanese Self-Defence Forces and the US military, a Japanese government source said earlier.

"The meeting represents the next step in further strengthening the US-Japan alliance, providing an opportunity to build on our already broad and compre-

hensive bilateral relationship," the US State Department said. The last round of such two-plus-two talks was held in June 2011.

On 4 Oct, Kerry will travel on to Indonesia to take part in meetings including ministerial talks of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, the department said, describing APEC as "the premier forum for facilitating economic growth, cooperation, trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific region." The US Defence Department said Hagel will arrive in Japan on 2 Oct after visiting South Korea.

Kyodo News

Energy poverty, monopoly on gas supplies threaten Bulgaria

SOPIA, 27 Sept—Energy poverty and limited access to gas supplies are two main risks to Bulgaria's energy security, according to a report presented here on Wednesday.

The report "Index of Risks to Energy Security in Bulgaria," prepared by the Centre for the Study of Democracy, said the average Bulgarian households

have been spending more and more of its income on energy resources.

In 2012, 14.4 percent of household income was spent on energy, compared to 10.3 percent in 1999, the report said.

Heavy dependence on Russia for gas supplies through a single pipeline was another risk for the Balkan country, the report

said.

"The main directions in this regard should be aimed at the construction of regional gas interconnectors and reverse links with neighbouring countries, where unfortunately the progress is limited or frozen," Martin Tsanov, an analyst at the centre, told reporters.

Xinhua



Maldivian presidential candidate Mohamed Nasheed, who was ousted as president in 2012, smiles as he casts his vote during the presidential elections in Male on 7 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS



A tourist poses for photos at the Great Sphinx of Giza in Cairo, Egypt, on 13 Sept, 2013. 27 September is the World Tourism Day. Egypt suffered a setback in tourism due to deterioration of security situation after the ouster of former President Mohamed Morsi on 3 July.—XINHUA

33 people killed in attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 27 Sept—Up to 33 people were killed and 92 wounded in separate shootings and bombings, including a suicide attack, across Iraq on Thursday, police said.

The deadliest attack occurred at a crowded marketplace in northern Baghdad, the Iraqi capital, when a suicide bomber blew up his explosive vest and killed up to 20 people and wounded some 71 others, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua* on condition of

anonymity.

The explosion destroyed many nearby shops and stalls and left several civilian cars burned, the source said.

Earlier in the day, the source put the toll at 11 killed and 35 wounded by four roadside bomb explosions, but later explained one of the four blasts was from the suicide bombing and three other were from nearby gas cylinders and an electricity transformer.

Xinhua

LOCAL NEWS

Police Affairs

Zeyathiri Township Police meet townsenders

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Zeyathiri Township Police Force in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area met townsenders in Shwedwinton Village with townsenders in Shwedwinton Police Station on 24 September.

It was attended by Township Police Force Commander Police Major Than Win, Shwedwinton Police Station Commander Police Caption Bo Han, Police Station Deputy Commander IP Thuang Htaik Oo, village-tract administrators of Shwedwinton, Bawdimyaing, Pyisanaung, Thaikchaung and Thazi villages, townsenders, members of social and religious organizations, slow vehicle

supervisory committee officials and market committee officials.

The Township Police Force Commander called for cooperation of the people in anti-human trafficking and anti-narcotics efforts, rumour response and reporting suspects to the police.

He said the people in the villages still lacked of

obedience to the law despite the country practising the democratic system. He stressed the need of public awareness.

The police officers gave talks on crime reduction measures and security measures and responded to the questions raised by townsenders.

MMAL-Kyaw Thu Win (Myanma Alinn)



Taungdwingyi police meet townsenders

TAUNG DWINGYI, 27 Sept—Myanmar Police Force in Taungdwingyi Township in Magway District in Magway Region met townsenders and local people at Township Police Transit Centre on 22 September on rule of law, security and crime reduction in the

township.

Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Than Htay Han acknowledged the townsenders that the police force might have advantages and weaknesses and called for frank discussions.

He said complaints could

be lodged at any time and promised that the authorities would resolve the problems.

It was attended by townsenders from 10 townships in Taungdwingyi and 20 police officers.

MMAL-Hintha (Taungdwingyi)

HRD

Loikaw public library provides free Wi-Fi services

LOIKAW, 27 Sept—The library of Information and Public Relations Department in Kayah State offered free Wi-Fi services.

A total of 25-50 enthusiasts are using Internet daily. Most of

the Internet users are local youths.

Servicemen of the local police station provided security to the library and Internet users and bookworms.

MMAL-State IPRD



Photo shows packets of narcotic drugs seized in Tachilek.

Anti-Narcotic Drives

Ownerless stimulant tablets seized in Tachilek

TACHILEK, 27 Sept—A military column based in Sanphu village in Tachilek Township in Tachilek District in eastern Shan State found stimulant tablets in a plastic box on 21 September.

A total of 24 bags of 2000 stimulant tablets worth K 96 million were found in the plastic box.

Tatmadawmen of same

military column also found another stimulant tablets on 24 September.

The seized stimulant tablets were handed over by officials to Wampon Police Station.

Servicemen of the Police Force are looking for those what got involved in the case.

MMAL-La/015

Lightning strikes bulls in NyaungU Tsp

NYAUNG U, 27 Sept—Two bulls were struck by lightning in upper

Nyint village in NyaungU Township of Mandalay Region on 22 September.

They were livestock of farmer U Wah Moe in upper

Nyint village in NyaungU Township. They were killed a few minutes after the lightning.—MMAL-Kyaw Nway (NyaungU)

Aids provided to flood victims in Seikpyu

SEIKPYU, 27 Sept—Chairperson of Seikpyu Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Khin Lay Myint and members of WAO and Maternal and Child Welfare Association visited displaced families in Thanzalon village Seikpyu Township of Magway Region on 22 September.

They provided mosquito nets and stationery to 176 students.

MMAL-Township IPRD



Natural Disaster

Heavy wind causes electricity outage in Singu

SINGU, 27 Sept—Heavy wind in Singu on 24 September morning destroyed trees, lamp posts and fences of the pagoda precincts, causing electricity and telephony services shortage.

Authorities immediately

cleared the rubbles and replaced the fallen lamp



posts with new ones as five lamp posts were cut off by

the heavy wind.

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PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 28 September, 2013

Raise awareness of Rabies

Rabies is a zoonosis (a disease that is transmitted from animals to humans) that is caused by a virus. The disease is known to be present in more than 150 countries, and territories of all continents, with the exception of Antarctica. About 60,000 people die of rabies every year, mostly in Asia and Africa, according to the World Health Organization.

World Rabies Day is observed annually on 28 September with the aim of raising awareness about the impact of rabies on humans and animals, providing information and advice on how to prevent the disease.

Rabies virus infects domestic and wild animals, particularly of cat, dog, rabbit, fox and bat and is spread to people through close contact with infected animals' saliva via bites or scratches. Roughly 97% of human rabies cases result from rabid dog bites.

The fatal rate of rabies is highest among the diseases that transmitted to people from animals, according to the research released in 2012 by International Livestock and Research Institute (ILRI).

Dogs are the main host and transmitter of rabies in Myanmar in which rabies usually occurs in summer. Despite the fact that rabies is a vaccine-preventable disease, it is one of the leading causes of preventable deaths in Myanmar. Many people, especially from rural areas, have fallen victim to rabies mainly because of a lack of awareness and difficult access to post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP).

Following measures can help reduce the risk of contracting rabies—vaccinating dogs, cats, rabbits, against rabies; keeping pets under supervision; not handling wild animals or strays; contacting health care officer upon observing a wild animal or a stray, especially if the animal is acting strangely; if bitten by an animal, washing the wound with soap and water for 10 to 15 minutes and contacting a healthcare provider to determine if post-exposure prophylaxis is required.

Vaccinating of dogs has so far been proved the most cost-effective strategy for preventing rabies in people. The problem of rabies has been brought before parliament and the Ministry of Health is also putting more efforts into reducing the chances of rabies viral infection to humans through larger free-of-charge dog vaccination programmes. Nonetheless, to prevent unnecessary deaths caused by rabies, greater efforts must be put into public awareness campaigns.

Responsible organizations such as Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and media are urged on World Rabies Day to create public awareness of rabies to prevent needless deaths.

Water levels of Sittoung, Ngawun reach above its danger level

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—According to the observations at 12:30 hrs MST today, the water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo has exceeded 7 cm above its danger level commencing 1:30 am today. It may remain above its danger level within 48 hours commencing this afternoon.

According to the observations at 12:30 hrs

MST today, the water level of Ngawun River at Ngathainggyoung has exceeded 34 cm (about 1 foot) above its danger level and it has reached its danger level commencing 3:30 am on 16 September. It may fall under its danger level within next three days, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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Initiate ways and means ...*(from page 1)*

the deputy ministers to better understand missions and visions of the whole administrative machinery and ways and means and policies of the government.

He continued that the government and 60 million of citizens have similar desire and the government's aim is to meet the desires of the entire people. Of two desires inspired by the people, one is to see the country with peace and stability and rule of law and another is socio-economic development of the nation which lagged behind in development in all aspects. So, the government is making great strides in its sweeping reform processes, politically, economically and administratively.

In political reform process, the government is trying hard for ensuring political stability, emergence of all-inclusive political process and putting an end to more than 60-year old armed conflicts. Rural region development and poverty alleviation for socio-economic development of rural people is the main priority in economic reform process. Moreover, local and foreign investors are invited to acquire capital and technology necessary for revitalization of national economy.

Works for the development of industrial sectors and SMEs that will contribute to more job opportunities and greater value-added local products and telecommunication coverage in rural areas are in progress to

Farmland disputes to be ...*(from page 1)*

The township/ward/village level committees were formed with respective supportive committee chairmen, townsenders and representatives of farmers who know the correct cases, public desires and actual situations for representing the people.

He stressed that the gov-



A reporter raising questions.—MNA

gain quick wins.

In administrative sector, emphasis is being placed on implementation of people-centred administrative system. Reform processes took place in the first 30 months of the government. Some works met with success, but other fails as burgeoning of democratic practices is still weak. The country has also experienced challenges and difficulties, just like other newly-reformed nations.

The President recounted what he said at the meeting on 9 August that the government will continue to implement the tasks in the remaining 30 months of the government with goodwill for the sake of the country and its people, taking lessons from strengths and weaknesses of the past experiences. Delivery Unit/Taskforce will coordinate tasks to be accomplished in each and every sector on the ground.

Twenty-six Cabinet Sub-committees/Delivery Units have been formed under Cabinet Committees led by the Vice-Presidents and ministers. The President said he would like deputy ministers to be reliable taskforces of the President as they are leaders or chairmen of the sub-committees.

Although political transformation of the nation won international recognition, more efforts are still needed for national development and ensuring better socio-economic status of the people as Framework for Economic and Social Reforms-FESR call for

ernment needs to practise steps of procedures for the farmlands handed over. He noted that it is necessary to scrutinize whether the person has rights of demand for the confiscated farmlands, rights of heritage and whether there is dispute or objection.

He said that it is necessary to abide by the Farmland Law 2012, the Farmland Rules 2012, the Vacant, Virgin and Fallow Lands Law 2012 and Rules 2012, existing laws of the ministries concerned and the laws of Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay City Development Committees. He stressed the need to lay down a precise farmland utilization policy in conformity with the present time not to occur more disputes of farmlands. So, the

more capital, technology, expertise and capacity.

As performance of the government machinery and private sector is key to national development, the government is encouraging to develop private sector including civil societies while transformation for ensuring good governance and clean government is taking good shape. The units comprising various departments led by deputy ministers will be responsible for making coordination with private sector and civil societies to be able to fulfill the socio-economic requirements of the people and to ensure national development.

As Union ministers, who are burdened with ordinary works and tasks for modification of law, bylaws and rules and regulations, have no time to make field trips, deputy ministers are assigned to delivery unit/taskforce in order to facilitate office works and to ensure mindset change and reform in procedures.

The President stressed the need for emergence of alternative ways and means to ensure better outcomes, calling on them to hold talks with civil societies, local and foreign experts and ordinary people and to make field trips in cooperation with respective Region/State delivery unit/taskforce.

The purpose of assigning duties of Cabinet Sub-committee to Delivery Unit/Taskforce is to improve the relations between the government and the parliament and to hold talks with parliamentary committees so that implementation of tasks

Union government sought the assistance from the experts at home and abroad and UN agencies and INGOs. After drawing the policy, the national level land utilization plan will be mapped out. Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint explained directives of the President office and the Union government for solv-



A journalist questioning.—MNA

will be effective and efficient with the presentation of reports to Cabinet Committees formed with the Union ministers.

The President called on Cabinet Committees to show result-based performance in respective public sectors and to coordinate matters that are hindering socio-economic development during the remaining 30-month period.

As the Union ministers at President Office are assigned to the National Reform Steering Committee, Cabinet Sub-committees are to report to the Steering Committee at the same time while presenting reports to Cabinet Committees and ministries concerned so that the President can direct efforts on reform processes. It is required to make public some matters.

The President concluded his speech, highlighting the importance of the deputy ministers with special duties as they will play the role of coordinators between the parliament and the government, between Region/State governments and Union Ministries, between international organizations and experts at home and abroad, private sector and civil societies. He stressed the need to raise expertise of members of delivery unit/taskforce, to work harder to be able to win public trust in the government, to listen to the voices of the people in dealing with public-centred development tasks and to perform the given tasks with the sense of accountability and responsibility, serving as role models for government organizations.

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ing the cases of confiscated farmlands, formation of the Land Utilization Management Central Committee, setting up of the committees at different levels and handing over of confiscated farmlands and Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than, implementing the reports of the investigation commission.

The Union ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads replied to queries raised by media. The press meet concluded with the remarks by Leader of the Press Release Team Union Minister U Win Tun.

Also present at the press meet were Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin, deputy ministers, departmental heads and media persons.

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NATIONAL

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham calls for upgrading, ...

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and sufficient qualified tour guides to be able to sustain the tourism growth.

Myanmar, with its friendly and open engagement to the international community, on going political and economic reforms, tourism business is bringing back hundreds of thousands of visitors and entrepreneurs.

The number of international visitor arrivals in the first eight months of 2012 has reached over one million, with an increase of 58 percent, compared to the same period of 2012.

It is expected that the number of tourists would reach 1.8 to 2 million this year while the foreign visitor arrivals hit 1.06 million last year.

To facilitate the vi-

sion and to implement the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, it is the right time to convene Myanmar Tourism Development Coordination Forum to promote cooperation with all the international Development Partners, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said.

The forum is supported



Resident Representative of the UN Mr Ashok Nigam reads out UN Secretary-General's message.

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by the Asian Development Bank in cooperation with the Hanns Sidel Foundation and Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

The main objective of the forum is - to increase the capacity of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism; to mobilize and manage the resources in implementing the aforementioned master plan; to create a responsible, community involved tourism, and more importantly



Executive Director of World Tourism Organization Mr Zoltan Somogyi reading message of Secretary-General of WTO.—MNA

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and to attract prospective development partners.

In conclusion, the Vice-President expressed his belief that the forum would bring forth a productive and fruitful outcome and serve as a driving force to carry out the programme for the systematic and sustainable tourism development, not only for Myanmar but also for the whole region.

Mr Ashok Nigam, Resident Representative of the UN read the message sent by the UN Secretary-General, and Mr Zoltan Somogyi, Executive Director of World Tourism Organization, read the message sent by the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization

After that, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko, U Aung Kyi and U Htay Aung awarded winners in photo, essay and hotel capacity contests.

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Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi presents prize to a winner.—MNA

Union Attorney-General participates in APEC Pathfinder Dialogue



Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin addresses Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Pathfinder Dialogue.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—A Myanmar delegation led by Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin attended Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Pathfinder Dialogue held in Bangkok, Thailand from 23-25 September.

At the dialogue, the Attorney-General of the

Union discussed enactment of laws and bylaws including local laws enacted in Myanmar according to the international conventions and contracts.

He said that Myanmar exercising laws that meet international standard is actively participating in the activities of APEC.

He also said that approval of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on the Anti-Corruption Law has shown a political will in the country. He clarified law and practice exercised by Myanmar in enacting international conventions and local laws and bylaws.

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World Maritime Day-2013 marked

YANGON, 27 Sept—The World Maritime Day-2013 was held at Asia World Port, here, this morning, with an address of Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung.

The Union Minister in his address said that the transport sector has stood with pride by reducing and

protecting environmental pollution according to rules and regulations of IMO since long time ago. The international organizations are to protect the environment, energy, safety and security. The cooperation of the International Maritime Organization plays a crucial role in sustainable develop-

ment of the maritime world.

Next, the Director-General of the Department of Marine Administration read out the message sent by Secretary-General of IMO Mr Koji Sekimizu.

The Union Minister and party viewed documentary photos and activities of the IMO.—MNA

Myanmar, Vietnam sign agreement on visa exemption for ordinary passport holders

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—The Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Socialist Republic of Vietnam, inspiring by the desire to strengthen the existing friendly relations in all fields between the two countries and desiring to simplify the procedures and facilitate the travel-

ling of citizens of the two countries, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Mr. Pham Binh Minh, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam signed the Agreement between the Government

of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on Visa Exemption for Holders of Ordinary Passports in New York, the United States of America at 14:35 hours on 26 September 2013.

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Coord meeting on enacting precise measurements technology discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo delivered a speech at the coordination meeting on precise measurements technology bill at the Ministry, here, this morning.

He continued to say that the precise measurements technology bill is to be discussed at coming Pyithu Hluttaw session.

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Hailing the 49th Anniversary Myanmar Police Force Day, a total of 63 members of Myanmar Police Force and family members of Magway Region Police Force on 8 September donated blood at Magway General Hospital. They were comforted by Commander of Magway Region Police Force Police Col Win Kyi and officers.

Kyemon-Police Information

The bill could create good results not only for the people but also for the nation. So, the people from every corner of the country should cooperate in quality businesses.

He noted that the Ministry of Science and Technology is planning to set up national level precise measurements science department which can cooperate with international commu-

nity to implement the law. It is important to turn out the scientists who will be capable of doing calibration in line with international norms. So measurements which are currently used in respective ministries must be adjust with that of national level precise measurements science department to ensure that they are in line with the new law.

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Magway Region Police Force donates blood



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World School Milk Day marked in Myeik



MYEIK, 27 Sept—In commemoration of the World School Milk Day, a ceremony to feed milk to students was held at No. 12 Basic Education Primary School in Myeik on 25 September afternoon. Head of Myeik District

Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Pe Aung explained the purpose of holding the ceremony and feeding the milk to students. The Commander of Myeik Air Base and the deputy commissioner of

Myeik District General Administration Department spoke words of thanks. Those present and well-wishers fed milk and egg to 123 students from KG to fourth standard. *Kyemon-Myeik District IPRD*

Natural Disaster

Taninthayi River inundates schools, residences in Taninthayi Township

MYEIK, 27 Sept—Due to heavy rains, Taninthayi River rises 24.6 feet high in Taninthayi Township of Myeik District in Taninthayi Region at 6 pm on 25 September, causing seven feet deep inundation in Chaunggyi Ward and 7.5 feet deep in Chaungnge Ward. The locals were evacuated to the safe places.

The flooded villages temporarily closed 15 Basic Education Primary Schools, 8 Basic Education Post-Primary Schools, 3 Basic Education Middle Schools, four Basic Education High Schools, totalling 30.

Myeik-Taninthayi-Bokpyin road was inundated.

The low-lying area Awgyi Village was under five feet deep water, Kawmapyin Village under 5.5 feet deep and Uyinkwin Village five feet deep.

Due to inundation, the local people faced difficulties in transport and so they rely on waterway for transportation.

Hluttaw representatives, Township Administrator U Kyaw Thu and officials provided rice, edible oil and instant noodle donated by Taninthayi Region government and wellwishers to



the flood victims at relief camps.

No. 306 Artillery Battalion donated 300 baskets of barti, eggs, instant noodle and snacks to the flood victims.

Head of Township Health Department Dr Than Than Aye and doctors, nurses of medical team and members of Red Cross Society, the medical team from No. 557 Light Infantry Regiment and Township Traditional Medicine Team, members of Fire Brigade and ward administrators evacuated the flood victims to the safe places and relief camps.

Up to 25 September, floods hit 1635 acres against 22685 acres of farmlands

from 18 village-tracts. *Kyemon-Myeik District IPRD*

Workers and technicians substitute the 60-lb rail tracks with 75-lb ones for ensuring safe and smooth runs of trains and for prevention of railway accidents in the yard of Mohnyin Station on 22 September.

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Nay Pyi Taw Council IPRD serves WiFi free

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—The District Information and Public Relations Department opens the library daily except Monday and Tuesday from 9.30 am to 5 pm with the aim of widening the scope of readers as public service media.

The library of the IPRD is located beside Yan-gon-Mandalay Highway in Myakyakan Ward of Yanaung-1 in Pinyinman Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

As today is IT age, the people can enjoy informa-

tion through Internet in time. Thus, the district library is facilitated with WiFi for enabling the readers and Internet users to have easy access to the global process in time.

Kyemon-District IPRD

Regional development tasks undertaken in Kaleinaung Sub-Township

KALEINAUNG, 27 Sept—The monthly coordination meeting was held at the hall of the Sub-Township Administrator of Kaleinaung in Dawei District of Taninthayi Region on 25 September morning.

Assistant Director Daw Ni Ni Cho of Region



Information and Public Relations Department explained long-term development of village libraries, raising the reading habit, opening of the sub-township library in Yayluk Village, facts about population and households, and taking

census process in 2014. It was attended by departmental officials of the sub-township, ward and village administrator and clerks of the Sub-Township General Administration Department.

Kyemon-Kaleinaung IPRD

Anti-Narcotic Drives

Heroin, stimulant tablets worth K 10.5 million seized

PHAKANT, 27 Sept—IP Zaw Myo Lwin and party of a team of Special Anti-Drug Squad (Seikmu Section) and party raided the house of Daw Bauk Htwe in Hmawshan Village of Seikmu Village-tract in Phakant Township on 17 September afternoon.

They saw heroin from 20 boxes of soap and 9800 stimulant tablets with WY brand and K 10.5 million which may be proceeds from

the house. They searched the residence of the house and found the heroin from the bag and seized it.

A total of 9800 seized stimulant tablets and 885 grams of heroin were worth K 142,874,000.

Phakant Myoma Police Station opened files of lawsuit against Daw Bauk Htwe, 30, daughter of U Dun Hsa Khong of Hmawshan Village in Phakant Township and Daw Ja Lin (a) Daw Kai, 45, daughter of U Zaw Nan of the same village under Sections 15/19(a)/20(a)/21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

According to the further investigation, Daw Khin Mar Lwin (a) Kalarma, 50, daughter of U Thet Lwin of North Nakha Ward in Mohnyin escaped from the scene and then, he was arrested in Myitkyina on 19 September.

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Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra (front) visits a booth during the Thailand Design and Innovation Expo 2013 at the International Trade and Exhibition Centre in Bangkok, Thailand, on 25 Sept, 2013.
XINHUA

Six missing in freighter collision off Tokyo

SHIZUOKA, 27 Sept—Six crew members went missing on Friday after their cargo ship capsized in a collision with a larger freighter in Japanese waters some 100 kilometers south of Tokyo, the Japan Coast Guard said.

The collision between the 498-ton *Eifuku Maru No. 18* and the 2,962-ton *Jia Hui* occurred around 1:25 am about 11 km west

of Izu-Oshima Island, according to the coast guard, which sent patrol boats and aircraft to rescue the missing crew. The 13 crew members of the Sierra Leone-registered *Jia Hui*, who are of Chinese and Myanmar nationalities and were on their way to South Korea's Busan, appear to have been unscathed, it said.

The missing are skipper Shingo Okawa, 62, deputy skipper Tomoaki Takai, 40, first officer Keisho Yamamoto, 29, chief engineer Motomu Motoyama, 57, deputy chief engineer Yasunori Nishioka, 57, and first engineer Tamao Miki, 61. Another vessel sailing in nearby waters reported the collision and the coast guard located the drifting capsized cargo ship and a nearby floating oil slick.—*Kyodo News*

Philippine president to visit South Korea mid-October

MANILA, 27 Sept—Philippine President Benigno S Aquino III will embark on a two-day state visit to the Republic of Korea next month, Philippines' Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) said on Friday.

According to DFA, Aquino will be in Seoul from 17 to 18 Oct, upon the invitation of South Korean

President Park Geun-hye.

"President Aquino and President Park will hold their first summit meeting to discuss bilateral issues, particularly political, defence, economic, and development cooperation, and to exchange views on regional and international challenges, among others," the DFA said.

During the two-day visit, Aquino will also meet with the Korean business community to promote further trade and investment in the Philippines and interact with the Filipino community in Seoul, the department said.

The Philippines and South Korea established relations on 3 March, 1949.

South Korea is among the Philippines' leading partners in trade, investments and development cooperation. It remains the country's top source of foreign tourists. South Korean tourists to the Philippines reached more than a million in 2012, or nearly a quarter of total tourist arrivals to the Philippines.—*Xinhua*

Four injured in chopper crash in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 27 Sept—A helicopter crashed on Thursday at Nepal's Lukla airport, a popular gateway to Mt Everest, injuring all four people on board, one seriously, police said.

The five-seater chopper belonging to privately owned Dynasty Air crashed at 8:15 am after it got caught in wires fencing the airstrip located about 140 kilometres northeast of Kathmandu.

"One passenger was seriously injured, while the other three, including the pilot, have minor injuries," Badri Bikram Thapa, police chief of Solukhumbu district where the airstrip is located, told *Kyodo News* by phone.

Thapa said the chopper caught fire after the crash, but the fire was immediately doused and people on board escaped.

All four on board are Nepali nationals. They have been airlifted to Kathmandu for treatment.

Kyodo News

Nine killed by flood in Thailand

BANGKOK, 27 Sept—Nine people were killed by flood while 29 of Thailand's 77 provinces have been hit by flood, the country's Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department revealed on Thursday. A total of 191 districts of 29 provinces have been hit by flood since 17 Sept, affecting more than two million people in the country.

Moreover, about 6,900 houses, 450,000 acres of farmland, 2,310 roads and 145 bridges were damaged. The country has been hit by heavy rainfall since last week due to a depression.—*Xinhua*

Australian teenager charged over lighting bushfires in Newcastle

SYDNEY, 27 Sept—A teenager boy has been charged with deliberately lighting a number of fires in the Glenrock conservation area near Newcastle, in New South Wales (NSW) of Australia, the NSW Police said on Friday.

Police arrested four teenagers after a number of fires were lit in the conservation area between Dudley and Merewether Heights on Thursday.

A 16-year-old boy has been charged with deliberately lighting the fires while the remaining three teenagers were released pending further investigation, police said.

The fires have been contained but about 40 hectares of bushland have been burnt. Meanwhile, firefighters spent the night working to contain out-of-control fires in the state's north.

The NSW Rural Fire

Service (RFS) says easing winds and cooler conditions have helped crews to battle the blazes, but there are still more than 50 fires burning around the state, with 20 of them uncontained.

"We're hopeful that the conditions today will allow us to get some of these fires contained," RFS Deputy Commissioner Rob Rogers told the Seven Network on Friday.

Xinhua



Vehicles are seen near the Pudong Airport Comprehensive Free Trade Zone, part of the free trade zone (FTZ) in Shanghai, east China, on 25 Sept, 2013. China will officially launch the pilot FTZ in Shanghai on 29 Sept, taking a solid step forward to boost reforms in the world's second-largest economy. Covering almost 29 square kilometers, the zone will be created modeled on existing free trade businesses in the country's economic hub.

XINHUA

Cambodia's construction attracts over 2 bln USD investment in 8 months

PHNOM PENH, 27 Sept—Cambodia's construction sector had received a total investment of 2.14 billion US dollars in the first eight months of the year, up 40 percent from 1.53 billion US dollars over the same period last year, a government report showed on Friday.

From January to August this year, the Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction had issued constructing licenses to 1,100 projects throughout the country.

Those projects are mostly residential units, commercial buildings, apartments, hotels, shopping malls, agricultural processing plants and garment factories, said Lao Tip Seiha, deputy chief of the Ministry's construction department.

"Strong growth in the construction sector reflects investors' confidence in Cambodia's political stability and favourable business climate," he said.

Construction is one of the four pillars supporting the country's economy. The top ten countries and regions investing in the sector are South Korea, China, Britain, Thailand, Russia, Japan, Malaysia, China's Taiwan, India and Vietnam. Cambodian real estate and construction has bounced back in the last three years after it was hit hard by the global financial crisis in 2008.

Earlier this month, Hongkong Land, a Hong Kong-based property group, broken ground on a 100 million US dollars mixed-use development project in Phnom Penh's financial hub.—*Xinhua*



Chinese Vice Minister of Water Resources Hu Siyi makes a keynote speech during the opening ceremony of the 2013 China Yangzhou World Canal Cities Expo in Yangzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 26 Sept, 2013. About 400 representatives from 16 world canal cities and 35 Chinese cities took part in the one-day expo.—XINHUA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV NOSCO TRADER VOY NO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV NOSCO TRADER VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 28.9.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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British man Paul Mason, 52, once the world's fattest man has revealed how he had found love online after losing more than half his body weight, according to Daily Mail.—XINHUA

Ukraine's grain harvest to hit record high in 2013

KIEV, 27 Sept—Ukraine's grain output would reach a record high of 60 million tons this year, Prime Minister Mykola Azarov said here on Thursday.

"Ukrainian farmers have already reaped around 36 million tons of grain. The average yield reached 31.6 centners (about 3,160kg) per hectare, up 17 percent from last year," Azarov told a government meeting.

The sound develop-

ment of the agricultural industry would support other sectors, such as science, mechanical engineering and transport, he said.

High crop output would allow the East European nation to boost grain exports and expand its sales markets. Ukraine planned to export grain to the European Union, the Commonwealth of Independent States, Bangladesh, India, Japan and other nations, Azarov said.—XINHUA

Vietnam, China working group discuss sea cooperation

HANOI, 27 Sept—The working group on Vietnam-China cooperation in less sensitive issues at sea agreed on two joint cooperation projects during their fourth round of negotiations which ended on Thursday in Vietnam's capital Hanoi.

During the three-day negotiation, the two sides reached consensus to conduct joint research on management of marine and island environment in the Tonkin Gulf, reported Vietnam's state-run online ra-

dio Voice of Vietnam.

They will also conduct comparative research on Holocene sedimentary deposits in Vietnam's Red River Delta and in China's Yangtze River Delta.

The two sides agreed to work closely together to soon sign the two projects in order to start the implementation in late 2013.

The fifth round of negotiations is scheduled to take place in China in the first half of 2014.

Xinhua

Photo released by the Inter Services Public Relation (ISPR) office on 26 Sept, 2013 shows Pakistan army officers transfer injured earthquake survivors to an army helicopter in the earthquake-devastated district of Awaran in southwest Pakistan's Balochistan province. Pakistan's Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan told the parliament on Thursday that the death toll from the 7.7-magnitude powerful earthquake could rise as some areas are still inaccessible due to lack of roads.—XINHUA



Major emission reduction from livestock within reach: UN agency

UNITED NATIONS, 27 Sept—Wider use of available best practices and technologies could help reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the livestock sector by as much as 30 percent, according to a new study released on Thursday by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

The report, "Tackling climate change through livestock: A global assessment of emissions and mitigation opportunities", represented the most comprehensive estimate to date of livestock's contribution to global warming, as well as the sector's potential to help tackle the problem.

"The potential for achieving emissions reductions lies in enabling

all livestock producers to change to practices already being used by the most efficient operators," FAO said in a news release.

According to the UN agency, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with livestock supply chains add up to 7.1 gigatonnes (GT) of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂-eq) per year, or 14.5 percent of all human-caused GHG releases. The main sources of emissions are: feed production and processing, which account for 45 percent of the total, outputs of GHG during digestion by cows, with a rate of 39 percent, and manure decomposition, accounting for 10 percent. The remainder is attributable to the processing and transportation of animal

products, the agency said.

Wider adoption of existing best practices and technologies in feeding, health and husbandry, and manure management—as well as greater use of currently under-utilized technologies such as biogas generators and energy-saving devices—could help the global livestock sector cut its outputs by becoming more efficient and reducing energy waste, said the news release. "These new findings show that the potential to improve the sector's environmental performance is significant -- and that realizing that potential is indeed do-able," said Wang Ren, the FAO assistant director-general for Agriculture and Consumer Protection.

Xinhua



Passengers wave in a train of a subway line in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 26 Sept, 2013. China's first underground subway line in a frigid region on Thursday started a trial run in Harbin. The 17.48-km line with 18 stations has been designed to withstand extreme winter cold in the city, which has a record low temperature of 38.1 degrees Celsius below zero.

XINHUA

Kenya steps up security in northern region after twin blasts

MANDERA, 27 Sept—Kenya's security forces on Thursday heightened security along its border with Somalia after twin blast killed three people among them two police officers in the latest incident of insecurity in the East African nation.

The two police officers and a civilian were killed and six others injured in two simultaneous terrorist

attacks in northern Kenya bordering the war-torn Somalia.

The twin attacks in Wajir and Mandera border towns, which occurred on difference of eight hours from each other, also left 12 vehicles and entire government offices completely reduced into shreds of metals and dust of crumpled rubble, an indication of the heaviness of the impacts of

the attacks.

In the first incident, the Mandera County police commander Rono Bunei said they have beefed up security along the border to thwart any cross border incursions of terrorists from neighbouring Somalia.

"We have increased police presence in the region to ensure peace at all time," Bunei said on Thursday.

He said two officers, who were manning the camp at the time, come under hails of indiscriminately fired bullets punctuated with hurling of hand grenades.

"We lost two of our officers and another one was seriously injured. We are now airlifting the critically wounded officer to Nairobi for better treatments," he said.—Xinhua

Turkey, Somalia vow to strengthen cooperation in counter-terrorism

ANKARA, 27 Sept—The Turkish and Somali governments on Thursday pledged here to strengthen counter-terrorism cooperation after attacks took place in Somalia targeting Turkish buildings and citizens.

Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Bekir Bozdag told reporters that Turkey and Somalia will put forward strong cooperation to prevent terrorist groups from attacking workers at the Turkish embassy and Turkish NGOs after meeting with visiting Somali Prime Minister Abdi Farah Shirdon. In addition, Bozdag said he discussed with Shirdon how to deepen bilateral relations between Turkey and Somalia, adding that Turkey will open a university in the African country. For his part, Shirdon conveyed his condolences for the July 27 terrorist attack on the Turkish embassy in Mogadishu, where one guard was killed. He urged an increase in bilateral ties in economy, health, education, security and other areas.—Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Jennifer Lawrence to star in movie adaptations of 'East of Eden,' 'Burial Rites'

LOS ANGELES, 27 Sept—Silver Linings Playbook actress Jennifer Lawrence will team up with the Hunger Games director for big-screen take on John Steinbeck's classic novel and Hannah Kent's new book.

According to reports, the actress will star in movie adaptations of John Steinbeck's 1952 book East of Eden and Hannah Kent's new novel Burial Rites to be helmed by Gary Ross, reported Deadline.

The classic Steinbeck

story set around the World War I period was first adapted into the big screen in 1955 by director Elia Kazan.

A retelling of the Biblical story of Cain and Abel, it revolves around a family with two sons vying for their father's affection in California's Salinas Valley.

Lawrence reportedly will portray the mother originally played by Jo Van Fleet. James Dean and Richard Davalos played the rivaling sons in the earlier movie.

In the Burial Rites picture, meanwhile, Lawrence will play Agnes Magnúsdóttir, a young woman falsely convicted of murder and sentenced to death in Iceland, a case that later changed the criminal justice system in the country.

Released summer this year, the book is inspired by a true haunting story happening in the country back in 1829. Gary Ross, Lawrence and producer Allison Shearmur will begin shopping the project to studios next week.—PTI



Jennifer Lawrence has acted in Silver Linings Playbook

Colombian singer Carlos Vives scores 5 Latin Grammy nominations

LOS ANGELES, 27 Sept—Colombian singer Carlos Vives and Argentine fusion group Illya Kuryaki & the Valderramas led the Latin Grammy Award nominations with five nods a piece, the Latin Recording Academy said on Wednesday.

Veteran singer Vives, 52, snared nominations in key categories of album of the year for "Corazón Profundo," while his song "Volví A Nacer" was nominated for record of the year and song of the year.

Illya Kuryaki & the Valderramas, a duo who take their name from the fictional television spy and former Colombian soccer player Carlos Valderrama, landed nominations at Latin music's top honors for best urban song and best alterna-



Colombian singer Carlos Vives

tive album.

The Latin Grammy Awards will be held on 21 November in Las Vegas and broadcast on US Spanish-language network Univision.

Spanish singer-songwriter Alejandro Sanz and Caetano Veloso, a pioneer in Brazil's Tropicalia music genre, each garnered four nominations.

Sanz's album "La

Música No Se Toca" was nominated for album of the year and best contemporary pop vocal album, while his song "Mi Marciana" was nominated for song of the year and record of the year.

Veloso, 71, who earned a Latin Grammy lifetime achievement award last year, earned record of the year and song of the year nominations for the song "Um Abraço."—Reuters

Victoria Beckham partners with Skype to tell her fashion journey

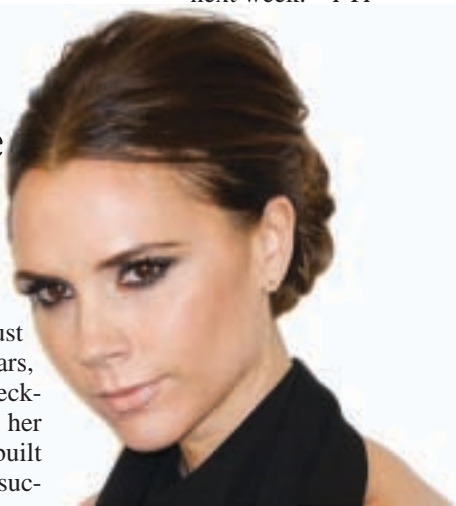
LONDON, 27 Sept—Victoria Beckham has teamed up with web video chat service Skype to tell her fashion journey in a new format.

The designer will allow fans a brand new insight into her creative process via the web video chat service and give audiences the opportunity to engage directly with her and her design team, reported Contactmusic.

A launch has been confirmed for this Autumn and the company said they are thrilled about their new partnership.

The company post

read, "In just five short years, Victoria Beckham and her team have built a hugely suc-



Victoria Beckham

cessful international fashion brand. A journey which Skype is proud to have played a part in enabling.

"Skype will bring the story of a driven designer and businesswoman to life in a groundbreaking storytelling format, as well as offer inspiration to fashion enthusiasts, aspiring creatives and entrepreneurs.

We're thrilled to be a part of the Victoria Beckham story, and look forward to sharing it with you soon."

This is the first move into fashion by Skype and the new venture comes after Victoria revealed she often uses its video services to conduct importance conference calls.

PTI

Britney Spears will sing live for Las Vegas show

LOS ANGELES, 27 Sept—Pop star Britney Spears will sing live for her upcoming residency in Las Vegas, it has been confirmed.

The 31-year-old singer said she is ready for the two-year stint at the Planet Hollywood casino, which

kicks off later this year, reported Ace Showbiz.

Spears will sing live for the show, after it was previously reported that she 'hadn't had that conversation' with the venue.

"I am very ready for this. I'm ready physically, mentally - definitely. I love Las Vegas, and the energy

is really, really good. The show will be completely different from what everybody might be expecting," Spears said.

"It's the best project I've ever tackled. It couldn't be more exciting," the singer added.

PTI

Britney Spears



Selena Gomez, Demi Lovato at war for movie role?

LOS ANGELES, 27 Sept—Both the singers are reportedly keen to star in the biopic on US singer Linda Ronstadt, who's struck down by Parkinson's and can no longer sing.

Singers Selena Gomez and Demi Lovato are reportedly at loggerheads

over a movie role that has apparently got Oscar potential.

The duo is keen to star in the biopic on US popular singer Linda Ronstadt, who's been struck down by Parkinson's disease and can no longer sing, reports showbizspy.com.

"Linda was one of the greatest singers of her generation, and her life story is mesmerising," a source said. "It's a dream role with huge Oscar potential. Selena and Demi are both crazy for the part, and claws are being bared!" the source added.—PTI



Demi Lovato



Selena Gomez

Robert Pattinson holds hands with mystery woman

LOS ANGELES, 27 Sept—Twilight star Robert Pattinson was spotted holding hands with a mystery brunette at friend Shoshana Bush's birthday party.

The pair seemed to be very much into each other most of the night, reported Us magazine.

"The party was so



Robert Pattinson was spotted with the mystery woman during his friend's birthday party

fun. Everyone was dancing to Frank Sinatra hits. Rob was there with his new girlfriend. I don't know her name," a source said.

They also danced together at the poolside of the low-key get-together.

"There were like 40 people at the party, it was intimate, and Rob was next to her the entire time no matter where he was," the source added.—PTI

SPORTS

Balotelli apologises and says he was provoked

MILAN, 27 Sept—Maverick AC Milan forward Mario Balotelli has apologised for a sending-off against Napoli which earned him a three-match ban but claimed he was provoked.

Balotelli was dismissed for arguing with the referee at the end of Sunday's 2-1 home defeat and suspended the following day.

"I apologise to my team mates, who train hard every day. I also apologise to the referee," he said in an inter-

view with Sky Sports Italia. "I reacted the wrong way to provocation.

"Mario has made a mistake," he added. "He has been provoked and made a mistake in reacting.

"If Mario makes a bad mistake, Mario should be punished...But against Napoli it was the same old story, the fouls against me didn't count for anything, I was the only one who could do anything wrong."

Reuters



AC Milan's Mario Balotelli reacts during their Italian Serie A football match against Torino at the Olympic stadium in Turin on 14 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Germany striker Klose doubtful for World Cup qualifiers

BERLIN, 27 Sept—Germany forward Miroslav Klose could miss the World Cup qualifiers against Ireland and Sweden next month after undergoing foot surgery late on Wednesday, Germany coach Joachim Loew said on Thursday.

"I have been informed about his surgery and will directly speak with him," Loew said of Klose, who plays for Italian club Lazio.

Lazio said on its website Klose would start his recovery immediately after the surgery. Klose's Germa-

ny team mate Mario Gomez has already been ruled out of those games with a knee injury.

Max Kruse had been called up for the last two internationals earlier this month. "I still do not know what kind of impact his absence will have on the nominations for the games against Ireland and Sweden. I will name the squad at the end of next week," Loew said.

Germany, top of Group C next host Ireland on 11 October before finishing off away to Sweden four days later. They need two points from the two games to guarantee top spot.—Reuters



Lazio's Miroslav Klose gives instructions to his teammates during their Italian Serie A soccer match against Udinese at the Olympic stadium in Rome on 25 August, 2013. REUTERS

Mind guru's return was all important for Stenson

ATLANTA, 27 Sept — Henrik Stenson's game was a mess 18 months ago but his decision to reunite with a former mind guru sparked a dramatic change in fortunes that culminated in a remarkable \$11.4 million (7.1 million pounds) FedExCup payday in Atlanta on Sunday.

He first worked with Torsten Hansson in 1994 and Stenson went on to claim a string of victories around the world and a spot in the 2006 and 2008 European Ryder Cup teams.

A win at the 2009

Players Championship in Florida, golf's unofficial fifth major, lifted him to fourth in the world rankings but the 6-foot-1 Swede then suddenly suffered a form slump that saw him crash out of the top 200.

"He contacted me a couple of weeks before the 2012 French Open to ask if I was interested in working with him again," Hansson told Reuters. "I said, 'Of course, you are one of the main people in my life and I could never say no.

"I knew what we needed to do, what we had to



Atlanta

Mourinho blocked my progress, says Villas-Boas



Tottenham Hotspur manager Andre Villas Boas attends their Europa League soccer match against Dinamo Tbilisi at White Hart Lane in London on 29 August, 2013.—REUTERS

"My relationship with him professionally and personally was excellent, as you can imagine, because we worked so many years together," he told reporters at Tottenham's training facilities in Enfield on Thursday.

"Our break-up point was because I was full of ambition to give him something extra and I wanted further involvement to the job that I was doing at the time which was scouting and match preparation.

"I felt that I could give

him much more so my initial idea was to keep working with him but he did not feel the need for someone near to him or in another position as an assistant and because of that we both decided it was time."

Villas-Boas denied there was any on-going feud between the coaches who have strikingly similar career paths with varying degrees of success.

They are on speaking terms, but are no longer close friends.

"We talked at the Premier League managers meeting when we were there in August, but since then no," Villas-Boas added. The Tottenham boss may feel he has a point to prove at White Hart Lane against the team who sacked him after only eight months in the job.—Reuters

England keeper Butland joins Barnsley on loan

LONDON, 27 Sept—England goalkeeper Jack Butland joined second tier Barnsley on an emergency 93-day loan from Premier League Stoke City on Thursday.

Barnsley said the 20-year-old, who played for Birmingham City last season and made his England senior debut in a friendly against Italy in 2012, would be in the squad for Saturday's match at Leicester City.

Butland, Stoke's third-choice goalkeeper, has yet to make his first appearance for the club and Barnsley's number one Luke Steele has a back injury.

"Jack is an outstanding young talent but when we signed him it was on the



England's goalkeeper Jack Butland dives for a ball during a soccer training session at the St George's Park training complex near Burton Upon Trent, central England on 4 February, 2013.—REUTERS

understanding that he needed to continue his development by playing first team football on a regular basis," Stoke chief executive Tony Scholes told the club website (www.stokecityfc.com).

"We're pleased that such a good opportunity for Jack to go out on loan has presented itself and we're sure it will be beneficial to both Jack and the Club."

Reuters

sort out. People who end up in a chaotic and confused situation need to work with someone that can help them get back to where they want to go."

The 37-year-old Stenson picked up a cheque for \$1.4 million for winning the Tour Championship at East Lake Golf Club on Sunday plus a \$10 million bonus for ending the US season in first place in the FedExCup playoff series.

"Henrik had a lot of problems in 2011 and 2012 and we had to start with what I call 'the five pro-

cesses,'" said Hansson. "We started off well because he almost won the French Open.

"The first process is physical, the second is mental, the third is technical, the fourth is the strategic and tactical one and the fifth is the social process.

"All five are very important - you can be off with one of them but there is no way you can be off with two. If you have control of the five processes like he has right now you can achieve anything," Hansson added.—Reuters

GENERAL



Nepalese army soldiers practice for Fulpati, the seventh special day of Bada Dashain festival, at Tundikhel in Kathmandu, Nepal, on 26 Sept, 2013. According to traditions, Hindu devotees across the country will offer assortment of sacred shrubs and flowers to worship goddess Durga. — XINHUA

Botswana to have direct flight to London

GABORONE, 27 Sept — A new private airliner Kalahari Airways plans to start flights early next year from Cape Town to London via a 30-minute stopover at Botswana's capital Gaborone.

Denis Coghlan, chief executive officer of the Botswana based airliner, on Wednesday said the company will offer daily direct flights to London from Cape Town via Gaborone, avoiding the inconvenience of transiting through Johannesburg with its multiple security checks. "Later we will add Durban to Hong Kong via Gaborone with an immediate connection to our Cape Town-London flight," said Coghlan to *Xinhua* in a interview.

"Our long range plan is to commence flights from Gaborone to New York and Los Angeles via Shannon Airport in Ireland where passengers will be able to pre-clear US customs and immigration before they arrive in the US," he added.

According to Kalahari Airways, passengers will be able to save time and avoid the additional stress of changing flights at OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg.

In addition, the company indicates that extensive research shows that Gaborone's customer potential combined with the available passenger loads out of Cape Town, the flight will have full loads on every

flight out.

"Nobody wants to transit via Johannesburg if they can avoid it. I have negotiated agreements with two regional airlines who will feed passengers from Lusaka, Harare, Windhoek and Lanseria into Gaborone," said Coghlan. Kalahari Airways is expected to attract premium class diamond industry, business and tourist passengers in Botswana.

"All seats will be marketed heavily, at deep discounts where market conditions dictate, in Cape Town and London. Premium seats will be marketed heavily to the Diamond Industry and the rapidly expanding business sector in Botswana." — *Xinhua*

Knowledge of Chinese language is strategic skill

MILAN, 27 Sept — In the globalized world, the knowledge of China's language and culture is an increasingly important skill, Italian experts said here on Thursday.

Speaking at a conference in Milan, president of Italy China Foundation Cesare Romiti said that "expertise in China and its market has become fundamental."

Romiti, an economist and former executive of both state-owned firms and private companies, was among the first personalities in Italy to strengthen ties with China 10 years ago, when he founded the association to promote business and cultural links between the two countries.

Since it was started in 2009, the Italy China Foundation's School of

Permanent Training has taught Chinese culture and language to hundreds of students and businessmen, also setting an example for other Italian cities where learning Chinese language has now become a "trend."

"We believe that today's youth will be the ruling class of tomorrow, and an in-depth knowledge and understanding of China through its language and traditions will foster increased cooperation between our countries at all levels," Romiti stressed.

Echoing his words, Education Councilor of Milan Municipality Francesco Cappelli noted that the knowledge of Chinese language is a key prerequisite to establish deep relations with a country that has an increasing leadership role globally. — *Xinhua*

Back problem could keep Swede Hanson out of Seve Trophy



Sweden's Peter Hanson tees off on the second hole during the first round of the 2013 US Open golf championship at the Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, Pennsylvania, on 13 June, 2013. — REUTERS

NEW YORK, 27 Sept — A recurring back problem may prevent Ryder Cup stalwart Peter Hanson from representing Continental Europe in next week's Seve Trophy match against Britain and Ireland at St Nom-

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Muirfield in July.

"He's getting better," Hanson's mind coach Torsten Hansson told *Reuters* in an interview on Thursday. "He is practising again and from the results we get from that we will take it to the next level.

"If we get what we want he will play in the Seve Trophy and then take a couple of weeks off before playing in China," he added, referring to the BMW Masters in Shanghai from 24-27 October. "We had some wrong information from the start," said Hansson. "I don't blame anybody but the first diagnosis should have been that the disc was compressed to one mm and from that you have to do things like he is doing right now.

"The disc is supposed

to be seven mm high, it is the highest and biggest in your whole spine, but Peter's is just one mm because it's been damaged for a long time."

Hansson said his fellow-Swede, who helped Europe win the Ryder Cup in 2012 and 2010, would be affected by the problem for the rest of his career and had had to cut back on his practice and gym work.

"There is no way that disc will get back to seven mm again but you can get it to a manageable situation," he explained.

"With the right sort of training he can play top-level golf again. I'm absolutely positive about that." Hansson said the six-times European Tour winner was simply glad to be out on the course again. — *Reuters*

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Five Defence Services Personnel Amyotha Hluttaw representatives substituted

According to the request made in accordance with Section 33 of Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law to substitute five Defence Services Personnel Amyotha Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in the first multiparty democracy general election held on 7 November 2010, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted the following Defence Services Personnel Amyotha Hluttaw representatives under the Notification No. 2/2011 of the commission dated 20-1-2011 and the Notification No. 42/2012 of the commission dated 16-10-2012 with personnel shown against them.

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| (2) BC 26986 | BC 33509 |
| Major Myint Soe | Major Ye Wint Soe |
| (3) BC 28288 | BC 35357 |
| Major Min Ye Htwe | Major Thet Win |
| (4) BC 32384 | BC 31401 |
| Major Nay Lin Aung | Major Than Tun Myint |
| (5) BC 32363 | BC 20592 |
| Major Zaw Nay Lin | Major Than Htike |

By order,
 (Tin Tun)
 Secretary
 Union Election Commission

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham calls for upgrading, providing adequate tourism facilities to sustain tourism growth



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham views booths at the celebration of World Tourism Day.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham called for upgrading and providing adequate tourism facilities

to timely sustain the tourism growth that Myanmar has already achieved.

In his opening speech at the World Tourism

Day celebration here today, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham stressed the importance of continuing to provide adequate facilities

including smooth entries, convenient and safe transport, good quality services of hotels, inns, restaurants, (See page 9)

Myanmar, Thailand, Japan discuss implementation of Dawei SEZ



Trilateral discussion between Myanmar, Thailand and Japan for implementation of Dawei SEZ in progress.—MNA

YANGON, 27 Sept—First Myanmar-Thailand-Japan trilateral discussion on implementation of Dawei Special Economic Zone (DSEZ) and its related projects was held here today.

Myanmar side led by Chairman of Special Working Group for Implementation of DSEZ and its related projects Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Aye Myint, Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko, Chairman of DSEZ Deputy Minister for Transport U

Han Sein and respective subcommittee chairmen and Thailand side headed by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Commerce Mr. Niwattunrong Boonsongpaisan and Japanese delegation led by Deputy Director General of Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr. Hidenao Yanagi attended the meeting.

At the meeting, the leaders from Myanmar, Thai and Japanese delegations made opening speech-

es. Then, Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko clarified matters on rehabilitation of the villages, Deputy Minister U Han Sein construction of infrastructures and Dawei SEZ Rules and Regulations Subcommittee Chairman U Set Aung, aims and work procedures of the Dawei SEZ.

They also discussed matters on rapid cooperation procedures for three countries in Dawei SEZ and the meeting ended in the evening.

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17th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Civil Service Matters held

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—U Than Tun, Member of the Union Civil Services Board, addressed the Senior Officials Meeting of the 17th ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters (ACCSM) hosted by UCSB at the Inya Lake Hotel, Yangon, on 26-27 September 2013, under the theme of “Promotion of Good Governance: Towards Fulfilling People’s Aspirations and Welfare”.

It was attended by the senior officials from the Civil Service Organization of the ASEAN Member States, delegates of ASEAN Secretariat and responsible officials of the UCSB.

During the meeting, a

delegate from the ASEAN Secretariat presented recent development in ASEAN after the Preparatory Meeting of the 17th ACCSM, including the relevant deliberations of the ASEAN Summits, ASCC Council and SOCA Meetings held in 2013.

Next, the delegates frankly discussed matters related to the ACCSM Work Plan (2008-2015) and nine projects of the ACCSM + 3 Work Plan (2012-2015).

They also discussed matters related to the ARC Projects and their evaluations, Technical and Country Papers pertaining to national strategies, projects

and initiatives to develop public sector capacities to providing more effective services.

Furthermore, they discussed the progress of the implementation of the Blueprints of APSC and ASCC, particularly, the Report on the use of Scorecard to evaluate development position of ASEAN member states in connection with the ASCC building process. Administrative and other arrangements related to the meeting of Heads of ASEAN Civil Service and the Second meeting of ASEAN +3 Heads of Civil Service to be held in October 2014 were also discussed.—MNA

Those present of 17th ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters (ACCSM) pose for documentary photo.
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