

President U Thein Sein sends messages of felicitations to ROK, FRG

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Oct—On the occasion of National Foundation Day of the Republic of Korea, which falls on 3 October 2013, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to Her Excellency Ms. Park Geun-hye, President of the Republic of Korea, and His Excellency Mr. Chung Hong-Won, Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea.

Similarly, the President has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Joachim Gauck, Federal President of the Federal Republic of Germany, and Her Excellency Dr. Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, on the occasion of the Day of German Unity of the Federal Republic of Germany, which falls on 3 October 2013.—MNA

President U Thein Sein inspects Rakhine, Sittway, Kyaukpyu; meets townsenders, departmental officials

THANDWE, 2 Oct — President U Thein Sein met with townsenders of Rakhine national races and Islam social leaders from Sittway, Rakhine State, separately today at Bandoola Hall in Sittway and discussed matters on community peace and development affairs.

After the meeting, he inspected the camps for internally displaced persons and normality of the town in a motorcade.

During his tour of Sittway, the President also met with members of the sub-committee for restoration of community

peace and development committee and departmental officials.

Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin reported on measures taken for restoration of community peace, establishment of camps for IDPs and building houses for IDPs and rehabilitation tasks.

After hearing report, the President gave instructions on measures to be taken for gaining community peace, the rule of law and development of socio economy of the local people.

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President U Thein Sein being welcomed by local people and officials on his arrival at Kyaukpyu airport.—MNA

ANA operates its daily flight using new 202-seater Boeing 767



According to Manager Daw Nyo Nyo Khine of All Nippon Airways –ANA Office in Yangon at a press meet on 30 September, ANA's 38-seater Boeing-737 aircraft serving flights to Tokyo from Mingaladon Airport thrice a week will be replaced with a new 202-seater Boeing 767 starting from 30 September.

ANA resumed its

Yangon-Japan non-stop flight using 38-seater B-737 aircraft on 15 October 2012 after a 12-year long suspension. ANA used to operate its flights between Japan and Myanmar from 1996 to 2000, she said.

“Arrivals of Japanese visitors had reached 47,000 in 2012 compared to about 20,000 in the previous year. So, ANA will increase its seating capacity by

substituting the Boeing-737 aircraft with the new 202-seater Boeing 767,” Mr. Mikio Namata, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar, said at the ceremony to mark the deployment of a new aircraft for daily flight. Number of passengers traveling between Myanmar and Japan will be on the increase, he added.

Also present at the ceremony were Deputy

Byline: Ye Khaung Nyunt,
Photo: Ye Htut

Minister for Transport U Zin Yaw, Yangon Region Minister for Transport U Aung Khin and officials, and President of Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association U Saw Hla Min. The new aircraft with more than 70 passengers on board operated its maiden flight on that day.

It is learnt that Japan will cooperate with Myanmar on safety aviation and other sectors. The new aircraft bound for Tokyo from Mingaladon Airport will take off at 9.45 pm daily.

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1. A verbal dispute among local people ignited riots on 29 September in Thandwe, Rakhine State. The violent incidents left casualties on both sides and some houses were damaged. The President was deeply touched with the incidents like the people who suffered loss of lives and property.
2. Occurrence of conflicts made a loss not for Rakhine State but for the State while all-out efforts are being made for ensuring peace and stability, rule of law and socio-economic development.
3. Government will take measures for bringing an end to the conflicts as quick as possible, bringing rioters to trial in accord with the law and rebuilding the houses which were burnt down. Public are urged to cooperate with officials in order to avoid recurrence of conflicts.

Press Release Team

Liaison Officer/Volunteer Youth Course concludes



Deputy Minister for Sports U Zaw Win speaking at concluding of Liaison Officer/Volunteer Youths Course.

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—The Liaison Officer/Volunteer Youth Course No. 3 concluded at the hall of Yezin University of Agriculture, here, on 28 September morning, with an address by Chairman of the Work Committee for

Organizing the XXVII SEA Games Deputy Minister for Sports U Zaw Win.

The training course was attended by 228 students and faculty members and 36 staff from ministries, totalling 264.

The course No. 4 will be

opened soon.

The liaison officers and volunteer youths will be assigned duties at the stadiums, gymnasiums and sports venues in the XXVII SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar in 2013.

Kyemon-Phyo Sanda

People in 25 villages of Chin State face shortage of food

THANTLANG, 2 Oct—A total of 25 villages in Thantlang Township of Chin State are facing shortage of food due to bad weather and decline of crops production.

“Chin nationals are suffering from shortage of food for four months. This year, our villagers bought rice from India. Now, we have no rice in hand,” said a local.

A creek is located between the Chin village and India. Whenever creek water level is rising, anyone cannot cross it. Even the villagers effort to buy rice by his own money, they cannot buy rice from India due to overflow of the creek as natural barrier, he said.

The local people share food and rice among them

in the bad weather period. They seek the best way to provide assistance to the village.

In 2008, the local people had experience of facing food difficulties as rats destroyed crops plantations. This year’s food shortage is the worst in their experience, said a primary school teacher of Ywabuk Village in Thantlang Township.

In 2008, the local people faced starvation in Paletwa, Matupi and Thantlang Townships due to destructions of rats.

Kyemon-Zo Hay Hsa (Chin Hill)

Stimulant tablets seized in Lashio

LASHIO, 2 Oct—Members of No. 24 Anti-Drug Squad of Lashio led by IP Naing Htanmana together with witnesses, acting on tip-off, searched the house on Namsan Street in Ward 5 of Lashio on 26 September.

They did not find the house owner by his son Rauk Mon Wint at alone.

The troops found 20

stimulant tablets with 1 and 88 brand in the packet from the trouters weighing 18 grams.

Lashio Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against the drug possessor under Sections 15/19(a) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—Kyemon-Zaw Lwin (Lashio)



Members of No. 24 Anti-Drug Squad of Lashio arrested Aik Yon (a) Lau Wu, 42 and wife Ma Yan Yin, 37 of Shan Kholaung Street in Region 16 of Ward 12 with 200 grams of heroin and 16000 stimulant tablets on 27 September.

KYEMON

Tourism Industry

Police take care of tourists in Mingun

SAGAING, 2 Oct—Mingun region of Sagaing Township is a tourist attractive destination.

Myanmar Police Force assigns duty to members of Tourist Police Force in Mingun region to take care of tourists.

“Tourist Police Force

was constituted on 1 April 2013. We have to take care of globetrotters in the tourist destination to be free from crime and loss of property in addition to health care services,” a police member said.

A total of 10 police members including one police inspector and four

women police members are assigned duty in Mingun region so as to take care of visitors.

The Police opens camps at Pahtodawgyi, the Great Bell, Myatheindan Pagoda and Pondaw Pagoda jetty in Mingun daily.

Kyemon-Nanda Min Lwin

People of Ngathaingyoung happy for subsiding of water level at Ngawun River

NGATHAINGGYOUNG, 2 Oct—Ngawun River water level reached its danger level at Ngathaingyoung Sub-Township of Patheingyi District in Ayeyawady Region for several times this rainy season.

In the last week of September, the water level exceeded one feet above its danger level, and the local people suffered floods.

At present, water level of the river is still subsiding at the town. So, the local people are very happy.

“River water level rose three times in our town this rainy season. The local people and students faced hardships in their travels. No we are very happy as the water subsides. We all thank the officials for their contribution to us when

we are facing difficulties of flood,” said a parent of student residing near Ngawun River.

During the flooding period, basic education schools were temporarily closed and parents were worried about their children. At that time, they were evacuated to safety.

Kyemon-Thein Zaw (Shweli Oo)



Now, schoolchildren can go back home safely due to subsiding of water level in Ngathaingyoung.

Crime Reduction

Motorbike thieves arrested in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—Those who evaded from the case in which Min Min (a) Ko Min and party of motorbike thieves were arrested by Nay Pyi Taw Police Force on 8 September were arrested under the supervision of the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Police Force on 25 September morning.

A squad of Nay Pyi Taw Police Force Office led by IP Thaung Lwin arrested Lin Lin (a) Ko Lin (a) Shan Lay, 17 of Aungzeya Ward in Zeyathiri Township.

After investigation, the police could expose 13 more motorcycles.

Yezin Police Station of Zeyathiri Township and Pynmana Myoma Police Station opened files of

lawsuit against the person in 13 cases under the law.

A total of motorbike thieves and those who sold the motorbikes total, 11 were arrested by police

and 42 motorcycles were confiscated.

The police search the suspects escaped from the scene.

Nay Pyi Taw Police

Force exposed 140 motorcycles and 73 suspected persons from 1 January to 28 September 2013 and arrested them.

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Thieves seen with stolen motorbikes in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

WORLD

UN shifts Syria aid focus to prepare for long term



Syrian refugees rest at a new refugee camp on the outskirts of the city of Arbil, in Iraq's Kurdistan region, on 20 August, 2013.—REUTERS

GENEVA, 2 Oct—The United Nations is shifting its aid effort for Syria to prepare for long-term help to neighbouring countries to cope with the humanitarian crisis, the head of the UN refugee agency UNHCR said on Tuesday.

More than 100,000 people have been killed in Syria's 2-1/2-year conflict as rebels fight to oust President Bashar al-Assad. Over half of its 20 million people need aid and around 2 million have fled to neighbouring Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq.

"The new approach is to combine the emergency

with the long-term. For that, humanitarian agencies alone cannot do it," UNHCR chief Antonio Guterres told a news conference in Geneva.

"What we want from now is ... a longer-term kind of approach, not only in relation to humanitarian aspects but in relation to structural aspects, namely related to those areas that are more directly impacted — education, health, infrastructure, housing, environment."

UN agencies want to join forces with the World Bank and other international financial agencies to help neighbours of Syria that are shouldering the heaviest

burden.

UNHCR said 17 countries were participating in its programme to resettle Syrian refugees, including 12 European countries, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United States and Mexico.

But resettlement programmes so far cover about 10,000 people — a drop in the ocean for a refugee population of 2.1 million and a further 4.25 million displaced people within Syria.

With no sign of a rapid end to the conflict, aid agencies are preparing for a third winter of war.

"Already the impact of this crisis in terms of damage has been huge in terms of damage to the Syrian economy, to the Lebanese economy, to Jordan (and the region)," said Anthony Lake, head of UN children's agency UNICEF.

He told Reuters UNICEF in the region was increasingly focusing on building "capacity for the future", citing for example Lebanon's public school system where displaced Syrian children will outnumber Lebanese within a few months.—Reuters

World Bank pledges more funds for poor in troubled states

WASHINGTON, 2 Oct—World Bank President Jim Yong Kim pledged to increase funding for poor people living in states in or close to conflict as part of a new lending strategy for the global development bank and warned of the impact of US fiscal uncertainty on developing nations.

In a speech in Washington, where a partial government shutdown began on Tuesday after a standoff between President Barack Obama and congressional Republicans over healthcare reforms, Kim said the implications could be far-reaching. US fiscal uncertainty "combined with other sources of volatility in the global economy, could do great damage to emerging markets and developing countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America that have lifted millions of people out of poverty in recent years," he said.

RBC Global Asset Management estimates that each week of shutdown will shave about 0.1 percentage point off US economic growth, potentially helping to trim demand for imports.

Kim has sought to energize the bank around a poverty-eradication goal since

he assumed his post last year and he has launched a major reorganization to make the institution more nimble and useful, especially to middle-income countries, and work more closely with the private sector. Inequality and limited opportunities for the poorest people in each country can drive instability and breed conflict, Kim said, pointing to developments in the Middle East, where a wave of protests drove decades-old rulers from power.

"This is what happens when prosperity is reserved for a select few," he said in a speech on Tuesday. "All of those left out feel deeply the burn of inequity."

To meet its goals amid greater competition for development funds and a tight budget, the World Bank must focus on "bold" projects and technical solutions to countries, he said.

That will involve working with the bank's private sector arm, the International Finance Corporation (IFC),

to encourage businesses to create jobs in poorer countries.

It will also require focusing on so-called fragile states, which will house most of the world's poor people in the next five years. Kim said the bank's fund for the poorest will plan to increase its funding to fragile states by 50 percent over the next three years, as would the IFC.

According to a draft strategy paper presented to the bank's board last month, and seen by Reuters, the new focus will require cutbacks in other programmes.

Kim made no mention of cuts in his speech ahead of the International Monetary Fund-World Bank annual meetings next week. The bank is also still figuring out its financing strategy, and may start relying more on fees from advisory services and on earmarked funds from specific governments. The bank's board will discuss the finances after the meetings.—Reuters

Chief negotiators completing preparations for TPP ministerial summit



Koji Tsuruoka, Japan's chief negotiator for the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade talks, speaks with reporters in Bali, Indonesia, on 2 Oct, 2013, before the start of the second day of the chief negotiators' meeting.

KYODO NEWS

NUSA DUA, (Indonesia), 2 Oct—Chief negotiators of the 12 countries in the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade negotiations worked on last-minute preparations on Wednesday before their ministers and leaders gather in Bali, Indonesia with the aim of reaching a basic agreement of the pact.

"We have been able to arrange what we will report to the ministers, and substantive discussions are in progress," Japan's chief ne-

gotiator Koji Tsuruoka told journalists in the morning before the start of the second day of the chief negotiators' meeting. Noting the chief negotiators are receiving reports from working groups, Tsuruoka added, "I think we are making progress as scheduled." The chief negotiators of the TPP talks for creating one of the world's largest free trade areas are tasked with sorting issues for political decisions by the ministers at meetings starting on Thursday, followed by a summit on Tuesday.

The TPP meetings are being held on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum gatherings, which started its senior officials' meeting on Tuesday. The 12 members of the TPP are hoping to reach a basic agreement in October to clear the way for concluding negotiations by the end of the year. During the first day of the talks, the negotiators discussed five out of 21 fields covered by the envisioned pact and were expected to address some of the remaining fields that require sorting before the ministerial meeting.—Kyodo News

UN report says 1 in 8 people around world chronically hungry

ROME, 2 Oct—About one in eight people in the world are estimated to be suffering from chronic hunger regularly in 2011-13, UN food agencies said in a report released on Tuesday. The latest tally of people in hunger, totaling 842 million, was lower than 868 million in 2010-2012 cited in a report released last year by agencies including the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Food Programme.

A majority of them were in developing countries, while around 15.7 million were in industrial economies, according to the report. The decline in the total number of undernourished people stemmed from rises in income along with the growth of developing economies, making food more affordable.

Kyodo News

Britain's Cameron casts election as battle over free markets

MANCHESTER, (England), 2 Oct—British Prime Minister David Cameron on Wednesday will cast a national election in 2015 as a choice between his "pro-business" ruling Conservative party and what he calls its anti-business socialist rivals.

In a speech to his party's annual conference in the northern English city of Manchester, Cameron will place Britain's economic recovery at the heart of his bid for re-election.

He will champion private enterprise as the way to improve living standards and accuse the opposition Labour party of planning to interfere in free markets and subvert capitalism.

Pitching the Conservatives as the party of aspiration and tax cuts, Cameron will seek to counter Labour's charge that he has stoked a recovery for the wealthy while failing ordinary voters who are grappling with prices rising faster than wages.

"Profit, wealth creation, tax cuts, enterprise: these are not dirty, elitist words—they're not the problem, they really are the solution because it's not government that creates jobs, it's businesses," Cameron will say.

Extracts of the speech were made available in advance. After cutting the biggest budget deficit since World War Two by a third, Cameron is trying to con-

vince voters that despite three years of economic stagnation, the Conservatives are the only party that can be trusted with the \$2.5 trillion economy.

Signs of a recovery had helped Cameron narrow Labour's lead in opinion polls, though Labour drew ahead again after promising to take on vested interests, tax bankers more, and freeze energy bills.

Reuters



Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron listens as London Mayor Boris Johnson delivers his keynote speech to the Conservative Party annual conference in Manchester, northern England on 1 Oct, 2013.

REUTERS

Twitter sorts out lock-up agreements ahead of releasing IPO plans



Men are silhouetted against a video screen with a Twitter logo as he poses with a Samsung S4 smartphone in this photo illustration taken in the central Bosnian town of Zenica, on 14 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 2 Oct — Twitter Inc's bankers contacted early investors this week asking them to sign a 180-day lock-up agreement by Wednesday afternoon, showing the company is moving swift-

ly toward its initial public offering. The email from Goldman Sachs, the lead underwriter of Twitter's IPO, asked shareholders to sign and return a form by 5 pm Pacific time on Wednesday acknowledging

that they would be prohibited from selling shares for 6 months after the firm lists, according to two shareholders who received the email.

Twitter declined to comment. Twitter and Goldman are moving swift-

ly to prepare for the IPO and could soon disclose its S-1 documents that lay out Twitter's IPO plans and its well-guarded financial numbers. Quartz, the business news website, first reported on Sunday that Twitter intended to make its IPO plans public this week.

Companies often use lock-up agreements to prevent insiders from selling shares simultaneously following an IPO, thereby flooding the market and depressing the stock price.

Twitter, which is expected to be valued at up to \$15 billion, tweeted on Sept 12 that it had filed with US regulators to go public, but had done so confidentially and without providing a timeline under a process available to emerging growth companies.

Reuters

China to issue air pollution warnings in Beijing, Tianjin

BEIJING, 2 Oct — China plans to pilot an air quality warning system in the heavily-polluted cities of Beijing, Tianjin and surrounding areas next month amid the country's increasing efforts to tackle the much-concerned problem.

China Meteorological Administration and the

Ministry of Environmental Protection has jointly released the plan that put the alert system at three levels -- I being the highest and III the lowest.

When the air quality index is set to go beyond 500, a level I warning will issued, and level II and III are for the index to be at

between 300 to 500, 200 to 300, respectively, for three consecutive days.

The plan came as China has been under growing pressure to address the causes of air pollution after heavy smog smothered large swathes of the country early this year.

The government aims

to cut the density of inhalable particulate matter by at least 10 percent in major cities nationwide by 2017. PM 2.5, a key indicator of air pollution, should fall by about 25 percent from 2012 levels in Beijing and surrounding provincial areas by 2017, according to a recent government plan.—Xinhua

We're ready for takeoff. Sit back and enjoy your iGizmo

NEW YORK, 2 Oct — In as little as a few months, airline passengers could play video games, read e-books, watch movies and listen to music while their flights take off or land, ending a long-standing ban on devices being used during those risky phases.

But looser rules under consideration for portable electronic devices (PEDs) are likely to force airlines to make some major changes.

Carriers, for starters, will need to determine if their planes are "PED resistant" and able to tolerate the proposed broader use of electronics. Some smaller and older planes with less robust avionics may not be, calling for different procedures on device use.

Cabin crews will need new announcements, placards and ways to monitor broader use of such devices as Apple Inc iPads or Amazon.com Inc Kindles. Bulky devices such as laptops and DVD players will need to be

stowed during takeoff and landing, and perhaps even when planes are taxiing for long periods to avoid blocking people in an evacuation.

Most importantly, on some landings in poor weather, passengers may still be required to shut down devices so they won't interfere with electronic guidance systems that planes rely on to locate the runway.

The new guidelines, under review by the Federal Aviation Administration, put

the onus on airlines to ensure planes are operated safely, according to members of a government-industry committee that recommended policy changes to the agency.

"It's not about certifying devices to be used on airplanes. It's about certifying airplanes to enable use of devices," said Douglas Johnson, a committee member and vice president of technology policy at the Consumer Electronics Association.

Johnson and others

said they hoped the FAA would act swiftly on recommendations in the report.

Johnson also said he hoped the government shutdown would not slow action on the new guidelines so that they could be in place by yearend.

For now, rules banning use of electronic devices below 10,000 feet remain in effect.

FAA officials did not respond to questions, and email messages said they were unavailable due to the shutdown.

Passengers and electronics makers have long sought to ease restrictions on portable electronics use on flights, and the committee's effort is likely bring the biggest update in years.

The new guidelines pose some tricky questions for air carriers. For example: How will cabin crews deliver safety announcements when passengers are plugged into their own devices?

Reuters

Facebook expands ad service for app developers

SAN FRANCISCO, 2 Oct — Facebook Inc is expanding an advertising service aimed at developers of smartphone and tablet apps, the social network's latest move to bolster its fast-growing mobile business.

Facebook's so-called mobile app ads—which allow companies to promote their mobile apps to Facebook's 1.15 billion users—will include new capabilities designed to boost the amount of time that consumers use the third-party apps, the company said on Tuesday.

Since the start of the year, more than 145 million third-party apps have been installed by Facebook users, said Deb Liu, Facebook's director of platform monetization, providing the company's first public data about that portion of its business. Roughly 8,400 advertisers used Facebook's mobile app ads in the second quarter, Liu said.

That is a small group relative to the more than 1 million total advertisers that Facebook counts, but analysts say that app developers represent an attractive and growing group of customers for Facebook to tap into. Smartphone apps, designed for Apple Inc's iPhone or Google Inc's Android-based phones, have struggled to stand out in a crowded field.

Facebook's new mobile app ads will allow the maker of a travel app to offer to promote an airfare or hotel room, for example, while a music app like Spotify could promote a band's new song. Previously, Facebook's mobile app ads were designed only to entice its users to install a third-party app on their smartphone or tablet, but not to encourage repeat visits to the app.

Shares of Facebook have doubled since July, as the company has increased its mobile advertising revenue.—Reuters



The sun rises behind the entrance sign to Facebook headquarters in Menlo Park before the company's IPO launch, on 18 May, 2012.—REUTERS

Australia's new prototype vehicle to improve Earth observation satellites' accuracy

CANBERRA, 2 Oct — Australian scientists developed a prototype autonomous vehicle, "Outback Rover," to help scientists improve the accuracy of Earth observation satellites that provide valuable data to Australia's mining and agricultural industries, according to a latest research statement from CSIRO, Australia's national science agency, on Thursday.

Just as the Mars Rover Curiosity is gathering information about our neighboring planet, CSIRO's affectionately nicknamed "Outback Rover" is helping to calibrate satellites that provide clues to Earth's soil condition, mineralogy and vegetation.

According to the statement, accompanied by researchers from Japan,

China, Israel and France, CSIRO scientists recently took the rover prototype on a mission to Lake Lefroy—a huge salt lake in remote Western Australia—to see if they can automate the satellite calibration process.

This is where information gathered by satellites is matched against measurements taken on-ground and compared for accuracy, said Professor Arnold Dekker, Director of Earth Observation and Informatics at CSIRO.

"Satellite data is used for resource exploration, environmental monitoring and agricultural management such as soil mapping. So it must be regularly cross-checked to ensure that observations are accurate," Dekker explained.

Xinhua



Airline passengers look at a flight status board at San Francisco International Airport in San Francisco, California on 22 April, 2013.—REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Asian shares up cautiously on hopes for short shutdown

HONG KONG, 2 Oct—The US dollar treaded water and most Asian stock markets edged up on Wednesday as investors appeared hopeful the first partial US government shutdown in 17 years will be short-lived and not have a broader impact on the economy.

However, one immediate impact is a drop-off in US economic data at a time when the Federal Reserve has already muddied expectations on when will it start reducing its stimulus.

The failure of Congress to agree on a bill that funds government operations meant up to one million workers were put on unpaid leave, as Democrats and Republicans fight over President Barack Obama's healthcare programme.

On Tuesday, a survey by the private Institute of Supply Management (ISM) showed robust US manufacturing activity, with expansion at the fastest pace in almost 2-1/2 years.

But with the government shutdown, the news didn't have a big impact on Asia. The MSCI's broadest index of shares outside Japan .MIAPJ000PUS up 0.4 percent. US S&P futures eased 0.1 percent after the cash index .SPX advanced 0.8 percent on Tuesday.

Japan's Nikkei .N225, the most expensive in Asia based on price-to-earnings ratios, came in for profit-taking and was down 1.2 percent. Korean stocks were up 0.4 percent and Indonesian stocks .JKSE gained 1.2 percent. China



A traffic controller at a constructing site is reflected on a stock quotation board at a brokerage in Tokyo on 1 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

markets are closed until Tuesday for holidays.

"Markets are taking it one day at a time with a near-term impact unlikely and any prolonged government deadlock only increases the likelihood of a delay in US tapering," said Kenneth Akintewe, a Singapore-based portfolio manager at Aberdeen Asset Management.

If anything, the US shutdown offered a brief

window of opportunity to investors looking to cut some of their emerging market exposure, particularly if the US dollar fell further. Citi strategists also believe shutting down the US government reinforces the chance that QE tapering will be delayed. Also, they say an additional 10-15 basis points drop on the 10-year Treasuries to 2.50 percent "would not be inconceivable".—Reuters

Fonterra confirms talks with Danone over botulism scare damages



WELLINGTON, 2 Oct—New Zealand dairy giant Fonterra confirmed on Wednesday it was in dispute resolution talks with French food company Danone over compensation regarding the false botulism scare in August.

Fonterra released a brief statement follow-

ing media reports in New Zealand that Danone was claiming the recall in nine countries of products containing the suspect whey powder concentrate that cost it 200 million euros (270.24 million US dollars) while Fonterra had offered just 14 million NZ dollars (11.57 million US dollars).

The statement did not confirm or deny the reports, saying, "The discussions between Fonterra and Danone had been confidential with a view to reaching a mutually acceptable commercial outcome, however some aspects of these discussions have been made public this morning in the press."

Fonterra said it "strongly denies any legal liability to Danone in relation to the recall."

Danone subsidiary Nutricia was forced to recall infant formula made with the suspect whey protein concentrate. New Zealand Prime Minister John Key reportedly met Danone ex-

ecutives in Paris last month and assured them the results from investigations into the recall would be made public.

The announcement at the beginning of August that a batch of Fonterra's whey protein concentrate contained a bacterium that could cause botulism sparked an international food safety alert before tests confirmed a month later that it was a different and relatively harmless bacterium.

The New Zealand government has launched an official inquiry to study the causes of the incident and how well it was handled.

Xinhua

Merck drug triggers response in 24 percent of lung cancer patients

NEW YORK, 2 Oct—Early data from a small trial of Merck & Co Inc's experimental immunotherapy cancer drug, known as MK-3475, showed that about a quarter of lung cancer patients responded to the treatment.

Data from the trial is slated for presentation in Sydney, Australia, later this month at the World Conference on Lung Cancer, Merck said in a statement on Tuesday.

The antibody drug, once known as lambrolizumab, is part of a new class of compounds de-

signed to block the activity of a receptor on immune cells called programmed death 1 or PD-1. The aim of the drugs is to spur the body's own immune system to attack cancer cells.

"The data for now suggest relatively similar response rates in NSCLC (non-small cell lung cancer) for Merck's '3475, Bristol's nivolumab and Roche's MPDL3280A as single agents," JP Morgan analyst Chris Schott said in a research note. "With lung cancer representing the largest potential market for PD-1 therapy, we will

closely watch how data in the space unfolds."

Merck said results from 38 patients whose cancer had stopped responding to earlier rounds of treatment showed that 24 percent had an immune-system response to the drug. The trial also showed that 21 percent of patients experienced tumor shrinkage.

The most common side effects seen in the trial were fatigue, rash, itching and diarrhea. Earlier on Tuesday, Merck said it would cut annual operating costs by \$2.5 billion and eliminate 8,500 jobs. Its shares rose 2.4 per-



cent to close at \$48.74 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Schott said Bristol-Myers Squibb Co is still leading the race to develop PD-1 drugs, with more data on nivolumab also expected at the Sydney conference.

Reuters

The Pill's link to depression still unclear

NEW YORK, 2 Oct—Young women using hormone-based contraceptives, including the Pill, were no more likely to be depressed than other women in a new US study.

In fact, the women in their 20s and 30s on hormonal contraceptives had fewer symptoms of depression than their peers using other types of contraception or no contraception at all, researchers found.

"This counters somewhat some of the prevailing wisdom that hormone contraceptive use in general is associated with adverse mental health outcomes in women," lead author of the study Dr Katherine Keyes of the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University in New York told Reuters Health.

"When you look at it on a national scale, certainly there's no evidence that at a

population level hormonal contraceptive use is associated with an increased risk of mood problems," Keyes added.

Still, Keyes and her colleagues caution, it's also true that depressed women are less likely to use hormone-based contraceptives.

Scientists have suspected that estrogen and progesterone levels play a role in mood disturbances, but studies looking at the effects of hormonal contraception on mood have had mixed results, Keyes and her team note in their report, published in the *American Journal of Epidemiology*.

To investigate, they looked at data on 6,654 sexually active women between 25 and 34 years old who participated in four surveys between 1994 and 2008.

Reuters



Contraceptive pill Yasmin.

KKR buys stake in appliance maker in biggest China deal

HONG KONG, 2 Oct—Investment company KKR & Co LP (KKR.N) said it had agreed to buy a 10-percent stake in Qingdao Haier Co Ltd (600690.SS), gaining exposure to China's home appliances market with its biggest investment in the country to date.

The acquisition, which is subject to shareholder and regulatory agreement, is KKR's third Asian deal in a week as it begins to invest its new \$6 billion Asia fund, the region's largest ever.

The companies did not disclose the deal value, but a person familiar with the matter said New York-headquartered KKR paid around \$550 million.

For the Chinese maker of washing machines and refrigerators the deal means a link to a global investment firm that could help it expand beyond its local mar-

ket. For KKR, the deal offers a stake in a firm that is inexpensive compared with peers and part of China's booming consumer market.

Foreign firms have been keen to access China's home appliance sector, which is forecast to grow by about one-fifth in the next two years to \$105 billion, according to data from consultancy Euromonitor.

KKR's purchase comes less than two months after Whirlpool Corp (WHR.N), the world's largest maker of home appliances, agreed to buy a majority stake in China's Hefei Rongshida Sanyo Electric Co Ltd (600983.SS) for \$552 million.

In 2011, Carlyle Group (CG.O) agreed to invest up to \$194 million for a 9 percent stake in Haier Electronics Group (1169.HK), a company controlled by Qingdao.

Reuters

ADB further trims 2013-2014 forecast in developing Asia

MANILA, 2 Oct — The Asian Development Bank has further trimmed by 0.6 percentage point its 2013 economic growth forecast for developing Asian countries, which include countries such as China and India, to 6 percent and cut its growth projections in 2014 to 6.2 percent, saying on Wednesday that moderate growth in China and India plus fear over rising US interest rates have further dampened growth in the region. Updating its Asia Development Outlook report for this year, the Manila-based bank said, “Softer-than-expected economic activity in China and India and jitters over the US quantitative easing or QE programme will weigh on Asia and the Pacific’s growth prospects in the near term.”

“Asia and the Pacific

2013 growth will come in below earlier projections due to more moderate activity in the region’s two largest economies and effects of QE nervousness,” ADB chief economist Changyong Rhee said in a statement.

“While economic activity will edge back up in 2014, current conditions highlight the need for the region to exercise vigilance to safeguard financial stability in the short term while accelerating structural reforms to sustain economic growth in the longer term,” the statement said.

The ADB predicted in April that developing Asia will grow 6.6 percent this year, up from 6.1 percent in 2012, and 6.7 percent in 2014. In July, the ADB trimmed by 0.3 percentage point its 2013 growth fore-

cast in developing Asia to 6.3 percent and cut its 2014 forecast to 6.4 percent, saying tepid demand from major industrial economies plus slower growth in China’s economy have dampened growth prospects.

“Shifting expectations on the timing of the wind-back of the US Federal Reserve’s QE programme sparked the recent exodus of foreign capital from emerging markets, including India and Indonesia,” the report says.

While the sudden outflow of capital exposed vulnerabilities in the region, the report says fears of a crisis are “unwarranted,” citing solid current account surpluses and ample foreign exchange reserves in most of the region’s developing economies.—*Kyodo News*

Mexico refinery blast kills one, injures five

MEXICO CITY, 2 Oct — At least one person was killed and another five were injured on Tuesday in an explosion at a crude oil refinery in the central state of Hidalgo operated by Mexico’s state oil company Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex), the company said.

The blast occurred in the afternoon at the Miguel Hidalgo refinery located in Tula, Hidalgo, some 100 kilometres north of the capital Mexico City.

In a statement, Pemex reported that the accident happened at 03:15 pm local

time (0915 GMT) at 500-1 unit in the Hidros Plant Unit I of the Miguel Hidalgo refinery while realizing maintenance work.

The explosion came during the scheduled start-up of the Hidros 1 plant, and work there has not been suspended due to the accident, Pemex said.

The six injured are being treated at a Pemex hospital and a clinic operated by the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS) that is near the blast site, the company said, adding that one of the injured died later.

Pemex said the six victims of the accident, three are workers of the company and the other three are from contractors, were treated in hospital, but did not specify the severity of injuries of the five wounded.

The cause of the deadly blast remains unknown and authorities have given no explanation.

Pemex is the biggest enterprise in Mexico, the largest taxpayer in the country and one of the largest oil companies in Latin America.

Xinhua

Iraq violence kills nearly 900 in September, gunmen storm police station

TIKRIT, 2 Oct — Nearly 900 civilians were killed across Iraq in September as sectarian violence worsened, raising the death toll for 2013 to more than last year’s total, the United Nations said on Tuesday.

Most of the bloodshed was instigated by Sunni Islamist militants. In addition to 887 civilians, 92 members of the security forces were killed. September’s toll brought the number of people killed so far this year to 5,740, exceeding the toll for all of 2012, when the first yearly increase in civilian deaths was recorded since 2009 following the withdrawal of US troops in December 2011.

Overall, Baghdad was the worst-affected governorate.

“As terrorists continue to target Iraqis indiscriminately, I call upon all political leaders to strengthen their efforts to promote na-

tional dialogue and reconciliation,” the UN envoy to Iraq, Nickolay Mladenov.

After reaching a climax in 2006-07, violence in Iraq eased when Sunni tribesmen banded together and found common cause with

US troops to rout al-Qaeda, forcing it underground.

But the group has been reinvigorated this year by growing resentment of Iraq’s Shi’ite-led government, which minority Sunnis accuse of marginalizing them since the overthrow of Saddam Hussein in 2003.

The civil war in neighbouring Syria, where mainly Sunni rebels are fighting to topple a leader backed by Shi’ite Iran, has also put strain on Iraq’s delicate intercommunal balance.

In the latest violence, a suicide bomber drove up to a police station in Tikrit and blew himself up, killing at least two guards.

Reuters



Civilians look at a damaged Shi’ite mosque a day after a suicide bomb attack in Mussayab, 60km (40 miles) south of the capital Baghdad, on 30 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Annual debate of 68th session of UN General Assembly concludes



Ambassador John Ashe of Antigua and Barbuda and current President of the United Nations General Assembly.

UNITED NATIONS, 2 Oct — The annual debate of the 68th session of the UN General Assembly concluded on Tuesday, during which more than 130 heads of state and government, as well as ministers, gave their views on regional and international affairs.

General Assembly President John Ashe, at the close of the debate, said that the member states are “responsible for the implementation of action by working to create a post-2015 development agenda”.

“We are the ones responsible for finding com-

mon ground. And with the directions and the reference points laid before us this week, it is now up to us to identify our common agenda and move forward on it,” he said.

With the theme on “The Post 2015 Development Agenda: Setting the Stage!”, the week-long general debate, which opened on 24 September, provided heads of state and other senior government officials an opportunity to weigh in on the shape of the world’s development strategy for the period after the 2015 deadline of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and a host of national and global concerns, such as poverty eradication, climate change, human rights, and a range of peace and security issues.—*Xinhua*



Enlisted women march on the Cyprus Independence Day military parade in Nicosia on 1 Oct, 2013. Troops paraded in the capital city on Tuesday to celebrate the 53rd Independence Day of the country.—XINHUA

Japan PM to unveil policies on cultural exchanges with Asian nations

TOKYO, 2 Oct — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said on Tuesday he will unveil a set of policies aimed at fostering cultural exchanges with other Asian countries when he meets with leaders of Southeast Asian nations in Tokyo in December.

“It is important for Asian countries to maintain their diversity while promoting cultural changes from the standpoint of (creating) harmony,” Abe said in an address at a symposium in the Japanese capital.

Abe will announce the policies during the special meeting between

himself and leaders of the 10 ASEAN member states to demonstrate the importance Japan places on its ties with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

The envisioned policies are expected to reflect measures compiled on Monday by a forum of experts the government set up to promote cultural exchanges with Asian countries.

ASEAN is comprised of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.—*Kyodo News*

NATIONAL



Magway's landmark pagoda needs urgent preservation

MAGWAY, 2 Oct— Landmark Myathalun Pagoda in Magway has been damaged in the rush of time. The fault lines could be seen clearly even on the

outer layer of the pagoda. "It should be preserved immediately as Myathalun Pagoda is the historic one," a pilgrim said. Magway Region government has started

preservation of the Shwelinmyaw Pagoda on the western bank of Ayeyawady River with the construction of the retaining wall. MMAL-Kyaw Swa (Magway)

Electrification

Coal-fired power plant project inked for Kengtung



Signing of agreement to run coal-fired power plant in Kengtung in Shan State East under JV-B.O.T system in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct — Ministry of Electric Power and Lumpoondum Co Ltd signed an agreement

yesterday to run a coal-fired power plant in Kengtung in Shan State East under JV-

B.O.T system. The coal-fired power plant project is expected to complete in 2015. Upon completion, the project will generate 25 megawatt in the first phase and from 400 to 500 megawatts in the second phase.

It would also contribute to the development of Shan State and create job opportunities, said Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe at the signing ceremony.

Upon completion, the project will supply power to Shan State. The agreement was inked by U Maw Thar Htway, Director-General of the Hydropower Implementation Department, and Ms Sirilak Chaisri, President of the Lumpoondum Co Ltd at the Ministry of Electric Power.—MNA



Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann shaking hands with Israeli Ambassador Mr. Hagay Moshe Behar.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw speaker ...

(From page 16) The Speaker also received Israeli Ambassador Mr. Hagay Moshe Behar at the same venue. Also present at the calls were Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo and officials.—MNA

Traffic Enforcement

Myanmar to deploy 1000 traffic police in SEA Games period

YANGON, 2 Oct— Myanmar Traffic Police Corps will deploy 1000 traffic police to ensure less traffic jams and traffic accidents in upcoming XXVII SEA Games to be hosted in Myanmar. "We would pay attention to reduce traffic in each host cities along the route of athletes and supporters. More than 1000 well-trained traffic police will be deployed," said Police Col Kyaw Htway of

Traffic Police Corps. Myanmar will host XXVII SEA Games in Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and Ngwehsaung beach. Some 200 traffic police will be deployed in Nay Pyi Taw, 260 in Mandalay, 600 in Yangon and 50 in Pathein and Ngwehsaung. They will pay attention to easing the traffic jams and prevent traffic accidents in SEA Games period. MMAL-Thun Wathan



Members of Traffic Police Corps discharging duty at a junction of main road in Yangon.

International KBZ Insurance opens Mandalay HQ

MANDALAY, 2 Oct— International Kanbawza Insurance opened its Upper Myanmar Office in Chanayethazan Township in Mandalay on 24 September. It was attended by Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint, region ministers, Chairman of International Kanbawza Insurance U Aung Ko Win, Managing Director of Myanma Insurance U Aye Min Thein and invited guests.

Chairman of Mandalay Development Affairs Committee Mandalay Mayor U Aung Moun, Private Insurance Industry Supervisory Committee U Aye Min Thein and In-

charge of International Kanbawza Insurance Mandalay Headquarters U Win Oo formally opened the office. Managing Director of the company U Nyo Myint said the company would provide international-standard insurance services



Human Resources

Upgraded BEMS inaugurated in Ywangan Tsp

YWANGAN, 2 Oct—A ceremony to commission newly-upgraded Basic Education Middle School had been held at the school in Kyaukkabyin Village of Ywangan

Township in Danu Self-Administered Zone in Shan State. At first, Township Administrator U Phone Htet Naing Myint, Township Education Officer U

Business

under the supervision of the insurance industry supervisory committee. The company is selling fire insurances, vehicle insurance, life insurance, and others. MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Self-reliant water supply undertaken

YANGON, 2 Oct—Manhe Village carried out supply of water to the local people from Shwehngyet spring, three miles east of Manhe Village-tract between Mawlu Region and Nantsiaung region in Indaw Township of Sagaing Region. Indaw Township Development Affairs Committee supplies safe water to the local people through 110 pieces of four-inch diameter for the first time and laying of pipelines. With regard to laying of pipeline and water supply tasks, each house contributed K 40000 to the fund for the project. MMAL-Win Shwe (Sagaing)

Khin Maung Kyaw and Village Administrator U Tin Maung Maung cut the ribbon to open the upgraded school building. At the opening ceremony, the students performed dances and music. Next, the Township Administrator and the Township Education Officer made speeches. Townselders spoke words of thanks.

Commemorative pennants were presented to the officials. Eighth standard students sang the nationalistic spirit. Thanks to the newly-upgraded school, the local students from Kyaukkabyin and its surrounding areas get easy access to middle school education. MMAL-Township IPRD

PERSPECTIVES

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Usher in conflict-sensitive approach

Basic education is as important as the higher education as it is the foundation of improving society. When the people are educated they become stronger because they are more confident and independent. This strength will move them to do great thing and the country as a whole will enjoy greater prosperity.

There is a growing acceptance that the role of teachers who are the guide of the child are increasingly becoming crucial, for education enables people to develop their critical thinking and analysis skills in order to solve problems rationally. However, learning has received little attention from uneducated communities hitherto. So, learning is to be extensively introduced in order to usher in a conflict-sensitive approach.

The Ministry of Education has approved UNESCO's peace education project in northern Rakhine State. The project is meant to foster mutual respect for culture diversity at the school level and will be jointly implemented through funding support from Belgium government. The government of Myanmar and international community have identified peace education as one of the priorities to address underlying causes of the communal tension in Rakhine State.

As the project will also promote the long-term goal of education to overcome discrimination and exclusion through human rights-based, quality education, capacity of school teachers, students and their parents needs to be enhanced to facilitate inclusive problem-solving processes and consensus-building around community priorities and to strengthen the commitment to an inclusive civic national identity.

Only those who change themselves are the wise and there is an increasing trend that only with a large number of wise persons, will the country be prosperous and be free from communal conflicts and on the right track of development.

Workshop on child protection system held in Kangyidaunt Tsp

KANGYIDAUNT, 2 Oct—Jointly organized by the Township Child Rights Committee and the Child Focused Network, a workshop on child protection system was held at Ayeya Thirithukha Hall in Kangyidaunt Township, Ayeyawady Region yesterday. Ayeyawady Region Social Affairs Minister Daw Khin Saw Mu gave an opening speech at the workshop.

Head of the Social Welfare Department of Ayeyawady Region U Kyaw Win touched on undertakings of the department for

child protection.

Next, Kangyidaunt Township Child Rights Committee Chairman Township Administrator U Myint Sein participated in the discussion on child protection.

U Tike Aung, social education advisor to the Child Focused Network, explained follow-up plans for child protection system.

A total of 300 attendees—those from township level departments, NGOs, township administrators and supporting committees—attended the workshop.—Township IPRD

Myanmar spares no effort to overcome any challenges, go ahead on journey that set out to build nation of peace, democracy and prosperity

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—The following is the continuation of the speech delivered by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin at the General Debate at the 68th United Nations General Assembly in New York on 30 September.

Mr. President,

In the process of Myanmar's transition to democracy, expectations are high within the country as well as from the international community. For the government and people of Myanmar, the task is daunting. There are many challenges ahead. We are still in the critical transition period. However, we are resolute to march forward along our chosen path. There will be no turning back. But we will not take anything for granted. It is incumbent upon the government and people of Myanmar

to be vigilant all times so that we will not fall into the trap of the detractors of the reform process.

We need continued support and encouragement of the international community. We always welcome the friendly and constructive advice and helping hands of friends far and near in our nation building process. However, we are fully cognizant of the fact that ultimately the people of Myanmar themselves are responsible to decide their own destiny and shape their own future.

Mr. President,

The government of President U Thein Sein is laying a solid foundation for democracy, peace and development for the people of Myanmar. Myanmar's transition to democracy has been applauded by observers as one of the most promising efforts of democratization in the world today. The success we have achieved so far on the road to democracy has been made possible through the joint efforts of the leadership and the people of Myanmar driven by the strong and genuine de-

sire to change. The road ahead is long and full of challenges.

We would spare no effort to overcome any challenges and go ahead on the journey that we have set out to build a nation of peace, democracy and prosperity. As we continue our journey, we need the understanding, continued encouragement and support of the United Nations and the international community. We will never lose sight of our goals and we are determined to fulfill the aspiration of the people of Myanmar.

I thank you.

Myanmar delegation attends 2nd Asian Festival of Buddhist Culture

Union Minister for Religious Affairs U Hsan Hsint attends the 2nd Asian Festival of Buddhist Culture held in Kandy of Sri Lanka.—MNA

YANGON, 2 Oct—A Myanmar Buddhist delegation led by Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa and Union Minister for Religious Affairs U Hsan Hsint left here by air on 24 September to attend the 2nd

Asian Festival of the Buddhist Culture held in Kandy of Sri Lanka from 25 to 27 September.

The delegations from 62 countries were present at the event where the Sri Lankan Prime Minister and Union Minister U Hsan Hsint offered alms to Sangharaja Sayadaws from Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Viet-

nam, Korea and Mongolia on 25 September.

The Sri Lankan Prime Minister delivered an opening address and the Sri Lankan Religious Affairs Minister spoke words of thanks.

Int'l watchdog to begin chemical weapons destruction

BEIJING, 2 Oct—Twenty inspectors from a Netherlands-based chemical weapons watchdog, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons has arrived in Syria.

They're travelling to Damascus to begin a complex mission of finding and dismantling an estimated 1,000-ton chemical arsenal, as the civil war rages in Syria.

The investigators say members of the initial

group of 20 will meet with counterparts from Syria's Foreign Ministry later on Tuesday to begin planning their work.

The United Nations Security Council has ordered the OPCW to help Syria destroy its chemical weapons by mid-2014. It gives inspectors about nine months to complete their task. In a week, the OPCW mission will be expanded as more investigators arrive.—Xinhua

Nippon Foundation donates food packets to IDPs of Mohnyin

MOHNYIN, 2 Oct—Nippon Foundation donated packets of food through Kachin State government to IDP families at the relief camps in Mohnyin Township on 27 September.

Township Administrator U Myat Yu accepted packets of food for the IDP

families. Canned foods and dried fish were provided to 12 household victims who are accommodated at St Patrick Church in Aungthabyay Ward of Mohnyin Township and 21 households at Baptist Church in Inndawgyi Nanmonkway Village.—NLM-001

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President U Thein Sein...

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After the meeting, the President his entourage went to Kyaukpyu by special flight.

At the hall of the Kyauk-

pyu Airport, the president met with members of the supporting committee for development of Kyaukpyu and townsenders and clarified political, economic and

Lend a helping hand...

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He also received staff of Myanmar embassy led by U Kyaw Swa, Charge d' Affaires ai of Myanmar Embassy and military attaché Brig-Gen Win Maung at Shangri-la Hotel in Ma-

laysia.

During the meeting, he called on them to protect and take care of Myanmar citizens in Malaysia without racial and religious discrimination and to lend a helping hand to them when-

General Hla Htay Win

comforts victims in Thandwe

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—Together with Lt-Gen Hla Min, Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko Naing, Rakhine State ministers and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win toured Thandwe, Thabyuchai, Pauktaw, Mekyun, Kyaukkyi and Kyekanye Villages in Thandwe Township this afternoon and viewed the collapsed houses damaged by recent riots.

In meeting with local

people of the both sides in Thabyuchai Village, General Hla Htay Win said that concerted efforts are being made for restoring peace and stability, rule of law and carrying out rehabilitation tasks and pledged to attend to the needs of locals. He presented household equipment and makeshift tents for victims through townsenders.

The situation in Thandwe Township has come to normalcy, it is learnt.—Myawady

administrative reforms, the people-centered administration and plans for development of Kyaukpyu.

The president and party left Kyaukpyu for Thandwe by special flight in the evening.—MNA

ever they need. Regarding the role of the Tatmadaw in Myanmar, it is walking right on the road to democracy, he said.

The Myanmar delegation led by Senior General Min Aung Hlaing arrived back here this afternoon.

MNA



President U Thein Sein meets with Islam religious leaders at Bandoola Venue in Sittway.—MNA

Local people in Thandwe urged to cooperate with authorities to deter conflicts from erupting again

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—While providing security to the local people in Thandwe Township, Police forces dispersed mobs after about 14 houses were burnt down in Thabyuchai Taungpaw Village in the township yesterday.

Similarly, the police fired warning shots as mobs set on fire some houses near Shwehlay Basic Education High School around 3.25 pm yesterday.

A group intercepted three motorcycles and attacked five people on board on the Thandwe-Taungpaw Road near Linnthi Village in Shwehlay Village-tract yesterday evening, leaving four injured, and one is still missing.

The injured were taken to Thandwe Hospital.

One building in Kyikanye Village was set on fire last night and the local people and security forces extinguished the fire and controlled it around 1.30 am today.

The local authorities deter conflicts from reoccurring. have urged the local people to cooperate with them to

MNA

Union FM felicitates Korean, German counterparts

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Oct—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Yun Byung-se, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Korea, on the occasion of National Foundation Day of the Republic of Korea which falls on 3 October 2013, and His Excellency Mr. Guido WesterWelle, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany, on the occasion of the Day of German Unity of the Federal Republic of Germany, which falls on 3 October 2013.—MNA



General Hla Htay Win cordially greets local people of both sides in Thabyuchai Village.—MNA

No plan to enact law...

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decided to discuss it.

In responding to the query raised by U Sai Hla Kyaw from Langkho Constituency on “whether there is a plan to conserve Inlay region enacting a particular law and how the authorities concerned to monitor local and foreign NGOs activities at Inlay region, Deputy Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Aye Myint Maung said that UNDP and NGOs are working under the terms of the contract. Their respective work proposals of local NGOs are to be selected by the technical advisory team

of a project.

He continued that there are 12 local NGOs working in the region cooperate with UNDP in 2012-2013 FY and eight local environmental conservation and social organizations were added in 2013-2014 FY.

Under the supervision of UNDP, Inlay Lake conservation and rehabilitation tasks are carried out with the use of budgets directly allocated by local NGOs, without the Union Government allocating budgets, he added.

The deputy minister continued that while long-term plan to restore Inlay Lakeis being implemented

with Australia based International Development Convention Centre and UN-HABITAT’s Urban and Housing Rehabilitation Programme, efforts are being made for planning Inlay region socio-economic development project in collaboration with international hilly region comprehensive development convention center.

At present, there is no plan to enact a particular law on conserving Inlay region because Inlay region is conserved in line with the existing laws on conservation of Inlay region, he said.

The meeting came to an end in the afternoon, and the third-day session continues tomorrow.—MNA

Internet service to be cut for a while

Myanma Posts and Telecommunications of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs has implemented the project for improvement of communication network to increase the Internet speed.

Regarding the project, MPT in cooperation with the Information Technology Department and NTT Communications has upgraded and installed ISPs and National Gateways in Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay. New POPs which are linked with current ISP Network in Yangon would be connected with new ISP Network at the duration mentioned below and the MPT’s Internet service in the POP area would be stopped for a while when the work is carried out.

No.	Date	Time	POP	Duration
1.	5-10-2013	From 02:00 am to 02:15 am	Hanthawady POP	15 minutes
2.	8-10-2013	From 02:00 am to 02:15 am	Mobile POP	15 minutes
3.	8-10-2013	From 02:15 am to 02:30 am	Mayangon POP	15 minutes
4.	8-10-2013	From 02:30 am to 02:45 am	Maunghtawlay POP	15 minutes
5.	9-10-2013	From 02:00 am to 02:15 am	MICT POP	05 minutes

Myanma Posts and Telecommunications

Amyotha Hluttaw session...

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The ministry will upgrade 17-mile Mogaung (Pahoke)-Kamaing road spending K 200 million funds for special maintenance work, he added.

“I submitted this question to the ministry in July. Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, on his tour of Kachin State, said the Ministry of Construction and the Ministry of Mines will be responsible to upgrade the road. I would like to stress the need of greater transparency in handing

over the tasks to the companies. Close supervisions is also needed to know whether they are carrying out the tasks correctly. The Ministry of Construction and the state government should perform close supervision on road inspection task,” U San Pyae responded to the deputy minister’s answer in the interview with him.

Approval was sought for extended formation of members of political, economic and legal affairs commission.

MNA

Myanmar-Japan Rice Industry Co., Ltd. (MJRI) opens office

YANGON, 2 Oct—Myanmar-Japan Rice Industry Co., Ltd. (MJRI) opened its office at UMFCFI in Lanmadaw Township here on 30 September. MJRI’s first project in Twantay is expected to produce 100,000 tons of rice per year. Deputy Director Daw Cho Cho Win of Directorate of Investment and Companies Administration presented certificate to the MJRI Chairman and the Managing Director of Mitsui Co., Ltd.—MNA

YANGON, 2 Oct—FOJO Media Institute of Sweden provided basic journalism instructor course 2013 at the hall of Myanmar Media Library at the corner of Merchant Street and 44th Street, here, from 23 to 27 September with the aim of developing journalism.

The course was jointly conducted by Myanmar Journalists Association and Myanmar Journalists Network.

International Media Support and FOJO Media Institute gave lectures to the trainees.

Ms Fiona of England from FOJO Media Institute lectured 16 trainees practically and theoretically with the aim of enabling the trainees to have efficient knowledge in turning out more journalists.

After the training, the

Basic journalism instructor course opened



Trainees of basic journalism instructor course seen with trainers in documentary photo.

concluding ceremony and dinner was held at Nanthida Golden Duck restaurant in Yangon.

Certificates of diploma

were presented to trainees individually.

The training was attended by U Sein Hlaing Bo (Bago), U Tin Htut

(Mawlamyine), U Ba Oo (Mandalay), U Saw Myint (Sittway), U Myint Oo (Maubin), U Win Kyi (Magway) and U Sein Win, U Saw Lin Aung, U Myint Kyaw, U Khin Maung Myint, U Kyaw Kyaw Lin, U Zarni Win, U Aye Zaw, Daw Aye Aye Zin and Daw Eint Khaing Oo from Yangon.

Kyemon-002

Drains dredged in Meiktila Industrial Zone



overcome heavy rains, said U Hla Myo Aung, Chairman of Meiktila Industrial Zone Management Committee.

Meiktila Industrial Zone is located between Tha-byewa

Deputy Commissioner U Tin Maung Soe, Township Administrator U Myo Hlaing and Head of Township Settlement and Land Records Department U Thein Tun Zaw supervise dredging of the five furlongs long and six feet wide drain between 4th and 5th streets of Meiktila Industrial Zone.—

CHAN THA (MEIKTILA)

MEIKTILA, 2 Oct—The dredging of drains were carried out for prevention of inundation on roads in Meiktila Industrial Zone in Meiktila District.

“Dredging the drains started on 29 and 30 September. All drains along 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th streets will be dredged for proper flow of water in the rainy season. In heavy rains, roads were inundated in the zone. So, the local people faced difficulty

in transportation. Upon completion of dredging works, we can easily

Village of Thazi Township and Htanaunggan Village of Meiktila Township near Yangon-Mandalay Highway.

The industrial zone comprises weaving, bean grinding, dyeing, lathe and other medium scale industries in group.

Kyemon-579

Myanmar Police Force Day observed in Thanatpin Township

THANATPIN, 2 Oct—A ceremony to mark 49th Anniversary Myanmar Police Force Day was held at the

office of Thanatpin Township :Police Force in Bago District in Bago Region on 1 October morning. Head

of Thanatpin Police Station Police Captain Naing Win explained emergence of Myanmar police force in its history.

Next, Township Administrator U Thein Win presented certificates of honour to outstanding police members and Police Captain Naing Win and officials, gifts and certificates to ward and village administrators for their excellent performance in the rule of law tasks in cooperation with the police force and prizes to outstanding students in the



Police Captain Naing Win presents certificate of honour to a village administrator.

Natural Disaster

Panlaung River swollen some villages in Singaing Township

SINGAING, 2 Oct— Villages along Panlaung River were flooded due to heavy rains as of 28 September.

The flood victims are being accommodated at the relief camps.

A total of 1112 houses from 13 villages were flooded in the township, and 1260 households became flood victims.

Altogether 2831 people from 786 households from 674 houses along the bank of Panlaung River 999 cattle were evacuated to the safe places.

Local authorities, members of Township Police Force and Fire Brigade provided necessary assistance to the flood victims.

Kyemon-Tun Tun Naing



Village road is inundated in Singaing Township.

Culture

Performing Arts Competitions commences

YANGON, 2 Oct— The 20th Myanmar National Races Performing Arts Competitions of Yangon East District was kicked off at the hall of Yankin



Education College, here, yesterday morning.

At first, Yangon Region Minister for Finance and Revenue Daw San San Nwe

Photo shows opening ceremony of Performing Arts Competitions of Yangon East District.

spoke on the occasion.

The competition was

formally opened by Yangon Region Minister for Finance and Revenue Daw San San Nwe and Deputy Commissioner U Hlaing Soe Than of Yangon East District General Administration Department.

At the opening ceremony, famous vocalists and professional performers entertained the guests with songs and dances.

Kyemon-Than Maung (Yankin)

Police Affairs

poem, painting and essay contests in commemoration of the anti-trafficking in persons.

Kyemon-Ye Htut (Minywa)

Take preventive measures against dengue hemorrhagic fever

REGIONAL

Japan to avoid power shortages in winter without nuclear power

TOKYO, 2 Oct—Japan is expected to avoid power shortages in the winter even if all of the country's 50 reactors remain offline, an estimate provided by the Economy, Trade and Industry Ministry showed on Tuesday.

"In all the areas serviced by nine regional utilities (that own nuclear power plants), supply capacity is expected to exceed demand by 3 percent, the minimum level to ensure stable electricity supply," METI said in a document presented to a panel of experts to discuss the country's electricity situation.

Hokkaido Electric Power Co, which supplies power to the country's northernmost main island, is expected to secure 6.9 percent more power supply capacity than anticipated demand in February, or about 390,000 kilowatts,

when the use of heating will likely hit a peak.

But the government will consider measures to deal with possible emergency situations in the Hokkaido region as only a limited amount of power can be delivered from Japan's main island of Honshu.

Based on the discussions by the panel, the government plans to decide necessary power-saving measures for the winter in the end of October at the earliest.

As done this summer, the government is likely to call on the public and companies to cooperate in saving power, instead of setting numerical power-saving targets.

The levels of extra power supply capacities of Kansai Electric Power Co and Kyushu Electric Power Co are estimated at 3 percent, respectively, but there

will likely be room for other utilities to send electricity to Kansai and Kyushu utilities.

Thermal plants are making up for the loss of atomic energy following the devastating accident at Tokyo Electric Power Co's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear complex in 2011.

All 50 commercial reactors in Japan are now offline, after the only two operating reactors shut down for regular checkups in western Japan in September.

More than 10 reactors are now being checked as to whether they are safe enough to resume operation in light of new nuclear regulations introduced in July. But none of them are likely to restart by the end of this year because the review procedures are expected to take time.

Kyodo News



Newly-married couples ride bicycles during a group wedding in Boxing County of Binzhou City, east China's Shandong Province, on 1 Oct, 2013. Altogether 35 couples took part in the traditional wedding ceremony on the first day of the national holidays.—XINHUA

4.7 magnitude quake hits central

New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 2 Oct—An earthquake measuring 4.7 magnitude was felt in New Zealand capital on Wednesday morning. There was no reports of casualties or damages.

The moderate quake hit just before 5.30 am on

Wednesday local time (at 16:30 GMT on Tuesday), New Zealand government geological agency GNS Sciences said.

It was centred 30 km east of Seddon in Cook Strait at a depth of 22 km.

It was felt across Marl-

borough and in Wellington.

The early morning shake is another in a long series of earthquakes to hit the area since July, with the biggest being a magnitude 6.5 quake on 21 July and a 6.6 quake on 16 August.

Xinhua



Debris of residents' houses that razed to the ground by a fire is seen at West Kelapa Gading in north Jakarta, Indonesia, on 1 Oct, 2013. A fire on Tuesday morning wiped out more than 200 homes in the densely populated area of north Jakarta. No casualties have been reported. The cause of the incident is under investigation.—XINHUA

Vietnam hosts 24th regional meeting on vocational, technical education

HANOI, 2 Oct—The 24th Governing Board meeting of the Regional Centre for Vocational and Technical Education and Training under the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO VOTTECH) opened in Vietnam's northern Quang Ninh Province on Tuesday.

Addressing the opening ceremony, Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Education and Training Bui Van Ga said that in its role as chairman of the 2013 SEAMEO, Vietnam has put forth many action plans and cooperated actively with others in SEAMEO VOTTECH re-

search programmes. With its contributions, Vietnam wants SEAMEO VOTTECH to become a trusted address in professional education in the Southeast Asian region, Vietnam's state-run news agency quoted the Vietnamese official as saying.

To achieve its socio-economic development goals, the Vietnamese government is completing a project to reform its educational system in the context that the country has developed the socialist-orientated market economy and promoted international integration, said the deputy minister.

Xinhua

Japanese PM greets Hun Sen for being re-elected as Cambodian Prime Minister

PHNOM PENH, 2 Oct—Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe extended his congratulations to Hun Sen for being re-elected as the Prime Minister of Cambodia for another five-year term after his ruling party won the 28 July election.

"On behalf of the government and the people of Japan, I would like to express my congratulations to you for being re-elected as the Prime Minister of Cambodia and for the formation of a new government," he said in a message to Hun Sen that was released to the

media by Cambodia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Tuesday.

"I wish to see further progress in the parliamentary democracy through dialogue and cooperation between the ruling party and the opposition party so that Cambodia (can) implement various measures steadily toward economic and social development under your leadership," he said.

Abe added that Japan would continue to actively support Cambodia in its nation-building efforts.

"I will actively coop-

erate with you in order to make closer ties between Japan and Cambodia and to strengthen cooperation in seeking solutions to issues on international arenas," he said.

Hun Sen, 61, who had been in power for 28 years, was re-elected as the prime minister of Cambodia on 24 September by his ruling party's formed parliament as the opposition party's lawmakers boycotted the parliamentary session since they refused to accept the results of the 28 July election.

Xinhua

Taipei customs seize 20 kg of TNT at airport

TAIPEI, 2 Oct—Taipei customs have seized 20 kilograms of TNT at a Taipei Airport from a flight from Hong Kong but the recipients of the package told police that the explosives were intended for use as a pyrotechnical stage prop, officials said on Tuesday.

The Criminal Investigation Brigade said they have taken samples of the explosives and are awaiting test results.

Taipei Customs officials said the explosives were found in a package sent via express delivery, with accompanying documentation listing the contents as lighting fixtures.

Customs officials found a bomb-like device with fuses attached after screening the package by X-ray and opened the package.

An unnamed recipient of the package told police investigators that the explosives were intended as a stage prop for television filming.

Kyodo News



Citizens read books at the Heilongjiang Library in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 2 Oct, 2013. Many people came to libraries to study during the national holidays.—XINHUA

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George Tun Kyaing and Daw Sandar Tun
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son of
Fred L'E strange and Ida L'E strange
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV MALACCA HIGHWAY VOY NO (166S)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MALACCA HIGHWAY VOY NO (166S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3.10.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P.L 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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US big three automakers sales slowdown in September

CHICAGO, 2 Oct —

Ford and Chrysler's sales rose modestly in US market in September, while General Motors' sales fell 11 percent in a month that had two fewer selling days than September 2012, according to figures released on Tuesday. General Motors said its September auto sales of 187,195 slid 11 percent year-on-year, while its retail sales fell 6 percent and fleet sales dropped by 27 percent.

GM's Buick and Cadillac brands posted sales increases for the month of 6.5 percent and 9.9 percent, respectively, while Chevrolet sales declined 14.7 percent and GMC sales fell by 9.7 percent.

Ford said its US September auto sales rose 5.8 percent. Fusion sedan sales jumped 62 percent in September while sales of the Fiesta subcompact rose 29 percent over the same month in 2012, setting a September sales record. Ford brand sales were up 6.3 percent for the month, while Lincoln brand sales

dropped 5.1 percent.

Chrysler Group LLC said its September sales rose by 0.7 percent. The company sold 976 more vehicles compared with the same month a year ago.

Chrysler, Dodge and Ram Truck brands posted sales increases in September from the same month in 2012, while Fiat and Jeep brands both saw sales drop from September 2012.

US monthly auto sales have been posting year-on-year gains for more than two years, but analysts are projecting that trend will end with September's sales. Analysts are projecting a decline by as much as 4.4 percent, according to the *Detroit News*.

The main driver of the anticipated drop is two fewer selling days in September 2013 compared with the month in 2012. The big Labour Day sales weekend typically is included in September auto sales, but this year was included in August figures due to reporting on a sales month vs. calendar month basis.—*Xinhua*

**THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ENERGY
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE
(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)
(9/2013)**

Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United States Dollars and Myanmar Kyats.

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Qty	Remark
(1)	IFB -073(2013-2014)	Electrical Spares for KG-2 kongsberg Gas Turbines	(47) Items	US \$
(2)	IFB -074(2013-2014)	High & Low Drum Clutch for ZJ 70 L Sr-1&2 Drilling Rigs	(2) Items	US \$
(3)	IFB -075(2013-2014)	1 Meter DEM or STRAMD Data (Myanmar)	(20) Nos	US \$
(4)	DMP/L-033(2013-2014)	9.00x20 Tyres, 12.00x24 Tyres 18 R 22.5 Tyres & 14.5x20 Tyres	(4) Items	Kyat
(5)	DMP/L-034(2013-2014)	Sercel 408 UL Line Cable Section for Acquisition Recording System	(1) Lot	Kyat
(6)	DMP/L-035(2013-2014)	Spare Parts for Mud Logging Unit Ex ZJ 70 L&ZJ 50 D Drilling Rigs	(1) Lot	Kyat
(7)	DMP/L-036(2013-2014)	2"Dia,4"Dia, 6"Dia and 8"Dia Rubber Hose Pipe	(4) Items	Kyat
(8)	DMP/L-037(2013-2014)	Electrical Spares For US\$ Oil Well Drilling Rig (20 Pin Plug and Receptacle)	(32) Sets	Kyat
(9)	DMP/L-038(2013-2014)	200 AMP Circuit Breaker and Speed Adjust Rheostat For ZJ 50 D Drilling Rig	(2) Items	Kyat
(10)	DMP/L-039(2013-2014)	Electrical Cards For Mud Pump Field Thyristor of Main PCR Unit Ex D3 T2 Drilling Rig	(2) Items	Kyat

-Tender Closing Date & Time - 30-10-2013, 1300 Hrs.

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 30th September, 2013 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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Lifeguards patrol on the seashore at Dadonghai scenic area in Sanya City, south China's Hainan Province, on 1 Oct, 2013. Lifeguards' work were strengthened to guard the safety of tourists here during the seven-day national holidays.
XINHUA

German TV maker Loewe files for insolvency

FRANKFURT, 2 Oct — German's TV set maker Loewe files for insolvency on Tuesday and a request for self management in bankruptcy is already delivers to the district court Coburg, local newspaper *Handelsblatt* reported.

The company said it only has sufficient funds to keep operations running until the end of this year, which means that it has to find a new investor before the end of the year to avert closure.

The TV maker filed for protection from its creditors in July. Since then, it has been looking for an investor to speed up its restructuring programme.

Loewe fell into difficulties after it failed to keep

up with competition from rivals like Samsung, LG Electronics and Chinese TV set makers.

A significant move was made by Loewe in July with setting up a strategic partnership with China's Hisense International Co, Ltd in July. Yet the Chinese TV maker didn't bring any fresh money to Loewe, leaving it still looking for an investor.

Founded in Berlin in 1923, Loewe is a premium flat-screen TV set producer which also makes audio speakers and home entertainment systems.

Sales of the company fell to 250 million euros (328 million US dollars) in 2012 from 374.3 million euros in 2011.—*Xinhua*



Tourists go boating on the West Lake in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 1 Oct, 2013, the first day of the seven-day national holidays.
XINHUA

Higher electricity costs, copayment continue squeeze in Spain

MADRID, 2 Oct — The majority of Spanish households face a rise of 3.1 percent in their electricity bills as of Tuesday.

The price rise comes as a result of the quarterly auction of electricity carried out last week, where the providers had to pay 7.6 percent more for energy, with 3.1 percent of that being passed on to customers.

It is the second price rise Spaniards have had to face in the past two months, as it follows on from an increase of 1.2 percent in August as the government sanctioned a one-off payment. Meanwhile prices had also risen by 3 percent at the start of the year.

Electricity prices affect around 20 million homes, as well as small and medium sized companies and are the only ones to be revised directly by the government, which fixes them every three months by calculating the cost of energy and the tolls to be applied, before then adding taxes onto the total cost.

This rise in electricity costs comes into effect the day after the government published its budget for 2014. One of the most contentious aspects of the budget, along with a reduction in spending in the public health service, was the decision to raise pensions by just 0.25 percent in the coming year.—*Xinhua*

ENTERTAINMENT

Pierce Brosnan joins campaign to save dogs

LOS ANGELES, 2 Oct—Former James Bond star Pierce Brosnan is backing a new campaign to reduce the number of dogs and cats who end up in shelters.

The 60-year-old actor has teamed up with TV dog behaviourist Cesar Millan to help raise awareness of the importance of having pets neutered and spayed to stop unwanted pooches from being put down, reported *Us* magazine.

Brosnan has designed artwork for vehicle licence plates to raise funds for the cause, with profits from the sales going towards programmes throughout the state of California.

“The most humane way not to kill a dog is to spay and neuter. When we kill four to five million dogs nationally per year, what that says about our behaviour is that we have become a disposable society. To me, a spay and neuter campaign is just as important as the Buckle Up campaign; it saves lives,” Milan said.

PTI

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Lindsay Lohan's parents banned from TV show

LOS ANGELES, 2 Oct—Troubled actress Lindsay Lohan's parents have reportedly been banned from appearing on the actress' upcoming reality TV show.

The Mean Girls star, who successfully completed a 90-day stint in rehab in July (2013), has struck a deal with Oprah Winfrey's OWN Network to film her struggle to rebuild her life.

It has now emerged the star's estranged parents, Michael and Dina Lohan, have been axed from the series because producers feared their presence would confuse viewers, reported TMZ Online.

According to editors, the makers of the show have vowed to focus entirely on Lohan's recovery rather than her family issues.

The actress is reportedly set to receive a USD 2 million paycheck for the series.

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Adele to play Dusty Springfield in biopic?



Adele wants to play Dusty Springfield, the legendary singer who passed away in 1999.



LONDON, 2 Oct—Singer Adele is reportedly in talks to play English pop

singer Dusty Springfield in a new biopic.

The 25-year-old Someone like you singer would portray the legendary singer who passed away in 1999 at the age of 59 after giving several hits like Wishin and Hopin and I Just Don't Know What to Do with Myself, reported *Daily Telegraph*.

“Adele is attached to a project, but it's in the early stages of development,” a source said.

Adele is also reportedly set to appear in another movie called *The Secret Service* to be released in November 2014. It is rumoured that former football star David Beckham, Lady Gaga and Taylor Swift will also appear in the film.

PTI

Taylor Swift doesn't rule out dating celebrities

LOS ANGELES, 2 Oct—Despite having her share of heart breaks, singer Taylor Swift does not rule out the idea of dating celebrities in the future.

Swift has dated known names like Joe Jonas, Harry Styles and actor Taylor Lautner in the past, reports *dailymail.co.uk*.

“You can't say ‘I'm never gonna date a high-profile person in the arts! But whoever I date, famous or not — whether I ever date again! — all chaos will break loose,” said Swift to *Glamour* magazine.

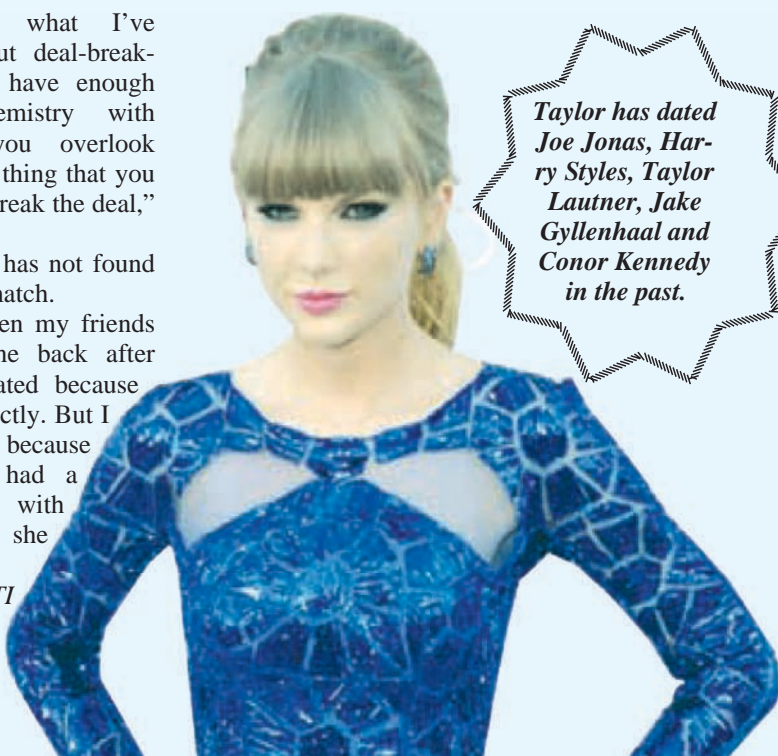
The Love Story singer believes when two people are perfect for each other, they tend to overlook the mistakes.

“Here's what I've learned about deal-breakers. If you have enough natural chemistry with someone, you overlook every single thing that you said would break the deal,” said Swift.

But she has not found her perfect match.

“I've seen my friends take someone back after they've cheated because they fit perfectly. But I don't know, because I've never had a perfect fit with someone,” she said.

PTI



Taylor has dated Joe Jonas, Harry Styles, Taylor Lautner, Jake Gyllenhaal and Conor Kennedy in the past.

Sylvester Stallone refused Bollywood offer?



The action hero made his Bollywood debut with *Kambakkht Ishq* in 2009.

NEW DELHI, 2 Oct—Hollywood action hero Sylvester Stallone was reportedly offered a role in an upcoming Bollywood film, but he refused the project.

The 67-year-old declined the offer as it was clashing with the shooting schedule and release of his forthcoming film *Escape*

Plan, said a statement.

In 2009, Stallone made his Bollywood debut with *Kambakkht Ishq*. He featured alongside actors Akshay Kumar and Kareena Kapoor in the film. *Escape Plan*, an action thriller that also features Arnold Schwarzenegger will release on 25 October.—PTI

SPORTS

Ramires double leads Chelsea to four-goal romp



Chelsea's Ramires (top C) celebrates with his teammates Branislav Ivanovic (top R) and Juan Mata (L) after scoring a goal as Steaua Bucharest's goalkeeper Ciprian Tatarusanu reacts during their Champions League match at the National Arena in Bucharest on 1 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

BUCHAREST, 2 Oct—Brazil midfielder Ramires scored twice as Chelsea got their Champions League Group E campaign back

on track with a convincing 4-0 win over Steaua Bucharest at the National Arena on Tuesday. Slick-passing Chelsea dominated from

start to finish and could have won by a bigger margin.

The visitors went ahead in the 20th minute when Ramires lifted the ball over the goalkeeper from three metres and they made it 2-0 with an own goal from Daniel Georgievski just before halftime. Ramires made it 3-0 with a thumping finish soon after the interval after the dangerous Andre Schurrle surged down the left and found Oscar who teed up his fellow countryman.

Frank Lampard completed the rout with a low shot into the corner from 18 metres after good work by substitute Willian on 90 minutes.

Chelsea have three points from two games in the group while Steaua are bottom on zero.—Reuters

Evergreen Giggs on brink of Champions League record

LONDON, 2 Oct—Manchester United's poor start to the season has left the club reeling and new boss David Moyes under scrutiny but Ryan Giggs will offer a reassuring presence when he reports for Champions League duty in Ukraine this week.

The 39-year-old Welshman trained at the club's Carrington training ground on Tuesday before boarding yet another plane to yet another European city.

Should Moyes turn to the evergreen midfielder on Wednesday against Shakhtar Donetsk, Giggs will register a record 145th appearance in Europe's premier competition (including qualifiers), moving him ahead of former Real Madrid striker Raul in the appearance list.

Giggs, who won 13 Premier League titles and



Manchester United's Ryan Giggs reacts during their English Premier League soccer match against Liverpool at Anfield, Liverpool, northern England on 1 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

two Champions Leagues under former manager Alex Ferguson, is now part of Moyes's coaching staff but has plenty to offer on the pitch.

"Really? Wow. I didn't know that," was Giggs's reaction in an interview on the club's website when told of the milestone.

"It's a great competi-

tion and I've been lucky enough to win it twice and play a lot of memorable matches.

"There have been so many great players to have graced the tournament and Raul is up there as one of the very best—he has a great goalscoring record and he's won it three times."

"If I do pass him it will

be a great source of pride for me," added Giggs, United's record appearance maker.

The records have piled up for Giggs down the years and with five appearances for United this season it is not inconceivable that he could reach 1,000 club games.

"I just can't believe he's nearly 40. In my playing days everyone just assumed you were finished when you reached 30, but there he is, still going strong," said United great Bobby Charlton, whose appearance record Giggs memorably surpassed in United's Champions League final win against Chelsea in 2008.

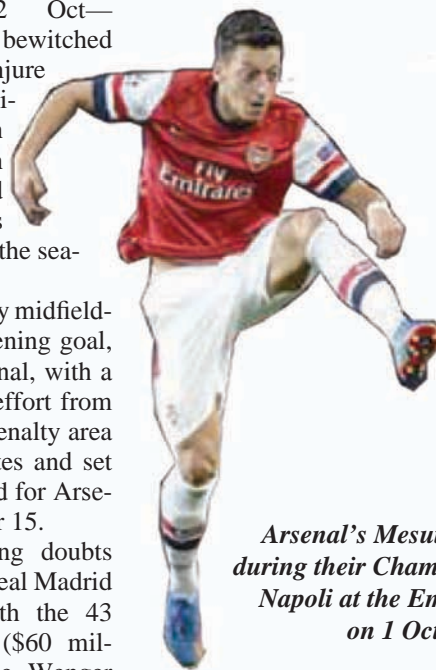
"As well as being a great player, Ryan is a terrific talker too, and that part of his game will be important now that he's part of the coaching staff.—Reuters

Ozil's magic leads Arsenal to 2-0 win over Napoli

LONDON, 2 Oct—Mesut Ozil bewitched Napoli to conjure up a 2-0 Champions League win for Arsenal on Tuesday and end the Italian side's unbeaten start to the season.

The Germany midfielder scored the opening goal, his first for Arsenal, with a superb left-foot effort from the edge of the penalty area after eight minutes and set up Olivier Giroud for Arsenal's second after 15.

Any lingering doubts that the former Real Madrid player was worth the 43 million pounds (\$60 million) that Arsene Wenger paid for him in August were swept away in a magical first-half display full of precision passing, great move-



Arsenal's Mesut Ozil (C) controls the ball during their Champions League match against Napoli at the Emirates stadium in London on 1 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

ment and feints, and Aaron Ramsey played his full part as the sorcerer's apprentice.

Arsenal's second win after their 2-1 success in Marseille put them on six points in Group F alongside Borussia Dortmund, who beat Marseille on Tuesday. Arsenal and Dortmund meet in the next two rounds of games.

Reuters

Djokovic, Nadal kick off race to top ranking with easy wins

BEIJING, 2 Oct—World number one Novak Djokovic and the man who can dislodge him from the top spot by next week, Rafa Nadal, kicked off their China Open campaign with straight set victories on Tuesday.

Defending champion Djokovic needed just 54 minutes to crush his Czech opponent Lukas Rosol 6-0, 6-3 without hitting a single double fault in a dominant first round display.

The Serb, aiming for his fourth China Open title in five years after missing the 2011 tournament through injury, improved his perfect tournament record to 15-0 after converting four of his eight break points against Rosol.

"I didn't want to underestimate my opponent knowing that he had few big wins in his career and he has a big serve," Djokovic told the ATP website (www.atpworldtour.com) referring to his opponent who had caused one of the

biggest upsets in the sport when he beat Nadal at Wimbledon 15 months ago.

"I needed to be very fresh from the start and try to bring that intensity, positive intensity to the court, and that's what happened.

"I really feel special in China in relation to the fans, because I don't get to see that often. The fans basically wait for you every single day and night in the hotel," said Djokovic who takes on Spaniard Fernando Verdasco in the second round.

Nadal had to work longer to subdue Colombian qualifier Santiago Giraldo 6-2, 6-4 in 90 minutes at Beijing's National Tennis Stadium. The Spaniard, who needs to reach the final in Beijing to reclaim the number one ranking, had no problem bagging the first set but Giraldo put up a stiffer resistance in the second before going down.

Nadal meets Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany next.—Reuters

Dortmund stun Marseille 3-0 with Lewandowski double



Borussia Dortmund's Marco Reus (C) celebrates with his team mates after scoring a goal against Olympique Marseille during their Champions League Group F match at BVB stadium in Dortmund on 1 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

DORTMUND, (Germany), 2 Oct—Last season's runners-up Borussia Dortmund cruised past Olympique Marseille 3-0 on Tuesday with two goals from forward Robert Lewandowski to get their Champions League campaign back on track after an opening Group F defeat.

Setting a quick pace from the start, Dortmund took a 19th-minute lead when the Polish striker

completed a lightning-fast break.

Marco Reus added a lucky second goal in the 52nd when he sailed a long free kick into the box and Marseille keeper Steven Mandanda let it slip through after an awkward bounce.

Lewandowski sealed their win with his 13th goal in 21 Champions League appearances when he converted a spot kick after Reus was brought down in the 79th.—Reuters



Serbia's Novak Djokovic returns a shot during his match against Lukas Rosol of the Czech Republic at the China Open tennis tournament in Beijing on 1 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

GENERAL

FIFA likely to delay decision on 2022 World Cup dates



The FIFA World Cup trophy is displayed after its arrival at Juan Santamaria Airport in Alajuela on 27 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

LONDON, 2 Oct—Despite widespread speculation that FIFA will vote to switch the dates of the 2022 World Cup on Friday, soccer's world governing body will probably delay making a decision and instead set up a task force to analyse the huge implications of moving the tournament from the searing heat of the Middle East summer.

Although the executive committee could agree in principle to move the dates of the World Cup, FIFA vice-president Jim Boyce told *Reuters* it should not rush into a decision and he wanted a task force set up to examine the issue.

"We will discuss when

the World Cup will be held (and) we will also consider the plight of immigrant workers in Qatar whose harsh living and working conditions made headlines last week," he said.

Thomas Bach, the new president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), said he doubted the World Cup would clash with the Winter Olympics in 2022, if the finals were moved from their traditional June and July dates, adding that FIFA was likely to opt for November 2022, if it switched.

In a development related to the vexed situation regarding the awarding of the 2018 World Cup to Russia

and the 2022 finals to Qatar on the same day in December 2010, Michael Garcia, the head of the investigative unit of FIFA ethics committee, will tour all the countries involved in the bidding processes, he was quoted as saying in France Football on Tuesday.

Garcia, a former US Attorney in New York, is examining allegations of corruption in the voting that led to the awarding of the two World Cups.

A highly-placed FIFA source told *Reuters* the game's world governing body now had to grapple with a huge political, social and financial problem of its own making.

"This is because the executive committee members who awarded the finals to Qatar in December 2010 ignored recommendations from FIFA's own inspection report group that ranked Qatar second from bottom among the five contenders. They should never have chosen Qatar. It was flawed from day one."

Boyce, who joined the executive committee six months after the vote was taken, told *Reuters* in a telephone interview from his home in Belfast: "I don't think there is any possibility of a decision being taken about moving the World Cup this week.—*Reuters*

14 fishermen rescued, four dead, 58 missing after Typhoon Wutip

HAIKOU, 2 Oct—Rescuers on Tuesday saved 14 fishermen, retrieved four bodies and are continuing their search for 58 others missing in the South China Sea after Typhoon Wutip has sunk three fishing boats since Sunday afternoon.

A total of 88 fishermen and their boats, all from south China's Guangdong Province, went missing near Shanhu Island in the Xisha Islands, about 330 km from China's island Province of Hainan. Fourteen survivors were rescued on Monday.

Zhang Jie, a spokesman with the Hainan Maritime Affairs Bureau, said on

Tuesday that 22 vessels and four airplanes are still combing the sea for more survivors.

Huang Honghui and Gong Zhimei were among the 14 rescued on Tuesday. The two were drifting amid big waves in a life raft when they were spotted by rescuers on a helicopter at 11:47 am.

"I was thinking about my son. It was the thought of family and life that supported me. Huang and I kept encouraging each other. We never gave up hope," Gong said. "I hadn't seen such big waves in my life. The ship was quickly sunk."

Xinhua



Rescuers talk with two fishermen after they were saved from the sinking ship "Yuetaiyu 62116" in south China's Hainan Province, on 1 Oct, 2013.

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- * Local News
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- * World News
- * Panning Gold in Thabeikkyin Township
- * Local News
- * Welcome to the Southern Most Part of Myanmar
- * World News
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- * Local News
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- * Wholesale Fish

Cup captain Couples says Johnson 'fine' despite flu scare



US team member Tiger Woods hits from a bunker on the fourth hole during the first practice round for the 2013 Presidents Cup golf tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio on 1 Oct, 2013.

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"He said he wants to come out, chip and putt. We haven't really addressed that yet, but he'll play tomorrow and he's ready to go."

The United States have won the last four editions

of the tournament against the Internationals and start as favourites again at Jack Nicklaus's Muirfield Village course.

Couples suggested Phil Mickelson and Keegan Bradley are also expect-

ed to team-up again after forming a duo at last year's Ryder Cup.

"Keegan and Phil are already a great team together, that worked out last year at the Ryder Cup. No one would have thought that. But they make a good team and that's kind of how it works, just like Stricker and Tiger did a few years ago," he said.

Stricker, 46, could partner with Woods again at some stage in the tournament although Couples also suggested the former may be paired with rookie Jordan Spieth.

PGA Championship winner Jason Dufner is another potential playing partner for Woods, who was named this week as the PGA Tour's Player of the Year.

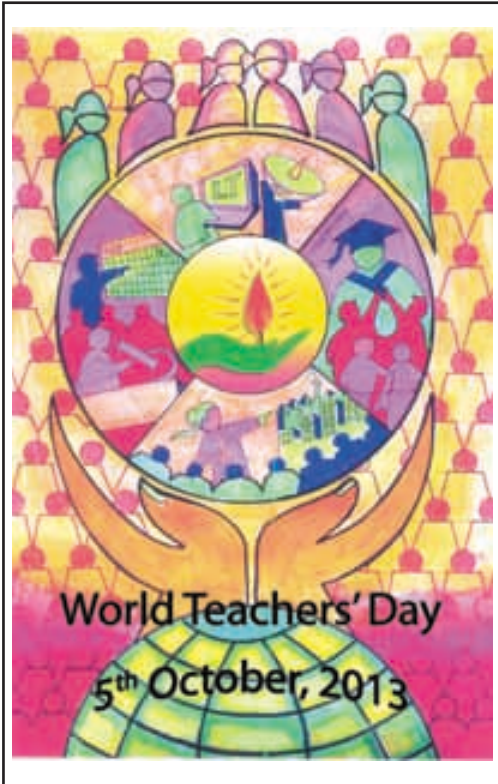
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Pyithu Hluttaw speaker receives NDI Director, Israeli Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received a delegation led by Mr. K Scott Hubli, Governance Programs Director of NDI at the Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 9.40 am today. (See page 7)

Amyotha Hluttaw session continues

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct — Eighth regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw continued today. Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint replied to the question on upgrading of Moegaung-Phakant motorway raised by U San Pyae of Constituency No (7) that Pa-hta-ma Shwe Naga construction company carried out special maintenance work following the instruction of the ministry to start road works as peace and stability returned to Kachin State, with the result that Mogaung-Phakant trip that used to take passengers four or five days, now takes about four and a half hours. (See page 9)



Bay Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—According to the observation at 5.30 hrs MST today, the low pressure area over North-west Bay of Bengal has moved to the Orissa coast, India, announced by Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

Warning of Hightide

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—The Public are hereby informed that exceptionally high spring of from 20.3 feet to 20.9 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in the Yangon river during the period 5th to 9th October 2013. That it is not serious because the high tide reached up to 21.7 feet high above datum in the year 2011-2012 and that the warning is issued only because high tide reaches over 20 feet high above datum, announced by Meteorology and Hydrology Department. MNA

Easy access to recommendation on entry visa for foreign technicians, entrepreneurs

In meeting with businessmen and responsible persons of associations, they requested the private sector development subcommittee to facilitate the process of applying for entry visa and residence permit by foreigners who will be appointed as technicians for the businesses of Myanmar citizens and foreign investors.

Issuance of letters of recommendation on the application for entry visa and residence permit by foreign technicians and foreign entrepreneurs will be carried out as follow:-

- (a) The Ministry of Commerce is responsible to make recommendation on entry visa and residence permit for foreigners and their families and foreign employees in connection with tradition activities.
- (b) The Directorate of Investment and Companies Administration is responsible to make recommendation on entry visa and residence permit for foreigners and their families and foreign employees of Myanmar and foreign companies registered at the DICA.

For further information, please contact the following addresses.

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 - (b) Directorate of Investment and Companies Administration
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 - (2) Yangon Branch
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- Private Sector Development Subcommittee

No plan to enact law for conservation of Inlay region

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—The second-day session of Pyithu Hluttaw continued with 11 agendas today. Regarding the bill on recall of representatives that was suspended for discussion by the Hluttaw on 23 August, Chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee U T Khun Myat urged the Hluttaw to continue the discussion in consideration of public suggestions and the sending of a letter by the Union Election Commission. The Hluttaw (See page 9)

Lend a helping hand to Myanmar citizens in Malaysia without racial, religious discrimination: C-in-C



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing enjoys entertainment at dinner hosted by General Tan Sri Dato' Sri Zulkifeili Bin Mohd Zin, the chief of Armed Forces of Malaysia, and wife at the Shangri-La Hotel.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct —Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife attended a dinner hosted by General Tan Sri Dato' Sri Zulkifeili Bin Mohd Zin, the chief of Armed Forces of Malaysia, and wife at the Shangri-La Hotel yesterday. The dinner was also attended by chiefs of armed forces of the Philippines and UAE who were also conferred the prestigious military award by the Malaysian king. After the dinner, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife exchanged

gifts with the chief of Armed Forces of Malaysia and wife. Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party visited Royal Selangor Pewter today. (See page 9)

New Zealand goodwill delegation arrives in Yangon

YANGON, 2 Oct— At the invitation of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, a goodwill delegation led by Speaker of the House of Representatives of New Zealand Rt. Hon. David Cater arrived here this afternoon. They were welcomed by Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win, Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung and officials concerned from the Hluttaw Office at Yangon International Airport.

The New Zealander delegation visited Shwedagon Pagoda in the evening.

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