

Strong democratic foundation can be built through education: Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct — “Education being a strong foundation for the development of national economy can bring economic success to the country to be able to keep abreast of the de-

velopment taking place in other regional countries,” Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint said at the ceremony to present prizes and stipends to outstanding students held at

Wunna Kyawhtin Amay Htain Hall in Pyawbwe Township yesterday.

He added only the higher education standards could raise the next generation of leaders in economic, politi-

cal and social sectors of the country. He called on education staff to work harder in their teaching professions and exercise the student-centred education approach. He highlighted the firm estab-

lishment of democratic foundation through education, stressing the importance of promotion of citizen education as the people get the government they deserve.

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Myanmar (A) bags five gold, one bronze in rowing test match

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct — Myanmar Team (A) bagged five gold medals and one bronze, becoming a top medals winner in the rowing test match for the XXVII South East Asia Games.

The test match completed at the Ngalike Dam here today and Thailand won one gold and three silver, Myanmar (B) three

silver and two bronze and Cambodia one bronze in the match.

The test match would help the athletes gain experiences and would foster friendship among athletes from different countries, said Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan in his speech at the ceremony to conclude the match and to

award the athletes.

At the ceremony, Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung and deputy ministers awarded the winners.

There would be 33 kinds of sports in the XXVII South East Asian Games to be hosted by Myanmar in December.

MNA

China’s capital to replace some coal-fired heating plants

BEIJING, 6 Oct—China will replace four coal-burning heating plants in the capital Beijing with natural gas fired ones by the end of next year as it steps up efforts to clean up pollution, the official *Xinhua* news agency reported on Saturday.

The report, citing the city’s Municipal Commission of Development and Reform, said the four plants and some 40 other related projects would cost around 48 billion yuan (\$8 billion) and cut sulphur dioxide emissions by 10,000 metric tons. It did not detail the re-

lated projects.

The plan is the latest step by authorities to deal with a persistent smog crisis in China’s big cities that is fuelling public anger. The capital has been shrouded in thick hazardous smog for several days during the ongoing seven-day national holiday. China has been under pressure to tackle air pollution to douse potential unrest as an increasingly affluent urban populace turns against a growth-at-all-costs economic model that has besmirched much of China’s air, water and soil.

Last month the govern-

ment announced plans to slash coal consumption and close polluting mills, factories and smelters, though experts said implementing the targets would be a major challenge.

The new plants will replace four coal-fired ones that provide heating for homes in the city’s central urban area as well as generating electricity, *Xinhua* said. The four burned 9.2 million metric tons of coal in 2012, or 40 percent of the 23 million metric tons the city consumed in the year, it added.

Reuters



Smoke billows from the chimneys of a heating plant near a residential compound in Beijing, in this 23 Nov, 2010 file photo.—REUTERS

Universities’ Hiking and Mountaineering Association reaches the top of Mt. Taungme

Byline: Maung Maung Myint Swe

Photo: Tin Soe (Myanma Alinn)



Members of Universities Hiking and Mountaineering Team pose for documentary photo at apex of Mt Taungme.

Mountaineering is good for our health, improving muscular fitness and lowering the risks of dying early. Enjoying beautiful natural sceneries apparently can relieve the stress of modern city life. Moreover, regional knowledge can be accumulated by doing hiking and mountaineering. Members of Universities’ Hiking and Mountaineering Association made a successful climbing of Mt. Taungme in Mogok recently.

Mt.Taungme with a peak at 7544 feet is situated in Mogok Township of Mandalay Region. Universities’ Hiking and Mountaineering Association of Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) of the Ministry of Education organized the program to scale the Mt. Taungme with the participation of 110

mountaineers.

The mountaineering team left Yangon on 2 October, 2013. On 5 October, they successfully reached the summit of the mountain after passing through steep slopes, narrow footpaths and many turns and hoisted the State flag and flags of the association and relevant colleges and universities’ taking part in the journey atop the mountain.

It is learnt that the team, on its return journey, will visit villages of Danu and Lisu ethnic minorities and observe traditions and customs and socio-economic life of the ethnic communities.

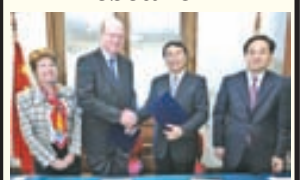
They will also visit landmarks in PyinOoLwin and Mandalay where they will conduct geological, geographical and historical surveys.

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The expedition to Mt.Taungme was successfully made by the team comprising 14 supervisors and 96 students from Dagon University, Hpa-an University and University of Distance Education and Universities’ Hiking and Mountaineering Association.

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LOCAL NEWS

Myanmar Consumers Protection Association to check roadside food stalls

YANGON, 6 Oct—Officials of Health Department of Yangon City Development Committee will check roadside food stalls where they sell hygienic foods, said U Ba Oak Khaing, Chairman of Myanmar Consumers Protection Association recently.

Priority will be given to inspecting the food stalls in Insein, Shwepyitha, Hlinethaya, North Okkalapa and other townships this month.

“After checking the

Cash assistance for students presented

YANGON, 6 Oct—Chairman of Thingangyun Township War Veterans Organization Lt-Col Thein Aung (Retd) and executives presented cash assistance to outstanding students for 2012-2013 academic year.

They gave cash awards to the students who secured the distinctions in the 2012-

foods where it is hygienic or not at the shops in line with the norms of the YCDC, educative talks will be given to the owners and staff,” he said.

Some roadside shops did not abide by hygienic rules in their works.

Educative talks will be given to the shop owners not to sell unhygienic goods, dyeing foods and expiry foods. In addition, checking will be made at the shops to abide by the tobacco law.

Kyemon-Htet Khaing (Sangyoung)

2013 academic year and K 4,445,000 provided by Myanmar War Veterans Central Organizing Committee and Township War Veterans Organization to 138 students at primary, middle and high school level students at the township organization office on 29 September.—Kyemon

Accident

Early morning traffic accident leaves 10 injured

YANGON, 6 Oct—A Mazda rolling from Alanpya Pagoda Road and a Ractis driving on Bogyoke Aung San Street bumped against each other at Sule Pagoda Road due to out of control at 4.30 am on 4 October.

Ten persons from the vehicles were injured in the incident. Of them, four persons were rushed to the neurosurgical department of Yangon General Hospital to receive intensive care treatment.—Kyemon-649

Myanmar traditional bullock carts win prizes in friendship festival

MUSE, 6 Oct—Eight bullock carts from Myanmar participated in the Friendship Festival between China and Myanmar in Ruili of the People’s Republic of China from 1 to 3 October.

Altogether 49 carts took part in the festival.

Dagon Myothu bullock cart secured the first prize, Bagan Myothu, the second and Sagaing Myothu, the third.

MANDALAY, 6 Oct—A meeting on renovation of Shwenandaw Monastery (Shwekyauungyi) was held at the Shwekyauungyi in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay on 3 October morning.

At the meeting, Mr Jeff Allen of World Monuments Fund of the US held a talk with Director U Zaw Oo Han of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department (Mandalay Branch).

Next, Assistant Director Daw Aye Aye San of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department (Mandalay Branch), Tampawady U Win Maung, Myanmar Architectural Expert and Dr Than Htay Oo of Mandalay Technological University explained matters related to



the Shwekyauungyi. They then observed damages of the building. Kyemon-Kyaw Htoo

Mr Jeff Allen of World Monuments Fund of the US observes ancient works at Shwekyauungyi in Mandalay.

Pre-SEA Games Swimming Test Match 26-27 Oct

YANGON, 6 Oct—Under the supervision of Ministry of Sports, Myanmar Swimming Federation will hold the Pre-SEA Games Swimming Test Match at Wunna Theikdi Swimming Pool on 26 and 27 October.

The test match will comprise women’s 50, 100, 200, 400 and 800-m event and men’s 1500-m freestyle event.

In addition, women’s and men’s 100-m and 200-m breaststroke event, butterfly

event and backstroke event, 200-m and 400-m singles four strokes events, 4x100 and 4x200 metres event and up and down freestyle event and up and down four strokes 4x100 metre events. There will not be any limitations for the swimmers.

The departments and clubs wishing to take part in the test match may be formed with one manager, one coach, four men and women swimmers each, totaling 10.

Sepak Takraw contest, China-Myanmar traditional sports, peacock dancing and traditional costume contests.

A total of 10 pageants from Muse, Namkham and Kutkai townships participated in the contests.

It has been 13 times since the festival was held. It was attended by crowds from both sides. It is friendship festivities to exchange culture of both countries. I am very pride of winning prizes in the Myanmar traditional bullock carts,” said a visitor to the festival. Kyemon-Kyaw Zeyar Lwin (Yekyi)

A traditional bullock cart shows off decoration and its runs in taking part in the friendship festival.



National Sports

They are to enlist at National Swimming Pool of Myanmar Swimming Federation on U Wisasa Road in Dagon Myothit

Township. For further information, feel free to dial 01-378550, 09-8300384 and 09-43114947.

Kyemon



The low-priced SIM cards were sold for sixth time at No. 25 Ward Administrative Office in Dagon Myothit (South) Township on 1 October. Ward administrator U Htay Win and party chose winners in the draw lot system in sales of SIM cards, and then officials presented SIM cards and documents to the winners in the presence of the people.—KHIN MAUNG WIN (KYEMON)

Odd News

Walker starts long journey from Kawthoung to Nay Pyi Taw

KAWTHOUNG, 6 Oct—As a gesture of hailing the XXVII South-East Asian Games, U Aung Thu, 45 of Myeik started walk from Bayintnaung Cape of Kawthoung to Nay Pyi Taw as of 6 am on 1 October.

In honour of the SEA Games, the walk will be second time of U Aung Thu.

He will walk 1182 miles long route from Kawthoung to Nay Pyi Taw taking 55 days.—Kyemon-Kyaw Soe (Kawthoung)

WORLD

US captures al-Qaeda militant linked to 1998 embassies bombing



Rescue workers sift through rubble to find survivors trapped in the remains of Ufundi house, a seven-story office building which collapsed when a huge bomb went off on 7 Aug, 1998 in Nairobi, Kenya, in this file photo taken on 8 Aug, 1998.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 6 Oct—US forces captured in Libya an al-Qaeda militant wanted for his suspected role in the 1998 bombings of US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, US media reported on Saturday.

US special forces also carried out a raid on a seaside villa in Somalia believed to be a gathering point for Somali Islamic extremist group al-Shabab and likely killed an uniden-

tified leader of the group in response to the terror attack on a shopping mall in Nairobi last month, according to reports citing unnamed US officials.

In Libya, US troops assisted by federal law enforcement and intelligence officials seized Nazih Abdul-Hamed al-Ruqai, known by his alias Abu Anas al-Liby, in Tripoli, the *New York Times* reported.

Kyodo News

78 killed, 166 wounded in attacks across Iraq

BAGHDAD, 6 Oct—At least 78 people were killed and 166 others wounded in a wave of violent attacks across Iraq on Saturday, including a deadly suicide bombing targeting Shiite pilgrims in the capital city of Baghdad, the police and local media said.

At least 51 people were killed and 107 others wounded on Saturday evening when a suicide bomber detonated his explosive vest near Shiite pilgrims in the Adhamiya area in northern Baghdad, a police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The pilgrims were on their way to the Al-Kadhimiya Mosque in the Kadhimiya neighbourhood in northern Baghdad, he added.

Also on Saturday evening, at least 11 people were killed and 35 others wounded when a car bomb exploded near a popular cafe in the town of Balad, some 80 km north of Baghdad, another local police source told *Xinhua*.

One civilian was killed and 10 others wounded when a roadside bomb exploded near another cafe in the Baya area in southwest-

ern Baghdad, the police source said, adding that a policeman were killed and two others wounded when a roadside bomb targeted police patrol in Mashahda, 30 km north of Baghdad.

In a separate attack, unidentified gunmen targeted a joint army and police checkpoint near Falluja, 50 km west of Baghdad, killing a soldier and a policeman on the spot and injuring three soldiers, police said.

In Iraq's northern city of Mosul, unidentified gunmen shot dead Mohammed Karim al-Badrani, a correspondent with al-Sharqiyah satellite channel, and his colleague Mohammed Ghanim, while they were interviewing local citizens in Sarj-Khana District in central Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, a local police source said.

The Iraqi Journalists Syndicate, which condemned in a statement the assassination of the two journalists, said in its annual report earlier that more than 375 media workers have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in 2003.

Xinhua

Obama says Iran a year or more from nuclear weapon capability

WASHINGTON, 6 Oct—The United States believes Iran is a year or a more away from being able to produce a nuclear weapon, President Barack Obama said in an interview with the *Associated Press* released on Saturday, although he described the estimate as “conservative.”

“Our assessment continues to be a year or more away, and in fact, actually our estimate is probably more conservative than the estimates of Israeli intelligence services,” Obama said in reply to a question about the US intelligence assessment of Iran's ability to produce nuclear weapons.

Obama has directed US officials to try to work out an agreement with Iran to allay international concerns about its nuclear program, an opportunity he has said is worth exploring after the election of the relatively moderate Iranian President Hassan Rouhani.

The United States, Israel and other countries accuse Iran of using its nuclear programme to try to develop the capability to produce weapons. Iran says the programme is for peaceful energy purposes only.

Obama and Rouhani spoke by telephone a week ago, the highest-level contact between the two countries in three decades.

“I think Rouhani has staked his position on the idea that he can improve relations with the rest of the world,” Obama said in the *AP* interview.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has dismissed Rouhani's overtures as a ruse. Israel has warned that new Iranian uranium centrifuges could give Teheran the ability to rapidly produce bomb fuel.

“If Iran decides to complete uranium enrichment, it would be able to do so within a few weeks from the moment of decision,” an Israeli official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

“Prime Minister Ben-



US President Barack Obama delivers remarks on the government funding impasse at M Luis Construction, a local small business in Rockville, Maryland, near Washington, on 3 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

jamin Netanyahu and President Obama see eye-to-eye on the need to prevent Iran obtaining nuclear weapons,” the official said.

Reuters

Japanese author, Pakistani teenage activist tipped for Nobels

Pakistan's Malala Yousafzai gives a speech after receiving the RAW (Reach All Women) in War Anna Politkovskaya Award at the Southbank Centre in London 4 October, 2013.—REUTERS



STOCKHOLM—A Pakistani teenage activist shot by the Taliban and a Japanese author who writes about alienation and a fractured modern world are tipped as Nobel Prize winners ahead of the annual awards that start on Monday.

Malala Yousafzai, 16, shot in the head by the Taliban last year for demanding

education for girls, gave a speech at the United Nations in July saying she would not bow to “terrorists” who thought they could silence her. She is a favorite for the peace prize among experts and betting agencies.

“I have Malala Yousafzai on top,” Kristian Berg Harpviken, director of Oslo-based peace research

institute PRIO, told reporters. “The EU (European Union) got the prize last year and the EU prize was poorly understood and fundamentally questioned in many quarters.”

One obstacle could be her age. Tawakkol Karman, a Yemeni human rights activist and youngest winner to date, was 32 when she received the prize and some experts argue the prize would overburden such a young woman. Yousafzai is living in London and still facing Taliban threats.

British bookmaker Ladbrokes has put Japanese author Haruki Murakami in pole position for the literature prize.

Murakami is very popular in Japan, but has also become well known abroad for his works which deal

with isolation and love and bring the surreal into everyday life. His first novel, *Hear the Wind Sing*, was published in 1979, but Murakami first leaped to literary stardom in 1987 with *Norwegian Wood*, a bleak coming-of-age story dominated by grief and loss and named after a Beatles song.

Since then, his works, including *Sputnik Sweetheart*, *Kafka on the Shore* and *1Q84* - which sold one million copies in the first month in 2009 - have all been bestsellers.

His works veer between the surreal and the mundane, often featuring characters isolated from the world, either metaphorically because of loneliness or mental illness or physically existing in a parallel reality.

Reuters

Venezuela vows crackdown on ‘currency tourists’

CARACAS, 6 Oct—President Nicolas Maduro's government plans to use fingerprint machines at airports to try to root out no-shows who buy tickets to scam travel-related currency controls without even flying, in the latest symptom of Venezuela's economic chaos.

Most flights out of the South American OPEC nation are booked solid months ahead because locals buy up tickets to enable the purchase of dollars at a preferential rate.

In a phenomenon Venezuelans have dubbed “currency tourism,” many do not even bother taking the trips, meaning planes often fly out half-empty.

People sell their dollar allowances on the black market for a profit of up to seven times their official worth.

Stung by a barrage of headlines on the subject, officials at the weekend said they planned to put fingerprint machines at airports and borders to identify the no-show scammers.

Only after people registered at those machines would their hard currency allowance be activated, the immigration service Saime said in a statement.

“Dollars have to be used to feed the national economy, not to speculate with,” Saime head Juan Carlos Dugarte said, adding that his organization was working with state currency

board Cadivi to stop the scam.

The surge in “currency tourism” has been added to annualized inflation of 45 percent, frequent blackouts, and shortages of basics such as toilet paper and milk as another symbol of the economic problems piling up.

Maduro narrowly won a vote this year to replace socialist leader Hugo Chavez, who died of cancer, but he has been struggling to deal with Venezuelans' grassroots problems, forge his own political identity, and keep the ruling Socialist Party united.

Chavez introduced currency controls a decade ago and the disparity between the official price of 6.3 bo-

livars to the US dollar and the illegal black market rate, which is nearly seven times higher, is wider than at any point since then.

There are strict limits on the availability of dollars at the official rate but with a valid airline ticket Venezuelans may exchange up to \$3,000 at the government rate.

They profit from that using their credit cards in an arbitrage process known as “el raspao,” or “the scrape.” Either they use credit cards abroad to obtain a cash advance which they then carry home, or they send their cards to friends overseas who swipe the cards and send the cash back.

Reuters

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Chile, China sign agreement on astronomical research



Bai Chunli (2nd R), president of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), shakes hands with Mateo Budinich (2nd L), president of Chile's National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research (Conicyt), after signing an agreement on astronomical research, in Santiago, capital of Chile, on 4 Oct, 2013.—XINHUA

SANTIAGO, 6 Oct — China and Chile agreed on an annual fund of 3 million US dollars for joint astronomical research on Friday.

The agreement was signed between Chile's National Commission for

Scientific and Technological Research (Conicyt) and the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS).

"This is one of the most important milestones of Sino-Chilean cooperation in science and technology ever

obtained," said President of Conicyt Mateo Budinich.

The fund, to be implemented from 2014, will be used for joint training and research programmes, according to a Conicyt statement.

The move is a true innovation, Budinich said, expressing the hope that the bilateral fund could serve as an example for scientific partnership.

The two countries also agreed to establish the Chile-China Joint Centre for Astronomy in Santiago, the first CAS scientific institution outside China.

Bai Chunli, president of the CAS, said the centre is a "milestone that marks a major step forward in the collaboration in astronomy, and demonstrates our strong commitment to strengthen and expand existing collaboration" between both countries. "Astronomy is a starting point. Our collaboration can be extended to other fields. I am confident that our cooperation in astronomy will have a positive impact on our bilateral partnership in science and technology," Bai said.

Xinhua

Tree falls on 12th century temple in Cambodia's Angkor complex

Phnom Penh, 6 Oct — Heavy rains and high winds had caused a big tree to collapse on the 12th century Preah Khan temple in the Angkor Archeological Park in northwestern Siem Reap province, an official confirmed Sunday. "The tree, up to 30 meters high and 0.8 metre in diameter, fell on the body of the temple on Friday when there was a strong rain and wind," Sok Leakna, deputy director general of Apsara Authority, which is in charge of protection and management of the Angkor Archaeologi-

cal Park, told Xinhua.

"A small portion of the temple broke apart and fell down, but there was no crack or serious damage to the whole body of the temple," he said.

The fallen tree grew about 10 metres from the temple, he said, adding that experts have been sent to cut the upper stem of the tree as the trunk is still lying on the temple.

Heavy rains and high winds have been blamed for the collapse of about 7 big trees in the Angkor complex these days, but only

one tree hit the temple, he said.

Preah Khan temple is located in the Angkor Archeological Park, which was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1992.

Keo Vy, spokesman for the National Committee for Disaster Management, said Sunday that tourism city Siem Reap Angkor has been suffering from flash floods in recent days as the Siem Reap River has been overflowing its banks.

"Hundreds of families have been evacuating for higher grounds," he told

Xinhua over phone.

Mekong and flash floods have been hitting fifteen out of the kingdom's 24 cities and provinces in the last three weeks and killed at least 39 people, he said.

Besides death toll, the floods have affected more than 130,000 families and forced over 10,000 families to flee homes for higher grounds.

In addition, some 160,200 hectares of rice paddy have been under water, said Keo Vy.

Xinhua

Gamblers not waiting for Twitter IPO to bet on valuation

NEW YORK, 6 Oct — Though Twitter's first day on the stock market is probably still months away, a handful of international gamblers aren't waiting for the official debut and are already laying bets on how much the social media site will be worth.

Initial public offering experts are floating a market capitalization for Twitter of around \$10 billion, but bettors on the Irish gambling site Paddy Power give the shortest odds to it closing with a market cap 50 percent to 100 percent above that. On Friday, odds stood at 6-to-4 of Twitter ending its first day on the public market with total value of between \$15 billion and \$20 billion.

By contrast, Facebook Inc. closed with a market cap of \$81 billion on its first day.

To be sure, the volume and value of the bets remains small, with just a few dozen gamblers outside the United States wagering more than 800 euros on Twitter's first day market cap and how much its IPO will raise. But the action, which got underway about a month ago, does point to the growing buzz around Twitter since it announced its IPO last month.

The site can only take bets from Ireland, the United Kingdom and Australia after a crackdown by regulators put a damper on US residents betting on the outcomes of everything from

presidential elections to the name of the baby of Britain's Prince William and Kate. Intrade.com, another online betting parlor that catered to US bettors shut down in July due to financial irregularities.

Paddy Power has more than 4,000 employees, including researchers who dug deep before giving logical parameters for Twitter's first day value, said Féilim Mac An Iomaire, public relations manager for Paddy Power.

Gamblers can choose between five market cap ranges for Twitter.

Currently the longest odds, at 9-to-1, are that Twitter would be worth less than \$10 billion, while the odds it will be worth \$10

billion to \$14.9 billion or more than \$25 billion both stand at 7-to-2. Odds for the range of \$20 billion to \$24.9 billion currently come in at 15-to-8.

The Paddy Power crowd apparently is not alone in its eagerness to get into the Twitter trade.

On Friday, traders mistook the shares of a defunct home entertainment system retailer named "Tweeter," which once traded under the symbol Twitter has filed to use, "TWTR," for the real Twitter, sending its nearly worthless shares soaring. The mix-up led to more than 14.3 million shares of Tweeter to be traded, with the stock gaining nearly 600 percent - to 5 cents a piece.—Reuters

Twitter celebrity name-dropping reflects novel IPO risk

SAN FRANCISCO, 6 Oct — Celebrity chef Mario Batali landed on a new promotional platform this week, one that was regulatory rather than razzle-dazzle: the opening pages of Twitter's 234-page document on its initial public offering. In a prominently featured screen shot of tweets where the American chef offered cooking tips alongside British rock musician Gavin Rossdale, the company showcased the way people express themselves on the online messaging service.

rant, underscores a unique risk factor associated with Twitter Inc's IPO. Specifically, its business model depends on a rarefied cohort of high-profile movers and shakers to contribute, including "world leaders, government officials, celebrities, athletes," Twitter explained in its prospectus.

"If users, including influential users, do not continue to contribute content to Twitter, and we are unable to provide users with valuable and timely content, our user base and user engagement may



Celebrity chef Mario Batali talks during an interview with Reuters at his latest restaurant, Del Posto, in New York in this file photo from 11 April, 2006.—REUTERS

"Use San Marzano tomatoes, cook garlic less?" the American chef proposed in response to Twitter user Susan Mitchell's difficulties with her red sauce. "Could be the basil—too much too long," suggested Rossdale.

Thursday's filing, also displaying tweets from President Barack Obama, the House of Windsor and the National Basketball Association star Kevin Du-

decline," the filing said, warning potential investors that advertisers may move away.

Some of the people mentioned in the regulatory filing were flattered. "I'm quite thrilled to see they still consider it an important moment in Twitter history," Veronica McGregor, a spokeswoman for NASA's Jet Propulsion Labs, said in an email.

Reuters



A man talks to the owner of an electric converted vintage Trabant car exhibited at main square in downtown Zagreb, capital of Croatia, on 5 Oct, 2013. Several Croatian companies and individual manufacturers showed their electric vehicles during the electric vehicles exhibition on Saturday.

XINHUA

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Cisco, Google, SAP discussing BlackBerry bids



The company logo is seen at the BlackBerry campus in Waterloo, in this 23 Sept, 2013 file photo.

REUTERS

NEW YORK, 6 Oct—BlackBerry Ltd, on the block as its smartphone business struggles, is in talks with Cisco Systems, Google Inc and SAP about selling them all or parts of itself, several sources close to the matter said.

Such a deal would be an alternative to the preliminary agreement reached weeks ago with a group, led by BlackBerry's biggest shareholder, Fairfax Financial Holdings, to take the company private for about \$4.7 billion, a bid which has faced some skepticism because of

financing questions.

The company, based in Waterloo, Ontario, has asked for preliminary expressions of interest from potential strategic buyers, which also include Intel Corp and Asian companies LG and Samsung, by early next week.

It is unclear which parties will bid, if any. But the potential technology buyers have been especially interested in BlackBerry's secure server network and patent portfolio, although doubts about the assets' value remain an issue, the sources said. Google, Intel, Cisco, LG and SAP declined

to comment. Samsung was not immediately available for comment.

Possible bidders are proceeding with caution given the uncertainty around BlackBerry, which last month reported a quarterly loss of nearly \$1 billion after taking a writedown on unsold Z10 phones. The value of BlackBerry's patent portfolio and licensing agreements is likely to halve in the next 18 months, a company filing from this week shows, potentially limiting its attractiveness.

According to analysts, BlackBerry's assets include a shrinking yet well-regarded services business that powers its security-focused messaging system, worth \$3 billion to \$4.5 billion; a collection of patents that could be worth \$2 billion to \$3 billion; and \$3.1 billion in cash and investments. Adding to the company's woes, it's likely to burn through almost \$2 billion of its cash pile in the next year and a half, Bernstein analyst Pierre Ferragu wrote on Thursday after studying the filing.—Reuters

Tennessee patient treated in 2012 meningitis outbreak has relapse

NASHVILLE, (Tennessee) 6 Oct — A patient treated during the deadly meningitis outbreak in the United States last year that was tied to contaminated steroid injections is back in the hospital for a recurrence of the infection, a Nashville hospital said on Saturday.

"The patient was admitted to Saint Thomas West Hospital on October 3 and is now receiving appropriate treatment at the hospital," hospital spokeswoman Rebecca Climer said. Other patients treated during the deadly 2012 outbreak of fungal meningitis were being contacted to determine whether they too were showing symptoms of relapse, Climer said in a statement. Those signs include persistent and severe headache, worsening back pain and unexplained fever, the hospital said.

People who suffered illness in the outbreak that was first detected in Nashville in September 2012 were jolted by the phone calls from the hospital, said

Nashville attorney Mark Chalos, who represents 10 families, including some whose relatives died. "It's a very scary situation and my clients are very worried about their health," Chalos told Reuters. "They have struggled for more than a year with a severe illness and it looks like there's no end in sight to their suffering."

Tennessee was the second hardest-hit state, behind Michigan, in the 2012 outbreak, which killed dozens of people and made 750 people ill nationwide, according to the Centers for Disease Control. The outbreak was linked to the New England Compounding Center in Massachusetts and injections of a fungus-tainted steroid typically used to ease back pain.

Some 2,000 vials of the drug went to Nashville's St. Thomas Outpatient Neurosurgery Center, which received more than any other facility in the nation.

The CDC could not be reached for additional information about the

recurrences of infection because of the US federal government shutdown. Calls to CDC phones were answered by recordings about furloughed workers.

The outbreak of fungal meningitis was first detected at Nashville's Vanderbilt University Medical Center, where a doctor traced a dying patient's unusual symptoms to an epidural steroid injection at St. Thomas Outpatient Neurosurgery Center. The outbreak raised awareness about potential problems at compounding pharmacies and the US House of Representatives last month passed legislation that would give the Food and Drug Administration more authority to regulate companies that compound sterile drugs and ship them across state lines.

The Drug Quality and Security Act, which now goes to the Senate for a vote, would create national standards to track pharmaceuticals through the distribution chain to bar fake medication.

Reuters

Meditation alone doesn't lower blood pressure



A couple stand on a rock facing the sunset along the shores of English Bay in Vancouver, British Columbia on 23 July, 2013.—REUTERS

NEW YORK, 6 Oct—Stress reduction exercises have been linked to many health benefits, but lower blood pressure may not be one of them.

A new study found eight weeks of mindfulness meditation had no effect on people with slightly elevated blood pressure who were not yet taking medication.

"This doesn't mean that meditation is bad. It just simply doesn't lower

blood pressure," senior author Dr. Sheldon Tobe of Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto, said.

He said he was expecting to see an effect on blood pressure based on past studies showing benefits with mindfulness meditation.

But when he looked back over those earlier trials, Tobe found the majority of participants had been taking blood pressure-

lowering drugs.

In those studies, mindfulness therapy could have worked by helping people take their medicine more consistently, Tobe explained.

"Few interventions are as powerful as medication," he told *Reuters Health*. "You can reduce salt intake or lose weight and help lower blood pressure, but high blood pressure medication has a more powerful effect."

One in three US adults has high blood pressure, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute considers 140/90 millimeters of mercury (mm Hg) and above to be high blood pressure.

The 101 participants in the new study had an average blood pressure of 135/82 mm Hg, which is considered above normal but not yet classified as high blood pressure.

Half of them were assigned to start the mindfulness-based stress reduction (MBSR) therapy right away and the rest were wait-listed to take the class at a later time. Mindfulness participants went to eight weekly group sessions and attended a day-long silent retreat. Each person was also asked to practice stress reduction for 45 minutes daily.

The study participants, aged 20 to 75, were all counseled with standard high blood pressure advice: eat less salt, quit smoking and exercise more.

Reuters

Novartis says drug reduces itch of severe chronic hives

ZURICH, 6 Oct—Swiss drugmaker Novartis said on Saturday its drug omalizumab was almost doubly effective in improving quality of life for patients with a severe form of hives, compared to a placebo, according to a late-stage study.

The third and final late-stage study of omalizumab for treating the skin disease chronic spontaneous urticaria (CSU) found the drug was nearly twice as effective versus a placebo

in improving life quality within 12 weeks of treatment, while also significantly reducing itch and hives caused by the condition.

Novartis said it had filed applications for the approval of omalizumab for treating patients with CSU to US and European Union health authorities in the third quarter.

Omalizumab, which is also known as Xolair, is already approved for treating severe asthma.

Reuters



Israeli child seriously wounded in West Bank settlement shooting

JERUSALEM, 6 Oct—A nine-year-old Israeli girl was shot and seriously wounded in a Jewish settlement in the occupied West Bank on Saturday in what police said was a suspected Palestinian militant attack.

“Our suspicion is that this is a terrorist attack,” police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said.

Rosenfeld said the girl was shot while she was outside in the garden and that security forces were searching in and around the Psagot settlement, where the shooting occurred, near the Palestinian city of Ramallah.

Violence in the West Bank has risen in the past few weeks. Last month two Israeli soldiers were killed

in the West Bank in two separate incidents. Authorities said one was killed by a Palestinian who had lured him to his hometown and a second was shot in the city of Hebron by a suspected Palestinian sniper.

Four Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank since July, when Israel and the Palestinians restarted peace talks after a three-year stalemate.

The US-brokered negotiations had collapsed in 2010 over Israeli settlement expansion in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, territories that Israel captured in a 1967 war and which the Palestinians want, along with the Gaza Strip, for an independent state.

Reuters



An Israeli girl from the Jewish West Bank settlement of Psagot is rushed to a hospital in Jerusalem, after being shot in a settlement on 5 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

Britain eyes cosmic ray analysis to detect smuggled nuclear substances

LONDON, 6 Oct—Britain is experimenting with a new device that can detect smuggled nuclear substances by analyzing the movement of particles naturally generated by cosmic rays, according to the country's Home Office.

The new detector the British government hopes to deploy at airports and seaports will monitor particles called muons produced when cosmic rays hit the atmosphere, according to information disclosed by the Home Office, which oversees immigration and security, in response to a request by *Kyodo News*.

The muons change direction when they penetrate heavy radioactive substances such as uranium and plutonium. By analyzing these patterns, atomic materials

can be detected even if they are concealed in a container made of lead, which is typically used to shield radiation.

While its deployment schedule or cost of development is not known, a prototype is ready for testing, the Home Office said. Several countries have expressed interest in adopting the device when successfully developed to prevent terrorists from obtaining materials needed to launch nuclear attacks, it said. The Atomic Weapons Establishment, an organization belonging to the British Defense Ministry, has been refining the detection technology, which is based on an approach first used at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in the United States.

Kyodo News

Assad says will not negotiate with armed rebels

BERLIN, 6 Oct—Syrian President Bashar al-Assad told a German magazine he would not negotiate with rebels until they laid down their arms, and said his most powerful ally Russia supported his government more than ever.

In an extensive interview with *Der Spiegel*, Assad said he did not believe it was possible to solve the conflict in Syria through negotiations with the rebels, comments that might dampen hopes among Western powers for a political solution. “In my view, a political opposition does not carry weapons. If someone drops his weapons and wants to return to daily life, then we can discuss it,” he was quoted as saying.

The Syria conflict started as a peaceful protest

movement against four decades of Assad family rule but turned into a full-scale war after a government crackdown. More than 100,000 people have been killed.

The UN Security Council adopted a resolution last week that demands the eradication of Syria's chemical weapons and endorses a plan for a political transition in Syria.

Washington blames Assad's government for a 21 August sarin nerve gas attack on a Damascus suburb that killed hundreds. The Syrian government and its ally Russia said anti-government rebels carried out the attack.

Assad told *Der Spiegel* that US President Barack Obama had “not even a whisper of proof” that the



Syria's President Bashar al-Assad speaks during an interview with Turkey's Halk TV in Damascus, in this handout photograph distributed by Syria's national news agency SANA on 4 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

Syrian government had used chemical weapons.

“He has nothing to offer other than lies,” said Assad, contrasting Washington's stance with that of the Russians, who he viewed as “real friends”.

“They understand much better what this is really about here... The Russians are much more

independent than you in Europe, where you all orientate yourselves so much towards the United States.”

“Russian President Vladimir Putin is more determined than ever to support us... He knows from his own fight against terrorism in Chechnya what we are going through here.”

Reuters

Ministers to compile work plans for advancing TPP talks on final day

NUSA DUA, (Indonesia), 6 Oct—Ministers of the 12 countries in the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade negotiations continued work to compile work plans for advancing talks on tariffs and other contentious areas on Sunday on the Indonesian island of Bali with an aim of concluding a deal by the year-end.

The work plans for eliminating tariffs and setting rules for intellectual property rights protection among others will be reported to the leaders arriving for a TPP summit on Tuesday as scheduled, despite US President Barack Obama's cancellation of his trip to Bali due to the partial shutdown of the federal government over a budget impasse, officials said.

Before the third and

the last day of the ministerial meeting began, Japan's TPP minister Akira Amari told reporters in the morning TPP members are making progress in the talks and Obama's absence will not affect their aim of reaching a deal this year.

“We were shocked that President Obama could not make it, but we quickly decided that we will maintain the momentum” of the negotiations, Amari said.

Saying the talks have been “moving forward steadily,” Amari added, “We will make last-minute adjustments between the ministers so that (the meeting) will be a great step forward toward achieving the year-end conclusion.”

The ministerial meeting began Thursday and was also held on Friday.

The meeting, together with the preceding meeting of chief negotiators and the summit, are being held on the margins of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum.

With the submission of the report to the leaders, the leaders are expected to announce that the members' work on TPP has been substantially finished, according to negotiation sources.

The ministerial report will be announced together with the leaders' statement at the end of the TPP summit. The 12 TPP countries — Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, the United States and Vietnam -- have been aiming to reach a broad agreement in October.—*Kyodo News*

US military plane crash kills four in northeastern Colombia

BOGOTA, 6 Oct—Colombian authorities confirmed on Saturday that a US military airplane crashed into the ground near Acandi city in northeastern Choco Province bordering Panama, killing four of the six passengers on board.

Cesar Hernandez, director of Choco's disaster relief department, told local media that the US twin-engine airplane was traveling with a Panamanian and five American passengers. Two have been rescued alive but their identifications are still unknown.

“We are coordinating with Colombia's Air Force to transfer the two people with whom we have contacted to a hospital in the city, although their conditions are still unknown,” Hernandez said.

Colombian authorities are undertaking further investigations to establish the cause of the accident. According to initial reports, the accident might have occurred because of difficult weather conditions that might make pilots lose control of the aircraft.

Xinhua



A man looks on a Rimac Concept One electric car exhibited at main square in downtown Zagreb, capital of Croatia, on 5 Oct, 2013. Several Croatian companies and individual manufacturers showed their electric vehicles during the electric vehicles exhibition on Saturday.—XINHUA

LOCAL NEWS

Water course dredged in Upoktaw Creek in Kalay

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct—The retaining walls of TadaU RC bridge on Bogyoke Street and Seikkantha Bridge on Seikkan bridge across Upoktaw Creek that flows in Kalay collapsed in strong current of the creek. To be able to prevent the bank erosion, the water course of the creek was dredged with the use of heavy machinery on 2

October. Under the supervision of the District Management Committee, Kalay Township Public Works carried out dredging of water course.

Only when not only water course are dredged but also protections of bridges are built, will TadaU Bridge be maintained for its durability.

MMAL-Ju Nine



Upoktaw Creek being dredged for proper flow of water at water course.

International track and field referee course kicks off

Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Track and Field Federation jointly organized the opening of International Track and Field Referee Course No 5/2013.

As of 2 October, the

training course is being conducted to the trainees at Wunna Theikdi Stadium. The training course is being attended by 24 men and 19 women trainees.

The Myanmar Track and Field Federation is

focusing on preparations for securing the achievement in the coming SEA Games. Therefore, the training course was conducted with the aim of turning out the qualified referees to be able to assigned duties at



NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct—Khin Lapyae Zaw representing Myanmar took part in the Miss Tourism Queen International 2013 in China on 3 October. She won the Miss Personality Crown and arrived back in Yangon by flight of China Eastern Airline on 5 October afternoon.

“I thank all responsible persons, my trainers, media and audience. I tried my best in the competition as much as I can. Preparations brought good result to me. I will make strenuous efforts,” Khin Lapyae Zaw said.

“I was so exciting while I joined the dancing with

playback on Myanmar. I poured out my efforts in national costume,” said Khin Lapyae Zaw.

Over 100 pageant candidates from over 100 countries took part in the Miss Tourism Queen International. Khin Lapyae Zaw is a trainee of Trainer U John Lwin of Star Model Agency.

Under the arrangements of the agency, she had the opportunity to participate in the Face of Myanmar 2013 and Asian New Star Models Contest 2013, representing Myanmar.

Miss Personality award was presented to

Khin Lapyae Zaw for her qualification of model, talent and politeness, and a wide range of knowledge.

“I am trying to turn out models meeting international standards. Only when the models have much experience of international arena, will they be easy to take part in the competitions. I would like to urge the models to learn beauty, knowledge, education, experience, discipline and so on systematically,” said Ko John Lwin of Star Model Agency.

MMAL-Khin Yadana: Photo: Shwe Inthar

National Sports

the coming SEA Games.

The federation will hold the sports trials for the SEA Games in October.

MMAL-Nyi Myat Thawda: Photo: Soe Nyunt

Training course for referee of track and field event.

WORLD SIGHT DAY
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 Universal Eye Health
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Water polo event for SEA Games to be held at Zeyathiri Swimming Pool

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct—The water polo event of the XXVII SEA Games will be held at Zeyathiri Swimming Pool, said an official of Ministry of Sports.

“We plan to hold the water polo event of the SEA Games at Zeyathiri Swimming Pool. The pool was built near the training pool and it is of international standard. Moreover, diving event can be held at the swimming pool. But, the pool can host the water polo event only. The remaining sports events and diving will be held at Wunna Theikdi

Swimming Pool,” said U Aung Htut of Zeyathiri Swimming Pool.

“At present, Myanmar, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand have registered to take part in the water polo event,” he added.

The water polo event will be from 5 to 12 December. Water polo event is like playing football to throw the ball into the net.

Myanmar water polo players are under intensive training for securing the medals in the coming SEA Games.—MMAL-Maung Shwe Yoe



Photo shows Zeyathiri Swimming Pool with preparations for holding water polo event of the XXVII SEA Games.

Khin Lapyae Zaw, winner of Miss Personality at Miss Tourism Queen International 2013

Miss Personality Crown winner Khin Lapyae Zaw with sweet smile in photo.



NATIONAL

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 7 October, 2013

Right livelihood

Right livelihood (Samma Ajiva) is, first, a way to earn a living without compromising the Precepts. It is a way of making an honest living that does no harm others. Right livelihood is one of the requirements of the Buddha's Noble Eightfold Path.

Right livelihood is used to develop insight into the true nature of phenomena (or reality) and to eradicate greed, hatred, and delusion. It is also an ethical livelihood, "wealth obtained through rightful means" - which means being honest and ethical in business dealings, not to cheat, lie or steal.

Right livelihood may be difficult for many persons. The world has many more people who focus only on their wealth and success than those who pursue an honest living. Selfish persons only have self-interest and no regard for others.

Very often, egotism leads a person towards wrong livelihood. Normally wrong livelihood means business in trading all kinds of weapons, and instruments for destroying life; business in human beings involving human trafficking, slavery and prostitution; business in connection with killing lives; business in intoxicants including manufacturing or selling intoxicating drinks, food and agents or illicit narcotic drugs; business in poison which includes producing or trading in any kind of poison or a toxic product designed to kill; business in using chemical dyes and other harmful chemical agents or dangerous biological agents in foodstuff; business in counterfeiting or laundering money; and business in all forms of corrupt practices.

But such wrong livelihoods will bring short-term benefits for the doer. Surely, he will face the evil consequences one day. No one can get away with his sins. Even if he escapes punishment in this life, he will have to pay for them in the Samsāra.

Three Star Hotel Kan Kaw ready to serve

YANGON, 6 Oct—Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and region ministers attended the opening of Hotel Kan Kaw at No. 93 on Hninzigon Street in Ahlon Township this morning.

At the ceremony, Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint cut the ribbon to open the Hotel and the Chief Minister unveiled the signboard. Then, the Chief Minister and party looked round the Hotel. The eight-storey 72-room modern building is com-

plete with business center, fitness centre, presentation room and outdoor and basement car parking.

Also present at the ceremony were U Aung Chit, owner of Hotel Kan Kaw, Mr Hiroshi Shimokawa, owner of Shimokawa Japan Co., Ltd, U Myint Thein, Managing Director of Shimokawa Myanmar Co., Ltd and guests.—MNA

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe unveils the signboard of Hotel Kan Kaw.

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Strong democratic foundation can be built through ...

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Next, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker presented K 1 million as stipends for outstanding students in the township and awarded three schools that earned high pass rates for 2012-2013 academic year and two six-distinction winning students. Then, officials concerned also presented prizes to outstanding students. Responsible persons of National Development and Prosperity Company handed over K 10 million for outstanding students through officials concerned.

In the evening, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker delivered an address at a literary talk to mark "Sar-sodaw Day" at the hall in the township. Writers Kyaw Win and Chit San Win gave talks at the ceremony.

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Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint presents award to an outstanding student in Pyawbwe Township on 5 October.

MNA



Union Cooperatives Minister meets staff from Small Scale Industries Department (Lower Myanmar)

YANGON, 6 Oct—Union Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan yesterday morning visited Annawa Devi Fisheries & General Trading Co-op Ltd. Chairman Daw Toe Nandar Tin reported on upgrading of the association with the loans arranged by the ministry, exportation of fish products to Australia and Malaysia, undertaking of good manufacturing prac-

tices, condition for getting certificate of hazard analysis critical control point from the Fisheries Department and striving for exportation of tilapia fish to EU countries.

The Union minister said that he will strive for emergence of fish production cooperative societies in Rakhine State and Ayeyawady Region, urge to draw master plan for storages, constantly

promote research and enhance capacity of the staff. He pledged that the ministry will provide assistance, technology and loans to producers.

Then, the Union minister and party proceeded to Small Scale Industries Department, Lower Myanmar (Branch) in North Okkalapa Township where he heard reports on registration for entrepreneurs, conducting

of course on production of foodstuff, cosmetic and personal goods and lab test services for entrepreneurs presented by Director U Ye Htaik. The Union minister underlined that it needs to ensure whether or not foodstuff and personal goods are in conformity with the health and called for establishment of microfinance associations for the staff.

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Union Peace-making...

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"Wa" special region-2 would work together with the government for achieving success in taking the 2014-census.

During the meeting Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe discussed matters on power supply to "Wa" special region and Union Minister U Win Myint on inviting foreign investment and technical assistance to carry out agriculture and mining sectors in the region. U Thein Zaw and members of the UPM-WC looked into extension of the Pangsang Basic Education High School and met with teachers and students.

MNA



Peace talks between Union Peace-making Work Committee and Wa Special Region-2 in progress.—MNA

Trainees of Basic Officer Course (Special) of CICS share health knowledge

YANGON, 6 Oct—Trainee assistant surgeons of Basic Officers Course (Special) No. 4 gave talks on health care knowledge to staff, families and trainees of the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) and the local people from surrounding villages in Hlegu Township yesterday morning.

Rector of the institute

U Nyi Nyi San made a speech.

Four trainee assistant surgeons gave talks on prevention of common diseases and birth-space scheme.

They performed medical checkup and provided health care services to staff, family members and local people totalling 177.

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LOCAL NEWS

Yangon Region marks World Teachers' Day



Chief Minister U Myint Swe speaking at ceremony to mark World Teachers' Day-2013 in Yangon Region.

YANGON, 6 Oct—A ceremony to mark the World Teachers' Day 2013 was observed at Thiri Yadana Hall of No 4 Basic Education High School in Ahlon Town-

HRD

Census-taking process explained in Kyaikdon

KYAIKDON, 6 Oct—The educative talks on taking census was held at the hall of General Administration Department in Kyaikdon Sub-Township of Kawkaeik District in Kayin State on 4 October morning.

At the ceremony, Sub-Township Administrator U Aung Ko Ko Oo and Head of Sub-Township Information and Public Relations

Department U Kyaw Lin Naing have talks on process of taking census and raising reading habit to the local people.

Officials replied to queries raised by ward/village administrators.

Later, they viewed wall magazine and photos displayed at the hall.

Kyemon-Sub-Township IPRD

Water purifier donated to Wundwin BEHS

WUNDWIN, 6 Oct—U Sein-Daw Hlaing family of 555 Textile Factory of Central Ward in Region 3 of Wundwin Township, Mandalay Region, donated a water purifier worth K 5 million to Thedaw-Wundwin Basic Education High School recently.

Thanks to the donation, teachers and students will drink purified drinking water.

So, the teachers and students are pleased for prospects of outbreaking infectious diseases based on water.—Kyemon-Htay Hlaing(Wundwin)



Newly-donated Water purifier for Thedaw-Wundwin BEHS.

BEHS No 2 sang the song at the opening ceremony.

Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe delivered an address.

Deputy Director-General U Kyaw Swa Thwin of No 3 Basic Education Department read the message of World Teachers' Day.

Next, students of Hline BEHS No 2 presented a song to the guests.

Chief Minister U Myint Swe and region ministers presented prizes to the winners in the essay and poem contest.

Students of Bahan Basic Education Post-Primary School No 3 presented dances.

Later, the region ministers and officials viewed the booth of the World Teachers' Day.

Kyemon-Tin Maung Oo (Ahlon)

ship of Yangon yesterday morning.

Students of the Bahan

Mini book corners donated in Thaton Tsp



The donation ceremony of mini book corners for public places of Thaton Township in progress.

THATON, 6 Oct—For enabling the local people to have access to reading facilities, the mini book corners were opened at the public places in Thaton Township of Mon State by staff of Information and

Public Relations Department.

On 4 October, well-wishers led by the Township Management Committee donated 26 mini book corners.

Chairman of Township

Management Committee Township Administrator U Tun Tun Naing handed over the book corners to officials.

The mini book corners have been supplied with books on political, social,

opened school building.

The Chief Minister presented exercise books for the students through the Headmaster.

The two-storey brick nogging building is 120 feet long, 30 feet wide and 22 feet high. It was built at a cost of over K 50 million.

While in Budalin, the Chief Minister attended the meeting among township administrator, township management committee and other committees, departmental officials and social organization members.

The participants took part in discussions on development tasks. Later, the Chief Minister attended to the needs.

He inspected progress of Science Lab of Budalin BEHS.

On 1 October morning, the Chief Minister attended the ceremony to mark the 49th Anniversary Myanmar Police Force Day and delivered an address.

In the afternoon, he attended the celebration of International Day of Older Persons at Monywa Home for the Aged.

The Chief Minister and officials donated cash, cost for foods and uniforms to Monywa, Ywahtaung, Myinmu and Kawlin Homes for the Aged.

Kyemon-Region IPRD

economic, education, agriculture and Livestock Breeding, health, religious, science and technology, arts, sports, biographies and people's ethics genres monthly. So far, the public places have been equipped with 41 mini book corners in the township.

Kyemon-Thaton District IPRD

Farmers pleased for adequate rainfalls to grow crops

YAMETHIN, 6 Oct—On 3 and 4 October, the heavy rain poured on Model Theingon Village of Yamethin Township in Mandalay Region.

The local people are waiting for showers because the region suffers drought.

Now, the sufficient water is ready to be used in cultivation of paddy.

Torrential rains flow down to the region with red colour due to content of soil

from Shwemyintin Hill and eastern mountain ranges. Thus, the region is blessed with fertile soil.

U Nauk Toe Lake was full of water in the village. That is why the local farmers not need to worry about shortage of water for agricultural purpose.

They are sure to boost production of paddy.

Kyemon-Tin Oo (Yamethin)



WORLD

Kenya says al-Qaeda-trained Sudanese man helped lead mall attack



Kenya Defence Forces soldiers comb the rooftop of the Westgate shopping mall in Nairobi on 24 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

NAIROBI, 6 Oct — Kenya's government said a Sudanese man trained by al-Qaeda was among the leaders of a raid on a Nairobi shopping mall in which at least 67 people were killed, the worst attack in the country in 15 years.

Al-Qaeda-linked group al Shabaab has claimed responsibility for the assault

two weeks ago on the Westgate centre, saying it was an act of revenge for Kenya's military campaign in Somalia, but the identities of the gunmen have remained unclear.

A Kenyan military spokesman on Saturday named four of the attackers, saying they also included a Kenyan Arab and a Somali.

Closed-circuit television footage from the Westgate mall was broadcast on Kenyan television channels that appeared to show four men with guns walking around the mall's supermarket and a storage room.

Major Emmanuel Chirchir, the spokesman for the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF), named the four as Abu Baara al-Sudani, Omar Nabhan, Khattab al-Kene and Umayr.

"I confirm these were the terrorists. They all died in the raid," Chirchir told Reuters, citing the findings of the KDF and national intelligence bodies.

He said Al-Sudani, which means "The Sudanese", was the leader of the group shown in the CCTV footage and was trained by al-Qaeda.

"He is an experienced fighter and sharpshooter," he said.

Nabhan, a Kenyan of

Arab origin, was born in the coastal city of Mombasa and travelled to Somalia with his uncle at the age of 16, said Chirchir.

Al-Kene was thought to be from the Somali capital Mogadishu, and was linked to country's al Shabaab militants, he said.

Umayr's full name, nationality and background were "not yet identified", Chirchir added.

Kenya has said as many as 15 militants took part in the raid and the authorities were holding nine of them. The government said five of the attackers were killed, but survivors say some may have escaped.

Al Shabaab militants said on Saturday that Western forces had raided a coastal town under cover of darkness and killed one of their fighters. It was not clear whether the assault was related to the attack on the Kenyan mall.—Reuters

Children lured from Rwanda to fight with Congo rebels

KINSHASA, 6 Oct — A third of child soldiers who have escaped from Congolese rebel group M23 were lured from neighbouring Rwanda with promises of cash, jobs and education, the United Nations said on Saturday.

Some M23 child soldiers received training from the Rwandan Defence Force for up to two weeks before being handed over to the rebel group, with some of the children believing mistakenly that they were joining the Rwandan army, the chief of child protection at the UN peacekeeping mission in the country said.

UN experts have repeatedly accused Rwanda of backing the 18-month-long M23 insurgency in eastern Congo, a charge

the Rwandan government has fiercely rejected. The roots of the Tutsi-dominated rebellion lie in the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, where Hutu troops killed 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus.

Since the rebellion began, the UN peacekeeping mission in Congo — known as MONUSCO — has interviewed 117 boys who were recruited by M23 and found 37 of them were Rwandan.

There are still a couple of hundred children among the M23 ranks, MONUSCO's chief of child protection Dee Brillenburg Wurth told reporters in Kinshasa during a visit by UN Security Council ambassadors to the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Reuters



Congolese M23 rebels carry their weapons as they patrol near Rushuru, in Democratic Republic of Congo on 3 Aug, 2013 as a deadline set by UN peacekeepers for rebels in the volatile eastern Democratic Republic of Congo to lay down their weapons passed on Thursday, with the fighters facing force if they fail to disarm.

REUTERS

Moscow region fire kills one, injures 12

Moscow, 6 Oct — At least one person died and 12 others were injured when a dwelling house in the Moscow region went ablaze, the Emergency Situations Ministry said on Saturday.

The fire occurred in a 16-story house in the town of Losino-Petrovsky in Shchyolkovo District. "Preliminary information says one person has died and 12 people have been taken to hospital," ministry spokeswoman Irina RossiusRosius told the *Itar-Tass* news agency.

"A total of 72 people have been evacuated," Rosius said, adding two of the injured were in grave condition.

The power panels from the third to the 12th storeys were set ablaze, the ministry's local branch told reporters.

According to the authorities, short circuit could have caused the fire and criminal proceedings will be initiated.

The fire has been localized and fire-fighting and rescue units were still at the scene, authorities said.

Xinhua

Italy migrant tragedy unveils plight of survivors

LAMPEDUSA, 6 Oct — The survivors of a shipwreck off Sicily two days ago live in terrible conditions and face criminal prosecution, a delegation of lawmakers and officials said on Saturday as they called for policy changes at home and in the European Union.



A migrant leaves the immigration centre through a fence on the southern Italian island of Lampedusa on 5 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

Rough seas again blocked efforts to recover the bodies trapped inside a boat that sank on Thursday, killing an estimated 300 Eritrean and Somali men, women and children who were seeking a better life in Europe.

Rescue teams expect to find more than 100 others in and around the wreck, submerged in 47 metres of water less than a kilometre (0.6 miles) from the shore of the southern island of

Lampedusa.

Now the plight of the 155 survivors of one of the worst disasters in Europe's immigration crisis is putting a spotlight on the shortcomings of the centers that house newly-arrived migrants, and on the laws that are aimed at keeping them away.

"We have the duty to tell the Italian government and the EU that their structures and policies are not only inadequate, but they're criminal," said Rosario Crocetta, Sicily's regional governor, after visiting Lampedusa's immigration centre with the mayor and a group of lawmakers.

The centre, which is equipped to house 250 people, is now packed with more than 1,000.

Reporters and TV cam-

eras are kept out, but clearly seen through the front gate were families with children camping under a stand of shade trees, with foam mattresses for beds and clothing drying on lines stretched between the trunks.

"It's indecent," said Tommaso Curro, a lower house deputy for the 5-Star Movement.

Reuters

Tropical Storm Karen drops to a depression off US Gulf coast

NEW ORLEANS, 6 Oct — Tropical Storm Karen weakened to a depression as it hovered off the Louisiana coast on Saturday after earlier fears it would reach hurricane strength prompted the evacuation of some coastal areas and disrupted US energy output in the Gulf of Mexico.

Karen's top sustained winds dropped to 35 mph

(55 kph) on Saturday night. That was down from 65 mph (105 kph) on Thursday and 50 mph (80 kph) on Friday, and National Hurricane Centre forecasters in Miami said Karen had lost its status as a tropical storm.

"All tropical storm warnings have been discontinued," the centre said in an advisory. "There are no coastal tropical storm warn-

ings or watches in effect."

Dry air and wind shear had been tearing the storm apart all day, even as it threatened to draw renewed strength from warm sea-surface temperatures in the Gulf. Karen was originally forecast to become a hurricane, and authorities issued mandatory evacuation orders for low-lying areas south of New Orleans on Friday.

Tropical storms carry winds of 39 mph to 73 mph (63 kph to 118 kph).

The governors of Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida and Alabama had earlier declared states of emergency to speed storm preparations, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency recalled some workers who were furloughed in the federal government shutdown to assist.—Reuters



Clouds move in before the possible arrival of Tropical Storm Karen in Navarre Beach, Florida on 5 Oct, 2013.

REUTERS

REGIONAL



Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra (front, L) and visiting Peruvian President Ollanta Humala (front, R) review an honor guard during a welcoming ceremony at the Government House in Bangkok, Thailand, on 5 Oct, 2013. The Peruvian president is on a visit to Thailand on 4 October to 5 October.—XINHUA

Heavy fog closes down China expressways, airports

BEIJING, 6 Oct—Heavy fog that shrouded most parts of north China on Sunday has closed down expressways and several airports, hindering the return of holiday travelers towards the end of the golden week.

In Beijing, heavy smog lasted into the second day Sunday and visibility was under 1,000 metres in the downtown areas. As of 10 am, traffic police authorities had closed down six interprovincial expressways, including roads linking the capital with Harbin in the northeast, Shanghai in the east, as well as Tianjin and Hebei Province.

Beijing's Capital

International Airport reported even lower visibility on Sunday morning, averaging 250 to 500 metres.

Despite the foggy weather, airport authorities said 159 departing flights had taken off as of 9:30 am, accounting for 56 percent of the total planned take-offs. Thirteen flights had been canceled.

Poor visibility at the airport caused 29 incoming flights to land at airports in neighbouring cities and forced another five to return. Meanwhile, authorities in Tianjin said they had closed down all 14 expressways in the northern municipality amid heavy fog.

In the neighbouring Hebei Province, 13 expressways have been closed until visibility improves.

Foggy weather has also affected most parts of Liaoning Province. As of Sunday morning, 15 expressways have been closed down. In the foggiest industrial city of Anshan, visibility was under 50 meters in some areas and many travelers were forced to postpone their trips.

Sunday is the sixth day of the week-long holiday for China's National Day and large crowds of holidaymakers are heading home from their tours.

Xinhua

Foreigners buy S Korean stocks on solid fundamentals

SEOUL, 6 Oct—Foreign investors continued to buy South Korean stocks last month amid views over the solid fundamentals of the economy that alleviated concerns over the tapering of US bond purchasing programme, financial watchdog data showed on Sunday.

Offshore investors bought a net 8.3 trillion won (7.75 billion US dollars) worth of domestic stocks in August after purchasing shares of 1.5 trillion won in the prior month, according to the Financial Supervi-

sory Service (FSS).

Foreigners kept their buying streak for three straight months due to positive views over the fundamentals of the South Korean economy compared with other emerging markets such as Indonesia and India whose currencies fell sharply against the dollar recently.

It offset worries about possible tapering of the US monthly bond purchases worth 85 billion dollars. Overseas investors maintained their winning spree for 27 straight sessions on

4 October despite concerns over the prolonged shutdown of the US government.

US investors continued to buy local stocks for the third consecutive month, and European investors shifted into net buyers last month. The US investors were the largest foreign investor last month with purchases of 2 trillion won worth of local stocks.

Foreign holdings of local stocks rose 20.1 trillion won from a month earlier to 417.4 trillion won as of the end of September, account-

ing for 31.9 percent of the total market capitalization.

The largest owner of local stocks was US investors who held shares of 163 trillion won, or 39 percent of the total foreign ownership. It was trailed by European investors with a 30.3 percent share and British investors with a 9.1 percent share.

Foreigners were reluctant to invest into local bonds amid looming fears over the tapering of US bond purchases that may raise market interest rates across the board.—Xinhua



Around 90 people set a Guinness world record by making the world's biggest piece of gum in Sapporo, northern Japan, on 5 Oct, 2013. The 110-centimetre-long, 30-cm-wide piece of blueberry flavoured gum was around 15 times the size of an ordinary stick of gum.—KYODO NEWS

China, Malaysia lift bilateral cooperation to new level

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 Oct—China and Malaysia have moved to a new level of bilateral cooperation by lifting their ties to a comprehensive strategic partnership, according to a joint statement issued here on Saturday.

The statement, issued as Chinese President Xi Jinping ended a state visit to Malaysia, said the upgrade marked a new level of the bilateral cooperation in such sectors as trade, investment, tourism, education, financial service, infrastructure development and defence.

The two sides reaffirmed their shared desire to maintain close high-level contacts, deepen friendly exchanges and cooperation in all fields and promote new development of the China-Malaysia relationship.

China and Malaysia, the statement noted, also inked a five-year programme for economic and trade cooperation, announcing to expand annual bilateral trade to 160 billion US dollars by 2017.

The programme will add impetus to the already vibrant economic cooperation, it said.

Besides, the two countries agreed to continuously enhance bilateral people-to-people exchanges and local-level cooperation, the statement said.

They decided to take the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the establishment of China-Malaysia diplomatic relations, due next year, as an opportunity to promote exchanges and cooperation in such fields as education, culture and tourism.

Xinhua



Marines stand on the deck of a warship of the Royal Australian Navy during the International Fleet Review commemorating the 100th anniversary of the first entry of the Royal Australian Navy's Fleet into Sydney Harbour, in Sydney, Australia, on 5 Oct, 2013.—XINHUA

Two police, four insurgents die in gunfight in southern Thailand

BANGKOK, 6 Oct—Two police personnel and four insurgents were killed during a four-hour gun battle on Saturday afternoon in Thailand's southern Narathiwat Province, police said.

The battle occurred in a small village in the Ruesoh District when the authorities surrounded a house believed to be a hiding place for insurgents. Those in the house were asked to surrender, but an unknown number of gunmen opened fire

on the joint force of police and soldiers, killing two police personnel. Four people in the house were shot dead. It is unclear how many people were in the house and it is possible some of them had fled during the clash, the police said. Earlier, police and soldiers also conducted a search in the same village in the Ruesoh District after receiving information that some insurgents were hiding in the village and were planning attacks in Narathiwat.—Kyodo News

New Zealand PM to attend APEC summit

BALI, 6 Oct—New Zealand's Prime Minister John Key is scheduled to attend the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting (AELM) on 7-8 October in Bali, Indonesia. He will also attend several other events, including bilateral meetings with APEC economic lead-

ers, the discussion of Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), the APEC CEO Summit, and the Tourism Development Conference.

"Approximately 44 percent of the global trade figure is contributed by APEC economies members and 70 percent of New Zea-

land's trade figure comes from trade with APEC economies and all of these issues will be discussed during the meeting in Bali," the prime minister said.

Founded in 1989 with a view to promoting regional economic growth, APEC groups Australia, Brunei,

Canada, Chile, China, China's Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Taiwan (China), Thailand, the United States and Vietnam.—Xinhua

**Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development
Central Equipment Statistics and Inspection Department
Office No (32), Nay Pyi Taw
Invitation to proposal for competitive bidding**

1. Proposals for competitive bidding are invited to purchase the following brand new heavy machinery (in kyat) for Central Equipment Statistics and Inspection Department, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, Office No (32), Nay Pyi Taw.

- (a) Excavator 6
- (b) Bulldozer 6
- (c) Road Roller 6
- (d) Dump Truck 18

2. Only person, company, committee or its' formal representative person are allowed to purchase the proposals for competitive bidding forms and tender's disciplines.

3. Proposals for competitive bidding forms are available at 10000 Kyats per copy at Central Equipment Statistics and Inspection Department, Office No (32), Nay Pyi Taw and Mechanic and Stores Branch, Thazinyone Street, No 5 ward, Mayangon Township, Yangon during office hours from 8-10-2013 to 17-10-2013.

4. Only proposals and documents issued by the department will be accepted.

5. The ceremony to open proposals for competitive bidding will be held at Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, Office No (1), Nay Pyi Taw at 9: 00 am on 22 October 2013 (Tuesday).

6. Please dial 067-406177, 067-406320, 067-406076 and 067-406117 for detail information.

**Director General
Central Equipment Statistics and Inspection Department**



Moms breast feed their children during the breast-feeding challenge held at False Creek Community Centre in Vancouver, Canada, on 5 Oct, 2013. Dozens of mothers gathered to take part in the Global Breast-feeding Challenge 2013.
XINHUA

China ups warnings as Typhoon Fitow nears

BEIJING, 6 Oct—China's maritime authorities on Sunday issued red alerts, the highest warning, for storm tides and waves as Typhoon Fitow approached land. Fitow, the 23rd typhoon to hit China this year, is forecast to make landfall between east China's Fujian and Zhejiang provinces on Monday morning, said the National Marine Environmental Forecasting Centre. A red alert for storm tides comes as water levels on the coast of Fujian and Zhejiang are expected to increase by 2 metres.

The typhoon will raise waves as high as 10 meters in the south of the East China Sea and waters around the Diaoyu Island.

Xinhua

Montenegro's tourism income over 600 mln euros

PODGORICA, 6 Oct—Montenegro earned 620.6 million euros (about 844 million US dollars) from tourism for the first eight months of the year, the officials of the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism announced on Saturday.

That number is 1.9

percent higher than that in the same period of the previous year. "Only during the first eight months of Montenegro was visited by 1,186,261 tourists, or 2.9 percent more than in the same period last year. It is estimated that data for September shall be twice better than in the comparative

period last year," Branimir Gvozdenovic, Minister of Sustainable Development and Tourism, told a press conference on Saturday.

Montenegro, the smallest of all the Balkan state with only 600,000 residents, has about 300 km of coastline and five national nature parks.—Xinhua

Fiji, Sweden discuss immigration cooperation

SUVA, 6 Oct—Fijian Minister for Defence, National Security and Immigration Jeketani Cokanasiga met Swedish Minister for Migration and Asylum Policy Tobias Billstrom Saturday and discussed bilateral cooperation on immigration, Fiji's Ministry of Information said.

During their meeting in New York, Billstrom expressed the Swedish government's appreciation to

Fiji in the successful conclusion of the Declaration on International Migration and Development that was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly earlier this week, according to Fiji's Ministry of Information.

Billstrom also expressed Sweden's support to the Group of 77 on the issues of asylum and migration issues as all countries must work actively to put

them on the international agenda. On this note, he said the Swedish government believes that Sweden must make migration process, including labor mobility, easier for people to go and work in Sweden.

Billstrom assured Cokanasiga, who noted that Sweden is on Fiji's visa exemption list, that his department will try to follow through to reciprocate Fiji's generosity.—Xinhua

Iran's non-oil exports reach 17.9 billion USD in 6 months

TEHRAN, 6 Oct—Iran's non-oil exports reached 17.9 billion US dollars in the first six months of the current Iranian calendar year, started on 21 March, Press TV reported on Saturday. The exported non-oil commodities, weighed 41.659 million tons, showed a 9.41 percent rise in weight and a 13.59 percent decline in value year on year, according to a re-

port by the Iranian Customs Administration.

Iran also imported 19.935 billion dollars of goods weighing 13.241 million tons in the first six months of the current Iranian calendar year. The figures showed a 31.26 percent decline in weight and a 25.4 percent fall in value, according to Press TV.

Iron ore, urea, methanol, gas condensates and

petrochemical products were Iran's main exported products.

China, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Afghanistan and India were the main importers of non-oil products from Iran. Iran's main imported products included rice, soy meal, corn fodder, wheat and vehicles in the first six months of the current Iranian calendar year.

Xinhua

Landslide kills seven in northwest China

XINING, 6 Oct—A landslide killed seven people in northwest China's Qinghai Province on Saturday afternoon, according to local authorities.

Bodies of five women and two men have been retrieved from the rubbles by 20:30 pm, sources said.

Local officials are investigating the cause.

Xinhua



Rescuers work at the scene of landslide in Datong County, Xining, northwest China's Qinghai Province, on 5 Oct, 2013. A landslide killed seven people in northwest China's Qinghai Province Saturday afternoon, according to local authorities.

XINHUA

S Korea, US to discuss whether to include products from Kaesong in FTA

SEOUL, 6 Oct—South Korea and the United States planned to discuss next month whether to entitle products manufactured in the Kaesong industrial complex to preferential tariffs under the South Korea-US free trade agreement (FTA) framework, Seoul's commerce ministry said on Sunday.

The first meeting of the Committee for Offshore Processing Zone on the Korean Peninsula will be held on 4 Nov between Seoul and Washington, according to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE). The agreement on the scheduled meeting came after South Korean Trade Minister Yoon Sang-jick and US Trade Representative

Michael Froman met on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meeting in Bali, Indonesia to assess the bilateral FTA between Seoul and Washington that took effect in 2012.

The ministry said that the two nations had been closely talking about schedules for the offshore processing area meeting, noting that the fixed date came after the normalization of the inter-Korean factory park in Kaesong, the border town of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

Seoul and Pyongyang reopened the jointly operated factory park in mid-September, ending the five-month-long suspension caused by the DPRK's

withdrawal of its workers from the industrial zone in protest against the joint military drills between South Korea and the US.

If Seoul and Washington agree to include Kaesong in the offshore processing zone under the bilateral trade deal, products made by South Korean companies in factories in Kaesong would be entitled to preferential tariffs when they are exported to the US.

Preferential tariffs are applied solely on products manufactured in territories of countries who signed the FTA, but the agreement on the offshore processing zone would widen the advantage to offshore regions agreed upon.

Xinhua



Migrating white swans are seen during their sojourn in the Hulun Buir Grasslands, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 5 Oct, 2013.
XINHUA

ENTERTAINMENT



Helena and Tim have been in a long term relationship for 12 years

Helena Bonham Carter denies Tim Burton cheated on her

LONDON, 6 Oct—Actress Helena Bonham Carter has hit out at claims that her long-term partner Tim Burton cheated on her after he was photographed embracing a mystery blonde.

The 47-year-old Harry Potter actress described the speculation as ‘absolute nonsense’, insisting Burton, 55, and the blonde were among a group of family members and friends, reported *Daily Express*.

“This is absolute nonsense, the pictures were taken whilst they were out and the large group includes family, friends and work colleagues,” the actress’ representative said.

The denial came after Bonham Carter was pic-

tured looking tired as she emerged from a friend’s car in North London, hours after the photographs of her partner were published. The images showed the Alice in Wonderland helmer in an apparent embrace with a mystery woman following a cinema date at the end of September.

Burton, who has been in a long term relationship with Bonham Carter for 12 years, was caught on camera as they returned to their car after watching cult film *The Wicker Man*.

The couple were last seen together in public in March this year when they attended an event with their children Billy, nine, and five-year-old Nell.—PTI

Cheryl Cole finds karaoke annoying

LOS ANGELES, 6 Oct—Singer Cheryl Cole has been in the music business for a decade but even after so many years she has not been able to accept karaoke.

The 30-year-old finds karaoke — a form of entertainment where people sing

in a mike along with the lyrics on screen — annoying, reports *dailystar.co.uk*.

“I’ve never sung karaoke in my life. I actually find it annoying to listen to,” *Cosmopolitan* magazine quoted Cheryl as saying.

Joseph Gordon-Levitt not to be part of Man of Steel sequel

LOS ANGELES, 6 Oct—Actor Joseph Gordon-Levitt, who played the police officer John Blake in *The Dark Knight Rises*, says he won’t be a part of the upcoming *Man of Steel* sequel.

The sequel, starring Ben Affleck and Henry Cavill, will see Batman and Superman together for the first time on the big screen.

“I don’t have anything to do with that movie. I was in a movie that was the end of a trilogy that I was super proud and fortunate to be in,” Gordon-Levitt said in a TV show.

“I think these next movies are sort of a separate chapter,” he added.

The *Man of Steel* sequel will see Affleck as Batman and Cavill as Superman.—PTI



Joseph Gordon-Levitt in a still from *The Dark Knight Rises*.

Tom Hanks doesn’t watch his movies

MUMBAI, 6 Oct—Actor Tom Hanks says he is not



fond of watching his own movies.

The 57-year-old actor has worked in hit movies like *Forest Gump*, *Splash*, *Catch Me If You Can* and *The Green Mile*. But he feels watching one’s

own movies again and again is “madness”.

“Oh, I don’t watch any of my old movies. I don’t watch my own performances — who does that? That would be madness,” *Short-List* magazine quoted him as saying.—PTI

The versatile actor Tom Hanks feels watching one’s own movies again and again is “madness”.



Brad Pitt says he loves films of ‘60s and ‘70s.

Brad Pitt prefers production over acting

LOS ANGELES, 6 Oct—Hollywood superstar Brad Pitt says he prefers to go behind the camera rather than working in front of it.

The 49-year-old actor said he likes the creativity of putting the pieces together, reported *Showbiz* *spy*.

“As I get older, I am enjoying more the production side of things — not being so forefront in the camera — the creativity of putting the pieces together,” he said.

The actor said he loves films of ‘60s and ‘70s.

“I’m a fan of film first and was since I was a little boy sitting in Missouri. I go back to *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest* and *All the President’s Men*. And *Dr Strangelove* is still the funniest film I have ever seen.

“*There Will Be Blood* is one of my absolute favourites; incredible, a whole film dedicated to someone’s hatred,” he added.—PTI



The singer says she is happiest when she is “at home with no make up on, with a cuppa and a packet of biscuits.”—PTI

Singer Cheryl Cole says she is happiest when she is at home

Graphic works by “The Scream” artist Munch go public in Zurich

ZURICH, 6 Oct—A major private collection of the graphic works of Edvard Munch, renowned for his haunting painting “*The Scream*”, goes on show for the first time on Friday at Zurich’s *Kunsthau* museum, exploring his musings on the human condition.

“Edvard Munch. 150 Master Prints” displays works on loan from an anonymous private collector ranging from his first drypoint in 1894 to the Norwegian artist’s final lithograph just before his death in 1944.

Divided into sections depicting motifs such as “*Angst*”, “*Melancholy*”,

“*Vampire*” and “*The Kiss*”, the lithographs, etchings and woodcuts shed light on how Munch refined the printing process and elaborated and reworked his subjects.

“We want to show the way he thought and the way he worked,” Ben Frija, a Norwegian art expert who co-curated the exhibition and connected the *Kunsthau* with the private collector of Munch’s works, told *Reuters*.

Munch took up printmaking in the hope that it would be an easier way of making money than painting, writes art historian Gerd Woll in the show’s

catalogue. But the high material and printing costs as well as the expense of leasing the lithographic stones meant he ended up only making a few impressions of each print.

Opening the show are seven prints of the motif “*Madonna*”, depicting a woman whose naked body appears to be floating against a dark background. The print is surrounded by a border containing sperm and an embryo. In the late 19th century, the lithograph’s title and content were highly controversial, and in one variation the border has been masked out and painted over

by Munch, while in others the title has been shortened to ‘*Monna*.’ “You can see the evolution from the first imprint to the last idea,” said Frija, pointing out the transition from a faint drypoint to a bold lithograph with a bright red border and blue swirls crowning the woman’s head.

A black and white lithograph of “*The Scream*” is tucked away on a side wall near the end of the exhibition where it is sandwiched between two “*Angst*” prints, as the curators did not want it to draw too much attention away from the other works.

Reuters



People use camera phones to photograph Edvard Munch’s iconic “*The Scream*”, a pastel-on-board (1895) during a Press preview of an exhibition of Munch’s work at New York City’s Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) on 24 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS

SPORTS



Borussia Dortmund's goalkeeper Roman Weidenfeller (C) reacts during the German first division Bundesliga match against Borussia Moenchengladbach in Moenchengladbach on 5 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

Suarez, Sturridge sink Palace as City bounce back

LONDON, 6 Oct—Luis Suarez and Daniel Sturridge tore Crystal Palace apart to send Liverpool top of the Premier League with a 3-1 victory on Saturday as Manchester City bounced back from their Bayern Mu-

nich mauling with a 3-1 win over Everton.

Suarez, making his first Anfield appearance of the season after completing a suspension for biting, set Liverpool on their way to their fifth league victory

with an early improvised finish.

England forward Sturridge, who has now scored or assisted 16 goals in his last 11 league appearances, made it two with a fine solo goal, and Steven Gerrard's

penalty — his 99th Premier League goal — made it three before halftime against struggling Palace.

In the early kickoff at the Etihad Stadium, Alvaro Negredo and Sergio Aguero scored to help City come from behind to beat Everton 3-1, easing the disappointment of their home loss to Bayern in the Champions League on Wednesday.

French striker Loic Remy gave Newcastle United's under-pressure manager Alan Pardew some relief by scoring twice in a 2-1 win at Cardiff City and Fulham did the same for manager Martin Jol, edging past Stoke City 1-0 after Darren Bent's 83rd-minute winner. Hull City and Aston Villa played out a goalless draw at the KC Stadium.

Champions Manches-

Bayern go top after Dortmund suffer first defeat

BERLIN, 6 Oct—Bayern Munich climbed to the top of the Bundesliga with a 1-1 draw at Bayer Leverkusen on Saturday as rivals Borussia Dortmund slumped to their first defeat of the season with a 2-0 reverse at Borussia Moenchengladbach.

The Bavarians, who were last beaten in the league by Leverkusen last year, have now gone 33 league games without defeat — three shy of the record.

Bayern have 20 points

from eight matches, one ahead of Dortmund and third-placed Leverkusen.

Pep Guardiola's team took a deserved 30th-minute lead when Franck Ribery shook off Omer Toprak to find Toni Kroos in the box and he had no problem drilling the ball in.

Leverkusen struck back almost immediately as the unmarked Sidney Sam tapped home at the far post.

Ribery twice went close early in the second half but keeper Bernd Leno saved the Frenchman's

powerful drives.

Bayern kept up the pressure and Xherdan Shaqiri should have done better on the hour when he was left unmarked on the right and curled his shot over the bar.

Arjen Robben tried his luck with a free kick but again Leno was there to rescue Leverkusen who are enjoying their best ever start in the league.

Leno also denied substitute Mario Goetze who was making his comeback after injury.—Reuters



Liverpool's Luis Suarez (C, bottom) shoots to score his side's first goal during their Premier League match against Crystal Palace at Anfield in Liverpool, northern England on 5 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

Nadal focuses more on future than current No1 spot

BEIJING, 6 Oct—Spaniard Rafael Nadal said on Saturday that he will focus more on his future than the No1 spot after he reached the final of the China Open.

Nadal headed into the 2013 China Open final in an easy fashion after his opponent, the fourth seed Tomas Berdych retired in their semi-final due to back injury. The triumph made Nadal the No1 again after Djokovic stayed at this spot for 101 weeks.

The 27-year-old Spaniard expressed his joy of being No1 again and his wish to Berdych: "Something that is present after a great year, one of the best years of my career without any doubt. Was sad to make it this way because Tomas had to retired, so I hope to see him recovered for Shanghai."

However, compared with returning to the No1

spot, it's his hard work that satisfied him more: "It's just a number. What made me happy is all what I did to be back where I am today more than be what I am today."

According to Nadal, this is not the right time to begin celebration.

"Celebrations are for

the end of the season, not before. This season is not over. My work is not over," said Nadal, it seemed that he has started to focus on the games afterwards, "Remain a match tomorrow. Remain Shanghai. I am No1 today, but it's not done for the end of the season."—Xinhua



Spain's Rafael Nadal returns the ball during his men's singles semi-final match against Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic at the China Open tennis tournament in Beijing on 5 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS



Manchester City's Pablo Zabaleta challenges Everton's Romelu Lukaku (R) during their Premier League match at the Etihad Stadium in Manchester, northern England, on 5 Oct, 2013.

REUTERS

ter United will be aiming to avoid a third successive defeat when they face Sunderland in Saturday's late

kickoff. Arsenal, Tottenham Hotspur and Chelsea all play on Sunday.

Reuters

Teenager Januzaj digs Man United out of hole at Sunderland

Manchester United's Adnan Januzaj (L) shoots to score his second goal against Sunderland during their English Premier League match at The Stadium of Light in Sunderland, northern England, on 5 Oct, 2013.

REUTERS



LONDON, 6 Oct—Adnan Januzaj spared Manchester United a third consecutive Premier League defeat with two second-half goals in a 2-1 victory at bottom club Sunderland on Saturday.

Making his first league start for the troubled champions, the 18-year-old came to his

side's rescue, equalising with a clinical right-foot shot in the 55th minute before putting the visitors ahead with a sumptuous left-foot volley soon after.

Sunderland had deservedly led at halftime with a Craig Gardner shot following a mistake by Nemanja Vidic and only a great save by David De

Gea stopped United falling further behind.

United, who have made their worst start to a league season since 1989, moved up to ninth position with 10 points from seven games, six behind leaders Liverpool.

Sunderland have lost six of their matches.

Reuters

GENERAL

Vettel on pole for Korean Grand Prix



Mechanics push the car of Red Bull Formula One driver Sebastian Vettel of Germany during the qualifying session for the Korean F1 Grand Prix at the Korea International Circuit in Yeongam, on 5 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

YEONGAM, 6 Oct — Red Bull's Formula One championship leader Sebastian Vettel grabbed pole position at the Korean Grand Prix on Saturday while closest title rival Fernando Alonso qualified only fifth for Ferrari.

Vettel, who chalked up his third pole position in a row, will have Lewis Hamilton's Mercedes to keep him company on the front row for Sunday's race but the German's car was once again comfortably quicker.

Vettel's flying lap of one minute 37.202 seconds was 0.218 seconds faster than 2008 world champion Hamilton, who had kept him off the top of the timesheets in both Friday practice sessions.

The German is 60 points clear of Alonso in the

standings, with five races to go after Yeongam, and is chasing his fourth consecutive win with a fourth successive title fast approaching. Alonso would have been further down the grid had Australian Mark Webber, Vettel's team mate, not collected a 10 place penalty for taking a post-race 'taxi ride' on the Spaniard's car in Singapore two weeks ago.

Webber, who was on pole in Korea last year, qualified third but will start outside the top 10 with even more of a mountain to climb than Alonso.

"I think it was fairly close. I had a very good lap in Q3 (the final phase), on my first attempt. I knew it would be tricky for me to beat that time, for myself" Vettel said after celebrating

his 42nd career pole.

"As expected Mercedes was very strong. So it's a tight battle ... we have got the balance right this weekend and I improved the car from yesterday as I was not entirely happy after practice."

Qualifying conditions were cooler than in practice, although Vettel was also quickest in the final session on Saturday morning, and Sunday could see some rain although the threat of a typhoon has receded.

"I don't mind, it's not a disaster if it starts to rain, we have rain tyres in the garage," said the 26-year-old.

"When I arrived on Wednesday, it was very windy but it has died down since then and I think the typhoon has changed direction."—Reuters

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Polarized home price predictions confuse prospective buyers

BEIJING, 6 Oct — For Chu Jing, skyrocketing prices are making it harder and harder to buy a house in Beijing, although her dream of owning home here has never diminished since she graduated from university last year.

"House prices are already so high; it's unimaginable for me to spend my parents' life savings and the lion's share of my salary on a small house," says Chu, a media professional, who lives in a cramped rented room near Beijing West Railway Station.

"But what if prices continue to rise?" she wonders.

Chu is not alone in finding herself in such a quandary. While many ordinary Chinese feel they have almost been priced out

of the property market, they fear houses may be out of their reach forever if they miss the chance to buy now.

Driven by rapid urbanization and speculation, China's property market has taken off in recent years, especially after the economic stimulus policies the government issued in 2009 to help weather the global financial crisis.

Although theoretical economics tells us that prices are ultimately determined by market supply and demand, multiple factors are at play in China to make the sector more complicated and unpredictable.

The traditional Chinese mindset of viewing home ownership as a precondition for forming a family guaranteed that demand in cities

such as Beijing and Shanghai, which attract thousands of newcomers each year, would keep climbing.

With other investment channels such as the stock market proving disappointing, houses in those cities have become a popular investment choice for the country's wealthy, further squeezing the already tight supplies.—Xinhua

Rescuers work at the accident site in Linzhou, central China's Henan Province, on 5 Oct, 2013. Six people were killed and 38 others injured after a coach overturned on Saturday. The injured have been rushed to hospital and two of them are in critical conditions. XINHUA



Irish vote to create Court of Appeal in referendum

DUBLIN, 6 Oct — Ireland's referendum to establish a Court of Appeal has been passed by a landslide majority, official results showed.

Saturday evening's results showed that over 65 percent of voters were in favor of establishing the court. The average turnout was about 40 percent.

More than 60 percent of people in 42 out of the country's 43 constituencies voted yes.

The new court, to be set up at a level between the High Court and the Supreme Court, is expected to be operating by the time next year.

It will hear most of the appeals which are currently heard by the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court will hear only what it con-

siders to be cases of general public importance, or where the interest of justice demands that it hear a case.

On Friday, Ireland voted in the referendums on whether to abolish the Senate and whether to set up a Court of Appeal. Final result showed on Saturday afternoon that some 51.7 percent of the electorate has rejected the proposition to scrap the upper house with 48.3 percent voting in favour.

At the Dublin Castle, Kenny admitted defeat in the Senate abolition referendum. "Sometimes in politics you get a wallop," he said.

He told reporters that he was "personally disappointed", but accepted the result of the referendum.

Xinhua

Workers to work hard so as to manufacture products meeting market demand

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct— Union Minister for Industry U Maung Myint yesterday made an inspection tour of LED Bulb Branch (Hline) where he viewed production process of LED bulbs and Solar Workshop in Dagon Myothit (South) Township of No. 24 Heavy Industry (Dagon) where he looked into production of CIGS Solar panels.

After looking into production process of the Solar Workshop, the Union Minister noted that production of LED bulbs and solar panels plays an important role in electrification of ru-

ral region. Products must be highly competitive in the market.

He stressed the need for workers to work hard so as to manufacture products meeting the market demand.

The Union minister also viewed production process of packaging materials with Ever Stand brand of Lat War Co Ltd in Thingangyun Township and buildings of No. 21 Thingangyun Blanket Factory Branch and No. 4 Branch of No. 10 Textile Factory in North Okkalapa Township.—MNA

YANGON, 6 Oct— Speaker of the House of Representatives of New Zealand Rt. Hon. David Carter and party who are here at the invitation of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, left here by air this morning.

The New Zealand delegation was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win, Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung and officials of the Hluttaw Office.—MNA

Speaker of the House of Representatives of New Zealand Rt. Hon. David Carter being seen off by officials at Yangon International Airport.

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Speaker of House of Representatives of New Zealand concludes visit



Rakhine State Chief Minister, Lt-Gen Hla Min meet local people in Thandwe Township



Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin and Lt-Gen Hla Min meeting with local people in violence-hit village in Thandwe Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct— Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, Lt-Gen Hla Min of the Office

of Commander-in-Chief (Army), Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko Naing, state ministers, Amyotha Hluttaw representative and state Hluttaw representative on 4 October discussed with local people in Hsingaung

Village of Thandwe Township to avoid more conflicts and presented gifts to them.

At the monastery, they supplicated on occurrence of conflicts in Thandwe Township and efforts to restore the situation.

In Kyeeganye Village, they met with local people and discussed prevention of conflicts, peaceful co-existence and participation in regional development.

Yesterday afternoon, the Chief Minister of the State, Lt-Gen Hla Min and party supplicated on recent conflict in Thandwe Township and efforts in restoring peace and stability to the Sayadaw of Theingon Monastery in Ward 4 of Thandwe. At Maha Bawdi Monastery in Ward 6, they explained the conflict in Thandwe and restoration of peace and stability.—District IPRD

Union Peace-making Work Committee, “Wa” Special Region-2 leaders hold talks over peace, 2014-census

PANGSAN, 6 Oct — The Union Peace-making Working Committee and leaders of “Wa” special region-2 held talks over peace-making process and 2014 national census at Pangsan on 4 October.

During the meeting, U Thein Zaw, Vice-Chairman of the Union Peace-making Working Committee has invited “Wa” ethnic people to cooperate with the government in peace-making process, urging the leaders of the “Wa” special region-2

to be role models of the people regarding the peace-making process.

He also called on the leaders to cooperate with the government in the 2014 national census which will be taken from 30 March to 10 April, 2014. Speaking on the occasion, U Thein Zaw has also invited the “Wa” leaders to build trust between the two sides as part of efforts for participating in building a democratic nation and in reaching a ceasefire agreement cover-

ing the whole country.

Regarding the peace, U Shauk Minlyan, Vice-Chairman of the “Wa” Special Region-2, has pledged that “Wa” special region-2 would keep on adhering to the peace agreement between the Union government and Shan state government, noting that they have already formed a peace-making work committee and negotiation committee for peace to implement the peace agreement.

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (6-10-2013)

Kawthoung	3.70	inches
Myeik	1.85	inches
Mogok	1.65	inches
Sittway	1.62	inches
Bilin	1.62	inches
Hlegu	1.57	inches
Myitkyina	1.42	inches
Hkamti	1.38	inches
Singu	1.25	inches

Relief tasks being carried out for fire victims in Thandwe

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct— Committee on Relief and Care for Fire Victims was formed to carry out relief tasks for fire victims in Thandwe Township where violence occurred from 29 September to 1 October.

A total of 71 bags of rice, 170 viss of edible oil, 487 viss of salt and 224 packets were distributed to 487 people of 112

households in Shwehlay, Pauktaw, Thabyuchaing, Megyun, Myargyun, Shinsawpyin and Antaw Villages and Ward-3 and Ward-5 in Thandwe Township till 6 October. Rescue teams are operating relief works in violence-hit areas and calm in Thandwe returned to normalcy, according to Rakhine State Government.

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An official presents relief supplies to a fire victim in the village in Thandwe Township.

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