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President U Thein Sein felicitates Fijian President, PM

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct—On the occasion of National Day of the Republic of Fiji, which falls on 10th October 2013, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Brigadier-General Ratu Epeli Nailatikau, CF, LVO, OBE, MSD, KSTJ, President of the Republic of Fiji and His Excellency Commodore Ratu Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama, CF, MSD, OSTJ, Prime Minister of the Republic of Fiji.—MNA

President U Thein Sein attends 23rd ASEAN Summit in Brunei

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 9 Oct— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended the 23rd ASEAN Summit, here.

In his speech, President U Thein Sein called on the ASEAN states to openly review the efforts of ASEAN so that it can achieve its targets by 2015.

He urged ASEAN member states to step up efforts for encouraging small and medium businesses to ensure the 21st economic development, for narrowing the gap between member states, for ASEAN Integration and sustainable development while considering the ASEAN Vision beyond 2015.

President U Thein Sein also called on ASEAN member countries to start to draw the 2016-2020 plan of ASEAN, noting that the 2015 ASEAN Community targets is not the ultimatum of ASEAN, but the start of the ASEAN community.

He also urged the ASEAN member countries to give

President U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo together with leaders of ASEAN at 23rd ASEAN Summit.
MNA



priority to handling the issue of increasing in population of senior citizens, to strengthen the disaster preparedness and to ensure equitable approaches among ASEAN countries regarding the expansion of relations with ASEAN part-

ner countries.

ASEAN should maintain its leadership role, reliability and flexibility to attract partners and to maintain its strategic position, he said.

ASEAN should make

efforts for getting a single vision regarding the regional and international issues, he added. He suggested ASEAN member countries to choose ways which can be considered equal and fair among member countries when ASEAN expands its relations with newly emerged groups such as BRICS and

G-20.

The President said the political, economic and social reforms in Myanmar have given Myanmar more opportunities in strengthening the integration with ASEAN member states in the community.

However, Myanmar's reforms are incomplete and the country has challenges though it has seen progress, he said.

He pledged that My-

anmar will overcome the challenges with the support of ASEAN member states and its dialogue partners.

He vowed to take the role of the 2014 ASEAN chairmanship for the first time, pledging that Myanmar will work together with ASEAN member countries for gaining the momentum of ASEAN achievements and fulfilling the 2015 ASEAN Community targets.—MNA

Director-General of Knesset visits Myanmar Hluttaws



Photo shows Director-General of the Knesset Mr Ronen Plot with officials.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct— To strengthen the inter-parliamentary relations between Knesset and Py-

idaungsu Hluttaw, a delegation led by Mr Ronen Plot, Director-General of the Knesset visited Myan-

mar from 29 September to 3 October.

During the visit, they observed Hluttaw sessions of both Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw, contributed more than 120 books to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Library and exchanged views concerning administrative affairs of the Hluttaws with U Kyaw Soe, Director-General of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office, U Kyi Thein, Deputy Director-General of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office, and Daw Thida Tun, Deputy Director-General of Amyotha Hluttaw Office.

In the previous visit, the delegation attended the

session of Yangon Region Hluttaw on 30 September 2013 and had a meeting with Dr Than Aung, Head of the Yangon Region Government Hluttaw and secretary of Yangon Region Government.

The visit takes place during the 60th celebration of the establishment of the diplomatic relations between the State of Israel and Myanmar, and can be seen as an initiative to extend the friendly relations and cooperation between the two parliaments.

During the visit, the Ambassador of Israel called on Thura U Shwe Mann, Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw.—NLM

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Union Government

Notification No. 66/2013

5th Waxing of Thadingyut, 1375 ME,

Nay Pyi Taw

(9th October, 2013)

The Union Government hereby declared that as 12th Waxing of Thadingyut, 1374 ME, Wednesday (16 October 2013) is Eid al-Adha (Bakri Idd Day), the Government Offices in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar will be closed on that day as public holiday under section 25 of the Negotiable Instrumentals Act.

By order,

Sd/Zaw Than Thin
Secretary
Union Government

Myanmar bags gold medals in double regu of Pre-SEA Games

Myanmar
Sepak
Takraw
team
meeting
with its
opponent in
the Pre-SEA
Games Test
Match.



The final matches of double regu events in the Pre-SEA Games Sepak Takraw Test Match were held at Wunna Theinkdi Gymnasium in Nay Pyi Taw on 7 October.

In the matches, Myanmar B men's team and Myanmar A women's

team secured champions. In the semifinal matches, Myanmar A beat Malaysia B 2-0 and Myanmar B won over Malaysia A 2-0.

Myanmar A and Myanmar B met in the final match. Myanmar B emerged champion with a 2-0 win over Myanmar A team.

In the women's semifinal events, Myanmar A routed Malaysia A with a 2-0 win result. Malaysia B won over 2-1. In the final match, Myanmar A trounced Malaysia B with 2-0 result.

Kyemon-Chit Ko Ko;
Photo: Shine Htet Zaw

Nankalein Bridge substituted with bailey one

KALAY, 9 Oct—Reinforced concrete Nankalein Bidge near the administrative office of Aungmyeman on Kalay-Yangon Highway collapsed in the flood in Kalay on 30 September.

Thus, the vehicles small and large faced difficulties in transportation and the local people used boats.

Under the supervision of the Chairman of the District Management Committee and party, Kalay Township Public Works built a bailey

bridge on the damaged bridge.

As of 3 October, vehicles large and small safely use the bridge conveniently and smoothly.

Kyemon-Ju Nine

A bailey bridge built above Kankalein RC bridge damaged in the recent flood.



Watercraft hits pier of constructing Bayintnaung Bridge

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct—A ship carrying bags of rice hit the iron bars of No. 3 pier of No. 2 Bayintnaung Bridge in Mayangon Township on 4 October.

The ship hit the bridge and then hit the barge of the construction task again. Except some broken parts of the barge, there was no damage in the incident.

Bayintnaung Police Station opened a file of lawsuit againts reckless steeler Aung Kyaw Htay of Kyaiklat Township under the law.—Kyemon-037

National Sports

Former selected footballers, film star footballers to meet in fund-raising match

YANGON, 9 Oct—As a gesture of hailing the XXVII SEA Games and the 93rd Anniversary Myanmar Motion Picture Day, the former Myanmar selected footballer team and film start team will meet in the fund-raising match at Aung San Stadium, here, on 12 October afternoon.

The former selected Myanmar team comprises Than Toe Aung, Myo Hlaing Win, Win Aung, Kyi Lwin, Aung Kyaw Kyaw (Goal), Sai Maung Maung Oo, Soe Myat Min, Tun Tun Win, Aung Tun Tun, Kyaw Min, Aung Naing, Aye Naing,

Tun Tun Htet, Tint Naing Tun Thein, Lwin Oo, Maung Maung Htay and Tin Maung Tun.

The football team is under control of Coaches U Aye Maung Gyi and U Ye Nyunt, Managers U Tin Aung (Goal), U Myo Nyunt and U Hla Shwe Lay.

The film star team comprises Lu Min, Nay Toe, Pyay Ti Oo, Yazar Nay Win, Aung Ye Lin, Myint Myat, Kyaw Kyaw Bo, Po Chit, Kaung Khant, Kaung Pyae, Shu Sha, Kyaw Kyaw 35, Htoo Khant Kyaw, Nyi Nyi Min Htet, Nay Ye Lin, Po Tar, Nyi Gyaw, Htoo

Tha, Yu Pa, Arnt Min Nyo, Kyaw Zaw Lin, Ko Pauk, Min Htet, Po Nyan, Tha Htet, Paing Thu, Min Nyi, Moe La Yaung, Zar Ni, Thu Htoo San, Min Thway, Moe Yan Zun, Tun Tun, Min Maw Gun and Moe Aung Yin.

The friendly match will be opened by President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw and Chairman of Myanmar Motion Picture Organization U Lu Min.

A total of 59 film actresses will present flowers to the footballers.

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Maung Kunt

Myanmar U-23 team under intensive training at Nay Pyi Taw Stadiums



Players of Myanmar U-23 team in training session.

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct—Myanmar U-23 men's football

team making preparations for the XXVII SEA Games will take intensive training in Nay Pyi Taw for five days.

Although the SEA Games will be held in sports

grounds in Nay Pyi Taw as main sports venues, the group matches of the U-23 football matches that win interests of the people will be held at Youth Training

Centre in Thuwunna of Yangon.

However, the matches after the group matches will be organized in new stadiums in Nay Pyi Taw. Thus, the players are being trained at the new stadiums to have good practices and experiences in the new venues.

A total of 27 footballers, 11 managers and coaches, totalling 38 members will leave for Yangon on 10 October.

On 15 October, Myanmar U-23 team will play against Vietnamese U-23 team in the tune-up match at Youth Training Centre in Thuwunna.

Kyemon-Maung
Maung Zaw

Traffic clearance undertaken at 24 of 50 traffic congested places in Yangon

YANGON, 9 Oct—Traffic clearance is being undertaken at 24 busy places of 50 in Yangon, according to Police Major Tha Htay of Yangon Region Traffic Police Corps.

The root causes of the causing traffic jams are based on reckless driving of drivers.

“This year's traffic congestions are larger than that of previous year. The roads may be expanded to some extent. The root cause of driver in abiding by the traffic rules is one of the important point for the traffic congestions,” he said.

Nine places as first priority are being cleared from the traffic congestions. A plan is underway to clear 15 more busy places as

second priority. Yangon Region assigns over 400 members of Traffic Police Corps in seven designated places.—Kyemon-051



WORLD

Abe willing to interact with China, S Korea leaders at summit

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Oct—Prime Minister Shinzo Abe expressed his readiness on Wednesday to exchange views with his Chinese and South Korean counterparts when they gather for the East Asia Summit in Brunei on Thursday, reiterating that Japan is open to dialogue despite soured relations with its two neighbours.

On the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade negotiations in which Japan is seeking to retain tariffs on key farm products, the

Prime Minister said his government will seek to maximize the country's interests by "protecting what should be protected."

On Tuesday, Abe and other leaders of the countries involved in the TPP talks held a summit in Indonesia after the APEC meeting and reiterated a pledge to reach a deal on the US-led free trade initiative within the year.

Speaking to reporters at a hotel in the Bruneian capital, Abe also expressed his government's resolve

to "tenaciously and carefully" seek local agreement to building a replacement facility within Okinawa's main island for an existing US Marine air base in the southwestern prefecture.

With the people of Okinawa opposed to the relocation plan within the prefecture, Okinawa Gov. Hirokazu Nakaima is expected to make a final decision in a few months' time on whether to approve land reclamation work necessary to proceed with the project.

Kyodo News



Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu (R) meets with visiting Danish Foreign Minister Villy Soevndal during a joint press conference in Ankara, capital of Turkey, on 8 Oct, 2013. —XINHUA

Azerbaijan leader Aliyev eyes third term in presidential poll



An election official looks on as children play in front of a portrait of Heydar Aliyev, Azerbaijan's late president and father of current President Ilham Aliyev, at a polling station located inside a school in Baku, on 8 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

BAKU, 9 Oct—Azeri President Ilham Aliyev appears certain to extend his rule in the oil-producing former Soviet republic for a third straight term in an election on Wednesday that opponents said has already been skewed in his favour.

In a decade since Aliyev succeeded his father, Azerbaijan has been through a boom that has raised living standards and has courted Western states drawn by its strategic lo-

cation and status as a producer and transporter of oil and gas.

But Aliyev, 51, has faced criticism at home and abroad over the government's treatment of dissenters in the nation of 9 million, where protests are quashed quickly.

Aliyev, who could conceivably rule for life after backing a referendum that abolished term limits in 2009, hopes to increase Azerbaijan's regional clout

in a new five-year term and gain control over a breakaway territory held by ethnic Armenians.

"Azerbaijan should be an example for the region," Elnur Aslanov, an advisor to Aliyev, said in his office overlooking the Caspian Sea in Baku, a capital that mixes flashy shops and five-star hotels with drab Soviet-era apartment blocks.

"It's important that people see their living standards increase. Young people today have a totally different starting point than we had ... ten years ago," he said. "They want more."

Dissent has grown over what critics call endemic corruption, a gaping divide between rich and poor and alleged abuses in a nation where one rights group said a pre-election crackdown had doubled the number of political prisoners.

The number of protests has increased, sparked in part by young people using social media like Twitter and Facebook. Some in the predominantly Muslim nation with secular rule have

taken inspiration from the Arab Spring revolts.

Rights groups say Azerbaijan's strategic location between Turkey, Russia and Iran, its Europe-bound oil and gas pipelines and its role as a transit route for US troops to reach Afghanistan have cushioned it from Western criticism.

"Ahead of the presidential elections, Azerbaijan is trying to project an image of a country which respects human rights. But the reality could not be more different," Amnesty International said in a statement.

The opposition has united for the first time behind a single candidate, Jamil Hasanly, a 61-year-old historian. He said that, following a skewed pre-election campaign, he believed the poll would be rigged in favour of Aliyev.

"What we see is just an absence of a political and democratic climate for a free and fair election," Hasanly told a news conference on the last day of campaigning.—*Reuters*

Iran rejects US condition for joining Syria peace conference

DUBAI, 9 Oct—Iran rejects any conditions for taking part in a long-delayed peace conference on Syria, Iranian media reported, in effect dismissing a US suggestion that Teheran back a call for a transitional government in Damascus.

The United States accuses Iran of supporting the government of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in a civil war that has run for more than two years, killed more than 100,000 people and eluded all efforts at a peaceful settlement. The US State Department said on Monday Washington would be more open to Iran taking part in a "Geneva 2" conference seeking an end to the war if Iran publicly supported a 2012 statement calling for a transitional authority to rule Syria. But Iran rejected any conditions being placed on it to participate in diplomatic efforts on Syria, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Marzieh Afkham said on Tuesday evening. "If our participation is in the interest of achieving a solution, it will be unacceptable to set

conditions for inviting the Islamic Republic of Iran, and we accept no conditions," Afkham said, according to the state-run Press TV. A June 2012 "Geneva Communiqué" sought to chart a path to a diplomatic resolution of the conflict, and was agreed to by major powers such as the United States and Russia, Gulf states, and Syria's neighbors Iraq and Turkey — but not Iran, which was not invited to those talks.

The agreement called for a transitional governing authority but left open the question of whether Assad must leave power. The agreement said such a transitional government must be chosen by the Damascus government and the opposition by mutual consent, which the United States says in effect rules out Assad staying in power. On Monday, a State Department spokeswoman suggested the United States might be better disposed to Iran's taking part in a Geneva 2 conference if Tehran were to embrace the original Geneva Communiqué.

Reuters

Putin requests apology from Holland over diplomat arrest

THE HAGUE, 9 Oct—Russian President Vladimir Putin asked for an apology from the Netherlands for the arrest of a Russian diplomat in The Hague last weekend, Putin said during an Asian summit in Bali.

Dutch news agency ANP said on Monday evening that Moscow has made a strong protest against the treatment of the Russian diplomat in The Hague.

The Russian diplomat

Dmitri Borodin was reportedly "attacked" in his home in The Hague on Sunday by "people in police uniform." This apparently happened following complaints from neighbors about his behaviour in front of children, ANP said.

According to ANP, the diplomat claimed he was thrown to the ground, hit on the head and handcuffed. Diplomats usually are inviolable under diplomatic

law, meaning that they may not be detained or arrested.

Neither the Dutch foreign affairs ministry nor the police have yet commented on the claims. According to Dutch broadcaster NOS, the Netherlands has been given time to respond until Tuesday afternoon, 16:00, local time (GMT 1400).

The case comes as the Netherlands and Russia are in a standoff over the seizure of Greenpeace ship

Arctic Sunrise that was sailing under the Dutch flag.

Its crew of 30, including two Dutch nationals, is being held in Russia on piracy charges. The Netherlands has threatened Russia with legal action.

Dutch King Willem-Alexander will travel to Moscow on November 9 for event on the end of friendship year between the two countries.

Xinhua



A Free Syrian Army fighter takes up position as he sneaks a look out of a window in Deir al-Zor on 7 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Research is my passion, says Nobel Prize winner in physics

BRUSSELS, 9 Oct — “Research is my passion,” said on Tuesday Professor Francois Englaert of the Free University of Brussels during the Press conference, after learning that he is co-winner of the 2013 Nobel Prize in Physics with the British physicist Peter Higgs.

Francois Englaert, 81 years old, and Peter Higgs, 84, are the first to describe independently in 1964 the existence of a scalar boson, an elementary particle dubbed “the God particle” and giving the mass to the rest of elementary particles.

During the press conference, Englaert, wearing red sweater, did not hide his joy. He attributed his achievement in physics to his excellence in mathematics.

“Research is my passion,” said Englaert. He revealed that he was making “the best of banal toasts”, at the announcement of the Nobel Prize in Physics. Englaert regretted several times the death two years ago of Robert Brout, his “best friend and collaborator” in research on the scalar boson. He said that his honour had a contribu-

tion of Robert Brout. Born in Brussels, Englaert earned a doctorate in physics at the ULB in 1958 and then went to Cornell University in the United States. He came back at the university in 1961 and worked there until today.

Answering a question asked by a local journalist, Englaert said he has not thought about how to spend the Nobel Prize cash award. Neither life nor research will change, with such a large sum, he said. The Nobel Prize in physics is considered by many to be the most prestigious award of



Professor Francois Englaert of the Free University of Brussels.

its kind, and comes with an 8-million Swedish kronor (about 1.25 million) cash award. Englaert is the sixth Nobel Prize winner in Belgium and the fourth at the ULB.

Xinhua

US to suspend Antarctic research during shutdown

WASHINGTON, 9 Oct — The US National Science Foundation (NSF) said Tuesday it will suspend its research programs in Antarctica if the US government shutdown continues for another week. Funds for the research programs will be depleted on or around 14 Oct, 2013, according to a NSF statement posted online.

“Without additional funding, NSF has directed its Antarctic support con-

tractor to begin planning and implementing caretaker status,” said the NSF. It will be staffed at the minimum level needed to ensure human safety and preserve government property, including the three primary research stations, ships and associated research facilities, the agency said.

“All field and research activities not essential to human safety and preservation of property will be sus-

ended,” it added. The NSF also warned that some activities cannot be restarted once seasonally dependent windows for researches and operations have passed. The foundation has informed researchers that it will have to suspend work on several major construction projects if the shutdown continues beyond 31 October.

Included on that list are a solar telescope, a gravity wave observatory, and

ecological and ocean-observing networks, according to a report in the journal Science’s ScienceInsider blog. The busiest season of the Antarctic research programme runs from October to February. For the 2014 fiscal year, which began on 1 October, the NSF had requested 465 million US dollars to support its polar programs, including work in Antarctica, the report said.—Xinhua

Apple to introduce new iPads on 22 October



A worker wipes a poster advertisement for Apple’s iPhone 5C on a wall of Japan’s biggest mobile phone operator NTT Docomo Inc shop before its launch ceremony for the start of the selling of Apple’s iPhone 5S and 5C at its shop in Tokyo, on 20 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 9 Oct — Apple Inc intends to introduce its latest line-up of iPads on 22 October, tech blog AllThingsD cited sources familiar with the company’s plans as saying, meaning Apple would be updating its tablets in time for holiday shopping.

New versions of the iPad, which will go up against Amazon.com Inc’s latest Kindle Fire tablets

and other gadgets made by Samsung Electronics, are expected to feature lighter, thinner designs and more powerful processors.

Supply chain sources told Reuters last week that Apple may run into a shortage of so-called “retina” displays for the iPad mini, a

smaller version of the tablet that helped popularize the product in 2010. That could in turn limit supply of the gadget during the crucial season.

Apple declined to comment about AllThingsD’s report, which added that the company may also devote some time to detailing new Macintosh computers.

The iPhone-maker has come under pressure over the past year to preserve market share and bolster sales against rivals that are rapidly raising specifications and lowering prices. Amazon’s new 7-inch Kindle Fire is priced from \$229 for 16GB wifi-only models, while Google Inc’s second-generation Nexus 7 offers a similar screen size and storage capacity at the same price.

In comparison, the cheapest model in Apple’s current 7.9-inch iPad Mini lineup with 16GB of storage starts at \$329.

Reuters

The Microsoft logo is seen at their offices in Bucharest on 20 March, 2013.

REUTERS

Samsung launches Galaxy variant with curved screen

SEOUL, 9 Oct — Samsung Electronics Co Ltd on Wednesday launched a variant of the popular Galaxy Note smartphone with a curved display, moving a step closer to introducing wearable devices with flexible screens.

The Galaxy Round’s 5.7-inch (14.4-centimetre) display has a slight horizontal curve and weighs less than the Galaxy Note 3, allowing a more comfortable grip than other flat-screen models on the market, mobile carrier SK Telecom Co Ltd said in a statement. Curved dis-

plays open up possibilities for bendable designs that could eventually transform the high-end smartphone market by allowing mobile and wearable gadgets to take new forms.

LG Electronics Inc plans to introduce a smartphone with a vertically curved display in November, a source familiar with the matter said this week. Samsung’s new phone, available through South Korea’s biggest mobile carrier SK Telecom, costs 1.089 million won (\$1,000).

Reuters



Galaxy Note smartphone with a curved display

Microsoft awards hacking expert, repairs browser bug

BOSTON, 9 Oct — Microsoft Corp said on Tuesday it is paying a well-known hacking expert more than \$100,000 for finding security holes in its software, one of the largest such bounties awarded to date by a high-tech company. The software maker also released a much anticipated update to Internet Explorer, which it said fixes a bug that made users of the world’s most popular browser vulnerable to remote attack.

James Forshaw, who heads vulnerability research at London-based security consulting firm Context Information Security, won Microsoft’s first \$100,000 bounty for identifying a new “exploitation technique” in

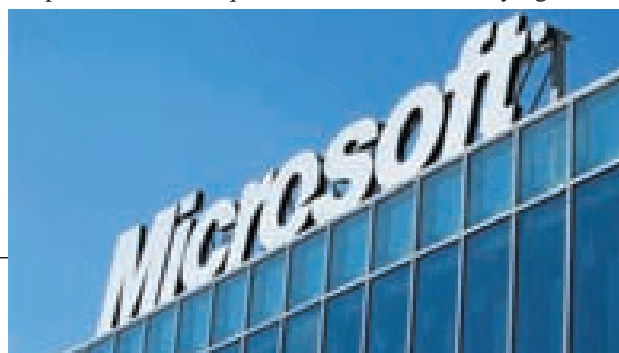
Windows, which will allow it to develop defenses against an entire class of attacks, the software maker said on Tuesday. Forshaw earned another \$9,400 for identifying security bugs in a preview release of Microsoft’s Internet Explorer 11 browser, Katie Moussouris, senior security strategist with Microsoft Security Response Centre, said in a blog.

Microsoft unveiled the reward programs four months ago to bolster efforts to prevent sophisticated attackers from subverting new security technologies in its software, which runs on the vast majority of the world’s personal computers. Forshaw has been credited with identifying several

dozen software security bugs. He was awarded a large bounty from Hewlett-Packard Co for identifying a way to “pwn,” or take ownership of, Oracle Corp’s Java software in a high-profile contest known as Pwn2Own (pronounced “pown to own”).

Microsoft also released an automatic update to Internet Explorer on Tuesday afternoon to fix a security bug that it first disclosed last month. Researchers say hackers initially exploited that flaw to launch attacks on companies in Asia in an operation that the cybersecurity firm FireEye has dubbed DeputyDog. Marc Maiffret, chief technology officer of the cybersecurity firm BeyondTrust, said the vulnerability was later more broadly used after Microsoft’s disclosure of the issue brought it to the attention of cyber criminals. He is advising computer users to immediately install the update to Internet Explorer, if they do not have their PCs already set to automatically download updates.

Reuters



BUSINESS & HEALTH

Take HP's slide personally, CEO Whitman tells employees

SAN FRANCISCO, 9 Oct —When Hewlett-Packard Co was removed from the Dow Jones Industrial Average a month ago, Chief Executive Officer Meg Whitman sent an impassioned email to the company's 300,000-plus employees.

"I hope that every HP employee took today's announcement personally," she said in the one-page internal memo on 10 September. Calling HP's departure from the benchmark index it joined in 1997 a "blow to our brand," Whitman said the move showed many people still harbored doubts about her turnaround plan.

"We need to make

every sale," she stressed in the memo, which was seen by Reuters. Whitman's urgency is easy to understand. Two years into what she has always described as a five-year effort, HP's sales and profits are still sliding and Wall Street is losing patience.

The stock has fallen 17 percent in the past three months and is down more than half its value since 2010. The CEO has sidelined senior executives including PC chief Todd Bradley and enterprise chief Dave Donatelli. Strong new leaders have yet to emerge from the ranks, analysts say.

Though Whitman has



Meg Whitman, chief executive officer and president of Hewlett-Packard, speaks during the grand opening of the company's Executive Briefing Center in Palo Alto, California on 16 Jan, 2013. —REUTERS

vowed to jumpstart innovation, HP Labs—the division that came up with pocket calculators and light-emitting diodes - has been slashed in half over the past two years, part of a company-wide effort to cut costs.

At HP's analyst day on Wednesday, Whitman will give Wall Street an updated picture of 2014. She has already said the company will

not grow next year as she once predicted. Given low expectations, analysts said the stock could get a short-term bump on any glimmer of good news. But in the medium term, HP's prospects rest largely on Whitman's ability to remake the \$28 billion enterprise division that sells hardware, software and services to big companies.—Reuters

Indian IT outsourcers want a bigger bite out of Europe



Employees are seen at their workstations on the floor of an outsourcing centre in Bangalore, in this file picture taken on 29 Feb, 2012. — REUTERS

BANGALORE, 9 Oct—India's IT outsourcers, long bit players in continental Europe, are looking to win over more people like Hans-Petter Aanby.

Aanby is chief information officer of Scandinavian Airlines System SASSA.UL, which recently awarded Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) (TCS.NS) a five-year contract worth over \$160 million as part of its effort to halve information technology costs and reduce local IT staff by 70 percent

by 2015. Big Indian IT companies, heavily reliant on the US market and eager to diversify, have intensified efforts to crack continental Europe in the past three years through acquisitions, setting up operations on the ground and hiring locally.

The push into Europe comes as Indian IT vendors face uncertainty in the United States, where more restrictive rules that could drive up the costs of sending workers there on short-term visas are being debated as

part of an immigration law overhaul.

The rise in revenue from Europe is likely to be reflected when earnings season for the sector kicks-off on Friday with no 2 player Infosys Ltd's (INFY.NS) results. NelsonHall, an outsourcing advisory firm, expects the four top Indian vendors and US rival Cognizant Technology Solutions (CTSH.O) — which has three-quarters of its staff in India—to see overall business in Europe grow about 16 percent this year.

It expects 12 percent growth in the United States. Europe accounts for roughly one-third of revenue for India's \$108 billion IT services industry, although Britain has long made up the bulk of that share. In continental Europe, Indian IT firms are making their deepest inroads in northern European countries where English is widely spoken.

However, language barriers and tight labour

rules mean Europe is yet to surpass even Britain as a revenue source for Indian IT firms, which are expected to rely on acquisitions to build up their offerings in big markets such as France and Germany.

Reuters

Reshaped Pfizer plans to fine-tune research spending

CAMBRIDGE, (England), 9 Oct—Nearly three years after a cost-cutting drive that stunned many in the drugs industry, Pfizer Inc's head of research Mikael Dolsten says his scientists are delivering more for less. The ability of the biggest US drugmaker to slash research spending by a fifth without reducing the flow of new drugs has boosted returns on invested capital, been applauded by Wall Street and not gone unnoticed at rivals. Last week, Merck & Co Inc followed a similar path with a plan to cut costs and scrap 8,500 jobs.

But Dolsten, 55, Pfizer's quietly spoken president of worldwide research and development (R&D), who has spent 15 of his 25 years in the pharmaceuticals industry working in Europe, is not ready to declare the job finished yet.

He intends to fine-tune the company's R&D engine further by a process of "dynamic" shifting of resources to the hottest research

areas, which currently include cancer, vaccines and immune system medicines. "Reinventing drug discovery and development is not a one-time fix. It is a multi-year journey," he said in an interview at Pfizer's Neusentis drug research unit outside Cambridge, England.

After closing numerous research sites and cutting spending in several areas requiring big sales forces, Dolsten said Pfizer now had the right level of R&D spending overall - but it

would be adjusted and redeployed as projects waxed and waned."

There is a committed strategic funding for each therapeutic area that gives them critical mass, and then we will move resources as we see the most successful projects need them," he said. "In the near-term, we see oncology, vaccines and immunology as three very strong areas — if great projects arrive, like palbociclib in breast cancer, then we will fund those projects appropriately."

Reuters



People walk past the Pfizer Inc. headquarters in New York, on 31 Jan, 2013. — REUTERS

Hand-foot-and-mouth cases in Singapore hit weekly high of 1,109

SINGAPORE, 9 Oct — There were 1,109 cases of hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) diagnosed during the week from on 22-28 September in Singapore, according to the data released by the city-state's Ministry of Health.

The number was the highest this year and was over twice compared with

482 cases at the same time last year. So far, there were 21,060 cases reported until 28 September, which was much lower than the 33,650 cases at the same times in the previous year. The number of the viral infection has been surging during the last four weeks, from 860 cases in the week from 1-7 September to over 1,100 cases at the end of

last month.

The HFMD usually affects young children, with common symptom of fever, mouth ulcers and rashes on the palms, soles or buttocks. Singapore had experienced an epidemic of the HFMD last year, with the number of weekly cases rose to 1,687 during the week of 13-19 May in 2012.—Xinhua

Stipend awarded to six university students

MUDON, 9 Oct—A ceremony to present stipends and university scholarship awards through Sayagyi U Myint education fund was held at the hall of Basic Education High School No. 1 in Mudon Township of Mon State on 1 October.

At first, Township Administrator U Myint Aung and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the

fund Township Education Officer U Phyu Win made speeches.

They presented K 200,000 to five university students and one student to attend Traditional Medicine University in 2013-2014 academic year.

The stipends will be granted to the students up to graduation.

MMAL-Ko Chit

Health Care

Hlinethaya People's Hospital to be extended to 200-bed hospital

YANGON, 9 Oct—According to the meeting between Deputy Minister for Health Dr Than Aung and departmental officials on 1 October, a plan is underway to upgrade Hlinethaya Township Hospital (25-bed) to the 200-bed one.

At the meeting, Township Health Officer Dr Khin Yupa Soe reported that patients from Htantabin and Twantay townships receive medical treatment at Hlinethaya Hospital. Due to growing population of the township, 10 health centres have been opened in the township. The township needs midwives in ratio of patient to midwife is prescribed as 25000 of population to one midwife. Extended construction can be accepted on over nine acres of the hospital to be

able to provide more health care to the people.

The deputy minister said that only when the township hospitals are extended for taking care of more patients, will Yangon General Hospital have relaxation for its duties.

As extension can be carried out at Hlinethaya Township Hospital giving health care to four neighbouring townships, it will be beneficial to the local people. The ministry issues medicines to the hospitals for providing efficient medical care to the local people so as to win their trusts. Arrangements will be made for assigning more health personnel and upgrading the hospital to the 200-bed one on nine acres of land.

MMAL-164

Eastern corridor collapses at Meiktila Lake

MEIKTILA, 9 Oct—A 75-foot eastern corridor of the Meiktila Lake collapsed due to weather and erosion of water at 8 pm on 6 October.

The incident occurred near Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Meiktila.

“The corridor was built between Yangon-Mandalay

Highway and the lake. The bridge was crowded with those taking physical exercises and walkers in the early morning. Fortunately, the incident occurred at night. It should be repaired since many years. When the corridor collapsed, the 75-foot section was damaged,” said Yadana Mann Ward

Business

Thilawa Special Economic Zone to be implemented soon

YANGON, 9 Oct—With the concerted efforts between Myanmar and Japan, Thilawa Special Economic Zone will be implemented soon in Kyauktan Township of Yangon Region.

The zone is located on 400 hectares of land. The zone will comprise world class hospitals, modern markets, education institutions, supermarkets, residences, sports grounds, bankings, offices, modern industries and so on.

Authorities concerned had coordinated with the local people residing in the site chosen for the project not to suffer loss while implementing the project. The work process

of coordination is smooth. That is why the Thilawa SEZ will be implemented to emerge it as international



A scene of plot to be established for Thilawa Special Economic Zone. MMAL-Maung Sein Lwin; Photo: Min Htet

Charity Affairs

KBZ Bank donates ambulance, US\$ 14800 to Emergency Patient Transport Service


YANGON, 9 Oct—The chairman of Kanbawza Bank Ltd donated one ambulance and US\$ 14800 to Emergency Patient Transport Service.

On the occasion, Chairman of Myanmar Medical Association (Central) Dr Kyaw Myint Naing extended greetings.


Chairman of the BOD of the service Dr Tin Zaw Maung spoke words of

thanks. Next, the donation ceremony followed, and certificate of honour was presented.

“We established the emergency patient transport service on 1 October last year. As our tasks, we rushed to the injured persons and patients in critical conditions for saving them regardless of races and religion. Especially, priority is being given to



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A scene of plot to be established for Thilawa Special Economic Zone.

Police help victims from conflict

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct—Under the supervision of Commander of No. 6 Police Battalion Group Police Col Bo Bo Oo, the commanding officer and party of No. 33 Police Battalion transported five men and 11 women who took shelter from conflict that occurred in Thabyuchaing Village from October 1 conflict in lower Thabyuchaing to their relatives of Linthi Village in Thandwe.

MMAL-Myat Sandi Thin Zaw

MMAL-Ko Ye

Police arrests snatcher at Htaukkyant Junction

Snatcher Ohn Kyaing (a) Gaung Phyu seen with money believed to be snatched money.



YANGON, 9 Oct—Police members of Yangon Region Police Force discharging duty of surveillance to arrest snatcher at the bus stop of Htaukkyant Junction arrested Ohn Kyaing (a) Gaung Phyu of Sanchaugpauk Village in Hmawby Township who got off the Hilux of Hmawby-Yangon bus line at 9.30 am

on 4 October. The police searched him and found K 9000 from his pocket. After the investigation, he snatched the money from a man of 45 years old on board. Htaukkyant police station opened a file of lawsuit against the snatcher. MMAL-Soe Win (SP)



Photo shows collapse of eastern corridor at Meiktila Lake.

NATIONAL

President U Thein Sein meets Vietnamese PM, Chinese Premier, ROK President

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 9 Oct—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung at International Convention Center in Bandar Seri Begawan in Brunei Darussalam at 2 pm local standard time today.

At the meeting, they exchanged views on promotion of cooperation in agriculture, education, sci-

ence and technology and tourism industry, promotion of trade and investment, cooperation in defence and security, and friendly cooperation in international relations.

At 5.30 pm local standard time, President U Thein Sein met Premier of State Council of the People's Republic of China Mr Li Ke-qiang. At the meeting, they discussed implementation of China-Myanmar strategic partnership relations,

and ASEAN-China strategic relations.

At 7.10 pm local standard time, President U Thein Sein met the President of the Republic of Korea Mrs. Park Guan-hye. At the meeting, they exchanged views on promotion of Myanmar-Korea relations, assistance for the development of Myanmar human resources, promotion of trade and investment, construction of infrastructure, more investment of Korea

in energy sector, sharing experience and technology of Korean to Myanmar rural development tasks.

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President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein shakes hands with Prime Minister of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung.—MNA



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann attends second day meeting of 129th IPU Assembly



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann attends second day session of the 129th IPU Assembly held in Geneva of Switzerland.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct—A Myanmar delegation led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann attended the second day session of the 129th IPU Assembly held in Geneva of Switzerland yesterday morning.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker addressed the General Debate on Emergency Items of the 129th IPU Assembly. He said that it is a pleasure for him to participate at the 129th IPU Assembly for the first time since he took the responsibilities of Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (Union Parliament) and Pyithu Hluttaw (Peoples' Parliament) in 2013.

He continued that as he may intimate the Assembly regarding the role of Hluttaws in Myanmar, the first regular session of the Pyithu Hluttaw began in January 2011 and, since then the Hluttaws in Myanmar have actively performed the

process of democratization in the country. The parliamentarians are involved not only in the process of peace making and reconciliation of the nation but also in the socio-economic development of the people, he added.

The Hluttaws have daunting duties for amending the existing laws, enacting new laws in accordance with the present situation. Furthermore, during the intervals of sessions, the Speakers and members of Hluttaws have performed the out-reach programs to listen the voice of people, to understand their requirements and raising awareness on democracy among people. The findings have been drawn the attention of relevant authorities in the Hluttaws sessions, the speaker said.

He expressed that he appreciates the leading role of IPU in upgrading democracy value around the world. The Hluttaws in

Myanmar have benefited from the cooperation programme of IPU since it was re-affiliated as the member of IPU in March 2012. The discussion in this session on the emergency items is very interesting and gives us opportunity to understand the trend and opinions on the issues of concern by other parliaments. The substantive matters in committees and panels are also very useful for us, he said.

He reaffirmed that Myanmar's foreign policy is to

139th World Post Day celebrated in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct—A ceremony to mark World Post Day and award prizes to the winners of 42nd International Letter-writing Competition for young people at national level was held at the ministry office, here, this afternoon.

Present at the ceremony were Union Minister U Myat Hein, Deputy Minister U Win Than, Deputy Minister U Thung Tin,

actively contribute towards the maintenance of international peace and security. Myanmar consistently supports disarmament and opposes arms races, illegal production and sales of any kinds of weapons. Myanmar signed the Chemical Weapons Convention in 1993 and now it is under process to ratify the Convention. In this regard, we are in favour of the inclusion of the emergency item on the role of parliaments in supervising the ban on the use and the destruction of chemical weapons. Accordingly, the Hluttaws in Myanmar will endeavour the continued process of realization of disarmament around the world.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker met with Speaker of the Australian House of Representatives Mr. John Hogg, Iran Parliament Speaker Mr. Ali Larijani and Speaker of National Assembly of South Africa Mr. M V Sisulu on 8 October separately. They exchanged views on amity and cooperation between the two countries and the parliament affairs.

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officials from Ministry of Communications and Information Technology and Ministry of Education, members of the panel of judges, guests, students and their teachers and parents.

Next, the Union Minister, the deputy ministers and officials presented prizes to the winners of the International Letter-writing Competition at national level.

On behalf of the di-

Union FM felicitates Fijian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct—On the occasion of National Day of the Republic of Fiji, which falls on 10th October 2013, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Ratu Inoke Kubuabola, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Fiji.—MNA

Ambassador appointment agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of H.E. Mr. Alcides Gastao Rostand Prates as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federative Republic of Brazil to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

H.E. Mr. Alcides Gastao Rostand Prates joined the Brazilian Foreign Ministry in 1976 and has served in various capacities at the Brazilian Embassies and Missions in Hong Kong, Rome, Geneva and

Moscow. He also served as Brazilian Ambassador to Vietnam from 2002 to 2008 and to the Philippines from 2008 to 2012.

H.E. Mr. Alcides Gastao Rostand Prates will be accredited as Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Yangon.—MNA

Governor of CBM to attend WB, IMF meetings

YANGON, 9 Oct—Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung left here for the US yesterday to attend the Annual Meetings of World Bank Group (WBG), the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Annual General Meetings of its subordinate firms held Washington DC from 10 to 12 October, 2013. He was accompanied by Vice-Governor of CBM Daw Khin Saw Oo and members.—MNA

rector-general, the director presented gifts to the Union Ministers and the deputy ministers and officials as a token of World Post Day-2013. After the ceremony, the Union Minister, the deputy ministers and those present posed for a documentary photo together with prize winning students and viewed the documentary photos for 139th World Post Day.—MNA

NATIONAL

Scholarship students urged to effectively apply experiences in nation-building tasks

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 9 Oct—President U Thein Sein, who arrived in Bandar Seri Begawan of Brunei, met Myanmar Ambassador Daw Yin Yin Myint, embassy staff, families and Myanmar students at the residence of the Myanmar Ambassador in Bandar Seri Begawan yesterday evening.

In the meeting, the President explained reform process in the nation, ASEAN-Myanmar relations, foreign policies of Myanmar and duties of diplomats. He urged the scholarship students to try hard in learning education and effectively apply the experiences in the nation-building tasks.



The President and wife presented gifts to the Ambassador and staff and cash assistance to the scholarship students.—MNA

President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win present gift to Ambassador Daw Yin Yin Myint and her husband.

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Daw Khin Khin Win attends luncheon hosted by spouse of Brunei King



Daw Khin Khin Win and wives of leaders of ASEAN countries view traditional cultural works at Royal dining hall.—MNA

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 9 Oct—Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of President U Thein Sein, attended a luncheon hosted by the Spouse of the King of Brunei Darussalam at the Royal

Palace in Bandar Seri Begawan this morning.

At 11 am, the wife of the President arrived at the Royal Palace of Brunei where she was welcomed by the spouse of the Brunei

King. The Spouse of the Brunei King, wives of leaders of ASEAN countries and the wife of Japanese Prime Minister went to the Royal dining hall where they

viewed round Brunei traditions, culture and handicrafts, traditional musical instruments and traditional foods and demonstration on traditional wedding reception.

Next, the spouse of the Brunei King hosted a luncheon to wives of leaders of ASEAN countries and wife of the Japanese Prime Minister.

After that, Daw Khin Khin Win together with the spouse of the Brunei King, wives of leaders of ASEAN countries and wife of the Japanese Prime Minister, visited Brunei River by private vessel.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee meets Deputy Head of OHCHR

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct—Ms. Heike Alefsel, Deputy Head of OHCHR Regional Office for South-East Asian Region met with Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee U T Khun Myat, Secretary U Saw Hla Tun and members, Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission members at the Building (I) of the Hluttaw Complex, here, this morning.

They discussed laws on human rights in Myanmar and the bill on recall of representatives.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 10 October, 2013

Engineering and technological education system

There is a chronic shortage of qualified individuals capable of knocking into shape a better education system in Myanmar for various reasons. Even more dangerous is the likelihood that an engineering and technological education system in debate at the parliament meets with failure. One can argue the wisdom of having tried to do so, but what cannot be argued is that we are now crediting democracy through embarking on a series of major reforms. There has been a lot of resistance to this effect to the country's democratization.

Now comes the introduction of a new education system which is in line with the new economic system already in place in the country after decades of isolation and underdevelopment. The new education system completely depends on engineering and technology and extensive research, for knowledge without common sense counts for little. Lack of knowledge derived from education is a serious obstacle to individual fulfillment, to the development of societies and to mutual understanding between peoples.

As education is now high on the agenda, changes have been made in legal system for the emergence of private schools encouraging private sector participation. The appeal for the education model took a major hit from the successive events; now we are doing the same to our education model.

Prospects are now bright for the country to derive influence and a more staple world with educationally and socially underprivileged groups completed primary education. But, time-honored education that brings the surreal into everyday life should not anyway override all moral considerations.

At a time when the government is considering alternate sources of funding for national education promotion scheme, it is clear that it could go along with any substantive democratic changes in the country. Foreign policy and a country's reputation are as much about what it is as what it does. And there must be a trade-off between the benefits of education and risks of investment in it.

Debate on education role held at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct—At the debate with the title of "Role of education for human resources development in building 21st Century Country", resource person Rector of Meiktila University Dr Maung Thin (Meiktila) explained matters related to the debate at the hall of Amyotha Hluttaw building, here, this afternoon.

Nine Amyotha Hluttaw representatives discussed matters related to the title, and the resource person re-

plied to their discussions. Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Strategic Studies and Research Committee Col Maung Maung Htoo spoke words of thanks.

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Debate with the title of "Role of education for human resources development in building 21st Century Country" in progress.—MNA



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President U Thein Sein attends...

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He thanked Korea for its support for implementation of the ASEAN Community Roadmap (2009-2015).

He welcomed further trade promotion between ASEAN and Korea and hoped that the ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Area would meet the targeted trade volume. He also thanked Korea for its cooperation in implementing the ASEAN Connectivity Master Plan, and expressed his belief that the distribution of Korean sophisticated information technology to ASEAN nations will benefit both parties.

He concluded that

Myanmar fully supported the Korean efforts to turn Korean peninsula into a region free from nuclear for ensuring peace, security and stability in the Korean peninsula.

At 3.45 pm, the 16th ASEAN-China Summit took place and President U Thein Sein in his address said that the year 2013 is the 10th anniversary establishment of the ASEAN-China Strategic Relations, and efforts are being made for more cooperation in future. The close cooperation between ASEAN and China will contribute much to regional and international peace and prosperity.

The President continued that the China's role to play in the implementation of the ASEAN Connectivity Master Plan is significant. Geotopically, Myanmar is in a position to boost links between ASEAN and China's south-west provinces. The 10th ASEAN-China Trade Exhibition and the ASEAN-China Economic and Investment Summit held in Nanning of PRC in September reaffirmed commitment for meeting the objectives of ASEAN-China Trade and Investment. He continued that he was pleased with progress made at ASEAN-China High-ranking Officials' meeting held in September in China over implementa-



16th ASEAN-Korea Summit in progress at International Convention Centre in Bandar Seri Begawan of Brunei.—MNA



President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win pose for documentary photo with Brunei King and his spouse at the dinner.—MNA

Union Peace-making Work Committee...

(from page 16)

Committee is making all-out efforts for ensuring peace inspired by the entire people he said.

Lt-Gen Myint Soe from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) said that the meeting between military officers of both sides brought better outcomes on military affairs. Moreover, skirmishes could be reduced thanks to the best results of the previous meeting. Both sides coordinated prevention of more skirmishes and the acts of instigation, stressing the need for active participation of all in

restoring peace in Kachin State.

Next, Maj-Gen Gwan Maw of KIO said that the coordination meeting focused on the root causes of conflicts and seeking better approaches to prevent battles. Both sides are striving for bilateral cooperation through building mutual trust and understandings.

After that, military affairs, ceasefire agreement for the whole country and political dialogues were discussed.

In the afternoon, the talks concentrated on IDPs and other matters.

The peace talks were attended by Union Minis-

ters U Ohn Myint, U Win Tun and U Khin Maung Soe, Lt-Gen Myint Soe, Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Nga Sai, Hluttaw representatives, Commander Maj-Gen Tun Tun Naung, Commander Maj-Gen Aung Soe, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, state ministers, representatives from ethnic armed groups KNU, RCSS/SSA, UWSA, ABSDF, MNSP, PLNO, SSPP, PSLF/TNLA, CNF and NDAA, UNSG's Special Envoy Mr. Vijay Nambiar, a special diplomatic mission of the PRC, representatives from political parties in Myitkyina, Shan and Kachin cultural groups and townsenders.—MNA

tion of the chapter to be followed by South China Sea countries. He thanked China for its support for Myanmar's reform process and pledged that he will try his best for further cementing strategic relations between the ASEAN and China when he takes ASEAN Chairmanship.

At 5.45 pm, the first ASEAN-US Summit was held and President U Thein Sein made a speech, saying that he extended a warm welcome to US Secretary of State Mr John Carry and party, and commenting significant progress made in

the ASEAN-US relations with the holding of the first ASEAN-US Summit. He added that all ASEAN nations attached great importance to every step of the ASEAN-US Dialogue Partner relations and cooperation.

He continued that it is an every important cooperation made in the fight against violence and human trafficking and ensuring maritime security and human rights. He welcomed the US's initiatives in formulating economic relations, Asia-Pacific strategic relations and Asia-Pacific

Sustainable Energy Partnership.

The President said that he was pleased with improved Myanmar-US relations and expressed his hope that better relations between the Myanmar and US will further strengthen the ASEAN-US relations already in place.

In the evening, the President and wife attended a dinner hosted by the King of Brunei Darussalam in honour of heads of State/Government who attended the 23th ASEAN Summit and related meetings.

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Myanmar fishermen charged of illegally fishing in Indonesia arrive back home

YANGON, 9 Oct— A total of 37 Myanmar fishermen who were in custody over illegally fishing in Serban, Indonesia arrived back here today, according to the programme of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

They are five from Mon State, four from Kayin State, 12 from Taninthayi Region, six from Bago

Region, five from Yangon Region, three from Ayeyawady Region, one from Mandalay Region and one from Magway Region.

While the Union Government was spending £ 20000 on flight cost, the Relief and Resettlement Department supplied them with clothes, towels, and soaps worth about K 236,726, and Myanmar

Fisheries Federation spent K 2614000 on travel allowances and daily allowance.

They were welcomed back by officials concerned from the department and the MFF Vice-Chairman and members.

They were handed over to representatives from their respective states and regions.

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Officials meeting Myanmar fishermen who arrived back from Indonesia.

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Pyay Township WVO presents stipends to offspring



Patron of Pyay Township WVO Lt-Col Kyaw Nyunt (Rtd) presents K 95000 and medal to one-distinction winner.

PYAY, 9 Oct—Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Committee provided cash assistance to children of members of Pyay Township War Veterans Organization at the office of the township WVO on 6 October.

Chairman of Township WVO Captain Myint Thein (Rtd) explained the purpose of presenting cash assistance to the students for 2012-2013 academic year.

Patron of the organization Lt-Col Kyaw Nyunt (Rtd) presented K 95000 each and medals to two one-distinction winners.

Chairman of the organization Captain Myint Thein (Rtd) presented cash assistance to 125 students.

The township WVO provided K 2,005,000 to the students at the ceremony.

Kyemon-497

HRD

Pre-Primary Teachership for Child Development lectured

THATON, 9 Oct—Jointly organized by Ministry of Education and UNICEF, the pre-primary teachership course for development of children took place at the hall of Basic Education High School No. 2 in Thaton on 7 October.

Township Education Officer Daw Kyi Kyi Mar explained the purpose of opening the training course and tasks of pre-primary education in the township.

Next, Township Administrator U Tun Tun Naing explained the important role of pre-primary education for the children and urged the trainees to



Trainees attending teachership course for development of children.

place emphasis on training for learning.

Altogether 65 trainees from the township are attending the course from

7 to 31 October under the training of seven instructors from the Ministry of Education.

Kyemon-Thet Oo (Thaton)

Cash assistance provided to owners of flood-hit farmlands in Mongphyat

MONGPHYAT, 9 Oct—Shan State Government presented cash assistance to farmers for their flood-hit farmlands in Monghe, Hamkon, Wamlon, Wampon, Mongphyat, Hsipon and Namyun village-tracts of Mongphyat Township at the town hall of Mongphyat on 7 October.

On behalf of the Shan state government, District Deputy Commissioner U Kyaw Kyaw Ohn explained the purpose of providing cash assistance.

Next, the deputy com-

missioner and Township Administrator U Zaw Myo Nyunt gave K 10000 per acre to 118 farms for 108.36 acres of flooded farmlands to the farmers.

On behalf of the farmers, farmer U Tin Ko of Monghe Village-tract spoke words of thanks.—Kyemon-Wai Yan Lin (Mongphyat)

Cash assistance for farmers in progress in Mongphyat Township.



Milk given to students in Maungtaw

MAUNGTAW, 9 Oct—With the aim of ensuring healthy and fitness of the students, the school milk activities was launched at No. 1 Basic Education Post-Primary School in Maungtaw of Rakhine State on 7 October morning.

Deputy Commissioner U Aung Myint Soe of the district, the township administrator, township departmental officials, townselders, members of Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association attended the ceremony.

They gave milk to 220 students.

Kyemon-District IPRD



Officials feed milk to school children of Maungtaw Basic Education Post-Primary School No 1.

Auxiliary Fire Brigade members at refresher course

SAGAING, 9 Oct—The opening ceremony of Auxiliary Fire Brigade members refresher course was held at the office of Sagaing Township Fire Services Department on 7 October afternoon.

Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Tin Aung Kyaw made a speech.

Head of Township Fire Services Department U Myint Oo explained the purpose of providing training course.

"It is a refresher course for members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade. Most of the members have been trained. The refresher course is to polish their skills. Altogether 100 trainees from 18 wards of Sagaing are attending the training course. The course will last one month. Except health condition, every trainee must not be absent. All the issues will be coordinated for them. The government provides them with assistance. So, the trainees should take out the assigned tasks dutifully. The instructors will give all the fire extinguishing techniques to them," said the head of the Township FSD.

Kyemon-Zaw Myint Naing

National Sports

Winners awarded in Township Administrator Cup

PAKOKKU, 9 Oct—The prize presentation for the Pakokku Township Administrator Cup Inter-Ward/Village Football Tournament was held at the district sports ground in Pakokku on 7 October afternoon.

In the final match, No. 7 Ward beat Pantaingchon team 1-0.

Departmental officials presented best play-

er awards, second and third prizes to respective players and Ward 5 team and Pantaingchon team respectively.

Later, Township Administrator U Aung Naing Oo gave championship trophy and K 300,000 to the first prize winning Ward 7 team through team manager and team captain.

Kyemon-Aung (Mann Tekkatho)



The prize presentation of township administrator cup football tournament in progress.

Reconstruction of damaged bridges coordinated

KALAY, 9 Oct—A coordination meeting on reconstruction of Hsegyi Bridge near Hsegyi Village and Seikkantha Bridge in Linlon Ward was held at the town hall in Kalay on 7 October.

Sagaing Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein urged all the participants to rebuild two bridges.

Wellwishers donated K 5.3 million for construc-

tion. Also present at the meeting were Region Hluttaw representative U Khin Maung Than, members of District and Township Management Committees and Supportive Committees, the chairman of Township Development Affairs Committee, entrepreneurs and townselders.

Two bridges are estimated to cost K 11.1 million.

Kyemon-Ju Nine

REGIONAL

Japan, Brunei agree to strengthen energy cooperation



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (L) and Brunei's Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah shake hands before their meeting in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei, on 9 Oct, 2013.—KYODO NEWS

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 9 Oct—Visiting Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei agreed on Wednesday to strengthen energy cooperation between the two countries, including exports of liquefied natural gas to Japan and the development of renewable energy, Japanese officials said.

With Brunei seeking to wean itself from its over-

dependence on oil and gas production, Abe expressed Japan's readiness at their summit to help the Southeast Asian country diversify its industry by providing technological cooperation in the areas of renewable energy and energy conservation.

In response to Abe's request for Brunei's continuing LNG exports, Bolkiah said he hoped to continue strengthening economic

ties with Japan, including in the energy area, according to the officials.

The summit meeting between Abe and Bolkiah was held on the sidelines of a series of ASEAN-related summits held in the tiny sultanate on the northern coast of Borneo between Wednesday and Thursday.

On the territorial disputes in the South China Sea that China has had with Brunei and some other countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the Japanese leader said, "All the countries concerned should observe related international law and refrain from unilateral action," apparently in reference to China's growing assertiveness in the waters.

Abe and Bolkiah confirmed continuing cooperation between their countries in regional peace and stability.

They also agreed to closely cooperate on a special summit between Japanese and ASEAN leaders to be held in Tokyo in mid-December, according to the officials.—Kyodo News

China calls for joint efforts to advance nuclear disarmament in step-by-step manner

UNITED NATIONS, 9 Oct—Chinese Ambassador for Disarmament Affairs Wu Haitao here on Tuesday called on the international community to advance nuclear disarmament in a step-by-step manner.

"Some progress has been made in the nuclear disarmament process, but the continuous and further promotion and eventual attainment of a nuclear-weapon-free world remains an arduous task," Wu told a meeting of the First Committee of the 68th Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA).

The UNGA's First Committee deals with disarmament, global challenges and threats to peace that affect the international community and seeks out solutions to the challenges in the international security regime.

"Nuclear proliferation issues are still prominent," Wu said, adding that the international community should make joint efforts to

further promote the process of disarmament.

In doing so, countries should first advance nuclear disarmament in a step-by-step manner and reduce proliferation risks comprehensively, he noted.

"Nuclear-weapon states should abandon the nuclear deterrence doctrine based on the first use of nuclear weapons and make an unequivocal commitment of no-first-use of and not using or threatening to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear-weapon states or nuclear-weapon-free zones, negotiate and conclude a legally-binding international instrument in this regard at an early date," said the Chinese ambassador.

According to him, countries with the largest nuclear arsenals should continue to take the lead in making drastic and substantive reductions in their nuclear weapons.

Meanwhile, Wu noted, other nuclear-weapon states

should also join the multi-lateral negotiations on nuclear disarmament when conditions are ripe.

"Nuclear disarmament should stick to the principles of maintaining global strategic balance and stability and undiminished security for all," he said.

In this regard, the development of missile defence systems that undermine global strategic balance and stability should be abandoned, he added.

Wu went on to say that China has always stood for the complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons.

"China is firmly committed to its nuclear strategy of self-defence and has adhered to the policy of no-first-use of nuclear weapons at any time and under any circumstances," he said.

In his speech, Wu also stressed that dialogue and negotiation are the only right way to resolve regional nuclear issues.

Xinhua

China supreme court gets email account

BEIJING, 9 Oct—The Supreme People's Court (SPC) of China opened an email box on its official website on Tuesday to solicit opinions, the People's Daily reported on Wednesday.

The email address is yzxx@court.gov.cn, through which the public can send emails directly to the chief justice, to establish a permanent contact channel between the SPC and the public.

The mail box came after Zhou Qiang, President of the SPC, proposed the idea in a meeting on 27 Sept. The move is part of the SPC's implementation of the mass-line campaign launched by the Communist Party of China to strengthen the ties between the people and authority, while exorcising undesirable work styles such as formalism, bureaucracy, hedonism and extravagance.—Xinhua



A sand sculpture by Indian sand artist Sudarshan Pattnaik is seen on the Bay of Bengal's Orissa coast on the end day of the wild life week at Puri, 65 kilometers away from the eastern Indian state Orissa's capital city Bhubaneswar, India, on 8 Oct, 2013.—XINHUA

Cambodia's Preah Vihear heritage site receives less visitors in first nine months

PHNOM PENH, 9 Oct—The number of tourists visiting Cambodia's Preah Vihear Temple, a world heritage site, has declined by 30 percent in the first nine months of the year, tourism data showed Wednesday.

The figures provided by Preah Vihear provincial tourism department said a total of 54,000 domestic

and foreign tourists have viewed the 11th century temple during the January-September period this year, down 30 percent from 77,450 visitors over the same period last year.

Of the figure, domestic tourists to the temple went down by 36 percent to 45,900, while foreign visitors to the site increased by

54 percent to 8,100.

You Sovan, deputy chief of the Preah Vihear provincial department, said the Mekong River and flash floods, which have been hitting the country since August and have killed at least 83 people so far, were blamed for the drop in local tourists to the temple.

Xinhua

Indian PM embarks on Brunei, Indonesia tour

NEW DELHI, 9 Oct—Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Wednesday embarked on a four-day tour of Brunei and Indonesia, during which he will attend the ASEAN summit and the East Asian Summit.

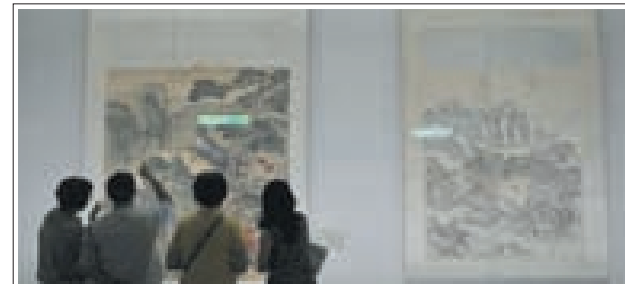
"Our engagement with the ASEAN and its member countries is the cornerstone of our 'Look East' policy and has evolved into a strong, comprehensive and multi-faceted partnership in recent years," Singh, who will participate in the summit in Brunei, said in his departure statement.

After the ASEAN

summit and the East Asian Summit, the Indian Prime Minister will head to Indonesia where he will hold talks with top leaders in Jakarta from 10 to 12 October. "The visits will further intensify our engagement with East, which has been at the forefront of our foreign policy, and contribute to peace, prosperity and stability in the Asia Pacific," Singh said.

India seeks greater economic ties and cooperation in areas of security, connectivity and culture with Southeast Asian countries.

Xinhua



People visit the "All Complete Qianlong: a Special Exhibition on the Aesthetic Tastes of the Qing Emperor Gaozong" at the Taipei Palace Museum in Taipei, southeast China's Taiwan, on 8 Oct, 2013. The exhibition, jointly organized with Beijing's Palace Museum, was opened Tuesday with around 200 pieces of cultural relics originally collected by Qianlong (1711-1799), a meritorious emperor in China's Qing Dynasty (1644-1911).—XINHUA

Invitation of Expression of Interest (EOI) for Cooperation Public Private Partnership (PPP) in No(2) Pharmaceutical Factory, Pharmaceutical and Foodstuff Industries Ministry of Industry

No(2) Pharmaceutical factory under the Pharmaceutical and Foodstuff Industry, the Ministry of Industry intend to cooperate with Foreign Pharmaceutical Companies which produce the branded products in the international market and the local companies that can operate with under license and technical supervision from these Companies to produce Pharmaceuticals as PPP (JV, Lease etc.)

As a first step, Companies who interest in those cooperation are required to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) **not later than 3 pm (Myanmar Standard Time), on October 28th 2013 to Planning Department, Pharmaceutical and Foodstuff Industries, Ministry of Industry, Office No(37), Nay Pyi Taw, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar.**

Interested entities can take over the (EOI) Form and other indications at above office commencing from (7-10-2013) by presenting document of company profile.

Document of Company Profile

- Valid Certificate of Incorporation
 - Records and Regulation of Company
 - Name of Foreign's Technical Cooperator
- (For more information : Phone no : +95 +67 408140, 408275
Fax no : +95 +67 408195)

Russia satisfied with process of destruction of Syrian chemical weapons

MOSCOW, 9 Oct—Moscow is satisfied with the prompt start of Syria's chemical weapons disarmament, the Russian Foreign Ministry said on Monday. "Beginning of the works on dismantling chemical weapons in Syria in the shortest time possible and with no delay gives ground to state with satisfaction that the Syrian government has been strictly adhering to the obligations it has taken after Damascus made a decision about fast-track joining the convention on prohibition of chemical weapons," ministry spokesman Alexander Lukashevich said in a statement.

On Sunday, Syrian authorities started destroying chemical weapons under the supervision of inspectors from the Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and the United Nations.

These works have been approved by the UN Security

Council resolution 2118 and the OPCW decision made on 27 September.

Lukashevich said equipment for chemical weapons production and unloaded ammunition "are being brought to an irreversibly inoperative condition."

Russia warned that success of the works depends not solely on the Syrian government, and called the parties able to influence the armed opposition to provide security to the mission of monitoring and destruction of chemical weapons.

The experts arrived in Syria last Tuesday and met with Syrian Foreign Ministry officials before they started their ground work to find and dismantle an estimated 1,000-ton chemical arsenal in the country.

The UNSC said the OPCW will help Syria destroy its chemical weapons by mid-2014.

Xinhua



Pakistani soldier display sacks of seized hashish to media in Shakas area of northwest Pakistan's Khyber Agency, on 7 Oct, 2013. Pakistani forces seized about 6000kg of hashish from Khyber Agency, officials said.—XINHUA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV EVER ABLE VOY NO (357N)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV EVER ABLE VOY NO (357N) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10-10-2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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A Yemeni child receives a polio vaccine at a health center in Sanaa, Yemen, on 7 Oct, 2013. According to Yemen's official Saba News Agency, Yemeni authorities launched a three-day nationwide polio immunization campaign in which more than 4.5 million children under five will receive polio vaccine.—XINHUA



The meeting of the UN Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB) opens in Budapest, Hungary on 7 Oct, 2013. The Budapest Water Summit will be held in Budapest from 8 to 11 October.—XINHUA

Iran determined to resolve nuclear issue in "short time"

TEHRAN, 9 Oct—Iran is determined to resolve the nuclear dispute in a "short period of time," Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said on Monday.

Iran has the legitimate right to pursue nuclear energy under the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and is ready to remove international concerns in its talks with the P5+1 (Britain, China, France, Russia, the United States and Germany), Rouhani was quoted by official IRNA news agency as saying during a meeting

with new Ambassador of the Netherlands to Teheran Johannes Douma.

He expressed hope that Iran's relations with member states of the European Union, including the Netherlands, would be improved in economic, cultural and political areas. He criticized the sanctions against Iran, saying that it has affected the lives of the ordinary people. For his part, Douma said the Netherlands is interested in promotion of all-out cooperation with Iran.

On the same day,

Rouhani also urged Germany to play a positive role in solving dispute over Teheran's nuclear programme, according to Press TV.

In a meeting with new German Ambassador to Teheran Michael Baron von Ungern, Rouhani expressed hope that Germany would play a "positive and constructive role" at the upcoming Geneva talks to resolve the Iranian nuclear issue. Teheran seeks to exercise its right to nuclear energy under international law, said Rouhani.—Xinhua

Italy shipwreck toll rises to 232 as more bodies recovered

ROME, 9 Oct—The toll of ascertained deaths in the migrant shipwreck near the Italian island of Lampedusa rose to 232 on Monday, as divers recovered another 38 bodies from under the boat that sank last week, local media reports said. The 20-metre fishing vessel is thought to have been carrying 518 people, mostly Eri-

treans and Somalis, when it went down, meaning that 131 people are still missing.

Only 155 survived the disaster. The victims also included several women and some children. The search for missing bodies was complicated by difficult eather conditions on Monday. "When we left the boat, around 45 meters deep, we

could still see several bodies piled and stiff," one of the deep-sea divers told Rai state television. President of the European Commission Jose Manuel Barroso said he would visit Lampedusa on Wednesday "in the spirit of European support and solidarity" expressed by the Commission following the tragic event.—Xinhua

Cuban artists allowed to contract workers, services

HAVANA, 9 Oct—Cuban artists are now permitted to contract private-sector workers and services, according to new regulations published on Monday in the government Gazette. The regulations, which will take effect in January 2014 and are part of wider reforms to modernize Cuba's economy, cover financial and tax matters in the cultural sector, bringing them in line with other private sector activities legalized before, the daily Granma cited Maritza Cabrera, from the Ministry of Finance and Prices (MFP), as saying.

Artists contracting more than five workers will have to pay taxes on those contracts, which can be recognized as deductible expenses on personal income tax, said Cabrera. Artists will also have to pay a 4-percent tax on any remuneration received, but that amount, also, may be written off on end-of-year income tax.

In return, artists, their assistants and support staff will be eligible for a special social security plan that offers old-age pensions and disability payments, as well as maternity care and other guarantees. Cabrera said officials were currently trying to determine the tax burden for each art form.

Since taking office in 2008, Cuban President Raul Castro has promoted some 300 economic reforms, including gradually legalizing numerous private-sector jobs, to boost productivity and lighten the burden on the government, the country's largest employer.—Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT



Lindsay Lohan has been to rehab six times for her alcohol addiction.

Lindsay Lohan wants to open rehab centre named after herself

LOS ANGELES, 9 Oct— Actress Lindsay Lohan is keen on opening her own rehabilitation centre and name it after herself.

The 26-year-old has been to rehabilitation centre six times for her alcohol addiction and now wants to help others, reports radaronline.com.

“Lindsay really wants to help other people and

she’s talked to some of her wealthy friends who are sober about the prospect of opening up a rehab centre,” said a source.

“She loves the idea and really believes that if her name is attached to it, it will help draw attention to sobriety,” the source added.

It is said that the actress has already found investors in her project.—PTI

Scarlett Johansson again named ‘sexiest woman alive’ by Esquire

NEW YORK, 9 Oct— American actress Scarlett Johansson has been named the sexiest woman alive for the second time by Esquire, the men’s lifestyle magazine said on Monday.

“The Avengers” star was named sexiest woman in 2006 and is the only woman to have been given the title twice by the publication. The annual recipient of the title is chosen by Esquire editors.

Husky-voiced Johansson, who rose to prominence as a teenager in the 2001 cult film “Ghost World,” stars in three films this fall. In “Don Jon” she plays the girlfriend of a pornography addict and in the sci-fi thriller “Under the Skin” she is a seductive extraterrestrial. She voices a man’s computer companion in “Her.”

“You know, I gotta hustle,” Johansson told the magazine of her busy work

schedule. “I’m a 28-year-old woman in the movie business, right? Pretty soon the roles you’re offered all become mothers. Then they just sort of stop.”

Johansson said last month she was engaged to marry French journalist Roman Dauriac. Her previous marriage to actor Ryan Reynolds ended in 2011 af-

ter three years.

Last year’s sexiest woman, according to Esquire, was American actress Mila Kunis. Barbadian pop singer Rihanna, British actress Kate Beckinsale and South African actress Charlize Theron have all been given the “sexiest” distinction by the magazine.—Reuters



Cast member Scarlett Johansson poses at the premiere of the movie “Iron Man 2” at El Capitan theatre in Hollywood, California on 26 April, 2010.—REUTERS

The secret behind Christina Aguilera’s weight loss

LOS ANGELES, 9 Oct— Christina Aguilera has recently lost 49 pounds

Singer Christina Aguilera reportedly has stopped eating out to reduce weight.

The 32-year-old has recently lost 49 pounds to get back in shape, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

“Once she became serious about losing the weight, she stopped eating out. They’ve barely gone out at all in the past three months,” Life and Style magazine quoted a source as saying.

She is currently seen as a judge on a singing reality show The Voice.

PTI

Aishwarya Rai Bachchan: We opted for stem cell banking for Aaradhya

MUMBAI, 9 Oct— Bollywood actress Aishwarya Rai Bachchan has lent her name to the cause of stem cell preservation by Life Cell, a biotechnology company.

The whole process of banking a baby’s stem cell has been made a lot cheaper by the company and Aishwarya urges family and friends to gift it to expecting parents.

“Families and friends can come together to make this gift possible in a parent’s life. We traditionally buy so many things for expecting parents,” the 39-year-old said here at the launch of the initiative on Monday.

“So family and friends can come together to pursue this possibility in expectant parents lives and make that the perfect gift for the child coming into this life,” she



Ash says stem cell banking is a sensible investment

added.

Aishwarya revealed that even she and husband Abhishek opted for stem cell banking when their daughter Aaradhya was born.

“I had always banked that thought even before I got married. At that point of time we were contacted by a lot of companies and closer to the date we interacted extensively with Life Cell. Once were convinced we went ahead with the decision to bank with Life Cell,” Aishwarya said.

Aishwarya urges expecting parents to look at it as a sensible investment.

“To those who can afford it, we really look at a lot of expenses. A lot of indulgences are so easily spent upon that somehow this thereby seems like a sensible investment,” Aishwarya said.—PTI



Christina Aguilera has recently lost 49 pounds.

Post-split from Lewis Hamilton, life is not easy for Nicole Scherzinger

LOS ANGELES, 9 Oct— Singer Nicole Scherzinger has been struggling while shooting for this year’s British singing reality show The X Factor after splitting from F1 racer Lewis Hamilton.

Scherzinger, 35, broke up with Hamilton, 28, in July after a relationship of more than five years. The singer

is struggling to balance her TV commitments during the break-up.

“I’m not going to lie. On the personal side it has been a hard year for me. I am not a robot and I wear my heart on my sleeve. I want to be a professional and make it about the contestants and not about me,” dailystar.co.uk quoted Scherzinger as saying. “But music is a part of my life and music touches me, so I think I’ve been a bit more emotional through the audition process this year because I was obviously going through some stuff internally and I think anyone could relate to that. “In a way it’s a compliment to them because they’ve done what they set out to do, which is to connect and to communicate,” she added.—PTI

Nicole broke up with Hamilton in July, after a relationship of more than five years.

Kate Moss may be Topshop’s key to China

PARIS, 9 Oct— British fashion retailer Topshop is considering using a Spring 2014 collection to be designed with Kate Moss to break into China, billionaire owner Philip Green said on Tuesday. “This may be the launch of China. We’ve had a couple of offers to go to China with Kate,”

Green told the World Retail Congress in Paris, a day after announcing Topshop was resuming a collaboration with the supermodel after a three year hiatus. Green’s Arcadia, which also trades as the Topman, Burton, Dorothy Perkins, Miss Selfridge, Wallis and Evans brands, is Britain’s

largest privately owned clothing retailer with more than 2,500 outlets. Like European rivals Inditex (ITX.MC) and H&M (HMB.ST), Topshop is seeking to make up for a stagnant home market by expanding overseas, with India, Brazil and Mexico also under consideration, Green said.—Reuters



SPORTS

US defender Gonzalez ruled out of qualifiers

MIAMI, 9 Oct—United States central defender Omar Gonzalez has been ruled out of the World Cup qualifiers against Jamaica and Panama with a hip injury, US Soccer said on Tuesday.

L. A. Galaxy defender



United States' Omar Gonzalez celebrates their 2-0 victory over Mexico in their FIFA World Cup qualifying soccer match in Columbus, Ohio on 10 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Gonzalez will be replaced by Michael Orozco who plays in the Mexican league for Puebla and who has 10 caps.

Juergen Klinsmann's US team, who have already secured their place in next year's World Cup finals in

Brazil, host Jamaica in Kansas City on Friday and then travel to Panama City four days later.

Sporting Kansas City defender Matt Besler and Stoke City's Geoff Cameron are the most likely central defensive pairing for Friday's game although including Orozco would allow Klinsmann to play Cameron at right-back, where he currently plays for his English club.—Reuters

Milan to play behind closed doors over abusive chants

ROME, 9 Oct —AC Milan have been ordered by Italy's football authorities to play their next game behind closed doors and were fined 50,000 euros (42,210.62 pounds) following abusive chants by supporters about southern club Napoli. During Sunday's match against Juventus in Turin, hundreds of Milan supporters shouted "We are not Neapolitans" and other offensive chants which the Naples daily *Il Mattino* said reflected long-standing contempt for the south by northern clubs.

In the fiercely territorial world of Italian football, abusive rivalry between supporters of clubs in the rich north and those in the poorer south is not uncommon and Milan officials reacted with shock to the verdict by Serie A sporting judges.

The punishment means that Milan, 12th in Serie A after the 3-2 loss to Juve, will play their next home game on 19 October against Udinese behind closed doors.

"To say I'm furious would be putting it mildly," Milan chief executive Adriano Galliani told reporters on Tuesday. "I understand



AC Milan's chief executive officer Adriano Galliani gestures as he leaves FC Barcelona's office in Barcelona on 26 August, 2010.—REUTERS

that racism is a big problem, a problem everywhere in the world but...here in Italy we have invented territorial discrimination for ourselves.

"I called (Italian football) president (Giancarlo Abete) to ask whether he thinks that this rule is just. What I ask is that it is abolished."—Reuters

Wales striker Bellamy to quit internationals

LONDON, 9 Oct—Wales striker Craig Bellamy will retire from international football at the end of the World Cup qualifying campaign next week, the 34-year-old said on Tuesday.

Bellamy, who plays for home-town team Cardiff City after spells at a number of Premier League clubs including Liverpool, will step down from the national side after next Tuesday's final qualifying match against Belgium.

He has won 76 caps for Wales and scored 19 goals since making his debut against Jamaica in 1998.

"Players come and go and my career has definitely come and gone," he was reported as saying by the BBC.

"I have to do what's best for the national team and this group of players are

the future. The next qualifiers, two-odd years, I'm not going to see it."

Wales, who cannot qualify for the tournament in Brazil, play Macedonia in Cardiff on Friday. If Bellamy picked up a booking he would miss the second match against Belgium through suspension.

The former captain is the third most-capped Welsh player and his country's fifth highest-scorer.

"I'm just grateful for every game I've been lucky



Britain's men's football player Craig Bellamy runs during a training session at the London 2012 Olympic Games in Cardiff on 31 July, 2012.

REUTERS



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Sunderland opt for Gus Poyet as new manager

LONDON, 9 Oct—Gus Poyet has been appointed Sunderland manager on a two-year contract, the Premier League club said on Tuesday. The Uruguayan replaces controversial Italian Paolo Di Canio, who was sacked last month by bottom-of-the-table Sunderland following a 3-0 defeat at West Bromwich Albion.

The former international midfielder, who played for Chelsea and Tottenham Hotspur, was sacked by Championship side Brighton and Hove Albion in June for an undisclosed breach of club discipline.

"We analysed a wide range of candidates and believe that Gus's track record, experience, commitment and passion make him the right man to take us forward," Sunderland chairman Ellis Short said

in a statement on the club's website (www.safc.com).

Poyet, 45, has been tasked with ensuring Sunderland's Premier League survival after a dreadful start to the season during which they have managed only one point from their first seven matches. Kevin Ball took temporary charge after Di Canio's dismissal, and Sunderland beat third-tier Peterborough United in the League Cup but lost to Liverpool and Manchester United in the league. Di Canio was brought in by Sunderland in March to replace Martin O'Neill when the club looked almost certain for relegation.

He managed to keep Sunderland in the Premier League but the side won only three of his 13 matches in charge.

British media said the



Gus Poyet

Sunderland players were unhappy with Di Canio's abrasive management style and public criticism of them but the Italian denied reports of a training ground bust-up following defeat to West Brom.—Reuters

Nadal 'sure' Federer will be in London to fight for title

LONDON, 9 Oct—World number one Rafa Nadal is confident that arch-rival Roger Federer will be able to accumulate the points needed over the next few weeks to seal his spot for the season-ending ATP finale in London.

Federer went through the 2013 season without reaching a major final for the first time since 2002, which has left him in dan-

ger of missing the cut for the World Tour Finals for the first time since 2001.

The 17-times grand slam winner is currently seventh in the ATP Race for next month's tournament involving the top eight players of the world.

"He's going to go, he's going to qualify. I am sure of that," Nadal, who replaced Novak Djokovic as the men's top-ranked player



Roger Federer of Switzerland and Rafael Nadal (R) of Spain greet each other at the net after Nadal defeated Federer in their men's singles quarterfinal match at the BNP Paribas Open ATP tennis tournament in Indian Wells, California, on 14 March, 2013.—REUTERS

this week, told reporters in Shanghai.

The Swiss has won the season ender a record six times but if he is to have any chance of turning that into a lucky seven, he only has three more tournaments—this week's Shanghai Masters, the Swiss Indoors and the Paris Masters - to make up the points in the ATP Race.

He has been left in such

a precarious position following a year in which he perished in the Australian Open semi-finals to Andy Murray, fell at the last-eight stage to Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the French Open, suffered a shock second-round defeat at Wimbledon to journeyman Sergiy Stakhovsky before losing to Tommy Robredo in the US Open fourth round.

Reuters

GENERAL

Hamilton hails Vettel as 'great champion'

SEOUL, 9 Oct—Lewis Hamilton hailed Formula One rival Sebastian Vettel as a great champion on Tuesday, only days after suggesting the German's dominance was sending fans to sleep.

The Mercedes driver told his 1.7 million followers on Twitter that he felt a need to clarify his thoughts about Red Bull's runaway championship leader and winner of the last four races.

"Seb is great champion!!," he declared on his feed (@LewisHamilton). "Not only that, he is a great

human being who is funny and humble. Deserves all the success he is having.

"I admire his dedication & ability to consistently perform without mistakes. This is the mark of a true champion," added the Briton, who won the 2008 title with McLaren before Vettel had won the first of his three to date.

Vettel, who does not use Twitter, has a 77-point lead over Ferrari's Fernando Alonso in the championship with five races remaining and can clinch his fourth successive title in Japan this weekend.

"Regardless of what you & I may think about his car, at the end of the day he's doing the perfect job," continued Hamilton, whose earlier comments triggered a rash of newspaper headlines. "I'm just grateful I get to drive in an era with so many great drivers like him."

The Briton had told reporters after finishing fifth in Sunday's Korean Grand Prix won by Vettel that the 26-year-old's dominance would have been a turnoff for some fans.

"Personally, I feel for the fans because I remember the period of time when Michael Schumacher was winning," he had said.

"I remember waking up in the morning to watch the start of the race and then going to sleep, and then waking up when it ended because I already knew what would happen. I am pretty sure a lot of people were doing that today."

Hamilton is no stranger to apologies and U-turns performed after Twitter gaffes.

Last year, he apologised to then-McLaren team mate Jenson Button after the Japanese Grand Prix for accusing him of disrespect by 'unfollowing' him only to find out that his compatriot never had followed him.—Reuters



Red Bull Formula One driver Sebastian Vettel of Germany raises his fist after winning the Korean F1 Grand Prix at the Korea International Circuit in Yeongam, on 6 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

Obama says US to keep 'going after' al-Qaeda-linked groups in Africa

NEW YORK, 9 Oct—President Barack Obama on Tuesday staunchly defended his decision to order commando raids in Libya and Somalia last weekend, saying the United States would keep targeting al Qaeda-linked groups in Africa but had no intention of going to war there.

Speaking at a news conference, Obama said the United States was justified in seizing a senior al Qaeda figure in Tripoli and whisking him out of the country, and he made clear that it likely would not be the last operation of its kind.

"Where you've got active plots and active networks, we're going to go after them," Obama said. "We're not going to farm out our defence."

Nazih al-Ragye, better

known by the cover name Abu Anas al-Liby, is being held aboard a US Navy ship in the Mediterranean Sea where he was questioned by an elite American interrogation team.

Three Republican US senators said on Tuesday that Liby—a suspect in the 1998 bombings of US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania that killed 224 civilians—should be brought to the US detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. But the Obama administration was not likely to transfer him there. One US official said Liby might face prosecution in a federal court in New York, where he is under criminal indictment.

Obama said Liby had killed "a whole lot of Americans" and that the US government had strong evidence

against him and he would be "brought to justice." But he offered no details on how the case would be handled.

The capture of Liby and a failed attempt by US commandos to capture an militant in Somalia offered evidence the United States was willing to use ground troops to seize wanted militants in unstable African countries where they operate. But analysts said it was too early to tell whether such operations might eventually mean a diminished focus on the armed drone strikes central to Obama's counterterrorism policy in places like Afghanistan, Pakistan and Yemen.

In a speech in May, Obama said he wanted to pull the United States back from some of the most controversial aspects of the

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Photo taken on 7 Oct, 2013 shows an autumn scenery in Nyingchi, southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region.—XINHUA

Reuters

President U Thein Sein attends 16th ASEAN-Japan, ASEAN-Korea, ASEAN-China, ASEAN-US Summits



President U Thein Sein attends 16th ASEAN-Japan Summit in Brunei Darussalam.—MNA

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 9 Oct—President U Thein Sein attended the 16th ASEAN-Japan Summit held at International Convention Centre in Bandar Seri Begawan of Brunei Darussalam today.

Also present on the occasion were heads of ASEAN State/Government, Japanese Prime Minister Mr Shinzo Abe and the ASEAN Secretary-General. President U Thein Sein in his speech said that sig-

nificant achievement has been made since 1973 when the ASEAN-Japan relations were established, adding cooperation between ASEAN and Japan in political, security, economic and socio-cultural sectors is making progress.

He noted that the year 2013 is the 40th anniversary establishment of ASEAN-Japan relations. Therefore, we welcome the five-point proposal for more cooperation with ASEAN made by Mr Shinzo Abe in January 2013.

Myanmar attached great importance to ASEAN Connectivity Master Plan and was desirous of extending communication channels between the Thilawa Special Economic Zone and the Dawei Special Economic Zone to be

implemented by Myanmar, he said.

The President continued to say that we welcome the efforts of ASEAN-Japan Centre for the ASEAN-Japan's trade promotion and hope more ASEAN-Japan cooperation in future.

Next, the 16th ASEAN-Korean Summit followed with the attendance of President U Thein Sein, heads of ASEAN State-Government and President of Republic of Korea Mrs Park Guan-hye.

President U Thein Sein addressing the summit said that the ASEAN and Korea established a dialogue partnership since 1989, and it has now reached to the level of the ASEAN-Korean Peace and Prosperity Strategic Partnership.

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SATs (probation) can attend BEd course without entrance exam

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct—The senior assistant teacher (probation) is the post for the opportunity of junior assistant teacher to discharge duty at the post of SAT, said Deputy Minister for Education Dr Zaw Min Aung in replying to the question on **appointment of basic education teachers at the one step higher post SAT (probation)** by U Ye Tun of Thandwe Constituency at today's session of Pyithu Hluttaw.

Those teachers have the rights to attend the BEd course without entrance exam. However, there is no rule to appoint those teachers on expiry of their acting term. Those at the post of SAT (probation) wishing to take SAT post

must submit applications to the department similar to that of JATs and headmasters of primary schools. They will be scrutinized under the rules and regulations. Their pension right is in equal term of JAT, he said.

Questioner U Ye Tun said, "A total of 13 teachers in Thandwe Township have been discharging duty of SAT (probation) posts for nine years. Some of them are nearing pension period. I asked the question for them to be able to enjoy the rights of pension."

Daw Tin Nwe Oo of Dagon Myothit (North) Constituency submitted the proposal urging the Union government to put the **Buddhist Women's**

Special Marriage and Succession Act 1954 into the curriculum of high schools. Deputy Minister Dr Zaw Min Aung replied that as the proposal may be designed to discriminate the religions recognized by the State and others, it should be considered on a wider scale, and the proposal should be put on record. The Hluttaw decided to put the proposal on record.

Today's Hluttaw session came to an end at 11.40 am. The seventh day session continues tomorrow.

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Amyotha Hluttaw agrees to discuss engineering & technological education system

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct—Amyotha Hluttaw agreed today to discuss the proposal to implement an engineering and technological education system.

U Myo Myint of Mandalay Region constituency No. 6 submitted the proposal to introduce **the education system with realistic scenario to be able to produce qualified technicians and engineers as centres of excellence have emerged in Myanmar.**

In his discussion, he

urged Amyotha Hluttaw to implement the engineering and technology education system under the university statute to help the young generation which have been put to the test of Myanmar's educational system.

"Engineering education system has not produced professionals due to educational reforms and if we uphold the current system, Myanmar would lag behind ASEAN countries," U Myo Myint said.

During the meeting,

Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No. 8 has put forward a proposal **to review the rights of labour law; and to draw the labour law;** and U Thein Win of Sagaing Region constituency No. 9 has urged the Union Government **to take measures against the findings of the Public Accounts Committee of Amyotha Hluttaw regarding the paving of Nattalin-Mamange-Taungnyo Road in Nattalin Township, Bago Region.**—MNA

Union Peace-making Work Committee, KIO continue peace talks on political and military affairs

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct—Union Peace-making Work Committee and a KIO delegation held peace talks for second day at Majwe Hall near Manaw Ground in Myitkyina this morning.

Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee Union Minister at President Office U Aung Min expressed his delight for fruitful results of meeting on military affairs, IDPs, communications and transport sectors even though the Committee has yet to sign a ceasefire agreement with KIO, citing that the

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Peace talks between Union Peace-making Work Committee and a KIO delegation in progress.—MNA

Storm News

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct—According to the observations at 17.30 hrs MST today, the depression over Southeast Bay and adjoining East Central Bay of Bengal has moved to East Central Bay and centered at about 230 miles Southwest of Pathein and 60 miles Southwest of Cocyun. It forecast to move Northwest wards and likely to further intensify within next 12 hrs.

Under the influence of the depression, occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 40-45 m.p.h.

The present stage of the depression is coded yellow stage and it is not moving towards Myanmar coasts. Trawlers, vessels and ships are advised to advert possible danger.—NLM