

## President U Thein Sein meets Prime Minister of the Netherlands, CEO of Shell Co.,

THE HAGUE, 10 Sept—President U Thein Sein met Mr Mark Rutte, Prime Minister of the Netherlands at the Prime Minister Office in The Hague and Mr Ben van Beurden, Chief Executive Officer of Shell Co., on Tuesday.

The President and the CEO discussed investment opportunities in Myanmar, technical profits and prospect for Myanmar's energy sector compared with the world's energy condition.

In the evening, President U Thein Sein attended a dinner hosted by Myanmar Ambassador to the Netherlands U Paw Lwin Sein at Bel Air Hotel.—MNA

**President U Thein Sein met Prime Minister of the Netherlands Mr Mark Rutte at Prime Minister Office in the Hague.—MNA**



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## Germany presents digitized version of “Golden Letter” of King Alaungphaya to Myanmar

YANGON, 10 Sept — Union Foreign Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin accepted a digitized version of the “Golden Letter” which the Myanmar King Alaungphaya sent to George II of the British Empire in 1756 presented by the Foreign Ministry of

Germany recently.

At the opening ceremony of the new exhibition in the Atrium of the Federal Foreign Office of Germany on 3 September marking 60 years of diplomatic relations with Myanmar, Germany's State Secretary (See page 3)



Part of the “Golden Letter”.

PHOTO: DPA/PICTURE ALLIANCE

### MRTV to broadcast live Myanmar Vs Vietnam semifinal match

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—The semifinal of the U-19 ASEAN Football Federation Youth Championship 2014 will be broadcast live through the Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV) and Myanmar Radio programme on Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

On that day, Myanmar will face Vietnam at the semifinal while Japan will meet Thailand.—MNA

## Myanmar National Commission for UNESCO to release annual report

By Ye Myint

YANGON, 10 Aug — Myanmar National Commission for UNESCO held its first work coordination meeting in Yangon to mobilize activity information of ministries concerned on UNESCO's works in Myanmar to develop its first annual report that will increase its visibility both nationally and internationally.

Following a reformation of the body in May, new members were recruited to the 31-member commission to enhance the effectiveness of UNESCO's works in Myanmar, meeting international activities.

The annual report expected to be published in December will highlight the full range of project activities from respective ministries on UNESCO's works in Myanmar, Dr. Lwin Lwin Soe, secretary-general of the commission, told The New Light of Myanmar on Wednesday.

Upon the release of the commission's annual report, it can thereby



**The newly-reconstituted Myanmar National Commission for UNESCO holds its first meeting, with Secretary-General Dr Lwin Lwin Soe calling on ministries concerned to make contributions to the commission for release of its first annual report that will promote its national and international visibility, facilitating cooperation with global counterparts.**

PHOTO: YE MYINT

contribute towards greater awareness of UNESCO in Myanmar and promotion of the commission's visibility at the international level and facilitate cooperation and coordination between the commission and a

global network of national commissions in education, science, culture and communication with UNESCO, added the secretary-general, who is also the rector of Yangon University of Foreign Languages.

During the meeting at YUFL that serves as the secretariat for the commission, officials from several ministries, including education, information, culture, health, science and (See page 2)



## Union Industry Minister receives foreign business delegations



Union Minister U Maung Myint holds talks with a business delegation on Wednesday.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept — Union Minister for Industry U Maung Myint received foreign business delegations at the ministry on Wednesday.

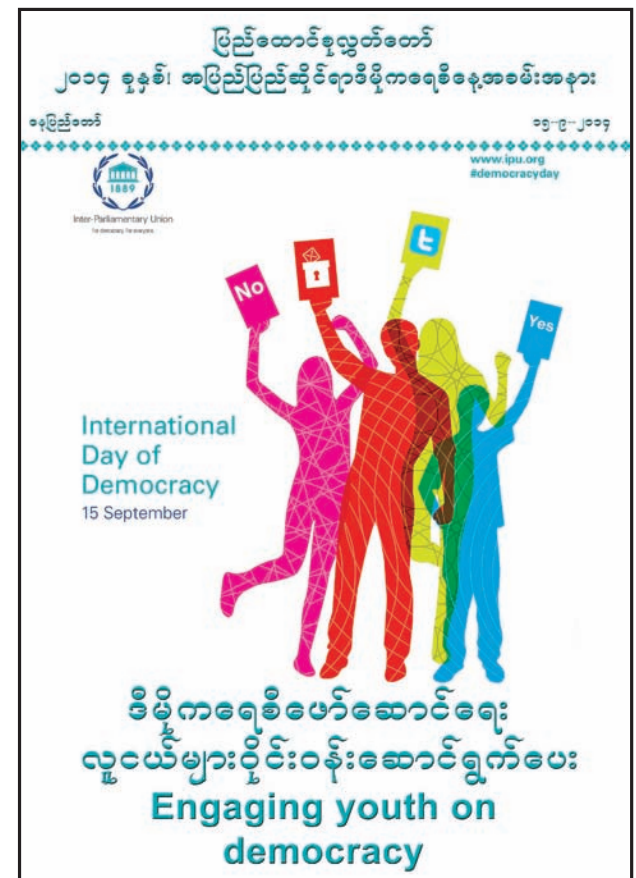
The union minister received the delegation led by President Mr Dibyendu Basu of Bengal National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, India, and the del-

egation led by Director Mr Noorul Ameer of MyAsia Consulting Co., Ltd of India separately and held discussions on manufacturing and import of solar equip-

ment and cooperation in the industrial sector, human resources development in the industrial sector Mr Dibyendu Basu invited the union minister and officials to the 27<sup>th</sup> Industrial Trade Fairs to be held in India.

In the afternoon, the union minister met with the delegation led by Managing Director Mr Keiichi Asano of Suzuki (Myanmar) Motor Co., Ltd and discussed matters related to the one-year extension of the tenure of No. 24 Heavy Industry in South Dagon, manufacturing of Suzuki Ertiga vehicles in Myanmar. The union minister agreed to extend the tenure of the factory in principle.

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## Myanmar National Commission . . .

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technology and forestry, presented works undertaken in cooperation with UNESCO and pledged to make contributions to the annual report.

The Myanmar National Commission for UNESCO was formed one year after Myanmar's membership in the Organization in 1949.

As part of its performance during the last three years, the commission established co-operative rela-

tions with its counterpart in South Korea, hosted a workshop on Capacity Building of National Commission for UNESCO and Raising Greater Awareness of UNESCO in Myanmar and a workshop on Professional Skills Development of Faculty Members of Universities of Foreign Languages and implemented two projects with the approval of Asian Regional Initiative for Climate Education Programme (RICE). —NLM

## Taxi robbers on Yangon-Mandalay expressway arrested

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept — Taxi robbers who mugged on the Yangon-Mandalay expressway in broad daylight in the third week of August were arrested within two weeks of incident, according the police report on Wednesday.

The three suspects of two men and one woman attacked the driver identified as U Maung Maung

Soe between mile posts 6/7 and 7/0 near Hlegu Township, Yangon at 10 a.m. before taking away his car.

The victim, 59, then reported the case to the expressway Police of No.3 Intersection at 2 p.m. on the same day. And the case was filed with the section 382 of the Penal Code.

Daw Aye Kyi, the female suspect, was arrested while she is making ar-

rangements to sell the stolen car on 31 August in the compound of U San Nye-in, 64, in South Okkalapa, Yangon.

Police also found one handset, one platinum necklace, one small gold leaf, one locket, and two gold electroplated necklaces.

Following further investigation, two male culprits identified as Thet Ko

Oo alias Shwe Ar, aged 34, and Chit Ko, alias Zaw Htike, aged 22, the residents of Thanlyin Township, Yangon, involved in the robbery were also arrested together with Nay Lin, 23, who help drive the taxi from one place to another.

Police have filed the lawsuits to these five suspects involved in the case.

Police Information

## Cancer registration course for local health care providers opens in Yangon

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

YANGON, 10 Sept — The first training course on cancer registration opened on Wednesday at the Department of Medical Research (Lower Myanmar) in Yangon, with the aim of controlling cancer diseases in Myanmar.

The three-day course is jointly organized by the Department of Medical Research (Lower Myanmar) and the Department of Health under the Ministry of Health in Myanmar, National Cancer Institution (NCI) in Thailand and International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) in France.

In his opening speech, Dr Kyaw Zin Thant, Director-General of DMR (LM), said that the cancer registration is a systematic collection of data on persons

with cancers that plays a vital role in controlling the cancer.

So as to implement the national cancer registration service, the Ministry invited foreign experts from NCI and IARC to share their experience to the health care providers from cancer departments in Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and Taunggyi as well as private hospitals, he added.

In the first day training, the experts gave lectures on types of cancer registries and its purposes, method of data collection, source of information, case identification, basic diagnosis and international classification of disease.

An official of the National Cancer Institute said that cancer registration is



Officials from organizing bodies pose for documentary photo at a training course on cancer registration in Yangon.—KHAING THANDA LWIN

one of the important things for cancer control, adding that the NCI has a plan to collaborate in future with Myanmar in carrying out

cancer control programme, the official added.

Asst Professor Epidemiology Dr Atul Budukh explained that the main

objectives of population-based cancer registry (PBCR) are to provide the incident and mortality rate of cancer in a defined

population and to provide a framework for accessing and controlling the impacts of cancer in the community.

Cause-specific mortality data are available in developed countries; however, it is lacking in developing countries. A PBCR is the only source for cancer mortality in developing countries, he added.

According to a report, cancer is the leading causes of death in developed countries. Each year, about four million people die from cancer worldwide while more than 6 million people are diagnosed with cancer.

In Myanmar, lung cancer is most common cancers in male while ovarian cancer is the fastest growing health problem of female, source said.

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## NATIONAL

## Committee on Pyu city states holds coordination meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept — The committee on the management of Pyu city states held a coordination meeting here on Wednesday with the speech of Vice President U Nyan Tun.

The three Pyu city states of Hanlin, Beikthano and Sri Kestra were inducted to the prestigious list by the UNESCO's World Heritage Committee in Doha, Qatar, on Jun 22.

These ancient cities thrived between about BC 200 and AD 900, and are located in the dry zone of the Ayeyawady delta at present time.

At the coordination meeting, U Nyan Tun said: "The three Pyu city states are endowed with cultural heritages and they have been recognized by the United Nations Organization for Education, Science and Culture as the cultural heritage sites."

Daw Sanda Khin, deputy minister for culture and secretary of the management committee, explained the future activities of her committee with the cooperation of relevant government ministries.

Participants of the meeting suggested the preparedness plans on disaster management in the cultural

zones, research works, better livelihoods of local people and close supervisions on the area.

The Ministry of Culture formed the World Heritage National Committee, cooperating with local and international experts, as well as the relevant ministries, three regional government and local people.

The members of 17 countries out of 21 member nations in the World Heritage Committee agreed to add the Pyu city states into the UNESCO at the 38<sup>th</sup> session of its meeting held in Doha.—MNA



President U Thein Sein meets CEO Mr Ben van Beurden and party of Shell Co., at Bel Air Hotel in The Hague of the Netherlands. (News on page 1)—MNA



Vice President U Nyan Tun focuses on preservation of ancient Pyu cities Hanlin, Beikthano and Sri Kestra.—MNA



## Press conference on ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting held

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept —The Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development held press conference on the 46<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting and related meetings and the 1st Meeting of National Level Coordinators' Meeting

on ASEAN Connectivity Master Plan was held on Wednesday afternoon in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the press conference, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Daw Lei Lei Thein said that a total of 7 agreements were

signed during the meetings and 82.1 percent of work for ASEAN Economic Community has been implemented. Then, the deputy minister explained the discussions held during the meetings and replied to queries raised journalists.

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Deputy Minister Daw Lei Lei Thein meets media persons on clarification on holding AEMM.—MNA

## MoU signed for strengthening women's cooperatives

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept — Union Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan attended the signing ceremony of the MoU to implement the project for Strengthening Women's Cooperatives in Myanmar held at the Grand

Amara Hotel Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday morning.

The project will be implemented in five townships including Twantay, Kawhmu, Hlinethaya and Pabedan townships in Yangon Region and Dedaye

Township in Ayeyewady Region. At the ceremony, Director-General U Aung Phyu of the Cooperative Department and Country Director Mr Joseph Mariampillai of Relief International signed the MoU.—MNA

## Union Ministers visit dairy industries in the Hague

THE HAGUE, 10 Sept — Union Ministers U Ohn Myint and U Khin Maung Soe, who accompanied the president's visit to three European countries, visited the new Dutch Dairy factory near the Hague on 8 September and discussed

cooperation in production of milk and dairy products, technology exchange and foreign investment.

Then, the union ministers went to 400-year old dairy industries that produced 340 tons of cheese every year and discussed

establishing dairy farms and production of animal feed. Afterwards, the union ministers visited the 400-year old ancient village and held discussions about preservation of heritages in Myanmar.

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## Germany presents digitized ...

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Stephan Steinlein presented a digitized version of the "Golden Letter" to Union Foreign Minister Wunna Maung Lwin,

The digitized version is to go on display first in Yangon and later in Myanmar's National Museum, which is currently under construction in Nay Pyi Taw.

The letter, written on a sheet of pure gold and decorated with 24 rubies, which the Burmese King Alaungphaya sent to George II, then both Elector of Hanover and British king, in 1756, is a unique piece of global and colonial history.

The historic document has been digitized in 3D

with the support of the Federal Foreign Office and the Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Library and forms a modern cultural bridge between Germany and Myanmar.

The innovative technology involved makes it possible to produce 3D projections of the digital model – on a screen in the middle of a room behind glass – as well as facsimiles and print-outs.—NLM





## Methods on cultivation of paddy demonstrated

THATON, 10 Sept —The demonstration on cultivation of paddy and fertilizer broadcasting was held at Palethwe model plot of farmer U Kyaw Win Sein in Zayitchaung Village-tract in Thaton Township of Mon State on Tuesday.

It was attended by Thaton District Deputy Commissioner U Tun Tun Win, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Saw Ba Thein, District Head of Agriculture Department U Myint Khaing and officials.

Head of Township Agriculture Department U Sein Moun explained advantages of good agricultural pattern, systematic use of fertilizers and prevention against pests and germs in the monsoon paddy plantations.

Thaton Township has grown 20,250 acres of monsoon paddy against 125,428 acres through GAP.—*Thet Oo (Thaton)*

## Mosquito nets distributed to people free of charge

YANGON, 10 Sept — As part of prevention against dengue haemorrhagic fever, malaria and elephantiasis diseases, a ceremony to hand over treated mosquito nets to the dwellers was held at the hall of Dala in Yangon Region on Wednesday.

Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association distributed 100 mosquito nets free of charge to the families with children under five.

Health staff of the Township Hospital gave talks on prevention against of mosquito-borne infectious diseases to the local people and demonstrated the use of mosquito nets.

*Banya Maung Maung*

## Construction of school buildings commences

YINMABIN, 10 Sept — A ceremony to drive stake for construction of the annex of the Basic Education Primary School was held in Lapoh Village in Yinmabin Township of Sagaing Region on Wednesday.

District and township

level departmental officials and the chairman of the construction committee drove stakes at the designated places.

The Ministry of Education funded K28.8 million for construction of three 24 feet long and 20

feet wide RC buildings in 2014-15 fiscal year.

Prime-Tech Company Ltd is taking responsibilities for construction of the buildings and the structures will be completed within six months.—*Tun Ko Ko (Yinmabin)*



## Sanitation charge changed in Mandalay City

MANDALAY, 10 Sept —Mandalay City Development Committee will collect the monthly fixed sanitation charges for six classes of garbage from restaurants, according to the minute of the meeting No 22/2014.

The owners of restaurants in six townships in Mandalay municipal area are to pay the sanitation charges at the respective township development affairs committee offices, depending on classified garbage. The entrepreneurs are to pay K1,500 per 0.214 ton of sixth class garbage, K5,000 per 0.620 ton of the fifth class, K10,000 per 1.5 tons of fourth class, K30,000 per 3 tons of third class, K60,000 per 4.5

tons of second class and K100,000 per above 4.5 tons of first class.

Wards, markets and businesses in Mandalay city throw about 450 tons of garbage daily.—*Maung Pyi Thu (Mandalay)*

MANDALAY, 10 Sept —Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint received Japanese Ambassador Mr Tateshi Higuchi and party at the hall of the region government office on Tuesday afternoon.

They focused on strengthening bilateral relations and development projects for economic and urban areas in the region.

It was also attended by Mandalay Region Minister for Transport U Kyaw Hsan, Region Minister for Planning and Economic U Aung Zan and Secretary of the government U Win Shein.—*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*

## Japan focuses on development of Mandalay Region



## Mandalay Region officials urged to implement Third Wave process

MANDALAY, 10 Sept — Mandalay Region government held a coordination meeting at its hall on Monday in Mandalay, with an address by Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint.

District and township administrators reported on progress of township development and future

tasks. Region level departmental officials submitted reports on assistance to be provided for the townships.

After attending to the needs, the Chief Minister stressed the need to implement five-point third wave process in the region.

*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*



## REGIONAL



Participants practise Tai Chi with the guidance of Master Faye Yip from Britain's Deyin Tai Chi Institute during the 2014 New Leaders Meeting of the World Economic Forum, or the Summer Davos, in Tianjin, north China on 10 Sept, 2014.—XINHUA

## M6.2 quake occurs off Indonesia's Sulawesi Island

JAKARTA, 10 Sept — A magnitude 6.2 earthquake occurred on Wednesday morning off Indonesia's Sulawesi Island, but there were no reports of casualties or damage, nor were any tsunami warnings issued.

The US Geology Survey, which monitors global seismic activity, calculated the quake's magnitude at 6.5 before revising it downward.

The quake, which had a depth of 30 kilometres, hit at 11:46 am local time and was centered in the middle of the Molucca Sea, south of Sulawesi Island's

Minahassa Peninsula.

Indonesia's National Disaster Mitigation Agency said there were no immediate reports of casualties or damage.

The quake, however, caused panic among residents of the North Sulawesi provincial capital of Manado.

The Hawaii-based Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre said no destructive tsunami threat was believed to exist for the wider region, while the Jakarta-based Meteorological, Geophysics and Climatology Agency also saw no tsunami threat.—Kyodo News

## Army air raid kills 35 militants in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 10 Sept — At least 35 militants were killed in an air strike launched by Pakistan army in the country's north-west tribal area of North Waziristan on Wednesday morning, an army statement said.

Inter Services Public Relations, the mouthpiece of Pakistan Army, said in a statement that the militants were killed when their three hideouts were targeted and destroyed by the army jet fighters. The air raid was carried out in Datta Khel area of North Waziristan, a restive tribal area at Pakistan-Afghanistan border, where security forces have been launching a major armed offensive against Taliban militants since 15 June.

To date over 900 mili-

tants have been killed in the operation that aims at wiping out the militant stronghold in the area.

Talking to media earlier last month, General Raheel Sharif, the country's chief of army staff, said that the armed forces are determined to flush out the militants with their highly-skilled trained and professional expertise even from remote and hard areas of North Waziristan (in the operation).

Media reports said that around 25,000 to 30,000 troops are participating in the ongoing operation.

Over 1 million people have fled the offensive in the area and are living in refugee camps in Bannu area of neighbouring Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province.

Xinhua

## Cambodia to restart Water Festival in November after 3-year hiatus

PHNOM PENH, 10 Sept — Cambodia will renew its annual Water Festival celebrations this November for the first time since 353 people were trampled to death or suffocated in a stampede on a bridge during the celebrations in 2010, a senior official said on Wednesday.

"This year's Water Festival will be celebrated on 5, 6 and 7 November after we have failed to hold it for a few years," Deputy Prime Minister and Royal Palace Minister Kong Sam Ol said during a preparatory meeting for the celebrations.

He asked all concerned ministries and the National Police to cooperate each other closely in order to run the festivities smoothly.

Water Festival is the largest annual festival in the Southeast Asian nation. Approximately 3 million Cambodians, especially those from rural areas, converge to Phnom Penh, the capital city of Cambodia, to enjoy the regatta.

Kong Sam Ol said that about 397 boats will join the races, which are usually held on the river in front of the Royal Palace.

The festival, which

marks the Tonle Sap River's annual change of direction, has been canceled in the past three years due to floods in 2011 and 2013 and the death of King Father Norodom Sihanouk in 2012. During the celebrations of the Water Festival in 2010, a stampede tragedy happened on 22 November on a Diamond Island's bridge and killed 353 people. The investigation by the government's task force at that time found that the incident was caused by the panic which soon after led to the stampede.

Xinhua

Pakistani volunteers rescue a man from a flood-hit area near east Pakistan's Lahore on 9 Sept, 2014. At least 203 people have been killed and hundreds injured in rain-triggered accidents in Pakistan up till Monday, officials said. XINHUA



## Abu Sayyaf bandits release captive midwife in S Philippines

ZAMBOANGA CITY, (Philippines), 10 Sept — Abu Sayyaf gunmen freed unharmed a government health worker in southern Philippines on Tuesday after holding her captive for 12 days, a military officer said on Wednesday.

Lieutenant General Rustico Guerrero, com-

mander of the Armed Forces of the Philippines' Western Mindanao Command, identified the victim as Lailani Bernabe, a midwife at a municipal health centre.

Guerrero said Bernabe and Abu Sayyaf militants walked for hours before the bandits abandoned her

at Danag village, Patikul town in Sulu Province at 6 am, on Tuesday.

The military, however, could not confirm if ransom was paid for the release of the victim.

Guerrero said the health worker was freed after Sulu Provincial Board member Ismun Suhuri ne-

gotiated with the rogue group.

Bernabe was on her way to work in Panglima village, Estino town when she was seized by Abu Sayyaf militants on 28 August. The bandits had demanded ransom in exchange for her freedom.

Xinhua



A cruise boat performs on Saigon river during the Lighting River Cruises Festival in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, on 9 Sept, 2014.—XINHUA



## Former PM Mori to hand Abe's letter to Putin

TOKYO, 10 Sept — Former Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori plans to hand a personal letter from current Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to Russian President Vladimir Putin during his ongoing visit to Moscow, Japan's top government spokesman indicated on Wednesday.

The letter may mention February's agreement between Abe and Putin that the president will visit Japan this fall—a plan that has gone nowhere at a time when Russia has come under heavy international criticism over its actions in Ukraine.

Most political watchers say that Putin is unlikely to visit under the current circumstances, despite Tokyo's desire to advance bilateral issues such as that of the four Russian-held, Japanese-claimed islands off Hokkaido.

"I know that former Prime Minister Mori has Prime Minister Abe's personal letter," Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said at a Press conference when asked if a Japanese newspaper report on Mori's plan in Moscow is true.

The purpose of Mori's visit from Tuesday is "to attend the Japan-Russia forum for civil exchanges, and the Japanese government is not directly involved in the forum," Suga said.

The major daily *Mainichi Shimbun*, one of the hosts of the two-day forum through Wednesday,



Former Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori

day, along with Russian newspaper *Rossiyskaya Gazeta*, has reported that Mori will meet with Putin on Wednesday and hand him Abe's letter.

Suga added that he is aware that Mori is "trying to arrange a meeting with President Putin — his close friend."

*Kyodo News*

## Fight against corruption raised to highest level

BELGRADE, 10 Sept — Serbian Justice Minister Nikola Selakovic said on Tuesday that he is not content with the results of the action plan for the implementation of the national anti-corruption strategy, which came into force a year ago. The government of Serbia has demonstrated a strong political will to address this issue by establishing an anti-corruption coordinating body on 7th August, headed by Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic, said Selakovic, noting that this has raised the fight against corruption to the highest level. "It demonstrated our strong political will to resolve the issue of corruption," stressed Selakovic opening the first meeting of the coordinating body for the implementation of the national anti-corruption strategy, covering the period from 2013 to 2018.

The implementation of the anti-corruption action plan is a



crucial part of Chapter 23 (on judiciary and fundamental rights) in Serbia's EU accession talks, he noted, adding that Brussels will insist on implementing every single element of this plan.

Selakovic said that he is only partly satisfied with the results of the implementation of the anti-corruption action plan over the past year. For that reason, legal provisions relating to the

crimes against economy, as well as financial crimes, should be reviewed by the end of the year, the justice minister said.

The first major task will be to train judges for proper protection of whistleblowers and for financial investigations, while corruptive elements should be removed from regulations in the field of healthcare, explained Selakovic.

*Tanjug*

## US, China security leaders spar over jet manoeuvres

BEIJING, 10 Sept — Top US and China security officials disagreed this week over what the United States said was China's intercept of a US Navy patrol plane near the southern island province of Hainan.

US National Security Adviser Susan Rice, on a three-day visit to Beijing, told several senior Chinese officials that China must halt the "dangerous intercepts", senior Obama administration officials said.

However, General Fan

Changlong, vice chairman of China's Central Military Commission, called on the United States to "reduce and ultimately cease naval and aerial reconnaissance activities near China", according to the official *Xinhua* news agency.

The row began in August when the United States complained that a Chinese military aircraft had launched a risky intercept of a US Navy patrol plane in international air space. The Chinese pilot flew a few yards from the US plane and performed acrobatic manoeuvres around it, the Pentagon said.

China said the pilot had done nothing wrong and that US sur-

veillance patrols harm China's national security interests.

Despite the disagreement over the incident, Obama administration officials called Rice's dialogue with Chinese leaders on the issue "constructive" and added China took US concerns seriously. The two countries are working to adopt new confidence-building measures, they said, without elaborating on what the measures would entail.

Rice met Fan on her first official visit to China as national security adviser, along with President Xi Jinping, Foreign Minister Wang Yi and State Councillor Yang Jiechi. "When it comes to the issue of unsafe intercepts, this

is risky behaviour that could imperil the bilateral relationship," a senior US administration official said.

Hainan is home to several Chinese naval bases as well as a sensitive submarine base.

In public remarks to Fan on Tuesday, Rice alluded to the issue, saying: "we certainly need to avoid any incidents that could complicate the relationship."

US and Chinese officials held talks at the Pentagon after the intercept incident about rules of behaviour for air and maritime activities.

Xi is set to meet US President Barack Obama in Beijing in November.—Reuters

## British PM begs Scots: Don't rip our 'UK family' apart in independence vote



Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron.

LONDON, 10 Sept — British Prime Minister David Cameron implored Scots on Wednesday to shun independence to keep the United Kingdom "family" intact as he scrambled to stem a steep rise in secessionist support ahead of the 18 September vote.

In a sign of panic within the British ruling elite, Cameron and opposition leader Ed Miliband scrapped their weekly question-and-answer session to visit Scotland on Wednesday to ask

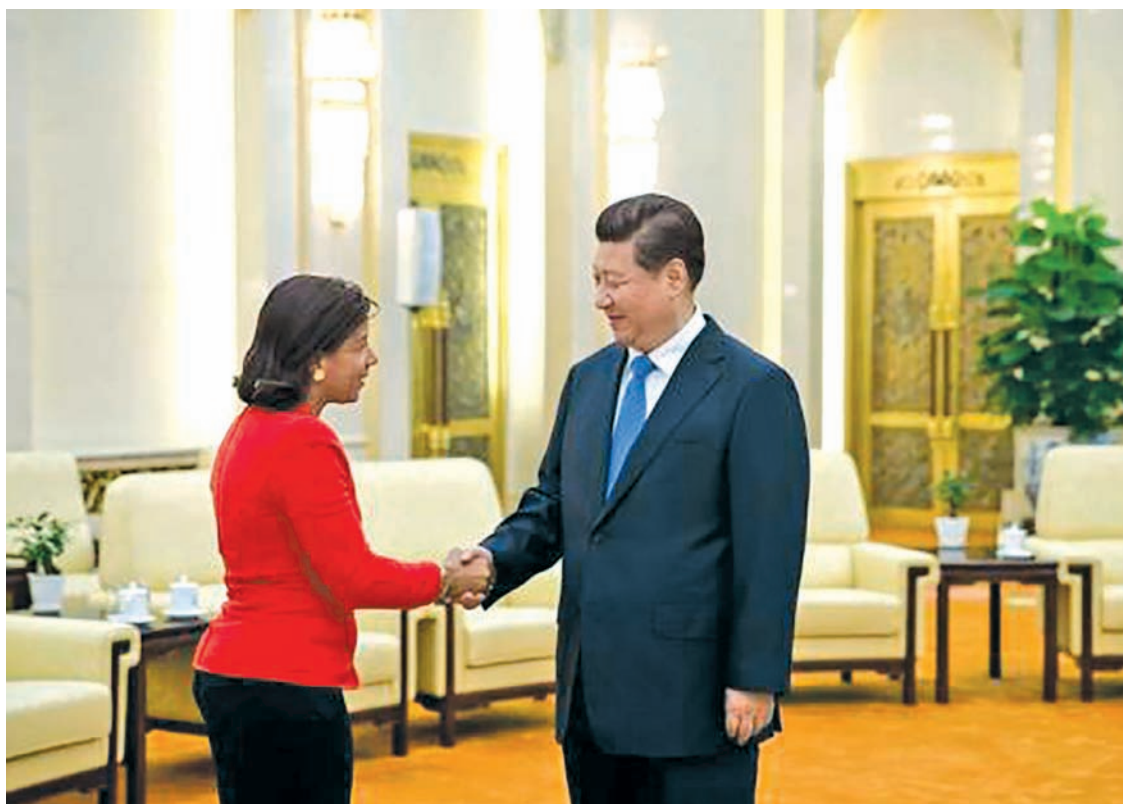
Scots not to ditch their 307-year union with England.

"We do not want this family of nations to be ripped apart," Cameron, 47, said in an opinion piece published in the *Daily Mail* newspaper. "The United Kingdom is a precious and special country."

But Cameron tempered the emotion with a clear warning: "If the UK breaks apart, it breaks apart forever."

Cameron has until now been largely absent from the debate after conceding that his privileged background and center-right politics mean he is not the best person to win over Scots, who are usually more left-wing than the English.

But if Scotland votes for independence, Cameron's job will be on the line ahead of a national election planned for May 2015.—Reuters



US National Security Advisor Susan Rice (L), shakes hands with Chinese President Xi Jinping during a meeting at the Great Hall of the People, in Beijing on 9 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS



## WORLD

# Israeli troops kill Palestinian during West Bank raid



*A Palestinian protester uses a sling shot to throw stones towards Israeli troops during clashes following a protest against the nearby Jewish settlement of Qadomem, seen in the background, in the West Bank village of Kofr Qadom near Nablus on 5 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS*

RAMALLAH, 10 Sept — Israeli troops shot and killed a Palestinian on Wednesday during a raid on a West Bank refugee camp, Palestinian med-

The soldiers, seeking to detain a Hamas militant, were confronted by around 50 Palestinians who hurled stones, petrol bombs and burning tires at them, an Israeli military spokeswoman said.

Israel and Hamas, the Islamist militant group which dominates Gaza, fought a seven-week war in July and August.

The medics named the dead man as 22-year-old Issa al Qitri, and said he had been shot in the heart in al-Amari camp near the city of Ramallah.

The Israeli military spokeswoman said he was shot while trying to throw an explosive device at the soldiers.

Palestinians want the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem for a future state. Peace talks with Israel, which captured those territories in the 1967 Middle East war, broke down in April. —Reuters

## France to host conference on Iraq security crisis on 15 September

PARIS, 10 Sept — France will host an international conference on Iraq's security crisis on 15 September, French President Hollande's office said on Tuesday, as a multi-national coalition tries to marshal an offensive against Islamic State insurgents.

On Friday, Hollande will travel to Iraq to prepare the meeting and offer support to leaders combating the insurgents, becoming the first Western head of state to visit Iraq since Islamic State seized swathes of Iraqi territory this year.

Iraqi President Fuad Masum and leaders of regional and global powers will attend the conference in Paris, which comes days after the United States announced the creation of a 'core coalition' to combat Islamic State militants in Iraq.

The conference aims to coordinate efforts to fight the group and disrupt its financing, help Iraq form a new government, and accelerate humanitarian aid for populations in conflict areas, a French diplomatic source said.

While US President Barack Obama has said the coalition will only attack IS fighters in Iraq, coalition partners including Britain have raised the possibility of striking them in Syria without asking for Syrian government approval.

"We need to think of ways to attack Daesh (Islamic State), which may in addition weaken (Syrian President Bashar) al Assad," the source said, adding that the coalition was reviewing legal options to launch such operations.

Reuters

# Kerry arrives in Baghdad on tour to build coalition against Islamic State

BAGHDAD, 10 Sept — US Secretary of State John Kerry arrived in Baghdad on Wednesday as he began a tour of the Middle East to build military, political and financial support to defeat Islamic State militants controlling parts of Iraq and Syria.

Kerry on Monday had hailed the formation of a new, more inclusive, Iraqi government under Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi as a "major milestone", and Washington had said it was vital before there could be further US action to help push back the militants, who took over large parts of northern Iraq this year.

Kerry flew to Baghdad from Jordan, the first stop

on his tour, which will also include Saudi Arabia and probably other Arab capitals.

Last week nine countries, most of them in Europe, were named as the core group of a coalition President Barack Obama says will degrade and eventually destroy Islamic State, which has declared a caliphate in the land it took over and executed many prisoners, including two American journalists who were beheaded.

In Washington, Obama will give a speech on Wednesday in which he will detail his plan to confront the radicals, which could take several years.

Reuters



*US Secretary of State John Kerry arrives at Queen Alia Airport in Amman on 10 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS*

# Australia says may raise terrorism threat level over Iraq, Syria

SYDNEY, 10 Sept — The head of Australia's national security agency said he was "very seriously" considering raising the country's terrorism alert level to "high" due to the involvement of Australians in militant groups and the spiraling conflicts in Iraq and Syria.

David Irvine, the outgoing head of the Australian Security Intelligence Organization (ASIO), said the number

of Australians returning from fighting with Islamic State and other radical groups posed a growing risk.

Australia has been at the "medium" alert level since a four-tier system was introduced in 2003. A "high" alert level is used when officials believe an attack is likely.

"I would say that, at the moment, it is at a very elevated level of medium and I'm

certainly contemplating very seriously the notion of lifting it higher," Irvine told the Australian Broadcasting Corp late on Tuesday.

Last month, Australia unveiled counter-terrorism measures aimed at preventing young people from becoming radicalized and going to fight in overseas conflicts such as Iraq and Syria.

Irvine said security agen-

cies were aware of at least 20 people who had returned to Australia after fighting in the Middle East, posing a national security risk. Up to 160 people have either been involved in the fighting or actively supporting it, according to Australian officials.

Australia has also joined a multinational relief effort, dropping military equipment and aid to Kurdish forces fighting

Islamic State militants in northern Iraq.

Prime Minister Tony Abbott has refused to rule out participating in air strikes or sending combat troops as part of a US-led effort to defeat Islamic State. In August, Britain raised its terrorism alert to the second-highest level, with Prime Minister David Cameron saying Islamic State posed a serious security threat.—Reuters



## PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 11 September, 2014

## Should we hide our identity?

By Myint Win Thein

It is not a good idea to hide your phone number when you are making a phone call. Why do we use phones? It is clear we use phones to communicate with family members, relatives, friends and people related to our jobs or businesses. Why should we hide our phone numbers when we make phone calls? When they miss our calls, they can even call us back as soon as they know. We should not hide our identity wherever

and whenever.

Now, Myanmar has entered into a new era of telecommunication by issuing new licences to more phone operators in its market. The people of Myanmar have the opportunity to choose better and cheaper services. It is really good news for the people as long as some people do not abuse the new technology. We have seen that many people using false identities on the social networking sites are causing trouble for the public. Similarly, it is likely that people who hide their identity will do something dishonest to others on the telephone networks.

Phone operators are now offering new services unheard of during the last five decades including the service that can hide the caller identity. The bright side of the service is that people who want to complain to the authorities but do not want to be identified can use it happily. We are glad we have more choices, but the operators

should be well aware of the undesirable use of their new services. Unidentified phone calls will at least annoy us or steal our sleep or disturb our free time. Some people might even threaten us or blackmail us or spread rumours to us through unidentified calls. Are the phone operators ready to trace all the calls made through their networks or have they registered their users properly?

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## LIVING with DHAMMA

Kyi Mun

To love the Dhamma as a son  
cherishes and reveres his mother

## The Purpose of Living with Dhamma

To live without a fault, we should abide by the guidelines of the Dhamma. To dare nobly, to will strongly and never to falter in the path of duty, we need to live in compliance with the teachings of the Dhamma. The following ideas are some of the profound Buddha Dhamma, which I borrow to express some salient ideas about living in the right, fruitful and productive way.

## The Meaning of Dhamma

**D** for **Devotion** with a Single-mindedness  
**H** for **Harmony** Within and Without  
**A** for **Avoiding** All Evil  
**M** for **Mind/Mental** Culture/Concentration  
**M** for **Meditation/ Contemplation**  
**A** for **Altruism**

## DEVOTION

Devotion with a single-mindedness to: (In Pali)

- Charity, Generosity, Liberality (Dāna)
- Morality, Ethics, Rules of Behavior (Sila)
- Meditation, Contemplation (Bhāvanā)
- Reverance, Respect (Appacāyana)
- Service, Helping Others in Need (Veyāvacca)
- Sharing One's merits (Pattidāna)
- Delighting in Other's Merits (Pattānumodanā)
- Hearing the Dhamma (Dhammasavana)
- Delivering the Dhamma (Dhammadesanā)
- Straightening One's View (Dhithijukamma)

## HARMONY

## Harmony Within and Without

Dhamma teaches us that "you should protect yourself within and without". (In Pali : Evam Gopetha Atānam) We should take good care of having physical health and mental well-being on the one hand, and cultivating good and mutually fruitful relationships with other people, on the other.

## AVOIDING ALL EVIL

We have to avoid the following evil things:

- Killing (Pāṇātipātā)
- Stealing (Adinnadhānā)
- Sexual Misconduct (Kamesumicchāchārā)
- Lying (Musāvādā)
- False Witnessing (Pisunavācā)
- Harsh Speech (Pharussavācā)
- Frivolous Speech (Samphappalāpavācā)

- Covetousness (Abhijjā)
- Perturbed Mind (Vyāpāda)
- False View (Micchādhittihī)

## MIND CULTURE

Mental culture can best be cultivated by a single-minded concentration of the mind. It is called SAMADHI in Pali. You make a consistent practice of keeping your mind with one-pointedness, barring all the hindrances of :

- Sensual Desires Kāmyicchanda
- Perturbed Mind Vyāpāda
- Sloth & Torpor Thina Midda
- Distraction of Mind & Regret Uddaccakukkucca
- Doubt Vicikicchā

## MEDITATION / CONTEMPLATION

You whole-heartedly and convincingly devote yourself to the contemplation of the meaning and essence of

Impermanence (Anicca), Imperfection or Suffering or Unsatisfactoriness (Dukkha), and Impersonality or Soullessness or No Soul (Anatta).

## ALTRUISM

By contemplating on the Impermanence, Imperfection and Impersonality, you gradually realize that you or any other human beings are just like tiny particles of sand on a sea beach. Thus, you begin to eliminate the coarse or crude forms of :

- P** = Passion
- R** = Restlessness
- I** = I-centered Egotism
- D** = delusion
- E** = Enmity

And gradually you find yourself walking on the road to ALTRUISM AND ENLIGHTENMENT WITH SERENITY.

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## MoU signed on mutual cooperation in operating Advanced Rubber Factory

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint attended the ceremony to sign an MoU on mutual cooperation in operating Advanced Rubber Factory between Ayeya Hintha Holding Co Ltd and Sri Trang Agro-Industry Public Company Limited of Thailand in Mudon of Mon State on Tuesday.

At Thingaha Hotel, Managing Director U Ye Min Aung of Ayeya Hintha Holding Co Ltd and Executive Director Mr Veerasith Sinchareonkul of Sri Trang Agro-Industry Public Company Limited of Thailand signed the MoU and exchanged notes.—MNA



Thai and Myanmar entrepreneurs exchange notes at signing of MoU for operating rubber plant in Mudon of Mon State.—MNA

## GOLD PRICE, FE RATE (10-9-2014)

## Yangon Gold Price

Buying K659,200 per tical: Selling K660,200

## Mandalay Gold Price

Buying K659,000 per tical: Selling K660,000

## FE RATE

USD Buying K970 - Selling K975.5

SGD Buying K769 - Selling K778

Euro Buying K1245 - Selling K1270







# Fiji says 45 peacekeepers held by Syrian rebels to be released soon

SUVA, 10 Sept —The head of Fiji's army said on Wednesday that he expected 45 Fijian UN peacekeepers seized two weeks ago on the Golan Heights by an al-Qaeda-backed militant group, the Nusra Front, to be released within days.

"Al Nusra has confirmed to the UN headquarters in New York that the Fijian peacekeepers will be released within the next few days," Brigadier General Moses Tikoitoga told a news conference in the Fijian capital, Suva.

Syria's three-year civil war reached the frontier with Israeli-controlled territory last month when

Islamist fighters overran a crossing point in the line that has separated Israelis from Syrians in the Golan Heights since a 1973 war.

The fighters then turned on the UN blue helmets from a peacekeeping force that has patrolled the ceasefire line for 40 years. After the Fijians were captured, more than 70 Filipinos spent two days besieged at two locations before reaching safety.

The Nusra Front, a Syrian affiliate of al-Qaeda, had a list of demands including compensation for fighters killed during the confrontation, humanitarian assistance for its supporters and its removal

from the UN list of terrorist organizations.

Tikoitoga told reporters that the group had dropped all of its demands and that no conditions had been placed on the peacekeepers' release.

But the government seemed to back away at least slightly later in the day, saying that negotiations on the specifics of the release were still ongoing.

"Fiji's Ambassador-At-Large Major General Ioane Naivalurua says that all efforts to release the Fijian peacekeepers are continuing," the government said in a statement on its Facebook page.

Reuters



Rebel fighters are seen in Syria near the border fence with the Golan Heights on 2 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

## Blast kills leader of Syrian Islamist group, other top figures

BEIRUT, 10 Sept—An explosion killed the leader of one of Syria's most powerful Islamist insurgent groups Ahrar al-Sham on Tuesday, the group said, and an organization that monitors violence in the civil war said at least 28 of its commanders had died.

Ahrar al-Sham is a hardline Islamist group and part of the Islamic Front

alliance that has been in armed conflict with the Islamic State group which has seized swathes of territory in Syria and Iraq.

A statement posted on Ahrar al-Sham's official Twitter feed said the blast had hit a meeting in Idlib province in northwest Syria and confirmed Hassan Aboud, the group's leader, among at least 12 dead.

"We don't know the cause of the explosion yet," Abu Mustafa al-Absi, a member of Ahrar al-Sham's politburo told Al-Jazeera TV in an interview. "We do not rule out the infiltration of elements who were able to plant a bomb," he added.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, the monitoring group, said

some 50 of the group's leaders had been gathered at a house when the blast went off. Rami Abdulrahman, who runs the Observatory, said the blast had occurred inside the meeting.

Ahrar al-Sham, which is widely believed to have received funding from Gulf states, aims to implement Islamic sharia law in Syria. It was at one point considered the strongest insurgent group in the Syrian civil war.

Syrian state TV flashed an urgent news headline reporting Aboud's death.

Syria descended into civil war after an uprising against President Bashar al-Assad's rule in 2011. The United Nations recently put the death toll above 191,000 people.

In January another senior Ahrar al-Sham leader, Abu Khaled al-Soury, was killed in a suicide attack. Soury had fought alongside al-Qaeda founder Osama bin Laden and was close to its current chief Ayman al-Zawahiri.—Reuters

## China deploys troops to UN force to protect South Sudan oilfields

MALI, 10 Sept—China has begun deploying 700 soldiers to a UN peacekeeping force in South Sudan to protect oil fields and Chinese workers amid a rebellion in the African country, *The Wall Street Journal* reported.

The newspaper quoted a spokesman for South Sudan's president as saying on Tuesday that the airlift of a Chinese infantry battalion to the South Sudanese states of Unity and Upper Nile was expected to take several days.

China is the biggest investor in South Sudan's oil industry.

UN officials have previously said it would be the first time China had contributed a battalion to a UN peacekeeping mission. Last year China sent a smaller "protection unit" to join a UN mission in Mali.

China has played an unusually active diplomatic role in South Sudan.

Beijing last month pressed South Sudan over

renewed violence in the oil-rich state, demanding an immediate ceasefire and political dialogue in the country.

Under its mandate, UN peacekeepers are allowed to use "all necessary means" to protect civilians at oil installations, *The Wall Street Journal* said. If attacked, the Chinese soldiers are "combat ready and can fight back", the South Sudan presidential spokesman, Ateny Wek Ateny, said.

Chinese officials have been in regular contact with Western diplomats to help African mediators push for a halt to the fighting in South Sudan. China has pushed rival factions loyal to President Salva Kiir and rebel leader Riek Machar to talk. Around five percent of China's oil imports came from South Sudan when it was pumping at full tilt. The state firm China National Petroleum Corp has a 40 percent stake in a joint venture developing the country's oil fields.—Reuters



A tank belonging to the forces loyal to Syria's President Bashar al-Assad is seen in the Quneitra city countryside on 8 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

## Obama tells lawmakers he has authorization for Islamic State fight

WASHINGTON, 10 Sept—President Barack Obama told congressional leaders on Tuesday that he had the authority he needed to take action to destroy the militant group Islamic State, signaling again that the White House will not ask Congress to vote to approve his plan.

Obama met with top Democratic and Republican leaders ahead of a speech on Wednesday evening to lay out his plan to fight the group, also known as ISIL.

"The president told the leaders that he has the authority he needs to take action against ISIL in accordance with the

mission he will lay out in his address tomorrow night," the White House said in a statement.

"He reiterated his belief that the nation is stronger and our efforts more effective when the president and Congress work together to combat a national security threat like ISIL." —Reuters

US President Barack Obama answers a question at a news conference at the conclusion of the NATO Summit at the Celtic Manor Resort in Newport, Wales on 5 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS





## HEALTH &amp; BUSINESS

## Dollar stays in lower 106 yen as traders lock in gains after rally

TOKYO, 10 Sept — The US dollar remained in the lower 106 yen zone in Tokyo on Wednesday morning as traders paused after the dollar's rapid rally, awaiting fresh signs corroborating a firm recovery in the US economy.

At noon, the dollar fetched 106.30-33 yen compared with 106.15-25 yen in New York and 106.31-32 yen in Tokyo at 5 pm on Tuesday.

The euro was quoted at \$1.2928-2929 and 137.43-44 yen against \$1.2932-2942 and 137.37-47 yen

in New York and \$1.2876-2877 and 136.89-93 yen in Tokyo late Tuesday afternoon.

The dollar had climbed to a nearly 6-year high of 106.47 yen at one point in New York on Tuesday on expectations the Federal Reserve is gearing up to raise interest rates. But the US currency stabilized against the yen in Tokyo as traders locked in gains, with fresh data out of the United States thin on the ground for now.

Traders held off moving the dollar higher as they

await the Federal Open Market Committee meeting next week, the next potential stage for hawkish comments from Fed members, said Shinichiro Kadota, foreign exchange strategist at Barclays Bank.

Market expectations remained high for an early rate hike as traders brushed off soft August US jobs data released last Friday, with a report from the San Francisco Fed on Monday spurring dollar buying by suggesting that policymakers hold a more hawkish view than investors had

been speculating.

"The FOMC meeting and Scotland's independence referendum are both looming as risk events next week, so it's understandable that the dollar's rally would pause in the absence of fresh US data," Kadota said.

The euro, which had fallen after the European Central Bank announced fresh interest rate cuts last Thursday, traded narrowly against the dollar and yen in Tokyo after gaining some ground in New York overnight.—*Kyodo News*

## A high-soy diet may drive breast tumour growth : study



*A bushel of soybeans are shown on display in the Monsanto research facility in Creve Coeur, Missouri, on 28 July, 2014. — REUTERS*

NEW YORK, 10 Sept — For some women with breast cancer, taking soy protein supplements boosted the expression of tumour genes associated with an increase in tumor cells, in a recent randomized trial.

Many women take tremendous amounts of soy thinking it will prevent breast cancer based on epidemiological studies, said lead author Dr Moshe Shike of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre in New York.

Some studies of Asian populations have found that as soy intake increased, breast cancer risk decreased, but those studies couldn't prove a beneficial effect of soy — they could only identify an association, Shike said.

The new study, however, looked at women who had already been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Soybeans contain phytoestrogens, which can mimic, at least weakly, some effects of the hormone estrogen — and "estrogen is no good at any time after breast cancer diagnosis," said V Craig Jordan of the Georgetown

University Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Centre in Washington, DC, in a phone interview.

Most breast cancers, including all those in the new trial, are estrogen-receptor positive, meaning the tumors may respond to signals from estrogen in the body. For that reason, as soon as a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer, she will be asked to avoid hormones and will usually receive anti-estrogenic drugs like tamoxifen after surgery, said Jordan, who wrote a commentary accompanying the new study.

With support from the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, Shike and his coauthors studied changes in the molecular structure of early-stage breast cancer cells obtained from biopsies done at diagnosis and again few weeks later, when the tumor was removed.

The 140 women in the study were taking either soy protein or milk protein supplements in the meantime, in the form of two 25.8 gram packets mixed into water or juice each day.—*Reuters*

## CFTC keeping tabs on LME amid aluminium warehousing crisis

NEW YORK, 10 Sept — The US commodities markets regulator is still keeping tabs on the London Metal Exchange as the 137-year-old exchange tries to resolve an ongoing crisis over its warehousing policy that end users say has inflated prices and distorted supplies.

In an interview with *Reuters*, Timothy Massad, the newly installed chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) said the regulator has been in touch with the LME as it prepares to launch a new aluminium contract in a bid to ease concerns that global aluminium pricing is broken.

"We've had a dialogue with them (the LME) about some of those issues and will continue to do that," he said. The comments come a year after the CFTC launched a probe into complaints from consumers like Coca-Cola Co (KO.N) and MillerCoors LLC, which use the metal to



*Traders and clerks react on the floor of the London Metal Exchange in the City of London on 14 Feb, 2012. — REUTERS*

make cans, about long wait times to take physical delivery of metals and record high prices. Consumers say Wall Street banks, including Goldman Sachs Group Inc (GS.N), and major commodity merchants like Glencore Plc (GLEN.L) have run a lucrative business building up big alu-

minium stocks, charging rent to store the metal and delivering it only at a limited rate. Massad on Tuesday declined to comment on the status of the CFTC probe, but the comments were his first on the matter since being appointed to lead the agency in June and some of the most candid by a CFTC

commissioner since the controversy flared up last summer.

The regulator has faced increasing pressure from aluminium users who have called on the CFTC to step up oversight of the oldest and biggest metals market and its warehousing network.—*Reuters*

## Soft bounce in Japan machinery orders leaves doubts on outlook



*Heavy machinery is seen in a construction site in Tokyo on 13 March, 2014. — REUTERS*

TOKYO, 10 Sept — Japan's core machinery orders rose for a second straight month in July, but analysts said the data failed to dispel some doubts about the strength of business investment that is needed to propel Japan out of the slump caused by April's sales tax hike.

The 3.5 percent rise in core orders, a highly volatile data series regarded as an indicator of capital spending in the coming six to nine months, was less than the median estimate of a 4.0 percent increase in a

*Reuters* poll of economists.

That followed a 8.8 percent rise in June and a 19.5 percent drop in May, which was the biggest drop in data going back to 2005.

The data followed a recent run of weak economic indicators that suggest a rebound expected this quarter from April's slump may not prove as strong as originally thought.

Weak readings cloud the prospects of a planned increase in the sales tax in October 2015, while keeping policymakers under pressure to provide fresh

stimulus to prop up the economy.

"Some companies are still cautious about demand. I expect the second sales tax hike to happen, but keep an eye out for more stimulus from the government," said Hiroaki Muto, senior economist at Sumitomo Mitsui Asset Management Co.

The core orders were boosted by one big order from a chemicals producer, a government official said, adding that excluding the one-off factor overall growth in July was moderate. The Cabinet Office data

showed orders from manufacturers for new machinery rose 20.3 percent in July — thanks to the big order from a chemicals producer — while those from non-manufacturers fell 4.3 percent.

"The rebound was weak. Manufacturers may be turning cautious about capital spending due to sluggish exports and consumption, and the decline in orders from nonmanufacturers likely reflect weak domestic demand," said Koya Miyamae, senior economist at SMBC Nikko Securities.—*Reuters*





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**Sushi offered to mudslide evacuees**

*Sushi chefs make sushi at an evacuation centre for people affected by recent massive mudslides in the city of Hiroshima on 9 Sept, 2014. Some 150 evacuees received free set meals of sushi, a side dish and soup, prepared by nine chefs.—KYODO NEWS*

## Cuba estimates total damage of US embargo at \$116.8 billion

HAVANA, 10 Sept — US economic sanctions against Cuba have cost the island nation \$3.9 billion in foreign trade over the past year, helping to raise the overall estimate of economic damage to \$116.8 billion over the past 55 years, Cuba said on Tuesday. The figures were published in a report that Cuba prepares for the United Nations each year in requesting a resolution urging an end to the comprehensive US economic embargo and other sanctions against Cuba's Communist government. The United Nations has passed the resolution for 22 straight years with overwhelming support. Last year the vote was 188 to 2, with only the United States and Israel voting against the resolution.

Although many US allies join Washington in criticizing Cuba's one-party system and repression of political opponents, the Americans have lost nearly all

international support for the embargo since the collapse of the Soviet Union. No other nation besides the United States has an economic embargo against Cuba. Cuba in turn uses the embargo to counter internal discontent over a stagnant economy. " ... There is not, and there has not been in the world, such a terrorizing and vile violation of human rights of an entire people than the blockade that the US government has been leading against Cuba for 55 years," Deputy Foreign Minister Abelardo Moreno told reporters.

After Fidel Castro's rebels came to power in Cuba in 1959, the United States imposed initial sanctions in 1960, and then a full embargo in 1961.

Other US laws have strengthened the embargo over the years, imposing fines on companies from third countries that have business in Cuba and also in the United States.

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Contract No. and Title:	1. ICB1-MP: Maubin Pyapon Road Rehabilitation Project-Section km 0+000 to km 25+000 2. ICB2-MP: Maubin Pyapon Road Rehabilitation Project-Section km 25+000 to km 54+600
Deadline for Submission of Bids:	17 November 2014, 2:00 p.m.

1. The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has applied for financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of the **Maubin Pyapon Road Rehabilitation Project**. Part of this financing will be used for payments under the contracts named above. Bidding is open to bidders from eligible source countries of the ADB who meet the qualification requirements set out in the Bidding Documents.

2. The Ministry of Construction ("the Employer") invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the contracts described above. The works, which will be executed under traffic, will require the removal of the existing pavement structure, widening and raising the road embankment, construction of a new two lane with sealed shoulders pavement structure including a lime-stabilized subgrade, mechanically stabilised subbase, crushed rock base course, and asphaltic concrete surfacing, bridgeworks, and repair or replacement of existing minor drainage structures. **International Competitive Bidding (ICB)** will be conducted in accordance with ADB's **Single-Stage Two-Envelope bidding procedure** and is open to all Bidders from eligible countries as described in the Bidding Documents.

3. To obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents, bidders should contact:

**The Director, Project Management Unit  
Ministry of Construction / Public Works  
Room No. 502, Bagan Housing, Anawratha Road,  
Block 334/344, Lanmadaw Township, Yangon, Myanmar  
Tel: +95-01-222361, Fax: +95-01-222361  
Email: [aungmyintoo6183@gmail.com](mailto:aungmyintoo6183@gmail.com); [mazinzinhtike@gmail.com](mailto:mazinzinhtike@gmail.com)**

4. To purchase the bidding documents in English, eligible bidders should:  
\* Write to the address above requesting the bidding documents for both or either of the contracts described above.  
\* Pay a non-refundable fee of US\$ 200 by bank cheque or cash for each set of bidding documents.

5. To submit the bid:  
\* Deliver it to the address above  
\* On or before the deadline set out above  
\* Together with the Bid Security as described in the bidding documents  
Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline for bid submission in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

6. When comparing Bids, ADB's Domestic Preference Scheme will be applied in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the Bidding Documents.

U Aung Myint Oo  
Director, Project Management Unit

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MINISTRY OF ENERGY  
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE  
(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)  
(18/2014)**

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(3)	IFB -092(14-15)	Deutz Genuine Engine for HDD Rig (1) No	US\$
(4)	IFB -093(14-15)	Spares for CNG Storage Cascade and Dispenser Pipe Line (14) Items	US\$
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(6)	DMP/L -017(14-15)	Spares for Nissan RD 8 Engine Ex:435TC P & H Crane (1) Lot	Ks
(7)	DMP/L -018(14-15)	Spares for Mitsubishi 6 DB 10C-K Engine Ex P & H Crawler Crane	Ks
(8)	DMP/L -019(14-15)	Spares for MUD Pump Ex Road Boring Machine (1) Lot	Ks
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(13)	DMP/L -024(14-15)	Engine Oil for Gas Engine (1) Lot	Ks

Tender Closing Date & Time - 6-10-2014, 16:30 Hr.

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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## Weather report

**BAY INFERENCE:** Monsoon is strong in the Andaman sea and South Bay and weak to moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bangel.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 11th September, 2014:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin and Mon States, fairly widespread in Yangon Region, Chin and Kayin State, scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyarwady

Regions, Shan State and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Mon - Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (30) m.p.h. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Continuation of decrease of rain in the Rakhine Coasts.

## Japan nuclear plant gets safety OK, moves closer to resumption

Tokyo, 10 Sept — A nuclear plant operated by Kyushu Electric Power Co obtained a safety clearance from regulators on Wednesday, becoming the first to meet new regulations imposed following the 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster.

With Nuclear Regulation Authority approval, two reactors at the Sendai power plant in Kagoshima Prefecture, southwestern Japan, achieved the first

step toward restarting the country's nuclear power industry.

The pro-nuclear government of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is eager to bring reactors back online amid a surge in fuel costs for thermal power generation, which has made up for the absence of atomic power.

A restart of the Sendai plant, however, is not likely to happen before December, as Kyushu Electric still

needs to get some paperwork done to complete the NRA screening process.

The regional utility also needs to obtain consent from local authorities and undergo on-site operational checks. On Wednesday, the five-member decision-making panel of the nuclear safety regulator unanimously approved the final version of its screening report.

Reflected in the document were some of more

than 17,800 comments received from the public after the panel approved a draft version on 16 July. The comments included those criticizing the regulator's judgment that the chance of volcanic eruptions affecting the Sendai plant — located in the region of active volcanic sites — were small, while others conveyed technical concern that safety measures against a variety of possible hazards such as tsunami and cyberattacks are inadequate.

Major amendments, however, were not made to the report.—*Kyodo News*



## Jennifer Aniston found 'Cake' role liberating



Jennifer Aniston is known for her romantic comedies.

LOS ANGELES, 10 Sept — Jennifer Aniston, who has sparked awards talk with her gritty role in 'Cake', says it was liberating to ditch her glamorous self to play a depressed woman in the movie.

Aniston, who is known for her romantic comedies, received a standing ovation for her latest performance when the film screened at the Toronto International Film Festival.

The 45-year-old actress plays the role of a woman suffering from addiction, rage issues and suicidal depression after a tragic accident leaves her scarred inside and out, reported *People* magazine.

"It's awesome and liberating to let that all go," Aniston said about her role. "And see yourself looking like that on a 50-foot screen," she added.—PTI

## I want to be single right now: Jennifer Lopez

LONDON, 10 Sept — Singer-actress Jennifer Lopez is keen to stay single for a while as she wants to spend time focusing on herself and her children.

The 45-year-old singer, who has six-year-old twins Max and Emme with her ex-husband Marc Anthony, is enjoying being single and believes it will be beneficial for her to be on her own for a while, reported *contactmusic*.

"I'm just being on my own. I feel like I need that right now. I've been in relationships kind of back-to-back my whole life and I just needed time.

"I need time to just chill and just know me and enjoy my kids and actually make time for other friends instead of just the relationship thing," she said.

The 'I Luh Ya Papi' hitmaker, who split from choreographer Casper Smart in June following two-and-a-half years together, has not ruled out finding love again but believes everything will fall into place once she starts to take care of herself a bit better.—PTI



## One Direction announces new album

LOS ANGELES, 10 Sept — Boy band One Direction will release its fourth album, *Four*, on 17 November this year.

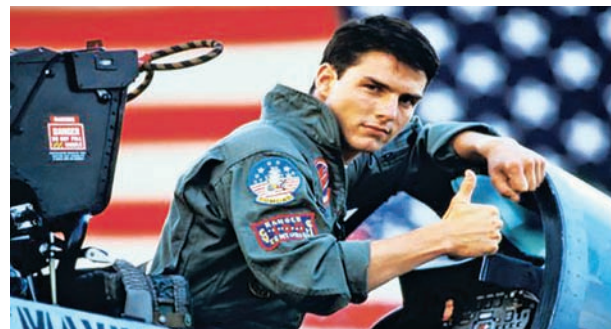
The band, comprising Niall Horan, Zayn Malik, Liam Payne, Harry Styles and Louis Tomlinson, announced the album on its

website, where fans can also download a new track.

"We hope you enjoy it and we can't wait for you to listen to the album in

full. Thank you, you guys mean the world to us," the band wrote. It released its last album, *Midnight Memories*, last year.—PTI

## 'Jungle Book' writer to work on 'Top Gun 2'



Tom Cruise is slated to return as ace pilot Maverick in 'Top Gun 2'.

LOS ANGELES, 10 Sept — Justin Marks, the writer of Disney's upcoming film 'The Jungle Book', is

reportedly in talks to pen the screenplay for sequel of the 1986 Tom Cruise 'Top Gun'. Cruise, 52, is slated

to return as ace pilot Maverick in a story that aims to show the relevance of good old fashioned pilots in today's high-tech, drone-centric war environment, said *The Hollywood Reporter*.

Peter Craig, the scribe who wrote Ben Affleck's 'The Town', penned the previous draft a couple of years ago. The project was shelved when Tony Scott, the director of the original film and who was to direct the sequel, committed suicide in 2012.—PTI



Members of South Korean pop band Girl's Generation attend the Polo Ralph Lauren show during the New York Fashion Week in Central Park in New York, the United States on 8 Sept, 2014. Polo Ralph Lauren presented its Spring 2015 collection on Monday.—XINHUA



## GENERAL

## Canada finds ship from doomed 19<sup>th</sup>-century Franklin expedition

OTTAWA, 10 Sept — Canadian explorers have found the wreck of one of two ships lost in the 1845 Franklin expedition to Canada's Northwest Passage, solving an enduring historical mystery and bolstering Canada's claim to the key Arctic trade route.

Sir John Franklin and his 128 crew in the British ships *HMS Erebus* and *HMS Terror* were seeking the fabled Northwest Passage between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans when they became stuck in ice. The men all died and the ships vanished.

"I am delighted to announce that this year's Victoria Strait expedition has solved one of Canada's greatest mysteries, with the discovery of one of the two ships belonging to the Franklin Expedition," Prime Minister Stephen Harper said in a statement.

"Finding the first vessel will no doubt provide the momentum — or wind in



Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper (L) applauds after unveiling an image showing one of two ships from the lost Franklin expedition as Parks Canada's Ryan Harris looks on, in Ottawa on 9 Sept, 2014.

REUTERS

our sails — necessary to locate its sister ship and find out even more about what happened to the Franklin Expedition's crew." The mystery has gripped Canadians for generations, in part because of the crew's grisly fate. Tales handed down through the aboriginal Inuit people describe cannibalism among the desperate seamen.

Harper, who has visited the Arctic territory of

Nunavut every year since taking power in 2006, said the discovery was an historic moment for Canada.

"Franklin's ships are an important part of Canadian history given that his expeditions, which took place nearly 200 years ago, laid the foundations of Canada's Arctic sovereignty," he said.

Global warming is rapidly melting the Arctic ice sheets, opening up the possibility that ships travelling

between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans could use the Northwest Passage as a short cut.

Canada says it has sovereignty over the passage but the United States does not acknowledge this, saying the channel lies in international waters.

This year's bid to locate the ships included money spent on seabed mapping to make "Canada's Arctic both safer and more secure," according to a Parks Canada release at the time of the expedition. Parks Canada archaeologists discovered the wreck using a remotely operated underwater vehicle. An image released showed a largely intact wooden ship resting upright on the seabed only 11 meters (36 feet) below the surface. Some of the deck structures were still intact, although the main mast had been sheared off.

Harper said experts did not yet know whether the ship found was the *Erebus* or the *Terror*. — Reuters

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\* News / International News / Weather Report

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## South Korea shooter Jin wins world title, breaks record



South Korea's Jin Jong-oh celebrates after winning the men's 10m air pistol final at the London 2012 Olympic Games in the Royal Artillery Barracks at Woolwich in London on 28 July, 2012. — REUTERS

SEOUL, 10 Sept — Triple Olympic champion Jin Jong-oh will be on a high heading into this month's Asian Games in Incheon

after breaking a long-standing record and winning the 50 metres pistol event at the shooting world championships.

The South Korean scored a combined 583 points on the way to winning the title in Granada on Tuesday, breaking the world record set by Russian Alexander Melentiev at the 1980 Olympics by two points.

It was a first individual world title for Jin, who won 50m pistol gold at the 2008 and 2012 Olympics and also added the 10m title at the London Games.

"Every time I shot a match, ever since I started competing, I have been trying to reach that result. It feels awesome," Jin told the International Shooting Sport Federation's (ISSF)'s official website.

The 34-year-old won 50m team gold at the 2010

World Championships in Munich, and 10m and 50m team gold at the Asian Games in Guangzhou the same year.

"Winning the world championship title is a great achievement for me," added Jin, who scored 192.3 points in the final and hopes to win a fourth Olympic gold in 2016. "The road to Rio is still long. I will have to shoot well in the next two years to be there."

India's Jitu Rai won silver after scoring 191.1 points in the final and China's Pang Wei took bronze (172.6). The shooting competition at the 17th Asian Games in Incheon, west of Seoul, starts on 20 September. — Reuters

## Former F1 champion Schumacher leaves hospital for home

GENEVA, 10 Sept — Michael Schumacher has left hospital to continue his recovery at home but the former Formula One champion faces "a long and difficult road ahead" after his skiing accident last year, a statement said on Tuesday.

"Henceforth, Michael's rehabilitation will take place at his home. Considering the severe injuries he suffered, progress has been made in the past weeks and months," said the brief statement



Michael Schumacher of Germany

issued by manager Sabine Kehm.

"There is still, however, a long and difficult road

ahead.

"We ask that the privacy of Michael's family continue to be respected, and that speculations about his state of health are avoided."

A spokesman for the university hospital in Lausanne, confirmed that the 45-year-old German, a seven-times world champion, had been discharged earlier in the day. No details were given on Schumacher's condition.

Reuters



Students from 14 schools challenge the "Most People Skipping Double Dutch Simultaneously Guinness World Record" at the Hsinchuang Stadium in Xinbei City, southeast China's Taiwan, on 9 Sept, 2014. — XINHUA



# Simple for Simone as Italy tame toothless Norway

OSLO, 10 Sept — Simone Zaza made the most of the suspended Mario Balotelli's absence up front by scoring the opening goal to pave the way for Italy's comfortable 2-0 win over Norway in a Euro 2016 Group H qualifier on Tuesday.

The Sassuolo striker, surprisingly brought into the squad by new coach Antonio Conte, struck with a deflected shot after 16 minutes and also hit the crossbar and had another effort cleared off the line before being substituted.

The 23-year-old Zaza repaid Conte's faith immediately, winning a penalty on his debut in the 2-0 friendly victory over Netherlands in Bari on Thursday before scoring in Oslo.

"He is a player of great desire and pride and he and the others have given a good example of that to-

night," Conte told a news conference.

The Norwegians offered little resistance, enjoying plenty of possession in front of a sell-out crowd but failing to threaten Gianluigi Buffon's goal.

Their best attacks came down Italy's left flank as livewire Mats Moeller Daehli displayed his full bag of tricks and dribbles but the winger faded in the second half, as did the home team's chances.

Missing Balotelli and playmaker Andrea Pirlo, Conte's first competitive game in charge saw him field a relatively young team that favoured industry over flair.

With Mattia De Sciglio and Matteo Darmian playing wide in a five-man midfield, Italy began by probing the spaces behind Norway's full backs.

Conte's team defended



Italy's Simone Zaza (7) celebrates with his teammates after scoring against Norway during their Euro 2016 qualifying soccer match at Ullevaal Stadium in Oslo on 9 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

from the front, with Zaza and Ciro Immobile energetically leading the chase to win the ball back when their side gave it away.

The visitors took the lead fortuitously when Zaza's effort took a deflection and wrong-footed keeper Orjan Nyland be-

fore bouncing into the net.

Norway's defence was too passive for the goal and should have shut down the Italy striker before he shot.

Captain Leonardo Bonucci again punished Norway in the 62nd minute, rising unmarked to power home a downward header from substitute Manuel Pasqual's cross.

Italy could have made it 3-0 in the 77th minute when Zaza went one-on-one with Nyland but his rising shot cannoned back off the crossbar and Alessandro Florenzi's header from the rebound was palmed away by the keeper.

Zaza had another one-on-one with Nyland a few minutes later. This time his delicate chip was cleared off the line and he was replaced by Mattia Destro soon after.

Conte said his side played an "almost perfect game", adding "it's important to create that kind of team spirit, a team with a capital T".

Reuters

## FIFA medical officer wants strict new rules on concussion



Tottenham Hotspur's goalkeeper Hugo Lloris (C) is attended to by medical staff after being involved in a collision with Everton's Romelu Lukaku (R) during their English Premier League soccer match at Goodison Park in Liverpool, northern England on 3 Nov, 2013.—REUTERS

MANCHESTER, 10 Sept — Referees will be instructed to stop a match immediately for three minutes when a player is suspected of being concussed, if a proposal from FIFA's chief medical officer is accepted.

Michel D'Hooghe, the chairman of FIFA's medical committee and a UEFA executive committee member, told delegates at the Soccerex Global Convention on Tuesday that he will put his proposal before the European governing body at their executive committee meeting on 18 Septem-

ber and to FIFA's executive on 25 September.

Although cases of concussion are relatively rare in soccer, D'Hooghe said there were five suspected cases at the Brazil World Cup.

There have also been some high profile incidents that have raised concerns at FIFA such as when France international goalkeeper Hugo Lloris was concussed playing for his club Tottenham Hotspur against Everton last year.

"If there is a suspected concussion we will ask the

referee to stop the game for three minutes. The referee will only allow the player to continue playing with the green light of the team doctor — nobody else," the Belgian said.

D'Hooghe told reporters that as this proposal does not constitute a change in the laws of the game, but just in the rules of competition, it could come into force as early as 1 October. If approved, it would apply initially to matches in World Cup qualifying games, European Championship qualifiers, Cham-

pions League and Europa League matches, but not at the domestic level.

"FIFA issued our first paper on concussion in 2003 and we have organized four concussion meetings, but it is true we have no strict rules, but we will have them if UEFA and FIFA approve it, and why not from 1 October?" D'Hooghe said.

"There are sports like American Football where they have 200 concussions a year and in Australian Football they have 120 a year. "In soccer we have a concussion case once in 20 games so it is not frequent, but that does not mean it is not a serious problem.

"Now the medical committee is proposing that where there is a suspected concussion the referee must stop the game for three minutes which will give the team doctor the chance to evaluate medically the condition of the player. "Of course if he is unconscious it is not difficult, but if he is not, it gives the doctor the chance to talk to him and give him a brief neurological examination and then take a decision.

"The referee can only allow the player to continue with the green light of the team doctor.

Reuters

## Missing Europe will help United recovery, says Charlton

MANCHESTER, 10 Sept — Manchester United director Bobby Charlton believes the club's absence from European competition this season will aid their recovery as they begin a "great adventure" under new manager Louis van Gaal.

The former European Cup and World Cup winner, who scored 247 goals in 754 appearances for United, said he was sure the team would improve after taking two points from three Premier League games and were "set fair" to revive the club's glory days.

"It seems strange that Manchester United is not involved in European football for a season," he said in a report on the club website. "It's crazy, but maybe it can make things easier for us.

"We have started with some new players, we have not been playing well, but we will play well. I think that it's going to be a great adventure of how we pull ourselves back around and get back to the way it used to be."

United are without a win in four games this season, including a humiliating 4-0 League Cup defeat at third tier MK Dons, and await their first competitive victory under Van Gaal.

United dominated the European transfer activity during the summer window, spending more than 150 million pounds (\$241.58 million) in a spectacular spree to bring in six international players, including a British record fee of 59.7 million pounds (96.09 million US dollar) for Argentine winger Angel Di Maria.—Reuters



New Manchester United manager Louis Van Gaal (L) poses for pictures with club director Bobby Charlton during a news conference at the club's Old Trafford Stadium in Manchester, northern England on 17 July, 2014.—REUTERS