

President U Thein Sein arrives back from trip of three European countries

YANGON, 11 Sept— President U Thein Sein and party arrived back in Yangon at 9.20 am on Thursday after paying official visits to Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands.

The President and party were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Union ministers U Myint Hlaing, U Myat Hein, U Khin Yi, U Maung Myint and U Kyaw Lwin, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Tun Tun Naung, officials, ambassadors of Germany and Singapore, embassy officials of Switzerland and the Netherlands.

Members of the delegation Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Ye Htut, U Soe Thane, U Ohn Myint, U Nyan Tun Aung and U Khin Maung Soe, Deputy Ministers Dr Win Myint and U Than Swe and officials arrived back on the same flight.

The present paid visits to five European countries: Norway, Finland, Austria, Belgium and Italy from 25 February to 8 March in 2013 and Britain and France from 14 to 20 July 2013. The visit to Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands from 1 Sep-



tember to 11 September 2014 was the third trip of the president to Europe.

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President U Thein Sein being welcomed back by Union ministers and diplomats at Yangon International Airport after paying visits to three European countries.—MNA

ADB forecast Myanmar's GDP growth to rise to 9.5 percent by 2030

By Ye Myint

YANGON, 11 Sept— The Asian Development Bank launched its new report on Myanmar's growth prospects on Thursday, with Ms. Cyn-Young Park, ADB assistant chief economist, making a presentation of the Myanmar Country Diagnostic Study to the media in Yangon.

Unveiling the study report "Myanmar: Unlocking the Potential", ADB predicted that Myanmar will see annual average gross domestic product growth as high as 9.5 per cent by 2030, higher than its 4.8 per cent in 2010, which means reaching a per capita income of nearly \$5,000 by 2030 from about \$900 now. Without full realization

of the country's economic potential, it is impossible to pick up GDP growth to 9.5 per cent in 2030, said Cyn-Young Park in taking the floor, stressing the need of ensuring infrastructural development and investments in human capital and education.

Myanmar must upgrade its infrastructure and improve the quality of human capital to achieve sustainable economic growth and reap the full benefits from its ambitious reform

Asian Development Bank presents its "Myanmar Country Diagnostics Study" to media in Yangon on Thursday.

PHOTO: YE MYINT

agenda, ADB noted in its news report.

The report that outlines how human capital and infrastructure are key to Myanmar growth also highlighted the importance of quickly increasing government capacity in every

aspect of development, calling for a high degree of coordination, skill, knowledge and commitment in planning and managing the country's complex modernization and reform program.

In her conclusion, the

ADB assistant chief economist emphasized that the country needs to maintain stability, to make investments for the future and stay open and connected for achieving long-term sustainability.

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Exhibition marks 60th anniversary establishment of Myanmar-Germany diplomatic relations



Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin participates in the celebration to mark 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Germany.—MNA

YANGON, 11 Sept — Lwin and Deputy Minister for Culture U Than Swe attended the opening ceremony of Exhibition in commemorating the 60th anniversary of the estab-

lishment of diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Germany which was held at Germany Foreign Office in Berlin on 3 September.

Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin and Mr Stephen Steinlein, State Secretary of German Foreign Affairs Office made speeches on the occasion.

The exhibition showcased Myanmar culture, scenery, the religious buildings and records of cooperation between Myanmar and Germany and progress of Myanmar reforms up to 9 September.

The digitalized “golden letter” decorated with 24 costly rubies sent by Myanmar King Alaungphaya to British King George August of Handover in 1756 was also displayed at the exhibition.

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Environmental conservation at factories of Coca-Cola Myanmar Co discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept — Deputy Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry Dr Daw Thet Thet Zin held a talk with Director Ms Belinda Ford and Technical manager Mr Amphon Phipathananunth of Coca-Cola Myanmar Company at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday.

They discussed reduction of environmental pollution at locations of factories of Coca-Cola Myanmar Company, construction of wastewater treatment plant, sharing of expertise and technol-

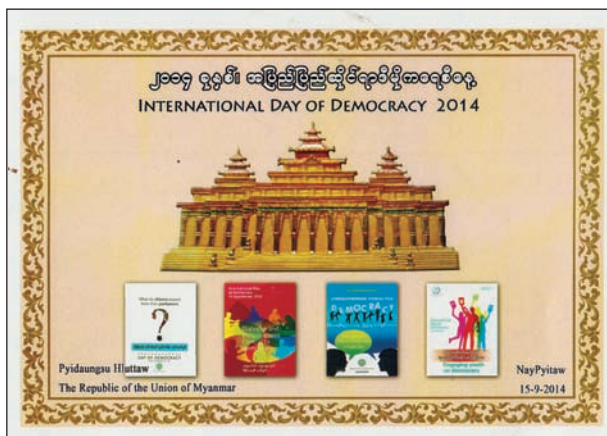


Deputy Minister Dr Daw Thet Thet Zin meets Director Ms Belinda Ford and Technical manager Mr Amphon Phipathananunth of Coca-Cola Myanmar Company.—MNA

ogy to factories and entrepreneurs, plans for establishment of watershed

plantations, undertaking of Coca-Cola Myanmar Company, and plans for carrying out reduce, reuse and recycle in works.

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IP rights for development of SME industries discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept — The Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia-ERIA, the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and the Ministry of Science and Technology jointly organized the ERIA-Myanmar IPR Symposium: IPR for SME Development at Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday.

Deputy Minister for NPED Daw Lei Lei Thein, in her address, said that Myanmar needs innovative measures and technological centres for development of intellectual property rights in the nation with creation

of opportunities for innovators in their works.

Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Aung Kyaw Myat said that SME sector plays a key role in economic development of the nation. Protection of IP rights will uplift the SME industries so as to smoothly flow new products into the market and raise foreign direct investment.

Officials and experts from Malaysia, Japan, Singapore and Thailand discussed innovative measures for SME industries, experiences and achievements in IP rights policy.

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Health Department, MSF-Holland (AZG) sign MoU on disease control

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept — The Health Department under the Ministry of Health and MSF-Holland (AZG) signed an MoU at the hall of the department in Nay Pyi Taw on Monday.

Director-General Dr Min Than Nyunt of Health Department and Deputy Head of Mission Mr Jean-Christophe Dolle

of MSF-Holland (AZG) signed the two-year agreement.

The Health Department and MSF-Holland (AZG) will cooperate in control of malaria, HIV/AIDS and TB diseases and maternal and child health care in Yangon Region, Rakhine, Chin and Kachin States spending US\$29.7 million.—MNA

Seven Myanmar children get free heart surgery

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

YANGON, 11 Sept — Seven Myanmar pediatric heart patients aged 4 to 16 years have been successfully operated on from 21 to 23 August at the Yankin Children's Hospital in Yangon through the sponsor-

ship of CIMB Bank, which is one of ASEAN's leading universal banking groups, a source said at Thursday's press conference.

The three-day free congenital heart surgical operations were performed by a Malaysian medical team from the National Heart Institute of Malaysia-IJN, with assistance from Myanmar surgeries from the YCH for the third time.

Both medical teams put more effort into the operation of a 13-year-old

boy with a critical heart condition, Dr Aung Myint Lwin, medical superintendent of YCH said.

During the operations, Malaysian heart surgeons also shared their experiences related to the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric heart disease to enhance the standards of health care services of the YCH, he added.

Tengku Dato' Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz, group chief executive officer of CIMB bank, said that as part of corporate responsibility efforts, CIMB Bank contributed \$15,000 for

the operations, adding that plans are underway to support continuous medical education for the medical personnel of YCH.

The CIMB group looks forward to further strengthening ties with Myanmar through various initiatives, he added.

According to a survey, 0.8 per cent of all newborns worldwide have congenital heart diseases each year. It is the most common congenital disorder in newborns but CHD patients can live a long life after an operation, doctors said.

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CEOs from IJN and CIMB group as well as medical superintendent of YCH say plans are underway to make more collaborations among them.

KHAING THANDA LWIN

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Further cooperation of UN, international communities in development of Myanmar discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham received a delegation led by Mr. Haoliang Xu, UN Assistant Secretary General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director Regional Bureau Asia and the Pacific at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday afternoon

to hold talks about resettlement of families from relief camps in Rakhine State.

They also discussed receiving humanitarian assistance, cooperation in development programmes and further cooperation of the UN and international communities in development tasks of Myanmar.

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Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham with Mr. Haoliang Xu, UN Assistant Secretary General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director Regional Bureau Asia and the Pacific in group photo.—MNA



Foreign banks required to fulfill their commitments: Vice Governor of Central Bank

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—The government will see that foreign banks fulfil their commitments when they have been granted

licenses to provide their services in Myanmar, Vice Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar Dr Set Aung told the Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) on Thursday.

He was responding to the question raised by a representative whether there

are rules and regulations to revoke their licenses if foreign banks fail to meet their commitments. The vice governor also said that

financial authorities will be able to know whether a particular foreign bank has the ability to fulfill their commitments before granting licenses as the authorities are scrutinizing the foreign banks properly.

Licenses for foreign banks will be granted based on criteria including their ability to contribute to local banks and the banking market, according to the central bank official.

If granted licenses, foreign banks will be permitted to open only one branch each with US\$ 75 million capital investment. In addition, foreign banks are required to set aside US\$ 40 million out of their capital investment and can operate only wholesale banking by providing ser-

vices to foreign firms and local banks. Moreover, foreign banks are required to follow capital adequacy ratio as set by the central bank and other restrictions on issuing loans and receiving deposits in foreign currencies.

On Thursday, the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw reconvened after 40 days of recess. Discussions during the Hluttaw sessions focused on the national education bill, bill amending the Labour Dispute Settlement Law, the bill amending the Political Parties Registration Law, the Myanmar Architect Council bill, availability of animal feed and construction standards for school building.—MNA



Representatives attending first-day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.—MNA

ADB forecast Myanmar's GDP...

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Emphasizing eight strategic areas—accelerating governance and public sector reform, ensuring macroeconomic and financial stability, creating a business-enabling environment, leveraging rich natural endowments, fostering internationally competitive sectors, enhancing regional connectivity and integration, promoting human development and poverty reduction, and pursuing environmentally sustainable growth—the report developed in cooperation with the government provided policy recommendations for realizing the development mission and vision.

ADB, headquartered

in Manila, is a regional development bank dedicated to fighting poverty in the Asia and the Pacific through inclusive economic growth, environmentally sustainable growth, and regional integration. The organization established in 1966 now has 67 members, of which 48 are from the region. In 2013, ADB assistance totaled \$21 billion, including co-financing of \$6.6 billion.

The ADB's ongoing works in Myanmar include the upgrade of a road linking Pyapon and Maubin towns in Ayeyawady Region and construction of an overland route from Vietnam to Myanmar via Thailand.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker meets Vice Chairman of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received a delegation led by the Vice Chairman of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and head of International Relations Department of the Communist Party of China at the Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Complex in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday.

They cordially discussed development of two countries.

The call was attended by Deputy Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa and chairmen of Pyithu Hluttaw committees, committee and commission members.—MNA

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann cordially meets Chinese officials.—MNA



Israeli Ambassador on visit of Kachin State donating books



MYITKYINA, 11 Sept — Israeli Ambassador Mr Hagay M Behar called on Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Sai in Myitkyina on Wednesday, exchanging views on promoting bilateral relations, especially in agricultural and vocational training.

The ambassador donated Soul Bird education

translated in Myanmar and Kachin languages to public libraries in Kachin State.

He also visited Thida Baptist Church in Myitkyina and donated 100 copies of Soul Birds to Rev Zaw Ba, Chairman of the church.

On 9 September, the ambassador presented 100 copies of books to KBC

Church in Putao. Rev Ohn Thein Oo of the church expressed thanks for donation.

The Israeli Embassy has donated over 5,000 translated books in Myanmar, Kachin, Kayin, Mon, Shan and Chin languages to public libraries in the entire nation.

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Helmets distributed to bikers free of charge

PATHEINGYI, 11 Sept — As a gesture of hailing the golden jubilee anniversary Myanmar Police Force Day, an educative talk was given to the local people and 220 helmets worth K2.2 million to the bikers at Aungmyingala Village monastery in Myothagon of Patheingyi Township in Mandalay Region on 8 September.

Deputy Commander

of No 11 Traffic Police Unit Police Major Thein Ko Ko said that the traffic police force spends the fund obtained from fine on traffic rules enforcement. Local bikers are to wear helmets for traffic safety, and the traffic police force distributed the helmets to the poor bikers so as to reduce traffic accidents, he said, adding that the people are to consider the life

and duty of traffic police who discharge 16-hour duty a day.

Head of No 57 traffic police platoon Police Captain Kyaw Zin Myint explained true stories of traffic accidents to the attendees and rules and regulations for taking action against the offenders.

Min Htet Aung
(Mandalay Sub-printing House)

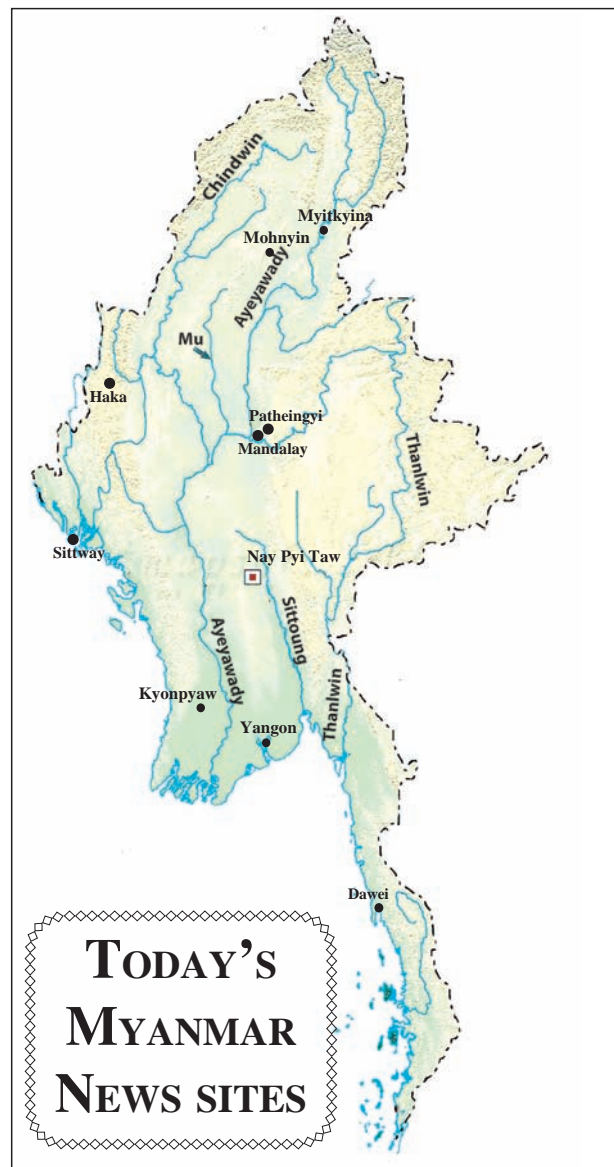


English for Effective Presentation Course uplifts capacity of government officers

MOHNYIN, 11 Sept — The English for Effective Presentation Course, conducted by English Department of Mohnyin Degree College, concluded at the hall of the degree college in Mohnyin of Kachin State on Wednesday, with an address by Principal Dr Aung Min Win.

On behalf of the trainees, Captain Kyaw Kyaw Lwin spoke words of thanks.

A total of 96 trainees including 12 military officers and 16 departmental officials attended the one-month training course, aimed at enhancing capacity of government officers.—NLM-001



Police servicemen donate blood hailing MPF Day

YANGON, 11 Sept — In Commemoration of golden jubilee anniversary Myanmar Police Force Day, Police Captain Ngwe Soe of No 15 railway police unit and party donated blood at Mawlamyine General Hospital in Mon State on Tuesday.

Police servicemen under No 15 unit from Moppalin, Thaton, Mottama, Mawlamyine, Thanbyuzayat, Ye and Dawei participated in the blood donation.

Dr U Thet Tun of Mawlamyine General Hospital spoke words of thanks and put their activities on record.

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LOCAL NEWS

Tailoring course for girls kicks off in Sittway

SITTWAY, 11 Sept — Under the arrangements of Sittway Township Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association, the tailoring course for the girls was conducted at the hall of Sittway District General Administration Department in Sittway of Rakhine State on Thursday.

Chairman of State MCW Supervisory Committee Daw Nyo Nyo Wai Lwin explained the purpose of tailoring course and a course trainer, disciplines

of the course.

Patron of State MCWSC Daw Khin Swe Win, wife of the Rakhine State Chief Minister, the chairperson of the supervisory committee and party cordially met the trainees.

Altogether 25 trainees from wards of Sittway are attending the training course from 11 September to 11 October under control of the trainers from Education and Training Department under the Ministry of Border Affairs.

Rakhine State IPRD



Outstanding offspring of war veterans honoured in Chin State



HAKA, 11 Sept — A ceremony to present cash assistance for offspring of Chin State war veterans was held at the hall of Tactical Operations Command

(Base) in Haka of Chin State on 9 September.

Chairman of Chin State War Veterans Organization Supervisory Committee Tactical Operations Commander Col Soe Hlaing presented K15.345 million provided by Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee to 1,031 basic education students of war veterans through township organization officials. Chin State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Zaw Min Oo and officials gave prizes to outstanding students in 2013-14 academic year who are offspring of war veterans.—*Chin State IPRD*

Farmers visit Wedi quality paddy farm in Launglon

DAWEI, 11 Sept—Under the joint arrangements of Taninthayi Region Agriculture Department and World Vision, a 12-farmer team of Palaw Township observed process of

paddy seed production at Wedi quality paddy farm in Launglon Township on 9 September. U Aung Kyaw Nyein of Taninthayi Region Seed Farm explained paddy seeds production

system, packaging system and laws related to the seeds, and Daw Cherry of Region Crops Protection Section germs of paddy plantations and prevention against danger of mice and

replies to queries raised by local farmers.

Head of the farm U Kyin Hla and staff demonstrated sorting of quality paddy strains in the farm.

Dawei District IPRD



Two transformers operated in supply of electricity in Thingangyun Township

YANGON, 11 Sept — Thingangyun Township Head U Hla Myint and Township Electrical Engineer U Saw Thura of Yangon City Electricity Supply Board supervised installation of one 315 KVA transformer at the corner of pagoda road and Yadana Thukha road in Hsa Ward and one more transformer on Rope Factory in Ward C

in Thingangyun Township.

As of 9 September, new transformers were launched to operate supply of electricity to the local people.

Yangon East District Head U San Htay and district electrical engineer U Myo Khin inspected feeding electricity to the local people.—*Hmwe Hmwe (Thingangyun)*



Midwives become auxiliary force for health care service

KYONPYAW, 11 Sept — Midwifery courses were conducted with the aim of providing health care services to the local people as the Health Department assigned 50 midwives in 97 village-tracts and wards of Kyonpyaw Township, said Deputy Township Administrator U Thein Tan of Kyonpyaw Township in Ayeyawady Region at the opening of the midwifery course 2/2014.

At the ceremony held at Township People's Hospital on Wednesday, the deputy administrator urged the trainees to carefully

pursue the training to be able to apply their experiences in the practical works of giving health care to the people.

Head of Township Health Department Dr Toe Maung said that the six-month training will be conducted to the trainees practically and theoretically.

Kyonpyaw Township has turned out 31 midwives from the first course. The second course will last from 10 September to 10 February, with attendance of 30 trainees from villages.—*Nay Win Myint (IPRD)*

Indonesia's Widodo wants to overturn law curbing anti-graft drive

JAKARTA, 11 Sept — Indonesian president-elect Joko Widodo wants the top court to overturn legislation that makes it more difficult to investigate lawmakers for graft, an adviser said, referring to a law passed with little publicity in one of the world's most corrupt countries.

Widodo's team echoes the concerns of civil society groups that have challenged a law requiring investigators to get approval from a special parliamentary council before investigating lawmakers for corruption or other crimes.

Many Indonesians see their parliament as one of their most corrupt institutions, according to the anti-graft group Transparency International. "We are



Jakarta governor and president-elect Joko Widodo smiles as he arrives for work at city hall in Jakarta on 8 Sept, 2014.

REUTERS

critics of this law," Hasto Kristiyanto, a senior member of Widodo's transition office, told *Reuters* late on Wednesday, adding that they hoped it would be

overturned.

"We must establish efforts to eradicate corruption and these must begin in this circle of power. The law should not be used as a tool

for protection."

Parliament approved the bill on 8 July but it got little media coverage as it came a day before the presidential election won by

Widodo.

It was signed into law a month later by outgoing President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, whose son will be a member of the new parliament, which takes office on 1 October. Yudhoyono's ruling party has been hit by a series of graft scandals including, most recently, one involving Energy Minister Jero Wacik, who was identified as a suspect in a case involving extortion and kickbacks worth about \$841,000.

Under the law, any law-enforcement agency that wants to investigate a member of parliament for corruption or other crimes needs the written approval of a special parliamentary council within 30 days of

making the request.

"This kind of council will have a duty to protect members of parliament," said Eva Kusuma Sundari, a member of Widodo's Indonesian Democratic Party-Struggle (PDI-P), which walked out of the assembly during the vote on the bill in protest.

The law is the latest in a series of attempts by parliament to protect its members from the aggressive anti-corruption drive led by the KPK graft-busting agency.

KPK spokesman Johan Budi said the law was "a step backwards ... and not in keeping with the anti-corruption spirit that requires everyone to be equal before the law".

Reuters

Philippines' Aquino seeks more power for govt to avert electricity crisis

MANILA, 11 Sept — Philippine President Benigno Aquino said he would ask Congress to allow the government to enter into energy supply contracts, for the first time since the industry was privatised in 2001, to avert a looming power shortage next year.

The country, which needs 600 megawatts (MW) of new power supply before March, is set to face rolling brownouts in 2015 on the main Luzon Island —home to its manufacturing and booming call centre industries as well as more than half of its 100 million people. "Very soon we will formally ask Congress for a joint resolution that will authorize the national government to contract an additional generating capacity to address the 300 MW projected deficit," Aquino said on Thursday.

The government also wants back-up reserves of as much as 300 MW for Luzon to meet peak demand over March to May next year.

The go-ahead for a state role in the broader electricity market from both chambers of Congress, dominated by Aquino's allies, will allow the government to directly finance new generation capacity.

However, some advocacy and business groups are worried that government involvement in the industry will boost power prices like in the 1990s when former President Fidel Ramos tackled a power crisis by fast-tracking a raft of expensive projects.

"What we want is for the government to contract additional capacity for a short-term basis," Energy Secretary Carlos Jericho

Petilla told reporters after Aquino's speech.

"It's more an authority to contract rather than a totalitarian emergency power," he said. The government is in talks with potential contractors, Petilla said, adding that state agency Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corp was evaluating potential deals and could sign contracts by October pending Congress' approval.

Half of the 600 MW requirement could be covered by some private generating facilities coming on stream before March and from businesses, such as mall operators, hotels and factories with large diesel-fed back-up generators, he added.

Petilla said he would seek the cheapest contracted capacity and short arrangements of up to two



President Benigno Aquino 3rd led the ceremonial laying of time capsule of the San Gabriel Power Plant in Batangay City on Tuesday. With him are Federico Lopez, First Gen Corp chairman and CEO, Oscar Lopez of the Lopez Group of Companies, Energy Secretary Jerico Petilla, Batangas Gov Vilma Santos Recto, Richard Tantoco and Francis Giles.—REUTERS

years, while Aquino assured the business community that the government will focus solely on addressing the

projected shortage.

"We have no plans of intervening to distort the market or complicate the

situation even further," Aquino told an audience of power industry officials.

Reuters

Vietnamese FM says attaching importance to traditional ties with Cuba

HANOI, 11 Sept — Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Pham Binh Minh said here Wednesday that Vietnam attaches great importance to traditional relations and comprehensive cooperation between Vietnam and Cuba. Minh made the remarks during talks with visiting Cuban Minister of Foreign Affairs Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla.

Vietnam always strives to increase effectiveness and deepen relations between the two countries, state-run news agency VNA quoted Minh as saying. Cuban foreign minister, for his part,

said that he highlights cooperation between Cuba and Vietnam in international organizations and multilateral forums such as the United Nations, Non-Aligned Movement and Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation, among others. The two officials at the talks briefed each other of the situation in each country, discussed measures to boost cooperation between the two countries and the two foreign ministries and shared views on international and regional issues of common interests. The two ministers agreed that Vietnam and Cuba should speed

up efforts to implement signed agreements, improve effectiveness of established cooperation mechanisms, especially Vietnam-Cuba Inter-Governmental Committee on Economic and Scientific-Technological Cooperation, adding that bilateral cooperation should be further promoted in fields that Vietnam and Cuba have potentials such as trade, agriculture, oil and gas, biological technology, healthcare- medicine, construction, telecommunication, production of electronic equipment and consumer products, reported VNA.

Xinhua



Thai soldiers display weapons during Thai Army Research Day 2014 at Army Club in Bangkok, Thailand on 11 Sept, 2014. —XINHUA

WORLD

Vucic, Li agree to hold summit in Belgrade

TIANJIN, 11 Sept—Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic has reached an agreement with Chinese Prime Minister Li Keqiang on the holding of a summit of the 16 leaders of Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) in Belgrade, and his coming to Belgrade in December so that they open the Zemun-Borca Bridge together.

This will be the first visit by a Chinese prime minister after almost 30 years.

“This is a big thing for Serbia. For the first time since 1986, a Chinese prime minister is coming to Belgrade, together with the 16 prime ministers of Central and Eastern Europe. For at least 35-40 years, there has been no such an event in the territory of Serbia,” Vucic said



after the meeting with Li.

China and Serbia are good friends and partners. The traditionally strong friendship and solid foundations at the political level are what bind us together. Serbia is the first

country in Central and South-East Europe that has established strategic partnership with China, the Chinese prime minister said, noting that he would come to Serbia at the invitation of the Serbian prime

minister, for the first time at that level since 1986.

In December, the two prime ministers will sign with their Hungarian counterpart Viktor Orban an agreement on the construction of a high-speed

railway between Belgrade and Budapest, which will be a very useful project, as the Chinese prime minister put it, given the current economic situation in Europe.

According to Vucic, Li has recently agreed with Greek Prime Minister Antonio Samaras that the Budapest-Belgrade railway should be connected to Thessaloniki, which would be the biggest infrastructure project for Serbia.

Referring to the China-CEE summit which will be organized by Serbia and China, Vucic said it is Serbia's honour to host such an event.

On Wednesday, Vucic also talked with representatives of China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC), which is building the Zemun-Borca Bridge,

according to a release issued by the Serbian government's press office.

The Serbian prime minister also talked with representatives of state-owned enterprise NORINCO, ranked 151st on the list of the world's biggest 500 companies, which is engaged in the manufacturing of defence systems, oil trading, mining and wants to invest in Serbia.

The Serbian prime minister is on a three-day visit to China, where he also took part in the World Economic Forum.

Vucic began his visit to China on Tuesday with meetings in Tianjin with representatives of several big Chinese companies, with whom he discussed prospects for investing in Serbia.

Tanjug

Government warns Australian tourists of new drug crackdown in China

CANBERRA, 11 Sept — The Australian government has updated its travel advice for tourists heading to China in the wake of a crackdown on drug-related offences.

A government source told *News Ltd* newspapers that an unspecified number of Australians had been arrested for drug offences in China since late last year when the crackdown began.

They had been charged, but had not yet been through the full judicial process.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) on Thursday altered its travel advice to China to specifically warn of the dangers of drug possession and trafficking in China and the potential for the death penalty to be imposed for the most serious offences.

The government

spokesman said all of the arrested Australians had been offered consular assistance and Foreign Minister Julie Bishop had been briefed.

The ABC's foreign correspondent in Beijing, Stephen McDonnell, filed a report last month saying he had been caught up in a drug raid while having a drink recently at a popular city bar.

He noted the Chinese capital was in the midst of a major crackdown on illegal drug use.

On that night, police took down everyone's passport or ID number, and then insisted on on-the-spot urine tests.

Such is the breadth of the latest law enforcement, well-known singers and actors in China have reportedly been arrested for using drugs. According to Chinese media reports, the son of movie star Jackie

Chan was detained in Beijing last month on drug related charges. Jaycee Chan, 32, is tested positive for marijuana use.

And random urine tests on the general public have led to detentions and to foreigners being expelled from the country.

DFAT said Chinese police had picked up a number of foreigners this year attempting to traffic drugs out of the airports in Guangzhou and Hong Kong.

The overall travel alert level for China remains at the lowest level “exercise normal safety precautions”.

But the department is concerned that Australians — 300,000 of whom visit China each year — are not receiving the warning that there are severe penalties in place for the use, possession and trafficking of drugs.

Xinhua

Putin meets former Japanese Prime Minister Mori, gets Abe's letter

Moscow, 11 Sept—Former Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori held talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin and handed him a letter from Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Wednesday.

In Putin's first meeting with a prominent figure from Japan following the crisis over Ukraine, Mori said he indicated Tokyo's willingness to continue dialogue with Moscow with the aim of realizing a bilateral summit this fall.

Mori told reporters after the meeting that Putin told him dialogue with Japan “will continue and must continue,” expressing strong enthusiasm for on-going talks.

The agreement keeps alive the possibility of Putin visiting Japan despite strained bilateral relations as Japan imposes sanctions on Russia in response to the Ukraine crisis.



Former Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori speaks to reporters at a Moscow hotel early on 11 Sept, 2014, after meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin and handing him a letter from Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. Mori said that Putin told him dialogue with Japan “will continue and must continue.”

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Mori said Putin read Abe's letter on the spot and told Mori to give Abe

his regards. Regarding the contents of the letter, Mori commented, “I have a feeling it said we should continue talking.”

The meeting did not cover the timing of any visit by Putin to Japan or a long-standing dispute over Russian-held, Japanese-claimed islands off the north of Hokkaido, Mori said.

Japan calls the four islands the Northern Territories while Russia calls them the Southern Kurils.

Mori said he told Putin of the need for a peaceful conclusion to the Ukraine crisis, and Putin said he would strive for this.

Mori, who heads Japan's organizing committee for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, added that he invited Putin to the Games and the Russian leader responded he would like to attend if possible.

Kyodo News

Roadside bomb strikes civilian car, casualties feared

TRINKOT, (Afghanistan) 11 Sept — Three persons including local official sustained injuries as a roadside bomb struck civilian car in the southern Uruzgan Province with Uruzgan as its capital 370 km south of Kabul on Thursday, a local official said.

“A mine planted by militants struck the car of Mawlawi Mohammad Allah Abdali the director of

Hajj and Religious affairs of Uruzgan at around 09:00 am local time today injuring the official along with his bodyguard and his driver,” spokesman for provincial government, Dost Mohammad Nayab told reporters.

He also put the attack on Taliban militants, but the armed outfit has yet to make comment.

Xinhua

Photo taken on 11 Sept, 2014 shows the newly-operated sightseeing train in Mordaga National Forest Park in Hulun Buir, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Love is not blind, but war is!

By Kyaw Thura

Love is what matters most above all else, as taught in the literature of every religion. Even then we, no matter what religious faith we keep, find ourselves particularly prone to turning a blind eye to this down-to-earth homily. Careful consideration should be given to what has blurred us.

It is true that war and casualties go hand in hand, simply because it is a hazardous competi-

tion, the sole business of which is the destruction of life.

Nobody in their right minds would ever want to destroy lives of people unknown and unseen to them. People, but those born blind, are able to see. It is war that is blind. That is why it never discriminates on grounds of race, gender and religion.

The first casualty when war comes is love. It is therefore safe to assume that the absence of love is a culprit to people being possessed by the barbarism of war. War does have harmful effects on both sides involved, but it also claims the lives of innocent civilians. There is nothing good to write about when it comes to war.

It is hard to sympathize with war victims for it is not always easy to understand their pains on their behalf. We have heard time and time again stories of internally displaced persons. Our surrogate feelings will not be on a par with

their nightmares.

All in all, there is almost nothing that can be solved by means of waging war. What is central to negotiation is a prepared mind. The opposite of war is peace. For peace to prevail across the world, what is important is to reach an agreement. For us to repair any torn relationship, compromise is an inevitable part of peace.

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First aid heroes in daily emergencies and disasters

Tekkatho Zaw Htoo Oo

The World First Aid Day comes into being to add one more day to the world's anniversary day commemoration significant events or movement. The day is marked in dedication to and honour of the first aid programme of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, with 189 member countries worldwide, to save the lives of human beings.

The first aid stands as the image of one of the important Red Cross activities, and its initial aim is to provide emergency medical treatment for the wounded persons in the battle fields to save their lives. But in the time of peace also, the first aid helps reduce the pain and suffering of the persons injured in accidents or who are attacked by certain kinds of acute disease.

Nowadays, the aim of the Red Cross activities is not just for helping and treating only 'the victims', but also to help 'the vulnerable'. Thus, today's first aid has also deal with community based social and health affairs, in addition to original functions of treating the wounded.

The first aid policy was laid down at the 12th General Assembly of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, held in Geneva in October 1999. Based on policy, the Red Cross Societies member nations draw their own first aid policy in 2003. The Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) is implementing its three tasks: to promote health, to prevent diseases, and to help the disaster victims, in accord with the aim 'To alleviate human suffering'.

Dissemination of the first aid techniques, covering the three tasks, among the people, and enabling them to take part in the first aid activities will help benefit their families and their community.

The world has acknowledged an event in Myanmar, in which a person's life was saved through the first aid techniques. When Sai Aung Hlaing Myint, a Red Cross member, saw a military truck together with its driver fell into the Ayeyawady at Khatcho jetty on the opposite bank of Myitkyina, he suddenly dived into the water and rescued the driver, a Tatmadaw man, from the car underneath the water.

He was able to save the life of the man he had rescued from the water by using the first aid techniques. Sai Aung Hlaing Myint was awarded the Henry Dunant Medal in 1977. The first aid is so popular in the world at present, and has become an essential knowledge for workers whose occupations are hazardous and employees of factories, departments and schools as well as for family should know first aid.

The World First Aid Day observed in dedication to the first aid techniques and in honour of their results. And if you know first aid, you will feel pleased every time you help save a person's life.

WORKING SMART

Kyi Mun

Working hard is good; Working smart is better; but working effortlessly is best.

Anonymous

As a tree is known by its fruit, a man is known by his work. What does he do? What can he do best? As working effortlessly (wei wu wei in Chinese) is a rare feat, I allow myself to present my humble ideas regarding working smart only. So, working SMART means, in my opinion, working with:

S for Strategy
M for Mission
A for Aim
R for Resources
T for Time-Limit

STRATEGY

Strategy is a set of ideas which define the MEANS for TRANSLATING the set OBJECTIVE or the END into REALITY.

The original meaning of strategy is STRATEGOS which is a Greek word, the meaning being The Art of the General. In other words, strategy means:

- Out-generally the enemy general
- Out-thinking / Out-witting
- Out-planning
- Out-doing
- Out-executing
- Out-performing

Mission

Mission means :

- Purpose
- Special assignment of duties
- A Specific Important Project / Duty
- A Life-purpose
- A Life-work
- Basic Duty in One's Life

AIM and Object

With a purposeful mission, you have to aim for some-

thing which is realistic, concrete and beneficial or desirable. For example,

- Mission : Elimination or alleviation of poverty in the country side
- Aim & Object = Rural Electrification and Mechanization of Agriculture

Another example :

- **Mission** : To serve the broad masses of the people.
- **Aim & Object** : To be a (bare-foot) Doctor or a People's Physician.

RESOURCES

If you want to reap RESULTS, you must SOW the RESOURCES. You reap what you sow, isn't it? So, if you want good results, you have got to invest in talented people and sophisticated technology. You must have adequate finance. You must have reliable sources of information and (raw) materials. In short, you should be able to have convenient access to : Man, Money, Magnificent Minds, Materials, Machines and the like.

Time-Limit (Deadline)

Time should be efficiently managed and allocated to the most important areas of life, relationship and work. Time is most precious and irreplaceable. On the death-bed, nobody would think about money-making. He or She would most probably regret the time wasted in the pursuit of the phantoms, instead of the real, concrete and sustainable meanings of life.

Conclusion

You only have to do three things with a made-up mind:

- Set the right objective
- Find an appropriate, brilliant strategy, and
- Implement the strategy relentlessly on the offensive

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New technology to be applied at Yangon and Mandalay International Airports

YANGON, 11 Sept—A ceremony for construction of Yangon and Mandalay International Airports was held at the hall of Department of Civil Aviation under the Ministry of Transport in Yangon on Wednesday morning.

The terminal and approach procedures will be built through the technology of Honeywell/Hughes Aerospace Company of the US.

After Director-General

U Win Swe Tun of DCA, Director U Taik Aung of the DCA and managing director U Than Tun of Parami Energy which is a partner company of the US-based Honeywell Company signed an agreement. After completion of construction tasks at the two international airports, they will apply similar technology in construction



of the Hanthawady International Airport.—Maung Myint Swe: Photo: Maung Tin Soe (Myanma Alinn)

NATIONAL

Amyotha Hluttaw speaker receives Moroccan Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept — Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) U Khin Aung Myint received Mr Abdelilah El Housni, Moroccan Ambassador based in Bangkok, at the hall of the Amyotha Hluttaw building in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday. It was also attended by Deputy Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein and officials of the Amyotha Hluttaw Office.

MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint receives Moroccan Ambassador Mr Abdelilah El Housni, based in Bangkok.—MNA



Myanmar, Indonesia promote defence, intergovernmental cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept — Myanmar and Indonesia shared similar history in the struggle for independence and the two countries have agreed to strengthen further cooperation in every possible sector, the Myanmar Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services told the Indonesian Deputy Defence Minister here on Thursday, sources said.

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said the diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Indonesia have turned 65 years, while the military relations between the two countries 50 years.

Sjafrie Sjamsoeddin, Indonesian Deputy Defence Minister, said it was encouraging to see improved military relations between the two countries and promised



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing with Indonesian Deputy Defence Minister Sjafrie Sjamsoeddin and party.—MYAWADY

to speed up intergovernmental relations and cooperation. He also expressed Indonesia's willingness to boost technological cooperation

between the two armies.

Myanmar set up its diplomatic relation with Indonesia in 1949.

Myawady

Union ministers visit Damen Shipyard, Kinderdijk water supply facility

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept — Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung and Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe who accompanied the President on his trips to European countries visited Damen Shipyard, over 100 km from The Hague of the Netherlands on 9 September.

The shipyard group opens 38 branches including China, Vietnam, Singapore and Vietnam, earning 1.3 billion euro per year and selling 120-150 ships yearly. Officials of the shipyard hoped for cooperation with Myanmar.

Union Minister U Nyan Tun Aung explained transport sector of Myanmar and joint venture tasks with Vietnam. He welcomed Damen Shipyard to Myanmar, adding that the ministry is drawing a comprehensive waterway transport project and WB will disburse US\$ 100 million for its. Vietnam's Shipyards plan to cooperate with Myanmar.

The Union ministers viewed Kinderdijk water supply facility in the Netherlands. Kinderdijk carries out purifying waste water before discarding it under the water management board.—MNA

Union Minister U Nyan Tun Aung views worksite of Damen Shipyard, over 100 km from The Hague in the Netherlands.—MNA



Netherlands to help Myanmar with agriculture and livestock

YANGON, 11 Sept — Union ministers who accompanied President U Thein Sein on an official visit to three European countries, went on a tour of a dairy industry, located in a town 100 kilometres from The Hague, on 8 September, sources said.

U Ohn Myint, Union Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development, and U Khin Maung Soe, Union Minister for Electric Power visited Cono, a cheesemaker industry, where Dutch governmental officials showed them around the factory.

The factory started life in 1928, with a new factory being completed in 2013. It exports their dairy products to 160 countries.

The Netherlands has promised assistance to agriculture and livestock sectors. A Dutch delegation of researchers is reported to arrive Myanmar in late October on a two-week fieldtrip to Yangon, Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw and Pyin Oo Lwin.

Plans are under way to further cooperate with Yesin University, a local agricultural institution.

MNA



Union Ministers U Ohn Myint and U Khin Maung Soe observe Cono Cheesemaker Industry in The Hague.—MNA



Obama orders US airstrikes in Syria against Islamic State

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept — President Barack Obama told Americans on Wednesday he had authorized US airstrikes for the first time in Syria and more attacks in Iraq in a broad escalation of a campaign against the Islamic State militant group.

Obama's decision to launch attacks inside Syria, which is embroiled in a three-year civil war, marked a turnabout for the president, who shied away a year ago from airstrikes to punish Syrian President Bashar al-Assad for using chemical weapons against

his own people.

In a widely anticipated, 13-minute White House speech, Obama said he would hunt down Islamic State militants "wherever they are" in a drive to degrade and ultimately destroy the group, which has seized broad stretches of Iraq and Syria.

"That means I will not hesitate to take action against ISIL in Syria, as well as Iraq. This is a core principle of my presidency: if you threaten America, you will find no safe haven," he said, speaking on the eve of the 13th anni-



US President Barack Obama delivers a live televised address to the nation on his plans for military action against the Islamic State, from the Cross Hall of the White House in Washington on 10 Sept, 2014. —REUTERS

versary of the 11 September, 2001, attacks. Obama asked Congress to authorize \$500 million to train

and arm "moderate" Syrian rebels. The training would take place in Saudi Arabia.

It is unclear whether more American weapons and training can shift the battlefield balance toward the US-backed rebels, who are badly outgunned by Islamic State, other militant groups and Assad's forces.

A vote on the money would put lawmakers on record supporting the military action, although White House officials stressed Obama already had the authority he needed for the new moves. Obama plans to expand the list of targets inside Iraq beyond several isolated areas. The US

military has launched more than 150 airstrikes in Iraq in the past month to help halt Islamic State advances.

The new target list will include Islamic State's "leadership, logistical and operational capability," as well as an attempt to "deny it sanctuary and resources to plan, prepare and execute attacks," the White House said.

US officials have warned it will take years to destroy Islamic State, and Obama told Americans: "It will take time to eradicate a cancer like ISIL," the White House's acronym for the militant group.

Reuters

Saudi Arabia agrees to host training of moderate Syria rebels

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept — Saudi Arabia has agreed to host training camps for moderate Syrian rebels as part of President Barack Obama's broad strategy to combat Islamic State militants who have taken over parts of Syria and Iraq, US officials said on Wednesday. The agreement, outlined by Obama's aides on the night of his speech to the American people laying out his expanded campaign against the Islamist group, appeared to reflect the depth of Saudi concern about Islamic State's threat to the region.

Obama announced he had authorized stepped-up US airstrikes in Iraq and for the first time would extend the aerial assault into Syria, where he also vowed to beef up support for moderate rebels fighting to overthrow Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

US officials said a critical component of the plan to train and equip the Syrian insurgents, who have received only modest American backing so far and have failed to coalesce into a potent fighting force, was the Saudis' willingness to allow use of their territory for the US training effort.

"Now what we have is a commitment from the kingdom of Saudi Arabia ... to be a full partner with us in that effort, including by hosting that training programme," a senior US official told reporters in a conference call.

The Saudi decision came to light after Obama spoke by phone earlier in the day with Saudi King Abdullah.

Saudi Arabia, the main Arab Sunni power in the region, was dismayed last September when Obama backed off air strikes against Assad's forces over the use of chemical weapons, and had pressed Washington to do more to strengthen the poorly organized moderate Syrian rebels. "Both leaders agreed that a stronger Syrian opposition is essential to confronting extremists like (Islamic State) as well as the Assad regime, which has lost all legitimacy," the White House said.

The Obama administration wants the Syrian rebels to play a role in the fight against the stronger Islamic State forces inside Syria. US officials declined to specify where on Saudi territory the rebels would be trained.

US Secretary of State John Kerry, on a Middle East mission to drum up support for a coalition against Islamic State, is due to fly from Amman to Saudi Arabia on Thursday.

He will have talks there with senior officials from Egypt, Turkey, Jordan and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), which comprises Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Oman and Qatar.

Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter, is unnerved by the rapid advance of Islamic State this year and fears it could radicalize some of its own citizens. Arab League foreign ministers agreed on Sunday to take all necessary measures to confront Islamic State.—Reuters

Al-Qaeda-backed group releases video of kidnapped UN peacekeepers



A UN peacekeeper from Fiji is seen through a bus window in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights, before crossing into Syria on 31 Aug, 2014. —REUTERS

SYDNEY, 11 Sept — An al-Qaeda-backed militant group that seized 45 UN peacekeepers two weeks ago on the Golan Heights has posted a video in which the hostages, from the South Pacific nation of Fiji, say they expect to be released soon.

The video, which was posted on the Nusra Front's Twitter and YouTube accounts on Wednesday but was apparently recorded a day earlier, appears to show the troops in a good condition, at points smiling

and waving at the camera.

On Wednesday, the head of Fiji's army said the Islamist militant group had dropped all of its demands to free the hostages, but at least slightly back-pedalled later in the day as the situation appeared to deteriorate. It was unclear whether the video, carried by the SITE monitoring service, was made before or after the confusion surrounding those comments, but a UN source earlier told Reuters that the militants had insisted

on such a video as a condition for their release.

"By the way, we are all safe and alive, and we thank Jabhat al-Nusra for keeping us safe and keeping us alive. I'd like to assure you that we have not been harmed in any way," one hostage, who was not identified, said, using the Nusra Front's full name.

"We understand that with the limited resources that they have, they have provided the best for us and we truly appreciate it and we thank them. We

are thankful that Jabhat al-Nusra has kept its word and that we will be going home." 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 had demanded compensation for fighters killed during the confrontation, humanitarian assistance for its supporters and its removal from the UN list of terrorist organizations.

Since independence from Britain in 1970, Fiji has sent more soldiers on UN peacekeeping missions than any other nation, on a per capita basis, which provides its stalled economy with much-needed hard currency and helps to bolster its global image.

Reuters

India gets fifth maritime patrol aircraft from Boeing

NEW DELHI, 11 Sept — India has received its fifth maritime patrol aircraft from US plane maker Boeing, a statement said on Thursday.

The aircraft arrived at Naval Air Station in Rajali, after a flight from Seattle's

Boeing Field, and joined the four previously delivered P-8Is, the statement by Boeing said.

Confirming this, a top Indian naval official said that the aircraft will add more strength to the country's

maritime requirements.

"The P-8I programme is progressing on schedule, and the aircraft are providing the capabilities to meet our maritime reconnaissance and anti-submarine warfare requirements," Indian Na-

vy's deputy chief Vice Admiral RK Pattanaik told the media.

Boeing has said that it will deliver one more P-8I before this year end, followed by two in 2015.

Xinhua

WORLD

Dry West Bank ridge becomes focus of Israel-Palestinian tension

JAB'A, (West Bank), 11 Sept—The rocky valley north of Jab'a, scattered with olive and pine trees and dry streams long evaporated by the searing heat, would be unremarkable had it not become the latest point of friction between Israel and the Palestinians.

Days after a ceasefire was reached in the war in Gaza last month, Israel announced that 400 hectares (988 acres) west of Bethlehem, in the occupied West Bank, was now "state land" — that is territory for Israel, not land that will be part of any future Palestinian state. Peace Now, an Israeli human rights group, described it as one of the biggest land grabs by Israel since the 1980s.

The United States, the European Union, the UN and Japan lined up to con-



Palestinians ride donkeys near the West Bank Jewish settlement of Beitar Illit (rear) and the Palestinian village of Nahalin (R), west of Bethlehem on 9 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

demn the appropriation, in an area where 20,000 Palestinians live in 10 villages and which Israel says it

intends to keep in any final land-for-peace agreement.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu may have

thought the timing was right to assuage rightists in his coalition after an inconclusive Gaza war while

the West was distracted by Ukraine and Iraq. But US and European officials are determined not to let the seizure go unchallenged.

Lars Faaborg-Andersen, the EU ambassador to Israel, delivered a message of objection to Israel's deputy foreign minister on Monday, calling the land confiscation an "alarming development" that squanders peace efforts.

"We think this is one of the worst signals to send in the current situation," Faaborg-Andersen said on Wednesday, urging Israel to reverse the measure and warning it against further land seizures, which he said were being rumoured.

"These are particularly strategic and particularly damaging settlement activities (that are) extremely unhelpful," he said.

Even within Israel's government there was sharp criticism of the decision, taken by the defence minister and prime minister's office without wider consultation — a common practice when it comes to the West Bank, which has been administered by the defence ministry since it was occupied in 1967.

Justice Minister Tzipi Livni denounced it as "inherently wrong", while Finance Minister Yair Lapid said it was damaging to the nation's international reputation.

"Maintaining the support of the world was already challenging, so why was it so urgent to create another crisis with the United States and the world?" he asked, posing a question echoed by many inside and outside Israel.—Reuters

With World Trade site largely rebuilt, New York marks 11 September

NEW YORK, 11 Sept—Until a few months ago, the part of New York City where crowds will gather on Thursday morning to mark the 13th anniversary of the 11 September attacks on the United States had been mostly fenced off to the public.

This year, for perhaps the first time since the attacks, a sense of normalcy and openness has taken root in the city blocks where two airliners hijacked by militants from al-Qaeda crashed into the World Trade Centre's twin towers.

Rebuilding efforts at the site, where 2,753 people died, are nearing completion. The area, by turns a smoldering grave and an off-limits construction site for more than a decade, is now increasingly recon-

nected with the surrounding streets.

Against that backdrop, politicians, families of those who died in the attacks and other dignitaries will gather on Thursday to observe moments of silence and hear recitations of nearly 3,000 victims' names. It has become an annual ritual.

Similar ceremonies will also be held in Washington, where a hijacked plane plowed into the Pentagon, and the field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, where another hijacked plane crashed.

In New York, it is the first commemoration ceremony since the opening of the 9/11 museum and the adjoining repository for unidentified human remains at the site. That is an impor-

tant milestone for families of the victims, officials say.

"For the first time this year, because the museum opened in May, family members will be able to visit the museum as part of the commemoration," Michael Frazier, a museum spokesman, said.

While lower Manhattan may look and feel different this year, the external threat to the United States represented by the 9/11 attacks still weighs. Islamic State, a militant group that began as an offshoot of al-Qaeda, is viewed by Washington as an increasing danger. The Islamist group, which released videos of its fighters beheading two American hostages, has even revived fears of an attack on American soil.

Reuters



A flower is pictured at the 9/11 Memorial with the One World Trade Centre in the background, in New York on 31 July, 2014.—REUTERS



Police officers check the Tottus Supermarket in Vina del Mar, Chile, on 10 Sept, 2014. A "noise bomb" exploded on Wednesday in the men's bathroom of the Tottus Supermarket, according to the local press.—XINHUA

India successfully test fires nuclear capable Agni-I missile

NEW DELHI, 11 Sept—India on Thursday successfully test-fired its indigenously developed nuclear-capable surface-to-surface Agni-I missile from a military base in eastern state of Odisha, local media reported.

"It was a perfect launch," director of the test range MVKV Prasad told media reporters.

The missile was tested by the armed forces as part of user trial from a facility on Wheeler Island near Dhamra in Bhadrak district, 170 km from state capital Bhubaneswar.

The Agni-I is an antiquated short-range and surface based ballistic missile in the Agni series. It has a strike range of 700-900 km. Compared with its longer-range cousins, its height is just 15 metres and it is pow-

ered by both solid and liquid propellants, which imparts it a speed of 2.5 km per second. This missile was first test-fired on 25 January, 2002 and since then several trails have been conducted.

Xinhua

Al Jazeera says UN peacekeepers released in Golan

DUBAI, 11 Sept—Al Jazeera television said on Thursday the al-Qaeda-backed Nusra Front group released UN peacekeepers it seized two weeks ago on the Golan Heights.

On Wednesday the group posted a video on its Twitter and YouTube accounts in which the hostages, from the South Pacific nation of Fiji, say they expect to be freed soon.

Reuters

BROWNSVILLE, (Texas), 11 Sept — With binoculars in hand, an assault rifle slung over his chest and a Glock pistol on his hip, a man named Will scans the banks of the Rio Grande looking for anyone trying to cross from Mexico into Texas.

Will is a member of the Patriots, a group of heavily armed private citizens who use displays of force to intimidate people attempting to cross the border illegally. Since early summer the Patriots have patrolled an area near Brownsville, Texas.

"If you spot them and shine your light on them, that lets them know that you're there," said the 25-year-old construction worker from Indiana who flew to Texas for a stint with the Patriots. "Nine times out of 10, they're not going to come over."

"Even if they are going to try to cross again, we're still making it harder for them, and that's the reason we're here."

The Patriots Information Hotline, a networking call centre, estimates that 22 groups of "armed patriots" have sprung up along the border from Texas to California this year.

With names like Patriots and Citizen Defenders, the groups often set up camp on private land along the border at a property owner's invitation.

Expenses are generally paid by members, though some funds come from like-minded donors.

To critics, they are militias — vigilantes spoiling for a fight. For would-be migrants, they are another barrier to entry. For the US Border Patrol, they can be either a nuisance or a help in spotting people trying to enter the country illegally.

The groups insist that their presence is unrelated to the tens of thousands of children from Central America who flooded across the border with Mexico earlier this year. Law enforcement officials say an increase in people taking part in citizen patrols in border states coincided with the attention being paid to the issue of unaccompanied minors this year.

Despite an aversion to the media, the Patriots opened their Brownsville camp to *Reuters* this month for an exclusive visit, saying their efforts are essential because the US government has failed to secure the border.

Sitting on camp chairs in the centre of a cluster of tents, members asked to be identified only by their handles or first names. An American flag flew above a yellow banner depicting a rattlesnake, ready to strike, and the words "DONT (sic) TREAD ON ME."

The men bristled at the

'Armed patriots': the private citizens out to secure the US border



Members of the 'Patriots' Huggie Bear (L, not his real name), Ray (C, no last name given) and Will (R, no last name given) patrol in their UTV near a camp of patriots near the US-Mexico border outside Brownsville, Texas on 2 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

terms "militia" and "vigilante."

"Everybody has this bad taste in their mouth about 'militias.' They think we're out here trying to smoke people and kill them as soon as they cross the border. Which obviously, is not the case," said "Huggie Bear," a 25-year-old

former US Army infantry team leader.

"Our goal here is to try to deter them from coming. They see us, they don't know who we are, so that kind of scares people away for a while."

The Patriots operate on 21 acres of land owned by Rusty Monsees, whose

family has had a ranch on the border since the 1940s. They patrol in body armour, riding all-terrain vehicles that drown out the sound of cicadas at night.

Monsees, 66, said "illegals" have poisoned his dogs and sprayed his yellow house with bullets, but he refuses to leave.

"If they leave, I'm dead," he said.

The Patriots carry plastic handcuffs to detain border crossers and communications equipment to inform Border Patrol.

The only live fire they have seen has come from a Border Patrol agent who fired at them.—*Reuters*

Japanese writer Nahoko Uehashi receives Andersen author award Pension system reform discussed in debate

LOS ANGELES, 11 Sept — Japanese children's book author Nahoko Uehashi on Wednesday received the 2014 Hans Christian Andersen Author Award, the highest international recognition given to an author and an illustrator of children's books.

The International

Board on Books for Young People decided on the winner of the award, also known as "The Little Nobel Prize," during a meeting in Mexico City.

"Uehashi conceives worlds in which relationships exist among different planes: worlds seen as a network within the uni-

verse rather than merely as a space," the IBBY said.

"She has an extraordinary ability to create different fantasy worlds and her work has tenderness and a great respect for nature and all sapient creatures."

Uehashi, 52, said in her award speech, "Stories give us the ability to be someone else." "The moment we open a book, it opens the door to a completely different culture and environment; it gives us the chance to become the protagonist of the tale, to live another's life, to see the world through other eyes and to experience it through other senses."

The only other Japanese national to win the Author Award was Michio Mado in 1994.

Including the Illustrator Award, Japan has four winners of the Hans Christian Andersen Award. Suekichi Akaba won the Illustrator Award in 1980 and

Mitsumasa Anno in 1984.

The 2014 Illustrator Award went to Roger Mello from Brazil.

The Author's Award has been given since 1956 and the Illustrator's Award since 1966. The Award consists of a gold medal and a diploma, presented at a ceremony during the biennial IBBY International Congress.

The IBBY biennially presents the awards to a living author and illustrator whose complete works have made a lasting contribution to children's literature. The nominations are made by the National Sections of IBBY and the recipients are selected by a distinguished international jury of children's literature specialists. For this year's Author Award, 10 jury members selected Uehashi from a group of 28 other authors nominated from around the world.

Kyodo News

BELGRADE, 11 Sept — The government has insufficient funds for pensions, but pension cuts alone will not be sufficient to ensure the sustainability of the pension system unless they are accompanied by financial consolidation in all sectors, the participants in a debate on pension system reform said on Wednesday.

Progressive pension cuts, rather than linear ones, are the likely solution because the inequality resulting from poverty must be reduced, they said.

There have been several pension system reforms in Serbia since 2003, but have only produced results on the expenditure side, while the issue of the revenue side is yet to be solved, said Ivan Mimic, financial director of the pension and disability insurance fund.

The pension and disability insurance fund

provides 58 percent of the total funds required for pensions and 42 percent is covered by the government, while the ratio in other countries is 80-20, he said.

Serbia has 1.72 million pensioners, and the average retirement period is 17 years — 16.6 years among men and 19 years among women, Minic said.

In government projections, pensions account for 10 percent of the GDP, but the problem on the revenue side is getting bigger and bigger and the demographic situation is worsening as well, so it is impossible to create a self-sufficient pension fund, he said.

MAT Forum analyst Miladin Kovacevic said that reforms based on extending the retirement age and imposing penalties for early retirement can only produce results over the longer term — in 15 to 20 years.—*Tanjug*



Nahoko Uehashi (L), 52, a Japanese children's book author, receives an award certificate on 10 Sept, 2014, in Mexico City, for winning the 2014 Hans Christian Andersen Author Award, the highest international recognition given to an author and an illustrator of children's books.—KYODO NEWS

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

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

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Remark
(1)	IFB -090(14-15)	Smart UPS for Ywama Gas Distribution Station (2) Items	US\$
(2)	IFB -091(14-15)	Electrical Spares for ZJ70LSRI Rig (1) Item	US\$
(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\$
(5)	DMP/L -016(14-15)	Siemens DC Converter (4) Nos	Ks
(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
(9)	DMP/L -020(14-15)	Spares for F 1600 Mud Pump Ex ZJ 70L Rigs (1) Lot	Ks
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(11)	DMP/L -022(14-15)	PGGO 140 (Gear Oil) (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 10th September, 2014 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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Ministry of Mines

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**Invitation of Expression of Interest (EOI)
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1. No. (2) Mining Enterprise, Ministry of Mines intends to cooperate with foreign or local company as PPP (JV or lease) in Tin Smelting and Refining Plant (Thanlyin).
2. Companies who interest in those cooperation, shall submit the letter of Expression of Interest (LEOI) not later than 28th November, 2014 (1500 hours) to the No. (2) Mining Enterprise, Ministry of Mines, Office No. (19), Nay Pyi Taw, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
3. Interest entities can take the (EOI) form, terms and conditions, and other information commencing from 15th September, 2014 and detail can asked to +95-(0)67-409390 and 409391 within the office hours.

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Teenage boy arrested for offering online illicit computer program

FUKUI, (Japan), 11 Sept — Police said on Thursday they have arrested a 19-year-old boy on suspicion of offering online a computer program designed to unlawfully deactivate the cutoff date for a trial use of Microsoft Office 2013 software.

The boy from Fukui Prefecture allegedly introduced the Crack Tool computer program, which lifts the deadline for a 60-day trial period of the software, on his blog around July, enabling visitors to download the illicit computer program.

It is the first time in Japan for a case to be built concerning such an act on Microsoft's free trial period in violation of the Unfair Competition Prevention Act, the police said. The name of the suspect is being withheld because he is a minor.

Investigators suspect the boy offered the Crack Tool to raise advertising revenue, which is linked to the number of page views of his blog. He introduced the program with copy stating "How to use free trial Office software permanently."—*Kyodo News*

Three dead as freight train hits vehicle in Turkey

ANKARA, 11 Sept — Three people were killed on Wednesday when a freight train hit a commercial vehicle at a railway crossing in western Turkey, private Do-

gan news agency reported.

The train on the way from western Manisa province to western Balikesir province collided with the light commercial vehicle

which was trying to cross the road near Beyce village of Soma town in Manisa province, according to the report.

The train dragged the vehicle for 200 metres, said

the report. Turkish gendarmerie and health teams rushed to the scene and an investigation into this accident was underway, it added.—*Xinhua*

Seven killed in S Philippines clash

COTABATO, (Philippines), 11 Sept — At least seven were killed when fighting erupted between government troops and members of the rogue group Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) in southern Philippines, a police official said on Thursday.

Provincial Police Commander Senior Super-

intendent Danilo Peralta said two soldiers and five BIFF members died in the skirmishes that began on Wednesday night after the rebels raided an army and a militia detachment in the village of Polunugen and Baliki in Midsayap town, North Cotabato Province.

Peralta said the firefight, which is still ongoing, forced residents to

evacuate to safer grounds.

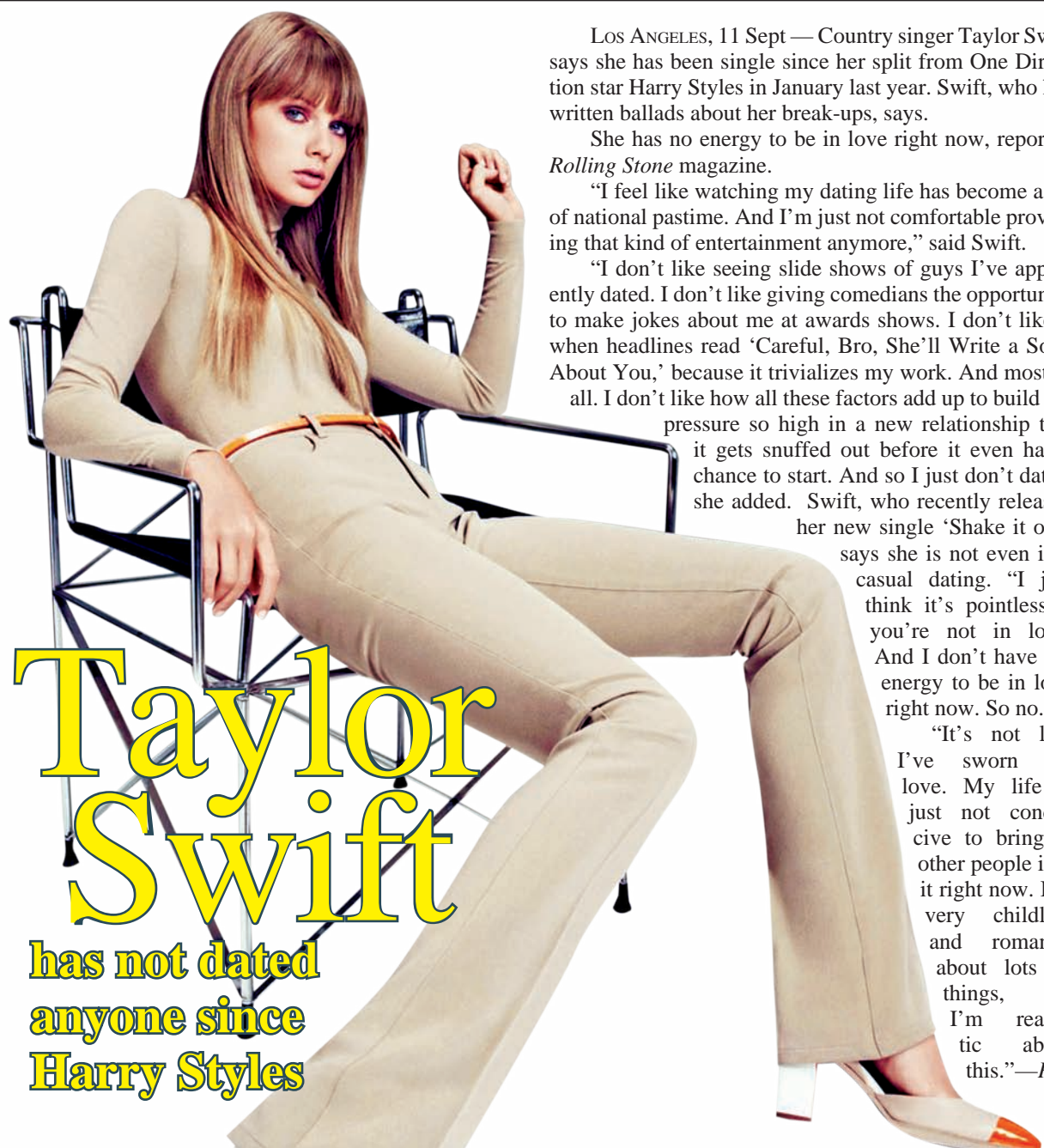
The encounter took place hours after Philippine President Benigno Aquino III submitted the draft Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) to leaders of Philippine Congress.

Abu Misri Mama, BIFF spokesman, confirmed that his group was behind the attacks. But he denied that the attacks

were due to the submission of the Bangsamoro bill to Congress.

The BIFF is the armed wing of the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Movement, which broke away from the Moro Islamic Liberation Front due to disagreements over the conduct of peace negotiations with the Philippine government.

—*Xinhua*



Taylor Swift

has not dated anyone since Harry Styles

LOS ANGELES, 11 Sept — Country singer Taylor Swift says she has been single since her split from One Direction star Harry Styles in January last year. Swift, who has written ballads about her break-ups, says.

She has no energy to be in love right now, reported *Rolling Stone* magazine.

“I feel like watching my dating life has become a bit of national pastime. And I’m just not comfortable providing that kind of entertainment anymore,” said Swift.

“I don’t like seeing slide shows of guys I’ve apparently dated. I don’t like giving comedians the opportunity to make jokes about me at awards shows. I don’t like it when headlines read ‘Careful, Bro, She’ll Write a Song About You,’ because it trivializes my work. And most of all. I don’t like how all these factors add up to build the pressure so high in a new relationship that it gets snuffed out before it even has a chance to start. And so I just don’t date,” she added.

Swift, who recently released her new single ‘Shake it off’,

says she is not even into casual dating. “I just think it’s pointless if you’re not in love. And I don’t have the energy to be in love right now. So no.

“It’s not like I’ve sworn off love. My life is just not conducive to bringing other people into it right now. I’m very childlike and romantic about lots of things, but I’m realistic about this.”—PTI

NY Fashion Week: Betsey Johnson Spring/Summer collection



A model presents a creation of the Spring/Summer 2015 Betsey Johnson collection during the New York Fashion Week in New York, the United States, on 10 Sept, 2014.—XINHUA

LONDON, 11 Sept — Britain’s Royal Opera House will open its doors to children as young as two when its new season starts on Thursday, as the 282-year-old institution seeks a new generation of music-lovers.

Alongside staples such as Puccini’s ‘La Bohème’, the Royal Opera’s 2014/15 season will also see more toddler-friendly new work such as ‘Dot, Squiggle and Rest’ — a performance aimed at those aged between two and five.

The work is the first for this age group to be produced by the Royal Opera, in collaboration with London’s Polka Theatre for children, and will feature dance, puppetry and animation alongside the opera.

Staff said there had been strong demand for past productions aimed at young children performed by other companies at the Royal Opera’s home, also known as Covent

Garden, in the heart of London’s West End theatre district.

Youth is a key theme for the Royal Opera this season. Thursday’s gala opening is a revival of ‘Anna Nicole’ — a

2011 opera about the topless model Anna Nicole Smith and her marriage to an 80-year-old billionaire — and tickets are only available to students and those aged 16-25.

“Dot, Squiggle and Rest” will not be staged until June 2015, but more traditional opera-goers, whose average age is 45, will find plenty to entertain themselves in the mean time.

Spanish tenor Plácido Domingo will appear in Verdi’s ‘The Two Foscari’ in October, and German tenor Jonas Kaufmann will perform in January in ‘Andrea Chenier’, a French revolutionary opera composed by Umberto Giordano, a rival of Puccini’s.

Russian soprano Anna

Netrebko will sing in ‘La Bohème’ in May, June and July, when the Royal Opera revives its 1974 production of the classic for a final time.

The season will also be a marathon for the Royal Opera’s long-serving music director Antonio Pappano, who will conduct four new productions, two revivals and a symphonic concert.

Pappano joined as music director in 2002, and recently extended his contract until 2017, which will bring him close to beating conductor Colin Davis’s tenure from 1971 to 1987.

Reuters



A general view of the Royal Opera House, London on 28 June. — REUTERS

Usher delays release of new album



LONDON, 11 Sept — R&B superstar Usher has removed his upcoming album from the 2014 release schedule in a bid to spend more time perfecting the project. The ‘Yeah’ hitmaker had been expected to unveil Ur, his eighth studio disc, by the year’s end to accompany his upcoming tour, reported Contactmusic.

“The album isn’t scheduled anymore. I’ve basically taken it back. I’m taking my time with it. At the end of the day, all of this is just about having fun. You get in the studio (and) go with how you feel,” he said.

Usher, 35, has already recorded tracks with guests including Nicki Minaj, Pharrell Williams, Ed Sheeran, Skrillex, Diplo and Drake, but there’s one additional artist he has also been spending time with in the studio — Chris Brown.

“There is another record that we worked on for the album. The relationship is great... we’ve been able to build.” A new release date for Ur has yet to be set, but The Ur Experience tour, with R&B newcomer August Alsina, is still set to kick off in Montreal, Canada on 1 November,” he added.—PTI

London’s Royal Opera targets youngest-ever audience

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Gates Foundation pledges 50 mln USD for Ebola emergency response

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept — The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced on Wednesday that it will commit 50 million US dollars to support the scale up of emergency efforts to contain the Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

The foundation said in a statement that it will immediately release funds to United Nations agencies and international organizations involved in the response to enable them and national governments to purchase badly needed supplies and scale up emergency opera-

tions in affected countries.

The foundation also pledged to work with public and private sector partners to accelerate the development of therapies, vaccines, and diagnostics that could be effective in treating patients and preventing further transmission of the disease.

"We are working urgently with our partners to identify the most effective ways to help them save lives now and stop transmission of this deadly disease," said Sue Desmond-Hellmann, CEO of the Gates Foundation. "We also want to

accelerate the development of treatments, vaccines and diagnostics that can help end this epidemic and prevent future outbreaks," she added. The foundation has already provided more than 10 million dollars of the 50 million dollars to fight the Ebola outbreak, including 5 million dollars to the World Health Organization for emergency operations and research and development assessments.

Another 5 million dollars went to the US Fund for UNICEF to support efforts in Liberia, Sierra Leone and

Guinea to purchase medical supplies, coordinate response activities, and provide at-risk communities with health information.

An additional 2 million dollars will now be committed to the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention to support incident management, treatment, and health care system strengthening in Ebola-affected countries.

The foundation said it will provide further details on its funding commitments as additional grants are made. — *Xinhua*

Platini criticises FIFA over discrimination tolerance

ROME, 11 Sept — UEFA president Michel Platini had a dig at football's world governing body FIFA on Wednesday, saying it had failed to show zero tolerance towards discrimination at the World Cup.

"It's all well and good to create committees and task forces but you will get nowhere without infrastructure and... rules," the Frenchman said as he opened an anti-discrimination conference in Rome.

"UEFA put up a system that is a complex monitoring system of all high risk matches so that, unlike the World Cup in Brazil, zero tolerance is really put into practice."

Platini appeared to be referring to FIFA's failure to hand out sanctions after Mexican fans chanted the word "puto" — or "faggot" in Spanish — at opposition goalkeepers during games.

Claudio Sulser, head of FIFA's Disciplinary Committee, said at the time that the decision to take no action against Mexico reflected that the abuse was not aimed at an individual



Sepp Blatter speaks with Michel Platini (L) before the 2014 World Cup Group G soccer match between Germany and Portugal at the Fonte Nova arena in Salvador on 26 June, 2014. — REUTERS

player.

FIFA also took no action against German fans who blacked up their faces at the match against Ghana and Croatian fans who displayed neo-Nazi flags and insignia. Platini added: "Football is a mirror of society, it reflects its qualities but magnifies its flaws."

"We need to make sure we can protect the most

vulnerable. Discrimination is a scourge that has scarred history for many years... that can no longer be accepted in our society in which everyone should be equal."

"Gone are the days of football in Europe as sport for middle class, white male chauvinists and it will never return," he added.

Platini said the fact the conference was being held

showed that, for all its efforts, football had failed to stamp out discrimination.

"This is a long arduous difficult journey with lots of obstacles, but nobody will keep us from going the extra mile. "Football includes, it welcomes, it integrates, it does not exclude or discriminate against anybody, it accelerates progress in society," he said. — *Reuters*

33 Olympic winners lead China squad for Asian Games

BEIJING, 11 Sept — Swimmer Sun Yang and badminton superstar Lin Dan among 33 Olympic champions will lead China to extend their dominance at the Incheon Asian Games as a 1,328-member delegation was officially unveiled on Wednesday.

It is the largest Chinese team for an overseas Asiad, said deputy chef de mission Xiao Tian in a conference on Wednesday afternoon.

The delegation in-

cludes 897 athletes, among whom 288 have Olympic and Asian Games experience.

Xiao said it was "a young team" as the average age of the competitors are 23 while 68 percent of the athletes are making their debuts in Incheon.

"They are lacking in experience at big sport events," he said.

China is seeking to top the Asian Games for the eighth straight time since

1982.

"Our aim is to try to lead in both gold medal tally and overall medal table," said Xiao.

Chef de mission Liu Peng noted that China also needs to make breakthrough in football, basketball and volleyball.

"We have no advantage in these events in Asia," he said. "At the Incheon Asian Games, we will meet lots of difficulties and pressure."

Xinhua

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Players of Cameroon celebrate after winning the 2015 Africa Cup of Nations qualification match against Cote d'Ivoire in Yaounde, on 10 Sept, 2014. Cameroon won 4-1. — XINHUA



France's players celebrate victory during their Basketball World Cup quarter-final game against Spain in Madrid on 10 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

France stun Spain as Serbia rout Brazil in basketball World Cup

MADRID, 11 Sept — Huge upsets lit up the basketball World Cup on Wednesday as France beat hosts Spain 65-52 while Serbia thumped Brazil 84-56 to set up an intriguing semi-final clash. Holders the United States and Lithuania will meet in the first semi in Barcelona on Thursday while the Serbs and the French will lock horns in Madrid on Friday.

Fancied to stroll into an anticipated title bout with the Americans, the Spaniards were stunned by a French side missing several top players including four-time NBA champion Tony Parker of the San Antonio Spurs.

Defying a deafening roar from the passionate home fans, France led from start to finish in a physical encounter which threatened to boil over in the third quarter when a scuffle broke out among rival players on the court.

The French pulled away in a tense finish as forward Boris Diaw led the charge with 15 points and five rebounds and was aided by Thomas Heurtel, who racked up 13 and four assists.—Reuters

MANCHESTER, 11 Sept — Manchester United may have sold home-grown Danny Welbeck and spent over 150 million pounds (\$241.88 million) on imports but they will never abandon their policy of giving youngsters a chance, Ryan Giggs said on Wednesday.

Assistant manager Giggs, who joined as a 14-year-old, made his debut aged 17 and retired as a player last season at 40 after nearly 1,000 matches, said they were proud of the youth system that “separates United from other clubs.”

Speaking at the Soccerex Global Convention alongside two other members of the famous ‘Class of 92’ — Nicky Butt and Phil Neville — Giggs told a packed auditorium: “The club will never change.”

United are going through a period of transition following the retirement of manager Alex Ferguson last year, the short-lived tenure of replacement David Moyes and the arrival of Dutch



Manchester United's Danny Welbeck celebrates his goal against Norwich City during their English Premier League soccer match at Carrow Road in Norwich, eastern England on 28 Dec, 2013.—REUTERS

coach Louis Van Gaal before the current campaign.

They are without European football for the first time in two decades, and have yet to win a game this season.

However, Giggs said they would not change the philosophy that began in the 1950s with the Busby Babes, the young side

produced by manager Matt Busby which won two league titles before being decimated in the 1958 Munich air crash.

“The history of the club has been to play exciting football and give youngsters a chance, and that won't change,” said Giggs.

“Ok, Danny has left

(for Arsenal), which is obviously disappointing because you never want to see a homegrown player leave but we have got a manager now, Louis Van Gaal, who gave Clarence Seedorf his chance, Patrick Kluivert his chance, Andres Iniesta, Xavi and Thomas Mueller their chance when they were young.—Reuters

Arsenal and Man City hoping to jump-start campaigns

LONDON, 11 Sept — Arsenal and Manchester City meet at The Emirates on Saturday when both teams will seek to roar into life after making spluttering starts to their Premier League campaigns.

A month after demolishing City 3-0 in the Community Shield at Wembley, seventh-placed Arsenal have failed to reach the same high notes, drawing their last two league matches and losing French striker Olivier Giroud to injury.

While a shortage of strikers cannot be blamed for City's inconsistent start, manager Manuel Pellegrini said they lacked a creative spark when they slipped to a surprise 1-0 home defeat by Stoke City last time out.

In a bid to ease their attacking woes, Arsenal snapped up Danny Welbeck on the final day of the transfer window and the former Manchester United striker is confident his style of play will fit in perfectly at The Emirates.

“I've envisaged myself

playing in this team before. For it to finally happen is very exciting,” said Welbeck, who scored both goals in England's opening Euro 2016 qualifying campaign victory over Switzerland on Monday.

“At Arsenal, we're not short of combination football and I like to join in on that and get in behind defenders and try to get shots off at goal. I want to score some goals and help the team to achieve the right results.”

Along with Giroud, midfielder Aaron Ramsey, who has scored in two of Arsenal's three Premier League games this season, could miss Saturday's clash after twisting his ankle in Wales' 2-1 win over Andorra on Tuesday.

Champions City, so potent in front of goal last season, head to north London having let Spanish striker Alvaro Negredo join Valencia, while in-form forward Stevan Jovetic, who scored two goals against Liverpool, is struggling with a ham-

string injury.

“It will be difficult, but I'm an optimist,” said Bosnia striker Edin Dzeko, who could lead City's attack against Arsenal.

Table-toppers Chelsea have suffered no problems

in front of goal this season thanks largely to the efforts of Diego Costa but the Spaniard could miss the encounter with second-placed Swansea City at Stamford Bridge because of a leg injury.

Reuters



Manchester City manager Manuel Pellegrini reacts during their Premier League match against Stoke City at the Etihad stadium in Manchester, northern England on 30 Aug, 2014.—REUTERS

Leander Paes, Sania Mirza skip Asian Games to revive rankings

NEW DELHI, 11 Sept — India will field a second-string tennis contingent in this month's Asian Games after allowing frontline players, including Leander Paes and Sania Mirza, to play on the professional tours instead to revive their rankings.

India's top singles player Somdev Devvarman has already announced he will not defend the singles and men's doubles gold medals he won four years ago in Guangzhou, China, citing the same reason.

“Special circumstances have developed where it is necessary for the players to participate in ATP and WTA events to protect their rankings and... qualify for the yearend World Masters,” All India Tennis Association (AITA) president Anil Khanna said in a statement on Wednesday.

Khanna did not elaborate on any late replacements. AITA secretary Bharat Oza and coach Zeeshan Ali could not be reached for comments either. Veteran Paes, winner of eight men's doubles and

six mixed doubles Grand Slam titles, has slipped to 35 in doubles rankings and wants to play in three ATP Tour events that clash with the 19 September — 4 October Games in Incheon.

Mirza, who won the US Open mixed doubles title on Friday partnering Brazilian Bruno Soares, pulled out to play in two WTA Tour events instead to keep alive her and partner Cara Black's hopes of making the WTA season-ending championship in Singapore. The AITA has also allowed Davis Cupper and doubles specialist Rohan Bopanna to play in two ATP Tour events that coincided with the Asian Games.

“Considering the very significant and important requirement of the players, the AITA has decided to... allow them to play ATP/WTA tournaments so that they can have a respectable opportunity to represent the nation in the World Championships to be held at the end of the year,” Khanna added.

Reuters