

More effort needed for 25th ASEAN Summit: Vice President

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept — Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham urged officials to exert more effort for the success of the 25th ASEAN Summit at the meeting of the Central Committee for Myanmar's ASEAN Chairmanship and Establishment of ASEAN Community held in Nay Pyi Taw on Monday.

The vice president also said that the government recognized the efforts of ministries for the success of the previous summit and meetings during the ASEAN chairmanship of Myanmar.

Not only the members of ASEAN countries

but also dialogue partners of the ASEAN, members of East Asian Summit and other invited countries will participate in the summit.

As the summit is the last and most important one during the ASEAN chairmanship of Myanmar, the vice president urged officials to exert more efforts for the success of the summit.

After the speech of the vice president, Chairman of the Organizing Committee for ASEAN Summit and Related Summits Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw, Union Minister U Aye Myint Kyu, members of the central committee Union ministers, the attorney-general of the Un-

ion, deputy ministers who are chairmen of the sub-committees and officials of Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry reported on the preparations for the summit.

The meeting concluded with remarks of the vice president.

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President U Thein Sein sends felicitations to Papua New Guinea; United Mexican States

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept — On the occasion of the Independence Day of Papua New Guinea, which falls on 16 September 2014, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to Sir Michael Ogio, Governor-General of Papua New Guinea and the Right Honourable Peter O'Neill, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea.

The President also felicitated His Excellency Mr Enrique Pena Nieto, President of the United Mexican States, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the United Mexican States, which falls on 16th September 2014.—MNA



Vice President U Nyan Tun opens Myanmar Commodity Hall of 11th China-ASEAN Expo in Nanning

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YCDC gets laboratory to provide water testing services



Technicians conduct test of water for
supplying hygiene of water to the residents in
Yangon City.—PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

YANGON, 15 Sept — The Yangon City Development Committee has inau-

By Aye Min Soe

gured its own laboratory to test the quality of water supplied to the people in the Yangon municipal area.

The laboratory at the office of the Yangon City Development Committee, established with the assistance of Japan International Cooperation Agency, opened Saturday.

Before the laboratory was established, the Water and Sanitation Department of the YCDC sent water from reservoirs and tubewells to other government-owned laboratories to be tested for quality before piping the water to consumers.

"The laboratory will provide testing services for

water from our reservoirs and tubewells as part of efforts for supplying safe and high quality water to the people in the Yangon municipal area," said a department official.

YCDC is supplying more than 205 million gallons of water daily to more than 5 million people in the Yangon municipal area comprising 33 townships.

The main water resources of the YCDC are the Hlawgar, Puegyi, Ngamoeyeik and Tagundaing Reservoirs.

Ngamoeyeik Reservoir supplies 90 million gallons of water daily to Yangon.

But the 110-year old Hlawgar Reservoir needs conservation due to a rapid increase in urbanized population in Yangon.

Water from Hlawgar

Reservoir has been piped to people since 22 February 1904 after the water quality in the Kandawgyi and Inya lakes had become bad.

Before the Hlawgar Reservoir, Kandawgyi and Inya lakes were the main sources for water supply for Yangon.

But lack of knowledge about environmental conservation, use of a traditional sewage system and a lack of tight rules for urbanization near the lakes caused pollution in the two lakes and people in Yangon had to abandon them in 1887.

The long-lasting of Hlawgar Reservoir, the lifeblood water resource for more than 5 million people living in Yangon, is threatened by the increasing in population in the city.

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Eco students pay respects to faculty members

MANDALAY, 15 Sept — As a gesture of hailing the Golden Jubilee Anniversary of Yangon University of Economics, the old students of the university held the get-together and paid respects to faculty members at Hotel Mandalay on 78th street in Mahaaungmye Township of Mandalay on 14 September.

The students paid respects to the former faculty members and gave gifts to them.

On behalf of the faculty members, Dr Thet Lwin gave words of advice to the students. Sayagyi U Zaw Than explained the preparations for holding the Golden Jubilee Anniversary of Yangon University of Economics, and old student Daw Nan Than Sein, plans



of Mandarin students and member of Mandalay City Development Committee U Han Soe and officials

presented prizes to outstanding students of the university. Later, they joined the get-together ceremony.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

First prize winner in international letter-writing contest honoured



NYAUNGLEBIN, 15 Sept — A ceremony to honour the first prize winner in the international youth letter-writing contest in commemoration of the World Post Day which falls on 9 October 2014 was held at the office of Nyaunglebin Township Writers Association in Bago Region on Sunday.

Chairman of the township association Dr Myint Than (Nyaunglebin) made

a speech. Senior Assistant Teacher Daw Aye Thiri Mon of No 2 Basic Education High School reported on training for the students to win the prizes.

Officials of the township association and U Than Htay of Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association presented prizes to Maung Aung Thura Phyto of Nyaunglebin BEHS No 2 and gifts to SAT Daw Aye Thiri Mon.

Nay Lin (Nyaunglebin)

Myanmar Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day observed in Toungoo

TOUNGGOO, 15 Sept — An educative talk in commemoration of the Myanmar Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day was held in conjunction with the exhibition at Khabaung Hall in Tounggoo in Bago Region on 13 September.

District Deputy Commissioner U Kyaw Thet who is also Chairman of Tounggoo District Anti-Human Trafficking Committee made a speech. District Law Officer U Saw Dono, District Education Officer U San Kyaw and Head of District Health Department Dr Daw Khin San Myint gave talks about prevention against trafficking in persons.

Officials presented prizes to winners in the district level essay, painting, cartoon and poster contests in commemoration of the Myanmar Anti-Trafficking in Persons.

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Maintenance and clearance of power lines undertaken for safety of electricity

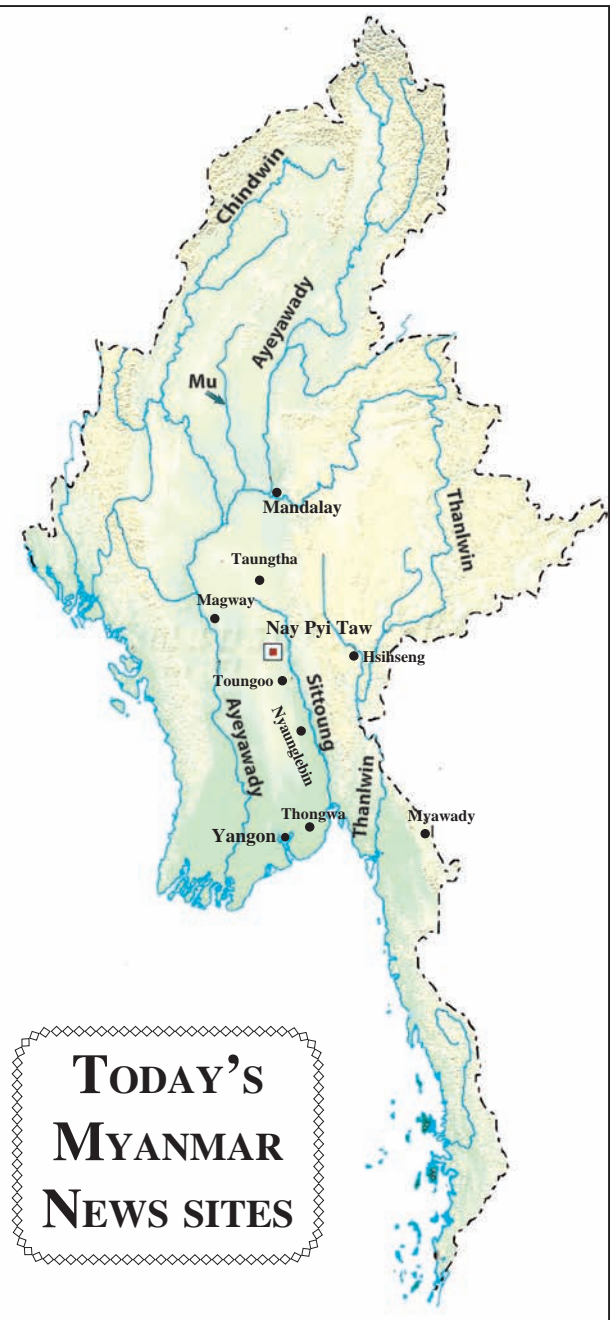
TAUNGTHA, 15 Sept — Electricians and workers of Taungtha Township Electricity Supply Enterprise of Mandalay Region cut the branches of trees around power lines along Meiktila road, Kyaukpadaung road and wards of the town on 12 September with the aim of ensuring safety of electricity for the people.

The tasks were supervised by Township Electrical Engineer U Soe Moe Kyaw.

The officials and electricians checked power supply equipment, substitution of insulators and maintenance of power lines.

They plan to carry out maintenance and checking of power lines every Saturday.

Kyaw Myo Naing (Taungtha)



Winners awarded in inter-district aerobics contest in Magway Region

MAGWAY, 15 Sept — The Magway Region WAO Patron's Cup Inter-District Aerobics Contest was kicked off at the district gymnasium in Magway on Sunday.

The contestants participated in the senior singles event, the senior nine-participant contest, the senior three-participant contest and the junior nine-participant contest.

Patron of Magway Region Women's Affairs Organization wife of the Magway Region Chief Minister Daw San San Myint presented championship trophy to Magway District team and officials, the prizes to winners in the respective events.

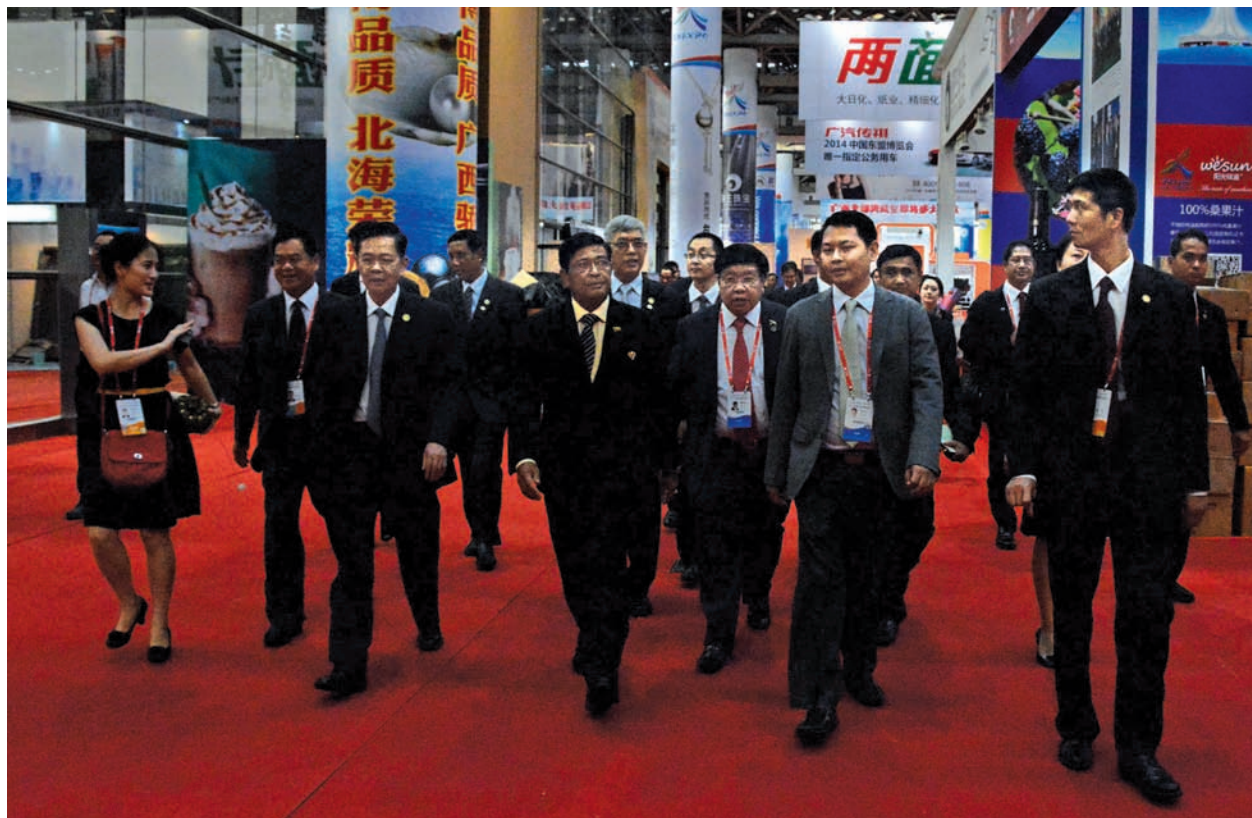
Later, the patron gave sports equipment and cash assistance to the winners.

Than Naing Oo (Ngaphe)



NATIONAL

Vice President U Nyan Tun opens Myanmar Commodity Hall of 11th China-ASEAN Expo in Nanning



Vice President U Nyan Tun visits booths at 11th China-ASEAN Expo in Nanning of China.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept — Vice President U Nyan Tun left Nay Pyi Taw for China on Monday morning by air to attend the 11th China-ASEAN Expo and the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit to be held in Nanning of the People's Republic of China.

He was accompanied by Deputy Ministers Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun, U Thant Kyaw, U Han Sein and U Myint Thein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung and officials.

Member of the delegation Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint left for Nanning of China in advance to attend the Ministerial Meetings convened in connection with the 11th ASEAN-China Expo and related meetings.

The Vice President arrived at Nanning International Airport at 2.15 pm. He met Vice Premier Mr Zhang Gaoli at Liyuan Government Guest House. They discussed diplomatic relations, economic cooperation and prospects for mutual cooperation between the two countries.

At the meeting, the Vice President said that Myanmar focuses on national reconciliation, signing the ceasefire agreement with all armed groups in the nation, systematic management of border security and stability and border trade between Myanmar and China, promotion of regular trade, cooperation in agriculture sector and drug eradication and enhancement of dialogue partner relations between ASEAN and China during the chairmanship term of Myanmar.

The Vice President formally opened the Myanmar Commodity Hall of the 11th CAEXPO Trade Fair at Nanning International Convention and Exhibition Centre.

In the evening, the Vice President attended the dinner hosted by Vice Premier Mr Zhang Gaoli.

MNA

Foreign Ministry cooperates with Malaysian counterpart to protect Myanmar citizens in Malaysia; Deputy Minister for Home Affairs

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept — The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Myanmar Embassy in Malaysia are cooperating with Malaysian counterparts to protect its citizens in Malaysia through the diplomatic channel, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint told the Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper

House) on Monday.

He was responding to a question raised by a representative who asked what the government is doing to protect Myanmar citizens who are often targeted victims of violence and murder in Malaysia.

Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint said that Myanmar ambassador to Malaysia

and officials called on the deputy head of Malaysian protocol and consular on 10 July 2014 to protect Myanmar citizens from further violence and to expose those who had attacked Myanmar citizens as soon as possible.

The officials from the Malaysian foreign ministry informed the crimes

against Myanmar citizens to the Malaysian police and other government departments concerned, according to the deputy minister.

The deputy minister said that the government takes the matter seriously and promised to protect Myanmar citizens in Malaysia in cooperation with the Myanmar Embassy and

military attaché office in Malaysia, the Malaysian police and Malaysian authorities.

The transnational police of Myanmar is also cooperating with the Malaysian international police the Secretariat of ASEANAOP, and the Malaysian police to protect Myanmar citizens in Malaysia, the deputy

minister said.

Other topics discussed at the session included agricultural loans and regional development in Rakhine State.

The Pyithu Hluttaw session today focused on construction of school buildings and hospitals in various townships.

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NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept — The ceremony of International Day of Democracy was held at the theatre of Hluttaw Building here on Monday, with the focus topic of 'Engaging You on Democracy'.

The event was launched with the speech of Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) U Khin Aung Myint.

At the ceremony, U Khin Aung Myint said: "As democracy is a system where the will of the majority must be followed, we may also call it a system where the interests of the majority are served and promoted."

He also highlighted the importance of the role of youth in the process of entrenching and solidifying the democratic process

in the countries which are undergoing democratic reform such as Myanmar.

The speaker said: "History has proved that the principal need of the Union of Myanmar is unity. And unity is not a

construct that can be built once and then left to it. It is something which needs to be continually refreshed, rebuilt, replenished, and preserved. And this is why

we are discussing today the subject of engaging youth on democracy."

The ceremony was attended by chief justice of union, chairman of con-

stitutional court, chairman of union election commission, vice speakers of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House), representatives of

parliamentary committees, political parties, diplomats from foreign missions, UN agencies, NGOs and social organizations.

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Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) U Khin Aung Myint speaking at ceremony to mark International Day of Democracy.—MNA

MANDALAY, 15 Sept —The match between Yadanabon FC and Southern FC will be held at Mandalay Thiri Stadium in Chanmyathazi Township of Mandalay.

After the match, the championship trophy presentation will follow at the stadium, said manager of Yadanabon FC U Aung Tun Oo, adding that the ceremony will be held on a grander scale than the last year. Yadanabon FC representing Mandalay Region has claimed thrice in champions in 2009, 2010 and 2014.

Players from Yadanabon FC were picked out for U-19 and U-23 football teams to take part in the international football tournaments.—*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*

Yadanabon FC to be crowned championship trophy at Mandalay Thiri Stadium in Mandalay



Water tank put into service in Hsihseng

HSIHSENG, 15 Sept — A ceremony to put a 19,000 gallon capacity water tank into service was held at Htiohnsauk Village of Hsihseng Township in southern Shan State on 13 September.

Township authorities and departmental officials explained development undertakings in the township and reform process in all

sectors in the nation.

Township Administrator U Win Lwin and officials formally opened the tank.

The newly-opened tank is 16 feet long, 16 feet wide and 12 feet deep, funded K5 million by Shan State government and over K2.1 million by local people.—*Khun Ye Htwe (Hsihseng)*



Over 600 Chinlone teams to join contest at Buddha Pujaniya

MANDALAY, 15 Sept —The 40th Myanmar Chinlone contest will be held at Eindawya Pagoda in Zhanayethazan Township of Mandalay Region from 14 September to 5 October, with participation of 660 Chinlone teams, said a member of the pagoda board of trustees.

“Last year, the contest kicked off on 10th waning of Tawthalin. Due to increasing number of the contestant teams, the schedule of the contest will be five days earlier than that of the

previous year. The number of contending teams this year is 660, exceeding 171 teams more than that of last year,” a member of the pagoda board of trustees.

The respect paying ceremony to older Chinlone players will be held in conjunction with the 167th Buddha Pujaniya of the pagoda on 5 October, source said.

On 6 October, rice and alms will be offered over 600 members of the Sangha from 20 monasteries.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

THONGWA, 15 Sept — The volunteer health workers course kicked off at the hall of Thongwa Township Hospital in Yangon South District on Monday.

Head of Township Health Department Dr Soe Win stressed the need for

trainees to carry out sanitation and availability of clean water and urge the local people to use fly-proof latrines.

The trainees are to cooperate with respective departments in undertaking the tasks.

Seven trainers are giving

training to 25 volunteer trainees from 15 September to 24 October.

Kyi Soe Lwin (Thongwa)



Development of hotels and tourism services coordinated

MANDALAY, 15 Sept — A coordination meeting on development of hotels and tourism service was held at the hall of Golden Country on 65th Street between 31st and 32nd streets in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay on Sunday.

At the meeting, Mandalay Region Minister for Finance Dr Myint Kyu explained that permissions are given to entrepreneurs for construction and opening of hotels without delay by easing restrictions. The inspection teams will check the hotels and lodges that do not have permit. Hoteliers are to join hands with the region government for enabling globetrotters to enjoy Myanmar traditional dances at the National Theatre on Saturday twice every month.

Later, the region minister replied to queries raised by hoteliers.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

A time bomb found near Myawady-Mae Sot friendship bridge

MYAWADY, 15 Sept — A time bomb without remote control system was found 4 feet from AH car decoration shop beside

the road, 15 feet from approach road to Myawady-Mae Sot friendship bridge in Myawady of Kayin State at 6.30 am on Monday.

A worker of Township Development Affairs Committee found the bomb and informed it of security personnel of the bridge. They informed the finding of the time bomb of the District Police Force Office and the tactical operations commander.

Officials of the local station cleared the time bomb at 7.45 am. The security personnel are conducting the investigation for the root cause of planting the time bomb.—*Thuzar (Myawady Town)*



REGIONAL

China, Malaysia join hands in port partnership

NANNING, 15 Sept — China has signed an agreement with Malaysia to establish a sister port partnership between two major shipping cities as the two countries seek to rejuvenate the ancient maritime Silk Road.

The Qinzhou Port in south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region has become a sister port of Kuantan, a port city in Malaysia, following an agreement signed in Nanning City, capital of Guangxi on Monday.

Taking immediate effect, the two ports will cooperate in various fields including shared shipping lanes, logistics, information exchange and talent training, said Li Xinyuan, mayor of Qinzhou City.

The sister partnership between the two ports is part of a plan to establish a network of cooperation among port cities in ASEAN members, Li said.

The two port cities have close economic and trade relationships. China and Malaysia have been constructing sister industrial parks in Qinzhou and Kuantan respectively since 2011. Building sister industrial parks is regarded as an innovative experiment by China and Malaysia in rebuilding the maritime Silk Road.

Southeast Asia has long been an important hub in the historic maritime Silk Road, a commercial route on which China sold silk, ceramics and tea to overseas markets.

Chinese President Xi Jinping proposed a 21st century maritime Silk Road during his visit to Indonesia last October. Qinzhou, the most important container hub on China's southwestern coast, will become a leading city along the 21st century maritime Silk Road, Li said.—Xinhua



Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang (L, front) and Indian President Pranab Mukherjee (R, front) review the honour guards during a welcome ceremony in Hanoi, capital of Vietnam on 15 Sept, 2014. Indian President Pranab Mukherjee paid a state visit to Vietnam from 14 to 17 Sept.—XINHUA

Australia probes 'threats' against hospitals days after stepping up terror alert

SYDNEY, 15 Sept — Australian police were investigating "threats" on Monday against four hospitals in the city of Sydney amid reports of at least one being partially evacuated over a bomb threat, just days after the country raised its terror alert level to "high".

Patients and hospital staff were evacuated from parts of Prince of Wales

Private Hospital, while police also went to Royal Prince Alfred hospital, Longueville Private hospital and Royal North Shore hospital, media reported.

Police and health department officials were investigating threats made on Monday afternoon against a number of public and private hospitals in Sydney, a spokeswoman for police in the state of

New South Wales said, but gave no details.

A spokeswoman for one of the hospitals said the incident was minor and staff were continuing with their duties.

Last Friday, Australia raised its terror threat level to "high" for the first time, citing the chance of terrorist attacks by Australian citizens radicalised in Iraq or Syria.

At the time, officials said they had no knowledge of a specific attack plan.

David Irvine, the outgoing head of the Australian Security Intelligence Organization (ASIO), has said the number of Australians returning from fighting with Islamic State and other radical groups pose a growing risk.

Reuters

Malaysia to send 20 million medical gloves to fight Ebola

KUALA LUMPUR, 15 Sept — Malaysia will send more than 20 million medical rubber gloves to five African nations battling the deadly Ebola virus, addressing a crucial shortage faced by overwhelmed health workers, the country's Prime Minister Najib Razak announced on Monday.

The Southeast Asian nation is a leading manufacturer of rubber gloves, producing about 60 percent of the world's supply of latex medical gloves. Health authorities say that a shortage of rubber gloves in affected African nations has led to more deaths and raised risks that the virus will spread among doctors and nurses. The outbreak has now killed upwards of 2,400 people, mostly in Liberia, neighbouring Guinea and Sierra Leone as poorly resourced West African healthcare systems have been overrun.

"Malaysia can make a unique and vital contribution to the fight against Ebola because we are one of the biggest manufacturers of rubber gloves," a Malaysian government spokesperson said in a statement.

"We hope this contribution will prevent the spread of Ebola and save lives." Among the companies supplying the shipment are Sime Darby, Top Glove Corp Bhd, Kuala Lumpur Kepong, and IOI Corp., the Prime Minister's office said. Top Glove alone has a production capacity of 42 billion gloves a year and exports to 200 countries.

Reuters



Health workers remove the body of Prince Nyentee, a 29-year-old man whom local residents said died of Ebola virus in Monrovia on 11 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

Typhoon Kalmaegi heads out of Philippines, cuts power, damages farms

MANILA, 15 Sept — A strong typhoon was moving out of the Philippines on Monday, after plunging into darkness wide northern swathes of the country and inundating farmland, but there were no reports of lives lost, civil defence officials said.

Typhoon Kalmaegi, packing winds of 120 kph (75 mph) at its centre, with some gusts of up to 150 kph, was moving into the South China Sea, and was expected to leave by Monday night. Kalmaegi, known locally as "Luis", was spotted 455 kms (283 miles) west of Laoag City in Ilocos Norte Province shortly after mid-day, moving at 30 kph towards southern China.

Thousands of people who were temporarily dis-

placed were starting to return home, said Alexander Pama, the chief of a national rescue panel, adding that no casualty had been reported.

"Some areas in the north are still without electricity, like Kalinga and Apayao Provinces, but our emergency workers are working to restore power," said Pama, the executive director of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council.

Rescue officials were also getting reports of extensive damage to rice farms, he added, but declined to give estimates.

"We are still assessing the actual damage, how many hectares were affected and how much was lost," Pama added.

About a fifth of rice

output and just under a third of corn production in the northeastern province of Isabela are at risk of being damaged or destroyed by the typhoon, its governor, Faustino "Bodjie" Dy, said. Before the typhoon, the Cagayan Valley region, of which Isabela forms a part, was forecast to produce 341,540 tonnes of unhusked rice, or about a tenth of projected national output, in the July-September quarter, the national statistics body said.

Its third-quarter production of corn was projected at 520,235 tonnes, or about 22 percent of the national total.

Pama was cautious because the central government has yet to receive complete reports from the provinces, with power and

communications links severed in some areas.

Landslides and flash floods forced the closure of 11 roads and three bridges in the mountainous north. Some public offices and all schools were shut closed as typhoon alerts were lowered.

Forty-three domestic flights were grounded by civil aviation authorities while the coast guard halted ferries and fishing boats from putting to sea.

"It was a miracle," Imee Marcos, daughter of former dictator Ferdinand Marcos and governor of Ilocos Norte, said in a radio interview. "We survived a strong typhoon with minor damages. There were heavy rain and strong winds, but we have no casualty."

Reuters

Justice minister urges lawyers not to strike

BELGRADE, 15 Sept — Serbian Justice Minister Nikola Selakovic called on lawyers in Serbia not to suspend their work and to continue talks on lump sum taxation with the Ministries of Justice and Finance in the week to come.

The Assembly of the Bar Association of Serbia decided yesterday that lawyers from across Serbia should go on strike on 17 September and join Belgrade's lawyers who stopped working on 10 September, and to withdraw from all working bodies of the Serbian gov-

ernment and judiciary.

Selakovic said in a statement for *Tanjug* that the decision of the Assembly of the Bar Association of Serbia was a politicization of the legal profession.

Lawyers are seeking to have their lump sum tax burdens back to last year's level because the levies have been drastically magnified this year, and they also want certain law provisions relating to the operation of public notaries repealed.

Speaking about lawyers' criticizing the introduction of the public notary

system, Selakovic said that one of the most flagrant things was calling lawyers not to participate in the proceedings before the public notaries in Serbia.

"The introduction of the public notary system in Serbia is the beginning of introducing order in legal transactions," said Selakovic.

He said that the lack of a public notary system (which in this part of Europe, prior to 1 September of this year, was not in place only in Serbia) suited those who had been involved in frauds, knowing how to avoid meeting their tax obligations, fishing in murky waters and doing things not in accordance with the law.

Selakovic said that the law on public notary system had been adopted in 2011, and in the meantime, preparations had been in place for the beginning of its application.

The minister urged the lawyers to jointly continue

talks with representatives of the Ministry of Finance — in a working group made up of three representatives of the legal profession, two representatives of the Ministry of Finance and one representative of the Ministry of Justice — the following week.

"It is obvious that the increase in taxes, which has been pointed out as the reason for the work stoppage by Serbia's lawyers, and which I talked about with lawyers during the summer and less than two weeks ago, is not the only reason for the lawyers stopping their work," the minister said.

Selakovic said that the Ministry of Justice had started implementing the National Judicial Reform Strategy, adopted by the Serbian parliament at the government's proposal, whose drafting had seen the participation of the entire body of Serbia's experts.

Tanjug

PM Cameron to make one of last Scotland visits before vote to try to keep UK intact



Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron

LONDON, 15 Sept — British Prime Minister David Cameron will make one of his final visits to Scotland later on Monday four days before a historic independence referendum to warn Scots a vote to leave the United Kingdom is a forever choice.

With opinion polls suggesting the referendum remains too close to call, Cameron, the leader of the England-centric ruling Conservative party, is expected to try to appeal to Scots' emotions by likening the four-nation UK to a family.

"There's no going back from this. No re-run. If Scotland votes 'yes' the UK will split and we will go our separate ways forever," he is expected to say, according to advance extracts given to local media by his office.

Cameron is likely to repeat the anti-independence "Better Together"

campaign's core message: That inside the UK Scotland can have the benefits of belonging to a larger more influential entity while enjoying an ever increasing measure of autonomy.

He will make his intervention, expected during the second half of Monday, after David Beckham, the retired high-profile footballer, added his name to a petition of English celebrities who say they want the Scots to stay in the UK.

The celebrity group, "Let's Stay Together", is organizing a public rally on Monday evening in London's Trafalgar Square to appeal to Scots not to break up the United Kingdom.

On Sunday, thousands of independence supporters took to the streets of Scotland's largest city, Glasgow, as polls showed the rival camps running desperately close.

Reuters

UN nuclear chief urges Iran to address bomb concerns

VIENNA, 15 Sept — The head of the UN nuclear watchdog sought to put pressure on Iran on Monday to address concerns about its suspected atomic bomb research, three weeks after Teheran failed to meet a deadline for providing information about the issue. Confirming the findings of a confidential report by the UN atomic agency earlier this month, Director General Yukiya Amano said Iran had not carried out two of the five transparency steps

it had agreed to implement by on 25 August. "In order to resolve all outstanding issues, past and present, it is very important that Iran continues to implement, in a timely manner, all practical measures agreed ...," he told the 35-nation board of the International Atomic Energy Agency. The phrase "past and present" refers to the IAEA's long-running investigation into suspicions, denied by Iran, that the country has worked on designing a nuclear weapon.—Reuters



International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Yukiya Amano talks to the media as he arrives at Vienna's airport on 18 Aug, 2014.—REUTERS

Japan's Navy plans to hold exercises with Russian fleet

TOKYO, 15 Sept — The Japanese military command plans to resume combat plans with the Russian Armed Forces suspended after Tokyo joined anti-Russian sanctions over Ukraine.

The Japanese Navy would like to hold search and rescue exercises with the Russian Pacific Fleet as planned in late September near Vladivostok, the *Nikkei* newspaper said on Monday.

Along with the joint manoeuvres, the Japanese Navy command plans to hold consultations with Russian colleagues to confirm the unchanged policy to continue bilateral

ties in defence. Japan and Russia have held search and rescue exercises since 1998. Last December, the 14th such exercises took place near the Japanese port of Maizuru. During the joint training, Japan's missile destroyer Shirane, the missile boat Haya-busa and support vessels and the Russian large anti-submarine ship Admiral Vinogradov, a tanker and a tugboat conducted search and rescue operations, manoeuvred and examined a "suspicious" vessel.

Japan imposes sanctions against Russia under US pressure.

Military and political ties between Moscow and



Japanese crew on board the Shirane Destroyer Ship. —ITAR TASS

Tokyo actively developed in recent time.

Russian Defence and Foreign Ministers Sergei Shoigu and Sergei Lavrov met with their Japanese counterparts Itsunori Onodera and Fumio Kishida in the Japanese capital on 2 November, 2013, to discuss defence cooperation. That time the sides declared they planned to enlarge the scope and forms of joint military exercises.

However, contacts have been suspended since March this year in connection with the situation in Ukraine and Tokyo's joining anti-Russian sanctions.—Itar Tass

WORLD

France opens Iraq conference urging 'global' fight on jihadists

PARIS, 15 Sept — French President Francois Hollande called on Monday for united international action to tackle the threat from Islamic State militants as he opened a conference on Iraq bringing together members of a US-led coalition.

The United States this week unveiled an outline plan to fight the Islamist militants simultaneously in Iraq and Syria. It believes it can forge a solid alliance despite hesitancy among some partners and questions over the legality of action, notably in Syria where the militant group has a power base.

"What is the threat?" the French leader said as he opened the one-day meeting of officials from some 30 states in Paris.

"It is global so the response must be global ... Iraq's fight against the terrorists is also our fight. We must commit ourselves together — that is the purpose of this conference," said Hollande, who last



French President Francois Hollande (R), Iraq's President Fuad Masum and US Secretary of State John Kerry (front, L) arrive to attend the opening of an international conference bringing together about 30 countries to discuss how to cooperate in the fight against Islamic State militants in Paris on 15 Sept, 2014.

REUTERS

week traveled to Baghdad to meet members of Iraq's new government.

Iraqi President Fuad Masum said he hoped the Paris meeting would bring a "quick response" to jihadists who have declared a caliphate or Islamic state ruled under Sharia law in the heart of the Middle East.

"Islamic State's doctrine is either you support

us or kill us. It has committed massacres and genocidal crimes and ethnic purification," he told delegates.

Foreign ministers from the main European states, the five permanent members of the UN Security Council, Iraq's neighbours and Gulf Arab states Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the UAE, gathered to discuss political,

security and humanitarian aspects of tackling Islamic State.

Iran, which is highly influential in its neighbour Iraq, is not attending the conference.

"We wanted a consensus among countries over Iran's attendance, but in the end it was more important to have certain Arab states than Iran," a French diplomat said, signaling that Saudi Arabia had not been keen on Teheran coming.

French officials say the coalition plan must go beyond military and humanitarian action, arguing there must also be a political plan for once Islamic State has been weakened in Iraq.

They argue that the 2003 US-led intervention in Iraq, in which Paris did not participate, ultimately contributed to the current crisis because it lacked a long-term vision for the different strands of Iraqi society.

Reuters

Australia's prime minister calls military aid to Iraq "humanitarian"

SYDNEY, 15 Sept — Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott called the deployment of "resources" to combat terrorism in the Middle East "fundamentally humanitarian" on Monday.

His comments came after an earlier announcement to deploy around 600 defence personnel and aircraft to the United Arab Emirates to respond to any future Australian government decisions on fighting the terror organization Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.

"There's a very specific objective here," Abbott told reporters. "The objective is fundamentally humanitarian and we realize that fundamentally humanitarian objective by helping the Iraqi armed forces to disrupt and degrade ISIL (Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, also known as Islamic State)."

Australia will commit about 400 air personnel and about 200 other military personnel, up to eight

F/A18 combat aircraft, an E-7A Wedgetail Airborne Early Warning and Control aircraft and an air-to-air refueling KC-30A Multi-Role Tanker and Transport aircraft to the mission.

Abbott did not specify a timeframe for Australia's commitment, telling reporters, "I'm not saying that this will be over in weeks or even necessarily in just a few months, but there is a very specific and clear objective."

Australia's decision to deploy forces to the UAE follows a request from the US government to contribute forces for possible military action in Iraq.

It also follows conversations Abbott has held with new Iraqi Prime Minister Haider Al-Abadi and Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed.

A coalition of countries is being gathered by the United States to potentially fight in Iraq.

Kyodo News

Several Arab countries offer to join air campaign on Islamic State, say US officials

PARIS, 15 Sept — Several Arab countries have offered to join the United States in air strikes against Islamic State targets, US officials said on Sunday, indicating a possible widening of the air campaign against militants who have seized parts of Iraq and Syria.

The officials declined to identify which countries made the offers. But they said they were under consideration as the United States begins to identify country roles in its emerging coalition against jihadists who have declared a caliphate or Islamic state ruled under Sharia law in the heart of the Middle East.

The addition of Arab fighter jets could strengthen the credibility of the American-led campaign in a region sceptical of how far Washington will commit to a conflict in which nearly every country has a stake, set against the backdrop of Islam's 1,300-year-old rift between Sunnis and Shi'ites.

"I don't want to leave you with the impression that these Arab members haven't offered to do air strikes because several of

them have," a senior US State Department official told reporters in Paris.

The official said the offers were not limited to air strikes on Iraq. "Some have indicated for quite a while a willingness to do them elsewhere," the official said. "We have to sort through all of that because you can't just go and bomb something."

So far, France has been the only country to publicly offer to join US air strikes on Islamic State targets, although limiting these to Iraq. Britain, Washington's main ally in 2003, has sent mixed messages. It has stressed the West should not go over the heads of regional powers nor neglect the importance of forming an inclusive government in Iraq.

The US comments come a day after Islamic State stirred fresh outrage with a video purporting to show the beheading of British aid worker David Haines. British Prime Minister David Cameron called it "a despicable and appalling murder," and vowed to bring the killers to justice.

US Secretary of State John Kerry will meet British Foreign Secretary Phil-

ip Hammond during a conference on Iraq in Paris on Monday. "I am sure that will be a topic of discussion," a second senior US State Department official said, referring to the beheading.

The conference brings Iraqi authorities together with 15 to 20 international players. It comes ahead of a UN Security Council ministerial meeting on 19 Sep-

tember and a heads of state meeting at the UN General Assembly later this month.

The US officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

Reuters

Arab League Secretary-General Nabil al-Araby (L) and US Secretary of State John Kerry shake hands before a meeting in Cairo on 13 Sept, 2014.

REUTERS



Shi'ite fighters from Mahdi Army carry crate of mortars during heavy fighting with Islamic State militants at Bo Hassan village in near Tikrit, northern Iraq on 12 Sept, 2014. —REUTERS

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 16 September, 2014

A wise and right choice of neighbour

By Aung Khin

A senior official from the Thailand's Foreign Ministry said last week the kingdom's newly appointed Premier Prayut Chan-O-Cha will visit Myanmar on his first official overseas trip, seeking to strengthen ties with its neighbouring country.

Both countries are now facing some challenges ranging from politics to social unrest. Myanmar is set to hold general election next year, but the Thai premier has already ruled out holding new elections before October 2015.

The two governments have tight schedules for 2015 as they are making preparations for establishment of ASEAN Economic Community next year.

There are some pending agreements that could not be finalized during the term of Thailand's previous government. A visa exemption programme between the two countries was stalled due to the political turmoil in the kingdom before military coup in May.

Myanmar has frequently requested visa exemption over all modes of transport. Bangkok, however, opposed this blanket permission, fearing it would cause many complications in the policy on migrant workers in the kingdom. It counter-proposed visa exemption for overland travellers.

If the Thai government needs to curb and adjust massive influx of Myanmar migrant workers into their country, special economic zones should be established at border areas for job opportunities.

Myanmar's Ministry of Industry and the Industrial Estate Authority of Thailand conducted a feasibility study on the possibilities of Myawady, Hpa-an and Mawlamyine SEZs and potential Thai and Chinese investors claimed they are optimistic about these projects despite concerns holding back large-scale investments and lack of basic

infrastructure.

It is undeniable that an estimated 2 million Myanmar migrant workers, some possessing proper work permits and some others not, are a fundamental driving force for Thailand's economy.

In addition to these matters, people from both countries expect the two governments to tackle human trafficking, drug-smuggling and other illicit trade at the border areas, which are still notorious topics in the global community.

The possible visit of Thailand's primer is seen as a wise and right choice of a neighbour.

Friends can be chosen, not neighbours.

Egalitarianism is at the core of mutual trust and common view to strengthen the ties.

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Milk and Honey for the Heart II

By Kyi Mun

Move On Up A Little Higher !

"What do you want to be ?"

"Where do you want to go ?

God will lift you up."

But there is a condition.

"You have got to have a made-up mind."

-Mahalia Jackson

Express your goal in

THE SEVEN-STEP STRATEGY

The Seven Steps to Acquiring Your Goals

- Step # 1 : Express your goal in terms of specific event or behaviors.
- Step # 2 : Express your goal in terms that can be measured.
- Step # 3 : Assign a timeline to your goal.
- Step # 4 : Choose a goal you can control.
- Step # 5 : Plan and program a strategy that will get you to your goal.
- Step # 6 : Define your goal in terms of steps.
- Step # 7 : Create accountability for your progress toward your goal.

Set and attain goals, the essence of your life strategy.

Source : LIFE Strategies by Phillip C. McGraw, Ph.D.

- ✓ Stretch Your Thinking and Stimulate Your Mind
- ✓ Harness and Develop Your Ideas – the Fruit of Your Thinking
- ✓ Become Important by Thinking Your Work Is Important
- ✓ Upgrade Your Thinking – Think Like Important People Think
- ✓ Make Your Environment Work for You
- ✓ Prevent Small People from Holding You Back
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- ✓ Throw Thought Poison Out of your Environment
- ✓ Go First Class in Everything You Do
- ✓ Grow the Attitudes That Will Help You Win What You Want
- ✓ Get Activated; Get Enthusiastic
- ✓ Develop the Power of Real Enthusiasm
- ✓ Grow the "You-Are-Important" Attitude
- ✓ Make More Money by Getting the "Put-Service-First" Attitude
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- ✓ Become More Likeable by Making Yourself "Lighter to Lift"
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- ✓ Master the Technique of Thinking Only Good Thoughts About People
- ✓ Win Friends by Practicing Conversation Generosity
- ✓ Think Big, Even When You Lose or Receive a Setback
- ✓ Get the Action Habit -You Don't Need to Wait Until Conditions Are Perfect
- ✓ Make Up Your Mind to Do Something About Your Ideas
- ✓ Use Action to Cure Fear and Gain Confidence
- ✓ Discover the Secret of Mind Action
- ✓ Capitalize on the Magic of NOW
- ✓ Strengthen Yourself by Getting the "Speak Up" Habit
- ✓ Develop Initiative, A Special Kind of Action

Source : THE MAGIC OF THINKING BIG by David J. Schwartz, Ph.D

- A wise man's words express deep streams of thought.
- A fool gets into constant fights. His mouth is his undoing ! His words endanger him.
- What a shame – yes, how stupid – to decide before knowing the facts.
- A man's courage can sustain his broken body, but when courage dies, what hope is left ?
- Men have died for saying the wrong thing !
- Some people are friends in name only. Others are closer than brothers.
- It is dangerous and sinful to rush into the unknown.
- Better be poor and honest than rich and dishonest.
- He who loves wisdom loves his own best interest and will be a success.
- A wise man restrains his anger and overlooks insults. This is to his credit.
- Get all the advice you can and be wise the rest of your life.
- The character of even a child can be known by the way he acts – whether what he does is pure and right.
- Good sense is far more valuable than gold or precious jewels.
- Don't tell your secrets to a gossip unless you want them broadcast to the world.
- Pride, lust, and evil actions are all sins.
- Steady plodding brings prosperity; hasty speculation brings poverty.
- A man is known by his actions; an evil man lives an evil life; a good man lives a godly life.

- A prudent man foresees the difficulties ahead and prepares for them; the simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.
- Don't refuse to accept criticism; get all the help you can.
- An enterprise is built by wise planning, becomes strong through common sense, and profits wonderfully by keeping abreast of the facts.
- You are a poor specimen if you can't stand the pressure of adversity.
- Everyone enjoys giving good advice, and how wonderful it is to be able to say the right thing at the right time.
- Be patient and you will finally win.
- Most people will tell you what loyal friends they are, but are they telling the truth ?
- The Lord despises every kind of cheating.
- The wicked will finally lose; the righteous will finally win.

Ref : The Proverbs of King Solomon

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Action taken against traffic rule offenders in Taungtha

TAUNGTHA, 15 Sept — Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Maung Maung supervises enforcement of traffic rules in Taungtha Township of Mandalay Region.

Members of traffic police and Township police force, workers of Township Development Affairs Committee and judicial office together with local authorities

take action against traffic rules offenders at the markets and downtown areas of the town. The combine teams fined K1,500 against the traffic rules offenders under the 1964 Vehicles Act but now they increased the fine rate against the offenders because they are weak in abiding by the traffic rules.—Kyaw Myo Nang (Taungtha)

GOLD PRICE, FE RATE (15-9-2014)

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Mandalay Gold Price

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FE RATE

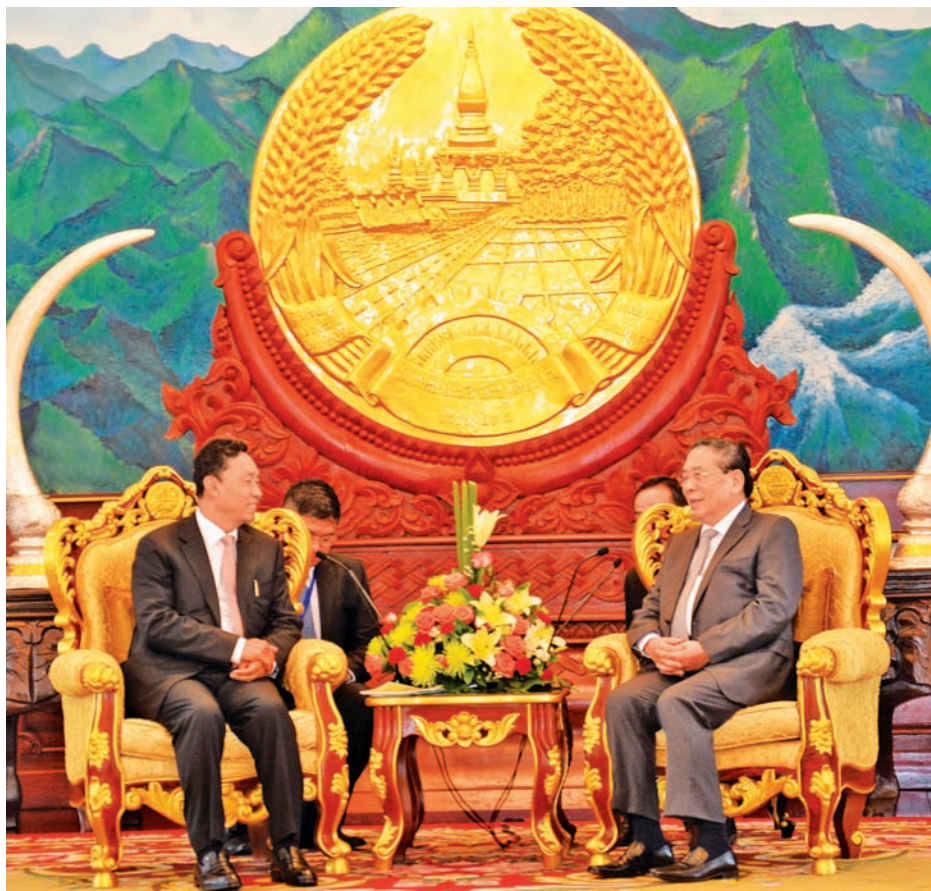
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SGD Buying	K773	- Selling	K779
Euro Buying	K1255	- Selling	K1285

NATIONAL

Myanmar to cooperate in regional peace and stability and development

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept — Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann who arrived in Vientiane of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to attend the 35th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly called on Laotian President Mr Choummaly Sayasone at the Presidential Palace, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Thongsing Thammavong at the Government Office and President of the Lao PDR National Assembly and Chairman of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) Mme Pany Yathotou at the National Assembly Hall in Lao PDR on Monday.

At the meetings, the Speaker said that Myanmar and Laos are good friends, helping each other. Both countries are members of ASEAN as well as CLMV. Emphasis will be placed on cooperation between the Hluttaw and the peoples. Myanmar will cooperate in regional peace and stability and de-



velopment.

The Speaker and party left Yangon International Airport on 14 September and arrived at Wattay International Airport in Vientiane at night the same

Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann calls on Laotian President Mr Choummaly Sayasone at the Presidential Palace in Lao PDR.—MNA

day. They were welcomed by Laotian officials, Myanmar Ambassador to Lao PDR U Kyaw Soe Win and embassy staff.

MNA

Myanmar needs to double current efforts to meet 2030-national electrification target

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept — Myanmar needs to double its current electrification efforts to meet the electrification coverage for all households by 2030.

To be able to boost the current electrification efforts, attracting huge investment and implementing effective ways should be taken into consideration, said Union Minister Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe at the workshop on National Electrification Programme in Nay Pyi Taw on Monday.

According to the target, Myanmar needs to supply power to about 7.2 million households which makes up 67 per cent of the total population within 16 years.

According to statistics, power consumption in Myanmar has upward by 33 per cent increasing from about 2.4 million households equivalent to 72 per cent of the country's total households in 2011 to about 3 million households in 2014.



Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe clarifies 2030-national electrification target.—MNA

About 200,000 households get access to electricity yearly.

However, with the current rate of electrification, it would take 36 years for Myanmar to supply electricity to all households in the country and it is impossible to meet the 2030-national electrification target, said Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe.

The workshop is jointly organized by Ministry of

Electric Power, Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development and the World Bank.—MNA

RSS Endeavour (210) of Singapore Navy arrives at Myanmar International Terminals Thilawa to take Midshipman Sea Training Deployment.
MIN THIT



Union FM sends felicitations to Papua New Guinea, Mexico

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept — On the occasion of the Independence Day of Papua New Guinea, which falls on 16 September 2014, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to the Right Honourable Rimbink Pato, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration of Papua New Guinea.

The Union Foreign Minister also felicitated His Excellency Mr Jose Antonio Meade Kuribrena, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the United Mexican States on the occasion of the Independence Day of the United Mexican States, which falls on 16th September 2014.—MNA

Outstanding Myanmar students back from Japan

YANGON, 15 Sept — A 20-student delegation led by Chairman of Myanmar-Japan Association U Saw Hla Mni visited Skytree Tower in Tokyo and attended the dinner hosted by Chairman of Japan-Myanmar Association Mr Watanabe on 7 September.

On 8 September, they visited Diver City and the National Museum in Tokyo and called on Deputy Secretary General of the Japanese Government Mr Hiroshige Seko. On 9 September, they visited Royal Grand Hall of Buddhism in Kyoto District and Earthquake Museum in Kobe.

On 10 September, they met with 20 students from Ryukoku University Kyoto and exchanged knowledge-

and experiences. Next, they called on Kyoto Mayor Mr Deisaku Kadodawa and then visited ancient temples in Kyoto. On 11 September, the students met students of Meysen college and stayed at the residences of the students from Meysen till 13 September. They arrived back in Yangon on 14 September. Patron of Myanmar-Japan Association Kanbawza Bank Ltd Chairman U Aung Ko Win hosted a dinner to the students who recounted their experiences.

Fifteen students each from arts and science who scored the highest marks across the nation in 2014 matriculation exam were sent to Japan for excursions.

MNA

Singapore navy vessels anchors in Yangon

YANGON, 15 Sept — The tank landing ship RSS Endeavour (210) of Singapore Navy arrived at the port of Myanmar International Terminals Thilawa here on Monday.

The Endurance class landing platform dock ship carried the cadets from the Midshipman Sea Training Deployment for their maritime experience and training programme, as well as for the establishment of close ties between the navy forces of the two countries.

The delegation of 230 navy personnel led by Lieutenant Colonel Ooiloong will stay in Myanmar from 15 to 19 September.

The RSS Endeavour (210) was commissioned in 2001.

Min Thit

Syria's 'moderate' rebels say they need weapons, not training

JEDDAH, (Saudi Arabia), 15 Sept — As President Barack Obama knits together an international coalition to take its campaign against Islamic State from Iraq into Syria, fighters like Ammar al-Wawi could make the difference.

If he had the chance, he says.

He fears that restrictions on the kind of weapons he'll receive and the training he'll get under a \$500 million White House proposal to arm moderate Syrian rebels will make his job impossible.

"We don't really need more training. And we have enough soldiers. What we need are quality weapons," said Wawi, a commander in the Free Syrian Army, a loose collection of moderate rebels fighting both the Islamic State and Syrian government forces.

"We need anti-air-

craft weapons. We need anti-tank weapons. If we don't get those, we can't win, no matter what the United States does."

Under the current legislation in Congress, Wawi is unlikely to get what he wants, highlighting a dilemma for Obama after he authorized last week US air strikes for the first time in Syria and more attacks in Iraq in a broad escalation of a campaign against the Islamic State militants who have seized a third of both countries.

A significant part of Obama's plan hinges on congressional approval of \$500 million to train and equip Free Syrian Army rebels to "strengthen the opposition as the best counterweight to the extremists," as Obama put it on Wednesday, and to prevent US troops from "being dragged into another



A Free Syrian Army fighter carries his weapon on one of the frontlines of Wadi Al-Dayf camp in the southern Idlib countryside on 14 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

ground war".

But the administration has resisted providing powerful weapons requested by the rebels such as surface-to-air missiles due to fears they could be captured or used against America or its allies. Those concerns have been amplified since the downing of the Malaysia Airlines passenger jet over restive, rebel-held eastern

Ukraine in July.

The \$500 million plan, announced in June a month after Obama said he would work with Congress to ramp up support to the moderate Syrian opposition, was initially limited to training about a 3,000-man force over an 18-month period and then slowly expanding those numbers.

It reflected the priori-

ties of a president reluctant to get entrenched in another Middle East conflict. It was intended to build on a covert CIA-led effort that was based mostly out of Jordan and would be run by the Department of Defence. Each rebel would need to be vetted by US officials to screen out hard-line Islamists, a time-consuming process that would further limit how many fighters could go through the training.

The goal, say officials and former officials briefed on the original proposal, was not to empower the rebels to prevail in their two-pronged battle against Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's forces on one side and Islamic State militants on the other, but to enable them to hold ground they already have.

"From what we know, that was all just about

keeping the war going, giving us just enough to keep the fighting going, but not enough to win," said Wawi.

In Washington, some say it's not just a matter of weapons. They contend that while rebels could provide crucial intelligence for any US air assault, they are too undisciplined a force to be taken seriously, a rag-tag army of disconnected militias responsible for too many neighbourhoods.

Some say it could be difficult, if not impossible, to build the fledgling FSA into credible ground force.

"I simply don't think there is much raw material there," said Richard Haass, a former senior State Department official involved in preparations for the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003.

"It is divided. It is weak. Any effort to build it up would take years, and I don't think we'd have much to show for it," said Haass, currently president of the Council on Foreign Relations.—Reuters

Libyan PM accuses Qatar of sending planes with weapons to Tripoli

BENGHAZI, (Libya), 15 Sept — Libyan Prime Minister Abdullah al-Thinni said on Sunday Qatar had sent three military planes loaded with weapons to a Tripoli airport controlled by an armed opposition group, accusing a second country of interfering in the lawless oil producer.

The government had already accused Sudan of having tried to arm an Islamist-leaning group which seized Tripoli last month, forcing senior officials and the elected parliament to relocate to the east, part of a growing state of anarchy.

There was no immediate comment from Qatar, a Gulf Arab state which has backed the Muslim Brotherhood, an Islamist movement which has some ties to the group now con-

trolling Tripoli.

Analysts say Libya is turning into a conflict zone for competing regional powers as the country faces the prospect of becoming a failed state or even civil war three years after the ousting of Muammar Gaddafi.

US officials have said that the United Arab Emirates and Egypt, two countries worried about the spread of radical Islamists in Libya, carried out air strikes against an armed group from the western city of Misrata conquering Tripoli last month.

"Unfortunately they (the planes) reached (Tripoli) Matiga airport," Thinni told UAE-based Arab TV channel Sky News. "We will consider ... breaking off relations if this interfer-

ence into Libya's internal affairs continued."

"We confirm that we have official reports that these war planes carried weapons and ammunition," he said. "What does Qatar want to give to the Libyan people?"

Thinni also repeated accusations against Sudan, saying Khartoum had tried sending a military plane loaded with ammunition to Matiga, an airport controlled by the Misrata forces.

The North African country is divided, with a government and elected parliament that have relocated to Tobruk in the far east since losing control of the capital, and a rival assembly and government set up by the Misrata force.

"The Sudanese brothers are trying to interfere in Libya's affairs," Thinni said.

Sudan has confirmed it had sent a plane to the Libyan airport of Kufra but says it was only carrying equipment for a joint Libyan-Sudanese border force.

Thinni said the Qatari military planes had arrived in Matiga before the Sudanese plane was stopped by Libyan forces in Kufra, a desert town near the Sudanese border.—Reuters



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

Uganda seizes explosives, suicide vests from suspected al Shabaab cell

KAMPALA, 15 Sept — Police in the Ugandan capital Kampala seized "substantial amounts of explosives" and suicide vests in raids on a suspected al Shabaab cell that was planning an imminent attack, a Ugandan official said in an interview on Sunday.

Police arrested 19 people in the operation on Saturday, and Information Minister Rose Namayanja urged the public to "remain vigilant" as Uganda continues its investigation into the planned attack.

"The operation is still going on," Namayanja said. "We just want to ensure that we exhaust all the leads so that there are no more terrorist cells."

Ugandan authorities say they have increased security at hotels and other key sites, including Entebbe International Airport, since making the arrests.

Last week a senior al Shabaab official said the Somali militant Islamist group would target Americans in New York and Washington and "capture Kenya and Uganda."

"Anything could have happened," if the plot had not been foiled, Namayanja said.

She said the government believes the Kampala cell had links to al Shabaab but did not provide evidence linking the two, saying only that al Shabaab has attacked Uganda before.

The discovery of the alleged cell came as Kenya prepared to mark the first anniversary of an al Shabaab attack on Nairobi's Westgate shopping mall in which 67 people were killed.

In 2010, al Shabaab bombed sports bars in Uganda where people were watching soccer's World Cup on television.

Both Kenya and Uganda contribute troops as part of the African Union peacekeeping force battling al Shabaab in Somalia.

The militant group has threatened more attacks since the killing of their leader Ahmed Godane in a US strike earlier this month.—Reuters



Libya's Prime Minister Abdullah al-Thinni speaks to reporters in Abu Dhabi on 10 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Ocean algae can evolve fast to tackle climate change

OSLO, 15 Sept — Tiny marine algae can evolve fast enough to cope with climate change in a sign that some ocean life may be more resilient than thought to rising temperatures and acidification, a study showed.

Evolution is usually omitted in scientific projections of how global warming will affect the planet in coming decades because genetic changes happen too slowly to help larger creatures such as cod, tuna or whales.

Sunday's study found that a type of microscopic algae that can produce 500 generations a year — or more than one a day — can still thrive when exposed to warmer temperatures and levels of ocean acidification predicted for the mid-2100s.

The *Emiliania huxleyi* phytoplankton studied are a main source of food for fish and other ocean life and also absorb large amounts of carbon dioxide,

the main greenhouse gas, as they grow. Their huge blooms can sometimes be seen from space.

"Evolutionary processes need to be considered when predicting the effects of a warming and acidifying ocean on phytoplankton," according to the German-led study in the journal *Nature Climate Change*.

Thorsten Reusch, an author of Sunday's study at the GEOMAR Helmholtz-Centre for Ocean Research in Kiel, cautioned the findings about were only for one species of algae in a laboratory test, in water with no predators or disease.

He said it was not an argument that global warming was less serious than expected. Longer-lived creatures, from fish to shellfish, would not be able to evolve their way out of trouble.

A UN panel of scientists says that man-made greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere are



People swim in the sea as dried algae is pictured along the coastline in Qingdao, Shandong Province on 22 June, 2013.—REUTERS

warming the planet. And carbon dioxide, the main gas, turns into a weak acid when it dissolves in water, slowly acidifying the oceans.

Last year, a study by 540 experts said that acidification was a silent storm in the oceans and threatening life from coral reefs to

fish stocks. It said the seas could become 170 percent more acidic by 2100 compared to levels before the Industrial Revolution.

Sunday's study showed that algae, taken from water 15 degrees C (59 Fahrenheit) warm off Norway, tended to evolve to a smaller size in higher

temperatures in experiments lasting more than a year but also grew faster, producing a larger mass overall.

Stephen Palumbi, a professor of biology at Stanford University, said there was evidence that some coral reefs or sea urchins could be more resil-

ient than expected to ocean changes.

"What we don't know is how far these mechanisms will go. I suspect personally that they will not solve the future climate problem because climate is changing far too fast."

"But perhaps these abilities will give some important marine life a few more decades than we previously thought," he said.

A UN panel of scientists says it is at least 95 percent probable that man-made emissions of greenhouse gases are the main cause of global warming since 1950, causing more heatwaves, droughts and rising sea levels.

Opinion polls, however, indicate that many voters believe that natural variations are to blame. The mismatch between scientific and public opinion complicates a plan by almost 200 governments to work out a deal to limit global warming at a summit in late 2015 in Paris.—Reuters

UK-based Phones 4u seeks administrator after EE contract loss

LONDON, 15 Sept — UK mobile phone retailer Phones 4u said it is seeking the appointment of administrators from PricewaterhouseCoopers after its key partner EE notified the company that it would not be renewing its network agreement. The contract, which ends in September next year with the

UK's biggest mobile operator EE — which comprises T-Mobile and Orange, was crucial to the business for Phones 4u after it lost a similar contract with Vodafone Group Plc earlier this month.

The company, majority-owned by private equity firm BC Partners, said the unexpected decisions by

both Vodafone and EE "have come as a complete shock to the business." The decision has led Phones 4u to shut all of its 550 stores that employ about 5,600 workers, until a decision by the administrators is made on whether the business can be reopened for trading, the company said. "Today is a very sad day for

our customers and our staff. If the mobile network operators decline to supply us, we do not have a business," Chief Executive David Kassler said in a statement. The process of the appointment of an administrator is under way and is expected to occur on Monday, the company said.—Reuters

Hachette writers plan to appeal directly to Amazon's board

GOLDEN, Colorado, 15 Sept — Writers published by Hachette Book Group and their allies are planning to appeal directly to the board of Amazon.com Inc to find a way out of the impasse over e-book prices, the *New York Times* reported.

The writers have been at the receiving end of a dispute, which has seen Amazon delay deliveries and cut discounts on some books published by Hachette, the fourth-largest US book publisher owned by France's Lagardere.

Authors United, a group of Hachette writers and their allies, is warning the Amazon's board that the reputation of the retailer, and of the directors themselves, is at risk, the report said.

The 1,100-member group has time until

Wednesday to sign a letter, which warns the directors of the disrepute Amazon's treatment of the literary community is bringing to the company, the daily reported.

The letter follows an ad in *The New York Times* last month that asked readers to email Amazon's CEO Jeff Bezos and ask him to relent.

Amazon last month asked readers to help in its running dispute by emailing Hachette's CEO.

Amazon says pricing e-books at \$14.99 or \$19.99 is too expensive and unjustifiable in most cases. It argues that lower-priced e-books sell more and so ultimately generate more revenue, and more royalties for authors.

Representatives of Authors United were not immediately available for comment.—Reuters

Samsung accuses rival LG exec of vandalizing washing machines



File photo shows logo of Samsung Electronics is seen at the company's headquarters in Seoul.—REUTERS

SEOUL, 15 Sept — Samsung Electronics Co Ltd has accused the head of rival LG Electronics Inc's home appliances business of damaging Samsung washing machines at retail stores in Germany and asked Seoul prosecutors to investigate.

Samsung, in a statement on Sunday, said it asked the Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office to investigate LG employees who the company says were seen

deliberately destroying several of its premium washing machines on display at two stores earlier this month ahead of the IFA electronics show in Berlin.

"It is very unfortunate that Samsung had to request that a high-ranking executive be investigated by the nation's legal authorities, but this was inevitable, as we concluded that we had to get to the bottom of this incident," Samsung said.

LG denied Samsung's claim and said the executives inadvertently damaged the doors of two washing machines in one store because the model in question had weak hinges.

An LG spokeswoman told Reuters that Jo Seong-jin, head of the company's home appliances division, was one of the people named in Samsung's investigation request.

Officials in the prosecutors' office could not be reached on Sunday.

The dispute is the latest between the two South Korean arch-rivals, which compete across a wide range of products including smartphones, televisions and home appliances. Previous disputes included a conflict over refrigerator capacity and claims over South Korean air conditioner market share. LG says that it is the world's largest maker of

washing machines, followed by Samsung.

German police had questioned LG officials following the incident, LG said.

Both companies showed off competing gadgets and home appliances during the IFA trade show. LG said the incidents occurred as the executives had sought to examine products made by Samsung and other rivals.

It said its employees agreed to pay for four damaged Samsung washing machines at one store in accordance with mediation efforts by German police, though it says it was only responsible for two of the damaged products.

"We hope that this is not an attempt to damage our reputation," LG said in a statement, adding that it will cooperate with prosecutors on the investigation.

Reuters



A just-delivered Amazon box is seen on a counter in Golden, Colorado on 27 Aug, 2014.—REUTERS



Delegates attend the China-ASEAN Agricultural Science and Technology Forum in Nanning, capital of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on 15 Sept, 2014.—XINHUA

We need to make savings of EUR 700 million in 2015

BELGRADE, 15 Sept — Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic said at a Serbian government meeting on Sunday that it was necessary to make savings of EUR 700 million to ensure financial consolidation in the year to come.

At the meeting today, the Serbian government discussed the ongoing drafting of the 2014 budget revision and the budget for the next year, the government's media relations office said in a release.

Prime Minister Vucic said that more was being spent than earned in the budget sector and that the ministries and public enterprises whose directors had attended the government



meeting needed to make maximum savings and become more efficient.

The meeting discussed ways to make the savings and to improve efficiency at the public enterprises and budget-funded institutions.—Tanjug

US to help train people to spot potential violent extremists

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept — The US government launched a programme on Monday to reach out to key members of communities across the country to try to stop radicalized young people joining Islamic State and other extremist groups fighting in Syria and Iraq.

"Today, few threats are more urgent than the threat posed by violent extremism," Attorney General Eric Holder said in a video announcing the programme.

The Department of Justice, the White House, and other agencies are starting a series of pilot programmes to bring together community leaders, law-enforcement officials, and others to develop a strategy to counter the threat, Holder said.

While existing programmes have focused on community leaders, the new programmes will also include teachers and mental health and social services professionals to provide more support and develop ways to spot potential extremists, an official familiar with the programme said.

The goal is to intervene before people become radicalized, said the official, who declined to be named.

Law-enforcement authorities say they have had

success in similar efforts to counter gang violence, for example, by training teachers, social services workers and others in what to look for and how the groups recruit.

President Barack Obama has made halting the flow of radicalized Americans to foreign conflicts a part of his strategy against Islamic State militants, which includes a military campaign to ultimately destroy the group.

He said in a speech on Wednesday that authorities would offer "tailored domestic programmes to prevent violent extremism and radicalization."

US officials have estimated that as many as 15,000 foreign fighters are operating in Syria, including 3,000 westerners and around 100 Americans.

The UN Security Council plans to demand countries stop the recruitment of foreign fighters by creating criminal laws specifically against it, Reuters reported last week.

The draft resolution has been spurred by the rise of Islamic State — an al-Qaeda splinter group that has seized swaths of territory in Iraq and Syria and declared a caliphate — and al-Qaeda's Syrian wing, Nusra Front.

Reuters

Swedish centre-left opposition wins general elections

STOCKHOLM, 15 Sept — Sweden's opposition "red-green" centre-left alliance headed by the Social Democratic Party beat the centre-right ruling coalition in Sunday's general elections, preliminary results show.

The Social Democratic Party, famed for having built Sweden's reputable welfare "Nordic Model," became the biggest winner with over 31 percent of the vote.

Together with the Green Party and the Left Party, the "red-green" alliance harvested 43.5 percent of the vote, compared with 39.5 percent for the center-right ruling bloc.

Meanwhile, the anti-immigration far-right Sweden Democrats gained an unexpected 13 percent, making it the third-biggest winner.

The huge gain doubled what it achieved four

years ago. The party was dubbed by local media as a "balance of power" between the centre-left and centre-right blocs.

The "red-green" alliance appears unable to form a majority in parliament, and therefore probably has to partner with small parties within the ruling centre-right bloc to form a new government.

The poor performance of the ruling coalition has

forced Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt to announce his resignation both as prime minister and Moderate Party leader.

Social Democratic head Stefan Lofven, leader of the opposition "red-green" alliance, is ready to replace Reinfeldt as the next Swedish head of government.

"Tonight Sweden has decided — a change is needed. I am ready to probe the possibilities for creating a new government in Sweden," said Lofven just after midnight.

"All parties have a responsibility now. I'll talk to other parties. My hand is outstretched. I'll talk to the Greens, but also to other parties," Lofven said, in hope of forming a stable majority government soon.

However, he explicitly stated that he would not cooperate with the far-right Sweden Democrats. "Even if the Sweden Democrats had even higher numbers, we would not cooperate with them," said Lofven, amid cheers of his supporters.

About 7 million Swedes went to the polls on Sunday to select 349 members of parliament. The final election results is expected on Saturday and the newly elected parliament will convene on 29 September.—Xinhua



Swedish party leaders (L-R) Jimmie Akesson of the Sweden Democrats, Jonas Sjostedt of the Left Party, Gustav Fridolin of the Green Party, and Stefan Lofven of the Social Democrats take part in an election debate broadcasted on SVT public service television, in Stockholm on 12 Sept, 2014. —XINHUA

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Six trapped in SW China tunnel collapse

KUNMING, 15 Sept—Six workers were trapped in debris after a railway tunnel under construction collapsed in southwest China's Yunnan Province on Monday morning, local authorities said. The accident happened at about 9:30 am in Chuxiong City after one of the support arches for the Guangtong-Dali railway renovation project collapsed, according to the China Railway Eighth Group Co Ltd that is overseeing the construction project. Rescue is under way. The cause of the accident is being investigated.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 13 Sept, 2014, on Russian-held Etorofu Island off Hokkaido shows members of a visa-free delegation from Hokkaido meeting with local residents. The delegation returned home on 15 Sept.—KYODO NEWS

Powerful hurricane Odile barrels through Mexico's Baja tourist haven



People watch the strong waves caused by the hurricane "Odile" in the town of Tecpan de Galeana, region of Costa Grande, in Guerrero state, Mexico, on 14 Sept, 2014. Hurricane Odile on Sunday intensified to Category 4 on the Saffir Simpson scale and was moving rapidly towards Baja California peninsula in northwest Mexico, the country's National Meteorological Service (SMN) warned.—XINHUA

CABO SANLUCAS, (Mexico), 15 Sept—Hurricane Odile barreled into the Mexican beach Mecca of Baja California early on Monday, lashing luxury resorts and ripping trees from their roots as tens of thousands of tourists hunkered down in shelters.

Winds of up to 120 miles per hour (195 km/h) blew away boards nailed over windows and tore signposts out of the ground, as one of the worst recorded storms to slam the re-

gion hammered the golden sand beaches of the popular resort of Los Cabos.

Emergency officials feared the storm could unleash deadly flash floods as it dumped heavy rains over the southern tip of the mountainous desert peninsula.

Tourists stranded in shelters or hiding in the bathtubs of their rooms posted photos on social media showing windows barricaded with furniture that were blown in by the

gusts.

"This is really bad. My ears are about to explode by the pressure and I have an inch of water in my kitchen/living room," said Sarah McKinney on her Twitter account.

Another woman posted a video on the Web showing workmen erecting sheets of chipboard and boarded-up windows shaking. Dozens of people sat huddled with pillows in the middle of a large room.

"We've moved down-

stairs. These windows didn't seem to hold hurricane #Odile. I'm sweating like hell. Scary sound of howling wind," Alba Mora Roca said on her Twitter feed.

"Sounds of glass breaking. I'm in a room with a nice couple of African American pastors from Chicago. No windows. Thanks God there's power!"

Reuters was not immediately able to contact either woman.—Reuters

Two men nabbed over 43 mil yen robbery in Tokyo

TOKYO, 15 Sept—Two men were arrested on Monday on suspicion of robbing a 63-year-old man of 43 million yen in cash in front of a bank in Tokyo in April, police said.

Gheorghe-Aurel Strejan, 25, and Jan Miura, 37 — both Romanian nationals — are alleged to have stolen the victim's bag containing the cash after

punching him in the face in front of a bank in Setagaya Ward on 3 April. They have denied the allegations.

Their involvement was corroborated after the police analyzed security camera footage near the scene of the crime, a police official said.

Strejan has also been indicted on a charge of stealing four pricey watch-

es worth a total of about 2.8 million yen from a pawn shop in Tokyo's Toshima Ward in mid-August.

The victim of the suspected cash robbery case had previously reported to the police in December another incident in which he said he was robbed of a bag containing about 44 million yen.

Kyodo News

Edouard set to become first major 2014 Atlantic hurricane

NEW YORK, 15 Sept—Edouard is set to become the first major hurricane of the 2014 Atlantic season on Tuesday although it poses no threat to land, the National Hurricane Centre said.

The fourth hurricane and fifth named storm of the season had top sustained winds of 85 mph (140 km/hr) by 11 pm AST/0300 GMT on Monday with higher gusts, and was forecast to strengthen further as it head-

ed northwestwards over the central Atlantic. The centre of the storm was about 835 miles northeast of the Northern Leeward Islands and was moving toward the northwest at 15 mph (24 km/hr), the Miami-based hurricane centre said. "This will curve harmlessly out to sea. It's already far out at sea and should continue to stay out there," NHC spokesman Dennis Feltgen said late on Sunday.—Reuters



Kate Winslet comes to spotlight at Toronto Film Festival

TORONTO, 15 Sept—Kate Winslet stole the spotlight at the final Toronto International Film Festival's red carpet for the premiere of Alan Rickman's "A Little Chaos" on Saturday.

She was the center of attention and was highly praised by her fellow actors and director Rickman for her dedication to the role as a 17th-century revolutionary gardener who is commissioned to build and design King Louis XIV's garden at Versailles in the period romantic-drama.

"It's a story of two very unlikely people who come together. It's a meeting of minds, a colliding of souls, they really are kindred spirits," said Winslet, "and it was a very beautiful period, 17th-century France is absolutely delicious."

Winslet has taken on many challenging roles throughout her career, most notably in *The Titanic* where she spent weeks in water tanks to film the scenes.

"A Little Chaos" puts the actress back in a similar situation when her character, completely drenched, manually closes an aqueduct to prevent it from flooding the garden at Versailles. It's nothing compared to the gruelling scenes in *The Titanic*, except for the fact that Winslet was pregnant at the time. But she didn't let that stop her.

"You should've seen me, as soon as those rain towers came out, I was like: yes, come on..." she said excitedly, "I'm wet, I'm pregnant and thank God I didn't really tell anyone."

Xinhua

Beyonce: I am Jay Z's biggest fan



LOS ANGELES, 15 Sept—Pop star Beyoncé has revealed that she is her husband's biggest fan. The 33-year-old 'Drunk In Love' hitmaker made the admission during the final night of the couple's *On The Run* tour, reported *People* magazine.

She said to her husband in front of a packed stadium of 81,000 people in Paris, "I'm your biggest fan."

He responded saying, "It's been an honour and a pleasure to share the stage with you. I couldn't dream for anything else (than) to be in this stadium with the woman I love, who I believe is the greatest entertainer of our time. I love her. She's my wife."

The 44-year-old rapper also shared with the crowd why Paris is so special to them.

"We love Paris. It's special to us because we got engaged here and this is where baby Blue was conceived," he added.—PTI

The Imitation Game' takes top prize at Toronto film fest

TORONTO, 15 Sept—"The Imitation Game," a biopic about British mathematician and World War Two code-breaker Alan Turing, won the top prize at the Toronto International Film Festival on Sunday.

The film, which stars Benedict Cumberbatch as Turing, took the Grosch People's Choice award for best film at the 39th edition of the festival.

Accepting the award on behalf of director Morten Tyldum, Elevation Pictures' Noah Segal said simply, "Yummy, delicious," a reference to an audience member who had declared the same about Cumberbatch during a question-and-answer session following the film's screening during the festival.

"It was unnerving, but true," said Segal.

The award, which is chosen by audience members and has in the past gone to Oscar best picture winners such as "Slumdog Millionaire," and last year's "12 Years a Slave," will likely ramp up the buzz around the film.

In the movie, Turing is the brilliant mathematician who breaks the Germans' Enigma code, helping to bring the war to an end. He took his own life at 41 after he was convicted for being a homosexual.

Cumberbatch, one of the most sought-after actors in film and television, gave an immediate "yes" to playing Turing, he told *Reuters* last week.

Reuters

Daniel Craig to do cameo in 'Star Wars 7'?

LONDON, 15 Sept — James Bond star Daniel Craig is reportedly set for a secret cameo appearance in 'Star Wars: Episode VII'.

The 'Skyfall' actor is a big fan of the science fiction saga, and he has apparently filmed a mystery role in the upcoming seventh instalment of the franchise, reported *Daily Mirror*.

"Daniel asked for some sort of secret cameo role — and was happy to have his name left off the posters. Fans will love trying to work out which covered up character is him," a source said.

Craig, 46, who will reprise his role as the fictional British spy in the as-yet-untitled *Bond 24*, is said to have begged 'Star Wars' director JJ Abrams for the small part due to his love for the series.

'Star Wars: Episode VII' will see the return of original actors Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher, Mark Hamill, Anthony Daniels, Peter Mayhew and R2D2 star Kenny Baker.

They will be joined by John Boyega, Daisy Ridley, Adam Driver, Oscar Isaac, Andy Serkis, Domhnall Gleeson, Max von Sydow, Lupita Nyong'o and Gwendoline Christie. The release is set for 18 December, 2015.—PTI



GENERAL

Milan win 5-4 thriller as Inter blast seven

MILAN, 15 Sept — AC Milan clung on to beat Parma 5-4 away in Serie A on Sunday despite an dreadful defensive display which included Mattia De Sciglio scoring an extraordinary own goal from near the halfway line late in the match. Goalkeeper Diego Lopez injured himself in a vain attempt to stop the ball and had to hobble through injury time with Milan having already made three substitutions.

Inter Milan had a much more straightforward time as they routed hapless Sassuolo 7-0 for the second season in a row with Argentine striker Mauro Icardi grabbing a hat-trick and Pablo Daniel Osvaldo scoring twice. Mateo Kovacic and Fredy Guarin were also on target.

Rafael Benitez's problems at Napoli mounted as they lost 1-0 at home to modest Chievo after Gonzalo Higuain missed a first-half penalty and Maxi Lopez struck early in the second half for the visitors.

Benitez, who took a week off before the match,



Inter Milan's Pablo Daniel Osvaldo (C) controls the ball during their Serie A soccer match against Sassuolo at San Siro stadium in Milan on 14 Sept, 2014.

REUTERS

was already under pressure after Napoli lost their Champions League playoff to Athletic Bilbao.

Stefano Okaka scored a brilliant individual goal to help Sampdoria beat Torino 2-0 and was then told by coach Sinisa Mihajlovic that it was time to make up for wasting "six or seven years" of his career.

Juventus, AS Roma

and Milan are the only teams with six points from the opening two games.

Fernando Torres missed his Milan debut with an ankle sprain but that barely seemed to matter as Giacomo Bonaventura put them ahead in the 25th minute. Antonio Cassano scored against his old club to level two minutes later but a Keisuke Honda

header and Jeremy Meniez penalty put Milan 3-1 ahead at halftime.

Felipe pulled one back early in the second half and Milan had defender Daniele Bonera dismissed for a second bookable offence but, as Parma pressed for an equaliser, midfielder Nigel de Jong scored a fourth for Milan on the break.

Reuters

Tired finish for McIlroy to end stellar PGA Tour season

ATLANTA, 15 Sept — Rory McIlroy's bid to add several exclamation points to his brilliant PGA Tour season was derailed at the Tour Championship on Sunday as the world number one succumbed to mental fatigue after a hectic 10-week run.

Competing in his eighth tournament during that time, McIlroy had to settle for a share of second place after his title challenge was effectively scuppered by a double at the sixth, followed by three consecutive bogeys from

the ninth.

McIlroy, who has two major titles among his four wins worldwide this year, began the final round at East Lake Golf Club tied for the lead with eventual winner Billy Horschel but fell off the pace as he closed with a one-over-par 71.

"I am tired," the Northern Irishman told reporters after ending his round with three consecutive birdies from the 15th to finish at eight-under 272, level with veteran American Jim Furyk.—Reuters



Rory McIlroy motions to the right after a tee shot on the fourth hole during the final round of the Tour Championship at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta on 14 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

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Federer fires Switzerland into Davis Cup final



Italy's Fabio Fognini reacts during his Davis Cup semi-final tennis match against Switzerland's Roger Federer at the Palexpo in Geneva on 14 Sept, 2014.

REUTERS

GENEVA, 15 Sept — Roger Federer secured Switzerland's place in the final of the Davis Cup for the first time since 1992 by comfortably beating Italy's Fabio Fognini in Geneva on Sunday.

Roared on by a capacity crowd in the Palexpo Arena, Federer dismantled world number 17 Fognini 6-2, 6-3, 7-6 (4) in just under two hours to give the Swiss an unassailable 3-1 lead.

Italy's Andreas Seppi beat Michael Lammer 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 in the fifth rubber but Switzerland, who lost to the United States in their

only other Davis Cup final appearance, progressed 3-2 and will play France in the November final.

The French beat holders Czech Republic at Roland Garros. "It's really nice to share it (victory) with my team members," Federer said. "I think I really struggled today. I think Fabio struggled all weekend.

"It's tough conditions, pretty quick court, so it's always going to happen especially if you are not serving so well. "I thought today wasn't the best performance from both of us, but then again you've got to fight

with what you've got and in the end I'm happy to make the difference."

Federer gave the Swiss the first point on Friday by easing past Simone Bolelli before Stanislas Wawrinka doubled their advantage with a straight-sets victory over Fognini.

But Fognini and Bolelli combined brilliantly in Saturday's doubles match to beat Wawrinka and Marco Chiudinelli in five sets and put the pressure back on the Swiss. Having been rested for the doubles match, a refreshed Federer broke Fognini in the sixth game to take

a 4-2 lead before snatching another break to claim the first set.

Federer, who has now won all five of his Davis Cup singles rubbers this year, continued to trouble the Italian with his precision hitting and broke Fognini in the eighth game of the second set to take control of the match.

Fognini rallied in the third set and took Federer to a tie break but the 17-times grand slam champion held his nerve, claiming it 7-4 to reach the first Davis Cup final of his illustrious career.

Reuters

Goalkeeping crisis for Liverpool's opponents

LONDON, 15 Sept—Returning to the Champions League after a five-year absence on Tuesday, Liverpool will hope to take advantage of a goalkeeping crisis inflicting their unheralded opponents Ludogorets.

The Bulgarians' regular keeper Vladislav Stoyanov is suspended for the Group B game at Anfield after being sent off in the second leg of a dramatic playoff tie against Steaua Bucharest.

Defender Cosmin Moti had to go in goal for the penalty shootout and saved two spot kicks to put his side through.

Moti became such a hero that the club have named a stand after him at their stadium.

Reserve goalkeeper Ivan Cvorovic, like Stoyanov a Bulgaria international, was due to play against Liverpool but he injured a shoulder in training and may need an operation.



Aston Villa's Gabriel Agbonlahor (C) scores a goal during their English Premier League soccer match against Liverpool at Anfield in Liverpool, northern England on 13 Sept, 2014. —REUTERS

ation.

Coach Georgi Dermendzhiev was left to choose between Georgi Argilashki, who has not even played a league match, and Canada international Milan

Borjan, a free agent signed just in time to qualify for the Champions League.

"Argilashki is a quality keeper," said Dermendzhiev. "He was part of the team for three years

now and we can rely on him."

Ludogorets come from the small town of Razgrad and are only the second Bulgarian club to qualify for the Champions League

group stages, after Levski Sofia in 2006.

They face a club who have won Europe's premier club competition five times, most recently in 2005, when they famously beat AC Milan on penalties after trailing 3-0 at half-time.

After missing out on European football last season, Liverpool finished surprising runners-up to Manchester City in the Premier League.

Results so far this season have though been mixed, with two wins and two defeats in four games.

As well as losing 3-1 at champions City, they suffered a shock 1-0 home defeat on Saturday by Aston Villa.

Brendan Rodgers and his players, who visit Basel in the next round of Group B matches before a double-header with holders Real Madrid, are confident that the atmosphere at a packed Anfield will

help avoid what would be an even greater embarrassment.

"I have heard a lot about the European nights at this club," Brazil midfielder Philippe Coutinho told reporters. "We are confident we can make it to the next stage but we know it will be tough."

Liverpool have predictably been missing last season's leading scorer Luis Suarez, who was sold to Barcelona, while England international Daniel Sturridge, who also scored heavily, will be unavailable on Tuesday after suffering a thigh injury in training with the national team last week.

But having initially rested England winger Raheem Sterling out of the Villa game, Rodgers confirmed he will start against Ludogorets.

Whoever plays in goal for the visitors can expect a busy and noisy night.

Reuters

Japan ready to renew rivalry with South Korea

SEOUL, 15 Sept—Japan has stoked its sporting rivalry with neighbours South Korea ahead of this month's Asian Games and said it plans to use the multi-sport event in Incheon, west of Seoul, as a springboard to success at the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo.

The 17th Asiad officially opens on Friday with hosts South Korea and Japan expected to be fighting it out for second place on the medals table behind sporting powerhouse China.

The Koreans, who have targeted 90 gold medals in Incheon, have finished runners-up to China at the last four Asian Games, winning 76 golds in Guangzhou four years

ago while Japan took 48.

"I hear South Korea is aiming for 90 gold medals. I don't think they have ever achieved that before," Kyodo news agency quoted Japan delegation official Yuji Takada as saying at a news conference on Sunday.

"We, of course, in Japan would like to do the same."

South Korea have actually breached the 90 gold medal mark on two occasions, both times on home soil, winning 93 in Seoul (1986) and 96 in Busan (2002).

"There are a lot of political issues, not among the athletes themselves, but the reality is our rivalry isn't with China but with South Korea," added Takada at

a ceremony to mark the launch of the team's campaign at the 19 September to 4 October Games.

Japan heads to the Asian Games with the team's top two symbolic leadership roles filled by women for the first time.

Weightlifter Hiromi Miyake, who won silver at the 2012 London Olympics, has been named captain while the flagbearer is archer Kaori Kawanaka.

Once an Asian Games powerhouse, Japan dominated the medals table from the inaugural Games in New Delhi in 1951 through the 1978 Bangkok Asiad. China took control at New Delhi in 1982 and Japan has battled neighbours Korea for second place ever since. Japan's delegation to Incheon includes a powerful swim team who delivered a strong performance at the Pan Pacific Championships last month in Australia. Kosuke Hagino laid down his claim as the world's best all-round swimmer at present when he scored a stunning win over Michael Phelps to win the 200m individual medley after beating Tyler Clary in the 400m medley.

"Our goal is to get around 50 gold medals," Takada added.

Reuters



Japanese weightlifter and captain of Japan's athletes for the Asian Games Hiromi Miyake works out at the National Training Centre in Tokyo on 5 Sept, 2014.

REUTERS

Crowd warm to Falcao in brief United debut



Manchester United's Radamel Falcao (front) is challenged by Queens Park Rangers' goalkeeper Robert Green (R) during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England on 14 Sept, 2014. —REUTERS

LONDON, 15 Sept—They cheered him to the Old Trafford rafters just for warming up on the touchline, then roared their approval when he finally made it onto the pitch as a Manchester United player in the 67th minute of Sunday's 4-0 win over Queens Park Rangers.

All that was missing from Radamel Falcao's debut in English football was a goal, but the crowd of more than 75,000 went away convinced that it will not be long in coming.

United supporters love a goal scorer as much as any other set of fans, and a flamboyant one most of all.

They have an extra incentive to make the Colombian feel at home, hoping

that he will be able to force through a permanent move from Monaco once his season's loan is over. "I will try to stay here. I would like to be a United legend," he told Sky Sports before the game.

Feeling the love will only have hardened his determination. So will the evidence of how potent United's attack could become when he lines up in tandem with any combination of Robin van Persie, Wayne Rooney, Angel di Maria and Juan Mata.

On Falcao's entrance, as replacement for Mata, Rooney dropped into the playmaker's role, with man of the match Di Maria staying out wide.

Having sat and watched how poor Queens Park

Rangers were, he must have been desperate to peel off his training top and reveal the red number nine shirt.

Once he did so, there were some fancy touches to impress the home crowd.

The closest thing to a goal on debut followed a 25 metre drive by Danny Blind — also playing his first game — that the QPR goalkeeper Rob Green could only parry.

Falcao was immediately onto the rebound but had to take the shot first time and Green was able to block it with a foot. Later, Van Persie crossed just behind him and substitute Adnan Januzaj rather selfishly chose to shoot when Falcao would have welcomed a pass.

But he was all smiles as he chatted to compatriot Eduardo Vargas of QPR after the game.

Having missed the World Cup after damaging knee ligaments, it remains only to prove to United manager Louis van Gaal that at 28 he can recover all of the sharpness that made him one of the world's most feared strikers. If Rooney and Van Persie stay fit as well, there will be no need to rush him into a regular starting role.

And no opponents will relish facing that pair in the knowledge that Falcao is sitting impatiently in the dug-out. —Reuters