

Vice President U Nyan Tun, Secretary of CPC discuss controlling illegal trade in natural resources

KUNMING, 18 Sept— Vice President U Nyan Tun, met Mr Qin Guangrong, Secretary of Yunnan Provincial Communist Party Committee (CPC), on Thursday in Kunming of Yunnan Province to discuss stability of Myanmar-China border areas.

Both sides also discussed prevention of deforestation and illegal trade in natural resources, cooperation plan for the control of drugs, human trafficking and other violent cases, promotion of legal trade in border areas and mutual cooperation between the two borders.

During his tour, U Nyan Tun attended the 11th ASEAN-China Expo and the opening ceremony of ASEAN-China Economic and Investment Summit in Nanning of the People's Republic of China (PRC), source said.



The Vice President and party arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday afternoon.—MNA

Vice President U Nyan Tun holds talks with Mr Qin Guangrong, Secretary of Yunnan Provincial Communist Party Committee (CPC) in Kunming. (News on page 1)—MNA

ITCs issued for local merchants in Chin State

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept —The Ministry of Commerce is issuing individu-

al trading cards (ITCs) to local merchants in Chin State in order to allow

them to conduct export and import businesses with India, Deputy Minister for

Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan told the Amyotha Hluttaw on Thursday.

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Central Bank of Myanmar to circulate new Five Thousand Kyats note on 1 October 2014

Central Bank of Myanmar
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With a view to promoting a modern and sound financial system in consonance with the State's objective to properly evolve the market-oriented economic system, the Central Bank of Myanmar has issued currency notes which carry a high quality security status of international standard.

Without affecting the legal tender status of Five Thousand Kyats note issued on October 1, 2009, the Central Bank of Myanmar will with effect from October 1, 2014, put into circulation Five Thousand Kyats currency note with a new type of security thread, a new watermark image and a protective layer of varnish on both sides of the banknote in order to further enhance its security status, quality, to prolong circulation life span and to prevent forgery.

A "NEW COLOUR SHIFT WINDOW TYPE SECURITY THREAD" is inserted vertically on the obverse side of the note, in lieu of the normal window type security thread embedded upright in the previously issued Five Thousand Kyats note. The "NEW COLOUR SHIFT WINDOW TYPE SECURITY THREAD" is wider and colour shifting, which changes from gold to green colour upon viewing the banknote from different angle. On the right part of the obverse side, the note bears a new type of watermark image of the white elephant which appears when the banknote is against the light. The protective layer of varnish enhances banknote circulation life span by protecting it from degradation due to moisture, fluid and soiling agents. The size, design and colour of the Five Thousand Kyats note to be issued are all the same as those of the previously issued Five Thousand Kyats note with the exception of the new type of security thread, new watermark image and protective layer of varnish on both sides.

The existing Five Thousand Kyats note with is in circulation will continue to be legal tender currency.



Obverse side of new specimen Five Thousand Kyats note.



Reverse side of new specimen Five Thousand Kyats note.

Myanmar, Indian entrepreneurs focus on trade promotion



MANDALAY, 18 Sept—Members of Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry held a talk with a 25-member Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry at the hall of Yadanabon Super Centre in Chanayethazan Township on Wednesday. Mandalay Region Minister for Planning and Economic U Aung Zan explained trade promotion between the two nations and prospects of investment in Myanmar, Consul-General of India Dr Nadakumar Nagendran, extension of

border trade camps and mutual cooperation between the two nations.

Chairman of Indian CCI Mr Sanjay Agarwal introduced Indian entrepreneurs to the Myanmar side.

At the talks, both sides emphasized textile, personal

goods, medicine, steel, mining, chemicals, construction materials, electronics, monetary and financial affairs.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Entrepreneurs discuss development of hotels and tourism services

MANDALAY, 18 Sept—A coordination meeting on development of hotels and tourism services was held at Golden Country Hotel on 65th street between 31st and 32nd streets in Chanayethazan Township on 14 September.

At the meeting, Mandalay Region Minister for Finance Dr Myint Kyu said that the arrival of globetrotters is higher and higher. So, entrepreneurs extend advanced hotels in Mandalay for convenient accommodation of tourists. He highlighted that the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism

eases its restriction for issuing permits to the entrepreneurs to do hotels and tourism businesses, adding that only when the permission has been issued, can entrepreneurs start their services.

The meeting was attended by Myanmar Hoteliers Association (Mandalay Zone) U Myint Aung, Head of Mandalay Region Immigration and National Registration Department U Thauang Zaw, Police Captain Maung Maung Aye of Tourists Security Police Force and entrepreneurs.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Police's blood donation hails MPF Day



PAKOKKU, 18 Sept—As a gesture of hailing the golden jubilee anniversary Myanmar Police Force Day, Commander of Pakokku District Police Force Police Lt-Col Hla Win and police officials supervised the blood donation of 40

policemen from District Police Force, District Security Force and Township Police Force at Pakokku General Hospital on Wednesday.

The commander of district police force presented refreshments and nutritious

foods to the blood donor police.

Staff Officer Daw Thet Thet Wah of the blood bank accepted their blood and spoke words of thanks.

Aung (Mandalay University)

Preparations for placing gravels on road inspected

MINBU, 18 Sept—Director U Kyaw Swe of Magway Region Development of Rural Develop-

ment inspected stockpile of gravels by Nan Myint Thu Company for construction of the Sagu-Aingma gravel road on Tuesday.

The road will be placed with gravels with the rural development fund in 2014-15 fiscal year in Minbu Township of Magway Region.

Assistant Director U Aung Phone Lin of the township department briefed the director on stockpile of gravels.

On completion, the road will contribute much to development of economic, social and health sectors and smooth flow of commodities of the local people.

Than Naing Oo (Ngaphe)

Rural people join basic agricultural machinery driving course



TAIKKYI, 18 Sept—Now, the government is managing the transform from manual to mechanized farming across the nation.

A basic agricultural machinery driving course 1/2014 was opened at No 77 Agricultural Mechan-

ization Department in Taikkyi of Yangon Region on Wednesday.

Head of Yangon Region AMD U Zaw Win Naing and Head of the District Department U Naing Maung Thu explained the purpose of conducting the training

course.

Yangon Region Hlut-taw representative U Myint Aung presented teaching aid to the trainees.

Altogether 65 trainees from 20 village-tracts are attending the course from 17 to 26 September.

Tha Nyunt

SIM cards of MPT not enough for customers

MANDALAY, 18 Sept—Myanma Posts and Telecommunications sells SIM cards worth K1,500 each without limit as of 1 September.

Up to now, the demand of SIM cards is still high in all regions of the nation.

Although seven townships of Mandalay District have over 10 shops for official sales of SIM cards, most of them have run out

the sales. Thus, the people in a queue are waiting for buying the cards at a few shops.

"I knew most of the mobile phone shops had run over their sales of SIM cards. I miss the chance to buy the cards till today. But I am still in a queue with a great hope for buying one card," said a local.

MPT has announced that it will sell 700,000

SIM cards for the first step to the whole nation as of 1 September. MPT requested the people to wait for buying the cards due to high demand and warned the mobile phone shops not to increase the price of cards.

People may make complaints over any malpractice of sales to Telephone Number 106.—*Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)*

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under ITCs, the government can levy more taxes as those who engage in illegal trade will use the cards to export their goods and to import goods they need, according to the deputy minister.

The deputy minister was responding to the question whether the ministry has plans to conduct courses to disseminate knowledge about individual trading cards to local people in Falam and Reedkhorda in Chin State, one of the least developed states in Myanmar.

Local merchants can trade using the ITCs in all border trade stations, according to the deputy minister.

With ITCs, local merchants can export and import K 10 million worth of goods for 5 day period.

People from Reed, Tiddim and Kalay can trade at Reedkhorda Border Trade Station and those from Thantlang, Haka and Falam can trade at Thantlang Border Trade Station.

The deputy minister said his ministry will conduct courses to disseminate knowledge on the use of ITCs and other trade procedures in coordination with Chin State Government.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session on Thursday approved 100-million loan for the Ministry of Health from the World Bank. According to statistics on 31 December, 2013, Myanmar



had 5.379 billion foreign debt and stood 116 by the world debt comparison. The Pyithu Hluttaw session on Thursday discussed construction of housing estate for government staff in Patheingyi.—MNA

Representatives participate in Thursday's session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

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C-in-C focuses on close cooperation with Israel to prevent terrorism



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Israeli Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Hagay Moshe Behar discuss bilateral cooperation between Myanmar and Israel at their meeting.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met Israeli Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Hagay Moshe Behar on Thursday in Nay Pyi Taw to discuss bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

The senior general said that Myanmar recognizes the assistance of Israel that also plays a vital role in the development of the nation.

He also expressed his sympathy for challenges of Israel and emphasized the close cooperation with Israel to prevent terrorist acts.

The Israeli Ambassador vows to promote strengthening ties with Myanmar.

Mr. Hagay Moshe Behar is interested in Myanmar's culture and natural environment and began his term as Israel's ambassador to Myanmar in August 2012.

Also present at the call were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice Senior General Soe Win, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win and senior military officers.—MNA

Myanmar established diplomatic relations with Israel on 13 July 1953. The cooperation between the two countries has included a variety of programs in the agriculture sector offered to the people of Myanmar.

Union Sports Minister leaves to attend 17th Asian Games

YANGON, 18 Sept—Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan left Yangon on Thursday for Incheon of the Republic of Korea (ROK) to attend the opening and closing ceremonies of the 17th Asian Games 2014 as well as the 33rd Olympic Council of Asia General

Assembly. Myanmar athletes led by Deputy Director U Thet Lwin of the Department of Sports and Physical Education will also leave in batches for there to participate in the Asian Games between 17th and 27th September.

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Myanmar seeks international support to develop its media

YANGON, 18 Sept- The 3rd Conference on Media Development in Myanmar kicked off at the Chatrium Hotel here on Thursday, with an opening speech by Union Minister for Information U Ye Htut, sources said.

The two-day conference was organized by the Ministry of Information in partnership with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and local and foreign news agencies.

UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova recognized Myanmar's attempt to transform the media, describing it as palpable and noting that the media reform reflects the government's commitments to political and economic reforms.

Irina expressed her hope that the highlights of the conference would be on challenges facing the media world, the role of the media in shaping good governance and the rule of law, ethical journalism, and press accountability.

She pledged UNESCO's help to Myanmar with its ongoing process of enacting media laws.

Roland Kobia, Ambassador of the European Union to Myanmar, said that challenges are not new in reforms and offered cooperation in the long-term development of the media in the country.

He suggested that freedom of expression should incorporate ethical journalism into the development of the media, stressing that press freedom does not amount to violation of the rights of other people and it has its own limitations.

The conference is scheduled to continue on 19 September at the same venue.—MNA

Union Minister for Information U Ye Htut highlights important role of media in 3rd Conference on Media Development in Myanmar: Towards A Sustainable Media Development.—MNA

Chinese officials hand over sacred Buddha tooth relic to Myanmar



MUSE, 18 Sept—On his visit to the People's Republic of China on 27 June 2014, President U Thein Sein accepted a Bud-

dha tooth relic offered for public obeisance by Ven Shi Chang Zang from the Buddha Tooth Relic Chamber Temple in Beijing

of China. On 16 September, a ceremony to hand over the sacred Buddha tooth relic was held at Nandaw Gate-1 of Muse checkpoint

in Shan State.

Mr Liu Yu Tao and Mr Li Lian Youg of the Ling Guang Si Temple of China handed over the tooth relic to Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Dr Maung Maung Htay and officials together with nine members of the Sangha and about 5,000 local people so as to keep it at Shwemuh-taw Pagoda of Patheingyi in Ayeyawady Region.

At Golden Palace Tourism Terminal in Kauhngmulon Ward of Muse, nine members of the Sangha consecrated the tooth relic and then the tooth relic was conveyed to Lashio.—*L Soe (IPRD)*

Myanmar, Thai entrepreneurs meet to conduct border trade research

MYEIK, 18 Sept—The Study of Border Trading between Thailand and Myanmar was conducted at Pearl Laguna Hall in Myeik of Taninthayi Region on Wednesday.

Vice Chairman (2) U Kyi San of Myeik District Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Pro-Rector Mr Thanitsom Chirapornchai of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi of Thailand led their delegations for holding the meeting on exchange of views over trade routes and investment between the two countries so as to conduct the research paper.

The meeting was also



attended by officials of the University of Technology and officials.

Both sides discussed construction of the Myeik-Taninthayi-Mawtaung

Road for enhancing the bilateral trade, promotion of trade and tourism industries, prospects of trading and investment, trading of personal goods after opening the Hsinkhun gate of Thailand and trade of marine products.

Khaing Htoo (Myeik District IPRD)

Flood hits Palauk Tsp of Taninthayi Region, killing animals



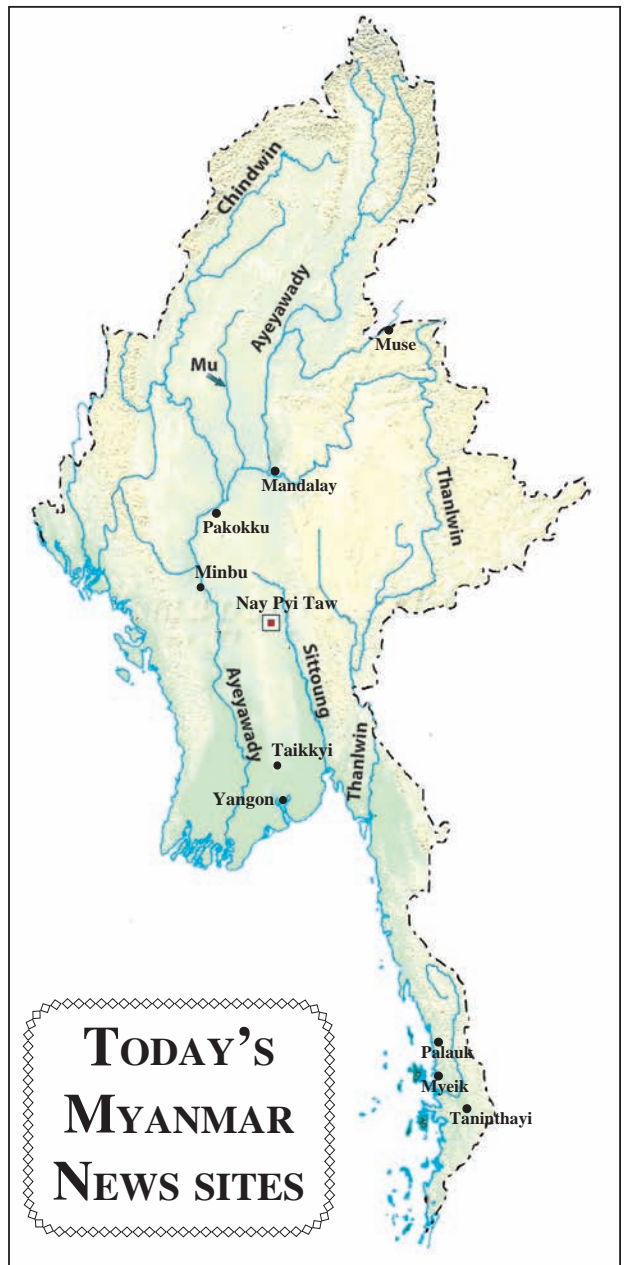
PALAUK, 18 Sept—Flood hit in Pyaycha Village in Palauk Township of Taninthayi Region on Wednesday morning, killing about 300 cattle, source

said.

Flood-affected people from over 100 households are now taking shelter in the church and their relatives.

Due to floods, the Myeik-Dawei road fell under the three-foot water, blocking passenger transports of buses along the road.

Palauk Township IPRD



New dragon boat ready to take part in rowing contest

TANINTHAYI, 18 Sept—With the aim of preserving Myanmar culture, a training of rowing was given to 42 rowers who will participate in the traditional dragon boat rowing contest with the use of the newly-built dragon boat in Taninthayi on 16 September.

The boat was built under the aegis of Chaunggyi Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pannadipa of Taninthayi.

Healthy and fit youths from Chaunggyi, Chaung-

nge and MyoU wards of Taninthayi participated in the training with vigorous efforts in unity.

The boat is 69 feet long for 42 oars. The test running of the boat was held on 9 September and conveyed to Taninthayi from West Le-thit Village to commission it into service in Chaunggyi River and Chaungnge River. The dragon boat rowing contest is held every 4th waning of Thadingyut of Myanmar calendar year.

Nanthayi Htein Win



REGIONAL

Xi visits Modi's home state, extends birthday wishes

AHMEDABAD, (India) 18 Sept — Wearing traditional Indian vest presented by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chinese President Xi Jinping visited Modi's home state of Gujarat on Wednesday, and extended wishes to his 64th birthday.

Both leaders called for advancing bilateral ties “step by step” and “inch by inch” in their second meeting in about two months. The two met in July in Brazil at a summit of the emerging-market bloc of BRICS.

“I am very delighted to come to your home state as soon as I land on the Indian soil,” Xi told Modi in a brief meeting shortly after he arrived in the western Indian city of Ahmedabad in Gujarat on Wednesday afternoon.

“This is where eminent Chinese monk Xuan Zang went by during his trip to India to seek Buddhist scriptures in the Tang Dynasty (618-907), and thus enjoys a special position in the long history of friendly exchanges between our two countries,” he said.

China and India are important neighbours to each other, Xi said, noting that both are ancient civilizations and large developing countries, and are committed to development and national rejuvenation.

The two countries should respect each other, learn from each other, build good-neighbourly and



Chinese President Xi Jinping (L) rotates a spinning wheel that was once used by Mahatma Gandhi as he visits Gandhi's former residence along with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi (R) in Gujarat, India, on 17 Sept, 2014.—XINHUA

friendly relations, and go forward hand in hand, the Chinese president said.

“My visit is a trip of friendship and cooperation. Thank you for specially coming here to accompany me in visiting your hometown,” Xi told Modi, who had served as chief minister of Gujarat for over a decade before becoming India's prime minister in May.

It is Xi's first trip to India since he took office in March 2013, and also the

first state visit in eight years by a Chinese president to the country.

Citing an ancient Chinese famous line “A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step,” Xi called for a down-to-earth and persistent manner to press ahead with the China-India relations.

“I would like to make concerted efforts with you to accomplish this mission,” Xi said.

For his part, Modi said

the people in Gujarat felt very honoured as President Xi started the India visit from his home state.

Recalling their first meeting in Brazil, Modi said he and Xi had very good talks and he shared Xi's feeling that the meeting was like between “old friends.”

The prime minister said his remarks that China and India are one mind with two bodies are widely circulated in India, as the two

countries share the same aspiration for development and have every reason to strengthen cooperation.

To welcome President Xi's visit to India, Modi said, he wrote an article for Indian newspapers, describing the potential of India-China ties as “INCH (India and China) towards MILES (Millennium of Exceptional Synergy).”

In the presence of the two leaders, China and India clinched the deals

of setting up an industrial park in India focused on building power transmission equipment, and establishing sister province-state relations between China's Guangdong and Gujarat and sister city relations between China's Guangzhou and Ahmedabad.

Also Wednesday afternoon, Modi accompanied Xi's visit to the former residence of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of India's national independence movement.

Xi pointed out that the Chinese and Indian peoples sympathized with and supported each other and forged profound friendship in the fight against colonialism for national independence, stressing that “we must carry forward the friendship.”

As they walked along the Sabarmati River in the city, Modi briefed Xi on the Sabarmati riverfront development project, saying it is the largest shantytown renovation project in India.

Modi and Xi celebrated the prime minister's 64th birthday together, which Modi said was very meaningful and unforgettable.

India is the last stop of Xi's four-nation tour in Central and South Asia, which has already taken him to Tajikistan, Maldives and Sri Lanka. In Tajikistan, he also attended a summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

Xinhua

Cambodia supports US strategy against ISIS

PHNOM PENH, 18 Sept — Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen announced on Thursday that the country supported the US President Barack Obama's strategy to defeat the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS).

“For our stance on ISIS, previously, we have subsequently condemned the killings of American and British journalists, and we will continue condemning such brutal crimes,” he said during a national conference. “Cambodia has no possibility to send forces to directly fight with ISIS group in Iraq, but, mentally and politically, we support all activities that destroy terrorism groups — not only ISIS, but also al-Qaeda and other groups.”

The prime minister said Cambodia would do all its best to prevent terrorists from taking Cambodian territory as their shelter or terrorism financing place, and would share information that could be useful in the campaign to fight against terrorism.

“We do not tolerate any terrorism act,” he said. “In fact, Cambodia is not the target of terrorism attack, but we should not forget that more than 4 million foreign tourists have come to Cambodia each year and many foreign companies are doing businesses in Cambodia.”

ISIS has recently claimed to have established an “Islamic Caliphate” in parts of Syria and Iraq.

The group, led by Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, said their goal is to establish an Islamic state in Iraq and Syria to fight the Shiite-led Iraqi central government and Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, whose top ranks are from the Alawite minority, an offshoot of Shiite Islam.

Xinhua

Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha presides over a meeting on government policy at Government House in Bangkok, Thailand, on 17 Sept, 2014.



XINHUA

Philippines lowers alert level for Israel, West Bank

MANILA, 18 Sept — The Philippine government on Thursday lowered the security alert level for Israel, Palestine and Gaza Strip after Tel Aviv and Hamas have agreed to an indefinite ceasefire after months of fighting.

From alert level 2 or

“restriction phase,” the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) has lowered this to alert level 1 or “precautionary phase” for Israel and West Bank. Gaza Strip, which was placed under alert level 4 or “mandatory repatriation phase,” is now at alert level 2.

“The security situation in Israel and Palestine has greatly improved since the implementation of a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas,” Foreign Affairs spokesman Charles Jose told a Press briefing.

“These notwithstanding, the DFA maintains alert

level 1 in Israel since it still faces external threat to security,” Jose said, adding all Filipinos are urged to take the necessary precautions.

Jose said alert level 2 is maintained in Gaza due to the humanitarian situation in the territory.

Xinhua

Russian air assault units cover 4,000 nautical miles in military snap check in Far East



Photo shows tanks during the snap check.— ITAR TASS

Moscow, 18 Sept — Air assault units of the Russia's Airborne Forces have performed a long-distance advance aboard large amphibious ships to a designated area as part of combat readiness snap check in the Eastern Military District, the defence ministry said on Thursday.

According to the defence ministry, paratroopers covered a distance of 4,000 nautical miles. During the cruise, paratroopers drilled skills on landing on Kamchatka's and Chukotka's wild coasts and on the Island of Sakhalin and one of the Kuril Islands.

Jointly with marine infantry units and warship crews, paratroopers drilled ship damage control skills and performed tasks of de-

fending warships at sea and at ports, the ministry said.

Russia's Defence Ministry started a surprise combat readiness check in the Eastern Military District in the morning on 11 September at an order from Russian President and Supreme Commander-in-Chief Vladimir Putin. The drills that are to be over on 18 September focus

on the tasks of troops' regrouping for large-distance re-deployment. This is not the first combat readiness check held since the start of this year. Late in February 2014, Putin ordered combat readiness checks of troops in the Western and Central Military Districts and in late June surprise checks were held in the Central Military District.—*Itar Tass*

Brazil's president pledges to preserve labour rights if reelected



Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff

BRASILIA, 18 Sept — Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff on Wednesday pledged to preserve labour rights if reelected in October, including the year-end bonus, vacations and overtime pay.

Following a meeting with small business and shop owners in Sao Paulo, Rousseff told reporters she would protect those rights.

"When labour relations change, the laws have to change, (but) these changes cannot compromise rights," said Rousseff, who is running for a second term.

"I won't change the rights granted by labour laws, (such as) vacations, the end-of-year bonus, overtime (pay)," she said.

Business representatives at the meeting had asked the president to update the labour law to reduce tax burdens on busi-

ness owners.

During the meeting, Rousseff highlighted the so-called Simple Law, which simplifies taxes paid by small businesses and which will apply universally starting in 2015.

She also promised to establish mechanisms to make it easier for micro- and small businesses to grow into medium-sized companies.

"I have committed to creating a means for their growth, because today when a micro- or small business grows, it loses the benefits derived from the Simple Law. So they lose what's simple and get mired in what's complicated," said Rousseff.

Rousseff said she will be sending a bill to congress in November to provide small businesses with incentives to grow, such as the gradual migration to a larger business tax regime. Polls show Rousseff leads opposition rivals prior to the 5 October elections, but socialist party candidate Marina Silva is fast gaining ground and has the potential for an upset win in a runoff.—*Xinhua*

Lessons from World War I are now more important than ever



BELGRADE, 18 Sept — World War I changed the geopolitical map of Europe and the world, caused massive destruction and human death, and Serbia suffered the most in the war, losing in it a sixth of its population, participants at an international conference in Belgrade said on Wednesday.

Attempts to falsify history and put the blame for the outbreak of the war on Serbia are unacceptable, said participants at the two-day event held to mark the centenary of the Great War.

Russian Deputy For-

eign Minister Alexey Meshkov said that important lessons should be drawn from that war, the first global disaster of mankind. We are increasingly witnessing astonishing distortions of history, coming even from very high levels, which shows ignorance of historical events, Meshkov said, adding that World War I was cardinally different from the previous wars as it saw weapons of mass destruction being used for the first time.

Meshkov said that the pointless attempt to kick Russia out of the world game was a fatal mistake,

but it was very instructive when it came to the European politics of today.

According to Meshkov, the crisis in Ukraine that has shaken the world has a negative impact on Russia's relations with its partners.

But although it is obvious that there would be no return to the old models of cooperation, Russia is open to dialogue and cooperation, he said.

Meshkov also stressed the important role of Serbia as holder of the chairmanship of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in 2015.

He said that all attempts to isolate international partners to force them to give up on pursuing an independent policy and attempts to put Russia on the margins of European politics were dangerous play.

Our proposals are on the table, we are open to dialogue, and we are interested in seeing our EU partners finding a way out of the maze of illusory po-

litical campaigns and returning to the rational approach, advised Meshkov.

Oliver Antic, advisor to the Serbian president, said that the annexation of Bosnia-Herzegovina by Austria-Hungary in 1908 had been the prelude to the war and that fears had been voiced by European states early in the twentieth century that Austria-Hungary's aggressive policy could push Europe into war.

Serbian Orthodox Church Patriarch Irinej said that we should respect the historical facts as they were and not "as others prefer them to be."

After messages from Russian Patriarch Kirill and Russian State Duma Speaker Sergey Naryshkin were read at the conference, Vladimir Yakunin, president of the Foundation of St Andrew the First-Called, warned about distortions of historical truth and pinning the blame on others and asked who had really benefited from the war.

Serbia had the biggest losses in terms of people killed. It is an undisputable fact, said Yakunin.

Therefore, the claim that Russia was on the side of those benefiting from the war is not true, he stressed.

Yakunin said that the United States was the only party that had benefited from both World Wars and it had used them to boost its economic growth and secure for itself the top geopolitical position that they held today.

Former president of the Czech Republic Vaclav Klaus said that the Great War had begun in Serbia, but it had not been begun by Serbia — the war had been started by Austria with Hungary's unwilling consent, and Germany had also played a role in it because of its ambition to redraw European borders.

Gavrilo Princip was not the main reason to start the war.

The war had already been in the air, Klaus said.

Tanjung

Scots start voting in independence referendum

EDINBURGH, 18 Sept — People in Scotland began voting on Thursday in a referendum on whether the country should become independent or stay part of the United Kingdom.

After an intense final day of campaigning, voters turned up at polling stations in schools and halls as soon they opened at 0600 GMT on a day that will decide the fate of a 307-year-old union. The first to cast a ballot in Edinburgh's Waverley Court was a businessman who gave his name as Ron.

"This is a historic day for Scotland. I've waited all my life for this. It's time to break with England. 'Yes' to independence," he said after casting his ballot.

As he spoke, a couple of workers hurrying by shouted "Vote No.!" Four opinion polls on the eve of the vote showed support for independence at 48 per cent compared with 52 per cent for the union but a fifth showed it even closer on 49 to 51 percent.—*Reuters*

WORLD

Obama vows US will not fight another ground war in Iraq

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, (Fla) 18 Sept — President Barack Obama, trying to reassure war-weary Americans, vowed on Wednesday the United States will not fight another ground war in Iraq but his spokesman said some military advisers could end up in front-line positions against Islamic State.

Obama, who has spent much of his presidency distancing himself from the Iraq War, stressed that airstrikes would be the central US contribution to the fight against Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, along with coordinating a coalition that he said now includes more than 40 countries.

"I want to be clear. The American forces that have been deployed to Iraq do not and will not have a combat mission," Obama said in a speech at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa.

"We will train and equip our partners. We will advise them and we will assist them. We will lead a broad coalition of countries who have a stake in this fight," he said.

His spokesman Josh Earnest said some US military advisers could be deployed to forward positions



US President Barack Obama speaks after a military briefing at US Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida on 17 Sept, 2014. —REUTERS

to help direct Iraqi security forces and call in airstrikes, but said they would "not be personally or directly engaging the enemy."

On Tuesday General Martin Dempsey, chairman of the US military's Joint Chiefs of Staff, had raised concerns among some of

Obama's fellow Democrats when he said some American military personnel could eventually take up frontline positions with local fighters.

"If General Dempsey determined that it may be necessary to forward deploy some of the American

advisers, then he will bring that option to the president, and the president said that he would consider it on a case by case basis," Earnest told reporters on Air Force One.

At the base Obama declared before an audience of troops: "As your com-

mander in chief I will not commit you and the rest of our armed forces to fighting another ground war in Iraq."

The United States has launched more than 160 airstrikes against Islamic State targets in several areas in Iraq and Obama

has authorized similar attacks against the extremist group's strongholds in Syria. More than 1,600 American advisers have been dispatched to help Iraqi forces but Obama does not want them to get involved in ground combat to avoid a repeat of the Iraq war begun by his Republican predecessor, George W Bush.

In his testimony to a Senate committee on Tuesday, Dempsey outlined scenarios in which he might recommend having US troops do more, potentially accompanying Iraqis during complicated offensives, such as a battle to retake the northern city of Mosul from Islamic State fighters.

Reuters

Netherlands to contribute F-16 fighter planes to counter IS

AMSTERDAM, 18 Sept — The Netherlands will consider contributing F-16 fighter jets and arms for Kurdish fighters to help counter the rise of Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, a Dutch newspaper reported on Thursday.

The *Trouw* daily, citing government sources, said an unspecified number of planes will take part in air strikes against insurgent targets in Iraq and possibly Syria. The Netherlands was not among the nations approached by US President Barack Obama at a NATO meeting in Wales earlier this month, when he was seeking to build a coalition of allies against the hardline Islamic offshoot of al-Qaeda. Washington had not taken the Dutch offer to provide 1,000 helmets and bullet proof vests to the Kurdish troops in northern Iraq seriously, *Trouw* reported.

The Dutch contribution, to be discussed at a weekly Cabinet meeting of Prime Minister Mark Rutte's government on Friday, must also be approved by a majority in the 150-seat parliament.

Trouw reported that the parties needed to win enough votes in the legislature were behind the mission. Dutch official said in August the Netherlands would consider providing arms, but gave no additional details.—Reuters

US welcomes China's first-time attendance at naval forum

WASHINGTON, 18 Sept — Top US Navy officials welcomed China's first-time attendance at a 113-nation naval forum on Wednesday but made clear that despite progress in US-Chinese military interaction, more work is needed to avoid incidents that could trigger a crisis.

Chinese navy chief Admiral Wu Shengli's participation in the 21st International Seapower Symposium comes less than a month after Washington formally protested what it said was a "dangerous intercept" of a Navy surveillance plane by a Chinese fighter pilot in international air space off China's coast.

US officials said the Chinese fighter flew within a few yards (metres) of the American P-8 Poseidon anti-submarine aircraft several times and then did a barrel roll over it. The US plane was more than 135 miles (215 km) east of Hainan Island, site of a sensitive Chinese submarine base.

China has dismissed the criticism as groundless and said the pilot had kept



US Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Jonathan Greenert (R) talks with PLA Navy Commander in Chief Admiral Wu Shengli during a welcoming ceremony at the PLA Navy headquarters outside of Beijing on 15 July, 2014. —REUTERS

a safe distance.

Admiral Jonathan Greenert, the top US Navy officer, said Wu's attendance at the forum in Newport, Rhode Island, was "a great, great signal" following China's decision to send ships this summer for the first time to the US-hosted Rim of the Pacific exercises, the largest such multina-

tional naval event.

Greenert noted that China hosted a naval symposium in Qingdao in April where more than 20 countries agreed to guidelines on how their navies should react to avoid a crisis at sea, a code Greenert said was "starting to reap some fruit." But Greenert and US Navy Secretary Ray Mabus

also said more efforts were needed to keep interactions between US and Chinese militaries professional to ensure they avoid a miscalculation that could provoke an international incident.

"We want to engage with ... China. We want to engage with them operationally, we want to engage with them in terms of exer-

cises," Mabus told reporters. "They need to bear the responsibility of a power their size and they need to be a part of this coalition to keep the world's sea lanes open, to ensure freedom of navigation, to make sure that there are no incidents that can escalate," he added. Mabus said the US military was "very particular" about following accepted protocols so that "everybody knows exactly where our aircraft are, everybody knows exactly where our ships are."

"It's very dangerous, very problematic when pilots from other countries do not follow those," Mabus said. "When they come in too close, they raise the stakes of an incident, of losing life, of losing planes and of stirring up a big international incident. That should not happen." Greenert said he and Wu had discussed many of the challenges they share, from bringing new ships online to recruiting the right people. But he also said "we disagree on some things," such as some Chinese territorial claims.

Reuters

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 19 September, 2014

Peace and security are fundamental to social progress and sustainable development

By Kyaw Thura

History bears witness to the fact that conflict, no matter how violent, can come to an end if the fires of extremism are extinguished and the root causes of dispute are tackled.

A glance at newspapers is enough to convince us that instability reign, especially in countries where political, social and economic

crises persist. Civilians are the innocent victims of any outbreak of armed conflict, for it causes untold grief to families, communities and the country as a whole.

The time has come for all the people living in the country to get involved in dealing with budding crisis situations so as to improve our response to the prevention of horrendous human suffering in conflict areas.

In addition, it is necessary for all of us to unite as a human family and stand in solidarity with the civilians and traumatized families whose homes and futures have been shattered by catastrophic effects armed conflicts have had on them. How we react to impending doom calls for moral and political responsibility.

We should not waver in our determination to call on the entire people, governing bodies, ethnic groups and political parties to come together in renouncing conflict and promote har-

mony in the belief that peace and security are essential foundations for social progress and sustainable development. Only when conflict ends will reconciliation triumph so that peace can prevail.

All we need to do is respect the rights of people to peace. This commitment should be executed promptly and systematically, with compassion, integrity, impartiality and courage by all of us.

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The Inhumane acts and deteriorating climatic conditions on earth

By Tommy Pauk

Nowadays, our planet is getting warmer and human minds seem burning and natural environment is deteriorating significantly. Burning of greed, delusion and anger are the main causes which ignore compassion, loving-kindness and human fundamental decencies. Human consciences are hampered by greed, delusion and anger. Among the human relations, they prioritize egoism rather than philanthropy. So they become materialistic due to such cravings and mentality. Such behavior and practices can be obviously seen in doing businesses and politics in the world. They do not feel shame at doing sinful deed and do not fear of paying for sins. The respective religious teachings control mindfulness of peace and compassion in mankind. However, the acts of brutality, cruelty, atrocity and violence among human beings are prevalent everywhere on earth. Man tries to possess nuke power to fight each other. Very few peaceful countries can be seen on earth. Civil wars, riots, act of terrorism, conflicts and tensions occur in the world. It is a burning world with no peace.

At the same time, our mother earth is sickening of so-called global warming caused by human beings, the most superior living things on earth. It is no doubt that human beings

destroy our earth as they excessively use natural and mineral resources and gas emissions. Deforestation and urbanization are also done for firewood, timber extract, human settlement and survival without considering the impact for ecosystem and animals. Thus, as we all know, the great amount of carbon dioxide emissions from automobiles and industries does affect the ozone layer which protects our earth from ultraviolet rays from sunrays. Then it is depleting gradually and our planet gets more heat which causes melting to glaciers day after day on both North and South poles regions.

You can find the proof of that situation by viewing the documentary video named "An Inconvenient Truth" shot by US Vice President Mr. Al Gore. When I watched that video movie, I was greatly shocked to learn the deterioration of our mother earth and some climate changes. Thanks to Mr. Al Gore for his efforts to reveal the actual side effect of global warming on earth, the severe climate changes ap-

pear on earth. It is likely to be detrimental to humans and animals on earth.

Who will save our earth known as home of all living things? Of course we are the ones who ought to maintain our human-reigned planet by any means. It is a global concern indeed! This is a vital issue to be discussed for right solution. We should not handle this issue flipantly.

The burning of human cravings are the causes and global warming is the consequential effect. We should love nature and protect our natural environment so that the so-called human-reigned world could last long for posterity. Naturally our mother earth equally gives us sustenance for our survival and livelihood. We should not be too greedy and selfish. It is a common sense that those who commit inhumane acts will surely meet Nemesis and their life will end in bad way. We should be deeply grateful to our mother earth for accepting us as human beings.

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A six-member delegation led by Daw Hnin Wai, Secretary of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association seen at Yangon International Airport on 17 September to attend ASEAN Young Entrepreneurs Assembly from 17 to 21 September in Bangkok of Thailand.—MNA

Insurance of disaster management discussed



Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin meets Swiss delegation to hold discussions on disaster management.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept — Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin held talks with Head of Asia and Pacific Department Mr Lvo Menzinger and party of

Swiss Reinsurance Company of Switzerland at the ministry on Wednesday.

They discussed undertakings of social protection for emergence of social protection strategy, insurance system for

casualties management of natural disasters, social requirements and cooperation in natural disaster management with development partnership organizations.

MNA

MDA to give educative talks

YANGON, 18 Sept — Yangon Region Dentist Association will hold the prize presentation and educative talks at M 3 Food Centre in Yangon on 21 September.

Officials of the associa-

tion will award K100,000 and certificates of honour to two outstanding students in final year BDS exam of University of Dental Service.

Dr Moe Win Thein will give lectures on manage-

ment beyond the orthodontic movement at a glance and Dr Myat Nyan, choice of prosthodontic treatment in daily practice.

Enthusiasts are invited to attend the talk.

Aung Thura

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Mandalay Gold Price

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FE RATE

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SGD Buying K775 - Selling K783

Euro Buying K1250 - Selling K1275

NATIONAL

Union Chief Justice leaves for Malaysia

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept — Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo left Yangon on Thursday for Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia to attend the second ASEAN Chief Justices' Meeting and the 36th ASEAN Law Association ("ALA") Governing Council Meeting. *MNA*

Indian Consul-General presents his letter of Commission to Union FM

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept — Dr Nandakumar Nagen-dran, already agreed by the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar as the Consul-General of the Republic of India to Myanmar residing in Mandalay, presented his letter of Commission to U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs at the Ministry here on Thursday.—*MNA*

Executive Seminar on National Transport Development Master Plan held

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept — The Department of Transport, Ministry of Transport, and Japan International Cooperation Agency organized the Executive Seminar on the National Transport Development Master Plan in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on 16 September 2014 (Tuesday).

U Nyan Htun Aung, Union Minister for Transport, delivered an address, saying that together with the initiatives for democratization, multi-modal transport sector development has become one of the important and urgent agenda to assist Myanmar's efforts in achieving its targets for sustainable development. Under the Survey Program, the National Transport Master Plan was formulated in cooperation with related departments and ministries. The Master Plan will give strategic policy guidelines, strategies and prioritized list of projects to develop transport sector in line with Myanmar's Na-



Union Minister U Nyan Tun Aung with JICA Chief Representative Mr Masahiko Tanaka at Executive Seminar on the National Transport Development Master Plan.—NLM

tional Development Policy and Framework (NDCP). In addition, it features socioeconomic, financial, environmental, national special development, and institutional frameworks. The Master Plan also suggests the development of transport networks linking Myanmar with other neighboring countries to further integrate Myanmar into regional development mainstream in Southeast Asia.

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept — The sacred Buddha tooth relic donated as Dhamma gift by Ven Shi Chang Zang of Ling Guang Si Temple of Beijing in China was conveyed from Ruili of China on 16 September.

The relic spent a night in Lashio and its conveyance proceeded to Mandalay State Pariyatti Sasana University on 17 September.

The Buddha tooth relic and the golden chamber were conveyed again by

Deputy Minister Dr Maung Maung Htay and party to Nay Pyi Taw.

Officials of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and members of the pagoda board of trustees kept the tooth relic at Sasana Maha Beikman on Uppatasanti Pagoda with paying homage by religious associations.

On 19 September morning, the tooth relic will be consecrated at the pagoda and then the tooth relic will be conveyed to Yangon.—*MNA*



Sacred Buddha tooth relic donated by People's Republic of China being kept in the presence of the Buddha Image at Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda.—MNA

MRTV, MRTV Sport 1 and 2 to broadcast live opening ceremony of Asian Games

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept — The 17th Asian Games 2014 will be held in Incheon of the Republic of Korea from 19 September to 4 October.

A 65-member Myanmar sports contingent will take part in 10 sports events of the games. The players have been selected for the sports events namely archery, Sepak Takraw, shooting, weightlifting, Wushu, volleyball, Taekwondo, Judo, wrestling and

track and field.

The opening ceremony of the Asian Games will be held on 19 September. MRTV, MRTV Sport 1 and MRTV Sport 2 will broadcast live coverage of the opening ceremony as of 3.15 pm on that day.

Moreover, the matches of Myanmar athletes in Sepak Takraw and Wushu events will be broadcast live through these TV channels.

MNA

Myanmar Football Academy (A) emerge champion in U-15 Super Cup

MANDALAY, 18 Sept — Defending champion Myanmar Football Academy (A) clinched titles with a 4-0 win over Myanmar Football Academy (B) in the MFF 100 Plus U-15 Super Cup 2014 on Thursday.

Mandalay Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing presented championship trophy and K 500,000 to Myanmar Football Academy (A).

Tin Maung (Mandalay)



Lithan University College launches its US\$2,000 worth Startup Boot Camp Myanmar Contest

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

YANGON, 18 Sept — Lithan University College launches on Tuesday its Startup Boot Camp Myanmar Contest with the aim of developing more startup founders and young entrepreneurs in the IT industry,

the organizer said at Tuesday press conference in Yangon.

People who want to take part in the contest may download application forms at <http://goo.gl/LuZEud> or www.startupbootcampmm.com.

com and send completed applications to info@startupbootcampmm.com not later than September 30. Almost 30 shortlisted candidates will be announced on 3rd October.

After giving the two-day training to those candidates, at least one winner

will be chosen to participate in the Start-up! Reality Show in Singapore. The show is a popular TV programme arranged by Channel NewsAsia to help entrepreneurs start a successful business.

During the training on 11th and 12th October, expe-

rienced entrepreneurs from Singapore and Myanmar will share their entrepreneurial knowledge and skills to all participants.

Country Manager Pyae Thiri Thaw of Lithan University College, said selection is based only on the merits of their business

ideas, adding that Lithan arranged to present US\$2,000 prize to each winner.

In order to provide business opportunity to local talented youths, Lithan University College discussed with local media to broadcast a TV show like Start-up! Reality Show of CNA.—*NLM*

Australian PM says police raids follow threat of beheading

SYDNEY, 18 Sept — Intelligence showed that militants connected with Islamic State were planning to behead a member of the public in Australia, Prime Minister Tony Abbott said on Thursday after hundreds of police raided homes in a sweeping counter-terrorism operation.

Abbott said there was a “serious risk from a terrorist attack” days after Australia raised its national terror threat level to “high” for the first time. The heightened alert cited the likelihood of attacks by Australians radicalized in Iraq or Syria.

Australia, which is due to host the Group of 20 Leaders Summit in Brisbane in mid-November, is concerned over the number of its citizens it believes are fighting overseas with Islamist militant groups.

Treasurer Joe Hockey insisted that the necessary precautions had been put in place for the G20 Leaders Summit. He dismissed

concerns the raids could disrupt a meeting of G20 finance ministers this weekend in the tropical northern city of Cairns.

More than 800 police were involved in the pre-dawn security operation in Sydney and Brisbane, described as the largest in Australian history. At least 15 people had been detained, police told a news conference.

Australian Broadcasting Corp and other local media reported earlier on Thursday that members of the group planned to snatch a random person in Sydney, Australia’s largest city, and execute them on camera draped in the flag of the Islamic State militant organization.

Asked at a media conference in the Northern Territory about reports of plans to conduct a public beheading, Abbott said: “That’s the intelligence we received.”

“The exhortations, quite direct exhortations,



A policeman sits in his patrol car as part of a road block on the street where a house was involved in pre-dawn raids in the western Sydney suburb of Guilford on 18 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

were coming from an Australian who is apparently quite senior in ISIL to networks of support back in Australia to conduct demonstration killings here in this country,” Abbott said, referring to the group otherwise known as Islamic State that has seized large

swaths of territory in Syria and Iraq.

He did not identify the Australian.

A court official and police said a Sydney man identified as Omarjan Azari, 22, had appeared in court after the raids and been charged with conspir-

acy to commit a terrorist act and would remain in custody until a hearing in November.

Prosecutor Michael Allnutt told the court in Sydney that an attack was being planned that “was clearly designed to shock and horrify, perhaps ter-

rify” the community, the *Sydney Morning Herald* reported. Azari’s lawyer, Steven Boland, did not apply for bail. Boland was not immediately available for comment.

Footage released by Islamic State militants fighting in Iraq and Syria in recent weeks purported to show the beheadings of American journalists James Foley and Steven Sotloff and British aid worker David Haines.

In 2013, British soldier Lee Rigby was hacked to death by two Muslim converts in London who claimed the attack was in retaliation for the killing of Muslims by British forces.

Police said the raids were focused in western Sydney and the Queensland state capital, Brisbane. Around half of Australia’s population of roughly 500,000 Muslims lives in Sydney, with the majority in the western suburbs where the raids occurred.

Reuters

Nuclear deal elusive as Iran, six powers resume talks in New York



Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif

UNITED NATIONS, 18 Sept — A diplomatic breakthrough is unlikely on a nuclear deal to end sanctions against Iran when talks resume in New York this week between Tehran and six world powers deadlocked after a year of negotiations.

The talks between Iran and the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China are re-starting after a two-month hiatus and amid Washington and Tehran ruling out cooperation on fighting Islamic State militants who have taken over swaths of Iraq and Syria.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton will discuss the

negotiations on a long-term nuclear deal over lunch on Thursday, diplomats said. The EU has been a kind of interlocutor for the six powers.

Diplomats from the six countries will begin meeting among themselves on Thursday before they all sit down with the Iranian delegation on Friday. The negotiations are expected to run until at least 26 September on the sidelines of next week’s annual gathering of world leaders at the United Nations General Assembly.

Ahead of the formal negotiations, US Deputy Secretary of State William J Burns and Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Wendy Sherman — the number 2 and 3 dip-

lomats at the State Department — will hold bilateral talks with Iranian officials on Thursday and Friday, the State Department said.

“The talks are going to be on the nuclear issue. At times other topics have come up on the sidelines, but that’s not the purpose or the intent, as is always the case,” a US official said on condition of anonymity about the bilateral talks.

US and Iranian officials discussed the crisis in Iraq on the sidelines of the Vienna nuclear talks in June, though they have ruled out cooperating with each other on dealing with the threat posed by Islamic State in the region.

Sherman, who heads the US delegation, said in a speech at Georgetown University on Tuesday that more movement from Iran will be needed to secure a long-term agreement.

“We can say on the positive side that our talks have been serious and that we have identified potential answers to some key questions,” Sherman said. She also said “we remain far apart on other core issues, including the size and scope of Iran’s uranium enrichment capacity.”

Reuters

Defence chief, US envoy agree to ease Okinawa’s base-linked burden

TOKYO, 18 Sept — Defence Minister Akinori Eto and US Ambassador to Japan Caroline Kennedy agreed on Thursday to work together toward a reduction in the burden on Okinawa Prefecture of hosting the bulk of US military bases and other facilities in Japan.

During a meeting at the Defence Ministry, Eto told Kennedy that the Japanese government intends to move forward the relocation of the US Marine Corps’ Futenma Air Station within the southernmost prefecture, but that “it’s important to gain support from the people of Okinawa.”

Kennedy said the United States is willing to do what it can to help.

The meeting, arranged as Kennedy’s courtesy call on the new minister after a Cabinet reshuffle earlier this month, was partially open to the press.

The meeting followed Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga’s visit to Okinawa the previous day, where he said Japan will try to end Futenma operations by February 2019, revealing a specific deadline for the first time.

Okinawa Gov Hirokazu Nakaima had requested that the base be closed “within five years” as part of

efforts to reduce Okinawa’s base-hosting burden. After Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told him in response that a relevant working group would be set up within the ministry, Nakaima approved in December the start of landfill work to build a replacement facility in waters off Nago for the Futenma base, which is located in densely populated Ginowan.

Also Thursday, Suga, who doubles as state minister in charge of alleviating Okinawa’s base-hosting burden, visited Iwakuni, Yamaguchi Prefecture — the seaside city that hosts the Marines’ Iwakuni Air Station — to meet with local leaders.

During talks with Gov

Tsugumasa Muraoka and Iwakuni Mayor Yoshihiko Fukuda, Suga said the central government intends to consider “necessary steps” for prefectures where defence facilities are located, a reference to the central government’s subsidy programme for municipalities affected by the broader realignment of US forces in Japan. The US military has already transferred 15 KC-130 air refueling tankers and military personnel to Iwakuni from the Futenma base to operate them there. A total of 59 carrier-based aircraft will be moved there from the US Navy’s Atsugi base in Kanagawa Prefecture near Tokyo around 2017.

Kyodo News



Defence Minister Akinori Eto (L) and US Ambassador to Japan Caroline Kennedy (R) holds a meeting at the Ministry of Defence in Tokyo on 18 Sept, 2014. They agreed to work together toward a reduction in the burden on Okinawa Prefecture of hosting the bulk of US military bases and other facilities in Japan.

KYODO NEWS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Japan exports knocked by weak US shipments, hurt economic recovery

TOKYO, 18 Sept — Japan's exports declined in August as shipments to the United States contracted, another sign the economy is struggling to rev up after a deep slump in April-June.

A further period of lackluster exports and slack domestic demand could force the government and the Bank of Japan to find new ways to prop up the economy.

Exports fell 1.3 percent in August from a year ago, less than the median estimate for a 2.6 percent annual decline. That followed a 3.9 percent annual gain in the previous month after having fallen in June and May.

The patchy performance has dashed hopes that external demand can offset a consumer spending slump caused by an April sales tax hike to 8 percent from 5 percent, heaping pressure on policymakers to do more to spur economic growth.



Workers are seen in a container area at a port in Tokyo on 18 Sept, 2014. —REUTERS

ic growth.

"The US economy is recovering, so things should not be this bad,"

said Hiroshi Miyazaki, senior economist at Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley Securities.

"The data do reflect a shift in production overseas. I don't think monetary policy easing is need-

ed, but there are doubts about how the overall economy will perform in the third quarter."

Japan's economy shrank an annualised 7.1 percent in the second quarter hit by the tax hike, the biggest contraction since the 2009 global financial crisis.

Underperforming exports have been one of the weak links in the Japanese economy, which is struggling to cope with the April tax hike.

Confidence at Japanese manufacturers fell the most in nearly two years in September as a tax increase hit the economy harder than expected, a Reuters poll showed, suggesting further difficulty for the struggling recovery.

The worsening sentiment in the monthly Reuters Tankan, with only a feeble improvement forecast for December, bodes ill for the Bank of Japan's quarterly tankan survey, which had been forecast to rebound in the third quarter.

Reuters

US needs better end-of-life care, which might cut costs

WASHINGTON, 18 Sept — The United States needs to improve its medical care for people nearing death, a move that might cut rising healthcare costs, an Institute of Medicine (IOM) study said on Wednesday.

The 507-page "Dying in America" study is aimed at opening a debate on how the US healthcare system treats Americans nearing death and urges comprehensive care to improve the

quality of life in their final days. The study was spurred by allegations that under the 2010 Affordable Care Act doctors who would advise patients about end-of-life issues would be part of "death panels" that would judge who would live and who would die. The proposal never became law.

When political leaders hesitate to discuss end-of-life issues, "it is incumbent on others to ... promote a

reasoned and respectful public discourse on the subject," IOM President Dr Victor Dzau and former IOM President Dr Harvey Fineberg wrote. Doctors need training in how to talk to patients about planning for their deaths since more than a quarter of US adults have given little or no thought to about how they would like to die, the report said.

That has occurred

even though polls show that many Americans worry about the potential high costs of care near the end of life and do not want to be a burden on family members, the study said.

One benefit of improved end-of-life programs could be lower healthcare spending in the United States, which reached \$2.8 trillion in 2012, the study said.

Reuters

As growth stalls, G20 seeks closure on regulations

SYDNEY, 18 Sept — G20 host Australia is leading a push to draw a line under the global financial crisis, urging the group of top economies to swiftly finalise regulations aimed at preventing a repeat of the crash and focus on measures to revive sputtering global growth.

But the efforts of the Group of 20 finance ministers and central bankers, meeting this weekend in the tropical tourist town of Cairns, risk being drowned out by growing alarm over geopolitical tensions and increased market volatility.

"They will do so against a backdrop of downgraded OECD growth forecasts and a deteriorating global political climate," said London-based Lena Komileva, chief economist at G+ Economics.

Indeed, headlines from the G20 will vie with any fallout from Scotland's independence vote on Thursday and ongoing US interest rate speculation that has driven the dollar to six-year highs against the yen.

At home, a sweeping counter-terrorism operation across several major Australian cities on Thursday has knocked everything



Australian Treasurer Joe Hockey looks on at the B20 Australia Summit in Sydney on 18 July, 2014. REUTERS

else from the front page.

Yet Treasurer Joe Hockey this week said he and his G20 colleagues are focussed on delivering jobs and growth more than ever before. "The changes in the economy over the last few months have made the job harder but it has not diminished our collective resolve," he said.

He acknowledged the challenges in attaining the target of bettering the global growth trajectory by 2 percent by 2018, a goal set earlier this year at a similar meeting in Sydney.

"Whether we reach the 2 percent or not — the G20 is committed to promoting further growth and to creating more jobs," said Hockey, perhaps suggesting he had already conceded the target was too ambitious.

Reuters

Insulin pumps capable of saving lives

VIENNA, 18 Sept — The use of insulin pumps to improve therapy for type 1 diabetes patients has provided very positive results including saving the lives of patients, it was revealed at the annual meeting for the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) in Vienna on Wednesday.

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A team led by Sofia Gudbjornsdottir from the University of Gothenburg in Sweden observed 18,000 sufferers of type 1 diabetes of whom 2441 had an insulin pump, over a period of almost seven years, Austria Press Agency reported.

It was found that the

overall mortality rate (statistically from all causes of death) dropped by 29 percent when patients used the device. The incidences of fatal cardiovascular disease were also reduced by about 43 percent.

The pumps were originally designed for insulin-dependent diabetics whose blood glucose levels could not be adequately controlled with injections, and have in more recent years incorporated sensors to continually measure blood glucose levels and better adjust the insulin dose to the needs of the patient.

Also revealed at the conference was a study from a team from Malmö University, who found that

milk products are capable of protecting against type 2 diabetes.

In a study of 27,000 patients aged 45 to 74 years of age, it was observed that a diet of high-fat milk and dairy products reduced the risk of this form of diabetes. Observed over a period of 14 years, those eating eight or more daily servings had a 23 percent lower risk than those consuming little or no dairy products, though the authors of the study acknowledged the fat content itself is also not healthy.

High consumption of meat and sausage products however is definitely bad for those with the condition, the study claimed.

Xinhua



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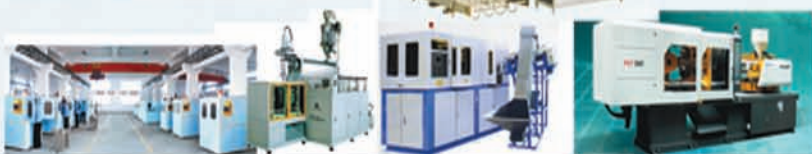
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Kirby: Security sector reflects on society



BELGRADE, 18 Sept — US Ambassador to Serbia Michael Kirby said on Wednesday that institutions in the security sector must be transparent in their work and protect all citizens regardless of their race, religion or any other affiliation, because the functioning of the entire society depends on them.

The right balance must be struck between confidentiality and transparency, even in the security sector, said Kirby opening the conference on “Partnership for Integrity in Security Sector in Serbia” in Belgrade’s Hotel Zira.

Serbian authorities have recognized the importance of the principle of transparency, Kirby said, adding that the US continues to support the de-

velopment of a strong and responsible security sector in Serbia.

He pointed out that Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic said that transparency will also be included in the anti-corruption strategy.

The key role will be played by the parliament, as well as strong civil society organizations, which can give major contribution to this cause, he said.

The fight against corruption in security sector institutions is constant even in the United States, and no system is perfect, said Kirby, recalling the incident in which a white police officer shot a black teenager in the US State of Missouri.

Security services are of crucial importance and they should create the conditions for the development of other democratic institutions, stressed Kirby.

Security structures are the basic building blocks of a democratic society, the US Ambassador said, but warned that many countries have large and expensive organizations, such as the army, police, or intelligence agencies, which they use as an instrument of repression instead of protection of human rights.

Tanjung

IMF warns of growing risks to global economy ahead of G-20 talks

WASHINGTON, 18 Sept — The International Monetary Fund warned on Wednesday of growing risks to the global economy such as geopolitical tensions and urged Japan and Europe to continue with monetary easing to get out of low inflation.

The IMF mentioned “geopolitical tensions” caused by the Ukrainian crisis and US moves toward termination of monetary easing as examples of such risks in a report released ahead of the Group of 20 finance chiefs’ meeting starting on Saturday in Australia.

“An uneven global recovery continues,” the Washington-based lender said in the Global Prospects and Policy Challenges report to be submitted to the G-20 meeting.

“Global growth in the first half of 2014 was weaker than expected” in the World Economic Outlook report released in April, the IMF said.

The IMF said in the April report it expected the over-

all global economy to grow 3.6 percent in 2014 but its chief Christine Lagarde suggested in a recent interview her organization will cut the estimate in the next report due out in October.

While urging many countries to push structural reforms, the IMF, in an apparent reference to countries such as Germany, called on countries running a trade surplus to boost domestic demand and ease austere measures.

Monetary policy in the euro area and Japan is expected to remain more accommodative for an extended period as they fight low inflation or try to persistently raise inflation, the report said.

If Japan hikes the consumption tax rate to 10 percent in October 2015 the government should help low-income households not by reducing rates on essential items but by granting targeted subsidies, it said.

Kyodo News

A vehicle lies hit by a fallen tree trunk after the landfall of Typhoon Kalmaegi in Fangchenggang of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on 17 Sept, 2014. Typhoon Kalmaegi has left at least seven people dead and one missing and caused huge economic losses since it came ashore in south China on Tuesday.
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No plans for power cuts, citizens must save energy

LAZAREVAC, 18 Sept — The Serbian government is doing all it can to stabilize the energy system, but there are no plans for power cuts, Energy Minister Aleksandar Antic said as the Kolubara Mine Basin started draining water from the Tamnava West Field coal mine on Wednesday. The companies that won the tender to drain the water from Tamnava West Field, Novi Sad-based Energotehnika Juzna Backa and Romania's SC NESS PROIECT EUROPE, SRL, started the operation in the largest Kolubara coal mine early on Wednesday. The deadline is 90 days, with the operation to be funded by the World Bank with a EUR 15 million loan.

"There are no plans for power cuts but I urge the citizens to save energy because the situation in the energy system is quite difficult," Antic noted. The Kolubara River flooded the area in the May floods, practically transforming the Tamnava West Field mine into a large artificial lake and, as a result, coal production on the site

for the Nikola Tesla power plants has been at a standstill ever since.

The contractors need to pump out 80 percent of the remaining floodwater.

The submerged mine is one of the biggest consequences suffered by Serbia's energy system, Antic said, adding that the goal is to restart production in the mine as soon as possible.

The mine produced almost 15 million tons of coal a year, which is half of the entire output of the Kolubara Mine Basin, Antic said. Speaking to reporters, Antic confirmed that the most recent floods have not put the Djerdap 1 hydropower plant in danger, but said that the Djerdap 2 plant is working below capacity as some of the generators are out of action. For this reason, the Serbian government is preparing three scenarios — the first implies restarting coal production in the Tamnava West Field mine, while the second and third scenario would involve importing coal and electricity during the winter. — *Tanjung*

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Polo becomes hurricane off Mexico's Pacific Coast

MEXICO CITY, 18 Sept — Tropical storm Polo became a hurricane off Mexico's Pacific coast on Wednesday night, the US National Hurricane Centre said, with maximum sustained winds of almost 75 miles per hour (120 kph) expected to strengthen.

Polo was 180 miles (290 km) south of Manzanillo port on Wednesday evening and moving west

north west at 10 mph (17 kph) along the coast. The NHC said that any deviation to the north could bring stronger winds to the coast. About 25,000 tourists were also still trapped on the Baja California peninsula two days after tropical Storm Odile on Monday felled trees, buffeted homes and business and smashed shops open to looters. — *Reuters*

Weather report

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Croatia to build new wind farm

ZAGREB, 18 Sept — A new wind farm, financed by the International Finance Corporation (IFC), will be built near the Croatian southern coast city of Dubrovnik, *Croatian News Agency* reported on Wednesday.

The 34.2-megawatt farm located in coastal town of Slano, 32 km northwest of Dubrovnik, will boost Croatia's supply of wind-generated power 11 percent and help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than 24 tons of CO2-equivalent each year, according to IFC, a member of the World Bank Group.

IFC would arrange 42.5 million Euros (54.7 million US dollars) in financing for the farm, it said, adding IFC would

provide 18.9 million Euros in loan and an additional 23.6 million Euros from UniCredit Bank Austria through a syndicated loan.

Thomas Lubeck, IFC Regional Manager for the Western Balkans, said the wind farm would make a significant contribution to Croatia's renewable energy production and improve electricity supply in the area around Dubrovnik.

RP Global, an independent power producer based in Vienna, will build and operate the wind farm.

This is the second wind project developed by RP Global in Croatia. In 2012, IFC also supported its 43.7-MW wind farm near Sibenik, southern coast city of Croatia, by providing 55 million Euros in financing.

Xinhua

Lightning strikes oil tank, causing explosion in US state of Texas

HOUSTON, 18 Sept — A crude oil tank exploded on Wednesday afternoon after it was struck by lightning in Baytown, which is located at the mouth of the San Jacinto River on Galveston Bay, about 35.2 kilometres east of Houston, in the largest city in the US state of Texas.

The accident, which occurred shortly after 1 pm local time, caused no injuries, but thick, black smoke could be seen in the sky from several kilometres away, local TV station Channel 2 Houston reported.

Baytown fire department officials are working at the scene and traffic in the surrounding area has been closed due to smoke, said the report, adding that there are currently no public protection orders for the population nearby. The property where the tank is located is operated by the Hollimon Oil Corporation, based in San Antonio, a city in the state of Texas.

Baytown, which has a population of 71,802, is home to many oil refineries. — *Xinhua*

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Actress Reese Witherspoon attends a news conference to promote the film "The Good Lie" at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) in Toronto on 8 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 18 Sept — Oscar-winning actress Reese Witherspoon chose a subdued role in her latest film "The Good Lie," a drama about Sudanese refugee children who end up in America, but there is nothing small in what she hopes to convey.

"There is a beautiful message throughout: We are all the same," said Witherspoon, whose plays employment counsellor Carrie Davis in the movie that made its Washington premiere on Wednesday.

"We all deal with

conflict and seemingly bear the unbearable in our lives, but we have to do it together," she said of the story of children who flee Sudan's unrelenting ethnic violence. "We have to be there together. We have to be there for each other."

The film, by "Boardwalk Empire" writer Margaret Nagle and Canadian director Philippe Falardeau, stars Sudanese actors Arnold Oceng, Emmanuel Jal, Ger Duany and Kuoth Wiel — who each have a personal story about Sudan and its civil war.

Based on experiences

Reese Witherspoon finds lessons in 'The Good Lie'

of actual Sudanese refugees in the sprawling Kakuma camp in Kenya, the film begins with the journey of siblings who survive an attack on their village and walk hundreds of miles to a United Nations camp, gaining and losing companions along the way.

There they make it onto a humanitarian flight to the United States where the three men are resettled in a strange new land.

Witherspoon's character is as lost as the refugees for different reasons.

"When I met with the director, he said 'I want you to understand that this isn't a movie about you. This is about the Sudanese,'" said Witherspoon, who doesn't appear until more than 30 minutes into the film.

"We didn't try to turn it into an American actor vehicle. I wanted my character to be just as lost but in a different way."

Rather than "a character who is this great white hope who is saving Afri-

can people, she is actually just as emotionally distraught," said Witherspoon. "She is without her family."

Jal, who plays Paul, was one of the actual Lost Boys recruited by the South Sudanese Army who later escaped to the refugee camp and sneaked into Britain in real life.

Now a hip-hop artist and spokesman for the Make Poverty History campaign, he called the film "almost the story of every person that went into" the refugee camp.

"The first time I witnessed war I thought the world was ending," he said. "I didn't know about death, and I ended up as a child soldier."

Duany, who plays Jeremiah, came to the United States as refugee when he was 15. He recently returned to the refugee camp to visit his mother, who still lives there, and to search for his sister.—Reuters



Lecrae poses with his Grammy award for Best Gospel Album for "Gravity" backstage at the 55th annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles, California on 10 Feb, 2013.—REUTERS

Rapper Lecrae leads debut-filled top ten of Billboard 200 chart

LOS ANGELES, 18 Sept — Rapper Lecrae earned his first chart-topping album on the weekly US Billboard 200 album chart on Wednesday, leading seven new records in the top ten of the chart.

Texas native Lecrae's seventh studio album "Anomaly" sold 88,000 copies in its first week according to sales figures compiled by Nielsen SoundScan.

Last week's chart-topper, Maroon 5's "V," dropped to No 2 this week with sales of 80,000. Other new entries in the top ten this week included soul singer Jhene Aiko's "Souled Out" at No 3, alt-rock singer-songwriter Ryan Adams at No 4 with his self-titled album and country music singer Lee Brice at No 5 with "I Don't Dance."

Alt-rockers Interpol debuted at No 7 with "El Pintor," country music singer Dustin Lynch came in at No 8 with "Where It's At" and veteran British rocker Robert Plant rounded out the new entries with "Lullaby and ... The Ceaseless Roar."—Reuters

Singer Taylor Swift leads People Magazine's best-dressed list

LOS ANGELES, 18 Sept — Pop star Taylor Swift, who has adopted a sexier look on red carpets, was named *People* magazine's best-dressed celebrity of the year on Wednesday.

Swift led the annual unranked list of the top 10 best-dressed celebrity style icons that also included Oscar-winner Lupita Nyong'o, singers Jennifer Lopez and Rihanna and actresses Emma Stone and Emma Watson.

Rising starlets Chloe Grace Moretz and "Mad Men" actress Kiernan Shipka tied for a spot on the list, rounding out the 11 honorees.

Swift, 24, opted for figure-hugging ball gowns, cropped tops with skirts, sequined mini dresses and most recently at the MTV Video Music Awards, a derriere-skimming Mary Katrantzou alphabet romper that she told the magazine "was a risk." The singer described her own style as "feminine, leggy and ever-changing."

"Scandal" actress Kerry Washington was named world's best dressed woman last year, but she did not feature in this year's list.

People also named its best-dressed celebrity couples, which include singer John Legend and model wife Chrissy Teigen, country music couple Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert and late night talk show host Seth Meyers and his wife Alexi Ashe.

Reuters



Taylor Swift arrives at the 2014 MTV Music Video Awards in Inglewood, California on 24 Aug, 2014.

REUTERS

Mexico lawmakers seek to fine Miley Cyrus for flag spank while twerking

MONTERREY, 18 Sept — A Mexican state legislature has asked the country's federal government to fine singer Miley Cyrus after one of her dancers spanked Cyrus's backside with a Mexican flag as she "twerked" during an independence day performance.

Cyrus, 21, who has grabbed headlines for her admitted drug use, sexually suggestive dancing and wearing as little as a pair of boots in a music video, was performing in Monterrey in the northern state of Nuevo Leon.

Local lawmaker Francisco Trevino said that the Nuevo Leon state legislature had approved a warrant for the Interior Ministry to enforce the law on use of the flag.

She or her team could be fined up to the equivalent of around \$1,200 or be detained for 36 hours, Trevino said.

Mexican authorities are often sensitive toward signs of disrespect for national symbols. In 2008, singer Paulina Rubio was fined for posing without clothes but wrapped in the country's flag.—Reuters

Miley Cyrus arrives at the 2014 MTV Music Video Awards in Inglewood, California on 24 Aug, 2014.

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Scientists locate 'ghost' ship wrecks in San Francisco waters

SAN FRANCISCO, 18 Sept — US government researchers working with divers and sonar equipment have located the wrecks of what they dubbed "forgotten ghost ships" in waters just outside San Francisco's Golden Gate strait.

The discoveries by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) scientists follow a two-year project to find, identify and better understand some of the estimated 300 wrecks in the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and adjacent Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

NOAA confirmed on Tuesday the discovery of the 1910 shipwreck *SS Sel-*

ja, as well as an unidentified sunken early steam tugboat that it described only as the "mystery wreck."

It said researchers had also located the 1863 wreck of the clipper ship, *Noonday*, lost in 1863 and part of the fleet of fast-sailing vessels that brought men and supplies to California during and after the Gold Rush. James Delgado, director of Maritime Heritage for the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, described the waters in the area as one of the United States' great undersea museums.

"These wrecks tell the powerful story of the people who helped build California and opened America to the Pacific for nearly two centu-

ries. Finding the remains of these ships links the past to the present," Delgado said in a statement.

NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries and the US National Park Service published the first detailed inventory and history of the region's wrecks in 1990.

Since then, the administration said, project co-leader and NOAA maritime archaeologist Robert Schwemmer has done research in archives around the world, as well as interviewed fishermen and wreck divers such as the Lanham brothers of San Francisco.

The Lanhams, who have discovered a number of historic Bay-area wrecks,

led the NOAA team to the wreck site of the *Selja*.

The steamer sank in a fatal collision 104 years ago that featured in a legal case argued before the US Supreme Court over a key aspect of maritime law, the "rule of the road."

In addition to the newly identified ships, NOAA said that Vitad Pradith, one of its researchers, completed the first sonar survey of the submerged portions of the well-known wrecks of the tankers *Frank H. Buck* and *Lyman Stewart*.

The engines of both vessels are visible at low tide off San Francisco's Lands End, inside the waters of Golden Gate National Recreation Area. — Reuters

Eyes on Lampard as City and Chelsea renew rivalry



Britain's national team player Frank Lampard listens a question during a news conference in Belo Horizonte on 23 June, 2014. — REUTERS

LONDON, 18 Sept — Frank Lampard could make an emotional appearance against former club Chelsea this weekend as his new employers Manchester City host Jose Mourinho's side in an early showdown between the Premier League's heavyweights.

Lampard, who became a talismanic figure at Stamford Bridge before leaving in the close-season after 10 successful years, is in contention for a place in City's midfield for Sunday's game (1500GMT) despite earlier reports that he had asked not to play. Chelsea have a 100

per cent record so far this season, with four wins from four, and lead the table with 12 points, five ahead of fifth-placed City.

Both suffered disappointing nights in the Champions League on Wednesday, however, Chelsea drawing at home to Schalke 04 and City losing 1-0 at Bayern Munich.

In between them are three unfancied teams who will be aiming to maintain their surprisingly strong starts to the season.

Aston Villa, regular under-achievers in recent years, are second but face a major test with a visit by Arsenal on Saturday (1400) while Swansea City and Southampton, fourth and fifth respectively, meet at the Liberty Stadium, also on Saturday (1400).

Louis van Gaal's

Manchester United, who kick-started their campaign with a 4-0 win over QPR inspired by new signings Angel Di Maria, Ander Herrera and Daley Blind, travel to Leicester City on Sunday (1230).

Lampard, 36, might have presumed he would never have to face his former Chelsea team mates when he signed for New York City in the summer. But with the new franchise not entering MLS until next year, the midfielder was given the chance to make a quick return to English football with a loan deal to City.

The ex-England international made his competitive debut for the champions last weekend but he was withdrawn by Chilean boss Manuel Pellegrini at half-time after an unimpressive display. — Reuters

Hat-trick for Brahimi as Porto stroll to victory

PORTO, 18 Sept — Algeria midfielder Yacine Brahimi scored a hat-trick to help Porto crush blunder-prone BATE Borisov 6-0 in the Champions League on Wednesday, their biggest-ever win in the competition.

The performance sent a warning to Group H rivals Athletic Bilbao and Shakhtar Donetsk, although the Belarus champions proved feeble opposition and contributed to their own downfall with a series of defensive errors.

Porto, Champions League winners ten years ago under Jose Mourinho,

have quickly been revitalised by former Spain under-21 coach Julen Lopetegui, winning six and drawing one of their seven matches this season.

Lopetegui was brought in after a relatively poor last season when Porto finished third in the league and fell in the Champions League group stage. Brahimi, making his Champions League group debut, took full advantage of BATE's generosity, starting with a gift from BATE goalkeeper Sergei Chernik in only the fifth minute. He miscued a throw straight to Brahimi, who ran into the penalty area and



Porto's Yacine Brahimi tries to score past BATE Borisov's goalkeeper Sergei Chernik during their Champions League Group H soccer match at Dragao stadium in Porto on 17 Sept, 2014. — REUTERS

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Iraqi men defeat Japanese 3-1, hosts beat Indians 10-0 in women's action



Kim Seunggyu of South Korea saves the ball during the men's football first round group A match at the 17th Asian Games in Incheon, South Korea on 17 Sept, 2014. Korea won 1-0. —XINHUA

INCHEON, 18 Sept — Iraq downed Japan 3-1 in the Asian Games men's soccer tournament on Wednesday while Thailand and South Korea whitewashed the Maldives and India respectively in the

women's action, both in an appalling score of 10-0.

Shoya Nakajima, the midfielder who scored the

only goal for the Japanese team, said that he was "frustrated" with the result.

Kuwait won 5-0 over Nepal and Malaysia defeated Laos 4-0.

Kuwait captain Sami Alsanea described his first hat-trick in international games as "a special feeling and experience".

Palestine claimed a 2-1 win over Tajikistan to advance to next round.

Also on Wednesday, Oman tied with Singapore 3-3 and South Korea beat Saudi Arabia 1-0.

The women's tournament twice saw a hugely lopsided score of 10-0.

Thailand's coach Nuengrutai Srathongvian seemed satisfied with the win, although she added, "I think we can do better than today."

On next game against India, Srathongvian said, "we will give it our best.

The objective for the next match is to get three points."

Maldives coach Ibrahim Haleem noted that their team had been struggling with a temperature drop in Incheon, and with the low profile of women's

soccer in the Maldives, given that there are only 60 senior women players and only four women's soccer clubs in the country.

Yoo Younga scored four goals and Jeon Gaoul got three in South Korea's 10-0 victory over India.

"I'm very glad that our players did well," South Korea head coach Yoon Duk-yeo said. The Indian team was "a little bit less of a challenge for us," he added.—Xinhua



Nakajima Shoya (L) of Japan competes during the men's football first round group D match against Iraq at the 17th Asian Games in Incheon, South Korea, on 17 Sept, 2014.—XINHUA

Last-gasp Boateng goal hands Bayern win over City

MUNICH, 18 Sept — Bayern Munich defender Jerome Boateng returned to haunt his former club with a last-gasp goal that secured a 1-0 win over English title holders Manchester City in their opening Champions League Group E clash on Wednesday.

Boateng, who joined Bayern from City in 2011, broke the deadlock in Munich with a powerful shot after the Germans controlled the game, but could not find a way past visiting keeper Joe Hart, who made

several superb saves, until the 90th minute.

"I think we had a lot of chances, we wasted many, but we believed until the end," Germany international Boateng told reporters. "The ball came perfectly and I just drilled it in..."

"We deserved to win, although City made a good game but it was us who had the chances and it is extremely important to start off with a win."

City, who had come back from two goals down to beat Bayern 3-2 in Mu-

nich in the group stage last year, were mostly on the back foot but successfully kept the Germans at bay, with Hart doing his best to keep the scores level until the last minute.

Roma are top of the group on goal difference after crushing CSKA Moscow 5-1.

"It was important for the team to win," said Bayern coach Pep Guardiola. "We played well and it was deserved and I am happy to have got the three points. Don't forget we were playing against Manchester

City.

"We played better. We had problems initially to control the game but then we improved. I am satisfied with our performance."

Bayern, with winger Franck Ribery out injured and Arjen Robben on the bench, were slow out of the blocks as both teams cautiously tried to get a foothold in the game.

There were four changes for City from the team which drew 2-2 with Arsenal on Saturday with suspended Pablo Zabaleta replaced by Bacary Sagna and Yaya Toure, Samir Nasri and Edin Dzeko earning starting spots.

The hosts gradually got on top and almost took the lead when Thomas Muller sneaked into the box, but Hart parried his powerful header over the bar in the 20th minute.

Seconds later the England keeper pulled off another sensational save to palm Mario Goetze's deflected effort past the post before City responded with a curling Edin Dzeko shot that sailed narrowly wide.

The English champions, with suspended coach Manuel Pellegrini in the stands and his assistant Ruben Cousillas alone on the bench, successfully closed down space to keep Bayern

at bay outside the penalty area.

David Alaba tried his luck twice from long range but again Hart was on hand to rescue his team.

The Bavarians increased the pressure in the second half but had problems cracking open a tight City defence.

The introduction of Robben and forward Claudio Pizarro late in the game helped provide an add-

ed impetus and Bayern's pressure finally told when Boateng fired home.

"We fought hard all night against a good team and we had chances all night," keeper Hart said.

"We knew we going to be in for a tough game. The goal has come from a deflection in the end, and Jerome has come back to haunt us. I think a draw would have been good."

Reuters

Results of Champions League matches

PARIS, 18 Sept — Following are the results of European Champions League group stage on Wednesday:

Group E

At Munich, Germany

Bayern Munich (GER) 1-0 Manchester City (ENG)

At Rome

AS Roma (ITA) 5-1 CSKA Moscow (RUS)

Group F

At Barcelona, Spain

Barcelona (ESP) 1-0 APOEL (CYP)

At Amsterdam

Ajax (NED) 1-1 Paris Saint-Germain (FRA)

Group G

At London

Chelsea (ENG) 1-1 Schalke 04 (GER)

At Maribor, Slovenia

Maribor (SLO) 1-1 Sporting Lisbon (POR)

Group H

At Porto, Portugal

FC Porto (POR) 6-0 BATE Borisov (BLR)

At Bilbao, Spain

Athletic Bilbao (ESP) 0-0 Shakhtar Donetsk(UKR)

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Bayern Munich's Jerome Boateng celebrates with his team mate Juan Bernat (R) after scoring a goal against Manchester City during their Champions League group E soccer match in Munich on 17 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS