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## Plans for urbanization project discussed in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Sept — Union Minister at the President Office U Tin Naing Thein met departmental officials of Mandalay City Development Committee, Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development, Public Works and officials at the city hall in Mandalay on Sunday.

The Union minister invited reports and

suggestions for urban management tasks as preparations are underway for holding the national housing planning workshop in the first week of October.

The Mandalay Mayor reported on implementation of the Myayinanda housing project and plans for undertaking urban projects in Mandalay.

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## Myanmar, Korea to cooperate on rail transportation

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Sept — A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Than Htay left for Seoul, South

Korea, on 15 September to attend the Global Infrastructure Cooperation Conference 2014, sources said.

At CJ Korea Express

on 16 September, the Myanmar delegation observed staff training programmes and the production and distribution of foodstuffs, be-

fore discussing to strengthen cooperation in logistics and rail transportations.

The Myanmar delegation also visited Gang-

nam Bus Terminal, where they discussed with Kulho Buslines Company in connection with investment in passenger services in Myanmar.

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## TunTun Min knocks out champion Saw Nga Mann in 4<sup>th</sup> round

By Aye Min Soe

YANGON, 21 Sept — Challenger Tun Tun Min won the Myanmar traditional boxing championship with a fourth-round victory over title-holder Saw Nga Mann at Theinbyu Stadium in Yangon on Sunday.

TunTun Min, an undefeated 22-year-old, was the better fighter offensively in the ring, but champion Saw Nga Mann managed several strong counterattacks (See page 3)

**Challenger Tun Tun Min (left) beats champion Saw Nga Mann in the fourth round by knock out in their Myanmar traditional boxing open title bout on Sunday.**

PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE



## New hotels in Nyaungshwe ready to serve foreign visitors to Inlay Lake

NYAUNGSHWE, 21 Sept — With the completion of a hotel zone project implementation in Nyaungshwe Township, new hotels in the zone are ready to provide services to customers.

With a view to ade-

quately accommodate the growing number of tourists who visit Inlay region, construction of a new hotel zone started on the area of 622 acres near Kyunpar village, 13-mile from Nyaungshwe Township in

October, 2012.

Although there are 42 hotels, including 29 in the urban wards of the township, hotel room demand surged with visitor arrivals to Nyaungshwe reaching about 300 a day in the

peak season from October to February. A total of 30 hotels, offering visitors a combination of panoramic views over Inlay lake, fresh air and beautiful scenery of the hilly region, have been built on the 98 blocks in

three zones—A, B and C—of the new hotel area so far.

Visitors to Nyaungshwe and Inlay region will be able to enjoy magnificent views of Inlay Lake surrounded by new hotels, officials said. —NLM 018



Hotels at the bank of Inlay Lake attract globetrotters for enjoying scanic beauty of the lake and activities of national races.

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#### Myanmar cruises into final in men's and women's Sepak Takraw event

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Sept — The Myanmar men's and women's teams routed the Japanese teams 2-0 in the double regu events in the semifinal of Sepak Takraw event in the 17th Asian Games in Incheon of the Republic of Korea on Sunday.

Myanmar men will play against the Korean team while Myanmar women will meet with the Laotian team in the final matches on Monday.—SPED

## Extended building worth K200 million donated to monastery



NAY PYI TAW, 21 Sept — Grandma Daw Thay and family of No 3224/3225 in Extended Paunglaung Ward of Pyinmana donated a two-storey building worth K200 million to NanU Pariyatti Monastery in Shwekyabin Ward of Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on Sunday.

The wellwishers offered meals to 35 members of the Sangha and handed over documents related to the building to the monastery.—NLM-029

MANDALAY, 21 Sept — The Mandalay International Trade Fair was held at the city hall on Saturday.

A total of 42 companies display Germany-made automobile decorations, Thai-made products, Japan-made foodstuffs and electronics, home decorations, construction materials, cosmetics, personal goods, kitchen utensils and clothes made in China and Vietnam at 80 booths.

Mandalay Region Minister for Development Affairs Mayor U Aung Moun, members of Mandalay City Development Committee and local authorities visited the trade fair that will last until 22 September.

*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*

## Trade fair in Mandalay attracts local people



## Welfare tasks of police hail golden jubilee anniversary of MPF Day

MYANAUNG, 21 Sept — As a gesture of hailing the golden jubilee anniversary of Myanmar Police Force Day, a total of 50

police led by Commander of Myanaung Township Police Force Police Major Tun Pe carried out sanitation in the compound of

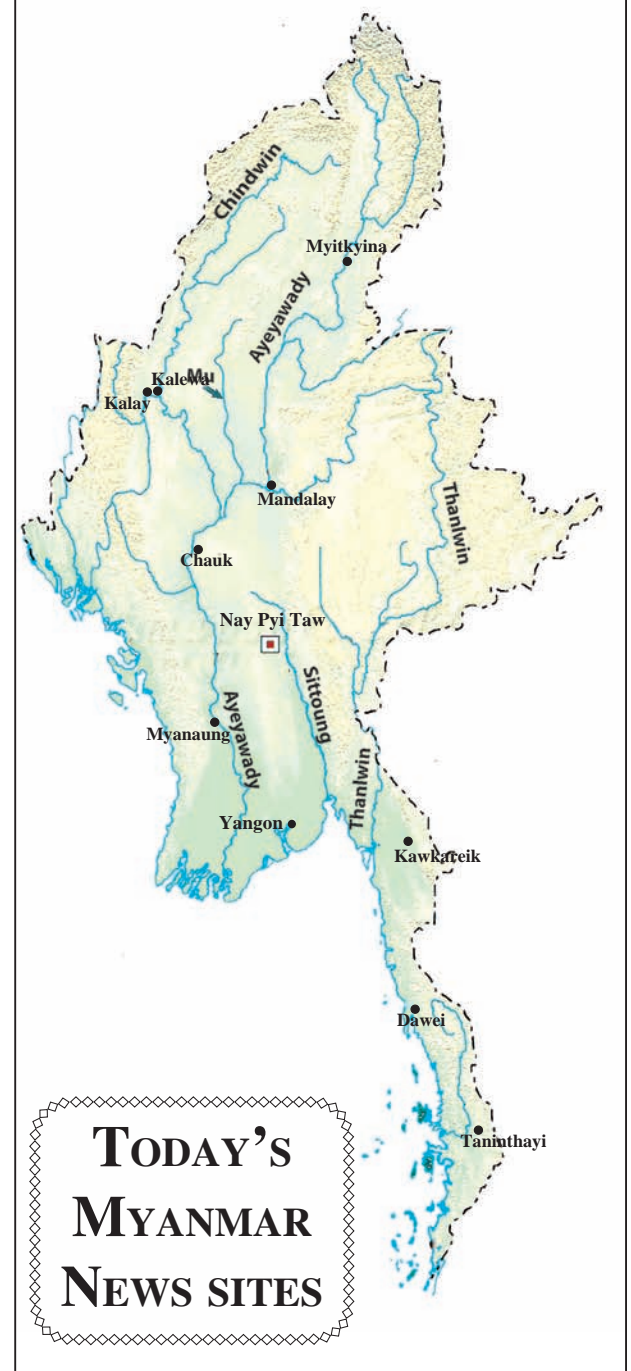
Myanaung Township People's Hospital and dredged the drains outside the hospital for proper flow of water.—Win Bo (IPRD)



## Cash donated to install transformer at pagoda

MYITKYINA, 21 Sept — A ceremony to donate cash to the fund for construction of a 200-KVA transformer was held at the hall of Lawka Manaung Pagoda in Thida Ward in Myitkyina on 18 September.

Wellwisher Daw Kyin Myaing (Miss Me) family donated K10 million to Chairman of the Pagoda Board of Trustees U Aung Myint. State Ovadacariya Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Wuntho Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Silavamsa and Buddhist monks delivered a sermon and shared merits gained for the donations.—District IPRD



## Singaporean specialists disseminate information on health



MANDALAY, 21 Sept — Specialists from Mount Elizabeth Novena Hospital of Singapore provided health education to local people at Swan Hotel at the corner of 26<sup>th</sup> and 67<sup>th</sup> street in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay on Saturday.

Specialist Professor Dr

Christopher Goh gave lectures on cancer diseases at head and neck and Specialist of Urological department Dr Ho Siew Hong, latest treatments for urea and kidney diseases and replied to queries raised by those present.

*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*

## NATIONAL



**Union Minister at the President Office U Tin Naing Thein meets region ministers and departmental officials at Mandalay City Hall on 21 September to discuss development of Mandalay city and national housing planning. (News on page 1)—MNA**

## Myanmar, Korea to ...

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On 17 September at the Lotte Hotel World, Myanmar and South Korea signed a memorandum of understanding on cooperation between the rail ministries of the two countries, followed by the Global Infrastructure Cooperation Conference 2014 at the same venue.

On 18 September, the Myanmar delegation went

on a study tour of the traffic control centre of Korea Railway (Korail) in Guro and proceeded to the Korea Rail Network Authority (KRNA) on a bullet train.

On 19 September, the Myanmar delegation went to the Traffic Operation and Information Service (TOPIS) in Seoul, and in the evening left for Yangon.

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**Union Minister U Than Htay and party at welcoming ceremony of Kumho Buslines in Republic of Korea.—MNA**

## Offshore Ferry Terminal handed over to MOGE

YANGON, 21 Sept—A ceremony to hand over the Offshore Ferry Terminal was held at Thakayta Offshore Base in Thakayta Township of

Yangon on Saturday, attended by Union Minister U Zeyar Aung.

The General Manager of Total E&P Myanmar Company handed over documents related to the Offshore Ferry Terminal to officials of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy.

The company built the 5-metre long and 15-metre wide terminal within six months through American Bureau of shipping class.

Shift workers and staff of MOGE and its joint venture companies can use the terminal safely.—MNA

## Tun Tun Min knocks ..

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as he tried to defend his title, leaving Tun Tun Min bleeding from a cut around left eye brow in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round.

But Tun Tun Min, hit with his knee to belly and head to the jaw of Saw Nga Mann, taking the scheduled five rounds with by knockout in the fourth round.

“Both are professional boxers. The competition is clean and fair,” Ko Yan Nang, who came from Shwabo in upper Myanmar Yangon to enjoy the fight, said.

Tun Tun Min’s rise to the championship began with his win in Dagon Shwe Aung Lan competition in 2012.

Saw Nga Mann became champion of Myanmar traditional boxing in 2009 and retained the title for five years. “Both fighters showed their professional skills from the first to fourth rounds,” U Hlwan Moe Aung, an executive of the Myanmar Traditional Boxing Association, said of the Sunday championship match. —NLM

## Quarrel over debt leads to destruction of house and shop

PAKKOKU, 21 Sept — A house and a shop were razed in Myitche village of Pakkoku township in Magway Region on 20 September, following a quarrel between two women, sources said. The two women exchanged bandy words with each other about debt. One woman got injured and had to receive medical treatment at a local hospital as the other woman’s husband hit her.

The victim’s acquaint-

ances rushed to the village, where they attempted to destroy a religious building and a shop, according to locals. Local police and townsmen however managed to stop their attempt, and negotiation was going on with religious leaders of both sides, with the situation returning to normal.

The local police station has filed a lawsuit against the couple for bodily harm to a woman.

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## Golden Link Condominium introduced

YANGON, 21 Sept—Union Minister for Industry U Maung Myint and Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint and officials attended an introduction to Golden Link Condominium at Sedona Hotel in Yangon on Sunday.

Yangon Region Chief

Minister U Myint Swe unveiled the signboard of the condominium.

Deputy Minister for Construction Dr Win Myint explained that the Ministry of Construction manages reconstruction of the overage public housings through public private part-

nership (PPP) programme with investment of the private sector.

Managing director U Soe Win of Htike Sin Co Ltd and Director Mr Lee Kay Sin of Teambuild Engineering & Construction Pte Ltd signed the MoU.

Managing director U

Soe Win and officials donated K10 million to be spent on social, health and education tasks in the region and Chairman of Real Estate Service Group U Khin Maung Than K1 million through Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe.

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## Union minister inspects garment factories in industrial zone



YANGON, 21 Sept — Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Aye Myint inspected Costec Garment Factory, Gaba Garment Factory, and Chindwin Garment Factory in Shwepyitha Industrial Zone of Yangon Region on Saturday.

The union minister urged the employers and employees to cooperate on workplace peace and high production.

The Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security has been conducting courses and workshops on factory management, workplace safety and health for factory managers and supervisors, according to the union minister.

Then, the union minister met with workers organizations in factories and fulfilled their needs.

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**Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Aye Myint visits garment factory in Shwepyitha Industrial Zone in focusing development of employees.**

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## Paddy replanted on flooded farmlands in Kalewa Township

KALEWA, 21 Sept—Farmlands in villages of Kalewa Township in Sagaing Region were damaged in the floods on 31 August. Deputy Head of Sagaing Region Agriculture Department U Tun Wai Myint and officials made a field trip of 427 acres of flooded farmlands where local farmers have already grown paddy.

The departmental officials urged the local farmers to do weeding and feeding fertilizers at the monsoon paddy plantations in time.

*Chindwin Thar (IPRD)*



## Kalay District performing arts competition to choose outstanding district performers

KALAY, 21 Sept—Kalay District Management Committee organized the 21<sup>st</sup> district level performing arts competition at the city hall in Kalay of Sagaing Region on Saturday.

Commander of Kalay Station Brig-Gen Aung Thu Oo and the deputy commissioner of the district presented cash awards to Chin national girls who performed traditional dances to the audiences.

A total of 85 contestants from Kalay, Kalewa and Mingin townships participated in the contest.

Last year, 21 contests from Kalay District team bagged 19 first prizes, nine second prizes and four third prizes.—*Joe Net*

## Electronic shops mushroom in Mandalay



MANDALAY, 21 Sept—Myanma Posts and Telecommunications, Ooredoo and Telenor communications companies have been selling SIM cards to the people in Mandalay as of early September.

Handsets from China, Thailand, Singapore and the Republic of Korea flow into the market of Mandalay through legal trade routes.

At present, mobile phone shops mushroom in Mandalay one after another. They sell handsets with SIM cards of MPT/Ooredoo to promote their sales.

As the Mandalay

Region government has been arranging supply of electricity to the dwellers round the clock as of early 2014, the businessmen open electronic equipment shops in Mandalay.

For example, TMW Enterprise Ltd opens Wai Yan Electronic shops in Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw, Taunggyi and Pyay. On 19 September, the enterprise opened its branch at the corner of 82<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> streets in Mandalay to sell mobile handset brands, home appliances electronics, TV, DVD and various items of electronic products.

*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*

## Trade Promotion Department disburses loans to entrepreneurs in Mandalay Region

MANDALAY, 21 Sept—The Trade Promotion Department has disbursed a K1.2461 billion loan to entrepreneurs from districts and townships of Mandalay Region for development of 13 types of SMEs in the 2014-15 fiscal year.

The department deliv-

ered loans to 13 types of industries—traditional loom-ing, mat, pottery, bamboo basket, bamboo tray, bamboo sieve, farming machinery, textile, rope, snack, thatch, sweater, furniture, broom and toddy-chair—at soft interest.

The entrepreneurs are

to pay back the loans to the department within eight months, according to officials.

The department gave K1.2461 billion to 12,461 entrepreneurs from 19 townships of seven districts in Mandalay Region.

*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*

## Departmental officials check quality paddy plantations

KAWKAREIK, 21 Sept—Deputy Head of Kayin State Agriculture Department U Khun Than Tun and party looked into quality paddy plantations in Yepugyi Village of Kawkareik Township in Kayin state on Sunday.

They shared agricultural knowledge to produce and grow quality paddy strains to local farmers from the village.

*Soe Htet Aung (Kawkareik)*



PHOTO: TIN WIN HLAING (KAWKAREIK)

## New school building handed over to BEMS branch

CHAUK, 21 Sept—The handover of a two-storey building took place at Basic Education Middle School (Branch) in Tatkan Village in Chauk Township of Magway Region on Saturday.

Magway Region Minister for Development Affairs U Nay Shin and officials formally opened the new school building.

The new school building is 106 feet long, 29 feet wide and 24 feet high.

*Zwe Htet Shin*



## REGIONAL

## Two parties merge to form Japan's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest opposition party

TOKYO, 21 Sept — Japan Restoration Party and Yuinotoh party, two small opposition parties, merged and launched a new political party on Sunday, becoming the country's second largest opposition party next to the Democratic Party of Japan.

The new party called Ishin no To is composed of 53 Diet members, of which 42 belong to the House of Representatives and 11 to the House of Councillors.

The new party seeks decentralization of power, aims to break free from policymaking that is led by the powerful bureaucracy in Japan, and eventually bring about the realignment of opposition forces — possibly involving some members of the DPJ and Your Party, another small opposition party, the lawmakers said.

Osaka Mayor Toru Hashimoto, head of Japan Restoration Party, and lower house member Kenji Eda, chief of Yuinotoh, are co-heads of the new party, and its secretary general is Osaka Gov Ichiro Matsui.—*Kyodo News*



Local kids are seen in a rally organized with the theme of "End violence against women, commit to peace" to mark World Peace Day in Kathmandu, Nepal on 21 Sept, 2014. The World Peace Day was observed here on Sunday. —XINHUA

## Afghan election candidates sign agreement on unity gov't



KABUL, 21 Sept — The two rival candidates in Afghanistan's heavily disputed presidential election on Sunday signed an agreement on the formation of a national unity government, ending months of wrangling over the election result.

Under the agreement,

*Afghan President Hamid Karzai (C) speaks during celebrations to commemorate Afghanistan's 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of independence as he is flanked by presidential candidates Abdullah Abdullah (R) and Ashraf Ghani in Kabul on 19 Aug, 2014.*  
KYODO NEWS

former Finance Minister Ashraf Ghani will be named president, while former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah will be appointed to a new post of "chief executive officer" with powers equivalent to those of a prime minister.

The signing ceremony was held at the presidential palace in the capital Kabul as outgoing President Hamid Karzai watched.

The country's Electoral Commission is set to announce on Sunday the final result of June's second round run-off between Ghani and Abdullah.

The preliminary results announced in July showed Ghani, a former World Bank official, got 56.44 percent of the votes

cast, while Abdullah received 43.56 percent. However, Abdullah's camp rejected the outcome, alleging he was the victim of "industrial-scale" ballot box stuffing.

In the initial voting, Abdullah, 53, ended the front-runner with 44.94 percent of the vote but failed to win a majority, forcing the runoff with Ghani.—*Kyodo News*

## Typhoon Fung-Wong leaves ten dead, seven injured in Philippines

MANILA, 21 Sept — Typhoon Fung-Wong has left at least ten people dead and seven others injured in northern parts of the Philippines, including Metro Manila, the country's disaster management agency said on Sunday.

Of those who died, two were female and the rest were male, who were either drowned, electrocuted, or hit by falling objects, according to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council.

A total of 183,188 families or 840,368 persons were affected by the storm, of which 42,897 families or 197,509 persons were now residing in evacuation centres.

Four landslide incidents were reported and an estimated 75 roads and three bridges are not passable yet, according to the council.—*Xinhua*

## Indian air force crash lands in N India

NEW DELHI, 21 Sept — An Indian Air Force AN-32 transport aircraft with 11 people aboard crash landed at the northern city of Chandigarh Saturday evening, without any casualty, said local media.

The aircraft caught fire as it crash-landed but the blaze was doused by fire tenders inside the airport premises, said Indo-Asian News Service.

However, some people on board suffered minor burn injuries, said the report.—*Xinhua*



A soldier stands guard at the blast site in southwest Pakistan's Quetta on 21 Sept, 2014. At least 11 people were injured in the blast near a hotel in Quetta on late Saturday night, local media reported.—XINHUA

## Netanyahu orders strike on terror targets in Gaza



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

JERUSALEM, 21 Sept — An Israeli government spokesman says Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has ordered the military to strike what he called “terror targets” in Gaza. This comes after three rockets landed in Israel, causing no damage or casualties.

“Today’s rocket attack on our city of Beersheva is a direct and grave violation of the ceasefire that Hamas, itself, committed to. This is the 11<sup>th</sup> ceasefire that Hamas has either rejected or violated. And it must be clear, if one side violates the ceasefire, the other side is no longer obligated to

honour the same ceasefire,” said Mark Regev, Spokesman of Israeli Government.

Meanwhile, medics say three Palestinians were killed and 40 others wounded in the intensive Israeli war jets’ airstrikes on Gaza on Tuesday night. On Tuesday afternoon, eight Palestinians were injured in Israeli airstrikes on central and southern Gaza Strip. This came after Netanyahu’s order to answer the rocket attack on Israel earlier in the day. Netanyahu had ordered his negotiating team in Egypt to return home. Israeli and Palestinian negotiators have failed to make any progress in Egyptian-mediated talks in Cairo.—Xinhua

## Egypt to host Palestinian-Israeli Gaza talks in days

CAIRO, 21 Sept — Egypt will host talks between rival Palestinian factions within days, followed by indirect negotiations between Palestinians and Israelis on the ceasefire in Gaza, the state news agency MENA said on Saturday.

The report quoted an Egyptian official as saying that delegations from Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas’s Fatah faction and the Islamic militant group Hamas, which dominates Gaza, would

meet on Monday “to complete the Palestinian reconciliation”. The official said Palestinian negotiators would then meet with their Israeli counterparts starting on Wednesday to continue talks on a ceasefire in Gaza that resulted from Egyptian-mediated talks in Cairo last month.

Israel’s delegation will travel to Cairo on Tuesday, an Israeli official said.

Azzam Ahmed, a Fatah official and head of the Palestinian delegation to last month’s talks, con-

firmed the plan for reconciliation talks to take place this week. He said he expected negotiations with Israel to follow, in comments reported by the *Palestinian Wafa* news agency.

Fifty days of conflict between Hamas and Israel, which ended in August, have left large parts of Gaza in ruins. More than 2,100 Palestinians, most of them civilians, were killed in the fighting, according to the Gaza health ministry.

Sixty-seven Israeli soldiers and six civilians

## Serbia, Srpska to establish joint body to develop production

BELGRADE, 21 Sept — Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic said after Saturday’s session of the Serbian and Republika Srpska governments that progress has been made in all fields of cooperation and that the two sides agreed to establish a coordination body to jointly develop agricultural, food and industrial production.

“Today we agreed to establish a Coordination Body that will be comprised of the ministers of the economy, agriculture and trade... to prepare joint development of production and processing of agricultural and all other products, as well as the possibility of establishing joint presence on third-country markets,”



Vucic said at a press conference with Republika Srpska Prime Minister Zeljka Cvijanovic in the Palace of Serbia.

The Serbian prime minister said that the body will have a very important role in boosting production — primarily agricultural, but also industrial output — in both Serbia and Republika Srpska.

There has been progress in many fields so far, and also discussed on Saturday was cross-border security and all infrastructure facilities, Vucic said.

All agreements regarding the bridge between Bratunac and Ljubovija are being implemented as planned, but activities should be stepped up on the railway line from Priboj to Rudo, Vucic said, noting that neither he nor Cvijanovic are satisfied with the situation.

He said that the issue of bus lines connecting Serbia with Republika Srpska is about to be solved soon.

“We have received a report on how the Serbian citizens’ money is being spent in Republika Srpska on two schools, in Doboj and Samac,” Vucic said, adding that the works in Doboj are nearing completion, while a large, modern school in the Posavina region — to be named Serbia — will be complete by May next year.

He said that the discussions also touched upon the lower part of the Drina River, as well as upon other joint projects. The two sides agreed that progress has been achieved in almost all fields, but said that efforts can be stepped up comprehensively in the coming period.

Vucic thanked the ministers of the Republika Srpska government for visiting Serbia and said that they may feel at home in Belgrade.—Tanjug

## New Zealand PM storms to third term but faces slowing growth ahead

WELLINGTON, 21 Sept — Prime Minister John Key secured New Zealand’s first majority government in almost 20 years on a promise to maintain a strong economy, but slowing growth in China may challenge his outlook and also threaten fiscal discipline.

Key’s centre-right National party stormed to a third straight term in general elections on Saturday after promising to stay on the path of economic growth and fiscal prudence, despite one of the roughest campaigns in recent years.

National steered New Zealand’s economy back to growth after the global financial crisis, with rising immigration and building projects in the largest city, Auckland, and in the earthquake-hit Canterbury region also boosting demand

and investment. Dairy exports, which account for a quarter of all goods New Zealand sells overseas, have also soared.

New Zealand’s relatively small economy has outperformed many of those in developed countries, with data in the past few days showing growth at an annualized 3.9 percent in the second quarter, its fastest pace in a decade.

The government and economists expect growth to moderate in the coming years as New Zealand feels the impact of rising interest rates and an historically strong domestic currency. A slump in global prices for dairy products is seen knocking the terms of trade from a 40-year high.

Slowing growth in major trading partner China could also sting the New

Zealand economy if it curbs demand for agricultural exports, economists say.

“It’s still not clear how much the Chinese economy is slowing ... China is an issue for New Zealand because they’re our largest trading partner and impact our commodity prices,” said Darren Gibbs, chief economist at Deutsche Bank New Zealand.

The government has pledged to maintain the status quo on economic policy, but Gibbs said Key’s plan to balance the books from next year onwards could be challenged by external factors, along with rising incomes.

“National is pretty committed to achieving a surplus, but it will be very difficult to build extra surpluses. As the labour market tightens, pressure is going to build to pay public

servants more,” he said.

In August, Key’s government trimmed its growth forecast to 3.8 percent for the year to March 2015 from 4 percent in its May budget, while it also cut the budget surplus forecast for each year through to 2018 by NZ\$500 million.



New Zealand’s National Party leader and Prime Minister-elect John Key celebrates a landslide victory with his wife Bronagh (R) and son Max (L) at the National election party during New Zealand’s general election in Auckland on 20 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

Key also enjoys enormous personal popularity ratings and survived a sometimes rough-and-tumble campaign to secure an outright majority for the first time since New Zealand adopted its German-style proportional voting system in 1996.

New Zealand’s strong economic performance meant voters overlooked allegations of dirty politics, and reports that Key’s government had planned mass domestic surveillance.

“It was the most astonishing election campaign in living memory, but none of the issues that came up could really trump the economy in the end,” political scientist Bryce Edwards said. Key is a former currency trader with an estimated wealth of around NZ\$50 million (\$41 million) but Edwards said Key’s easy-going personal style helped him connect with ordinary voters.

“He doesn’t look and sound like a member of the establishment,” Edwards said. “He looks and sounds like someone at the rugby club down the road.”

Reuters

## WORLD

# Iran seeks give and take on militants, nuclear programme

UNITED NATIONS, 21 Sept — Iran is ready to work with the United States and its allies to stop Islamic State militants, but would like to see more flexibility on Iran's uranium enrichment programme, senior Iranian officials told *Reuters*.

The comments from the officials, who asked not to be named, highlight how difficult it may be for the Western powers to keep the nuclear negotiations separate from other regional conflicts. Iran wields influence in the Syrian civil war and on the Iraqi government, which is fighting the advance of Islamic State fighters.

Iran has sent mixed signals about its willingness to cooperate on defeating Islamic State (IS), a hardline Sunni Islamist group that has seized large swaths of territory across Syria and Iraq and is blamed for a wave of sectarian violence, behead-

ings and massacres of civilians. Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said recently that he vetoed a US overture to the Islamic Republic to work together on defeating IS, but US officials said there was no such offer. In public, both Washington and Teheran have ruled out cooperating militarily in tackling the IS threat.

But in private, Iranian officials have voiced a willingness to work with the United States on IS, though not necessarily on the battlefield. US Secretary of State John Kerry said on Friday that Iran has a role to play in defeating Islamic State, indicating the US position may also be shifting.

"Iran is a very influential country in the region and can help in the fight against the ISIL (IS) terrorists ... but it is a two-way street. You give something, you take something," said a senior

Iranian official on condition of anonymity.

"ISIL is a threat to world security, not our (nuclear) programme, which is a peaceful programme," the official added.

Teheran rejects Western allegations that it is amassing the capability to produce atomic weapons under cover of a civilian nuclear energy programme.

Another Iranian official echoed the remarks. Both officials said they would like the United States and its Western allies to show flexibility on the number of atomic centrifuges Teheran could keep under any long-term deal that would lift sanctions in exchange for curbs on Teheran's nuclear programme.

"Both sides can show flexibility that will lead to an acceptable number for everyone," another Iranian official said.—*Reuters*



*Iran's Foreign Minister Javad Zarif (L) holds a bilateral meeting with US Secretary of State John Kerry (R) on the second straight day of talks over Teheran's nuclear programme in Vienna, on 14 July, 2014.—REUTERS*

## About 60,000 Syrian Kurds flee to Turkey from Islamic State advance



*Turkish policemen and soldiers walk as Syrian Kurds wait behind the border fence to cross into Turkey near the southeastern town of Suruc in Sanliurfa Province on 19 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS*

SURUC, (Turkey), 21 Sept — Turkey opened a stretch of the frontier on Friday after Kurdish civilians fled their homes, fearing an imminent attack on the border town of Ayn al-Arab, also known as Kobani. A Kurdish commander on the ground said Islamic State had advanced to within 15 km (9 miles) of the town. Local Kurds said they feared a massacre in Kobani, whose strategic location has been blocking the radical Sunni Muslim militants from consolidating their gains across northern Syria. The United States has said it is prepared to carry out airstrikes in Syria to stop the advances of Islamic State, which has also

seized tracts of territory in neighbouring Iraq and has proclaimed a caliphate in the heart of the Middle East.

US forces have bombed the group in Iraq at the request of the government, but it is unclear when or where any military action might take place in Syria, whose president, Bashar al-Assad, Washington says is no longer legitimate. Lokman Isa, a 34-year-old farmer, said he had fled with his family and about 30 other families after heavily armed Islamic State militants entered his village of Celebi. He said the Kurdish forces battling them had only light weapons.

"They (Islamic State) have destroyed every place

they have gone to. We saw what they did in Iraq — in Sinjar — and we fled in fear," he told *Reuters* in the Turkish town of Suruc, where Turkish authorities were setting up a camp.

Sitting in a field after just crossing the border, Abdullah Shiran, a 24-year-old engineer, recounted scenes of horror in his village of Shiran, about 10 km (six miles) from Kobani.

"IS came and attacked and we left with the women but the rest of the men stayed behind ... They killed many people in the villages, cutting their throats. We were terrified that they would cut our throats too," he said.

*Reuters*

## Bomb explodes at Hezbollah checkpoint in eastern Lebanon

BEIRUT, 21 Sept — A car bomb exploded at a checkpoint controlled by Shi'ite Muslim group Hezbollah in eastern Lebanon on Saturday, security sources and the state news agency NNA said. The explosion took place outside the village of Khraibeh in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, a region that has experienced increased violence in the spillover from Syria's civil war next door.

Al-Manar television channel, which is run by Hezbollah, denied local media reports that three members of its group had been killed. It gave no further information on the blast.

It was not clear who was behind Saturday's explosion, but in the past Sunni Muslim groups linked to al-Qaeda have claimed attacks on Iranian-backed Hezbollah. —*Reuters*

## Argentine President said received Islamic State threats

ROME, 21 Sept — Argentine President Cristina Fernandez said during a trip to the Vatican on Saturday she had received threats by the Islamic State due to her friendship with compatriot Pope Francis and for recognizing both Israel and Palestine.

Fernandez said the Security Ministry and intelligence services were now dealing with the threat by Islamic State, a Sunni Muslim extremist group which has exploited the chaos of Syria and Iraq to seize swaths of territory in both countries.

"The complaint made by two police officers was because Islamic State threats had appeared against me," Fernandez told reporters at Rome's Ciampino airport after meeting Francis for lunch. She dismissed the threats, saying if she focussed on such menaces she "would have to live under the bed".

Islamic State fighters have declared war on the West and seek to establish a caliphate in the heart of the

Middle East.

Last month the pope, who has often condemned the concept of war in God's name, said it would be legitimate for the international community to use force to stop "unjust aggression" by Islamic State militants who have killed or displaced thousands of people in Iraq and Syria, many of them Christians.

Fernandez and Francis, who have met several times since his election as pope, had tense relations when he

was archbishop of Buenos Aires. But Fernandez posted a photograph on Facebook on Saturday of herself with the pope in front of a picture of Argentina's fondly-remembered late first lady Eva Peron.

"We discussed (with the pope) the fact ... we defend things that upset some people," said Fernandez.

Fernandez and Francis also talked about the global financial system and Argentina's economy over lunch.

*Reuters*



*Pope Francis talks with Argentina's President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner during a private audience at the Vatican on 20 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS*

## PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 22 September, 2014

## Discipline makes a great nation

By Kyaw Thura

**I**t has generally been agreed that discipline is the backbone of an individual, a family, a community, a society and a nation as a whole.

Even 66 years after regaining independence from British colonialists, Myanmar has not yet entered an age of affluence. The reality is that we have been overlooking the fact that success does not come without discipline. We

are far more likely to envy people from rich nations for their higher standards of living or dream of it than follow their examples.

We have heard time and time again people with experience of travelling foreign countries praising how clean the roads are there, how disciplined the people are, how much they respect individual freedom, how much they value time, how hard they work, and the like. Envy is never enough for the simple reason that it is no more than a fantasy. It is like a poor boy on the empty stomach gazing at a rich boy eating an ice-cream. There is very little likelihood of the poor boy knowing the true taste of the ice-cream. In fact, the sight of the ice-cream would merely make his mouth water and his hunger worse.

In a sense, discipline denotes honesty, courage, diligence, containment, self-denial, broadmindedness, patience and perseverance. These strong moral qualities cannot be ac-

quired without discipline.

Now is therefore the time to look at our own actions, contemplate why we are behind others in terms of development in almost all sectors, and ask ourselves what it would be like to stop daydreaming and face the reality. Otherwise, posterity will remember all of us as main culprits for bequeathing them a legacy of poverty.

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## Dare to Dream

By Kyi Mun

To dream is to have the desire to be more than you are, to see more than you've seen, to do more than you've done.

-Craig Selness

*In my opinion, dreaming is : "Daring to struggle and daring to win; daring to scale the heights.*

*In other words, dreaming is : "Daring to transform oneself by the renewal of one's mind and heart and soul.*

*Stated in another way, daring to dream is : "Daring to elevate one's life and the lives of others by upgrading one's attitude, skills and knowledge."*

Now, let us share the analytical meaning of :

## "DREAM"

- **D** for **Desire - a burning desire**
- **R** for **Relationship - Win-Win Relationship**
- **E** for **Excelling in Vision & Strategy**
- **A** for **Abilities and Willingness to Move from Good To Great**
- **M** for **Mission : To Serve the People, Planet & Peace**

## DESIRE

Desire is one of the Four Factors of Success-Desire, Spirit, Effort and Wisdom. Small men have small desires and great men have great desires. In the same way, mediocre men have insignificant thoughts and insignificant plans and big, magnificent men have magnificent thoughts and massive plans. It is better to have a clear-cut, definite desire or purpose. You can call it a passionate purpose, a compelling dream or a consuming desire. Such a desire has tremendous intensity and gravitational power.

## RELATIONSHIP

Everything is obtained from other people. Man does not live alone, like Robinson Crusoe on an island. We live and move and have our being among people, with the people, for the people, through the people. We are interdependent. So, we should strive for peaceful coexistence with mutual benefits. We should build win-win relationship, preferring one another, whenever possible.

## EXCELLING IN VISION &amp; STRATEGY

Everyone worth his/her salt must have a vision - a dream for a better, beautiful future. Although we should live in the present, we had better nurture hope for the future. In the scriptures, it is said; **"Hope is the shield and courage is the sword."** So, we should hope for a better future

with courage in our heart. And we have got to have a strategy of translating our vision/dream into reality. We must find the means and the resources to carry out our dream into a plan of execution. We must walk the talk.

## ABILITIES and WILLINGNESS To Move from Good to Great

Plants grow. Animals grow. Man must also grow. Plants grow from tiny seedlings to small saplings to towering trees. Man also must have the natural qualities plus WILLINGNESS TO GROW. Man should grow bodily, mentally, emotionally, spiritually and in their desire to be great in mind, in spirit, in service and in achievement.

## Human Dignity and Honesty

By Tommy Pauk

**D**ignity is a kind of honour in a person's life and honesty is the clean practice that he or she exercises in his or her life. A man or a woman with no dignity is just like trash which tarnishes his or her life forever. A man or a woman who is being honest is loved and adored by everyone on earth. Likewise, a dignified person's name and his good reputation are inscribed records for posterity. For example, our National Leader General Aung San and India's Leader Mahatma Gandhi etc. in the world. They are prominent for their capabilities of the leadership and they treated their peoples honestly. Peoples also honour them as dignified leaders forever. Their names will fragrantly exist on earth till doomsday.

Nowadays, the characteristics of dignity and honesty can rarely be found in humans. The relevant reasons are that we humans being never satisfy with our present positions such as power, wealth and cravings. They

cannot resist their unlimited desires and temptations.

As saying goes; "Honesty is the best policy", man tries to practice such a way as much as they can in dealing with each other in respective fields. However, sometimes, man neglects that practice deliberately for the sake of his personal gain or own benefit. Some people even make joke by saying that "an honest man can only be found in the cemetery." Actually 'an honest man' ambiguously means human's bone or a simple man in Myanmar language. The wise saying is being mocked frivolously and erased by those who cannot respect the ethical value due to their uncontrollable greed, stupidity and malpractice indeed.

The attitude of some people is that making a fortune in dishonest and illegal way can make one's life prosper. This regrettable situation among humans is threatening to the entire mankind because that misleading attitude will be accepted as a truth among humans. Thus most of the people become materialistic for their survival and livelihood. They do dare to

cheat, exploit, lie, transgress and pretend among themselves shamelessly. Likewise, they are not bothered whoever possesses dignity. They care about a fortune and wealth rather than the eternal value of dignity. They wrongly perceive that dignity is powerless and money is the most powerful thing in human existence for survival as well as comfortable life.

In modern society, people seek to make friends with those who are wealthy, powerful and influential. They try to take advantage upon others whether their acts are just or not. The exploitation among humans is greater from time to time in the world. The sanctimonious type of people prevails over the honest, simple, gullible people in modern age. They totally ignore human decencies and ethical values. That is why, nowadays, there are lots of varied conflicts, civil wars, severe crimes, violence and terrorism everywhere in the world. The lack of dignity and honesty in man makes these disasters or crisis situations indeed. The astute persons consider the persons those who firmly practice this policy as naive person's. This is the atti-

tude of immoral people towards those who are innocent and simple. Nowadays it seems that astute and dishonest people are getting richer than those who are of highest integrity in doing any business. Man should keep eternal verity and ethical values so that man can be superior to other animals on earth.

Malpractice, corruption, bribery, cheating, stealing and misappropriation are prevalent in the areas of business and public services because those who committed are discontented and dishonest in their livelihood indeed. These people earn dishonestly and their top priority is to make the vast fortune neglecting human moral principles and excellent reputation. Thus the terms- 'dignity and honesty' are missing in man's daily life conversation. Actually this best policy is pertaining to Universal truth.

It is regrettable that very few people adhere to the policy - 'Honesty is the best policy', and possess human dignity.

May humans cultivate their minds to strictly adhere to the moral principles in the civilized world!!

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## NATIONAL

## Awareness of head and neck cancer discussed at seminar

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

YANGON, 21 Sept — Singaporean Head and Neck Surgeon Prof Christopher Goh shared his knowledge on head and neck cancers and their treatments on Sunday at a health seminar in Yangon, messaging people not to be afraid of cancer and fight it.

He said doctors usually provide radiotherapy treatment for patients with early stage head and neck cancers, adding that women are more likely to have thyroid cancer while nasopharynx cancer is most common in men.

Prof Christopher Goh gave information on investigating the thyroid nodule



*Singaporean Head and Neck Surgeon Prof Christopher Goh.*

and suspicious features on thyroid ultrasound, management of thyroid and their symptoms, and cancers of the thyroid—papillary, anaplastic, fol-

licular and medullary carcinomas—in which papillary carcinoma is the most common type of thyroid cancer, representing 69 per cent of all thyroid cancer.

Doctors have to check carefully that all of the suspected cancer cases to provide the correct treatment, he warned.

He also shared his experiences on cancers of the salivary glands and its management and treatment, oral cavity and oropharyngeal cancers which are most commonly found in alcoholics, tobacco users and impure oral hygiene.

Prof Christopher Goh added that special care should be taken for nose cancers as their symptoms can be detected at a later stage.—NLM

## Heavy rains, floods cause damages to railroad section in Indaw Township

MOHNYIN, 21 Sept —Train service was suspended along the Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad from 18 to 21 September as heavy rains on 18 September eroded a concrete bridge and rail tracks in Indaw Township of Sagaing Region.

The runs of trains will resume after 22 September, according to officials of Myanma Railways.

The floods eroded the concrete approach structure of the concrete bridge between Pinwe and railway station between mile post

597 in Indaw Township. About 20 steel frames were lost in the water. The concrete approach structure of a bridge at mile post 599 was also damaged by the floods. Moreover, a 55-footlong earthen dyke of railroad was eroded in the flood at mile post 597. Officials and workers are repairing the railroad sections with concerted efforts.

Officials managed transport of the train passengers were stranded near the damaged railroad section.—NLM-001



## Electricity Transmission Project for Rakhine State



*Project Manager U Min Naing explains plans of electrification in Rakhine State.*

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Sept — Project Director U Ye Toe Thwin of Electricity Transmission Project (North) said plans are underway to construct four 230 KV and fourteen 66

KV sub-stations in Rakhine State to supply electricity through national grids.

For northern part of the state, 230 KV power grids along An, MraukU and Ponnagyun townships

had completed 40 per cent and project engineers put more effort to ensure timely completion of project in December.

U Thura Aung Bo, State Electrical Engineer, said that the government supplied electricity on 5<sup>th</sup> June to households in Thandwe, Taungup and Ann townships at four hours per day.

The project started on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013. During the project, those engineers faced health problems due to the geographical conditions of Rakhine State but nobody stops the work, Project Manager U Min Naing said.

*Min Min Zaw (MNA)*

## Comedians show skills in contest

MANDALAY, 21 Sept —The Comedians Group of Mandalay Region Theatrical Performers Association and Equality Myanmar Group jointly conducted the comedian contest at

Dhamma Thala Hall at the corner of 84<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> streets in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay on Saturday.

Nine theatrical drama and Anyeint troupes partic-

ipated in the contest.

The elder comedians who acted as panel of judges presented prizes to the winners.

*Maung Pyi Thu (Mandalay)*



*Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe presents championship shield to Yangon Region team that emerged champion with a 4-1 win over Mandalay Region team in Yangon Region Chief Minister's Cup Inter-State/Region Hockey Tournament on 20 September.*

REPORTER THAN SWE (PABEDAN)





An Apache helicopter flies over Tahrir Square during a protest to support the army, in Cairo on 26 July, 2013. — REUTERS

## US to deliver 10 Apache helicopters to Egypt — Pentagon

WASHINGTON, 21 Sept —US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel spoke with Egyptian Defence Minister Colonel General Sedki Sobhy on Saturday to confirm the United States plans to deliver 10 Apache helicopters to Egypt to support Cairo's counter-terrorism efforts, the Pentagon said.

The United States originally announced in April that it had decided to

lift its hold on the delivery of the attack helicopters to Egypt, imposed last year after the military's ouster of President Mohamed Mursi and an ensuing crackdown against protesters. Pentagon spokesman Rear Admiral John Kirby said at the time that the helicopters would support Egypt's counter-terrorism operations in the Sinai Peninsula.

On Saturday, Kirby said Hagel had confirmed to General Sobhy that Washington planned to deliver the helicopters, built by Boeing Co, but gave no date.

Kirby said Hagel also thanked Egypt for its role in brokering a ceasefire to end the latest round of Gaza fighting between Hamas and Israel.

Reuters

## Afghanistan says 51 militants killed in fresh operations

KABUL, 21 Sept — About 51 Taliban militants have been killed in fresh military operations across Afghanistan within the past 24 hours, said the country's Interior Ministry on Sunday morning.

"Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) carried out cleanup operations in Kandahar, Zabul, Logar, Ghazni and Helmand provinces over the past 24 hours. As a result 51 armed Taliban members were killed, 32 wounded and five others were arrested by the ANSF," the ministry said in a statement providing daily operational updates.

The security forces also discovered and confiscated light and heavy rounds ammunition, ac-

cording to the statement.

The statement did not disclose if there were any casualties on the side of security forces.

Furthermore, Afghan police detained four armed militants in northern Kunduz Province overnight, a police spokesman in the province told *Xinhua* earlier on the day, adding the captured militants tried to attack a security checkpoint in surrounding areas of provincial capital Kunduz city.

Meantime, Taliban outfit in a counter-claim has rejected the ministry's statement. A Taliban purported spokesman, Zabiullah Mujahid, told local media that the statement was not true.

The Taliban-led violence continues in Afghanistan. Security forces have pressed on to clear the militants in restive provinces. The Taliban responds by bombing and armed attacks. —*Xinhua*

## Bomb blast kills Two in Cairo

CAIRO, 21 Sept—A bomb exploded in the Egyptian capital Cairo on Sunday, killing two policemen, state-run television reported.

The explosion occurred on a sidewalk in the neighbourhood of Boulq Abu Eila, under the 26 July Bridge, according to *Reuters* news service.

Security sources told *Reuters* that two others were wounded in the blast.

Terror attacks targeting security forces have repeatedly occurred in the country since the ouster in July last year of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi. — *Kyodo News*

## Families of German MH17 victims to sue Ukraine



A relative (C) of a victim of the Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 disaster prays as the plane carrying victims' remains arrives for a repatriation ceremony at the Bunga Raya complex of KLIA airport in Sepang on 22 Aug, 2014. — REUTERS

BERLIN, 21 Sept — Survivors of German victims of Malaysian Airlines flight MH17 downed over Ukraine plan to sue the country and its president for manslaughter by negligence in 298 cases, the lawyer representing them said on Sunday.

Professor of aviation law Elmar Giemulla, who

is representing three families of German victims, said that under international law Ukraine should have closed its air space if it could not guarantee the safety of flights.

"Each state is responsible for the security of its air space," Giemulla said in a statement emailed to *Reuters*. "If it is not able to

do so temporarily, it must close its air space. As that did not happen, Ukraine is liable for the damage."

*Bild am Sonntag* Sunday mass newspaper quoted Giemulla as saying that by not closing its airspace, Ukraine had accepted that the lives of hundreds of innocent people would be "annihilated" and this was

a violation of human rights.

The jetliner crashed in Ukraine in pro-Russian rebel-held territory on 17 July, killing 298 people, two-thirds of them from the Netherlands. Four Germans died in the crash.

Ukraine and Western countries have accused the rebels of shooting the plane down with an advanced, Russian-made missile. Russia has rejected accusations that it supplied the rebels with SA-11 Buk anti-aircraft missile systems.

Giemulla planned to hand his case to the European Court of Human Rights in about two weeks, accusing Ukraine and its President Petro Poroshenko of manslaughter by negligence in 298 cases. He would also push for compensation of up to one million euros (\$1.3 million) per victim, *Bild am Sonntag* reported.

So far, the airline has offered survivors of each victim \$5,000 in financial assistance but has said that would not be taken off final compensation or affect families' legal rights to claim. —*Reuters*

## Wife of Alan Henning, Briton held by Islamic State, pleads for his release

MANCHESTER, 21 Sept — Alan Henning, a volunteer British aid worker being held by Islamic State (IS) militants, should be released unharmed, his wife said in a statement issued a week after his captors threatened to murder him.

Henning, 47, was part of an aid convoy taking medical supplies to a hospital in northwest Syria in December last year when it was stopped by gunmen and he was abducted.

He appeared in a video released by IS last week, which showed the murder of another Briton, David

Haines. In it, a masked man said Henning would also be killed if British Prime Minister David Cameron kept supporting the fight against IS. "Alan is a peaceful, selfless man," his wife Barbara said in a statement released via Britain's Foreign Office late on Saturday.

"When he was taken he was driving an ambulance full of food and water to be handed out to anyone in need. His purpose for being there was no more and no less." Last week, Muslim groups across Britain, including some organizations that are highly critical of

British foreign policy and blame Western interference for fanning the recent crisis in Iraq and Syria, called for Henning's release.

"I cannot see how it could assist any state's cause to allow the world to see a man like Alan dying," his wife said, saying she had tried to contact his captors but received no response. "I pray that the people holding Alan respond to my messages and contact me before it is too late ... I implore the people of the Islamic State to see it in their hearts to release my husband." — *Reuters*



An undated family handout photo of British aid worker Alan Henning taken at a refugee camp on the Turkish-Syria border. — REUTERS

## SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY

## US spacecraft carries 3D Printer, mice to space station



*The unmanned Space Exploration Technologies' Falcon 9 rocket is seen before liftoff at Cape Canaveral, Florida in this on 28 Nov, 2013 file photo.*

REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 21 Sept — Private US firm SpaceX launched its fourth International Space Station cargo mission on Sunday morning, delivering 3D Printer, mice and other supplies to the orbiting laboratory.

The California-based company's unmanned *Dragon* spacecraft lifted off at 1:52 am EDT (0552 GMT) aboard a *Falcon 9* rocket from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida, a live NASA Television broadcast showed.

"The *Falcon 9* and

*Dragon* have left the launch pad and are climbing skyward!" US space agency NASA said in its launch blog.

These four "operational cargo missions have made the spacecraft a regular visitor to the orbiting laboratory," it said.

The *Dragon* spacecraft carried 2.5 tons of supplies, science experiments, and technology demonstrations, including critical materials to support 255 science and research investigations.—Xinhua

## Facebook's Oculus unveils new virtual reality prototype device

LOS ANGELES, (Oculus VR) 21 Sept — Facebook Inc's Oculus VR unit announced an upgraded prototype of its virtual reality headset that has higher resolution and built-in audio, but the company said it is not ready to sell a device to consumers.

The new Crescent Bay device also is lighter than the most recent prototype of the Oculus Rift headset the company has made available to developers, Chief Executive Brendan Iribe said on Saturday at an Oculus developers confer-

ence in Hollywood.

"This is not the consumer product," Iribe said. But he added that "it is much, much closer."

Facebook, the world's largest social network, acquired two-year-old Oculus in July for \$2 billion, making a bet that the untested technology will emerge as a new social and communications platform. The Oculus Rift goggles create a 360-degree view that immerses players in fantasy settings. Users mount the device on their heads with a strap. —Reuters



*Oculus VR Inc signage is displayed at the company's booth at the 2014 Electronic Entertainment Expo (E3) in Los Angeles, California on 11 June, 2014.*

REUTERS

## Rocket Internet CEO stands to lift stake via options

FRANKFURT, 21 Sept — Oliver Samwer, chief executive and co-founder of Rocket Internet is in a position to increase his stake in the German venture capital firm under a stock options programme that will be part of its planned stock market listing, a German magazine report said on Saturday.

Samwer stands to receive options that entitle him to buy 4.5 million shares, or about 4 percent of the current share capital, at an unspecified discount

over the next five years, based on certain business performance targets, weekly *WirtschaftsWoche* said, citing a document it obtained.

The company's spokesman, who declined to comment to *WirtschaftsWoche*, could not immediately be reached by *Reuters* outside regular business hours.

Rocket this month unveiled plans for a stock market listing that could value the company behind

dozens of online start-ups at \$6.5 billion, riding a wave of e-commerce flotations.

Receiving the options is contingent on the company establishing four new e-commerce ventures per year, on average, and on Rocket's market value not falling below 4 billion euros (\$5 billion) over certain periods of time, *WirtschaftsWoche* said.

The Samwer brothers Oliver, Alexander and Marc own 52.3 percent of

the existing Rocket stock between them.

Executive directors Peter Kimpel and Alexander Kudlich stand to receive options for 1.2 million shares in total, the magazine said.

Berlin-based Rocket has said its share offer would consist solely of new stock and it would use the proceeds to fund growth by launching new businesses and provide more capital for existing companies.

Reuters

## New smartphone app gives sight to the blind

SAN FRANCISCO, 21 Sept — Jonathan Mosen, who has been blind since birth, spent his evening snapping photos of packages in the mail, his son's school report and labels on bottles in the fridge. In seconds, he was listening to audio of the printed words the camera captured, courtesy of a new app on his Apple Inc iPhone.

"I couldn't believe how accurate it was," said Mosen, an assistive technology consultant from New Zealand.

The new app that allows blind people to listen to an audio readback of printed text is receiving rave reviews after its first day of availability and is being heralded as a life-changer by many people. Blind people say the KNFB Reader app will enable a new level of engagement in everyday life, from reading menus in restaurants to browsing handouts in the classroom.

The \$99 app is the result of a four decades-long relationship between the

National Federation of the Blind and Ray Kurzweil, a well-known artificial-intelligence scientist and senior Google employee. According to its website, K-NFB Reading Technology Inc and Sensotec NV, a Belgium-based company, led the technical development of the app. Kurzweil, who demonstrated the app on stage at the NFB's annual convention in June, said it can replace a "sighted adviser".

Taking advantage of new pattern recognition and image-processing technology as well as new smartphone hardware, the app allows users to adjust or tilt the camera, and reads printed materials out loud. People with refreshable Braille displays can now snap pictures of print documents and display them in Braille near-instantaneously, said NFB spokesman Chris Danielsen.

The app has already given some people greater independence, users said on Thursday and Friday on social-media sites such as



*The Apple logo is lit on the first day of sale for the iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus, in Sydney on 19 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS*

Twitter. One early adopter, Gordon Luke, tweeted that he was able to use the app to read his polling card for the Scottish Referendum.

The app will be available on Android in the coming months, Kurzweil told *Reuters* in an interview. He may also explore a version of the app for Google Glass, a postage stamp-sized computer screen that attaches to eyeglass frames and is capable of taking photos, recording video and playing sound.

"Google Glass makes sense because you direct the camera with your head," Kurzweil said.

Kurzweil started working on so-called "reading machines" in the early 1970s after chatting on a plane with a blind person who voiced frustrations with the lack of optical-recognition technology on the market.

A few years later, "Kurzweil burst into the National Federation of the Blind's offices in Washing-

ton, DC, and said he had invented a reading machine," recalled Jim Gashel, a former NFB employee who currently heads business development at KNFB Reader. "It was phenomenal."

Kurzweil's first reading machine was the size of a washing machine and cost \$50,000. The technology has continued to improve over the past few decades — the new smartphone app can recognize and translate print between different languages and scan PowerPoint slides up to 25 feet (7.6 metres) away — but it was not available on a mainstream mobile device until now.

Previously, it cost more than \$1,000 to use the software with a Nokia cell phone and a camera.

The app's release comes at a time when the technology industry has faced criticism for being too focused on making what some deem frivolous products such as apps for sharing photos and video games, as well as for in-

truding into people's personal privacy.

In San Francisco, activists have blocked commuter buses operated by companies such as Google and Apple, and picketed the homes of some tech company executives for driving up the cost of living and not doing enough to help fix the city's problems. San Francisco-based Bryan Bashin, executive director of the non-profit Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, said the KNFB app shows the positive and profound impact that technology can have.

"There are innumerable times in life that I'll have a bit of print and there will be nobody around who can help me out, and I'll just want to know something as simple as 'Is this packet decaf or caffeinated coffee?'" Bashin said.

"The ability to do this easily with something that fits in your pocket at lightning speed will certainly be a game changer."

Reuters

# Legendary Russian cruiser Aurora to be towed to dockyard

ST PETERSBURG, 21 Sept — Three bascule bridges across the Neva River in central St Petersburg will be raised not only at night, but also in the daytime to deliver legendary cruiser Aurora to Kronshadt dockyard for overhaul.

For the first time since 1987, when the museum-ship was repaired last time, residents and guests of the Russian northern capital will watch a unique event, as Aurora will be towed by four tugboats under overhanging arms of Troitsky, Dvortsovy and Blagoveshchensky bascule bridges.

More than \$3 million allocated for repairs of Aurora cruiser — symbol of 1917 revolution.

Tugboats will tow the cruiser to a dockyard of Kronshtadt maritime plant for around 40 kilometres. All towing operation is expected to take around four hours.

Bascule bridges will be raised across the Neva River starting from 9.45 am Moscow time (5.45 am GMT) and towing will start exactly at 10 am Moscow time (6 am GMT) on Sunday. Defence Ministry hopes that the cruiser will return to its 'eternal mooring' berth at the Petrograd embankment after the overhaul in 2016. Deadlines for repair will be announced after the ship is docked and the underwater part of its



legendary cruiser Aurora

hull is examined, chief of the culture department of Defence Ministry Anton Gubankov said.

After the overhaul an exposition on board the museum-ship will almost double, meanwhile, the 1917 events, including the October Revolution, will cease to be its main topic, Ruslan Nekhai, director of the Central Naval Museum at which Aurora is its

branch, said this week.

The weather will be favourable for the warship's towing on Sunday, St Petersburg weather forecasting service said. Weak southern, south-western winds reaching 5-8 metres per second are expected, chief of the weather forecasting department Yelena Rudyk told *Itar-Tass*. Waves will be no higher than half a metre in the

Neva Bay.

The access of visitors on board Aurora was closed on 9 September. While Aurora is out of customary mooring berth the city authorities will reconstruct the Petrograd embankment and will check utility lines to which the battle cruiser is connected at the anchorage site.

In the previous year the warship celebrated the

110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its commissioning. The first-rate gun cruiser has been on combat duty in the Navy for almost half a century from 1903 to 1948, fighting in the battles of the Russo-Japanese War, the First World War, the Great Patriotic War and the 1917 revolutionary events.

In 1948 the battle cruiser was moored at the Petrograd embankment

and has served as a training base for Leningrad Nakhimov Naval Academy up to 1956. In 1957 cruiser Aurora was turned in a museum ship, hosting a branch of the Central Naval Museum. In 1992 the St Andrew naval flag was hoisted aboard the warship. Now the cruiser is registered in Culture Ministry as a federal cultural heritage site.

*Itar Tass*

## Serbia is suffering due to natural disasters

KLADOVO, 21 Sept — Serbian President Tomislav Nikolic delivered humanitarian aid to the flood-hit population in the village of Grabovica near Kladovo, noting that drainage pumps are the most vital equipment at this point. Nikolic said that the situation in Grabovica is absurd because embankments built to protect the village from the Danube flooding are now preventing the drainage of water from the settlement.

We need solidarity once more, and we need as many pumps as we can get and as many experts to place the pumps at the right locations, the president said and added that damage assessments should be drawn up as soon as possible so as to establish the amount of available funds and the possibilities for allocation of money so that people could return to their homes



before winter.

It is impossible to have everyone's houses repaired because no country in the world can achieve this, but what the authorities can do is to alleviate the consequences and provide financial assistance to the people so that they may repair the damages, Nikolic said.

He promised that he will come back to Grabovica to provide assistance to the most vulnerable as soon as the water has been drained and the flood withdraws.

According to expert estimates, water should be drained from the lake in

around 20 days.

Kladovo Mayor Radovan Arezina said that three people are still reported as missing and that pumps are the most crucial equipment at this point, adding that the army are helping restore control over the situation and should soon come to Grabovica to provide assistance to the flood-hit population. Nikolic delivered 15 tons of drinking water and 10 tons of candy products, food preserves and baby food to the flood-hit population, as well as 10 tons of toiletries, baby diapers and 5 tons of clothes and blankets.—*Tanjug*

## White House intruder was armed with knife

WASHINGTON, 21 Sept — The Texas man arrested on Friday for charging at the White House was armed with a knife when he climbed a fence and made it into the executive mansion after President Barack Obama had departed, the US Attorney's Office said on Saturday.

Previously, the US Secret Service had said Omar Gonzalez, 42, had been unarmed.

Gonzalez was charged with unlawfully entering a restricted building or grounds while carrying a "deadly or dangerous weapon," according to an affidavit released by the US Attorney's Office on Saturday. If convicted, he faces up to 10 years in prison.

The affidavit, signed by Daniel Hochman, a Secret Service officer on duty at the White House when the incident occurred, said Gonzalez was carrying a

folding knife with a 3-1/2-inch long serrated blade. It said Gonzalez went through the north doors and got inside the mansion.

"After he was apprehended, Omar Gonzalez told United States Secret Service Agent Lee Smart that he was concerned that the atmosphere was collapsing and (he) needed to get the information to the President of the United States so that he could get the word out to the people," the affidavit said.

The incident, one of the most significant breaches since Obama became president, raised questions about security procedures at the White House, a heavily guarded complex filled with Secret Service officers and snipers.

The Secret Service increased security around the White House on Friday and started a review of its response, including a

physical assessment of the area and interviews with involved personnel, the agency said. Shortly before the intrusion, Obama and his daughters had departed for Camp David. First Lady Michelle Obama had traveled separately to the presidential retreat in nearby Maryland.

"Every day the Secret Service is challenged to ensure security at the White House complex while still allowing public accessibility to a national historical site," the agency said in a statement.

"Although last night the officers showed tremendous restraint and discipline in dealing with this subject, the location of Gonzalez's arrest is not acceptable."

The results of the review will be delivered to Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson.

*Reuters*

## GENERAL



People take pictures of Changchun destroyer from the 17<sup>th</sup> Chinese escort naval fleet in southern port of Bandar Abbas, Iran, on 20 Sept, 2014. The 17<sup>th</sup> Chinese escort naval fleet docked in south Iran's Bandar Abbas port on Saturday for a five-day visit.—XINHUA

## Sierra Leone Ebola burial team attacked despite lockdown

FREETOWN, 21 Sept—A team burying Ebola victims was attacked in Sierra Leone's capital on Saturday, a member of parliament said, as a small group defied a three-day lockdown aimed at halting the worst outbreak of the disease on record.

In one of the most extreme measures since the epidemic began, Sierra Leone has ordered its population of 6 million to stay indoors as volunteers circulate to educate residents about the disease as well as isolate the sick and remove the dead.

Residents have mostly complied with the measures announced by President Ernest Bai Koroma earlier this week. On the second

day of the lockdown, the streets were mostly deserted, except for ambulances and police vehicles.

The attack on the burial team on Saturday occurred in the village of Matainkay, some three miles from the Waterloo district of Freetown.

Claude Kamanda, MP for the Waterloo district, said that armed policemen accompanying the burial team quickly arrived, causing the attackers to flee.

The police Local Unit Commander in the area, Superintendent Mustapha Kamara said he sent reinforcement to the village "after some youths attempted to disrupt the burial". He told *Reuters* that he has now instructed that the

burial team must inform them to provide a stronger presence.

Ebola has infected at least 5,357 people in West Africa this year, mainly in Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia, killing 2,630 of those, according to the World Health Organization. More than 562 people have died in Sierra Leone.

Neighbouring Liberia had put in place temporary community quarantine measures and curfews last month, but lifted them after street protests.

Some have criticised Sierra Leone's lockdown measures, warning of food shortages and saying it might cause people to go to extra lengths to conceal highly contagious bodies.

But volunteers said they were bombarded with calls on an Ebola hotline over the last two days, receiving hundreds of requests for help.

Stephen Gaojia, head of an emergency services operation, said the ability of his teams to respond to the calls was limited by shortages of staffing and equipment. "We need about 14 burial teams, as we speak we have about nine", he said. "So if we have more number of people that will be able to improve our response time".

The leader of the United Democratic Movement party, Mohamed Bangura, told *Reuters* that his team buried 11 Ebola victims on Saturday.—*Reuters*

## Cause of Air Algerie July crash in Mali still unknown

BAMAKO/PARIS, 21 Sept—Investigators studying the sudden plunge of an Air Algerie plane from an altitude of more than 30,000 feet onto Malian scrubland in July still do not have an explanation, they said on Saturday. The McDonnell Douglas MD-83 aircraft on its way from the Burkina Faso capital Ouagadougou to Algiers smashed onto the ground on 24 July near the town of Gossi, killing all 116 passengers and crew.

"For the moment, there is not one particular lead that is being given more importance than any other," Bernard Boudaille, from France's BEA air accident

investigator, said at a news conference in Bamako.

French President Francois Hollande visited families of the 54 French victims to offer his support on Saturday, his office said. The process of formally identifying the bodies is due to be completed in early 2015, it said. Officials have previously said they believe bad weather was an important factor in the crash of flight AH5017 but have not ruled out other factors.

Video footage of the crash site shortly after the accident showed small pieces of often unidentifiable debris scattered across a broad area. N'Faly Cisse, head of

Mali's investigation, said that one of the challenges was that researchers had still not been able to decrypt the messages on a cockpit voice recorder.

"We are continuing to work on it. We have contacted a number of laboratories to have the maximum information," he said.

The automatic pilot function was switched off before the crash, although it was not clear if this was a deliberate decision of the pilot, said Cisse.

Flight recordings show no indication of turbulence before the crash, he added, which would be typical in a heavy storm.—*Reuters*

## China on typhoon, rainstorm alert

BEIJING, 21 Sept—China's National Meteorological Centre (NMC) on Sunday maintained the yellow alert for Typhoon Fung-Wong as it is expected to make landfall in the southwest coast of Taiwan on Sunday morning.

The typhoon will then gradually move to the coastal areas in the provinces of Fujian and Zhejiang, bringing rainstorms and strong gales of up to level 13 along the way,

the NMC forecast, issuing a rainstorm blue alert for those regions.

China has a four-tier colour-coded warning system for severe weather, with red being the most serious, followed by orange, yellow and blue.

Fung-Wong has killed at least five people in the northern parts of the Philippines, including Metro Manila, Philippines' state disaster management agency has said.—*Xinhua*

## 5.5-magnitude quake hits Indonesia —USGS

HONG KONG, 21 Sept—An earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale jolted 29 km ENE of Manokwari, Indonesia at 18: 27:13 GMT on Saturday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 10.0 km, was initially determined to be at 0.7547 degrees south latitude and 134.3236 degrees east longitude.—*Xinhua*

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## Weather report

**BAY INFERENCE:** Monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2014:** Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State, scattered in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.



Police personnel inspect the heavily damaged cracker factory in Mohanlalganj in Uttar Pradesh, India, 20 Sept, 2014. At least six people were killed and 14 others injured in a major explosion at an illegal cracker factory at Mohanlalganj in Lucknow, capital of the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh on Saturday, a senior police officer said.—XINHUA



## James Blunt, Sofia Wellesley get married?

LOS ANGELES, 21 Sept — Singer James Blunt has reportedly tied the knot with longtime girlfriend Sofia Wellesley in Majorca.

The 40-year-old singer, who legally wed the British socialite at a London registry office on 5 September, hosted an intimate wedding ceremony and reception at her mother's Marsana estate yesterday, reported E! Online.

The couple's secret civil ceremony apparently took place one day after they attended Elton John's annual End Of Summer party in Windsor earlier this month.

"They got married the morning after Elton's party. Sofia joked to friends that she was almost too hungover to get married," a source said.

The 'Bonfire Heart' hitmaker proposed to the blonde beauty, who is the granddaughter of the Duke of Wellington, last December after being introduced by his sister, Daisy, in 2012.

The couple was previously rumoured to have tied the knot at a small chapel in Campanet, Mallorca in early September.—PTI

## American actor Leonardo DiCaprio designated as UN Messenger of Peace

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon (R) speaks as American actor Leonardo DiCaprio looks on during a ceremony for his designation as UN Messenger of Peace at the UN headquarters in New York on 20 Sept, 2014. As a UN Messenger of Peace with a special focus on climate change, Mr DiCaprio will address the UN Climate Summit on 23 Sept in New York.  
XINHUA



## Angelina Jolie surgery sparks surge in female cancer tests



LONDON, 21 Sept — Hollywood star Angelina Jolie's decision to make public her double mastectomy more than doubled the number of women in Britain seeking to have genetic breast cancer tests, according to a study released on Friday.

Jolie, 39, who has become a high-profile human rights campaigner, announced her surgery in May last year, saying she acted after testing positive for a mutation of the BRCA1

gene that significantly increases the risk of breast cancer.

She said she was going public with news of her surgery as she hoped her story would inspire other women to fight the life-threatening disease. Researchers studied 21 clinics and regional genetic centres and found there were 4,847 referrals for testing in June and July last year compared to 1,981 in the same period of 2012.

The study of the so-called "Angelina effect", published in the journal Breast Cancer Research, credited Jolie's glamorous appearance and relationship with Hollywood actor Brad Pitt for helping to lessen women's fears about surgery. "Angelina Jolie ... is likely to have

had a bigger impact than other celebrity announcements, possibly due to her image as glamorous and strong woman," researcher Gareth Evans of the charity Genesis Breast Cancer Prevention said in a statement.

"This may have lessened patients' fears about a loss of sexual identity post-preventative surgery and encouraged those who had not previously engaged with health services to consider genetic testing." Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women worldwide. The World Health Organization estimated that more than 521,000 women died of breast cancer in 2012. Oscar-winning Jolie has in recent years drawn nearly as much attention for her globe-trotting work on behalf of refugees and victims of sexual violence in conflicts as for her acting.

Reuters

## Critics enamoured with Broadway revival of 'Love Letters'

NEW YORK, 21 Sept — In an age of instant messaging, digital communication and fleeting relationships, the revival of "Love Letters," a play about an enduring friendship recorded with pen and paper, is still capturing hearts on Broadway. AR Gurney's play about two friends who shared their thoughts, emotions and lives by writing letters to each other for five decades debuted on Broadway in 1989, before the advent of cell phones and text messages.

But critics said a noteworthy revival that opened on Thursday night is as touching as it was more than two decades ago. "After all these years, Gurney's bittersweet love letter to an oddly matched couple who maintain an epistolary friendship for half a century can still tug at the old heartstrings," said *Variety*, the trade magazine.

The *Hollywood Reporter* concurred,

calling it "a rare work whose emotional richness requires no embellishment in order to become a full-bodied theatrical experience."

Dual Tony winner Brian Dennehy ("Long Day's Journey Into Night" and "Death of a Salesman") and Mia Farrow, best known for films such as "Hannah and Her Sisters" and "The Great Gatsby" play the two well-heeled friends whose lives, although apart, remained intertwined.

They are the first in a rotating cast of actors to appear in the limited-engagement play. Carol Burnett, Alan Alda, Candice Bergen, Stacy Keach, Diana Rigg, Angelica Huston and Martin Sheen will take on the roles in later performances.

Dennehy, 76, is Andrew Makepeace Ladd III, a conservative, upright, studious boy whose Ivy League education leads him to a career in law and politics.

Farrow, 69, plays Melissa Gardner,

a wealthy, rebellious, free spirit, whose parents divorce when she is young. While Andy grows up in a tight-knit family, which she envies, Melissa is raised by an alcoholic mother and shuffled off to camp and her grandmother's house during school holidays. The two actors are seated side-by-side at a table facing the audience on a stark stage as they read the love letters that began when they were seven-year-old classmates. Through a correspondence that starts with birthday party invitations, thank you notes and valentines they bolster each other through lonely stints at boarding school, challenges in college, failed romances, accomplishments and disappointments, marriages and children with other people, and their own brief affair.

"The performances of both actors deepen and evolve as their characters do," said the *New York Times*. But the newspaper reserved special praise for Farrow.



US actress Mia Farrow speaks during a news conference in Geneva in this 14 Nov, 2013 file photo.—REUTERS

"Ms Farrow gives a remarkable performance, so vividly felt and fully realized that you forget that she is merely reciting notes and letters," it said. "Her portrayal cast a heartbreaking spell as Melissa's fragility slowly emerges."

Reuters

## GENERAL

# Ozil helps Arsenal trounce Villa, Liverpool stumble

LONDON, 21 Sept—Mesut Ozil helped Arsenal shake off the hangover of a midweek pounding in Germany with a starring role in a 3-0 win at Aston Villa but stuttering Liverpool lost 3-1 at West Ham United in the Premier League on Saturday. Arsenal's record signing came in for particular criticism after his team's lame 2-0 defeat by Borussia Dortmund in the Champions League on Wednesday, but he came alive before halftime at one of the London side's happiest hunting grounds.

Ozil's first away goal in an Arsenal shirt put them ahead after 32 minutes, he then teed up Danny Welbeck to open his account for the club two minutes later before an own goal by Villa's Aly Cissokho ended the game as a contest after 36.

Victory extended Arsenal's unbeaten run at Villa Park to 16 matches and lifted them to nine points from five games -- three points behind leaders Chelsea who on Sunday visit a Manchester City side in sixth spot on seven points. Last season's runners-up Liverpool, who unlike Arsenal enjoyed a winning start to their Champions League campaign this week, slipped to defeat against West Ham after conceding two goals in the first seven minutes at Upton Park. Winston Reid and Diafra Sakho put the Hammers ahead and, although Raheem Sterling replied before halftime, Morgan Amalfitano's late goal condemned Liverpool to a third league defeat in five games this season.

Southampton are a point ahead of Arsenal after a 1-0 win at Swansea City, who had Wilfried Bony sent



**Arsenal's Mesut Ozil (R) scores a goal during their English Premier League soccer match against Aston Villa at Villa Park in Birmingham, central England on 20 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS**

off in the first half.

Victor Wanyama's 80th-minute goal moved the impressive Saints into second place with 10 points, the same as Villa who until Saturday's first-half capitulation had been unbeaten.

Alan Pardew's job prospects looked gloomy as Newcastle United trailed 2-0 at home to Hull City but two late goals from Papiss Cisse earned a 2-2 draw at St James' Park where fans waved "SackPardew.com" posters. A sensational Nikica Jelavic volley and a thumping strike from Mohamed Diame had put Hull in control but Cisse's double lifted winless Newcastle off the bottom with three points.

Arsenal have been balancing Champions League and Premier League duties for more than a decade, while for Liverpool's players this season is something of a step into the unknown.

So Saturday's results

were not entirely surprising.

While Arsenal were woeful in midweek, they produced the perfect response to criticism of their display in Dortmund, although a sickness bug that swept the Villa camp helped Arsene Wenger's men ease to victory.

"Ashley Westwood was being sick in the warm up and Andreas Weimann was getting it during the game. Nathan Baker and Darren Bent were also out with it," Villa boss Paul Lambert said. "To play Arsenal you need everyone fit." There was little early sign that Villa were suffering during an even opening half hour. It was the home side who almost struck first when Ciaran Clark's header from a Tom Cleverly free kick was superbly saved by Arsenal keeper Wojciech Szczesny.

But former Real Madrid playmaker Ozil, taking up his favoured role just

behind striker Welbeck, lit the touchpaper for an exhilarating spell of football by Arsenal. Welbeck played a perfect through ball and Germany international Ozil made no mistake with a cool sidefoot finish.

Ozil's inviting cross was then struck high into the net by a grateful Welbeck, who wasted chances against Dortmund in midweek and on his debut against Manchester City last weekend.

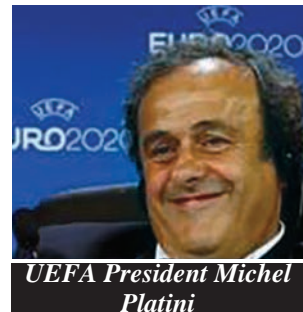
Villa were stunned and fell further behind a minute later when Cissokho diverted a Kieran Gibbs shot into his own net.

"We had a very, very good first half, we were in control and dominated the game," Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger told the BBC.

"I think the first goal was a big blow for Villa and they couldn't recover. This was a very important result for us."

Reuters

## Platini plans to keep luxury gift, make charity donation



GENEVA, 21 Sept — UEFA president Michel Platini has said he intends to ignore FIFA requests and not return a luxury watch valued at 25,000 Swiss francs (\$26,600), given to him by the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF).

Instead, he said on Friday in British media reports, he will make a donation for the same amount to a charity. "I'm a well-educated person," he said. "I don't return gifts."

FIFA has asked officials who received one of the 65 limited-edition Parmigiani Fleurier watches to return them by 24 October to avoid action being taken by its ethics committee. FIFA said receipt of such valuable gifts broke its code of ethics.

The watches were given to 32 national association chiefs, 28 FIFA executive committee members and five Latin American association members during a FIFA Congress in Sao Paulo in June, on the eve of the World Cup. The congress was beset by allegations of corruption.

"I was very surprised by the press release of FIFA," a critical Platini was quoted by The Guardian (www.theguardian.com). "I think that the best thing would have been to call us, to say that the ethics committee has done 'so and so' and they're not pleased.—Reuters

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# Wozniacki to meet Ivanovic to reach Tokyo final



**Serbian Ana Ivanovic**

TOKYO, 21 Sept — Former world No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki defeated Spaniard Garbine Muguruza in three sets at the Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo on Saturday to reach her second straight final.

The Danish second seed, playing in her first tournament since finishing runner-up to Serena Williams in the US Open earlier this month, prevailed 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 in just over 2-1/2 hours at Ariake Colosseum.

The 24-year-old world No. 9 will meet Ana Ivanovic in Sunday's final after the Serbian third seed beat German top seed Angelique Kerber 7-5, 6-3.

Wozniacki was particularly strong on break points -- she saved 19 of the 23 she faced in the match, including all nine that she faced in the first set.

"She (Muguruza) was playing really, really well and very aggressively, but I just kept fighting and

staying in there, and I think at the end I had just a little bit more energy than she did," Wozniacki told the WTA's official website.

Wozniacki, who set up match point with a fabulous passing shot before clinching victory thanks to an errant return from unseeded Muguruza, will be seeking her second Pan Pacific title having won here in 2010.

Ivanovic, who like Wozniacki is among the leading contenders for the

five spots left in the WTA Finals, won 10 of 13 games from 5-3 down in the first set to seal it.

"In the beginning it really took me some time to adjust to her game. It wasn't like my previous matches," Ivanovic said. "But once I adjusted and got more aggressive it started to go my way, and I'm really happy with the win today because she's always such a tough and challenging opponent."

Kyodo News



**Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki**

## Oceania could join Asian Olympic family: OCA President



Sheikh Ahmad Al Fahad Al Sabah

INCHEON, 21 Sept—Oceania could join the Asian Olympic family in the not-too-distant future, Olympic Council of Asia President Sheikh Ahmad Al Fahad Al Sabah said on Sunday.

Oceania's 18 federations will feature in the 2017 Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games for the first time in Turkmenistan's capital Ashgabat. If that proves to be a success, Sheikh Ahmad said, the next could be for Oceania to participate in the Asian Winter Games and possibly even host a future Asian Beach Games.

"I think we have an opportunity," Sheikh Ahmad said. "Why not the Indoor Games as a first exercise? If it's successful, I think we can also jump to the winter sports." "Let us do it step by step. They have all those athletes in winter sports and they only have the Olympic Games. Maybe it will be the corridor for their preparations."

"Then we will think

for further sports. Maybe the Beach Games because they have very interesting beaches. We hope it will be a new success story."

Arguably the most influential man in world sport, Sheikh Ahmad also endorsed Doha and Dubai as legitimate future Summer Olympic host cities. Qatar is hosting the 2022 World Cup. "Doha has shown the potential to host the Games," he said. "Doha has already hosted the Asian Games; 90 percent of the cities that have hosted the Olympics started with the Asian Games — Beijing, Tokyo and Seoul."

"(Doha) didn't qualify for the shortlist but they showed the potential. They have the facilities, they have the finance situation and the will to host the Games." "As an IOC member, I think the Games is about logistics and Dubai already has the logistics — hotels, entertainment, a hub airport, good business centers and very good IT." "I believe Dubai and Doha are ready."—Kyodo News

## Champions Japan thrash Nepal to reach last 16

INCHEON, 21 Sept—Defending champions Japan qualified for the Asian Games knockout phase with a controlling 4-0 victory over Nepal on Sunday.

A second-half brace from Albirex Niigata striker Musashi Suzuki and a goal each by Gakuto Notsuda and Shoya Nakajima lifted Makoto Teguramori's squad into the second round as runners-up from Group D.

Iraq topped the group with a 3-0 win over Kuwait, finishing the first round with their third victory in as many games. Japan play Group C winners Palestine on Thursday. Nepal, whose first-round departure had already been sealed after losing 5-0 to Kuwait four days ago, had all 11 men behind the ball against Japan who dominated possession but naturally struggled



Japan striker Gakuto Notsuda scores the opening goal during the first half of an Asian Games Group D soccer match against Nepal at Goyang Stadium in Goyang, South Korea, on 21 Sept, 2014. Japan won 4-0 to advance to the knockout stage.—KYODO NEWS

to find space. With virtually no room in the box, Nakajima took the first stab in the 20<sup>th</sup> minute from 25 metres out, but his shot for the bottom corner was parried away by Bikesh Kuthu.

It was another effort from outside the area that broke the deadlock in the 33<sup>rd</sup> minute, when Notsuda beat Kuthu with a 30-metre drive off the crossbar.

Japan should have

gone up by two five minutes later as Ryosuke Yamanaka's left-wing cross set Notsuda up for a free header right in front of goal, but the Sanfrecce Hiroshima midfielder fired over the bar to his disbelief. Nakajima, though, did produce a second for Japan nine minutes into the second half when he linked with Suzuki, who put the FC Tokyo man through with a clever back-heel.

Nakajima read the keeper well before sliding the ball past Kuthu to effectively put the game away. Suzuki dashed any and all hopes of a Nepalese miracle by scoring two minutes past the hour and making it 4-0 after 70 minutes as Teguramori's men punched their ticket to the second round.

Kyodo News



### Ikehara wins WBO minimumweight title

Kumiko Seeser Ikehara (R) throws a punch at Gretchen Abaniel of the Philippines to win the WBO minimumweight title. Ikehara defeated Abaniel by split decision to claim her first world championship.—KYODO NEWS

### Ichikizaki wins Wushu bronze for Japan's 1<sup>st</sup> medal



Photo taken on 20 Sept, 2014, in Incheon, South Korea, shows Daisuke Ichikizaki, who gave Japan its first medal of the Asian Games when he won the bronze in the Wushu men's changquan final.

KYODO NEWS

## North Korean weightlifter Om Yun Chol sets world record

INCHEON, 21 Sept—Om Yun Chol might be one of the smallest men competing at the Asian Games but he is also one of the strongest - able to lift more than three times his own bodyweight.

Only a handful of men have ever achieved the superhuman feat — putting the diminutive North Korean in elite company of musclemen.

Built like a jockey, standing just 1.52 metres (five feet) tall and weighing 56 kilograms (123 pounds), Om is already the Olympic champion, having won gold in London two years ago, and the world champion following his success in Poland last year.

On Saturday, he added the Asian Games title, with a world record to boot, lifting 170kg in the clean and



North Korea's Om Yun Chol reacts after successfully lifting his second attempt in the men's 56kg clean and jerk weightlifting competition at the Moonlight Festival Garden during the 17<sup>th</sup> Asian Games in Incheon on 20 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

jerk.

He also lifted 128kg in the snatch, for a total of 298kg, an Asian record that had the crowd at the Moonlight Garden festival in South Korea roaring in admiration, a feat just as re-

markable for an athlete from the peninsula's reclusive north.

"I am very happy," he told reporters after draping himself in the North Korean flag as the strains of his country's national anthem

were played.

"Whenever our people face difficulty, we come together and make it through the rough time."

Om's world record broke the previous mark which he also owned and had already broken twice before, the first time in London and then the second time at last year's Asian championships in Kazakhstan.

His performance in London was the one that really thrust him into the world's spotlight. He won the gold medal even though he was competing in the "B" group of 56kg lifters, who are not considered to have a chance of winning.

Although he did not expect cash in on his success, he was given an apartment when he got back home.

Reuters

### Medals table of the Asian Games after Saturday's events:

	G	S	B	Total
South Korea	5	5	3	13
China	5	1	5	11
Japan	1	4	3	8
Kazakhstan	2	0	3	5
Mongolia	2	1	1	4
Vietnam	0	2	2	4
Taiwan	0	1	2	3
India	1	0	1	2
North Korea	1	0	1	2
Indonesia	0	2	0	2
Uzbekistan	0	0	2	2
Malaysia	1	0	0	1
Macau	0	1	0	1
Turkmenistan	0	1	0	1
Singapore	0	0	1	1