

Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann to attend Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership Meeting in Rome

YANGON, 4 Oct—A delegation led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann left for Italy on Saturday to attend the 8th Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership

ship Meeting to be held in Rome.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Yangon

Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win, Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung and Hluttaw Representatives.

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Direct container shipping service starts between Myanmar and India



A Cargo is being loaded at the Krishnapatnam port.—PHOTO: BUSINESS LINE

YANGON, 3 Oct—A direct container shipping service has begun between Myanmar and India on Friday, expecting to boost container business and to change the way of maritime trade which has been on the East Coast of India, according to the report of

the Hindu Business Line.

The Shipping Corporation of India (SCI), together with the Krishnapatnam Port Company Limited (KPCL), operates the fortnightly container service to connect the Krishnapatnam Port in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh with Yan-

gon Port of Myanmar.

The KPCL facilitates the fortnightly service of 1,100 nautical miles, with the new service of SCI Kamal vessel which will connect the ports of Chennai-Krishnapatnam-Yangon-Colombo for quick and cost-effective trade

along these destinations.

Port Container Terminals of KPCL will be useful for the traders to export clinker, telecom equipment and cars, and to import pulses, timber and garments, the report said.

At the launching ceremony of the service, C

Sasidhar, managing director of KPCL, said: "The Shipping Corporation of India new service from our Port will definitely change the way sea trade has been so far on the East Coast, aiming to bring a paradigm shift in the Indian Shipping industry and look forward

for more such initiatives in future."

S Narula, director-Liner and Passenger Services of SCI said: "The Yangon service will boost bilateral trade between India and Myanmar by opening immense opportunities for exporters and importers in these countries. We are glad to associate with Krishnapatnam for the new service and thereby facilitate trade to reach out to the growing markets in Myanmar."

The service is under the plan to develop bilateral trade between Myanmar and India after KPCT organized a trade meeting Yangon to showcase the business opportunities for mutual trade.—GNLM

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Hkakaborazi weather still impedes search for missing climbers



Italian Captain Piergiorgio Rasati shared his experience on searching the missing mountaineers on Mount Hkakaborazi at the press conference at Kandawgyi Palace Hotel in Yangon.

PHOTO: KHAING THANDA LWIN

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

YANGON, 4 Sept—An Italian rescue expert, Captain Piergiorgio Rasati on Saturday suggested the Htoo Foundation stop its search for the two missing Myanmar climbers as adverse weather still makes the search and rescue operations difficult, calling on the foundation to resume its search, weather permitting.

Despite the foundation's announcement to stop its search for two missing mountaineers on

Mount Hkakaborazi, search will go on by China's Blue Sky Rescue Team, Japanese mountaineering team and residents in northern Kachin State, Phyo Ko Ko Thet, a spokesman of the foundation, told a press conference in Yangon.

According to the Italian rescue team, the footprints of the climbers were detected during a one-week search, but no information is available about three missing people on Thai rescue helicopter.

Two mountaineers have gone missing on Mount Hkakaborazi in Myanmar's Kachin state since 31 August. Aung Myint Myat and Wai Yan Min Thu lost contact with the rest of their team.

According to the CEO of Htoo Foundation, the chances are too slim for rescue teams to find the two unfortunate climbers.

Regarding another incident in which a Eurocopter EC-130-B4 went missing while helping with rescue efforts. A three-crew Thai helicopter, supporting the search and rescue op-

eration of the two missing mountaineers, went missing on its way to the base camp on 27 September.

Htoo's CEO expressed his belief that the people onboard the aircraft still stand a chance for survival, adding that a team of American rescue experts is reported to come to Myanmar this month to help with the search.

Mount Hkakaborazi, the highest in Southeast Asia and located where Myanmar connects both India and China, is about 5,900 meters high.

GNLM

Tourists offer rice to nuns in Myanaung



MYANAUNG, 4 Oct—The globetrotters arrived in Myanaung by Katha Pandaw vessel on 3 October and observed the rice offering ceremony of Saturday Donation Association on Tegyigon Street in Myanaung of

Ayeyawady Region.

The tourists took documentary photos on offering of rice to nuns.

A total of 24 Austral-

ians and two Americans visited Myanaung on their trip.

Win Bo (Myanaung Township IPRD)

Women in Nay Pyi Taw get tailoring skills



NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct—Organized by Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, the advanced tailoring course No 1/2014 concluded at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Ottarathiri Township on Friday.

Leader of the Economic Working Group Daw

Ahmar of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) made a speech.

Patron of Nay Pyi Taw MCWSC Daw Kyin Kh- iang and officials presented prizes to the outstanding trainees and gifts to course instructors. The course that started on 18 August gave tailoring courses to 21 trainees.—Shwe Ye Yint

Rules of land utilization explained in Thandwe District

THANDWE, 4 Oct—Chairman of Thandwe District Land Reclamation Management Committee Deputy Commissioner of the district U Hla Myo and district level officials met farmers in Kinpon Village of Gwa Township and Kye-intali and explained release of confiscated farmlands to the owners under the law.

Secretary of the dis-

trict committee U Mya Aye explained the rules and regulations of the land utilizations.

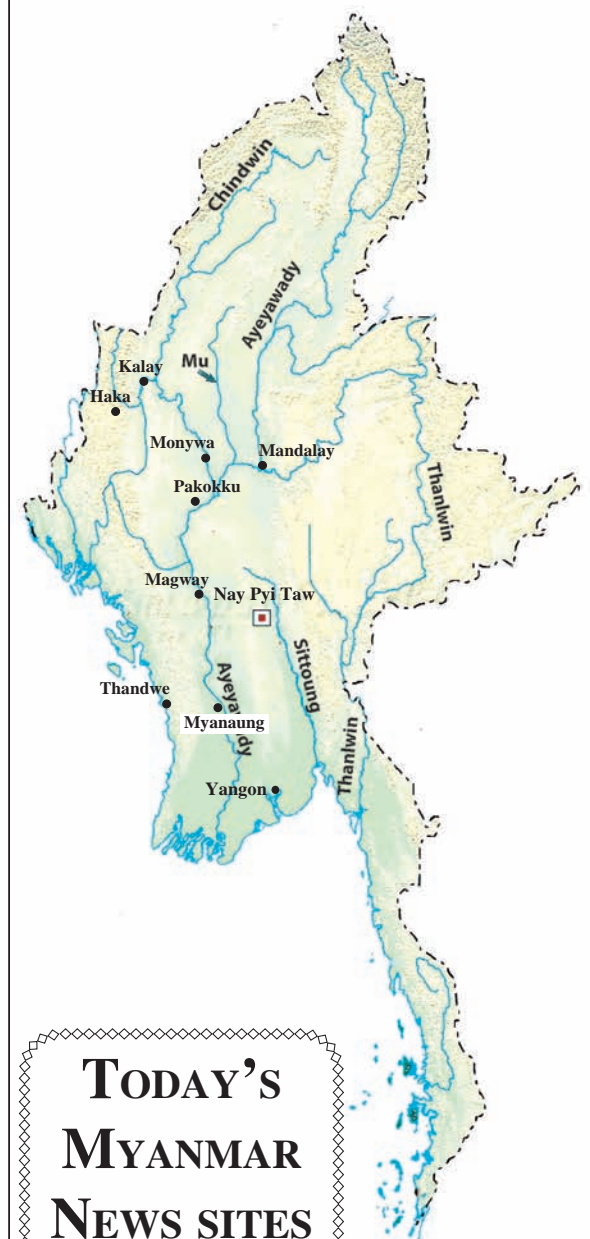
The district deputy commissioner and party inspected progress in construction of the 16-bed station hospital being undertaken by Golden Manaung and Dwarawady Company Ltd in Kyaukkyi Village of Thandwe.—District IPRD

Land utilization demonstrated in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct—Nay Pyi Taw Agriculture Department introduced land utilization to the local farmers in field No 1371 of farmer U Hla Pe in Montegwin Village of Zeyathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 2 October.

In-charge of the land utilization section U Tun Tun Lin explained test of nutrition in the soil of farmland, making enzyme solution with the use of waste from fish, production of natural fertilizer, soil test and efficient use of water for farmlands.

Officials of the department distributed pamphlets on land utilization to the farmers.—Ko Pauk (Okkarmyay)



Aungzeya Ward of Magway flooded in heavy rains

MAGWAY, 4 Oct—Houses and roads were inundated in Aungzeya Ward of Magway due to heavy rains from 2 pm to 4 pm on 1 October.

The inundation was caused by extension of ward and housings that

block conduits and drains.

At present, Township Development Affairs Committee dredged the drains for proper flow of water with the assistance of the local people.

Than Naing Oo (Ngaphe)

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Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann left for Italy on Saturday to attend the 8th Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership Meeting to be held in Rome.—MNA

(from page 1) The speaker was accompanied by Hluttaw Representatives U Hla Myint Oo, U Htay Myint, Dr Win Myint and officials of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw offices.

MNA

Three Pillars, media meet to build mutual trust and understanding

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct—A conference between three pillars and media took place at the Ministry of Information here on Saturday, sources said.

The legislative body, the executive body and the judicial body met the Myanmar Press Council

(Interim) and media, an attempt to build mutual trust and understanding and improve constructive relations among them.

At the conference, Union Minister for Information U Ye Htut and Vice Chairman of the Myanmar Press Council (In-

terim) U Khin Maung Lay (Pho Thauk Kyar) started the discussion, with Dr Aung Tun Thet as a leading speaker.

Representatives from the three pillars discussed media issues and responded to queries raised.

The conference drew

150 attendees from ministries and the press.

Jointly organized by the Ministry of Information, Deutsche Welle and International Media Support, the conference will continue on 5 October.

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Union Minister for Information U Ye Htut discussing at a conference between three pillars and media.—MNA

Armenian Archbishop attends service at Armenian Church of St. John the Baptist



Archbishop His Holiness Karekin II gives blessings to congregation at Church of St. John the Baptist.—MNA

YANGON, 4 Oct—Armenian Archbishop His Holiness Karekin II and party attended service at Armenian Church of St. John the Baptist at the corner of Merchant Street and Bo Aung Kyaw Road on Saturday. They held Holy Mass reading the Bible and giving blessings to the congregation at the church.—MNA

Music, cartoon variety show commemorates 60th Myanmar-German diplomatic relations



Yangon Region Chief Minister at music and cartoon show to mark 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations.—MNA

YANGON, 4 Oct—To mark the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Federal Republic of Germany, a music and cartoon variety show was organized at the National Theatre in Dagon township here on 3 October, sources said.

Among the spectators were Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Deputy Minister for Culture U Than Swe and German Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Christian-Ludwig Weber-Lortsch.

Musicians and cartoonists from the two countries entertained the audience at the show.

MNA

5th Batch of Basic Writing Course concludes

YANGON, 4 Oct — The concluding of the 5th Batch of Basic Writing Course conducted by Myanmar Writers' Association took place at its training center in Yangon on Saturday.

Altogether 75 trainees learned

Sayar Maung Nyein Thu (Gyobingauk) presents awards to Khin Tint Wai (YCDC).

PHOTO: PHOE THANT

how to write poem, novel, short story and article at the one-month-course.

Vice-Chairman 1 of the association U Kyaw Win (Manutha Kyaw Win) urged the trainees to stay away from abusing the literature.

Poet Myinmu Maung Naing Moe, writers Ma Sandar (Sangyoung), Maung Nyein Thu (Gyobingauk) and Daw Kyu Kyu Thinn presented awards to outstanding trainees at the respective categories. —Phoe Thant (GNLM)



Hokkaido woos Singaporean tourists with publicity campaign

SINGAPORE, 4 Oct — The government of Hokkaido launched a publicity campaign along with Singapore Airlines in Singapore on Friday in a bid to attract more Singaporean tourists to the northern Japanese prefecture. Singapore's national carrier will offer direct scheduled flights between Singapore and Sapporo this winter, a popular travel season for the snow country where ski resorts and hot springs are major attractions, as is the Sapporo Snow Festival in early February.

Ten buses plying Singapore's central shopping and financial districts have been specially decorated with advertisements featuring popular virtual singer Hatsune Miku and Hokkaido's culinary and tourist attractions.

The number of Singaporean visitors to Japan in the first eight months of this year rose 15 percent from the same period last year to 119,000. Last year, 189,000 Singaporeans visited Japan, up 33 percent from the previous year.—*Kyodo News*

India's Modi makes radio medium for change

NEW DELHI, 4 Oct — Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered on Friday the first of many radio addresses he plans to make to mobilise support among ordinary people for his agenda of change.

Modi used his maiden address to urge hundreds of millions of countrymen, many of whom have no access to television, to do their part to help get India's economy moving.

A day earlier, Modi launched a campaign to clean up India's towns and villages that he has said were an embarrassment and an impediment to tourism.

"A lot of us think that it is the government's responsibility to do everything...if we want to develop, then 1.2 billion will have to work towards it," he said in the radio show titled "Mann ki Baat", or "Talking from the Heart".

Modi, who came to power in May, plans to make his radio speeches at least every month on Sunday mornings to get



India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi cleans the premises of the Mandir Marg Police Station after he launched the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, or Clean India Mission, in New Delhi in this 2 Oct, 2014 picture provided by India's Press Information Bureau. REUTERS

his message across to two thirds of India's 1.2 billion people who listen regularly to the radio. His speeches will be translated in 24 local languages.

Blessed with charisma and able to speak in the language of the common man, Modi has adopted a more personalised style of leadership role to bring

focus to uncomfortable issues that past governments have often avoided.

He has spoken about the lack of toilets in a country where half the population defecates in the open, putting people at risk of cholera, diarrhoea, dysentery, hepatitis A and typhoid.

During Friday's 14

minute address, Modi narrated two short stories with the aim of encouraging people to keep the country clean, buy locally produced handspun khadi fabric popularised by independence leader Mahatma Gandhi, and help children with special needs.

"We have to recognize our internal strength. We

all have to march ahead with self-confidence, create our own identity and attain success for oneself and the nation," he said.

Modi has used Facebook and Twitter, where he has about 6.4 million followers, to bypass traditional news media and communicate his thoughts.

Reuters

Stampede at Hindu festival kills 32 in eastern India

NEW DELHI, 4 Oct — At least 32 people were killed in a stampede during a Hindu festival in the eastern Indian state of Bihar on Friday, most of them women and a few children, the state police chief said.

A huge crowd had gathered at an outdoor venue in the state capital, Patna, for the burning of effigies at dusk, part of the Dusshera festival.

Officials said the stampede happened as people were leaving at the end of the event. Television channels quoted a witness

as saying there were not enough lights when the ceremony ended.

At least 15 injured people were taken to hospital, the police chief, PK Thakur said. Police are examining closed circuit television to determine what had triggered the stampede.

"There was very little police presence and there were vendors who had put up their stalls at the exit gates, making it more difficult to leave," a witness told NDTV.

Patna police superin-

tendent Prantosh Kumar Das said some people reported that had they heard a rumour that a live electric wire had fallen on the public ground and it quickly spread through the crowd, prompting a rush for the gates.

Television showed shoes, slippers and handbags strewn over the ground.

Dusshera is one of the biggest Hindu festivals celebrating the victory of good over evil from the epic Ramayana.

Reuters



A woman holds her son who was injured in a stampede, outside a hospital in the eastern Indian city of Patna, on 3 Oct, 2014. REUTERS

Chinese premier's European tour aims pragmatic cooperation, innovation

BEIJING, 4 Oct—Chinese Premier Li Keqiang will visit Germany, Russia, Italy and the UN Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) headquarters from 9 to 15 October and attend the 10th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) summit in Milan from 16 to 17 October. The trip, also Li's second European tour this year, will see a series of results of pragmatic cooperation and innovation.

Observers expect the upcoming trip could greatly enhance China's relations with the destination countries, promote the pragmatic cooperation between China and Europe and propel the Asia-Europe dialogue.

This will be Li's second visit to Germany since he took office in March 2013, where he will co-chair the China-Germany governmental consultation with German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

A China-Germany cooperation guideline is expected to be endorsed by both sides during the visit, detailing on situations and prospects of their cooperation in all fields.

A series of inter-gov-

ernmental agreements will also be inked during the visit.

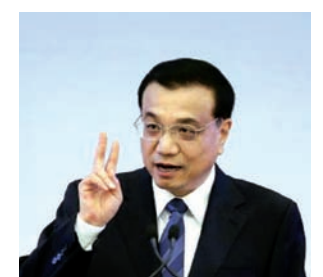
"The two governments will focus their consultations on formulating an action programme to develop their strategic partnership and promote their pragmatic cooperation in trade, economy, technology and other fields, especially in the area of innovation," said former Chinese ambassador to Germany Mei Zhaorong.

During his stay in Russia, Li will attend the 19th China-Russia Prime Ministers' Regular Meeting and a forum with a theme of open innovation.

More than 30 mutual beneficial agreements on financial, energy and high-speed rail cooperation will be signed.

Yakov Berger, a senior researcher with the Institute of Far Eastern Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, told *Xinhua* that Li's visit will inject new impetus into the two countries' pragmatic cooperation.

The two sides will reach new consensus in the aspects of energy, high-speed railways and finance, and highlight bilateral coop-



Chinese Premier Li Keqiang

eration in politics and on international issues, he added.

During his visit to Italy, a friendly partner of China in Europe and a key member state of the European Union, Li is expected to hold talks in Rome with Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi, President Giorgio Napolitano and other leaders.

Li will also pay a visit to the FAO headquarters for the first time on 15 October, which shows that China has attached great importance to international cooperation in non-traditional security fields.

It has been widely accepted that China's achievement in food security and poverty reduction have made huge contribution to global efforts in these endeavors.—*Xinhua*

WORLD

Secret Service in disarray, fueling questions over Obama's safety



US Secret Service agents step off a Marine helicopter before US President Barack Obama departs Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington for Chicago on 1 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 4 Oct — When Secret Service officer Timothy McCarthy took a bullet to protect Ronald Reagan in a 1981 assassination attempt and agent Jerry Parr shoved the president into a limousine, their quick reflexes projected a Hollywood-style image of invincibility around the agency.

Fast-forward to today: the 149-year-old Secret Service is struggling to emerge from a succession of scandals that have tarnished that iconic reputation, forced the abrupt resignation of its director

and raised questions about its ability to fulfill its most critical duty: protecting President Barack Obama and his family.

Sources inside and outside the administration say many problems such as low morale, a leadership crisis and a culture of covering up mistakes can be traced back 11 years to when the Secret Service was pulled out of the Treasury Department and absorbed into the sprawling new Department of Homeland Security, where it had to compete for turf and money.

Even as the agency's

workload has mushroomed, its manpower levels stagnated and its funding increases have failed to keep pace with growth in overall federal spending in the past decade, a *Reuters* examination of Secret Service budget data shows.

There is also growing pressure to consider whether the Secret Service's divided mission, which includes investigating financial fraud and cybercrime, is diverting resources and attention from providing security for the president, his family and other top officials.

"We've seen what many think was a high point for the Secret Service," said Carolyn Parr, who co-authored a memoir with her husband, Jerry Parr, the agent who raced a wounded Reagan away from the scene of the shooting after John Hinckley Jr opened fire outside a Washington hotel 33 years ago.

"What's happening now is sad. I don't know why the ball got dropped."

The damage has been piling up, costing Secret Service director Julia Pierson her job on Wednesday. First came a 19 September incident in which an Iraq war veteran with a knife scaled the White House fence and got deep inside the executive mansion. That was followed by the disclosure that an armed private security contractor with a criminal record rode on an elevator with Obama in Atlanta 16 September, along with new details of a 2011 incident in which shots were fired at the White House. Pierson, appointed in 2013 to clean up the agency after an embarrassing prostitution scandal in Colombia the year before, defended her agency in congressional testimony, acknowledging "mistakes were made" but failing to quell the firestorm.

Reuters

UN nuclear watchdog seeks to advance Iran investigation

VIENNA, 4 Oct — A high-level UN nuclear watchdog team will visit Teheran for talks in coming days, Iran said on Friday, more than a month after it missed a deadline for addressing questions about its suspected atomic bomb research.

Diplomats told *Reuters* on Thursday that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) was expected to make a new attempt soon to advance its long-running investigation into Iran's nuclear programme and that a meeting might be held in the Iranian capital early next week.

Reza Najafi, Iran's ambassador to the Vienna-based UN agency, said the IAEA delegation would be led by the head of its division dealing with nuclear safeguards issues, Deputy Director General Tero Varjoranta.

In an apparent refer-

ence to Thursday's *Reuters* article, Najafi was quoted as saying on the web site of Iran's Press TV television: "It is regrettable that classified information in the agency has not been protected again."

He added: "While Iran and the agency were busy

planning (the meeting), the news was published by a Western media outlet ... This issue once again confirms Iran's misgivings that spying exists in the agency."

There was no immediate comment from the IAEA, which for years has

been trying to investigate Western allegations that Iran has worked on designing a nuclear warhead. Iran says its nuclear programme is peaceful and that it is working with the IAEA to clear up any suspicions about it.

Western officials say Iran must step up cooperation with the IAEA if it wants to reach a broader diplomatic deal with world powers that would end a decade-old nuclear dispute and gradually end crippling financial and other sanctions on the oil producer.

Early last month, the IAEA said Iran had failed to answer questions by an agreed 25 August deadline about two areas of the investigation into alleged research activities that could be applicable to any attempt to make nuclear bombs — explosives testing and neutron calculations.—*Reuters*



A Russian worker walks past the Bushehr nuclear power plant, 1,200 km (746 miles) south of Teheran on 26 Oct, 2010.—REUTERS

Merkel draws lessons from peaceful German unity 24 years ago

BERLIN, 4 Oct — Germany's path to reunification shows that lessons learned from its peaceful fight for freedom can be used to resolve many of the problems facing Europe and the world today, Chancellor Angela Merkel said on Friday.

In an unusually personal speech marking the 24th anniversary of German unification, Merkel said it was the courage of East Germans yearning for freedom that helped end the Cold War — and that similar courage was now needed worldwide.

"We can all feel, more clearly now than in a long time, that freedom ... tolerance and human rights are not always self-evident," she told 1,500 dignitaries in Hanover and a national television audience. "They are not self-evident at home, nor in the European Union, across Europe nor around the world."

Merkel said the basic rights which she and her fellow East Germans won with the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and German unification 11 months later on 3 Oct, 1990, had to be defended repeatedly everywhere they were threatened.

"The events of 1989 and 1990 in Germany can help us because they symbolise the victory of freedom over oppression, they symbolise what can happen when partners cooperate and trust each other and they symbolise what can happen with patience, and they symbolise that we can work to help things turn for the better."

Merkel, who grew up in Communist East Germany and was a young scientist in East Berlin when the Berlin Wall opened, said Germany's peaceful revolution in 1989 was proof that the tide can eventually turn



German Chancellor Angela Merkel greets the public during the celebrations marking the German Unification Day in the streets of Hanover on 3 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

for the right cause.

"Everything is possible. That's what I and millions of other East Germans experienced first hand," she said. "So we shouldn't be discouraged by everything happening in 2014. On the contrary, unification day shows us what's possible."

Merkel, who has been chancellor since 2005, warned Russia against robbing its neighbours of their independence even though at another point she praised Moscow for the constructive role it played in supporting Germany's path to reunification.

"We in Germany cannot deny others what we received with our reunification, the freedom to decide our future on our own," she said, adding Germany would work to ensure that Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia had the same rights to self-determination.

Merkel said German unification has been a great success story even though there were still some considerable gaps economically and socially between east and west Germany. "We've obviously still got a lot of work to do," she said.

An opinion poll released by the Emnid institute on Thursday said 23 percent of easterners felt they were the "losers" of unification.

Reuters

In rare alliance, Shi'ites join Sunnis to defend Iraqi towns

BAGHDAD, 4 Oct — When Islamic State fighters tried to storm the Tigris River town of Dhuluiya north of Baghdad this week, they were repelled by a rare coalition of Sunni tribal fighters inside the town and Shi'ites in its sister city Balad on the opposite bank.

The assault, which be-

gan late on Tuesday and ran into Thursday, was one of several major battles in recent days in which Sunni tribes joined pro-government forces against the militants, in what Baghdad and Washington hope is a sign of increasing cooperation across sectarian lines to save the country.

Further north, another powerful Sunni tribe fought alongside Kurdish forces to drive Islamic State fighters from Rabia, a town controlling one of the main border checkpoints used by fighters pouring in from Syria.

In western Iraq, Sunni tribes have fought along-

side government troops in Hit, which was captured by Islamic State fighters on Thursday, and in Haditha, site of a strategic dam on the Euphrates.

Such local alliances are still rare: in most Sunni areas of Iraq, tribes have shown little sign of turning against militants as they did when they were recruited by US troops in 2006-07. Many of the leaders of that Sunni "Awakening" movement were later arrested by Baghdad, in what Sunnis see as a betrayal.

Sectarian and ethnic animosity runs deep after a decade of civil war that has touched nearly every family, making it difficult for Sunnis, Shi'ites and Kurds to trust each other.

But nearly two months into a US-led bombing campaign, this week's battles have provided the strongest early signs yet of what Washington and Baghdad hope could be a revival of the alliance with tribes to counter Islamic State.

Reuters

Obama "strongly condemns" murder of British hostage

WASHINGTON, 4 Oct — US President Barack Obama strongly condemned the "brutal" murder of British hostage Alan Henning by the terrorist group Islamic State (IS), the White House said on Friday.

"Mr Henning worked to help improve the lives of the Syrian people and his death is a great loss for them, for his family and the people of the United Kingdom," Obama said in a statement, adding that the United States would work to "bring the perpetrators of Alan's murder to justice."

"Standing together with a broad coalition of allies and partners, we will continue taking decisive action to degrade and ultimately destroy ISIL," said the president, referring to the Islamic State militant group.

The Islamic State militant group on Friday

claimed responsibility in an online video that showed the beheading of British aid worker Alan Henning, who was a taxi driver from Salford near Manchester and held since 2013 by the Islamic State militants. He was on an aid convoy for Syrian refugees when he was captured by the terrorists.

Lisa Monaco, Obama's counterterrorism adviser, said the United States has seen the latest video, and is evaluating it, adding that the murder is another clear example of why the Obama administration is moving to degrade and destroy the group.

The extremist militants have beheaded two US journalists, James Foley and Steven Sotloff, and British aid worker David Haines, and showed the horrifying process to the world in similar videos on the Internet.—Xinhua



Iraqi Shi'ite militia fighters gather outside Bo Hassan village near Tikrit, northern Iraq on 2 Oct, 2014. —REUTERS

Islamic State video shows second British hostage beheaded

WASHINGTON, 4 Oct — Islamic State militants beheaded British aid worker Alan Henning in a video posted on Friday, triggering swift condemnation by the British and US governments.

The footage on YouTube, highlighted on pro-Islamic State Twitter feeds, showed a middle-aged man in an orange jumpsuit kneeling next to a black-clad militant in arid scrubland, similar to past Islamic State beheading videos of two American journalists and a British aid worker.

As in previous videos, Henning appears to read from a script before he is killed. "Because of our parliament's decision to attack the Islamic State, I, as a member of the British public, will now pay the price for that decision," he says.

A male voice with a British accent says, "The blood of David Haines was on your hands Cameron," in references to the slain aid worker and to Britain's prime minister. "Alan Henning will also be slaughtered, but his blood is on the hands of the British parliament."

Henning, a 47-year-old taxi driver from Salford in northern England, 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.

In response to the video, Cameron said: "The brutal murder of Alan Henning by ISIL shows just how barbaric and repulsive these terrorists are. My thoughts and prayers tonight are with Alan's wife Barbara, their children and all those who loved him."

"Alan had gone to Syria to help get aid to people of all faiths in their hour of need. We will do all we can to hunt down these murderers and bring them to justice." US officials said they had no reason to doubt the authenticity of the video, titled "Another Message to America and its Allies."

"The United States strongly condemns the brutal murder of United Kingdom citizen Alan Henning," President Barack Obama said in a statement.

"Standing together with our UK friends and allies, we will work to bring the perpetrators of Alan's murder — as well as the murders of Jim Foley, Steven Sotloff and David Haines — to justice," Obama said, referring to other captives killed by Is-

lamic State militants. Near the end of the one-minute, 11-second video, the man in black introduces another hostage identified as American Peter Edward Kassig. His parents later issued a statement confirming their 26-year-old son had been taken captive while doing humanitarian work in Syria. "We ask everyone around the world to pray for the Henning family, for our son, and for the release of all innocent people being held hostage in the Middle East

and around the globe," Ed and Paula Kassig of Indianapolis, Indiana, said in the statement.

Kassig had served in the US Army during the Iraq war before being medically discharged, the family said. Pentagon records show he spent a year in the army as a Ranger and was deployed to Iraq from April to July 2007.

After leaving the army, Kassig became an emergency medical technician and travelled to Lebanon in May 2012, volunteering in hospi-

tals and treating Palestinian refugees and those fleeing Syria's nearly four-year civil war, the family added.

He was detained on 1 Oct, 2013, while travelling to the eastern Syrian city of Deir al-Zor while working for Special Emergency Response and Assistance, a non-governmental organization he founded in late 2012 and based out of southern Turkey to treat refugees flowing across the border from Syria, his family said.

While in captivity, he converted to Islam and took the name Abdul Rahman, a family spokeswoman said.

US National Security Council spokeswoman Caitlin Hayden confirmed Kassig was being held by Islamic State. "We will continue to use every tool at our disposal — military, diplomatic, law enforcement and intelligence — to try to bring Peter home to his family," she said.

The beheading of Henning marks the fourth such killing of a Westerner by Islamic State, which has faced air strikes by US, British, French and Arab fighter jets since seizing swaths of Iraq and Syria in waves of sectarian violence. Earlier on Friday, before the Henning



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

WORLD

36 victims of MH17 air crash still unidentified

THE HAGUE, 4 Oct—Another 11 victims of the MH17 air crash in eastern Ukraine have been identified this week, leaving the last 36 of the total 298 passengers and crew members killed on board unnamed, the Dutch Ministry of Security and Justice said on Friday. Among the 11 newly identified, eight people were Dutch nationals. At the request of the embassies of those countries concerned, the nationalities of the non-Dutch victims were not made known.

In the 17 July crash, all the 298 people aboard Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 were killed when the aircraft was shot down in eastern Ukraine. On 23 July, remains and bodies of the victims were flown to Eindhoven Airport in the Netherlands for identification.

On 5 August, the Netherlands stopped the recovery and repatriation mission on the crash site in eastern Ukraine due to the deteriorating security situation in the area.—Xinhua

Nine UN troops killed in worst attack yet on Mali force

BAMAKO/DAKAR, 4 Oct—Nine United Nations peacekeepers in Mali were killed when heavily armed gunmen on motorbikes ambushed their convoy on Friday, the deadliest attack yet on UN troops in the west African nation, the mission said.

The attack on the peacekeepers from Niger took place in the region of Gao and highlighted a sharp increase in strikes on foreign troops based in Mali to prevent the return of al-Qaeda-linked Islamists who seized its northern desert region in 2012.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon was “shocked and outraged” by the attack and called for the perpetrators to be brought to justice, UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric said. “They were targeting a convoy that included a fuel truck, knowing full well that an attack on a fuel truck would cause an even greater number of casualties, which adds to the horrendous nature of the crime,” Dujarric said.

Dujarric said that 30 peacekeepers had been killed in Mali since the UN mission began in July



UN peacekeepers patrol in the northern town of Kidal, on 17 July, 2013. — REUTERS

last year, while another 90 had been wounded. He said Friday’s attack took place between the northeastern towns of Menaka and Ansongo. The UN mission said aircraft had been dispatched to secure the zone, which is near Mali’s border with Niger. The attack was condemned by the French and the Niger governments. Both reiterated their commitment to continue the fight against Islamist militants in northern Mali and the wider region.

“In any event, Niger is more than ever determined to fight tirelessly alongside other international forces against all forms of terrorism in the Sahelo-Sahara region,” Niger’s defence minister Karidio Mahamadou said in a statement.

A security source said the peacekeepers were attacked in a dip in the road as it crossed a dry river bed.

UN peacekeepers have deployed across Mali’s north in an effort to secure the country after the sepa-

ratists and Islamists took advantage of the power vacuum created by a coup in the capital in 2012 to seize the northern regions.

The Islamists were scattered by French forces early last year, elections have been held and rebels who distanced themselves from extremist groups have begun talks with the Bamako government.

But the peace process is moving slowly and Malian government troops abandoned most positions

in the north earlier this year after clashes with the rebels.

Since then, Mali has called on the UN mission to deploy more of its mandated force of 12,000 men in the north, a zone that is awash with smugglers as well as various rebels.

However, diplomats say there is increasing concern that UN peacekeepers who are not trained or equipped for counter-insurgency warfare are over-exposed.

Ten Chadian peacekeepers were killed in Mali last month, prompting accusations from Chad that its troops were being neglected by the UN mission.

The spike in attacks on troops comes as France has redeployed some of its forces away from Mali as part of a plan to have 3,000 soldiers fighting extremists across the Sahara-Sahel band. “There is a lot of concern at the moment,” said one Bamako-based diplomat. “There have been concerns since the early French drawdowns. But the bad guys seem to have access to much more expertise and kit now too.”

Reuters

Brazil to hold general elections on Sunday

RIO DE JANEIRO, 4 Oct—Brazil will hold general elections on Sunday to choose a new president, state governors, federal and state representatives and one third of the senators. Dilma Rousseff, the first female Brazilian president elected four years ago is leading in opinion polls, while another female politician, former environment minister Marina Silva, is a strong challenger to her.

As none of the three front-runner candidates is likely to garner more than 50 percent of the votes, a run-off is expected to be held on 26 October. Silva, presidential candidate of the Brazilian Socialist Party, joined the race in the middle, starting as the running mate of Eduardo Campos, who died in a plane crash in August. From a distant third place, Silva rose quickly and surpassed to Aécio Neves of the Brazilian Social Democracy Party to a runner-up and is quite likely to proceed to the second round. However, Silva has to make sure that Neves will not steal her spot in the last minute. Neves started the campaign in the

second place, but was surpassed by Silva in August.

According to the latest polls released on Thursday evening, he is technically tied with Silva and has a chance to enter the run-off.

Brazilians will also choose state governors. In Sao Paulo, the most populated state in the country, incumbent Geraldo Alckmin takes the lead, trying for the fourth term as governor. He may win in the first round of elections, as polls show he has nearly 50 percent of support. In the state of Rio de Janeiro, incumbent Luiz Fernando Pezao has the lead. Runner-up Anthony Garotinho, a former Rio governor, and third-ranked Senator Marcelo Crivella are fighting to face him in the second round. Campaigning on radio and television ended on Thursday evening, but candidates are allowed to campaign in the streets, with no big rallies, until Saturday.

As Brazil has electronic ballots all over the country, the results of the first round of elections are expected to be known on Sunday evening.—Xinhua

British PM meets Afghan unity govt, praises troops

KABUL, 4 Oct—British Prime Minister David Cameron made an unannounced visit to Afghanistan on Friday to meet the new unity government, the first major Western leader to visit since an election stalemate was resolved, easing threats of armed conflict. Cameron met both new President Ashraf Ghani and chief executive Abdullah Abdullah and praised both British troops’ accomplishments in the long war against the Islamist Taliban and also the newly trained Afghan security forces, who number around 350,000.

“It is striking how far they have come,” he said in Kabul of Afghanistan’s army and police forces.

“If the Taliban want to secure a role in the future of Afghanistan, then they must accept they have to give up violence and engage in the political process. That is the way to have a voice in this democratic country.”

Cameron confirmed that all British combat troops would leave Afghanistan at the end of the

year but said London would continue to provide 178 million pounds (\$268.1 million) per year to support Afghanistan’s government until at least 2017.

Britain has fewer than 5,000 of the about 50,000 service members in the US-led military coalition in Afghanistan.

Cameron’s visit comes four days after new Ghani was sworn into office af-

ter months of political turmoil following disputed elections. The prolonged standoff over the June runoff vote between Ghani and rival Abdullah ended with a political deal that made Ghani president and saw Abdullah appointed to a chief executive’s position with broad powers.

Behind the United States, Britain has been the second-largest contributor

to the international military coalition that has been in Afghanistan since the 2001 US-led intervention to topple the Taliban’s radical Islamist regime in the wake of the 11 September terrorist attacks on the United States.

More than 450 British troops have been killed in Afghanistan during the subsequent war.

Reuters



Britain’s Prime Minister David Cameron is greeted on arrival at Camp Bastion in southern Afghanistan, on 3 Oct, 2014. — REUTERS

PERSPECTIVES

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Hoping to stay out of debt

By Aung Khin

Previous mismanagement in Myanmar has resulted in the country's foreign debt burden. After new government has made reform processes in political and economic sectors, some of the debtor countries reduced or wrote off certain amounts bad debts.

Fortune has smiled on Myanmar again. Foreign countries and financial institutions have give out southeast Asia country grants and loans

as a gesture of good will supporting the democratic reform plans, believing Myanmar might not turn to backsliding.

President U Thein Sein on October 2 urged all union ministries and state/region governments to spend and allocate budgets more effectively. The fiscal year of 2014-2015 has nearly reached its midterm at the end of August, remaining seven months before the end of March 2015.

In many circumstances, loans and grants from foreign countries flow into budget allocation for government ministries and the development programmes. Therefore, all the development works of ministries should have fruitful results for the country and people. Infrastructural development plays a crucial role to increase state revenue which will have to be used to return the loans.

The President pointed out the importance of earning more revenues and generating more in-

come of state-owned businesses after using the budgets more effectively without letting it go to waste. Debt will have to be paid off at a fixed term.

The respective government ministries are responsible for implementing sustainable development programme by using budgets fulfilling the hope of people to stay out of foreign debt burdens on the country. We have learned to give and take when we owed a debt of someone.

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Revolutionary Ideas

Kyi Mun

- * **Revolution** means a great change in conditions, ways of working, beliefs, etc. that affects large number of people: *e.g. a cultural/ social/ scientific, etc. revolution.*

-Oxford Dictionary

Revolutionary ideas are breakthrough ideas that can transform a man, an organization, a culture or a country. Not all revolutionary ideas are destructive, disruptive or violent, although the word revolution implies violence, forceful attack or overwhelming destruction. Although life is always changing, a revolutionary transformation implies human contrivance and striving.

- * **Revolutionary** means involving a great or complete change. *e.g. revolutionary idea; a time of rapid and revolutionary change.*

Revolution means : To completely change the way that something is done

-Oxford Dictionary

- **R** = Reform
- **E** = Effectiveness-cum-Efficiency
- **V** = Vision and Values
- **O** = Opportunities for a Better Future
- **L** = Learning
- **U** = Unique departure from Mediocrity
- **T** = Transformation
- **I** = Innovation
- **O** = Open-minded transparency
- **N** = Networking
- **A** = Audacity
- **R** = Resources
- **Y** = Yin & Yang

IDEA = Thought, plan, aim or purpose

* **REFORM**

Reform means : (1) To improve a system, an organization, a law, etc. by making changes to it. *eg. proposals to reform social security system; The law needs to be reformed.*

(2) To improve your behavior; to make somebody do this : *He has promised to reform; she thought she could reform him; a reformed character.*

* **EFFECTIVENESS-CUM-EFFICIENCY**

Effectiveness means : Goal Attainment –High Attainment / Low Attainment (Doing the Right things)

Efficiency means : Resource usage–High Waste / Low Waste (Doing the things Right.)

(Management strives for : Low resource wastage – high efficiency; and High goal attainment–high effectiveness.)

Breakthrough : (noun) an important development that may lead to an agreement or achievement : To make / achieve a breakthrough : or a significant breakthrough in negotiation : or a major breakthrough in cancer research. (Adj) in which a performer or type of product is successful for the first time, when it is likely to be even more successful in the future : It was a breakthrough album for the band : Breakthrough technology/products.

* **VISION & VALUES**

Vision means your coveted future life that you want with all your heart and that you see very vividly with your mind's eyes. Vision is the picture, in your mind, of your ideal future life.

Values are the ideal beliefs and cultural norms that you hold very dear in your mind and that you cherish very lofty in your heart. Values are usually enshrined in your vision.

* **OPPORTUNITIES FOR A BETTER FUTURE**

Revolutionary ideas do not crop up automatically. You have to find them in the areas where there is a need for improvement or change. Find out the hole and then fill it. Find out the need and find the ways of satisfying it. Expose yourself to the front lines. Go where action is. Involve yourself in the thick of a fight or a struggle. Go through thick and thin in search of opportunities. And remember what Napoleon Bonaparte had said; "I don't seek opportunities. I create them."

* **LEARNING**

The important thing is to want to learn, to love learning. Learn in your stride, learn by doing and learn from other people. Learn to serve and serve to learn. Learning has the beginning but no end; whereas ignorance has no beginning but has an end.

* **UNIQUE DEPARTURE FROM MEDIOCRITY**

Mediocrity means the quality of being average or not very good. So, you have to depart from being a mediocrity to begin to become a celebrity, so to speak. You have to make a long march from Mediocrity to Becoming Good to Becoming Great. **In spite of everything, make a unique journey from Good to Great.**

* **TRANSFORMATION**

The Bible says : "Be ye transformed by the renewal of your mind". Be transformed from good to great. Gold is transformed into pure gold from being

mixed other base metal or metals. **Gold is not afraid of fire.** We human beings can also be transformed into the purest form of value by being purged or got rid of bad thoughts and evil feelings.

* **INNOVATION**

Innovation is the act of transforming the creative new thoughts and ideas into new and better processes, products and services. Innovation is a competitive tool. If you are not constantly being innovative, you won't have the cutting edge in competition. It is said : "**Innovate or die**".

* **OPEN-MINDED TRANSPARENCY**

To get revolutionary ideas, our minds must be open like the open sky. Ideas can flow into our minds from all directions. To get transformational ideas, we should also have a big-sky mind. If we are narrow-minded, breakthrough ideas will have difficulty to find room for taking root.

* **NETWORKING**

Networking is somewhat like throwing a net. If you throw a big net, you will get more fish. In the same way, the wider the networking is, the bigger will be your sources of information and network of connections. People matter; people count. People are like the waters of the sea; the seas are indispensable for trade and commerce and culture and ideas.

* **AUDACITY**

In the Bible it is said: "**Be bold and mighty forces will come to your aid.**" It is also said: "**Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed.**" You definitely need courage to be a source of revolutionary ideas. You should have the audacity to : "**Let a hundred flowers blossom, and let a hundred schools of thought contend.**"

* **RESOURCES**

For conceiving revolutionary ideas, you need, on the personal level, the resources of Physical Health & Fitness, Mental Vision & Strategy, Emotional Passion & Values, Spiritual Selflessness & Service, and Life-Achievement Character & Competence. On the organizational level, you will need : Human, Financial, Technological and Organizational Resources.

* **YIN & YANG**

All human activities are the manifestations of the unity and struggle of opposites male & female, good & bad, high & low, soft & hard, have & have-not, gain & loss, fame & blame, popularity & isolation, pleasure & pain, bold & timid, advanced & backward, revolutionary & reactionary and the like.

* **CONCLUSION**

In this age of Corporate Culture, Customer Sophistication, Relentless Competition, Constant Change, you have got to nurture, cultivate and practice revolutionary ideas to survive and prosper.

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ARTICLE & POEM

Light one candle, and you light many!

ON fifth October, nations all over the world will join together to celebrate World Teachers' Day initiated by the UN in 1994 in recognition of the important role that teachers play in fostering peace, progress and prosperity through education in their respective societies. In Myanmar, October coincides with the Myanmar month of Thadinkyut when the people of Myanmar celebrate the end of the Buddhist lent and the anniversary of the Buddha's return to earth on the full-moon day of Thadinkyut after spending the lent in the celestial abode preaching the Dhamma to celestial beings which included His mother. To mark this unique occasion, the Myanmar people express gratitude to, and seek forgiveness of any wrongs done from their parents, elderly relatives and teachers and whoever they feel they owe their gratitude to.

Myanmar society is probably one of the few societies in the world that show such high esteem for their teachers. Teachers are regarded as being on the same plane as the Buddha, the greatest of all teachers, the Dhamma, the path leading to the cessation of suffering, the Sangha, our mentors on the path to Nirvana, and ones' parents who have brought us into this world, nourished and educated us to be able to stand on our own feet. As teachers enjoy the same status as our spiritual and material benefactors, Myanmar teachers are obliged to take special care not to tarnish this image of compassionate beings. At the same time, they are expected to have knowledge of specific subjects as well as a variety of skills.

In addition to their main responsibility of disseminating knowledge to their students, teachers have the equally important task of fostering thinking skills and

creativity. They need to impart problem solving skills in this age of change and challenges. They need to develop the communication skills of their students, as they play an important role since collaboration and networking play a leading role in their work, both face to-face and through ICT. They need to prepare students for whatever new kind of work that will emerge in the future. Moreover, with the advent of the Knowledge Age and the widespread use of Information and Communication Technology, the responsibilities of teachers have become even greater. They are now expected to be able to apply ICT in their teaching and use it to improve their own and that of their students' knowledge and skills. In order to be able to carry out all these responsibilities, teachers themselves must be creative, adaptable and lifelong learners. In some areas, such as technology, they need to learn from their peers, and even their own students. They also have to make time for professional development so that they can provide cutting-edge knowledge and skills to their students. In addition, teachers play a leading role in molding the character of their students through example and exhortation, as more parents appear to give less time and thought to this matter. Teachers need to train students not only how to respond to the challenges and opportunities in their life, but also to inspire them to become responsible members of society.

A teacher's job has always been very demanding – preparing lessons, teaching, marking students work, giving feedback, and when necessary, counseling students on a wide range of matters. The teaching profession demands various roles from teachers, depending on the occasion, the subject and

the stage of the lesson – presenter, model, leader, observer, facilitator, counselor, rectifier, adjudicator, monitor, helper, co-communicator, moral guide, etc. In addition to their responsibilities at school, if their service is sought, they need to take part in regional development and assist administrative officials in matters of national importance, such as, referendums, population censuses, national elections and disseminating information, as educated persons worthy of trust and respect.

In Myanmar, teachers are often compared to a grinding stone used to sharpen knives. While their students mature and advance, teachers grow older and become debilitated. Teachers become richer in experience, knowledge and skills but they certainly do not become wealthier. There is a Myanmar saying that teachers are never short of pupils, but they are badly-off. In some cases, teachers working in schools in poor and remote regions do so making huge sacrifices in their personal lives and sometimes, they even have to provide assistance to needy students in cash and kind from the meagre salary they get. However, they obtain their strength to go on with their grueling task of educating one group of young people after another from the joy they gain in seeing the achievements of their students.

Similar to the teachers in Myanmar, many teachers all over the world are happy to work in difficult circumstances, gaining satisfaction, strength and joy from the success of their students, although their lot sees little improvement. But there are also teachers who abuse their position and authority in pursuit of lucre, and the number of such kind of teachers does not appear to be declining for obvious reasons. Through persua-

by Myo Myint

sion and by taking action, the number of such type of teachers should be reduced, as a small number of rotten fish can spoil the reputation of the whole boatload.

Nobody will deny that in this age, with knowledge as the foundation to success, we need smart teachers for smart schools, and future-oriented teachers for schools that aim to prepare students to face the challenges in the age of rapid changes. Hence, we need to encourage the right persons with the right qualifications and attitude to join the profession. Consequently, both the government and stakeholders need to work for the improvement of the conditions of teachers to attract such persons. In Myanmar, the need to improve the socio-economic conditions of teachers has been given recognition and a few steps have been taken, such as a small increase in salary for senior primary school teachers and heads. However, more needs to be done, if we are to fully express society's appreciation to teachers in commensurate with the hard work, self-sacrifice and dedication that they have to put in. These include better pay, improved working and living conditions, better training facilities, more opportunities for professional development and career progression, and more recognition for their skill and dedicated service, both from the employers and community as well as from current and former students.

As a person who has had the privilege of having studied under excellent teachers, I believe strongly in the concept of "Light one candle, and you light many. Train one teacher and he/she can assist in educating the whole community!"

THE NOBLE TEACHER

Ever caring and ever sharing,
Never refusing and never neglecting,
Sometimes scolding and sometimes defending,
Is the loving teacher.

Ever careful and ever cheerful,
Never hateful and never resentful,
Sometimes forgetful and sometimes hopeful,
Is the helpful teacher.

Ever near and ever dear,
Never far and never disappear,
Sometimes feared and sometimes revered,
Is the devoted teacher.

Ever active and ever instructive,
Never passive and never destructive,
Sometimes constructive and sometimes innovative,
Is the creative teacher.

All these attributes and many more put together,
Is the able, humble and noble teacher.

(A tribute to all teachers on World Teachers' Day)

Professor Sein Sein Myint

The National Building Code from Industrial Perspective

By Dr Myint-Sein

THE Proposal on Myanmar National Building Code was discussed on the thirteenth day of the eleventh regular session of the Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House), primarily aiming at safe residential buildings for the public, it was learnt.

In the industrial sector, particularly the pharmaceutical – biopharmaceutical and food manufacturing and R&D plants are among those requiring highly specified structural designs and construction technologies based on GMP, GEP, GLP, environmental, OHSAS, HACCP, ISO, ISPE, WHO and other relevant regulatory guidelines in order to ensure QbD (quality by design), to maximize product safety and / or to maintain zero risk factor, if possible, to the end user/ public as well as the operator and other staff in the production ambient.

On the other end, a faulty or ill-designed, constructed and poorly man-

aged building for food, drug, cosmetics, blood, plasma, sera, vaccines and other high potency products, would be potentially a primary source of impact to product quality and/or to the environment, e.g. contamination of soil, water and air by the leakage of toxic and exotic chemical substances and the spread of infectious disease(s).

In this case, the noxious agents including cytotoxics, antibiotics or antimicrobials, hormones and polio, SARS, MERS and Ebola viruses are among the examples of the top and contemporary public health as well as environmental concerns, clearly pointing out effluent deactivation and BioSafety criteria as basis of conceptual design.

Therefore, it would be suggestive of the draft Code be inclusive of a chapter on appropriate design criteria and the role of BioSafety Professional(s) for pharmaceutical & biopharmaceutical facilities in our country.

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US defends Ebola response, about 50 under observation

DALLAS / WASHINGTON, 4 Oct — US officials on Friday broadly defended the response to the country's first case of Ebola, although one acknowledged that while the government was confident of containing the virus, it had been "rocky" in Dallas where the patient is in serious condition.

Health officials in Dallas charged with checking the spread of Ebola have narrowed their focus to about 50 people who had direct or indirect contact with an infected Liberian visitor, including 10 at high risk who are being checked twice daily for symptoms.

In Washington, officials were asked at a news conference why the visitor, Thomas Eric Duncan, was able to get past screening in his journey from Liberia on 19 September and then be sent home after telling a Dallas hospital a few days later about his travel to a country where there had been an Ebola outbreak.

"There were things that did not go the way they should have in Dallas, but there were a lot of things that went right and are going right," Dr Anthony Fauci, a director at the National Institutes of Health, told reporters at the White House.

"So, although certainly it was rocky" in terms of how people perceived the response, "the reason I said there wouldn't be an out-



People leave the apartment unit where Thomas Eric Duncan, a Liberian citizen diagnosed with the Ebola virus had been staying, in Dallas, Texas, on 3 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

break is because of what is going on right now," Fauci said.

Fauci said although it "may be entirely conceivable" that there would be another Ebola case in the United States, the strength of the healthcare infrastructure "would make it extraordinarily unlikely that we would have an outbreak."

The case has put authorities and the public on alert over concerns that the worst epidemic of Ebola on record could spread from West Africa, where it began in March. The World Health Organization on Friday updated its death toll to at least 3,439 out of

7,492 suspected, probable and confirmed cases. The epidemic has hit hardest in impoverished Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea.

At Friday's news conference, White House adviser Lisa Monaco was asked whether she would recommend to President Barack Obama that he impose a travel ban on West Africa, as some public officials have called for.

"Right now we believe those types of steps actually impede the response," Monaco said.

US Senator Lamar Alexander, a Republican from Tennessee, urged Obama to order US airports to screen

travelers coming from Ebola-hit countries.

As part of the US effort to help contain the spread of Ebola, the Pentagon on Friday said the number of military personnel that could be deployed to West Africa could reach nearly 4,000, more than earlier estimates of about 3,000.

A cleanup crew was decontaminating the Dallas apartment where Duncan had been staying before he was admitted to the hospital five days ago. Four people close to Duncan who were quarantined in the apartment in a northeastern section of the city have been moved to an undisclosed lo-

cation, said Sana Syed, the public information officer for the City of Dallas.

The handling of the Dallas case in the early stages of Duncan's illness has raised questions about how prepared local and national health officials were to handle that case and whether people were unnecessarily exposed.

Out of 100 people who had direct or indirect contact with Duncan, health officials are monitoring 50 on a daily basis and closely watching 10 people at higher risk, said Dr David Lakey, commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The observations include fever checks at least twice daily. Ebola, which can cause fever, vomiting and diarrhea, spreads through contact with bodily fluids such as blood or saliva.

Sheets and other items used by the man in the apartment have been sealed in plastic bags, but questions have been raised about the delay in sanitizing it.

A crew from the Cleaning Guys, a hazardous materials cleanup company, garbed in yellow hazardous material suits and masks, went inside the apartment and packed the soiled sheets, Duncan's luggage and other personal items into blue barrels, the county fire marshal said. The

mattress was being cut into pieces to fit into the barrels. Another official said the cleaners would take the containers to a secure location.

Since Duncan's diagnosis, people have visited hospitals in a few states and were checked for Ebola symptoms. On Friday, Howard University Hospital in Washington said it admitted and isolated a patient with possible symptoms who had recently travelled from Nigeria "in an abundance of caution." The CDC says outbreaks in Nigeria and Senegal appear to have been contained.

In Congress, US House Appropriations Committee Chairman Hal Rogers, a Republican, and ranking Democrat Nita Lowey set an 17 October deadline for the Obama administration to provide details of its plan to deal with the outbreak, including how each agency is contributing and monthly costs.

The critical issue of how hospitals in the United States should handle and dispose of medical waste from Ebola patients is being addressed, the government said. The US Department of Transportation said it expected to release new guidelines on Friday that would allow Texas hospitals to dispose safely of Ebola-infected medical wastes.

Reuters

US job market improves remarkably as economy expands

WASHINGTON, 4 Oct — The US economy continued to add a considerable number of new jobs in September, and the jobless rate fell to the lowest level since July 2008, the Labour Department said on Friday, another evidence that the world's top economy is well on track to a booming recovery.

Except August, the job gains have been above 200,000 for seven months. After revision, employment gains were 69,000 more than previously reported in July and August.

With Friday's report, American businesses extended the longest streak of private-sector job gains on record.

So far this year, private employment has risen by nearly 2 million, on track for the strongest year of private-sector job

growth since 1998, said Jason Furman, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, in a statement.

The US economy grew 4.6 percent in the second quarter, boosted by solid growth of personal consumption and private investment. Economists generally forecasted the economy to increase by more than 3 percent in the second half of the year, as they see a strong recovery in place.

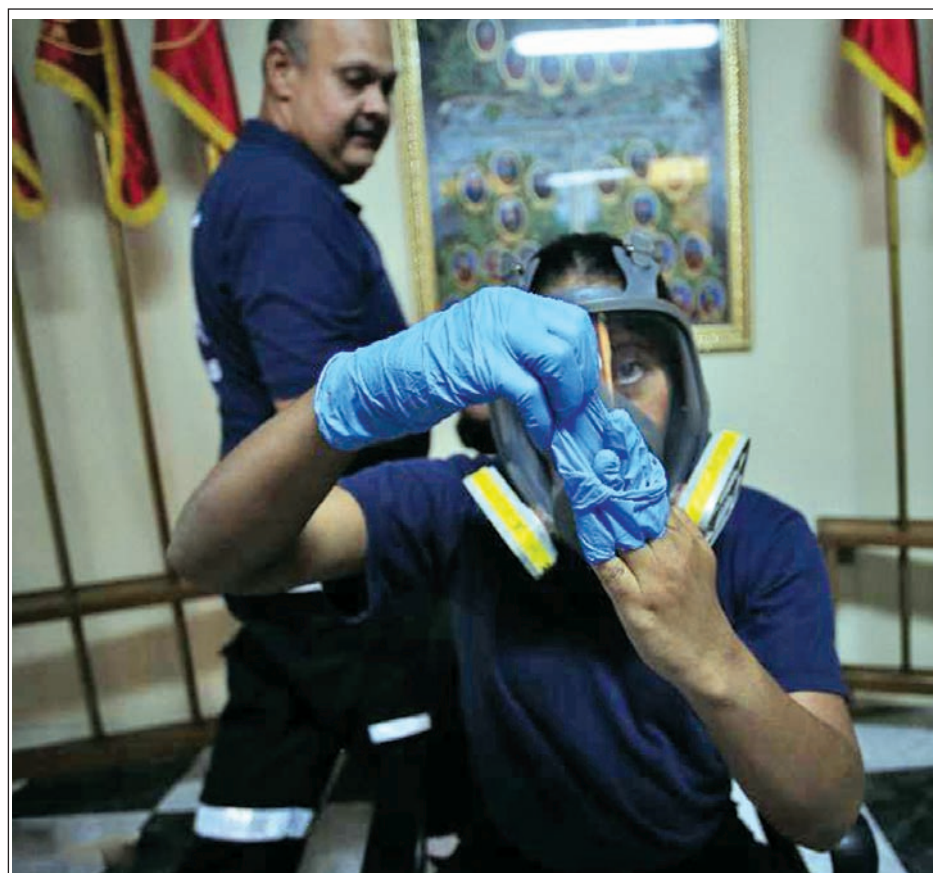
In spite of the remarkable improvement, the Federal Reserve remained cautious in lifting the interest rate as it sees considerable slack in the job market.

The labour force participation rate, the share of the working-age population employed or looking for a job, was essentially unchanged at 62.7 per-

cent. The number of long-term unemployed, or those who stay jobless for 27 weeks or more, was little changed at 3 million, accounting for 31.9 percent of the unemployed. Average hourly earnings was barely changed at 24.53 US dollars.

The Centre for American Progress, a Washington-based think tank, said in a report that the labour force participation rate has been declining since the end of the recession and is generally as low as it was in the late 1970s.

According to the Centre, the labour market is much healthier today than at any point since the Great Recession. But beneath the top-line numbers, it still has a long way to go before it returns to historically healthy conditions.—Xinhua



A paramedic of Panama's Firefighter Corps demonstrates how to use a biological protection suit, in Panama City, capital of Panama, on 3 Oct, 2014. Panama's Health Ministry has taken prevention and training measures jointly with other government institutions, to prepare in case of an ebola outbreak in the country, according to local press. — XINHUA

UK solar powered telephone box provides free mobile phone chargers



Photo taken on 3 Oct, 2014 shows the first solar box (green) which contains a mobile phone charger and is transformed from a used traditional red London telephone box near Tottenham Court Road Station in London, Britain. This solar powered telephone box was launched here on 1 Oct, 2014 to provide a free mobile phone charger facility to local people. — XINHUA

Scientists check the engine of cheetahs, animal world's 'Ferrari'

WASHINGTON, 4 Oct — Cheetahs can aptly be called the race cars of the animal kingdom: sleek, graceful and supremely speedy.

Scientists have now taken a bit of a look under the hood of these feline Ferraris to gauge how much energy they burn as they traverse their African habitats and to gain insight into factors that may be contributing to their precipitous population plunge.

A study published on Thursday in the journal *Science* described how researchers tracked 19 free-roaming cheetahs for two weeks at two sites in South Africa and Botswana. They measured energy expenditure after injecting cheetahs with isotope-laden water and later analyzing their feces.

They were surprised to learn that cheetahs used relatively little energy in their high-speed chases for prey like gazelles and impalas.

The world's fastest land mammals, known for

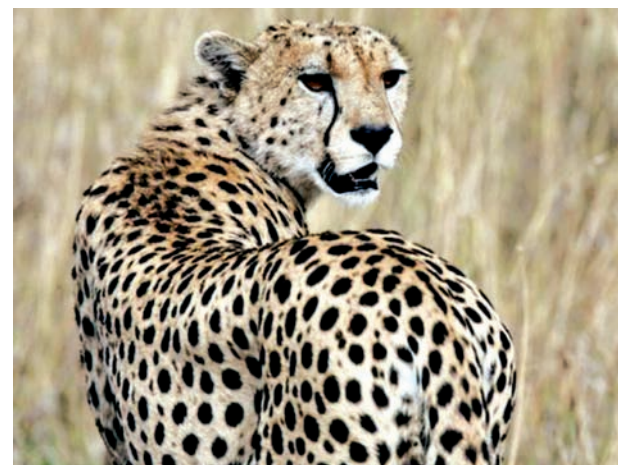
their spotted coat, cheetahs accelerate from a standstill to 60 mph (96 kph) in three seconds in amazing short bursts of speed.

"Our data suggest that they are indeed perfectly adapted to this hunting technique. They recover pretty fast, so the high-speed hunting doesn't really affect their quality of life," said one of the researchers, North Carolina State University biologist Johnny Wilson.

The findings also contradicted the hypothesis that cheetahs expend an inordinate amount of energy catching new prey after bigger competing predators like lions and hyenas steal carcasses brought down by them.

Their biggest energy drain was the distances cheetahs must walk while seeking prey thanks to man-made problems like habitat loss in grasslands and other areas, fences restricting free travel and people killing too many of the animals cheetahs eat.

Queen's University



A cheetah observes the plains in Masai Mara game reserve in this file photo from 24 July, 2008.

REUTERS

Belfast biologist Michael Scantlebury, who led the study, said the cheetahs traveled up to nearly 19 miles (30 km) per day. He said "cheetahs may be Ferraris but most of the time they are driving slowly," traipsing over sand dunes in baking heat with no water to drink.

Cheetah populations have declined from about 100,000 to 10,000 over the past century, experts say.

"It is us humans that are going to be responsible

for their dwindling numbers. We need to be even more careful to look after and maintain the remaining areas of the world that are truly wild, and we need to think about the consequences of our actions," Scantlebury said.

Another study in the same journal used a different approach to assess energy expenditure in another big cat, the mountain lion of the Americas, also known as a puma or cougar.—Reuters

Global seafloor map reveals stunning details of Earth's depths

WASHINGTON, 4 Oct— Scientists have devised a new map of the Earth's seafloor using satellite data, revealing massive underwater scars and thousands of previously uncharted sea mountains residing in some of the deepest, most remote reaches of the world's oceans.

The researchers said on Thursday they used gravity measurements of the seafloor from radar equipment aboard the European Space Agency's *CryoSat-2* satellite and NASA's *Jason-1* satellite to capture underwater geological features in unprecedented detail.

"The pull of gravity reflects the topography and tectonics of the seafloor," said David Sandwell, a geophysicist at Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, San Diego who led the study.

University of Sydney geophysicist Dietmar Müller, another of the researchers, said about 71 percent of the Earth's surface is covered by water and roughly 90 percent of the seafloor is uncharted by

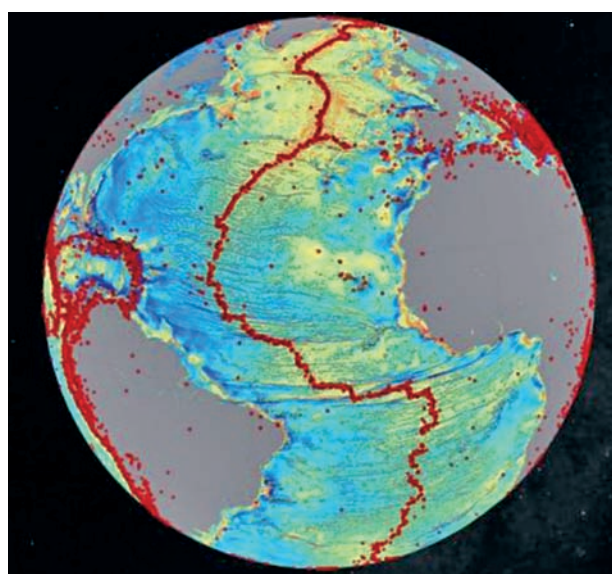
survey ships that employ acoustic beams to map the depths.

"We know much more about the topography of Mars than we know about Earth's seafloor," Müller said. "The disappearance of Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 earlier this year has heightened global awareness of the poor knowledge of our ocean depths."

The map reveals major seafloor and sub-seafloor structures. They include a mid-ocean ridge beneath the Gulf of Mexico with a length about equal to the width of Texas as well as another ridge under the South Atlantic west of Angola about 500 miles (800 km) long that was formed just after the continent of South America separated from Africa.

Such "spreading ridges" are cracks in the Earth formed where the planet's tectonic plates moved apart and molten material called magma came up to fill them, the researchers said.

"Knowing where and when such ridges existed is essential for deciphering planet Earth's geological



A marine gravity model of the North Atlantic with red dots showing the locations of earthquakes above 5.5 magnitude, highlighting the present-day location of the seafloor, with spreading ridges and transform faults, in this handout image provided by David Sandwell from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California (UC) San Diego. — REUTERS

past," Müller said.

The new map also provides details on thousands of undersea mountains, or seamounts, rising 1 mile (1.6 km) or more from the seafloor, the researchers said. Some are covered by many miles (km) of sediments, they said.

In addition to the pure

scientific value, the new map could have applications for militaries and for oil exploration, Sandwell said. Müller said the conclusions the researchers made about seabed topography may be less accurate than acoustic beam methods employed by ships.

Reuters

EU approves Facebook's bid for Whatsapp

BURSSELS, 4 Oct — The European Commission on Friday announced its approval over Facebook (via Facebook Messenger)'s bid for WhatsApp, paving the way for the two Internet communication companies' merger.

Both companies offer applications for smartphones, so-called "apps", which allow consumers to communicate by sending text, photo, voice and video messages.

Such business has grabbed much market share from telecom industry, which oppose the merger deal strongly.

The Commission found that Facebook and WhatsApp are not close competitors and that consumers would continue to have a wide choice of alternative consumer communications apps after the transaction, saying the investigation showed that the merged entity would continue to face sufficient

competition after the merger. "While Facebook Messenger and WhatsApp are two of the most popular apps, most people use more than one communications app."

We have carefully reviewed this proposed acquisition and come to the conclusion that it would not hamper competition in this dynamic and growing market," Competition commissioner Joaquín Almunia said in a statement.

As regards consumer communications services, the Commission sees this is a very dynamic market with several competing apps available on the market, such as Line, Viber, iMessage, Telegram, WeChat and Google Hangouts.

According to public data, Facebook has 1.3 billion users worldwide, 300 million of which are users of the Facebook Messenger app. WhatsApp has 600 million users worldwide.

Xinhua

New Swedish cabinet comprises equal number of male, female ministers

STOCKHOLM, 4 Oct — New Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lofven on Friday announced his newly-formed cabinet, consisting equal numbers of male and female ministers.

According to the Swedish daily *Dagens Nyheter*, Lofven hailed his new cabinet, comprising 12 male and 12 female ministers, saying it balanced gender, age and ethnicity.

“Our willingness to cooperate and stick together is Sweden’s strength,” Lofven said in a speech to Parliament.

Top ministerial posts are from the governing red-green coalition of the Social Democrats and the Greens, with latter contributing six ministerial posts.

In Friday’s speech, Lofven said in order to



Sweden’s New Prime Minister Stefan Lofven (C), together with new ministers, attends a news conference just after addressing the Swedish parliament in Stockholm, on 3 Oct, 2014. New Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lofven on Friday announced his newly-formed cabinet, consisting equal numbers of male and female ministers.—XINHUA

maintain Sweden’s reputation as a “politically neutral country,” Sweden won’t seek membership of NATO but won’t remain passive if another EU country was attacked.

Xinhua

US, EU wrap up 7th round of trade talks

WASHINGTON, 4 Oct — The United States and the European Union (EU) concluded the seventh round of the Atlantic free trade talks on Friday, moving from general discussions on the framework of the agreement towards concrete discussions based on text proposals.

“Lead negotiators in most of the groups met and took on the important but arduous task of analyzing the increasing number of proposals that are now on the table,” chief US negotiator Dan Mullaney told a press conference after wrapping up five-day negotiations for the Trans-

atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) here.

“We’re at the phase of the negotiation in which our teams have progressed from discussing general approaches in the agreement to the spade work of reviewing the many proposals and text language that each side has put on the table,” Mullaney said.

Chief EU negotiator Ignacio Garcia Bercero echoed his view, saying that “in a number of areas, there are already consolidated texts that bring together the proposals of the United States and of the European Union.”

“During this round, a lot of the focus has been on the regulatory pillar of the future agreement,” Garcia Bercero said, which includes “horizontal disciplines on issues such as technical regulations, the standards, conformity assessment, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, and the issue of regulatory coherence.”

The negotiators also discussed services and worked on ways to facilitate the ability of small- and medium-sized enterprises to participate in global supply chains, Mullaney added. Both negotiators gave no indication of when the

next round of TTIP negotiations would be held, noting that a lot of challenges lie ahead to conclude the trade talks.

“In an agreement of this importance and magnitude, these proposals are in many cases long and complex and require many hours of detailed and difficult discussion and analysis,” Mullaney said.

The US and EU leaders have initially set a timetable for completing an agreement for TTIP by late 2014. But the negotiations moved very slowly amid rising political and public resistance to the deal on both sides. —Xinhua

UN Security Council condemns deadly school attacks in Syria

UNITED NATIONS, 4 Oct — The UN Security Council on Friday condemned “in the strongest terms” the twin bomb attacks on a school complex in Homs, Syria, which killed over 50 people and injured dozens more, mostly children.

“The members of the Security Council expressed their deep sympathy and condolences to the families of the victims of this heinous act, and to the people of Syria, and wished a swift recovery to those injured,” said a press statement issued here by the 15-nation body.

The Security Council said such targeting of schools and schoolchildren is a serious violation of international humanitarian law.

According to media reports, the two blasts occurred on Wednesday as children were leaving the primary school in Homs. The toll is among the highest suffered by children in suicide attacks in Syria since the outbreak of the Syrian conflict in March 2011.

In the statement, the council members reiterated their condemnation

of all grave violations and abuses committed against civilians including children, as well as their demand that all parties desist from attacking civilian objects in line with Security Council resolutions.

The members stressed the need to end impunity for violations of international humanitarian law and violations and abuses of human rights, reaffirming that those who have committed or are otherwise responsible for such violations or abuses in Syria must be brought to

justice, the statement said.

“Terrorism in all its forms and manifestations constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security, and that any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivation, wherever, whenever and by whomsoever committed,” it added.

The council also reiterated its determination to combat all forms of terrorism, in accordance with its responsibilities under the UN Charter.

Xinhua

Internal reforms should be harmonised with EU standards

BELGRADE, 4 Oct — The Serbian Interior Ministry should concentrate on internal reforms that are in the interest of the people in the future course of the country’s EU integration, and harmonise them with EU standards.

That is the conclusion of a meeting between Interior Minister Nebojsa Stefanovic and head of Serbia’s team for the accession talks with the EU Tanja Miscevic, which was held on Friday.

The two discussed progress concerning Chapter 24 of the talks, which refers to justice, freedom and security, the Interior Ministry



said in a statement.

Stefanovic and Miscevic concluded that the Interior Ministry should focus on internal reforms that are in the interest of the population and harmonise them with EU standards, the statement says.

Tanjug

Quake lake accident leaves six missing in SW China

KUNMING, 4 Oct — Six workers are missing in southwest China’s Yunnan Province after water escaped on Friday from a barrier lake formed by an August earthquake.

At around 3:20 pm on Friday, 20 people were digging tunnels to allow the water to discharge from the lake safely. “They were about to place dynamite to blow up the blockage, but suddenly water burst through and flooded the construction site,” said a Yunnan official on Saturday.

Ten workers escaped, but 10 others were washed away. Four were rescued and are being treated at Qiaojia People’s Hospital. More than 300 rescuers are involved in the search.

The lake is 15 km long and covers an area of 49 square km in Qiaojia and Ludian counties. It was formed when landslides blocked the Niulan River.

Hundreds of residents downstream of the lake have been evacuated, given the possibility of the lake completely bursting its banks.

The August quake left over 600 people dead and 112 missing in Yunnan.—Xinhua

Two countries to improve economic cooperation



BELGRADE, 4 Oct — Serbian Minister of Foreign Affairs Ivica Dacic and Cuban Ambassador to Belgrade Adela Mayra Ruiz Garcia expressed readiness on Friday for improvement of the two countries’ cooperation in all areas, especially in the economic sphere.

The two officials underscored the readiness for continuation of a constructive and dynamic political dialogue and creation of better conditions for implementation of tangible steps with a view to improving cooperation in all areas, especially in the economic domain.

During the meeting, the two officials expressed mutual satisfaction over the excellent bilateral relations, the Serbian Ministry of Foreign Affairs released.— Tanjug

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**INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER
(Tender No. 4 (T) MPE/Propane (C₃)
and Butane (C₄)/2014-2015)**

1. Open Tender is invited for the Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise, the Ministry of Energy for the supply of Propane (C₃) (900 MT ± 5%) and Butane (C₄) (900 MT ± 5%)
2. Tender Closing Date : 21-10-2014 at (12:00) noon.
3. Tender Opening Date : 21-10-2014 at (13:00) hrs.
4. Delivery Time : Within November 2014
5. Tender Documents and detailed information are available at the Department of Finance, Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours commencing 2-10-2014 on payment of the Myanmar Kyat One Hundred Thousand (Kyat 100,000) per set.
6. Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender document officially from Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise will be accepted for evaluation.

Managing Director
Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise

**Serbia to privatize
national news agency,
media houses**

BELGRADE, 4 Oct—Serbia seeks buyers for 11 state-owned media companies, including the prominent news agency *Tanjug*, it was reported on Friday.

In a second open call published by the state privatization agency, potential buyers were asked to send their letter of intent by 3 November to participate in the bidding process. The privatization of the media companies is to be completed by July 2015.

The Serbian government in mid-August offered on sale 502 public companies. Among them were 70 media companies, including Belgrade television station Studio B and the 110-year-old *Politika* daily newspapers.

The second call foresees the privatization of 11 more media companies. Besides the *Tanjug* news agency that exists since 1943, Serbia will also sell several local television stations, radio stations and newspapers from various cities and towns.

According to Serbia's privatization law, media that fail to attract new owners by next July will be offered to their employees in the form of free stocks, and if that too proves unsuccessful, they will be shut down and deleted from the business registry. According to the law, companies that get new owners will be obliged to remain in the field of media industry for at least five years.—Xinhua

**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
HOLIDAY NOTICE**

As the wharves, warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 6th OCTOBER 2014 (BAKRI EID DAY), Loading, Unloading and delivery for Goods will be received on Payment as Holiday Fees.

**Italy marks first anniversary of Lampedusa
major migrants shipwreck**

ROME, 4 Oct—Authorities, residents, and survivors attended the first anniversary of a shipwreck on Friday in which 368 migrants died off the coast of Lampedusa Island in Southern Italy.

Several of the 155 survivors returned to the island to mourn for their lost friends and relatives, but also to reconnect with the Lampedusa fishermen who saved their lives.

Most of the shipwreck victims were Eritreans, and many were children. It was one of the worst incidents Italy has ever experienced.

The ceremony was held on Lampedusa Island.

Italy's Foreign Minister Federica Mogherini, President of the European Parliament Martin Schulz, and president of Italy's Lower House Laura Boldrini were in attendance.

Schulz praised Italy for its efforts in the search-and-rescue mission Mare Nostrum (Our Sea), which was deployed in the aftermath of the Lampedusa shipwreck. Mare Nostrum patrols the waters between African and Italian coasts to save those who attempt to undertake the perilous journey to Europe in search of a better life.

Of the 130,000 migrants who have arrived in

Italy by sea in the last nine months, the vast majority have come via Libya as refugees seeking asylum, Boldrini said. Over 90,000 migrants have been rescued so far, according to Italy's Interior Ministry. Mogherini, who is the incumbent foreign policy chief of the European Union (EU), said "new, legal immigration routes are needed" in order to prevent similar tragedies from happening again.

Mogherini added that the European priority is for the new Libyan government to sign the Geneva Convention to protect refugees. Additionally, to make it possible for the United

Nations Refugee Agency to work freely inside Libya.

Meanwhile, migrants continue to try and cross the Mediterranean.

As many as 500 migrants were rescued off the Libyan coast in one of the latest incidents in September, according to the International Organization for Migration (IOM). At least 3,000 migrants have died since January 2014, the IOM states. During the ceremony, residents staged a peaceful protest as Schulz was giving his speech. They complained about what they considered a lack of proper immigration policy by the EU.—Xinhua



Mounted police from different countries gather at Jack Poole Plaza in downtown Vancouver, Canada, on 3 Oct, 2014.

Hosted by Vancouver police department, the 11th annual Police Mounted unit seminar kicked off on Friday. During the seven-day seminar, a total of 17 mounted units from Canada, United States and Australia will join together for training and sharing policing skills on ride.

XINHUA

Weather report

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 5th October, 2014: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region, scattered in Mandalay, Magway, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Mon States, isolated in Sagaing and Bago Regions, Kayin State and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Taninthayi Region. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Steve Martin honoured with AFI's Lifetime Achievement award



Actor Steve Martin attends "Backstage at the Geffen" in Los Angeles 22 March, 2014.
REUTERS

LOS ANGELES, 4 Oct—Actor and comedian Steve Martin is the honoree for the 2014 Lifetime Achievement award from the American Film Institute, the organization said on Friday.

Martin, 69, will receive the award recognising his prolific career spanning four decades at a gala in June 2015, televised on Turner Broadcasting's TNT.

"Steve Martin is an American original," said Howard Stringer, chair of the AFI's board of trustees.

"He is a multi-layered creative force bound by neither convention nor caution. His work is defined by him alone, for he is the author — and a national treasure whose work has stuck with us like an arrow in the head."

Martin, born in Waco, Texas and raised in Southern California, rose through the ranks of comedy

from performing magic at Disneyland to becoming a writer for "The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour" in 1969, for which he won an Emmy award. Known for films such as 1979's "The Jerk," 1991's "Father of the Bride" and 2003's "Cheaper By the Dozen," Martin received an honorary Oscar for his achievements in entertainment in 2013. He has hosted the Oscars three times.

He is also an accomplished pianist and banjo player, winning five Grammy awards for the comedy and bluegrass categories.

The AFI organization works to preserve motion picture history through film programs, festivals and awards. Previous recipients of the Lifetime Achievement award include Alfred Hitchcock, Sidney Poitier, Elizabeth Taylor, Meryl Streep and most recently, Jane Fonda. —Reuters

Music show "Lennon: Through A Glass Onion" to open in New York



Australian musician John Waters (R) and pianist Stewart D'Arrietta perform during a media preview of their show "Lennon: Through A Glass Onion" in New York, 3 Oct, 2014. The show will officially open on 15 Oct, 2014, following previews from 3 Oct, 2014, and continue its run to 22 Feb, 2015.—XINHUA

Carice van Houten joins Jesse Owens biopic

LONDON, 4 Oct —'Game of Thrones' star Carice van Houten has been cast in the upcoming Jesse Owens biopic 'Race'. The 38-year-old actress has joined the Stephan James-starring film about the Olympic gold medalist, reported *Digital Spy*.

Carice, who plays priestess Melisandre on the HBO show, will star in the film alongside Jeremy Irons and Jason Sudeikis. James plays US sprinter Owens, who won four gold medals at the 1936 Berlin Olympics, humiliating Adolf Hitler and his claims of Aryan racial superiority.

Hitler had attempted



to ban black and Jewish athletes from the games, but backed down in the face of a threatened boycott. Sudeikis will play the runner's coach and mentor

Larry Snyder, with Irons as head of the Olympic Committee that supported hosting the games in Nazi Germany.

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Rome opera house sacks orchestra, chorus as arts funding shrivels

ROME, 4 Oct—Rome's opera house has sacked nearly 200 members of its permanent orchestra and chorus as Italy's worst economic crisis for decades chokes state spending on the arts. Just two weeks ago, the opera's internationally respected honorary director, Riccardo Muti, quit after a six-year tenure marked by infighting, strikes and financial problems.

The Teatro dell'Opera di Roma musicians, whose contracts will be terminated by the end of the year, could be re-engaged as part of an "outsourced" orchestra, the ministry for cultural affairs said late on Thursday,

describing its move as a "painful but necessary step to save the Rome Opera and start again". Opera houses worldwide increasingly rely on freelance staff due to funding short-falls, and venues across Italy — where opera was invented in the 16th century — have been forced to make similarly drastic staffing changes.

Hit by falling revenues and mounting costs, the loss-making Rome Opera, has accumulated debts of more than 40 million euros (\$50 million) and relies on subsidies from both the cash-strapped city of Rome and the central government to survive. Thursday's de-

cision prompted calls from opposition Forza Italia party for Cultural Affairs Minister Dario Franceschini to force Rome Opera's superintendant, Carlo Fuortes, to resign. Fuortes, appointed at the end of last year, said the orchestra and chorus cost 12.5 million euros a year and outsourcing would save 3.4 million. Massimo Cestaro, secretary general of theatre workers' union SLC-CGIL, said, "The truth is that there has been a campaign to dismantle the principal cultural institutions of our country."

He said the real goal of the government was to turn Italian theatres into "empty boxes".—Reuters

Pakistan Fashion Design Council Bridal Week continues



Models present creations by designer Nida Azweon on the last day of the Pakistan Fashion Design Council Bridal Week in eastern Pakistan's Lahore on 2 Oct, 2014. —XINHUA

Ashton Kutcher, Mila Kunis name daughter Wyatt Isabelle

LOS ANGELES, 4 Oct — Ashton Kutcher, the star of the hit television show "Two and a Half Men" and his partner, actress Mila Kunis, have named their baby daughter Wyatt Isabelle, the actor said on Friday.

Kutcher, 36, posted the news on his website along with several pictures of babies asking viewers to guess which one was his daughter.

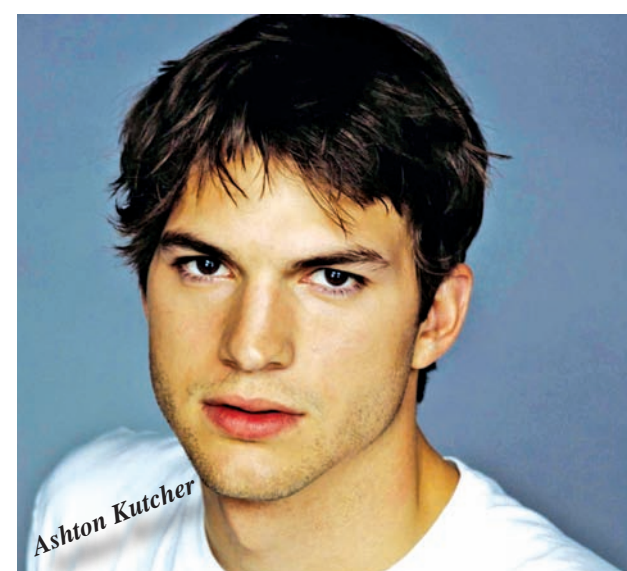
"Mila and I would like to welcome Wyatt Isabelle Kutcher to the world. May your life be filled with

wonder, love, laughter, health, happiness, curiosity, and privacy," he said, in a reference to photographers outside his California home.

"Now, can the helicopter please stop hovering over our house, there is a baby sleeping inside! And she's super cute," he added.

Kunis, 31, who gave birth on Tuesday, and Kutcher co-starred on "That '70s Show." Kutcher was previously married to actress Demi Moore. They divorced in 2013.

Reuters



Djokovic downs Murray in Beijing

BEIJING, 4 Oct — World number one Novak Djokovic maintained his perfect tournament record and advanced to his fifth China Open final with a 6-3, 6-4 victory against Andy Murray on Saturday.

The 27-year-old top seeded Serb took an hour and 37 minutes to down Murray and improve to a 23-0 record in Beijing.

Murray, fresh from his first victory in more than a year at last week's Shenzhen Open, put up more resistance in the second set but could not crack Djokovic's

solid defence and smashed his racquet in frustration after being broken in the ninth game.

Djokovic, who meets either Tomas Berdych or Martin Klizan, who stunned world number two Rafa Nadal on Friday, restricted the Scot to only seven winners and denied him four of his five break point chances.

Sixth-seeded Murray has moved up to the ninth place in the race to season-ending ATP Finals in London, which will feature the top eight.

Reuters



Novak Djokovic of Serbia returns a shot to Andy Murray of Britain during their men's singles semi-final match at the China Open tennis tournament in Beijing on 4 Oct, 2014.— REUTERS

Liverpool striker Sturridge signs new long-term contract

LONDON, 4 Oct — England striker Daniel Sturridge has signed a new long-term contract at Liverpool, the Premier League club said on Friday.

The 25-year-old, who has missed Liverpool's last six matches due to a thigh injury, has scored 36 goals in 52 appearances for the club since joining from Chelsea in January 2013.

"It's a big, big day in my life to commit to this club and to give the club my best years, which are ahead of me," Sturridge told the club's website (www.liverpoolfc.com).

"I am thankful for the opportunity and that is the reason I committed my future. Everyone has been great with me, from the fans to the staff to the players, so it was an easy decision.

"There are a lot of things I'm happy with how they've gone so far, but there is a lot to come. I've not shown yet what I can do — what I'm doing is just the start for me." — Reuters

LONDON, 4 Oct — Louis van Gaal admires Everton's style of play and the Manchester United manager will get the chance to watch it closely when the two sides meet in the Premier League at Old Trafford on Sunday.

Under the stewardship of former Everton boss David Moyes, who was criticised by the Old Trafford faithful for adopting the methods he used while in charge at Goodison Park, United lost twice to Roberto Martinez's side last season.

Van Gaal admitted he is a fan of the passing philosophy instilled by Martinez at Everton and the Dutchman hopes to adopt a similar approach during his time in charge of United.

"I have to say that I like Everton because they want to play football like I want to play football," Van Gaal told a news conference on Friday. "It shall be a very interesting game. I know we lost to them twice last season so it will be difficult.

"I hope we can dominate the game but they will want to do that too. They are more likely to play on the counter than us. That's also the difficulty."

United's injury crisis



Manchester United manager Louis Van Gaal reacts before their match against West Ham United at their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England on 27 Sept, 2014.

REUTERS

is set to continue against Everton as a number of first-team players are struggling for fitness and Van Gaal will be without captain Wayne Rooney who was sent off against West Ham United last weekend for kicking out at Stewart Downing.

"You can be fit but not match fit — that's a big difference," said Van Gaal, whose side have eight points from six matches.

"For example, Ander Herrera is fit but he cannot play because of his rib pressure. Marouane Fellaini has trained for one week but is not fit to play 90 minutes.

"It's difficult to explain.

We have eight injuries and one red card so nine players are not available. "I will miss Wayne (Rooney) because he is the captain of the team but (Juan) Mata can also play very well."

Young central defender Paddy McNair impressed in United's victory over West Ham and the 19-year-old will retain his place in the heart of the defence in the absence of the injured Phil Jones. "We still have three central defenders injured so he shall play," Van Gaal said. "He is the only player who can play in the right-sided (central) defensive position. — Reuters



England's Daniel Sturridge stretches during a training session at the St George's Park training complex near Burton-upon-Trent, central England, on 5 Sept, 2014.

REUTERS

Tabarez picks Suarez and signs new Uruguay deal

MONTEVIDEO, 4 Oct — Luis Suarez is set to make his first Uruguay appearance since the infamous World Cup biting incident after being named on Friday in coach Oscar Tabarez's 22-man Middle East tour squad.

Tabarez has also signed a new deal to stay in charge until the 2018 World Cup in Russia, extending his time with 'La Celeste' to 12 years.

The squad is a mix of World Cup veterans and young newcomers although the coach has rested Paris St Germain striker Edinson Cavani for the friendlies



Barcelona's Luis Suarez (R) fights for the ball with Indonesia U19 player Hansamu Yama during a friendly soccer match near Barcelona on 24 Sept, 2014.

REUTERS

against Saudi Arabia on 10 October and Oman three days later. "We have the chance to have a reunion (with Suarez). He's a player we don't want to lose contact with regardless of whether he can play or not," Tabarez told a news conference at the Uruguayan FA's headquarters.

Barcelona forward Suarez is serving a ban of four months and nine competitive internationals after biting Italy defender Giorgio Chiellini during a World Cup group match in Brazil in June.

He can play in friend-

lies, however, because he won a Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) appeal after being initially suspended from "any football activity" during the four-month ban.

Suarez will miss the defence of Uruguay's Copa America title in Chile next year and the opening eight South American qualifiers for the 2018 World Cup.

"We've got to look on the bright side," said Tabarez. "At some point in the qualifiers, when the eight matches of suspension are over, we're going to get a great reinforcement."

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World records broken at Incheon Asian Games

INCHEON, 4 Oct—Following are the list of world records broken at the 17th Asian Games which concluded all competition here on Saturday (event, name, NOC, date, result):

Archery

Compound women's team (24 arrows), South Korea, KOR, 25 September, 238 points

Shooting

10m air rifle women's team, China, CHN, 22 September, 1253.8 points

50m rifle prone men's team, China, CHN, 25 September, 1876.0 points

Double trap women, Kim Mijin, South Korea, 25 September, 110 points

Double trap team, China, CHN, 25 September, 315 points

Weightlifting

Men's 56kg

Clean and jerk, Om Yunchol, DPR Korea, 20 September, 170kg

Men's 62kg

Snatch, Kim Unguk, DPR Korea, 21 September, 154kg

Overall, Kim Unguk, DPR Korea, 21 September, 328kg

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Women's 53kg

Clean and jerk, Zulfia Chinshanlo, Kazakhstan, 21 September, 132kg

Overall, Hsu Shu Ching, Chinese Taipei, 21 September, 233kg

Women's 63kg

Clean and jerk, Deng Wei, China, 23 September, 144kg

Clean and jerk, Lin Tzu Chi, Chinese Taipei, 23 September, 145kg

Overall, Lin Tzu Chi, Chinese Taipei, 23 September, 259kg

Overall, Lin Tzu Chi, Chinese Taipei, 23 September, 261kg

Women's 75kg

Clean and jerk, Kim Unju, DPR Korea, 25 September, 164kg

Women's +75kg

Clean and jerk, Zhou Lulu, China, 26 September, 192kg

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Asian Games: Araga captures karate gold for Japan

Araga Ryutaro (R) of Japan fights against Hamad Alnweam pf Kuwait during the men's -84kg final contest of karate at the 17th Asian Games in Incheon, South Korea, on 4 Oct, 2014. Araga Ryutaro won 7-1 and claimed the title.
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INCHEON, 4 Oct—Ryutaro Araga won Japan's 47th gold medal of the Asian Games in the men's 84-kilogram karate competition on Saturday, the final day of competition. Araga, who won Asian Games silver in 2010, defeated Kuwaiti Hamad F F M Alnweam after defeating Vietnam's Nguyen Minh Phung 6-4 in the semifinals. Araga's sister Tomoko also won a gold medal, at the 2006 Games in Doha. Kuwait got some satisfaction, however, in the heaviest weight class, where Rasheed F M F S Almutairi defeated Japan's Hideyoshi Kagawa 7-4 in the over-84 kg class.—Kyodo News

Asian Games medal table

INCHEON, 4 Oct—Final medals table on Saturday at the Asian Games:

	G	S	B	Total
China	151	108	83	342
South Korea	79	71	84	234
Japan	47	76	77	200
Kazakhstan	28	23	33	84
Iran	21	18	18	57
Thailand	12	7	28	47
North Korea	11	11	14	36
India	11	10	36	57
Chinese Taipei	10	18	23	51
Qatar	10	0	4	14
Uzbekistan	9	14	21	44
Bahrain	9	6	4	19
Hong Kong	6	12	24	42
Malaysia	5	14	14	33
Singapore	5	6	13	24
Mongolia	5	4	12	21
Indonesia	4	5	11	20
Kuwait	3	5	4	12
Saudi Arabia	3	3	1	7
Myanmar	2	1	1	4
Vietnam	1	10	25	36
Philippines	1	3	11	15
Pakistan	1	1	3	5
Tajikistan	1	1	3	5
Iraq	1	0	3	4
UAE	1	0	3	4
Sri Lanka	1	0	1	2
Cambodia	1	0	0	1
Macao	0	3	4	7
Kyrgyzstan	0	2	4	6
Jordan	0	2	2	4
Turkmenistan	0	1	5	6
Bangladesh	0	1	2	3
Laos	0	1	2	3
Afghanistan	0	1	1	2
Lebanon	0	1	1	2
Nepal	0	0	1	1

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Japanese swimmer Kosuke Hagino

Asian Games: Hagino to be named Asian Games MVP

INCHEON, 4 Oct — Japanese swimmer Kosuke Hagino will be named the most valuable athlete of the Asian Games, several sources told *Kyodo News* on Saturday.

The 20-year-old Hagino won four gold medals, one silver and two bronze during the competition, which draws to a close later Saturday. He beat Olympic champions Sun Yang and Park Tae Hwan in the men's 200-metre freestyle for one of his golds.

Hagino won from a shortlist of eight. Details of the voting were not immediately known.

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Ku Tsui Ping (R) of Chinese Taipei fights against Khupovets Yekaterina of Kazakhstan during the women's -50kg final contest of karate at the 17th Asian Games in Incheon, South Korea, on 4 Oct, 2014. Ku Tsui Ping won 8-3 and claimed the title.
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Kim Bomi of South Korea hits the ball during the women's team gold medal match of soft tennis against Japan at the 17th Asian Games in Incheon, South Korea, on 4 Oct, 2014. South Korea won 2-1 and claimed the title.—XINHUA



Xu Xin (R) of China competes against his teammate Fan Zhendong during the men's singles final match of table tennis at the 17th Asian Games in Incheon, South Korea, on 4 Oct, 2014. Xu Xin won 4-2 and claimed the title.—XINHUA