

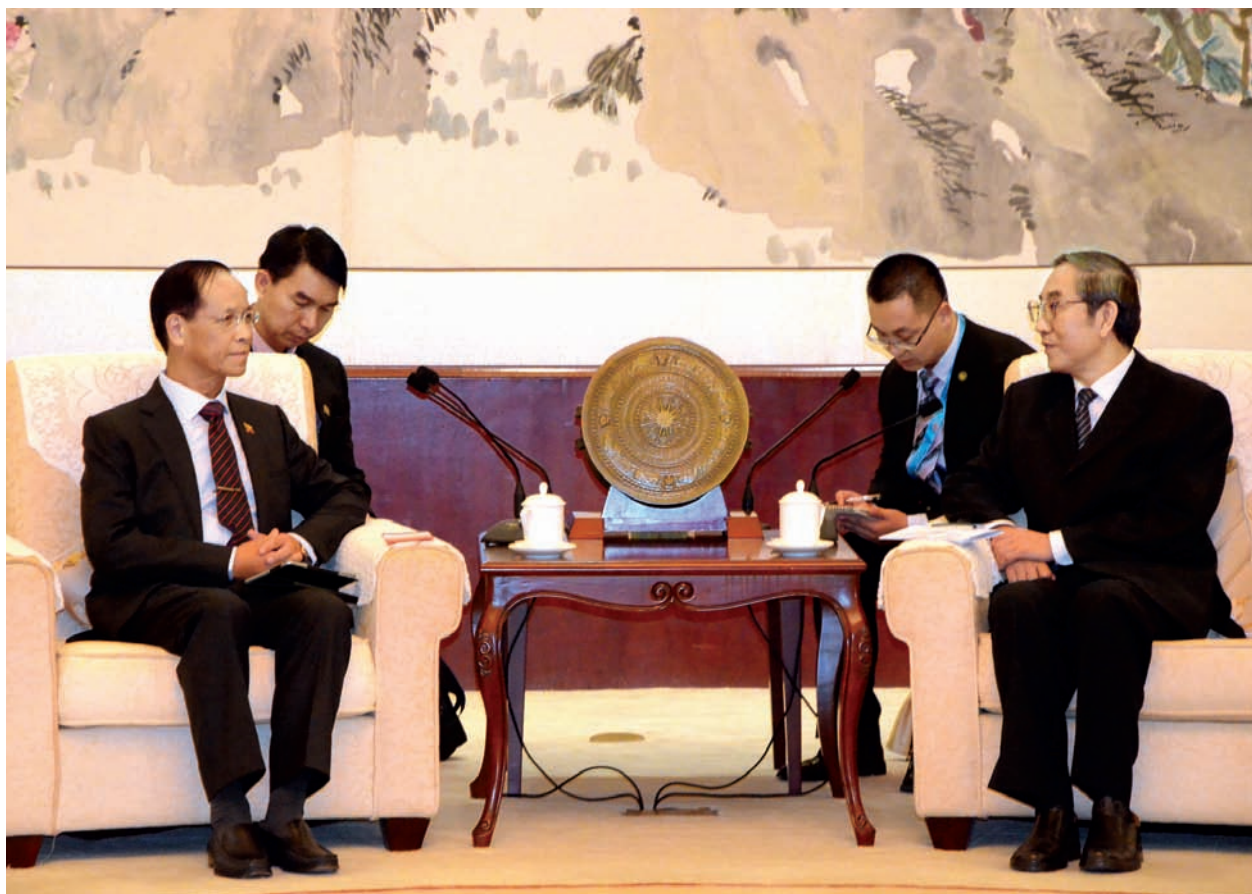
## Vice President meets Vice Chairman of CPPCC

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct— Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham accompanied by Deputy Ministers U Thant Kyaw, U Zaw Win, Dr Sai Kyaw Ohn and Dr Win Myint and officials left Nay Pyi Taw at 9.30 am on Monday for Nanning of the People's Republic of China.

The Vice President was seen off at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by Union Minister Dr Ko Ko Oo, Deputy Ministers U Khin Zaw, U Zin Yaw and Dr Zaw Min Aung and the counselor of the Chinese Embassy.

Dr Sai Mauk Kham and party arrived at Nanning International Airport on Monday Afternoon to attend 45th World Artistic Gymnastics Championships in Nanning, Guangxi Autonomous Region, China.

The vice president and party were greeted at the airport by Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thit Lin Ohn, Consul General of Nanning Consulate-general U Myint Tun, deputy director of foreign affairs of Quanshi region



*Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham holds talks with Vice Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Mr Ma Biao in Nanning of China.—MNA*

and officials.

The vice president and party left for Liyuan State Guest House.

Then, the vice president and party visited HI-green Agricultural Logis-

tic Centre in Nanning and viewed the quality control process and wholesales of fruits. The centre covers an area of 600,000 square metres with 320 fruit shops and more than 3,000 sale

points. It also processes fruits, vegetables, sugar, silk, grain and food and provides services for distribution, transportation and packaging.

In the evening, the vice

president met with Vice Chairman Mr. Ma Biao of Vice Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference at the state guest house.

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## MNPED announces rules for doing business in Thilawa SEZ



*Twenty-one foreign companies and local one have signed with Myanmar to develop Thilawa SEZ which began implementation in November 2013.—PHOTO: myanmarinternationaltv.com*

YANGON, 6 Oct — Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development has announced the rules for investment in Thilawa Special Economic Zone, offering 20 sectors of economic activities in the special economic zone.

According to the announcement, Thilawa Spe-

cial Economic Zone Management Committee has invited investors to send their application forms attached with their plans for land utilization for factories, water supply, power supply, construction of factories, installation of machinery, protecting environmental pollution, detailed plan for

proposed businesses and other requirements.

The management committee will announce the successful applicants within 30 days after the committee receives the application.

Significantly, the list of business activities allowed to do in Thilawa Special Economic Zone

includes trade, basic infrastructure development such as housing complexes and hotels, technology and design firms, services for warehouses and transportation, services for computer software, services for information on economy, insurance, law, medical records, (See page 3)

## First national volunteer work camp aims to raise youth empowerment

*By Khaing Thanda Lwin*

YANGON, 6 Oct— Charity Oriented Myanmar (COM) and Volunteer Internship Program (VIP) will jointly organize the first national volunteer work camp in southern Shan State from 18 to 25 October with the aim of promoting youth participation in local development, according to the organizers.

“Under the request of residents, the two non-profit organizations decided to share their general knowledge, especially in education and environmental conservation to more than 70 young people who are attending a monastic education school in Naungtaya Sub-township of the state,” said Thazin Aung, a Programme Director of COM.

Plans are underway to organize about three work camps next year based on the result of national work camp, Tint Zaw Hein from VIP said.

Those volunteer teams have invited all youths to participate in youth awareness-raising activity that can help them to generate fresh idea as well as to create an opportunity to link with international volunteer teams.

Enthusiasts between the ages of 16 and 25 may send their application forms to commyanmar@gmail.com not later than October 13. For more information, dial +95 9 401 512 506 of Volunteer Internship Program (VIP) and +95 9 731 317 17 of Charity Oriented Myanmar (COM).

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## Festival at Kyauktawgyi Pagoda crowded with pilgrims, visitors

MANDALAY, 6 Oct—The Buddha Pujaniya festival of Sandamuni, Maha Lawkamarazein and Kyauktawgyi Pagodas will be held from 6 to 15 October in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay.

Local people are making preparations to offer meals to 125 members of the Sangha at Sandamuni Pagoda on 1<sup>st</sup> waning of Thadingyut, 125 more

members of the Sangha at Kuthodaw Pagoda on 2<sup>nd</sup> waning of Thadingyut and 637 members of the Sangha at Kyauktawgyi Pagoda on 3<sup>rd</sup> waning of Thadingyut.

Officials of the pagoda gild the umbrella of Kyauktaw Pagoda once every 10 years. In commemoration of its 126<sup>th</sup> festival, gold foils were offered to the umbrella. On

30 September, the umbrella and other decorations were gilt and hoisted atop the pagoda.

Vendors sell various kinds of traditional snacks, farming equipment and personal goods at the festival. Theatrical performers present entertainments to the enthusiasts and audience at the festival at nights.

*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*



## Wellwishers donate foods, meals and snacks to poor people



MANDALAY, 6 Oct—Ayeya Myitta social association established by Dr Ashin Kumara of Dhammadara Waso Monastery of Chanmyathazi Township organized the food donation to poor families in Ayeya Tun Ward and those residing near Ayeyawady River Bank.

On Sunday, responsible persons and wellwishers donated foods and meals, and various kinds of snacks to the poor people at the corner of circular road and Ayeya Tun Road in Ayeya Tun Ward of Chanmyathazi Township.

The association invited the wellwishers to donate meals, foods, snacks, clothes and personal goods to the poor people, Ph: 09-444016680.—*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*

## Gardeners satisfy flower demand of people

MOHNYIN, 6 Oct—Mobile sellers of flowery plants and orchids in Mohnyin of Kachin State can earn high income as a number of people are crazy in nurturing colourful flowery plants in owned compounds and residences.

Ko Than Htaik Moe of Myawady which is a border town to Thailand, staying in Mohnyin of Kachin State sell various species of orchids in front of the lodging to sell his flowers to the customers.

*NLM-001*



## Hsimeekhon Port, Myotha Industrial Park projects gaining momentum

MANDALAY, 6 Oct—Mandalay Region Government is implementing the Hsimeekhon Ayeyawady Port and Myotha Industrial Park in mutual cooperation with Mandalay Myotha Industrial Development Public Company Ltd for development of Myingyan and Ngazun regions.

Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint gave instructions on accelerating the project to complete it on time at the National Theatre on 66<sup>th</sup> street in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay on 5 October.

Chairman of the company U Aung Win Khaing reported on progress in implementation of the project. A video clip on construction of the industrial park

and Hsimeekhon port was presented to the attendees.

With regard to the confiscation of the farmlands, the region government delivered K2 million per acre of holding farmlands and K500,000 per acre of ordinary farmlands. As of March 2012, the region government presented

compensation for 372 acres of farmlands to 300 farmers for Hsimeekhon Port, 217 acres of farmlands to 297 farmers for the road linking the port and the industrial part and 841 acres to 222 farmers. Moreover, 77 percent of compassionate grant have been presented to 544 farmers for

3,854 acres of ordinary farmlands.

At present, the 17 miles long and 30 feet wide road has been constructed to link the port and park.

The region government has given 60x80 feet land plots to 1,746 farmers who have received the farmland compensations and compassionate grant.

*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*



## Experience shared to faculty members at University of Economics

MONYWA, 6 Oct — A talk on economics subject was held at the multi-purpose hall of the three-storey building of Monywa University of Economics in Sagaing Region on 2 October.

Dr U Aung, adviser to the Union Minister for Commerce, gave talks on the role of trade in emerging Myanmar and Director U

Kyaw Soe Thein of Foreign Economic Relations Department under the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, AEC & Myanmar.

It was attended by Rector-in-charge U Aung Myint of the university, Pro-Rector Dr Win Tun and faculty members, MBA and MPA students.—*Aung Win Swe (Monywa)*

## Library ready to serve broadening scope of people

HTIGYAING, 6 Oct — Local people of No 2 Zaygon Ward of Htigyaing had made efforts for establishment of a library with the aim of disseminating knowledge to the new generations.

U Sein Moun and

family donated K175,000 to the fund for construction of Pyinnya Alin Library on Sunday.

Sagaing Region Hluttaw MPs U Sein Kyaing and U San Maung and township officials formally opened

the new building. The library is opened from 8 am to 6 pm on school holidays and from 4 pm to 8 pm on the remaining days, said U Khin Maung Lwin, ward administrator.—*Saw Kalyar (Htigyaing)*



## Vice President meets . . .

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Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Sports U Zaw Win, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Dr Sai Kyaw Ohn, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thit Lin Ohn and officials.

The meeting focused

on promotion of strategic partnership between the two countries, cooperation in education, health, agriculture, health and tourism sectors and investment.

Afterwards, the vice president and party attended the dinner hosted by Vice Chairman Mr. Ma Biao of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

MNA

## Speaker of Pyudaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw arrives in Rome

ROME, 6 Oct — Speaker of Pyudaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) Thura U Shwe Mann left Yangon by air on 4 October evening to attend the 8<sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership (ASEP8) Meeting to be held in Rome of Italy and arrived at Suvarnabhumi Interna-

tional Airport in Bangkok of Thailand at 9.40 pm local time.

The Speaker arrived at Fiumicino International Airport in Rome of Italy at 6.50 am local time.

The Speaker was accompanied by Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Chairman U Hla Myint Oo, Pyithu Hluttaw Investment and Industrial Development Committee Chairman U Htay Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee member Dr Win Myint and officials of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw



*Speaker of Pyudaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) Thura U Shwe Mann being welcomed by an official on his arrival in Rome.—MNA*

## Myanmar hopes for opening of wholesale shops of vegetables



*Union Minister U Myint Hlaing attends Committee on Agriculture, 24<sup>th</sup> Session (COAG, 24<sup>th</sup> Session) in Rome of Italy.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct — Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing attended the Committee on Agriculture, 24<sup>th</sup> Session (COAG, 24<sup>th</sup> Session) in Rome of Italy.

In meeting with FAO

Director-General Dr Jose Graziano Da Silva, the Union minister discussed issue of zero hunger target and cooperation of Myanmar with regional countries. They exchanged views on close cooperation

between Food and Agriculture Organization-FAO and Myanmar.

The union minister met Deputy Director General of International Fund for Agriculture Development-IFAD Mr John Mur-

ray McIntire and party at the head office of IFAD held talks about implementation of the first phase tasks of IFAD in Myanmar and pilot project for the second phase.

On 1 October, the union minister visited the advanced factory of Orto Sole Agriculture Company near Rome and viewed cleaning the agricultural produce and packaging process.

The union minister and party also visited the vegetable and fruit wholesale market that supplies vegetables and fruits to demand of about 6 million of population in Guldonia Montecelio Township. The union minister held discussions with officials on opening of the wholesale shops in Myanmar to distribute the agricultural produce and vegetables to the people.—MNA

Office and Pyithu Hluttaw at the airport by Myanmar Office.

Thura U Shwe Mann Myint Naung and embassy and party were welcomed families.—MNA

## Performing Arts Competitions kick off in Yangon East District

YANGON, 6 Oct — The opening of the 21<sup>st</sup> Myanmar national races' Performing Arts Competitions of Yangon East District was held on Saturday. Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and others were present on the occasion. On the occasion, Yangon Region Minister for Finance Daw San San Nwe presented K 1 million for the competitions through and official.—MNA

## Deputy Information Minister on inspection tour of townships in Magway Region

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct — Deputy Minister for Information U Pike Htway made a trip to Taungdwingyi, Aunglan, Thayet, Kanma and Mindon townships of Magway Region from 1 to 4 October to inspect progress of regional development and departmental tasks.

On his visit, the deputy minister inspected township Information and Public Relations Department, libraries and TV re-transmission stations.

In meeting with Hluttaw MPs in the townships, township officials and departmental officials, he

explained peace-making process of the government, development of education and health sectors, rule of law and improvement of living standard of the local people.

The deputy minister donated equipment to Yenatha Station Hospital and attended the prize presentation for outstanding students at Yenatha Basic Education High School.

He donated books on various subjects, publications and sports gears to the officials in Thayet, Kanma and Mindon and looked into constructions of roads and bridges.—MNA

The housing estate, condominium and super markets in the promotion zone must have the minimum investment of US\$5,000,000.

A hotel in the promotion zone must be 3-star.

The minimum invest-

ment in training schools, vocational training schools and schools must be equivalent to US\$2,000,000.

A hospital in the promotion zone must be a 100-bed hospital with modern medical care services.—GNLM

## MNPED announces . . . .

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remote controls, tax, websites, special creation and drawing designs, services for retail and wholesale, financial services, long-term and short-term rental services, consultancy services, construction and other related services, services for education, services for environmental conservation, services for hospital and health care, services related to tourism, services for recreation and entertainment, services for culture and sports and services related to transportation.

According to the announcement, the list of

economic activities prohibited for investors includes manufacturing and related services of arms and explosives for the military services, manufacturing and related services which harm environment and ecological system, manufacturing products with the use of waste products, manufacturing of narcotic drug and related services, manufacturing chemicals including pesticides banned by the World Health Organization and related services, manufacturing products with the use of imported industrial wastes, manufacturing products which harm

Ozone Layer and related services, manufacturing of productions with the use of asbestos and related services, and manufacturing products which can harm the public health and environment.

An investor is obliged to send a copy of land lease to the management committee within six months after the investor gets permission from the committee, the announcement said.

If a business in the free zone of the Thilawa SEZ exports at least 75 per cent of its products, its minimum investment must be equivalent to US\$ 750,000, the announcement said.

The announcement stated that if a business in the free zone produces at least 80 per cent of its products for the manufacturing of the export products by other factories in the same zone, its minimum investment must be equivalent to US\$500,000.

The minimum investment in the international trade exhibition building must be equivalent to US\$ 10,000,000.

The minimum investment in manufacturing in the promotion zone must be equivalent to US\$ 300,000.

The minimum investment in services in the promotion zone must be equivalent to US\$300,000.



## WMF shares techniques for maintenance of Myanan Sankyaw Golden Palace

MANDALAY, 6 Oct — A talk on keeping records for ancient historical heritages and architectural works with the use of 3D Scan was held at the National Museum and Library on 80th street between 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> streets in Mandalay on 4 October.

Under the supervision of the project manager of World Monuments Fund (WMF) that is taking responsibility of maintenance of the Golden Palace monastery in Mandalay, Professor Dr Marty Hylton and Professor Dr Linda Stevenson of University of Florida gave lectures how to keep the historical records by the 3D Scan.

It was attended by officers and staff of the



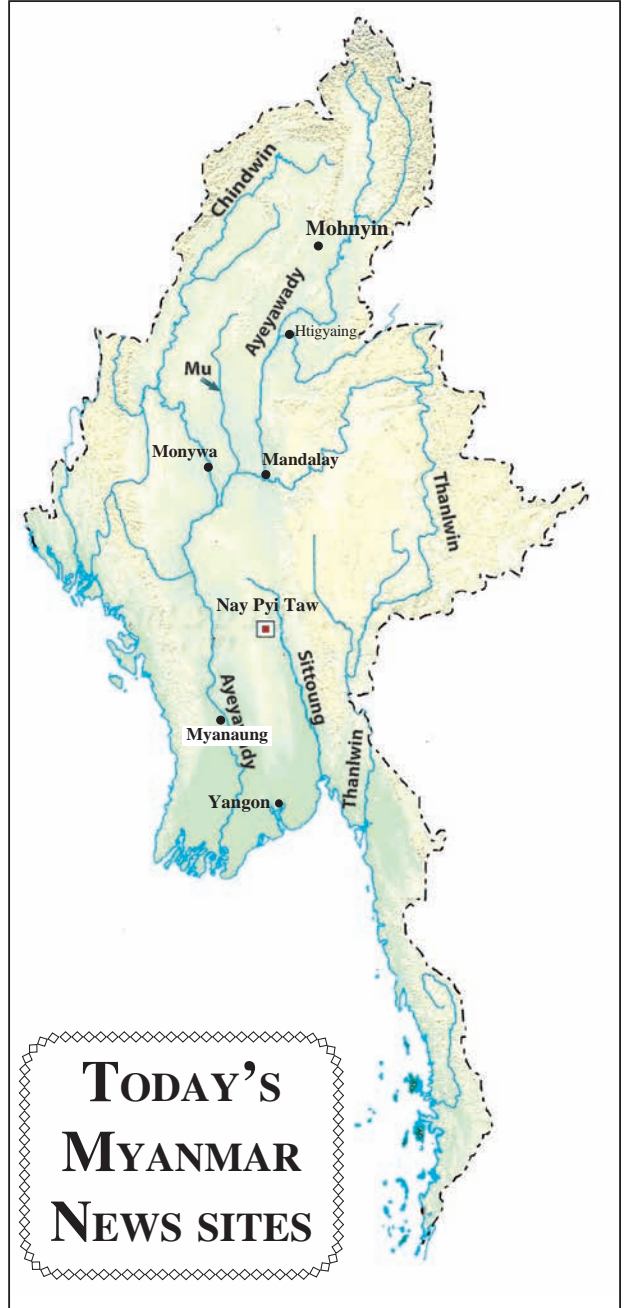
Archaeology and National Museum Department (Mandalay) and students of Architect Major of the Mandalay University of

Technology from 4 to 7 October.

WMF plans to share knowledge about necessary technology for maintenance

of the Golden Palace monastery to local experts and enthusiasts.

*Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)*



## Myitson-Mandalay trains to run on Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad



MOHNYIN, 6 Oct — Kachin State Public Company Ltd will take responsibility to run No 37-up train and No 38-down train under the name of Myitson-Mandalay along Mandalay-Myitkyina route.

Officials have not revealed the date and time of launching the trains yet but the company has built ticket booths at the stations including Mohnyin.

37-up and 38-down

trains are two of five trains of Myanma Railways running along Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad, stopping over at Shwebo, Kawlin, Mohnyin and Mogaung stations.

As the public company will give rail transportation service to the people with the use of locomotives and coaches of Myanma Railways, people hope for enjoying better services for transportation.—NLM-001



## Harvest of monsoon paddy demonstrated on model plot

MYANAUNG, 6 Oct — Farmers in Myanaung Township of Ayeyawady Region started harvest of their monsoon paddy farmlands.

On 4 October, they harvested Vietnamese paddy strain plantation of farmer U Than Zaw Lin on the model plot, producing 113.48 baskets per acre in dried status.

Model plot harvesting was attended by local farmers from the village-tract.

*Win Bo (Township IPRD)*

## Mandalay International Trade Show and Automobile Sales attract Mandalarians

MANDALAY, 6 Oct — The Mandalay International Trade Show and Automobile Sales commenced at Mandalay City Hall on 3 October, attended by Mandalay Region Minister for Development Affairs Mayor U Aung Mung.

A total of 43 companies showcase mobile phones and accessories, electronics and equipment, home decorations, automobile decorations imported from Germany, Thailand-made batteries, Vietnam-made electronic equipment and solar panels, China-made kitchen electronic products, Japan-made air-conditioners, washing machine, fan, motor and electronic materials, India-made medicine, personal goods and cosmetics and Thai-

land-made textile at 80 booths.

Moreover, saloon cars imported from Japan

and the Republic of Korea are also displayed at the show that last up to 6 October from 9 am to 8 pm

daily with the entertainment programmes for the visitors.—*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*





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## Abe to start hearing from experts in mid-November on tax hike

TOKYO, 6 Oct — The government will call for opinions from experts on the economy in mid-November before deciding whether to raise Japan's consumption tax rate to 10 percent in October 2015 as planned, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said on Monday.

"We will start hearing from experts around the timing of the release of the July-September (gross domestic product) data,"

Suga, the government's top spokesman, said at a press conference. The preliminary GDP data will be released on 17 November.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe also said during a parliamentary session earlier in the day that he will begin discussions with experts "as soon as possible" and make a final judgment on the tax issue "by the end of this year" after analyzing the GDP data.

The government held

a similar panel around one month before Abe formally announced in October last year that it would implement the 3-percentage-point tax increase to 8 percent as scheduled on 1 April.

The tax hike is aimed at covering swelling social security costs for Japan's graying population. The country's fiscal health is the worst among major developed economies with public debt equivalent to

more than 200 percent of GDP.

Tokyo has internationally pledged to carry out the two-stage consumption tax increase to promote fiscal rehabilitation, but some government officials and lawmakers have recently urged Abe to put off the second round with economic data showing the first has significantly stifled domestic demand.

Kyodo News



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe gives an answer during a debate at the House of Representatives Budget Committee on 6 Oct, 2014, in Tokyo. The two-month extraordinary Diet session started on 29 Sept, focusing on rejuvenating local economies and increasing women's participation in society.

KYODO NEWS

## Two Swiss nationals shot dead in S Philippines

COTABATO, 6 Oct — Two Swiss nationals were shot dead in southern Philippines on Sunday, local police said on Monday.

The victims, 67-year-old Robert Erich Loefer and 78-year-old Baltazar Johann Erni, were heading home at around 1:00 pm from a beach resort in Opol town in Misamis Oriental along with two of their female friends when they were attacked by two suspected assassins.

Town police com-

mander Senior Inspector Alwin Baclao said the foreigners were shot near the entrance of D Yasay Beach Resort in Opol. They died of multiple gunshot wounds in their heads.

"We will invite the two women for investigation as they saw the perpetrators," he said.

Investigation into the incident is underway. No group or individual has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Xinhua

### Heavy rain hampers search of missing Malaysian navy vessel

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 Oct — The Malaysian Air Force had sent a Beechcraft aircraft to search for a missing navy vessel but heavy rain was hampering the search operation, local media reported on Monday. A Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) combat vessel with seven onboard lost contact with an escort vessel during a voyage in the South China Sea, according to state news agency Bernama.

It quoted Chief of Navy Abdul Aziz Jaafar as saying that the CB90 type of combat vessel lost communication with the escort vessel KD Paus during a voyage in the South China Sea. He said in a statement that the vessel left the RMN base in Kota Kinabalu, the capital of Sabah, at 5 am on Sunday and lost contact with the escort vessel at 11:15 am, adding that the incident occurred during bad weather in the region. Abdul Aziz said a search operation had been carried out by RMN assets, the Royal Malaysian Air Force and the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA).

He said that the crew of the seven people on the missing vessel was headed by Lt Azri Bakar. The MMEA had assigned two vessels and a plane to assist the search and rescue operation, according to *The Star*, a local English-language newspaper. Abdul Aziz said in his tweet account on Monday that MMEA had an AW139 aircraft ready at the Kota Kinabalu International Airport for the operation earlier in the day.—Xinhua

## Lao capital swells for boat racing festival

VIENTIANE, 6 Oct — Tens of thousands are crowding the Mekong riverfront here in the Lao capital as the country's annual boat racing festival kicks into gear.

Each year, the capital swells as people from across the country, as well as tourists from all over the world come to experience the richness of Lao tradition and the excitement of the competition.

The Mekong waterfront has transformed into a festival of Lao culture with hundreds of shops and vendors showcasing their wares. This year's festival trade fair showcases a variety of domestical-

ly made products as well as cultural products from nine districts in the capital.

The festival will also feature traditional performances from a wide range of Lao regions, districts and villages.

On 8 October, the country will celebrate the end of Buddhist Lent which annually coincides with the boat racing festival.

Tourists who wake up early in the morning will be able to see Buddhists offering alms to revered monks. In the evening, the city will be illuminated in candlelight as devotees congregate at temples.

Almost 1,500 police

officers will be deployed throughout the festival to ensure the smooth flow of traffic and the safety of both domestic and foreign festival attendees, reports said.

"The objective of the boat racing festival is to preserve, promote and protect the fine tradition of the Lao capital," Deputy Head of the Vientiane Traffic Police Department Major Bounmark Soundalay was quoted by official Lao news agency KPL as saying on Monday.

"It has been passed on from generations to another since time immemorial."

Xinhua

## Thai king undergoes surgery, PM visits hospital



People hold pictures of Thailand's revered King Bhumibol Adulyadej as they gather at the Siriraj hospital in Bangkok on 5 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

BANGKOK, 6 Oct — Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the world's longest-reigning monarch, has undergone surgery to

remove his gallbladder, the palace said in a televised statement on Monday.

The declining health of the 86-year-old king has

formed the backdrop to Thailand's protracted political crisis, and Monday's palace update came shortly after Prime Minister

Prayuth Chan-ocha, who seized power in a coup in May, had visited the Bangkok hospital where Bhumibol is recuperating.

"On 5 October medicals X-rayed His Majesty and found his gallbladder very swollen. Last night at 09:45 pm doctors ... inserted a camera into the stomach (area) and removed the gallbladder," the statement from the palace said.

"The operation was satisfactory and His Majesty returned to his room at 20 minutes past midnight. This morning the heartbeat has lowered, blood pressure is normal and His Majesty's fever is lower. Doctors continue to administer antibiotics and continue to administer an intravenous drip."

Gallbladder removal is a common surgical proce-

dures, usually carried out to relieve painful gallstones, and loss of the organ does not cause complications for most patients.

The king was discharged from hospital last month after nearly five weeks of treatment for stomach inflammation. He was readmitted to hospital late on Friday for what the Royal Household Bureau said was a fever and irregular blood pressure.

Junta leader Prayuth, dressed in a suit and wearing a yellow tie — a colour closely associated with the king — led a big entourage, including deputy prime ministers and Thai army chief General Udomdej Sitabutr, to Siriraj Hospital, where the group signed a book with get-well messages for Bhumibol.

Reuters



## Russian opposition politician's ally Ashurkov seeks political asylum in UK

MOSCOW, 6 Oct — Vladimir Ashurkov, an accomplice of opposition politician Alexei Navalny and a suspect put on a wanted list in Russia, confirmed on Monday that he has applied for a political asylum in the United Kingdom.

"Some time ago I asked the government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to be granted an asylum due to political persecution from the Russian Federation authorities," Ashurkov wrote on Twitter, giving no further comments.

Ashurkov is suspect-

ed of embezzling funds for Navalny's election campaign during the 2013 Moscow mayoral election. He is among three suspects in the case, including Konstantin Yankauskas and Nikolay Lyaskin.

In an application form, Ashurkov said the case against him was opened in Russia in late May, and he was pressed with charges in early June. The suspect left Russia for Israel in early April and later moved to the UK.

Together with his family, Ashurkov reportedly lives in a prestigious area of London.

Itar-Tass



Vladimir Ashurkov

## Jovanovic: Rebuilding trust in public procurement system

BELGRADE, 6 Oct — The Public Procurement Office of the Republic of Serbia aims to rebuild the trust in the public procurement system, as bidders tend to withdraw in advance thinking that the procedures are rigged, the institution's director Predrag Jovanovic said.

Jovanovic told *Tanjug* that the consistent implementation of the Public Procurement Law has led to substantial cost cuts "without sacrificing either the quality or the quantity".

A stronger competition leads to more favourable terms of procurement, he said, which means that products or services of the same quality can be purchased at lower prices.

"These conditions have been ensured over the last year, first of all by suppressing the so-called negotiating procedures, which include negotiations with a specific bidder or a short deadline for reasons of urgency, which does not allow sufficient time

for all interested bidders to submit their offers. Under such conditions, the prices were even up to 30 percent higher than in open procedures," said Jovanovic.

He noted that the stake of negotiating procedures in public procurement processes ranged between 24 and 37 percent over the past ten years, while this year it dropped to only four percent.

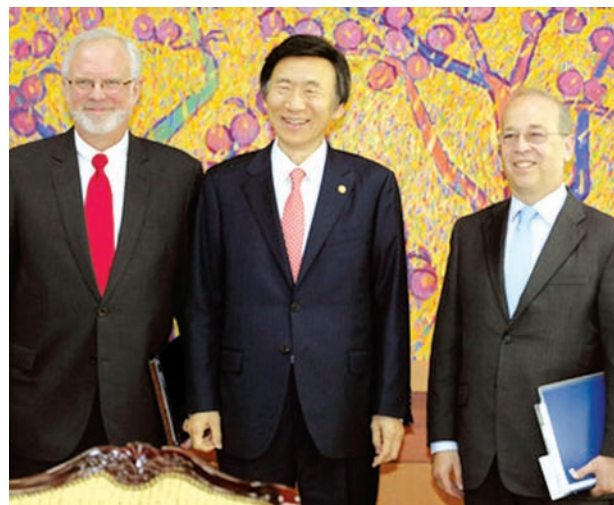
According to the latest data of the Public Procurement Office, the value of all procurement contracts concluded in the first half of 2014 totals RSD 147.59

billion. The value of open procedure contracts in the same period was RSD 116.57 billion, while the negotiating procedures accounted for only RSD 5.19 billion worth of contracts.

A comprehensive reform of the public procurement system started last year with the adoption of the Law, as well as the strategy for strengthening the institutions, a more active role of the judiciary, and more efficient sanctions for violations of the Law, which is the key EU recommendation, Jovanovic pointed out.—*Tanjug*



## US-Japan guideline revision helps stabilize region: US official



US Assistant Secretary of Defence David Shear (L) and US Assistant Secretary of State Daniel Russel (R) pose for a photograph with South Korean Foreign Minister Yun Byung Se (C) prior to their talks in Seoul on 6 Oct, 2014. The talks focused on briefing Seoul on the defence guidelines revision with Japan prior to the release of an interim report on it.—KYODO NEWS

priate channels and enable us to ensure vitally important partner the Republic of Korea has full visibility into a positive agenda we are working on," Russel, standing alongside with Shear, told reporters.

Russel is scheduled to visit Japan later in the day, and Shear, who took up the post in the summer, plans to leave for Tokyo on

Tuesday after meeting with South Korean Defence Minister Han Min Koo later Monday.

The US move apparently reflects South Korean concerns about possible expansion of Japan's defence capability under the alliance with the United States after Tokyo eased its self-imposed ban on collective self-defence this

summer, enabling Japan to play a greater role in security affairs.

The Japanese government has yet to submit any bills that back the defence policy change to parliament.

Given that the Korean Peninsula was under Japanese colonial rule from 1910 to 1945, South Korea is generally cautious about any increase in the activities of Japan's Self-Defence Forces.

Japan and the United States plan to release a midterm report on Wednesday in Tokyo on the first review since 1997 to the guidelines that detail the roles of the US military and the SDF in various possible contingencies.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's government changed the interpretation in July of the war-renouncing Constitution in a bid to enable the SDF to use the right to collective self-defence, or help allies such as the United States in a contingency even when Japan is not directly attacked.

Kyodo News

## Rousseff, Neves to have runoff in Brazilian presidential poll

BRASILIA, 6 Oct — A runoff is expected to take place between Brazil's incumbent President Dilma Rousseff and her rival Aécio Neves on 26 October, preliminary results showed.

With 98 percent of the votes counted, according to Brazil's leading news website G1, Rousseff led with 41.35 percent of the votes, followed by Neves with 33.82 percent.

Socialist party opposition candidate Marina Silva, who had occupied the second place in pre-election polls trailed in the third place with 21.27 percent of the votes.

The contenders have yet to make formal statements. It is not known whether Silva will declare support to any candidates. Her party alliance may break now, with the parties choosing support for either Rousseff or Neves.

As Brazil's first woman president, Rousseff has forged a balanced government that promotes business and manufacturing sectors, as well as social policies that



The Brazilian President and presidential candidate of the Workers Party (PT, for its acronym in Portuguese), Dilma Rousseff, shows her ballot at a polling station in the Santos Dumont school, in Porto Alegre, Brazil, on 5 Oct, 2014.—XINHUA

have lifted thousands out of poverty.

This has garnered her government high marks and explains her wide appeal.

Meanwhile, pro-business rival Neves made an unexpected rise benefiting from Brazil's long economic slump. Just a week before the elections, Neves, who hoped to bring the Social Democracy Party back to power after 12 years in the opposition, appeared to have little chance of getting

enough votes for the runoff.

As a two-term governor of Minas Gerais, one of Brazil's largest and most populous states, Neves gained credits in putting the state's finances in order and cutting down its debts.

Neves has blamed Rousseff's interventionist policies, which he said harmed an economic upturn, and he is proposing free trade and tighter government spending.

Xinhua



## WORLD

# UAE says Biden apologizes for any implication it supported militants



Anwar Mohammed Gargash, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs

DUBAI, 6 Oct — The United Arab Emirates said on Sunday that US Vice President Joe Biden had apologized to the Abu Dhabi crown prince for “any implications” in a speech he made last week that the UAE had supported Islamist militants in Syria. The call, confirmed by the White House, came after a day

after Biden offered a similar apology to Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan.

Biden, who is known for his occasional verbal gaffes, angered US allies when he suggested in a speech at Harvard University on Thursday that Turkey, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates had extended “billions of dollars and tens of thousands of tons of weapons” to Sunni fighters trying to oust Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Anwar Gargash demanded an official explanation for Biden’s remarks, which he said had created “a negative and untrue impression about the role of the UAE”, according to state news agency WAM.

On Sunday, Biden telephoned Sheikh Mohammed bin

Zayed al-Nehayan, who is also the deputy supreme commander of the UAE armed forces, over the comments.

“In the phone call, Biden offered his apology to the UAE for any implications in his recent statements that may have been understood to mean that the UAE had supported the growth of some of the terrorist organizations in the region,” WAM said.

Biden’s office, in a statement regarding the telephone call to Sheikh Mohammed, said the vice president “clarified that his recent remarks regarding the early stages of the conflict in Syria were not meant to imply that the UAE had facilitated or supported ISIL, Al-Qaeda or other extremist groups in Syria”. ISIL is an acronym for Islamic State.

It added: “The Vice President

noted the UAE’s strong steps in countering extremist messaging and financing and expressed gratitude for their participation in ongoing military operations against ISIL.”

The UAE is one of several Arab countries that have joined a US-led coalition against Islamist militants, and its air force participated in strikes on targets belonging to Islamic State and the al-Qaeda wing in Syria, the al-Nusra Front.

Biden, considered among the top Democratic presidential candidates in 2016 if Hillary Clinton does not run, said in his Harvard speech that the battle to stop Islamic State militants’ advance in Syria and Iraq was going to be a “hell of a long fight” for the United States and its coalition partners.—Reuters

## New NATO chief says wants constructive ties with Russia

WARSAW, 6 Oct — NATO wants constructive relations with Russia even as it increases its presence in its member states in eastern Europe, the alliance’s new secretary-general told a Polish newspaper on Monday.

Jens Stoltenberg, who is visiting Poland, said NATO would still respect its international commitments, which include a post-Cold War deal with Moscow about Western military deployments in former members of the old Soviet bloc.

“There is no contradiction between a strong NATO and building constructive relations with Russia,” Stoltenberg, a former Norwegian prime minister who took up his new job last week, told the *Gazeta Wyborcza* daily in an interview.

“That stems from my political experience. Norway is a small country that neighbours Russia, yet despite that, probably even in the coldest periods of the Cold War, we were able to cooperate on questions of energy, fisheries and demarcation of maritime borders,” he was quoted as saying.

Relations between Moscow and the NATO alliance are at a post-Cold War low over Russia’s actions in Ukraine, where it annexed the Crimean peninsula in March and has been supporting pro-Russian separatists in eastern Ukraine.

“We are strengthening our security without violating NATO’s international commitments,” Stoltenberg



New NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg of Norway addresses a news conference at the Alliance headquarters in Brussels on 1 Oct, 2014.

REUTERS

said of the alliance’s increased presence in Poland and the Baltic states.

Aiming to reassure allies near Russia’s border, the alliance has adopted a plan to create a “spearhead” rapid reaction force and pre-position supplies and equipment in east European countries so they can be reinforced within days in a crisis. NATO suspended all practical cooperation with Russia in April in protest over Moscow’s seizure of Crimea. But it has made clear it will not intervene militarily in Ukraine, which is not an alliance member.

Stoltenberg, 55, who in his youth was an anti-war activist, is known for his skills in forging compromise and for his knowledge of Russia. As Norwegian prime minister, he negotiated a deal with Russia in 2010 that ended a four-decade dispute over their Arctic maritime borders and built a personal friendship with then-president Dmitry Medvedev.

Reuters

## Parents of American held by Islamic State release photos, letter

WASHINGTON, 6 Oct — The parents of an US aid worker held hostage by Islamic State militants on Sunday released photographs of their son and parts of a letter he wrote them from captivity in which he says he is scared to die but at peace with his belief.

Peter Kassig, 26, was taken captive a year ago while doing humanitarian work in Syria, his family has said. He was threatened in an Islamic State video issued on Friday that showed the beheading of a British aid worker.

Ed and Paula Kassig of Indianapolis, Indiana,

appealed for his release on Saturday in a video message.

On Sunday, they called for people to use the name he has taken since converting to Islam, Abdul-Rahman Kassig.

They also released photos of him working as a medic in Syria in 2013, fishing with his father on the Ohio River in southern Indiana in 2011, and — much younger — standing in his mother’s arms by a waterfall during a family camping trip in 2000.

Kassig’s parents said they were overwhelmed by the response from those who thought their boy was

a hero for the humanitarian work he had been doing.

“We have also received many questions about our son’s conversion to Islam,” they said, adding that friends said his journey towards Islam began before he was taken captive, and that he voluntarily converted between October and December 2013.

Quoting from a letter he wrote them in June, they said he prays five times every day and takes the religion’s practices seriously, including adopting the name Abdul-Rahman. “We see this as part of our son’s long spiritual journey,” they said.

In the parts of the letter they released, Kassig thanked his parents and said it could not have been easy raising him.

“I am obviously pretty scared to die but the hardest part is not knowing, wondering, hoping, and wondering if I should even hope at all,” he wrote.

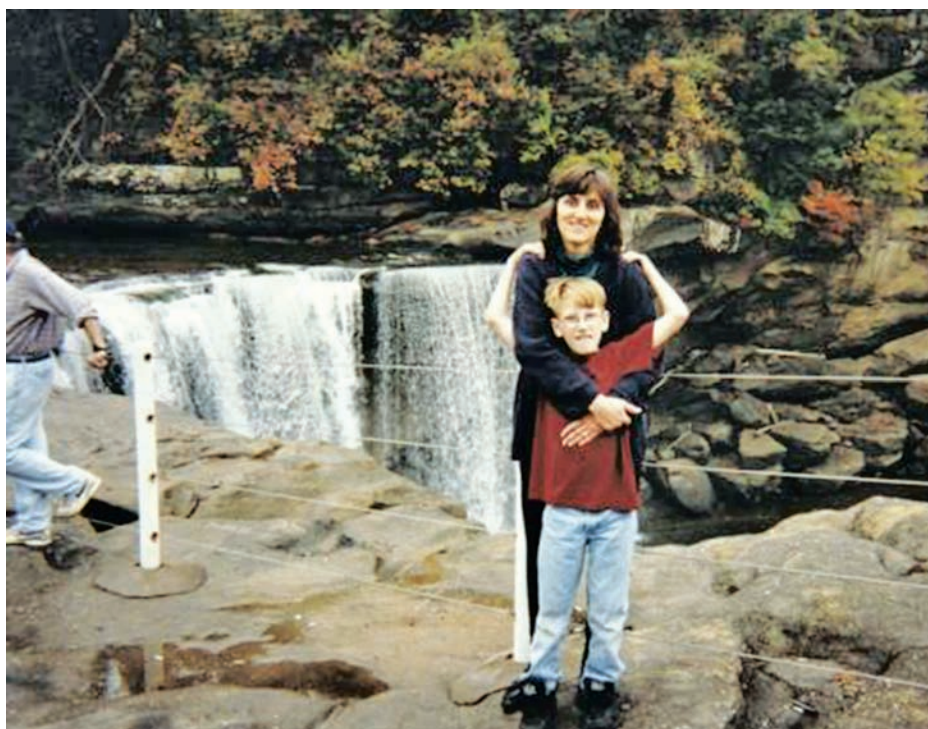
“If I do die, I figure that at least you and I can seek refuge and comfort in knowing that I went out as a result of trying to alleviate suffering and helping those in need.”

The letter added that he was in a “dogmatically complicated situation here, but I am at peace with my belief.” Kassig had been doing humanitarian work through Special Emergency Response and Assistance, an organization he founded in 2012 to treat refugees from Syria, his parents have said.

They have also said their son served in the US Army during the Iraq war before being medically discharged. 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 hospitals and treating Palestinian refugees and those fleeing Syria’s civil war.

Reuters



Abdul-Rahman Kassig stand as a young boy with his mother, Paula Kassig, at Cumberland Falls State Resort Park near Corbin, Kentucky, during a family camping trip in 2000 in this photo courtesy of the Kassig family.

REUTERS



## Euro Buying K1,235: Selling K1,255





*Union Minister for Industry U Maung Myint and wife being welcomed by German Ambassador Mr Christian-Ludwig Weber-Lortsch at the reception to mark the German Unity Day of the Federal Republic of Germany in Yangon on 6 October.*

MNA

## Champion Yangon Region women's football team honoured

YANGON, 6 Oct—Patron of Yangon Region Women's Sports Victory Committee Daw Khin Thet Htay hosted a lunch to Yangon Region women's football team that secured the champion in the Inter-State/Region Women's Football Tournament 2014 at the hall of the Yangon Region Women's Affairs Organization in Yangon

on Monday.

In the tournament, Ma Khaing Mar Oo won the best forward award and Ma Zin Mar Tun, the best player award.

The tournament kicked off in Mandalay Region on 14 September. In the final match on 4 October, Yangon stood first, Mandalay, second and Ayeyawady third.—MNA

## Victorious Sepak Takraw team arrives back home

YANGON, 6 Oct—Victorious Myanmar Sepak Takraw team that bagged two gold, one silver and one bronze in the 17<sup>th</sup> Asian Games together with track & field and Taekwondo teams led by Deputy Director-General U Thet Lwin

of the Sports and Physical Education Department arrived back at Yangon International Airport on Sunday evening.

They were welcomed back at the airport by officials of the SPED, company staff and people.

Altogether 54 countries participated in the Asian Games. Myanmar stood 20<sup>th</sup> on the table with two gold, one silver and one bronze medals through Sepak Takraw event.

SPED



*Victorious Myanmar Sepak Takraw team seen at Yangon International Airport on their arrival.—SPED*

## Milk gruel fed to primary students



PANTANAW, 6 Oct—Students of Basic Education Primary School were fed rice gruel in Minhse Village of Pantanaw Township in Ayeyawady Region on 4 October.

To mark the birthday

of KG student Ma Phu Ei Shwe Sin, the milk gruel was given to 113 students. Headmistress Daw Thanda Win expressed thanks for donation of the refreshments.

Khin Maung Zaw

## First national volunteer . . .

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“COM is also planning to implement a two-week international volunteer work camp on 15 November in Ywangan Township of southern Shan State,” said B Htoo, a member from COM.

“Transportation is main difficulty for the volunteer team but it is carrying out its educative programmes in far-flung areas,” said Thazin Aung, adding that about 3,000 young people were educated through 14 international work camps.

GNLM



*Patron of Yangon Region Women's Sports Victory Committee Daw Khin Thet Htay garlands a victorious woman footballer.—MNA*

## Performing arts competitions kick off in west and north districts of Yangon

YANGON, 6 Oct—The Yangon West District's 21<sup>st</sup> Myanmar National Races Performing Arts Competition kicked off at No 7 Basic Education High School in Ahlon Township of Yangon on Sunday, attended by Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe. District level officials

formally opened the competition.

Yangon Region Minister for Finance Daw San San Nwe presented K1 million to the fund of the competition to the deputy commissioner of the district.

A similar ceremony of Yangon North District was held at the hall of Main

Heavy Machinery (South) in Insein Township.

Deputy Commissioner of the district U Myat Tun Oo and officials formally opened the competition.

The region finance minister gave K1 million to the fund of district competition through officials.

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*A responsible person of Charity Oriented Myanmar (COM) poses with a group photo together with local youths at their work to pick out garbage as part of efforts for conservation of environment in rural area.*

PHOTO: KHAING THANDA LWIN



# High risk Ebola could reach France and UK by end-Oct, scientists calculate



*Pallets of supplies wait to be loaded on a 747 aircraft at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport on 20 Sept, 2014. — REUTERS*

LONDON, 6 Oct — Scientists have used Ebola disease spread patterns and airline traffic data to predict a 75 percent chance the virus could be imported to France by 24 October, and a 50 percent chance it could hit Britain by that date.

Those numbers are based on air traffic remaining at full capacity. Assuming an 80 percent reduction in travel to reflect that many airlines are halting flights to affected regions, France's risk is still 25 percent, and Britain's is 15 percent. "It's really a lottery," said Derek Gatherer of Britain's Lancaster Uni-

versity, an expert in viruses who has been tracking the epidemic — the worst Ebola outbreak in history.

The deadly epidemic has killed more than 3,400 people since it began in West Africa in March and has now started to spread faster, infecting almost 7,200 people so far. Nigeria, Senegal and now the United States — where the first case was diagnosed on Tuesday in a man who flew in from Liberia — have all seen people carrying the Ebola haemorrhagic fever virus, apparently unwittingly, arrive on their shores. France is among

countries most likely to be hit next because the worst affected countries — Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia — include French speakers and have busy travel routes back, while Britain's Heathrow airport is one of the world's biggest travel hubs.

France and Britain have each treated one national who was brought home with the disease and then cured. The scientists' study suggests that more may bring it to Europe not knowing they are infected.

"If this thing continues to rage on in West Africa and indeed gets worse, as some people have predicted, then it's only a matter of time before one of these cases ends up on a plane to Europe," said Gatherer.

Belgium has a 40 percent chance of seeing the disease arrive on its territory, while Spain and Switzerland have lower risks of 14 percent each, according to the study first published in the journal *PLoS Current Outbreaks* and now being regularly updated at [www.mobs-lab.org/ebola.html](http://www.mobs-lab.org/ebola.html).

The World Health Organization (WHO) has not

placed any restrictions on travel and has encouraged airlines to keep flying to the worst-hit countries. British Airways and Emirates airlines have suspended some flights. But the risks change every day the epidemic continues, said Alex Vespignani, a professor at the Laboratory for the Modeling of Biological and Socio-Technical Systems at Northeastern University in Boston who led the research.

"This is not a deterministic list, it's about probabilities — but those probabilities are growing for everyone," Vespignani said in a telephone interview. "It's just a matter of who gets lucky and who gets unlucky."

The latest calculations used data from 1 October.

"Air traffic is the driver," Vespignani said. "But there are also differences in connections with the affected countries (Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone), as well as different numbers of cases in these three countries — so depending on that, the probability numbers change."

*Reuters*

## China's central bank sticks to prudent monetary policy



BEIJING, 6 Oct — China will continue its prudent monetary policy, flexibly use monetary instruments and maintain "moderate" liquidity to achieve reasonable growth in loans and social financing, the central bank said on Sunday.

After its monetary policy committee concluded its quarterly meeting, the People's Bank of China (PBOC) said in a statement that it will closely watch new developments in the domestic and international economy and finance as well as changes in international capital flows.

The Chinese economy is running within a "proper range" with prices remaining stable, but the world's second-largest economy is still faced with complicated situations, meeting participants said. The tone in the statement is largely in line with the previous one released on 7 July after the quarterly

meeting, but the latest statement stressed that the complicated situations should not be underestimated. The US economy is showing more positive signs, and the euro zone is once again stepping up efforts on monetary policy easing, while the real economy of some emerging markets are confronted with an array of difficulties, meeting participants held. The meeting called for improvements to the structure of financing and credit, deepened financial system reform, and an improvement of the financial sector's capability to facilitate the real economy. The monetary policy committee also urged for a market-oriented interest rate reform, and the renminbi's exchange rate formation reform to keep the exchange rate of the currency fundamentally stable at a reasonable and equilibrium level. — *Xinhua*

## Cambodian officials, CEOs discuss country's economic future

PHNOM PENH, 6 Oct — Around 300 Cambodian government officials, business leaders, economists and researchers met in an international investment conference here on Monday to exchange views on the prospect of Cambodia's economic development.

Prime Minister Hun Sen said at the opening of the two-day event that the conference would pro-

vide a new opportunity for strengthening and expanding business and investment sector in Cambodia.

The prime minister said Cambodia has great potential for economic growth and diversification in many areas, meaning the country can offer a big room for investment now and in the future.

"Currently, garment, tourism, construction and

agriculture sectors are the pillars of economic growth in Cambodia; therefore, we need more investment in other sectors to help drive our economic growth," he said. For 2014 and in the medium term, Hun Sen said Cambodia's economic growth is expected to exceed 7 percent per annum, thanks to the development of the energy sector and other physical infrastruc-

ture and enhanced competitiveness, trade facilitation and investment environment.

"Besides, Cambodia's inflation is expected to be contained within 3 to 4 percent in 2014 in spite of high inflation in the region and increase in food and oil prices," he said.

The country's banking system remains robust with enough capital and liquid-

ity, he said, adding that bank deposits and loans that continued to increase last year showed the public confidence in the banking system. The inflow of foreign direction investment to Cambodia remained strong, driven by the relocation of factories in neighbouring countries and the growing investment from countries including China, Japan and South Korea.

"The conference is a unique opportunity for Cambodia's business leaders to engage with Cambodia's political leaders on all aspects of the country's economic growth," said Brett Sciaroni, chairman of the International Business Chamber of Cambodia. "It is also an ideal opportunity to talk about Cambodia as a development success story." — *Xinhua*

## Sierra Leone records 121 Ebola deaths in a single day

FREETOWN, 6 Oct — Sierra Leone recorded 121 deaths from Ebola and scores of new infections in one of the single deadliest days since the disease appeared in the West African country more than four months ago, government health statistics showed on Sunday.

The figures, which covered the period through Saturday, put the total number of deaths at 678, up from 557 the day before. The daily statistics compiled by Sierra Leone's Emergency Operations

Centre also showed 81 new cases of the hemorrhagic fever.

Ebola was first reported in Guinea in March and has since spread to neighbouring Liberia and Sierra Leone in what has become the worst epidemic of the disease since Ebola was identified in 1976.

Smaller outbreaks in Nigeria and Senegal were brought under control.

The United States last week confirmed its first Ebola case, a Liberian national who had traveled to Texas.



*A health worker takes the temperature of people at a news conference on the opening of a new Ebola clinic, outside Monrovia on 3 Oct, 2014. — REUTERS*

The overall death toll from the epidemic reached 3,439 out of a total of 7,492 cases in West Africa and the United States as of 1 October, the World Health Organization said last week.

The UN agency's statistics varied from those compiled by Sierra Leone. After an initial slow response, international assistance and supplies are now pouring into West Africa.

The United States is deploying around 4,000 military personnel to the region to support efforts to

combat the outbreak in Liberia, the country worst hit by the disease.

Britain and China have sent personnel to Sierra Leone. Cuba dispatched a 165-member medical team, including specialists and nurses, to Sierra Leone last week.

The country's deputy health and sanitation minister Madina Rahman said on Saturday that the Cuban team's mission would last at least six months. She said the team would be deployed to areas across Sierra Leone. — *Reuters*



## US Marine's F-35B jet makes debut at Miramar Air Show



Visitors gather to look at the brand new F-35B Lightning stealth fighter plane during the Miramar Air Show in San Diego, California, the United States, on 4 Oct, 2014. The Marines demonstrate the new F-35B Joint Strike Fighter at this year's Miramar Air Show. The US Navy "Blue Angeles" perform during the Miramar Air Show. —XINHUA

## PNG fault study to reveal secrets of Earth's movement: New Zealand researchers

WELLINGTON, 6 Oct — New Zealand geologists have begun work on a major international study of a rare exposed active continental fault in the southwest Pacific nation of Papua New Guinea.

The geologists from Victoria University have carried out reconnaissance fieldwork on the remote Maiu'iu Fault in the Owen Stanley Mountains in preparation for an expedition of scientists from New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Professor Tim Little and Dr Kevin Norton of the university would lead the team, which hopes to get insights into the mechanics of large faults in active continental rifts by measuring how rapidly a single large fault can move, to determine whether such slips can ac-

cumulate slowly and steadily without earthquakes, and to analyze the amount of friction in the fault.

The Maiu'iu Fault was unique in that it was moving extremely quickly and was inclined on a very low angle, Little said in a statement on Monday.

"The rapid slip leads to the uplift and exposure of a smooth fault surface, which can be studied in great detail in the field. More than a 25-km width of the uplifted fault surface is currently visible in the landscape, rising from near sea level at the base of the scarp to an elevation of greater than 2,800 metres near the crest of the mountains," he said.

"The average rate of tectonic slip on this fault is very high, perhaps 1 centimetre a year, which is the fastest rate for a fault of

its kind in the world. It's being pulled up so rapidly that erosion isn't able to keep pace, which means a smooth expanse of the fault surface is preserved in the landscape."

Norton said the speed of the fault's movement would be analyzed using cosmogenic dating, a technology that could accurately determine the ages of landforms.

"When the radiation hits rock it turns some of the atoms into new different elements called cosmogenic nuclides. The longer a rock sits at the surface, the more these nuclides accumulate," Norton said in the statement.

The research team planned to begin detailed investigation of the fault by the middle of next year.

Xinhua

## Samsung to invest \$14.7 billion in new South Korea chip facility

SEOUL, 6 Oct — Samsung Electronics Co Ltd plans to invest \$14.7 billion to construct a new chip production plant in South Korea, a major bet on its semiconductor business amid a smartphone earnings slump.

Samsung, the world's biggest memory chip maker, said the new plant will help boost its competitiveness in the semiconductor industry, which it is showing steady growth due to increased demand from mobile devices.

The plant will make either logic or memory chips, Samsung said, adding that a final decision on products had not been made yet. The firm said its chip production capacity was expected to increase by a "low double digit percentage".

The plant will be located in Pyeongtaek, a city roughly 75 kilometres south of Seoul and construction is scheduled to be completed by the second half of 2017.

The chip business is likely to be a lone bright spot in what's otherwise expected to be a poor third quarter for the South Kore-

an giant.

Profits for company's key smartphone business are slipping rapidly as Apple Inc grabs the lion's share of profits at the high end of the market and Chinese makers of cheap and feature-rich smartphones, like Lenovo Group Ltd and Xiaomi Inc, erode margins at the low end.

The mean forecast from a Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S survey of 42 analysts calls for the firm's July-September operating profit to come in at 5.6 trillion won, its weakest performance since the fourth quarter of 2011.

Some analysts forecast that the chip division could deliver stronger operating profit than the handsets division in the third quarter for the first time in more than three years.

Market conditions for the memory market have remained favourable amid stronger-than-anticipated demand from personal computer and servers. Industry players like Samsung have also been managed their capacity expansion carefully, keeping supply tight.—Reuters

## Silicon Valley giant Hewlett-Packard to split in two

SAN FRANCISCO, 6 Oct — Silicon Valley stalwart Hewlett-Packard Co, which has struggled to adapt to the new era of mobile and online computing, plans to split into two companies as it looks to put more focus on the faster-growing corporate services market, according to a *Wall Street Journal* report on Sunday.

The move, which could be announced as early as Monday, would be a monumental reshaping of one of technology's most important pioneers, which still has more than 300,000 employees and is on track to book \$112 billion in revenue this fiscal year.

Under the reported plan, HP will separate its computer and printer businesses from its corporate hardware and services operations, and spin the unit off through a tax-free distribution of shares to stockholders next year.

A company spokeswoman declined to comment on the report.

HP's printing and personal computing business accounts for about half its revenue and profit, according to last quarter's financial results. It is not clear how many of HP's more than 300,000 staff work in each of the planned businesses.

Founded by Bill Hewlett and Dave Packard in a Palo Alto, California garage in 1939, HP was one of the companies that shaped Silicon Valley and the PC rev-

olution. Lately, however, it has struggled to adapt to the shift towards mobile computing, and it has been overshadowed by younger rivals.

HP's market value of \$66 billion is dwarfed by Apple Inc's \$596 billion and Microsoft Corp's \$380 billion.

It has also been overtaken by aggressive Chinese PC maker Lenovo, which is now the world's No 1 PC maker by shipments. Dell, which is HP's closest US competitor and facing similar pressure, was taken private by founder Michael Dell last year.

HP is the latest in a line of companies, often under shareholder pressure, to spin off operations in an attempt to become more agile and to capitalize on faster-growing businesses. Last week online auction company eBay Inc said it would spin off electronic payment service PayPal.

HP and some of its investors have long considered such a move, the *Journal* report noted. As one of the older big computer companies, for several years HP directors have discussed ways to restructure to keep up with technology upstarts.

A source familiar with the matter said HP had held merger talks with storage and cloud-computing firm EMC recently, as a way of moving more forcefully into online services.

Many investors and analysts have called for a break-up of the company,



A Hewlett-Packard logo is seen at the company's Executive Briefing Center in Palo Alto, California on 16 Jan, 2013.—REUTERS

or a sale of the personal computer business, so that HP could focus on the more profitable operations of providing computer servers, networking and data storage to businesses.

Company executives have said in the past that personal computers underpin and support the company as a whole. HP did consider spinning off its PC division in 2011 under then-CEO Leo Apotheker, but ultimately decided against the idea.

The PC business has shown signs of life in recent quarters, growing broadly geographically as businesses replace aging machines. Even so, the report of the plan to split off that business surprised some on *Wall Street*.

"I wonder what would have changed in the board's thinking that previously they thought they needed computers together with services

to properly serve large enterprises to now," said Hudson Square Research analyst Daniel Ernst.

"PCs and printing remain in long-term secular decline, and while HP has managed that business well, the challenges for that portion of the split company will only grow as the demand continues to erode, and commoditization forces prices down further."

The *Journal*, citing one of its sources, said the plans call for current HP CEO Meg Whitman to become CEO of the new so-called enterprise company and also be chairman of the PC and printer company.

Current HP lead independent director Patricia Russo would be chairman of the enterprise company. The CEO of the PC and printer company would be Dion Weisler, who is currently an executive in that division, the report said.—Reuters



## Powerful typhoon hits Tokyo, one dead, five missing



**High waves are generated by powerful typhoon Phanfone off the coast of the Japanese tourist city of Kamakura near Tokyo on 6 Oct, 2014. A US serviceperson was reported to have died after being swept away by high waves in Japan's southernmost prefecture of Okinawa.—KYODO NEWS**

TOKYO, 6 Oct—A powerful typhoon hit the Tokyo metropolitan area on Monday after making landfall in central Japan earlier in the day, bringing heavy rain and strong winds across wide areas of the country, leaving at least one dead and five missing.

Typhoon Phanfone moved inland from the Pacific near Hamamatsu, Shizuoka Prefecture shortly after 8 a.m. and moved northeast to rip through Tokyo before heading out to sea, the Japan Meteorological Agency said. The season's 18<sup>th</sup> typhoon is expected to weaken to an extratropical depression off Japan's northern Pacific coast later in the day.

Two men went missing in Yokohama, near Tokyo, Monday morning, after two

separate mudslides hit a temple and an apartment building amidst the typhoon. On Sunday, three US military personnel were swept away by high waves in Okinawa. One was later confirmed dead while the other two are missing, according to local police. A 21-year-old man from Tokyo also went missing while surfing at Shonan beach in Kanagawa Prefecture on Sunday.

The weather agency urged vigilance against heavy rain and strong winds, as well as mudslides and river flooding.

More than 2 million people in eight prefectures were advised to evacuate while evacuation orders were issued to over 50,000 people, including those in Izu Oshima Island where heavy rains caused deadly

search for victims of the 27 September eruption of Mt. Ontake in central Japan for the second consecutive day, where 12 people remain missing. People living below the mountain were warned that the downpour could wash away volcanic ash, causing mudslides. So far, no mudslides have been confirmed.

The typhoon prompted airlines to cancel more than 600 flights, while about 100 bullet train runs on the To-kaido Shinkansen Line were suspended, affecting more than 100,000 people. Commuter trains were also partially canceled, disrupting transportation in the morning rush hours.

At 2 pm, the typhoon



**Passers-by with umbrellas struggle against strong winds and heavy rain caused by Typhoon Phanfone, in Tokyo on 6 Oct, 2014. —KYODO NEWS**

mudslides in October last year. Rainfall brought by the typhoon reached 87 millimeters per hour in the Aoi Ward of Shizuoka city, and 72 mm in Hiratsuka, Kanagawa Prefecture, both record-highs for the areas.

Heavy rains forced rescuers to suspend the

was moving east-northeast, at a speed of 80 kilometers per hour about 150 km east of Iwaki, Fukushima Prefecture, with an atmospheric pressure of 975 hectopascals at its centre and packing winds of up to 180 km per hour, according to the agency.—Kyodo News

## Nobel Prize for medicine goes to discoverers of brain's inner GPS system



**Professor Ole Kiehn presents the winners of the Nobel Prize in Medicine US-British scientist John O'Keefe and Norwegian husband and wife Edvard Moser and May-Britt Moser for their discoveries of cells that constitute a positioning system in the brain, at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm on 6 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS**

STOCKHOLM, 6 Oct—American-British scientist John O'Keefe and Norwegians May-Britt Moser and Edvard Moser won the 2014 Nobel Prize for medicine for discovering the brain's "inner GPS" that makes it possible to orient ourselves in space and help understand diseases like Alzheimer's, the award-giving body said on Monday.

"The discoveries... have solved a problem that has occupied philosophers and scientists for centuries," the Nobel Assembly at Sweden's Karolinska Institute said in a statement when awarding the prize of 8 million Swedish crowns (\$1.1 million) (688,317 pound). "How does the brain create a map of the space surrounding us and how can we navigate our way through a complex environment?" the body added. The Mosers join an

exclusive club of married couples to win a Nobel Prize that includes scientific greats Pierre Curie and Marie Curie.

"Knowledge about the brain's positioning system may, therefore, help us understand the mechanism underpinning the devastating spatial loss that affects people with this (Alzheimer's) disease," the body added. O'Keefe is director of the Sainsbury Wellcome Centre in Neural Circuits and Behaviour at University College London. The Mosers are both based in scientific institutes in the Norwegian town of Trondheim. Medicine is the first of the Nobel prizes awarded each year. Prizes for achievements in science, literature and peace were first awarded in 1901 in accordance with the will of dynamite inventor and businessman Alfred Nobel.—Reuters

## World falling behind 2020 plan for nature protection

OSLO, 6 Oct—Governments are failing to meet goals to protect animals and plants set out in a biodiversity plan for 2020 that also aims to increase food supplies and slow climate change, a UN report showed on Monday.

Many rare species face a mounting risk of extinction, forests are being cleared by farmers at an alarming rate, and pollution and over-fishing are continuing despite the UN push agreed in 2010 to reverse harmful trends for nature.

"There has been an increase in effort (by governments) ... but this will not be enough to reach the targets," Bráulio de Souza

Dias, executive secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), told Reuters, citing a progress report.

Overall, the Global Biodiversity Outlook issued at the start of a biodiversity meeting in South Korea on Monday showed that only five of 53 goals set for preserving nature were on target or ahead of schedule. The other 48 were lagging.

Governments were on track, for instance, towards a goal of setting aside 17 percent of the world's land area by 2020 in protected areas for wildlife, such as parks or reserves.

But they were lagging targets such as halving the rate of loss of natural hab-

itats, or preventing extinctions of known threatened species.

"Despite individual success stories, the average risk of extinction for birds, mammals and amphibians is still increasing," the report said, adding that biodiversity meant more than high profile campaigns to save orang-utans, polar bears or rare frogs.

Urging governments to redouble efforts, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said that success in preserving life on the planet would help goals of "eliminating poverty, improving human health and providing energy, food and clean water for all".

Other UN reports have



**Rhinos rest in their enclosure at Dvur Kralove zoo in Dvur Kralove on 21 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS**

estimated, for instance, that free insect pollination — largely by bees — is worth about \$190 billion a year worldwide by securing food production.

Monday's report estimated that the world would need to spend between \$150 billion and \$440 bil-

lion a year to achieve the 2020 goals to ensure the biodiversity of animal and plant life.

Dias said in a telephone interview from South Korea that current spending was probably around \$50 billion a year, much of it focused on set-

ting up and policing protected wildlife areas.

And businesses should also do more, he said: "Many big companies still refuse to take responsibility for the environmental impact of their supply chain."

The report urged far more focus on farming, for instance by limiting over-use of fertilisers that can pollute rivers, or by reducing incentives for felling tropical forests from Indonesia to the Congo basin.

It also urged governments to take firmer action on climate change in order to limit stresses on nature such as damage to coral reefs that are vulnerable to rising ocean temperatures.

Reuters



## Imperial Hotel hid 130 mil yen in income over construction payments

TOKYO, 6 Oct—Tax authorities have charged the operator of Tokyo's Imperial Hotel for underreporting its total income by some 130 million yen for fiscal 2012 by booking yet-to-be-paid construction costs, sources familiar with the matter said on Monday.

The construction was intended to enhance the quake-resistance of the leading luxury hotel in the wake of the huge earthquake that hit eastern Japan in March 2011. But an official of Imperial Hotel Ltd falsely reported to superiors that the work was completed by the end of March 2013, even though it was ongoing



*Undated file photo shows Imperial Hotel, a leading luxury hotel in the central Tokyo, Japan. Its operator, Imperial Hotel Ltd, was charged by the taxation authority for underreporting its total income by some 130 million yen for fiscal 2012 by booking yet-to-be-paid construction costs.—KYODO NEWS*

and payments had not been made.

As a result, the company booked the construction costs in the business year that ended March 2013.

Judging that the company had concealed income, the Tokyo Regional Taxation Bureau has levied about 50 million yen in back taxes, including a heavy penalty, the sources said. The company has revised related reports to authorities and completed the tax payments. The Imperial Hotel first opened in 1890 in Tokyo as Japan's official guest house for high-ranking visitors, according to the company's homepage.—Kyodo News

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### Weather report

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2014:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Taninthayi Region, fairly widespread in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Mon State, scattered in Mandalay, Magway and Bago Regions, Chin, Rakhine, Kayah and Kayin States, isolated in Lower Sagaing Region and Shan 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%).

## Solar-powered airplane to attempt around-the-world flight from March

TOKYO, 6 Oct—A solar-powered propeller plane developed by Solar Impulse, a Swiss-based organization, is to embark on an around-the-world flight next March.

The Solar Impulse 2 is scheduled to begin its five-month journey from Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, in early March.

It will stop in Asia, the United States, southern Europe and North Africa before returning to the gulf nation in late July, according to the group.

Bertrand Piccard, founder of the organization and one of the pilots of the plane, said in a statement that the mission will show

that clean energy has a wide range of applications. The aircraft will make multiple landings during the journey, but an onboard battery that allows it to fly through the night means the plane will be able to stay in the air nonstop for the five to six days it will take it to cross the Pacific Ocean. Solar Impulse 2 has a wing span of 72 metres, wider than that of a Boeing 747.

Its four propellers run on electricity generated through approximately 17,000 solar cells. The aircraft completed its maiden flight in June. Solar Impulse was established in 2003.

Kyodo News



*Participants castells of human towers during the 25<sup>th</sup> Castells Competition in Tarragona, Spain, on 5 Oct, 2014. A total of 30 human tower groups gathered here on Sunday competing to build the most difficult human tower structure.—XINHUA*

## Five countries to launch construction of 30-metre telescope in Hawaii

TOKYO, 6 Oct—Japan, the United States, China, Canada and India are scheduled to launch work on Tuesday to build the world's biggest telescope, known as the 30-metre telescope or TMT, near the summit of the 4,205-metre-high volcano Mt. Mauna Kea on Hawaii Island.

They plan to complete the construction of the TMT in March 2022. Japan will cover about one-fourth of the construction costs at some 150 billion yen (some \$1.4 billion). The TMT is larger than Japan's Subaru Telescope, one of the world's biggest telescopes which was also built on the

summit of Mt Mauna Kea and started observation in 1999. The Subaru Telescope's single main mirror measures 8.2 metres in diameter, while the TMT will be composed of 492 hexagonal mirrors, each of which measures 72 centimetres.

The TMT's light-condensing capabilities are 13 times greater than the Subaru telescope, enabling the identification of an object as small as a 1 yen coin from a distance equivalent to that between Osaka and Tokyo.

Astronomer Masanori Ie, professor at the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan who leads the Japanese team of the TMT pro-

ject, said the new telescope would broaden understanding of the cosmos. An expansion of light-condensing capabilities increases the capacity to search for distant and dark stars. The most distant and oldest star so far observed was born some 800 million years after the Big Bang. The history of the universe stands at 13.8 billion years. The TMT would help astronomers observe stars which were born 200 million to 400 million years after the Big Bang.

It also has the potential to help identify whether the atmospheres of planets outside the solar system are capable of supporting life.

Another astronomer, Tomonori Usuda, who is also a professor at NAOJ, said his team hopes to find a planet with an environment similar to Earth's.

At noon Tuesday local time, some 100 astronomers and officials from the five countries are scheduled to attend a ceremony marking the start of the construction at a point 4,012 metres high, just below the Subaru telescope. On top of the TMT project, the European Southern Observatory plans to build the European Extremely Large Telescope measuring 39 meters in diameter in 2025, and a group of US research institutions and universities plans to construct the Giant Magellan Telescope measuring 22 metres in diameter, both in Chile.—Kyodo News



*Photo taken on 5 Oct, 2014 shows the site of a 40-car pile-up near Thessaloniki, Greece. At least four people were killed in a 40-car pile-up in northern Greece on Sunday, local authorities said. According to medical sources, there were 14 persons injured in the multiple vehicles accident.*

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## ‘Interview With a Vampire’ one of my worst films: Brad Pitt



The 50-year-old actor starred with Tom Cruise in the movie and says if the project had come along later in his career, he would have either had changes made or walked away from the film, reported Contactmusic.

PTI

LONDON, 6 Oct—Hollywood superstar Brad Pitt has revealed his 1994 horror film ‘Interview With a Vampire: The Vampire Chronicles’ was one of his worst movies ever.

The 50-year-old actor

starred with Tom Cruise in the movie and says if the project had come along later in his career, he would have either had changes made or walked away from the film, reported Contactmusic.

“It was one of the worst experiences of my life. Six months in the dark, contact lenses, make-up... Now I would be able to say, ‘This is a problem, we fix this, or I’m out of here,’” Pitt said.

The ‘Fury’ star says he lacked direction and focus in his early career, and did not concentrate on doing quality films.

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## Taylor Swift joins ‘The Voice’ as guest advisor



Taylor Swift

LOS ANGELES, 6 Oct—Country star Taylor Swift is joining ‘The Voice’ as an advisor, taking up the position Chris Martin left vacant last season.

The 24-year-old will be appearing on the show’s seventh season, which began airing the blind auditions section on 22 September, reported MTV online.

The show will properly begin at the end of October when Swift will be joining the show as an advisor. She will be working alongside fellow advisors Stevie Nicks, Gavin Rossdale, Little Big Town and Alicia Keys.

Swift will be taking up the advisor position which was last occupied by Coldplay’s Chris Martin last season. Swift will be advising all the competitors, regardless of their coach and team.

Swift confirmed her position via Twitter.

“Way excited about being a key advisor on NBC The Voice,” she posted.—PTI

## Liu Shishi stuns award ceremony in S Korea



Chinese actress Liu Shishi wins BIFF WITH Marie Claire ASIA STAR AWARDS on 4 Oct, 2014 during 19th Busan International Film Festival in South Korea.

XINHUA

## ‘All about that Bass’ bounces to top of British music chart

LONDON, 6 Oct—American singer Meghan Trainor was propelled to the number one spot in the British singles chart on Sunday by a surge in sales and online demand for her upbeat pop track “All about that Bass”, the Official Charts Company said.

Trainor’s song was listened to more than 1 million times online, helping

it dethrone “Bang Bang” by pop trio Jessie J, Nicki Minaj and Ariana Grande, which charted in second place.

Taylor Swift’s “Shake it off” held firm in third place, with Sigma’s “Changing” and “Blame” by Calvin Harris coming in at numbers four and five respectively.

British artist George

Ezra reached number one in the album chart with “Wanted on Voyage”, giving him his first chart-topper 14 weeks after its initial release. Another long-running cart success, Sam Smith’s “In the Lonely Hour”, rose one place to second.

Ed Sheeran moved up to third place with “X” and new entry “Carry on the

Grudge” by Jamie T came in fourth spot. US singer-songwriter Barbra Streisand completed the top five with “Partners”.

Reuters

Meghan Trainor (C) performs during the 2014 iHeartRadio Music Festival in Las Vegas, Nevada on 20 Sept, 2014.

REUTERS



## I regret drunk driving: Lindsay Lohan



Lindsay Lohan

LONDON, 6 Oct—Actress Lindsay Lohan, who was arrested twice for driving under the influence of alcohol in 2007, says she regrets her actions.

Lohan, 28, who has also been in rehab nine times, vows never to drive drunk again, reported Contactmusic.

“I would never have got behind the wheel of a car after having a drink. Ever,” the ‘Mean Girls’ actress said when asked what one thing about her life she would change.

Lohan, who is currently starring in West End play ‘Speed-the-Plow’, says she had lost focus in the past but is determined to get her career back on track. “Acting is what I do, it’s therapeutic for me, it’s fun for me. At the end of the day that’s the most important thing. The diligence and focus you have to have, that I maybe lost sight of for a little bit. Well I’m prepared now to deliver and all I can do is my best,” she said.—PTI

## Sequel to ‘Super Troopers’ announced

LONDON, 6 Oct —Sequel to 2001 comedy ‘Super Troopers’ has been announced. Actor Steve Lemme, who starred in the original, said the makers were waiting for some legal disputes to be resolved before announcing the sequel, reported *Us* magazine.

“You know, it was a combination of having to settle some of the legal disputes about making a sequel, while also negotiating terms for it. “The fans have been asking for it for a while, but we were finally able to package everything together. Fox is going to distribute the film, but we

needed to raise the money for it, with a minimum budget of USD 27 million, which we’ve just about raised.

“There may be a ‘Kickstarter’ launched to raise the last little bit,” the 45-year-old actor said. Lemme, without divulging details of the movie, said it is one of the most unique films he has done in recent times.

“I think it’s one of the more unique and interesting stories I’ve seen in awhile. But the movie picks up pretty much where we left off in the first one. It’s a few years later.

The biggest difficulty was trying to top that opening scene, which so many people have complimented us on. I think we’ve done it,” he said.

The first movie, which starred Lemme, Jay Chandrasekhar, Kevin Heffernan, Erik Stolhanske, and Paul Soter, followed the hilarious antics of five Vermont state troopers, patrolling near the border of Canada.

Lemme also said the filming is likely to start at the beginning of 2015, with pre-production taking place in November.

PTI



# Bonucci gives Juve 3-2 win over Roma in fiery clash

MILAN, 6 Oct — A spectacular late volley by defender Leonardo Bonucci gave Juventus a 3-2 win over AS Roma in a stormy top-of-the-table clash which produced three first-half penalties, three dismissals, several scuffles and heaps of controversy on Sunday.

The leading pair, who both had 100 percent records from their opening five matches, provided non-stop entertainment, calm finishing, skill and chaos, all with the raucous backdrop of Juve's cauldron of a stadium.

Both sides held the lead before defender Bonucci settled matters for the titleholders in the 86<sup>th</sup> minute, showing outstanding technique as he met the ball at an awkward height on the edge of the area after Roma headed clear a corner.

Carlos Tevez converted two first-half penalties for Juventus while 38-year-old Francesco Totti replied for Roma, also from the spot, and Juan Iturbe briefly gave the visitors the lead which threatened to end Juve's run of 21 successive home league wins.

Juventus playmaker Andrea Pirlo was included for

his first game of the season after recovering from a hip injury while Roma fielded captain Totti, who scored in the Champions League against Manchester City on Tuesday, for his third match in eight days.

The game erupted in the 27<sup>th</sup> minute when Pirlo's 30-metre free kick was charged down by Maicon in the Roma wall and referee Gianluca Rocchi pointed to the spot.

Roma protested furiously and coach Rudi Garcia, imitating a violin player on the touchline, was sent off before Tevez fired home.

Rocchi pointed to the spot again five minutes later after Juve's Stephan Lichtsteiner rugby-tackled Totti as the pair tussled at a free kick.

Totti side-footed in, the first Serie A goal Juve have conceded this season, and ran off to celebrate with Roma fans in the corner to pick up one of the six yellow cards handed out in the first half.

Roma went ahead when Gervinho split open the Juventus defence with an exquisite reverse pass and Iturbe fired between Gianluigi Buffon and the near post.



**Juventus' Leonardo Bonucci (L) celebrates after scoring against AS Roma during their Italian Serie A soccer match at Juventus Stadium in Turin on 5 Oct, 2014.**

REUTERS

The Ivorian nearly put Roma further ahead when he broke away from Martin Caceres, who pulled up with a thigh strain, and shot over the bar from a good position.

He was immediately confronted by furious Roma players, angry that he had not put the ball out.

Roma's lead lasted three minutes before Miralem Pjanic clumsily raised his foot as he slid in on Paul Pogba, who went down in the area

for another penalty which Tevez once again converted.

Pjanic should also have put Roma back ahead midway through the second half but contrived to fire wide from six metres after Gervinho created more trouble in the Juve defence.

Temper flared again in the 89<sup>th</sup> minute when Juve substitute Alvaro Morata slid in on Konstantinos Manolas from behind, the Greek reacted angrily and the two

squared up and were sent off.

At least a dozen players joined in including Buffon who ran 60 metres to join the action.

Juventus lead with 18 points, three clear of Roma, followed by Sampdoria who beat Atalanta 1-0 to remain unbeaten. Inter Milan lost 3-0 at previously goal shy Fiorentina and Napoli beat Torino 2-1 at home in the late games.

Reuters

## Ronaldo hits yet another treble in rout of Bilbao



**Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates after scoring a goal against Athletic Bilbao during their Spanish first division soccer match at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 5 Oct, 2014.**

REUTERS

MADRID, 6 Oct — Cristiano Ronaldo took his tally for the La Liga season to a phenomenal 13 goals in six appearances with his third treble of the campaign as Real Madrid romped to a 5-0 win at home to Athletic Bilbao on Sunday.

A rampant Ronaldo, who equalled the La Liga record of 22 hat-tricks jointly held by Alfredo Di Stefano and Telmo Zarra, nodded Real in front from Gareth Bale's lofted centre in the third minute at the Bernabeu.

Karim Benzema made it 2-0 four minutes before

halftime when he headed home at a corner and Bale sped clear to set up Ronaldo for his second 10 minutes into the second half.

The Portuguese World Player of the Year unselfishly squared for Benzema to make it 4-0 in the 69<sup>th</sup> and completed his treble two minutes from time when the ball bounced off his body into the net.

Only a series of superb stops by Gorka Iraizoz in the Bilbao goal prevented a total embarrassment for the struggling Basque side as Real provided more evidence they have put an

early-season stumble firmly behind them.

"We still have room for improvement," Ronaldo, clutching another match ball for his growing collection, said in an interview with Spanish television broadcaster Canal Plus.

"The team played a good match and scored five goals without conceding, we are very pleased," added the 29-year-old.

The victory lifted Real above Atletico Madrid into fourth place on 15 points following the champions' 3-1 reverse at Valencia on Saturday.

Barcelona lead on 19 points and became the first team to avoid conceding in their opening seven La Liga games thanks to Saturday's 2-0 success at Rayo Vallecano.

Valencia are second on 17 points and Sevilla a point further back in third after they thrashed promoted Deportivo La Coruna 4-1 earlier on Sunday helped by a brace from Cameroon midfielder Stephane Mbia.

Bilbao, without a win in seven matches in all competitions and beaten 2-1 at BATE Borisov in the Champions League on

Tuesday, are 18<sup>th</sup> on four points.

Mbia opened the scoring for Europa League champions Sevilla, who were trounced 4-0 at Atletico last weekend, with a 24<sup>th</sup>-minute header before Haris Medunjanin levelled for Depor with a superb free kick in the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Carlos Bacca, who had a second-half penalty

saved, made it 2-1 six minutes before halftime, Mbia smashed in his second in the 57<sup>th</sup> and Vitolo netted Sevilla's fourth in the 63<sup>rd</sup> after a fine solo run by the excellent Gerard Deulofeu.

In Sunday's other games, Villarreal won 3-1 at Celta Vigo and Espanyol beat visiting Real Sociedad 2-0.

Reuters

## England defender Stones replaced by Chambers

LONDON, 6 Oct — Arsenal defender Calum Chambers has been drafted into the England squad for the European Championship qualifiers against San Marino at Wembley on Thursday and away to Estonia next Sunday after Everton's John Stones was injured.

The FA said in a statement on Sunday that Chambers, who like Stones can operate at centre or right back, had been called up from the Under-21s. Stones, who was carried off late in the 2-1 defeat by Manchester United, has ankle ligament damage.

Manager Roberto Martinez told reporters the 20-year-old would be out for "at least a few weeks".

Reuters



**Manchester United's Robin Van Persie (C) challenges Everton's Phil Jagielka (L) and John Stones during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England on 5 Oct, 2014.— REUTERS**

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# Djokovic claims his fifth China Open title

BEIJING, 6 Oct — World No. 1 Novak Djokovic improved to a 24-0 mark at the China Open as he won his fifth title in Beijing with a masterclass performance to defeat Czech Tomas Berdych 6-0, 6-2 on Sunday.

The Serb has not dropped a set all week in adding to the trophies he won in 2009, 2010, 2012 and 2013.

Top seed Djokovic looked on course for a double bagel scoreline as he served for the match at 5-0 in the second set. But Berdych, having already offered his racquet to a ball kid in desperation, dug in to restore some pride be-

fore Djokovic served out victory at the second attempt in 67 minutes. In the pair's first meeting this season, Djokovic improved to a 16-2 lead in their head to head series.

The 29-year-old Berdych had been chasing valuable points in the ATP Race to London. The Czech is up to Nos 7 after reaching the Beijing final and maintained his position with Milos Raonic also losing in the Tokyo final. "I met somebody in the final who I've never seen before," said Berdych, who won the Beijing title in 2011. "The way that he performed today was really outstanding. There is really not much I

can add to that because, really, I was just swept off the court."

"I just said to my coach now that I probably played over 700 matches in my career, and I met guys like Andre, Roger, all those probably in their best times. But I have never, ever experienced anything like that."

The 27-year-old Djokovic captured an ATP World Tour-best fifth tour-level title of the year and the 46<sup>th</sup> of his career. The Belgrade native was victorious at Wimbledon and three ATP World Tour Masters 1000 tournaments in Indian Wells, Miami and Rome.



Serbia's Novak Djokovic celebrates with his trophy during the awarding ceremony for the men's singles of the China Open tennis tournament in Beijing, China, on 5 Oct, 2014. Novak Djokovic defeated Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic by 2-0 in the final to claim the champion.—XINHUA

Djokovic will now look to extend his winning run at next week's Shang-

hai Rolex Masters. The Serb spoke at the start of his Beijing campaign of his

desire to finish the season at world No 1 ATP Rankings.—Xinhua

## Chelsea beat Arsenal to go five points clear

LONDON, 6 Oct — Chelsea stretched their lead at the top of the Premier League to five points on Sunday when they beat London rivals Arsenal 2-0 as surprise package Southampton went down 1-0 at Tottenham Hotspur.

Unfancied Southampton's first defeat since the opening day of the season allowed champions Manchester City to stay second, while neighbours Manchester United returned to the top four for the first time in more than a year by beating Everton 2-1.

Diego Costa scored his ninth goal in seven league games to tie up the points for Chelsea after Eden Hazard had converted a first-half penalty.

Costa's strike was set up by a perfect pass from Cesc Fabregas, the former Arsenal midfielder who joined from Barcelona in the close-season.

The victory extended Jose Mourinho's unbeaten record against Arsenal's Arsene Wenger to 12 meetings, the two managers being briefly involved in a spat on the touchline when Wenger pushed his opposite number in the chest.

"He was coming to my space," Mourinho said. "If it was to give an instruction to a player I say OK, but to press the referee to give a red card to an opponent is not fair."

"I don't think that is the image of Arsene Wenger as an advocate of fair play."

"It was an important



Manchester United's Radamel Falcao (L) challenges Everton's John Stones during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England on 5 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

match for both teams and these conditions make for a game of emotions."

Wenger said he was responding to a bad tackle, adding: "I went out of my technical area because I wasn't happy with the challenge and I wanted to see what happened."

"Someone stood in front of me and that was it. I say absolutely nothing else on that."

Christian Eriksen scored the only goal after 40 minutes as Tottenham won in the league for the first time since 24 August, giving manager Mauricio

Pochettino a triumph over his former club and successor Ronald Koeman.

Eriksen's goal enabled Spurs to move up to sixth place. They are level on points with fourth-placed Manchester United, who shot up six positions with an eventful success against Everton.

Goalkeeper David De Gea saved a penalty from Leighton Baines and earned the gratitude of manager Louis van Gaal with three more fine saves as Everton pressed hard at the end of a feisty affair.

Steven Naismith had

equalised for Everton between goals by Argentina's Angel Di Maria and Colombia's Radamel Falcao — his first for United.

Everton remained in the bottom four but stayed out of the relegation places when bottom club Queens Park Rangers were beaten 2-0 in the other London derby at West Ham United.

An early own goal by Nedum Onuoha was followed by a second half header from prolific Senegalese striker Diafra Sakho, sending the home side up nine places to seventh.—Reuters

## Wilson keeps McIlroy at bay to win maiden title

LONDON, 6 Oct — Britain's Oliver Wilson held off a chasing pack that included Rory McIlroy at the Dunhill Links Championship on Sunday to win a maiden European Tour title and breathe new life into his faltering career.

Former Ryder Cup player Wilson has slumped to 792<sup>nd</sup> in the world rankings, but held his nerve to card a final round of 70 and finish one shot clear of McIlroy, Richie Ramsay and Tommy Fleetwood.

Having begun the day three strokes clear of McIlroy and Fleetwood and four ahead of Ramsay, he finished with a 17-under-par total of 271 win to grab a long-awaited title having collected nine runner-up finishes.

"I don't have words for it. It's been 10 years, 11 years coming," Wilson, who received an invite to play the tournament, said on the European Tour website (www.europeantour.com).

"There were nine runners-up and I hadn't done a whole lot to lose those, but nothing had really gone my way and this week, to be given a big opportunity by Dunhill to play — I can't thank them enough to give me an opportunity to do this — I guess it's what golf's all about. "Before I went out today I thought about how I've never gone out and won a tournament. I've played alright coming down the stretch and not lost it and other guys have just got over the line ahead of me and today I was just trying to be patient..."

"I could be drunk for a while — I've had a lot of champagne on hold from over the years."

World number one McIlroy, who had surged through the field on Saturday to move into contention, began with a double bogey six at the first hole, but then carded four straight birdies to get back on track.

Reuters



Oliver Wilson of England hits from a bunker on the 14<sup>th</sup> hole during the first day of the Hong Kong Open golf tournament in Hong Kong on 1 Dec, 2011.

REUTERS