

President U Thein Sein warmly welcomes Thai Prime Minister



President U Thein Sein gives red carpet treatment to Thai Prime Minister Mr Prayuth Chan-o-cha at welcoming ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct —President U Thein Sein greeted Thai Prime Minister Mr Prayuth Chan-o-cha at a ceremony held in honour of the visiting prime minister at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday.

President U Thein Sein and the visiting Thai prime minister received the salute

of the guards of honour.

Then, the Thai prime minister greeted warmly the scouts from Basic Education High School No. 5 Nay Pyi Taw who were welcoming him by waving the flags of the two countries.

After the ceremony, the Thai prime minister introduced his entourage

to President U Thein Sein who later introduced Union Ministers Lt-Gen Thet Nating Win, U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Thein Nyunt, U Nyan Tun Aung, Dr Kan Zaw and U Aye Myint and Ambassador U Win Maung to the Thai prime minister.

Afterwards, President U Thein Sein and the

Thai prime minister met at the Credential Hall and discussed matters related to promotion of relations and trade between the two countries, development of Dawei special economic zone, construction of communication links among Myanmar, India and Thailand, protection of rights of

Myanmar migrant workers, affairs of illegal Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand and human resources development in energy, education, health and agriculture sectors.

Then, President U Thein Sein and the Thai prime minister witnessed the signing of the MoUs on

establishment of sister cities between Kyaing Tong of Myanmar and Province of Chiang Mai of Thailand, between Myeik of Myanmar and Province of Prachuap Kirikhan of Thailand and between Kawthoung of Myanmar and Province of Ranong of Thailand.

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Movable property inside Master Sports Factory fetches more than K280 million at auction

By Aye Min Soe

YANGON, 9 Oct— The materials inside the Master Sports Factory, which has been closed after the Korean owner of the shoe factory returned to South Korea without paying salaries and compensations to more than 750 Myanmar workers, fetched more than K280 million at an auction on Thursday, according to the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security. “A business man

bought all movable property inside the factory for K288 million. He will have to put the payment into the Myanma Economic Bank within a week,” said U Aung Nating, the Head of Hlinethaya Township Factories and General Labour Law Inspection Department.

“We will pay the salary and compensation to more than 750 workers soon at a ceremony,” he added.

According to the estimation calculated by the ministry, the salary for June

for 757 workers and the total compensation for closure of the factory guaranteed by the law are amounted to more than K 210 million. The remaining money will be given to the owner of the factory after being extracted for some costs including maintenance of the property inside the factory, according to the department.

A total of 13,133 items inside the factory were auctioned through the competitive bidding system.

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Myanmar Railways fixes new rail fares for Yangon Circular Trains

By Phoe Thant

YANGON, 9 Oct— Myanmar Railways has announced new ticket prices for Yangon Circular Trains after upgrading the Yangon rail lines, an official from MR was quoted as saying at the press conference held in Yangon on Thursday.

Myanmar Railways has fixed the circular train fares at K 50 per 15 miles starting from 1 October, 2014. Previously, the round-trip ticket prices were fixed at K 50 for 15 miles and K 100 for 30 miles. As Myanmar

Railways is running its operations at a loss, it has to fix the ticket prices at K 50 for a 15-mile one-way ticket. As the minimum bus fare is K 50, the train passengers are still travel at cheap fares, according to the MR official. However, the MR has lowered the ticket prices for Air-con RBE carriages and High Class carriages from K 400 to K 300 and K 300 to K 200 respectively for the convenience of the passengers since August 2014, the MR official added.

Both local and foreign passengers can take the cir-

cular train at the same ticket prices. Smooth and secure railway system almost has been upgraded. “We hope new rail fares can recover the cost of fuel,” said the MR official.

As 23 circular trains are running 215 circular trips a day, passengers do not have to wait the circular trains for a long time, the MR official said. There are toilets in seven crowded railways stations out of the total 38 stations while arrangements are underway to construct new

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Thai Prime Minister and wife arrive in Nay Pyi Taw



NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct— At the invitation of President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Thai delegation led by Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Prayuth Chan-o-cha and wife Associate Professor Naraporn Chan-o-cha arrived in Nay Pyi Taw at 3.20 pm on Thursday. In the evening, the Thai prime minister and wife went to the Uppatasanti Pagoda and offered flowers, waters and lights to Buddha images. The prime minister also donated K 500,000 for the pagoda and signed in the visitors' book.—MNA

Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Prayuth Chan-o-cha being welcomed by Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.—MNA

Myanmar, Singapore sign MoU on Integrated Legal Exchange

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct— The Supreme Court of the Union and the Ministry of Law of Singapore signed a MoU on Singapore-Myanmar Integrated Legal Exchange between Myanmar and Singapore in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday, with an address by Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo. Surpeme Court Judge

U Soe Nyunt and Senior Minister of Ministry of Law Ms Indrance Rajah signed the MoU and exchanged the documents.

Also present at the signing ceremony were judges of the Supreme Court of the Union and Deputy Minister for Science and technology Dr Ba Shwe.—MNA

MoU on Singapore-Myanmar Integrated Legal Exchange signed in the presence of Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo.—MNA

Commercial Law Workshop kicks off in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct— The Commercial Law Workshop, jointly organized by the Office of the Attorney-General of the Union and the Law Ministry of Singapore, kicked off at Hotel Royal ACE in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday.

Attorney-General of

the Union Dr Tun Shin highlighted that the workshop will contribute to further cementing the bilateral relations between Myanmar and Singapore. He expressed his believe that the workshop will produce good results to benefit the relevant ministries and the

Union Attorney-General Office. Senior Minister of State for Law Ministry of Singapore Ms Indrance Rajah revealed that the workshop will focus on various subjects of laws especially construction law.

The workshop will continue tomorrow.—MNA



Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin speaking at the opening ceremony of Commercial Law Workshop. MNA

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No foreign fuel station allowed in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct— The Ministry of Energy has denied allowing foreign firms to run fuel stations in Myanmar, with an official saying that licences have been issued to Myanmar nationals.

The number of fuel stations owned by local businesspeople has now hit 1,355, according to the ministry.

Confusion is largely due to some stations whose names and logos are somewhat similar to those of foreign fuel firms, an official said, citing PT Power, a fuel station located near Ocean Supermarket in Ot-tarathiri township in Nay Pyi Taw, as similar to Thailand's PTT in terms of its logo and name.—MNA

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toilets to fulfill the need of railway passengers. A toilet is being built at Ywarthar Gyi railways station at present, said the MR official.

There are 7 railways police in each circular train for the security of passengers and arrangements are underway to show the arrival time of each train with LED boards at each railways station. Every circular train stops 2 minutes at each station.

On the Fullmoon day of Thadingyut, over 100,000 passengers took the circular trains and the MR earns K 11.9 million kyats for transporting about 80,000 passengers on an ordinary day, said official.

Yangon-Kyaikhteeyoe Air-Con Train will resume on Saturday (11-10-2014) at 6:25 am from Yangon and will arrive at Kyaikhteeyoe at 11 am and return to Yangon at noon the next day.

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General Manager U Tun Aung Thinn (Lower Myanmar) of Myanmar Railways explains operations of rail transportation.—PHOTO: POE THANT

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President U Thein Sein warmly...

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Then, the Thai prime minister donated Baht 3 million for construction of a basic education high school in Thapyay Hla village, Pyinmana, and a bold donation unit vehicle for the Blood Bank in Yangon.

In the evening, President U Thein Sein hosted the dinner in honour of the visiting Thai prime minister.

Before and during the dinner, artistes of Fine Arts Department entertained the president and the prime minister with music and dances.

Then, the president and the prime minister presented baskets of flowers to the artistes and posed for a documentary photo with them.

Also present at the dinner were Vice Presidents

Dr Sai Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun, union ministers, deputy ministers and officials.

Myanmar and Thailand established diplomatic relations in 1948 and trade volume between the two countries rose to US\$ 1.7 billion from April to June 2014, an 8.73 percent increase of the same period of last year. Businessmen from Thailand have been permitted to invest in 74 businesses in ten sectors totalling US\$ 10.1 billion. Thailand is also the second biggest foreign investor in Myanmar.

The Thai Prime Minister and wife arrived at Nay Pyi Taw in the afternoon. They were welcomed by Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin and U Aye Myint and officials.

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President U Thein Sein and Thai Prime Minister Mr Prayuth Chan-o-cha exchange notes of MoU for construction of basic education high school in Thapyay Hla village, Pyinmana Township.—MNA

Thura U Shwe Mann visits Chamber of Deputies, National School of Administration in Italy

ROME, 9 Oct— Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) on Tuesday visited the Chamber of Deputies and hold talks with its speaker Laura Boldrini.

Thura U Shwe Mann invited the host speaker who appreciated the democratic reform process of Myanmar.

In the morning of the same day, Myanmar parliamentary delegates also visited the National School of Administration of Italy (PALMO), and he met with professor Giovanni Tria, professor of the school.

The meeting was emphasized on political training courses for Myanmar parliamentarians and the capacity-building courses for parliament staff. Later, Thura U Shwe Mann met with Jose Graziano da Silva, director general of UN Food and Agriculture Organization at its headquarter in Rome, and discussed the technical assistance of FAO for agricultural and livestock sectors in Myanmar.—MNA

Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann cordially greets Jose Graziano da Silva, director general of FAO.—MNA



Commander-in-Chief receives Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct— Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met with General Tanasak Patimapragorn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand, at Zayathiri Beikman here on Thursday.

At the meeting, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said that he has expected Myanmar-Thai armed forces can cement bilateral relations, and Thai government could ensure peace, stability and development in political process in line with the aspiration of Thai people.

The Commander-in-Chief also assured Myanmar will sustain cooperation with the kingdom in fight against illegal drug trafficking, as well as in border issues, expressing gratitude for the efforts of Thai government in helping Myanmar migrant workers in their country.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing called for jus-

tice in the case of Koh Tao murder case in which two Myanmar migrant workers are being arrested as the suspects. He also said that it is important that 'many guilty persons should escape unpunished, than one innocent person should suffer,' as he sought the help of Thai government to special investigation team of Myanmar embassy in Thailand freely and transparently.

Myanmar military chief also agreed to exchange information to prevent the threats of extremists, promising to establish historic ties during the terms of both governments.

General Tanasak Patimapragorn expressed his appreciation on better relations between the two countries, and granted justice in the murder case of British couple.

Senior officials from both sides also discussed border trade and plans on prevention of narcotic drug trafficking.

Myawady

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing with General Tanasak Patimapragorn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand.—MYAWADY



Locals offer oil lights to Shwe Kyee Myin Pagoda in Mandalay



MANDALAY, 9 Oct—Local people visited Shwe Kyee Myin Pagoda in Mandalay on the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut and participated in lighting 9,000 oil lamps on the platform of the pagoda in the evening.

The oil light offering ceremony is organized by the pagoda board of trustees on Fullmoon Day and 1st waning of Thadingyut yearly.

Shwe Kyee Myin Pagoda is located in Pyigyi Kyethayay Ward of Aungmyethazan Township. The pagoda board of trustees opens the meditation courses for the devotees.

Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)

Female trainees studying at midwifery course in ChaungU

CHAUNGU, 9 Oct—The midwifery course 1/2014 kicked off at the hall of Township People's Hospital in ChaungU of Sagaing Region on 7 October.

The Sagaing Region Government funded the conducting of training course. Head of Township Health Department Dr Tint Swe explained the purpose of conducting the training course.

Officials presented midwifery equipment kits to trainees who attended the midwifery courses 1/2013 and 2/2013 opened in 2013-14 fiscal year.

The course will last three months for training period and three more months for practical works. A total of 10 trainees are attending the course.

"Taking opportunity to attending the training course, we know health knowledge and pregnant care services on a wider scale. Upon completion, we will join hands with community health workers in health care services to be provided to the rural people," said trainee Ma Mu Mu of Hsinmyay village.

Yu Yu Win



Chaungzon Dam supplies water to Alaungsithu Lake in Wundwin Tsp

WUNDWIN, 9 Oct—King Alaungsithu (1112-1167 AD) dug a lake near Kanpetle Village of Wundwin Township of Mandalay in his monarchial era with the aim of supplying water to the local people.

Thanks to the lake, local farmers from Nyaungto, Kokkokhahla and Hsegyi village-tracts relied on irrigation facilities from the lake to grow

paddy and crops.

The successive governments maintained the dam so as to irrigate the farmlands with sufficient water.

To be able to supply water to Alaungsithu Dam, the government built Chaungzon Dam damming Chaungzon Creek near Nyaungbintha Village of Mahlaing Township as Amyotha Hluttaw repre-

sentative U Htay Maung of Wundwin Township submitted a proposal to construct a regulating dam.

This rainy season, Chaungzon Dam that has already completed within one year construction period stored water at the designated level and supplies 20 cubic feet per sec to Alaungsithu Lake as of 17 September.

Thanks to Chaungzon

Dam, 375 people from 70 households of Nyuangbintha Village get sufficient water not only for local consumption and for agricultural purpose.

At present, monsoon paddy plantations on 11,022 acres of farmlands are thriving in the irrigated water from Alaungsithu Lake and Chaungzon Dam.

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Fire at restaurant losses K100,000

MYAWADY, 9 Oct—A fire broke out at Seik Chee Kha restaurant beside Asian Highway in Ward 4 of Myawady in Kayin State on Thursday morning.

About 50 firefighters, policemen and local people put out the fire with the use of four fire trucks and five water bowsers. They

could totally put it out within 10 minutes.

The fire triggered from a mosquito coil of manager Nay Zar Tun. The property of the restaurant lost about K100,000.

Township police force opened a file of Nay Zar Tun under the law.

Thuzar (Myawady Town)



HAKA, 9 Oct—Chin State Chief Minister's Trophy Inter-Township U-20 Football Tournament continued at Wamthum Mung Sports Ground in Haka of Chin State.

On 6 October, Haka Township crushed Tiddim Township 4-1 in the first match and Kanpetlet Township beat Paletwa Township 2-0 in the second match.

Chin State IPRD

Inter-Township Football Tournament continues in Haka



LOCAL NEWS

Golden umbrella hoisted atop pagoda in Dekkhinathiri Tsp



NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct —A golden umbrella was hoisted atop Yanaungmyin Shwebonsu Pagoda in the

precinct of Htantaw Monastery in Yanaungmyin Village of Dekkhinathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council

Area on Wednesday.

At the auspicious time, members of the Sangha consecrated the pagoda.

The ceremony was contributed by wellwishers under the auspices of grandma Daw Thay.—*U Oo Nge*

Electrification improves living standard of villagers in Pobbathiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct — A ceremony to launch the self-reliant electrification was held in Kyitaunggan, Thagala and Thantzinhlavillages in Pobbathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on Wednesday. Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Than Htay switched on the supply of electricity and sprinkled scented water on the stone inscription.

District Electrical Engineer U Myo Thant Tun explained safety use of electricity and village electrification secretaries

their efforts for implementation of self-reliant electrification process.

Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Than Htay and officials presented certificates of honour to well-wishers.

Now, 334 houses are enjoying electricity.

The electricity supply process contributing much to rural development and poverty alleviation tasks so as to improve living standard of the local people.

Tun Tun Win (Pyinmana)

Knowledge about Ebola disease disseminated

KUNHING, 9 Oct—An educative talk on infection of Ebola disease was given at the Sangha ward of Kunhing Township People's Hospital in southern Shan State recently, with an opening address by Township Administrator U Kyaw Htin.

Township medical of-

ficer Dr Khin Maung Yin and Karli station hospital doctor Dr Thet Khaing explained symptoms of Ebola diseases, infection of disease and preventive measures.

The talk was attended by local people and guests.

Moe Lwin Oo (Loilem)

Respect paid to the aged in Namsang



LOILEM, 9 Oct—Chairperson of Loilem District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee and District Women's Affairs Organization Daw Zin Zin Thaw and party attended the ceremony to provide health care services and medicines and nutritious foods to the pregnant women at the hall of Namsang Township Administrator Office on 7 October.

At first, they presented cash assistance and nutritious foods to the older

persons.

After holding the roundtable discussions for the health activities, they donated cash and kind to 10 nuns of Taungpaw nunnery in Namsang Township.

Next, Head of Township Health Department Daw Aye Moe Thet gave talks about pregnant health. The chairperson presented iodized salt, nutritious foods, medicines and cash to the pregnant women.

Moe Lwin Oo (Loilem)

Ajatasat Jataka comic show displayed at Chanthagyi Prayer Hall of Shwedagon Pagoda

YANGON, 9 Oct—The comics show depicting Ajatasat Jataka was displayed at Chanthagyi Prayer Hall on the platform of Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon on 7 October.

A total of 67 comics works are put on display for public observation.

Managing director Ko Aung Chit Khin of

Putet Comics said, "We have displayed the comics show depicting the Buddhism at the platform of Shwedagon Pagoda for two times. This year's show marks the Samanapala Day on the Fullmoon day of Tazaungmone. Putet Designer Group creates colourful comic works on the Jataka. The

works created by Artist Myint Oo Tu and D Ye Ja were edited by Ashin Subhoga. Works of some Jataka were posted at Putet World Mobile Application for public observation free of charge."

The comic show will last from 7 October to 15 November.

Aung Thura

Social association members donate blood at Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed)

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct—Members of Myat Parami

Social Welfare Association of Zabuthiri Township

in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area donated blood at Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed) on Wednesday morning.

Chairman of the association U Aung Kyaw Oo and party totalling 27 donated blood at the hospital.

Patients may seek help from the association for blood. Those wishing to make cash donation to the association may contact Chairman U Aung Kyaw Oo, Tel: 09-49319960.

Min Min Latt (Mandalay University)



Thai Deputy Prime Minister says US 'more confident' of military-backed rule

BANGKOK, 9 Oct — Thai Deputy Prime Minister Pridiyathorn Devakula said on Thursday that the United States has more confidence in Thailand's government, four months after the military seized power in a bloodless coup.

Thailand's military government is seeking international legitimacy following the 22 May coup that was condemned by Western nations who downgraded diplomatic ties. The government has previously portrayed meetings with diplomats as endorsements.

His comments came after a meeting with US ambassador to Thailand Kristie Kenney at Bangkok's Government House ahead of Kenney's return to Washington next month following the end of her Thailand posting.

"Ambassador Kristie came to bid farewell. They wanted to know how this government works," Pridiyathorn told reporters.

"We explained that we work sincerely. Once we talked they could see that we are serious about our work. After we explained our work I looked into her eyes and saw that she is more confident."

The army declared martial law nationwide two days before it seized power following six months of sometimes deadly street protests that contributed to the ousting of Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra, whose populist government was opposed by the Bangkok royalist establishment.

The US Embassy Bangkok said in a statement it would continue to evaluate its engagement with Thailand, its closest ally in Southeast Asia.

"We continue to evaluate carefully our engagement with and assistance to Thailand, reviewing all military and senior level engagements on a case-by-case basis. We continue to urge Thai authorities to immediately lift martial law and restrictions of civil liberties, and to call for the speedy restoration of democracy under a freely and fairly elected civilian government," the embassy said in an emailed statement.

Prayuth Chan-ocha, the army chief who led the coup, was appointed prime minister in August and heads an interim cabinet stacked with serving and retired military officers.



Thai Deputy Prime Minister Pridiyathorn Devakula

He stepped down as army chief last month but remains leader of the junta, formally known as the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO) and prime minister.

Kenney, who began her duties in

Thailand in 2011, came under criticism from Thai royalist groups during months of protests which began in November and saw parts of Bangkok occupied.

At the height of the protests, hundreds of Thai royalists protested outside of the US embassy in Bangkok calling for Kenney to get out of the country claiming that she was pro-Yingluck and out of touch with the political situation.

Kenney has called the coup a setback for Thailand.

Washington showed its displeasure post-coup by blocking security-related aid to Thailand, and suspending visits by top military officers and a police training programme.

Thailand and the US are co-hosts of the annual Cobra Gold joint military training exercise — one of the largest US military exercises in the world and a key element in its much-touted diplomatic "pivot" to Asia.

Speaking to reporters in Thai, Kenney thanked the Thai people for their friendship on Thursday but did not comment on the May coup or the new military government.—Reuters



Sunrise-689

Vietnam oil tanker released by pirates, two sailors injured

HANOI, 9 Oct — Pirates that captured a Vietnamese oil tanker last week after it left Singapore have released the vessel, the company that owns the ship said on Thursday.

Two of the tanker's 18 crew have been injured and the pirates took part of its cargo of more than 5,000 tonnes of gas oil, said Nguyen Vu Diep, a man-

ager at the Haiphong Sea Product Shipbuilding Co.

"Officers from Vietnam's coast guard approached the ship and are escorting it to Phu Quoc island as two crew members have been injured," said Diep. The island lies 40 km (22 nautical miles) west of Vietnam's southwestern province of Kien Giang.

"One sailor was beat-

en and has a broken leg," Diep said. "The crew was attacked by more than 10 armed pirates." *The Sunrise 689* had vanished from radar 40 minutes after leaving Singapore on 2 October when it was bound for Quang Tri Province in central Vietnam. Diep said the coast guard approached the ship after the pirates had left it.—Reuters

Two killed, seven injured in church grenade attack in S Philippines

DAVAO CITY, (Philippines), 9 Oct — At least two people were killed and seven others injured in a grenade attack on a church in south Philippine Province of North Cotabato, local authorities said on Thursday.

The incident happened at around 7:40 pm on Wednesday (1140 GMT) when motorcycle-riding men fired a rifle grenade at the United Church of Christ in the Philippines in Pikit town, local police chief Mautin Pangandigan said.

He said the blast occurred as the church service was winding down, and that the fatalities included a teacher and a nurse of a nearby town, who were seated at the rear portion of the chapel where the grenade appeared to have landed. "Two suspects were seen fleeing after the explosion on a motorbike," said Pangandigan.

Local officials condemned the attack on the Christian church, as security was beefed up amid the visit of Vice President Jejomar Binay to the central Mindanao region on Thursday. Muslim separatists and leftist rebels are known to operate in the province, carrying out attacks in the past against government and civilian targets, but rarely against churches.—Xinhua

Indonesia's Widodo adds Islamist party to reduce coalition's minority



Indonesia's president-elect Joko Widodo smiles as he leaves City Hall after resigning as the Jakarta Governor on 2 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

JAKARTA, 9 Oct — Indonesian president-elect Joko Widodo strengthened his minority coalition by gaining support from a small Islamist party, but rivals remain in control of parliament and have pledged to obstruct his reform programme unless he makes concessions.

The incoming president, who takes

office on 20 October, hails from outside Indonesia's political elite and has refused to offer plum jobs for political support, giving rival parties little incentive to defect. But, on Wednesday Widodo announced that the United Development Party (PPP), Indonesia's oldest Islamist party, had agreed to switch sides and would join

the president-elect's cabinet.

The addition of the PPP's 39 seats will increase Widodo's backing in the 560-seat parliament to 44 percent from 37 percent previously. PPP spokesman Emron Pangkapi said most of its members support Widodo, but have not made a formal decision due to internal disagreements.

"We're not expecting anything in return but we do maintain that as a party we want to be in the government, not outside it," Pangkapi said.

Concerns that the region's largest economy could face political gridlock for the next five years have pressured the rupiah and the stock market. Opposition lawmakers, led by losing presidential candidate Prabowo Subianto, won the top parliamentary jobs this month, allowing them to control the legislative agenda.

Widodo urged the opposition to work with his government to improve the condition of people in the region's most populous country.

"Our spirit after the presidential election should be the same — improve and fix our country and the welfare of our people," Widodo told reporters. "There should not be any spirit to obstruct. If you want to fight, we can fight five years later."

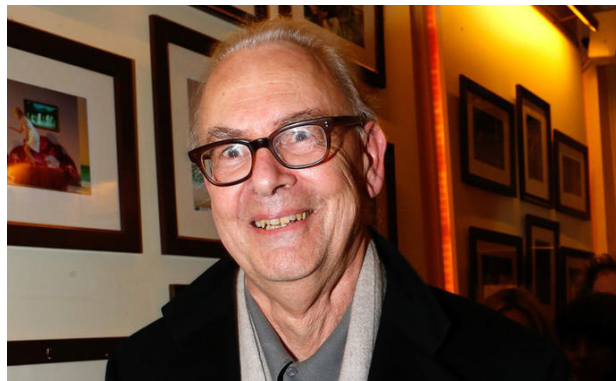
Reuters

France's Modiano wins Nobel Prize for Literature

STOCKHOLM, 9 Oct — French writer Patrick Modiano has won the Nobel Prize for Literature as “a Marcel Proust of our time,” The Swedish Academy said on Thursday.

The academy said the award of 8 million Swedish crowns (\$1.1 million) was “for the art of memory with which he has evoked the most ungraspable human destinies and uncovered the life-world of the occupation”.

Modiano's works have centred on memory, oblivion, identity and guilt that



French author Patrick Modiano is the winner of the 2014 Nobel Prize in Literature.—REUTERS

often take place during the German occupation of World War Two.

“You could say he's a Marcel Proust of our time” Peter Englund, permanent

secretary of the Swedish Academy, told reporters.

Some of Modiano's roughly 30 works include “A Trace of Malice” and “Honeymoon”. His latest work is the novel “Pour que tu ne te perdes pas dans le quartier”.

Literature was the fourth of this year's Nobel prizes. The prize is named after Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, and has been awarded since 1901 for achievements in science, literature and peace in accordance with his will.

Reuters

UNSG's Message on World Mental Health Day

10 October, 2014

World Mental Health Day is an opportunity for us all to reflect on the challenges faced by people with severe mental health problems and what can be done to make their lives better. This year, we focus particularly on those living with schizophrenia and the families and friends who help them cope.

Around the world, some 21 million people suffer from schizophrenia, a disorder that affects perception, cognition, behaviour and emotions. In places where health and social services are unable to provide support, schizophrenia and other severe mental disorders can banish people to the borders of society, leaving them unemployed and homeless.

People with severe mental illness such as schizophrenia also die on average between 10 and 25 years earlier than the general population. A key reason is an unhealthy lifestyle, such as smoking, harmful use of alcohol, poor diet and lack of regular exercise. Yet that can change. Schizophrenia is treatable. It does not have to mean a life sentence of isolation and poor physical health. Appropriate mental and physical health care, along with regular monitoring and psychological and social support, can make a profound difference. So, too, can the recognition by society at large that people with schizophrenia and other severe mental disorders have equal rights and deserve understanding and assistance.

On this World Mental Health Day, I call for health and social care systems to work together to provide opportunities for education, employment and housing. I encourage health services to expand care in the community and to support the creation of support networks for patients and carers. And I urge people suffering from schizophrenia to go for regular health checks and seek advice on healthy living. Together, we can provide dignity and hope to all those suffering from schizophrenia and other severe mental illness.

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Kerry, Lavrov to meet in Paris in October

WASHINGTON, 9 Oct — US Secretary of State John Kerry will meet with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius in Paris between 12 and 15 October, state department press secretary Jen Psaki told reporters on Wednesday.

The secretary of state will arrive in Cairo on 12 October to participate in a conference on the Gaza reconstruction.

Then, Kerry will travel to Paris to meet with the French and Russian foreign ministers and other partners, she said.

Then, on 15 October, Kerry will go to Vienna to meet with EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Catherine Ashton and Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif to continue the dialogue on the Iranian nuclear programme.

Itar-Tass



Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and US Secretary of State John Kerry. — ITAR-TASS

Iran refused to let in US member of UN nuclear team

VIENNA, 9 Oct — A United Nations atomic agency official recently denied entry into Iran as part of a team investigating suspected bomb research is believed to be an American nuclear weapons expert, diplomatic sources said.

The International Atomic Energy Agency last month said Iran denied a visa for one member of an IAEA delegation that visited Teheran on 31 August to try to advance a long-run-

ning inquiry into what the UN agency calls the possible military dimensions of the country's nuclear programme.

It was the third time the person had been unable to obtain an entry permit, the Vienna-based IAEA said. It did not reveal the official's nationality or expertise.

But the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the issue, said they be-

lieved he was a US national and an atomic arms expert. The IAEA declined to comment on Thursday.

It is important, the UN agency said in a 5 September report on Iran's nuclear programme, that “any staff member identified by the agency with the requisite expertise is able to participate in the agency's technical activities”.

In a statement distributed to IAEA member states this week, Iran dis-

missed the criticism of its refusal to let one IAEA expert into the country, saying it had a sovereign right to decide who to admit onto its territory.— *Reuters*

The flag of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) flies in front of its headquarters during a board of governors meeting in Vienna on 28 Nov, 2013. — REUTERS



New York college receives Japan books donated by PM Abe's wife

NEW YORK, 9 Oct — A collection of approximately 100 Japan-related books donated by Akie Abe, wife of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, was received by the City University of New York's LaGuardia Community College on Wednesday.

Japanese officials including Sumio Kusaka, the consul general of Japan in New York, attended a ceremony to present the books, which range from novels such as Haruki Murakami's “Kafka on the Shore” to Japanese-English dictionaries.

“We have many students who are learning Japanese, so these books will be extremely useful,” said Tomonori Nagano, an assistant professor of Japanese and linguistics at the school.

LaGuardia Community College hosted Mrs Abe for a campus visit in September of last year after students returned from a study abroad program in Japan. The school offers a Japanese concentration under its modern languages and literatures major.

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Sumio Kusaka (C), the consul general of Japan in New York, attends a ceremony to present a collection of approximately 100 Japan-related books donated by Akie Abe, wife of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, to the City University of New York's LaGuardia Community College on 8 Oct, 2014. The books range from novels such as Haruki Murakami's “Kafka on the Shore” to Japanese-English dictionaries. KYODO NEWS

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 10 October, 2014

Transparency and rural development tasks

By Myint Win Thein

The strategic framework has been developed for sustainable growth achieved through the participation of all stakeholders in the rural development tasks and for reducing the poverty rate to 16 percent in 2015.

Rural development tasks demand huge financial resources which must be available regularly. In addition, the funds for the poor must be increased as much as possible through differ-

ent financial resources including the budget allocation of the government, contribution of development organizations, cash donated by individuals and private investment.

Social welfare tasks must also be carried out to support the income generation of the poor while basic infrastructure is required to be built to contribute towards the socioeconomic life of the poor.

For the successful implementation of the strategic framework, transparency is essential and the development funds for rural areas must be allocated to villages directly as proposed development projects can be implemented effectively only through high participation of the general public who believe in the projects.

To prevent the abuse of development funds for personal or organizational gains, it is vital to develop policies and procedures to choose priori-

ties, to formulate guidelines and rules and regulations for purchasing and financial regulations, to develop mechanisms to address complaints for losses of the projects, to assess the progress of the projects and inputs and outputs of the projects.

In conclusion, it is also important to build the trust of the public by systematic account management and public audits to make sure that the strategic framework is successful.

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HEALTH

Kyi Mun

- * Health is the greatest **GAIN**.
- * Contentment is the greatest **WEALTH**.
- * Friendliness is the greatest **RELATIVE**.
- * PURITY of Mind is the greatest **JOY**.

-Dhammapada

Yes, Health is the greatest ENDOWMENT of life. Without good health, life would be a burden, a liability. Health is, indeed, the greatest blessedness of life. Health is the primary foundation of life. So, let us see how we can nurture, cultivate, develop, protect and preserve our health in the following manner:

H for Harmony Within & Without
E for Exercise & Diet
A for Active & Useful Living
L for Living with Beliefs & Values
T for Think Health & Live in Health
H for Hygienic Living

HARMONY WITHIN AND WITHOUT

Our internal organs must be treated with great care, respect and value. The most vital organs such as stomach, intestines, heart, liver, kidney etc., must not be over-

worked by our over-indulgence such as overeating, overdrinking, sloth and torpor, lack of activities and exercise. We should take good care of our Kamma (Karma) which is the way we live and move and have our being, the state of our mind or our psychic health, climatic conditions and nutrition. We should try to banish hurry, worry and anxiety from our mind as much as possible. Try to have a strong, still and serene mind. We must also take care of ourselves externally.

External relations must be conducive to our physical and mental well-being. We should also have good, mutually beneficial win-win human relationships.

EXERCISE AND DIET

For our health, it is important for us to have clean and strong oxygenation. I mean we should try to have a good intake of oxygen for our blood to be clean and strong. So, we should regularly take some appropriate aerobic exercise such as brisk walking, jogging or dancing that will help your blood circulation to be strong and clean.

As for nutrition, we should carefully limit the intake of saturated and trans fats such as animal fats, dairy fats including cream and butter, coconut milk, egg-yolk, sugar and salt. We should prefer leafy vegetables and juicy fruits to hard fried food. We should avoid smoking and drinking excessive alcoholic beverages.

ACTIVE AND USEFUL LIVING

Needless to elaborate, it is important for us to lead an

active and useful, productive lives. We should be clearly aware that we have got to be ASSETS rather than LIABILITIES for our family and human society.

LIVING WITH BELIEFS AND VALUES

We have got to have a passionate ardor in living, moving and having our being. We should strive to stand for some beliefs and values in our lives. We should value freedom, friendship, fairness and fulfillment in our lives. We had better be done with lesser values and try to leave a legacy of loftier beliefs and values for the posterity, such as simple living and high thinking.

THINK HEALTH AND LIVE IN HEALTH

We should remember : 'As a man thinketh in his mind, so is he.' If we are not heedful and always aware of the necessity of good health, we are liable to neglect the cultivation and taking good care of our state of healthfulness. We should make it our mission to BUILD AND MAINTAIN HEALTH.

HYGIENIC LIVING

Just as a sound mind in a sound body is of great value to us; we should also be mindful to BUILD A CLEAN MIND IN A CLEAN BODY. In the Bible, it is said; "+Glory the God in thy body."

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Hsin Ekari-3 paddy strain, favorite for farmers in Mohnyin Tsp

MOHNYIN, 9 Oct—Hsin Ekari-3 paddy strain produced from Agricultural Research Farm (Mohnyin) is suitable for soil of Kachin State. As a result, farmers of the region cultivate the paddy strain on a commercial scale.

commercial scale.

"The paddy plantation can produce over 100 baskets per acre. In the harvest time, farmers observe techniques for the paddy cultivation at the research farm. However, the research farm

cannot supply their demand," said research officer U Myint Thaung.

Kachin State has food sufficiency thanks to plenty acres of farmlands, fertile soil and favourable weather.—GNLM-001



Basic education level performing arts competition kicks off



YANGON, 9 Oct—Chief Minister U Myint Swe of Yangon Region and officials attended the opening of 21st Yangon Region national races' performing arts competition (basic education level) at No 4 Basic

Education High School in Ahlon Township of Yangon on Thursday.

Director-General U Min Zaw of No 3 Basic Education Department formally opened the competition.

Yangon Region Minis-

ter for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein presented K1 million to the fund for the competition and gave cash awards to the students who performed entertainment at the opening ceremony.

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Myanmar, Thailand to promote bilateral relations



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand General Tanasak Patimapragorn meets with Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received General Tanasak Patimapragorn,

Deputy Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand at the Ministry in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday.

They cordially discussed promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation between Myanmar and Thailand.—MNA

World Post Day observed in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct—A ceremony to mark the 140th Anniversary World Post Day was held in conjunction with the prize presentation for winners in the 43rd international youth letter writing competition for young people at national level at the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday.

Union Minister for Information and Communications Technology U Myat Hein, deputy ministers and officials presented first, second, third and three consolation prizes to the winners.

The Union minister then viewed round documentary photos in commemoration of the World Post Day.

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Union Minister U Myat Hein presents prize to a winner in contests to mark World Post Day.

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Future of ASEAN and strengthening of institutional capacity of ASEAN discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct—In preparation to the 25th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits scheduled from 9th to 13th November 2014, ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting, ASEAN Senior Economic Officials Meeting, Joint Preparatory Meeting (JPM) and the 2nd Meeting of ASEAN Coordinating Council Working Group on ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision are being held at the Grand Amara Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw starting from 8th October 2014.

The ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting was held on 9th October, 2014 in the Pinya Room at Grand Amara Hotel. The Meeting was chaired by His Excellency U Aung Lynn, Director-General of the ASEAN Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Myanmar. Senior Officials from ASEAN Member States, ASEAN Deputy Secretary-General and delegations from ASEAN Secretariat attended the meeting.

The Meeting dis-



ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting in progress at Grand Amara Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

cussed matters relating to the preparation of the upcoming 25th ASEAN Summit scheduled from 9-13 November 2014 including ASEAN Community Building, ASEAN's External Relations, future of ASEAN and strengthening of institutional capacity of ASEAN.

The ASEAN-U.S. Drafting Meeting which was held at the sideline of the ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting discussed

in detail on the draft ASEAN-U.S. Joint Statement on Climate Change which

is to be issued at 2nd ASEAN-U.S. Summit in November.—MNA

Movable property inside . . .

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The authorities formed a procurement committee with 15 members comprising government officials and Mr. Jeoung Hae Un, the Export and Import Manager of the shoe factory to auction off the materials owned by the factory owner as the owner of the factory failed to settled the issue in accordance with

The materials which would be auctioned include 472 items of machinery parts, 16 items related to generators, 10,764 items of raw materials and finished products and other materials.

Yangon Region

Labour Tribunal Board made the decision last month that the factory owner must pay the salary for June to 757 workers as well as compensation stipulated by labour laws for closing the factory without giving prior notice.

The Factories and General Labour Law Inspection Department urged the South Korean embassy last month to bring back factory owner Jeong Hae Un to settle the issue.

The ministry filed a lawsuit against Master Sports Factory on July 25 as it failed to pay the salaries for June and compensation to the workers after closing the facility on June 26, failing to comply with the regulations of the law.

Regarding the closure of the factory, which opened a year ago in the Hlinethaya Industrial Zone, Master Sports Myanmar Co Ltd issued an announcement at the beginning of July, saying the factory was experiencing financial problems due to the production of low-quality products that were not marketable, adding that agreements with potential buyers had to be revoked.

GNLM

Departmental officials explain matters related to auction of Master Sports Factory in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone in Yangon.—FGLLD



Threat to Syrian town tests patience for US strategy

WASHINGTON, 9 Oct — The threat from Islamic State fighters to the Syrian Kurdish town of Kobani is an early test of the US-led coalition's patience for a military strategy that at the moment cannot hold ground in Syria.

As President Barack Obama met with top brass at the Pentagon on Wednesday, his administration sought to set low expectations for what US-led air strikes could accomplish in Syria's ground war, and acknowledged Kobani may fall into the clutch of Islamic State, also known as ISIL, in the days ahead.

Secretary of State John Kerry said the loss of the town would not be a strategic defeat. Other officials stressed the focus of the campaign remained Iraq and that air strikes in Syria were intended to initially degrade Islamic State in neighbouring Iraq before ultimately destroying them over the long term in both countries.



Turkish army tanks take up position on the Turkish-Syrian border near the southeastern town of Suruc in Sanliurfa Province on 8 Oct, 2014.— REUTERS

That strategy, however, requires Western patience that grows thinner with each headline of gruesome Islamic State atrocities and jihadist military victories, or videos depicting beheadings of American or British hostages.

"Evidence is mounting that an 'Iraq first' approach focused on air strikes isn't degrading ISIL. From Kobani to Baghdad they

are using their Syrian sanctuary to make gains," said Buck McKeon, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

If Kobani fell, Islamic State fighters would control more than half of Syria's 510-mile (820-km) border with Turkey, a NATO ally, which could also face further civil unrest over Ankara's inaction, said Soner Cagaptay at Turkish Re-

search Programme at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

An Islamic State victory in Kobani could also lead to greater brutality against Kurds on the ground, Cagaptay said. "If Kobani fell, the pictures that would come out of there would be so horrific ... the world's reaction would obviously be sharpened." —Reuters

Pro-Kurdish party urges Turkish government to take action to fight IS

ANKARA, 9 Oct — The leader of Turkey's pro-Kurdish People's Democratic Party (HDP) has said that only by taking action to fight Islamic State (IS) militants can the government stop deadly protests across the country, local media reported on Thursday.

One of the reasons for the violent protests across Turkey was the anger caused by the perceived inaction of Ankara over the developments in IS-besieged town of Kobane along the Syria-Turkey border, HDP Co-chairman Selahattin Demirtas was quoted by *Hurriyet Daily News* as saying.

Kobane, also known as Ayn al-Arab and home to over 400,000 people, has been besieged by IS militants for three weeks and pounded by the group's heavy artillery for days.

The crisis around Ko-

bane triggered a large scale of violent protests across the country. A total of 22 Turkish have been killed, 145 others injured and 368 people detained during the protests, according to the local media. Demirtas said Kurds in Turkey widely believe that Turkey is supporting IS militants, though the government has denied this. He added that Kurds were angry with both the government's inaction and the police's fierce intervention in the protests.

Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said on Wednesday at a Press conference after a security meeting in Ankara that his government has instructed all security forces to unconditionally maintain public order. "This violence has turned into vandalism, into organized crime," Davutoglu said, blaming the HDP for calling on Kurds to protest. — Xinhua

France says \$3 billion Lebanon arms deal to go ahead



French Defence Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian (L) leaves after a war cabinet meeting at the Elysee Palace in Paris on 25 Sept, 2014. — REUTERS

PARIS, 9 Oct — France will soon provide weapons and military equipment to the Lebanese army as part of a \$3 billion grant from Saudi Arabia to help it fight jihadis encroaching into Lebanon from Syria, Defence Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said on Wednesday.

One of the few institutions not overtaken by the sectarian divisions that plague Lebanon, the army has few resources to deal with the instability on its border and has been seeking to modernize its military hardware.

"All the work is done

and the President (Francois Hollande) indicated yesterday to Mr (Saad) al-Hariri that the conditions to fulfil the contract had been met," Defence Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian told parliament. "This is a necessity. The Lebanese army is the last barrier that exists against the security threats this country faces."

Former Prime Minister Hariri, who has close links to the Saudi royal family, was in Paris on Tuesday to meet Hollande. He said that another Saudi grant of \$1 billion for the Lebanese army had also been finalized.

Jihadis attacked and briefly seized the Lebanese border town of Arsal in August and since then the army has stepped up its efforts to prevent fighters, most notably from al-Qaeda's Syrian wing Nusra Front, from crossing into Lebanon.

Beirut has officially tried to distance itself from Syria's conflict, but the country's powerful Shi'ite movement Hezbollah has sent fighters to aid President Bashar al-Assad, an Alawite. Assad, like Hezbollah, is backed by Shi'ite power Iran.

Lebanon, which is still rebuilding after its own 15-year civil war, has also seen clashes between gunmen loyal to opposing sides of the Syrian conflict, as well as militant strikes on the army and crossborder attacks by Syrian rebels.

The Sunni Muslim kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which has taken part in air strikes in neighbouring Syria, may be seeking to bolster the army as a counterbalance to Hezbollah.

Le Drian said France would provide land, air and naval equipment.

Reuters

Canada seeks to jail 80 who took part in foreign terror plots

OTTAWA, 9 Oct — Canada wants to arrest 80 people who returned to the country after taking part in suspected terrorism-related activities, the public safety minister said on Wednesday. Canadian security officials have fretted for years about the number of young men traveling abroad to join militant groups, including Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.

The Canadian Parliament approved a government plan on Tuesday to send six fighter jets to the

Middle East to join a US-led bombing campaign against Islamic State fighters in Iraq. As of early 2014, at least 130 people with Canadian connections — including citizenship or residency — were suspected of a wide range of terrorism-related activities abroad, Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney said.

"Some have died, some remain abroad. We know of about 80 who have returned to Canada," he told Parliament's public safety committee, saying

the individuals posed a serious threat.

"I can confirm ... that as we speak, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is investigating these individuals and will seek to put them behind bars," he said, without giving details.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Commissioner Bob Paulson said the force had 63 active national security investigations on 90 individuals who had either intended to go abroad or had returned to Canada. — Reuters



Iranians shout slogans during an anti-Islamic State (IS) protest in front of United Nations office in Teheran, Iran on 8 Oct, 2014. Thousands of Iranian people attend a demonstrations against the advance of IS militants into Kurdish populated Kobane town in northern Syria. — XINHUA

HTC CFO says company will not need to tap markets in 2015

NEW YORK, 9 Oct — HTC Corp (2498.TW) will not need to tap the capital markets in 2015 or even beyond, the Taiwanese smartphone maker's chief financial officer told *Reuters* on Wednesday, citing its lack of debt, \$1.7 billion in cash and the ability to fund itself.

"I don't think we need to worry about it at all," Chialin Chang said in an interview on the sidelines of the company's launch of a new smartphone and miniature connected camera. "We're not going to the capital markets for funding. We can self-fund ourselves very sufficiently."

HTC's phones have often struggled to translate positive early reviews into strong sales and the Taipei-based former contract manufacturer has found it

difficult to build its own identity in an increasingly competitive space.

The company last week reported better-than-forecast third-quarter profit, but mainly thanks to cost cuts rather than improved sales.

Chang said the company now has a strong portfolio of phones at prices that will attract buyers in both developed markets and emerging ones.

"I think with a more robust portfolio we're going to be able to show that we can grow again," he said. "Hopefully people will feel in the next earnings call with the guidance, we can get the momentum back."

He also said the company has no interest in being acquired and that it can "best deliver shareholder

value on our own, independently."

Like other, larger mobile phone makers such as Apple Inc (AAPL.O) and Samsung Electronics Co Ltd (005930.KS), HTC is trying to diversify into other "connected" devices to find new growth outside an increasingly commoditized space, though he said phones remained the company's "key bread and butter."

Chang declined to comment on reports that Google Inc(GOOG.L) has selected HTC to make its upcoming 9-inch (23-cm) tablet or that the two companies could collaborate on a "smart watch" although he acknowledged that the company was working on other "smart devices."

Reuters



A guest looks at a HTC desire eye smartphone after its launch in New York on 8 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS



Inquiry reveals design stage shortcoming in Galileo navigation system

PARIS, 9 Oct — European satellite launch company Arianespace on Wednesday said a shortcoming in the design stages was behind an anomaly that occurred during August's *Soyuz* mission to carry two satellites in the Galileo constellation from Europe's Spaceport in French Guiana.

"The root cause of the anomaly on flight VS09 is a shortcoming in the system thermal analysis during stage design, and not an operator error during stage assembly," an independent inquiry commission said.

"The system thermal analyses have been reexamined in depth to identify all areas concerned by this issue," it added.

The inquiry, set up by Arianespace, the European Space Agency (ESA) and the European Commission in August, recommended a revamp of the system thermal analysis and associated corrections in the design

documents.

The commission, chaired by Peter Dubock, former ESA Inspector General, called for a modification of documents in manufacturer assembly, integration and inspection procedures.

"These measures can easily and immediately be applied by (Russian aerospace company) NPO Lavochkin to the stages already produced, meaning that the *Soyuz* launcher could be available for its next mission from the Guiana Space Centre as from December 2014," it said.

Europe's fifth and sixth satellites for its Galileo global satellite navigation system, seated atop a *Soyuz* rocket, lifted off from the Europe's Spaceport in French Guiana on 22 August.

Thirty-five minutes after liftoff, an anomaly occurred during the flight of the launcher's fourth stage, *Fregat*, designed and produced by NPO Lavochkin,

according to the commission.

"The resolution of this anomaly will enable a consolidation of the reliability of *Fregat*, which had experienced 45 consecutive successes until this mission," said Stephane Israel, Arianespace chairman and CEO.

Galileo is Europe's global satellite navigation system, providing a highly accurate, guaranteed global positioning service under civilian control. It is inter-operable with GPS and Glonass, the US and Russian global satellite navigation systems.

Xinhua

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Ancient Indonesian cave paintings rewrite history of human art

WASHINGTON, 9 Oct — Prehistoric paintings at least 40,000 years old that depict animals — including one known as a "pig-deer" — and the outline of human hands in seven caves on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi are rewriting the history of art.

Scientists said on Wednesday they used a highly precise method to determine the antiquity of the paintings. They found the artwork was comparable in age to the oldest-known rock art from Europe, long thought to be the cradle of the early human cultural achievement embodied by cave painting.

"It was previously thought that Western Eu-

rope was the centerpiece of a symbolic explosion in early human artistic activity such as cave painting and other forms of image-making, including figurative art, around 40,000 years ago," said dating expert Maxime Aubert of Australia's Griffith University.

The fact that people in Sulawesi were doing the same things as contemporaries in Europe indicates cave art may have emerged independently at about the same time around the world, including Europe and Southeast Asia, added archeologist Thomas Sutikna of Australia's University of Wollongong.

"Rock art is one of the indicators of an abstract mind of the past human,

the onset of what we might consider to be one of the hallmarks of 'modern' humans," Sutikna added.

The study focused on 14 cave paintings: 12 human hand stencils and two naturalistic animal depictions, one showing an animal called a babirusa, or "pig-deer," and the other showing what probably is a pig.

They were painted in limestone caves near Maros in southern Sulawesi, a large island east of Borneo.

Most of the artwork was created with a pigment called red ochre to produce red- and mulberry-colored paintings. The art's existence had been known for decades, but its age had never been determined.



A Babirusa ("pig-deer") and a hand stencil are pictured in this undated handout image provided by Kinez Riza.—REUTERS

Some experts estimated it was maybe 10,000 years old.

The scientists used a method based on the radioactive decay of tiny quan-

ties of uranium in small mineral growths dubbed "cave popcorn" that formed on some of the paintings.

The oldest Sulawesian artwork, a hand outline at

least about 40,000 years ago, was comparable in age to the world's oldest-known rock art image, a red dot from Spain's El Castillo site.—*Reuters*

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US F-15 fighter jet crashes into field in England, pilot safe

LONDON, 9 Oct — A United States Air Force fighter jet crashed into a field in eastern England on Wednesday but the pilot was safe after ejecting from the aircraft.

Police said they were alerted by members of the public that a jet had come down in a field in Lincolnshire at around 1430 GMT.

"We can confirm it is a US Air Force F-15," Capt Carolyn Glover, a spokeswoman for the US Air Forces in Europe, said by telephone. "We can also confirm that the pilot is safe." Pictures published by local newspapers showed an aircraft in flames with plumes of smoke rising above a field of green crops. Glover declined to say where the F15 had been heading to. Sean Gough, an eye witness quoted by the BBC, said he heard a loud roaring noise and noticed a pilot ejecting from the plane.—Reuters

Brazil's PSB party to back Neves in 26 October runoff

BRASILIA, 9 Oct — The political party that launched environmentalist Marina Silva's unsuccessful presidential bid threw its support behind pro-business candidate Aecio Neves on Wednesday for Brazil's 26 October runoff vote against leftist President Dilma Rousseff.

The decision by the Brazilian Socialist Party increases the likelihood that the bulk of Silva's 22 million votes would go to Neves, raising his chances of defeating Rousseff.

Silva, an anti-establishment figure who wanted to change Brazilian politics by ending polarization between Neves and Rousseff's parties, came third in Sunday's first-round vote. She is expected to endorse Neves on Thursday.

Her backing is crucial for Neves, the market favourite running for the Brazilian Social Democracy Party (PSDB). Neves won 33.6 percent of the votes to Rousseff's 41.6 percent, a difference of 8 million votes.

Silva surged in the

polls in late August when she was thrust into the race by the death of her running mate and original PSB presidential candidate Eduardo Campos in a plane crash. But her popularity was undercut by an aggressive media blitz by Rousseff that linked her to Brazil's financial elite and questioned her ability to govern without the backing of traditional parties.

"I have become the candidate of change," Neves said at the PSB's headquarters in Brasilia, where he paid homage to the party's late leader Campos. "His dreams are now my dreams. His commitments have also become my commitments," Neves said.

PSB Senator Rodrigo Rollemberg said his party backed Neves because alternation in power was needed in Brazil after the country stagnated for the last four years under Rousseff.

Neves is also seeking endorsement by the influential family of Campos, a former governor of the



Brazil's Social Democratic Party (PSDB) presidential candidate Aecio Neves reacts during a meeting with governors and senators elected in the first round of the general elections in Brasilia on 8 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

northeastern state of Pernambuco, where some 2 million votes won by Marina are up for grabs.

"With the explicit support of Marina and the family of Eduardo Campos, Neves can grow in poorer parts of Brazil like the Northeast where Rousseff has a lot of votes due to her government's

social programmes," said political scientist Carlos Melo of the Insper, a leading Brazilian business school.

Rousseff kicked off her campaign for the runoff on Wednesday with a whistle-stop trip to Northeastern states to protect her bastion of support from inroads by Neves, who is more popu-

lar in the industrialized and agribusiness states of Brazil's south.

Her campaign is portraying a Neves government as one that will bring recession, unemployment and income losses, citing the austerity policies enacted by past administrations of her rival's party.

Reuters

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Cameroon seeks Japan's aid in building schools for agriculture

TOKYO, 9 Oct — In an effort to boost competitiveness in Cameroon's agriculture, the Central African country has sought Japan's assistance in its plan to build technical schools in each of its 10 provinces.

Essimi Menye, Cameroon minister of agriculture and rural development, said in an interview in Tokyo on Wednesday that China is currently building what will be the first such school in Cameroon, and that he hopes Japan will follow suit.

Along with construction, Menye called for increased support from Tokyo in training agricultural experts and instructors so that they can teach young people at such schools to promote the farm and fisheries industries.

“We need at least 10 schools like the one they (Chinese) are building now. We need to have a first one from Japan,” he said. “After that, maybe we will be requesting another one from Japan or someone else.”

Citing Cameroon's weakness in post-harvest and post-catch technology such as rice milling, storage of farm products and freezing of fish, the minister said, “I think Japanese technology,

technique and equipment can really be useful to us since we produce a lot of perishable foodstuff.

“We need better ways to preserve and process such foodstuff so that we will be able to sell our goods to other countries including Japan.”

Menye is on a visit to Japan at the invitation of the Foreign Ministry. He held separate talks with senior officials of the foreign and farm ministries and the Japan International Cooperation Agency before inspecting Satake Corp, a rice processing equipment maker in Hiroshima Prefecture, on Friday.

Menye, a former finance minister, hailed Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's pledge of \$32 billion in aid for Africa at the fifth Tokyo International Conference on African Development, or TICAD, in Yokohama in June last year.

In a follow-up to the pledge, Abe traveled to the Ivory Coast, Mozambique and Ethiopia in January. In yet another move to boost ties with Africa, Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida co-chaired a TICAD ministerial meeting in Cameroon in May.

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Weather
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BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the Cyclonic Storm (Hud Hud) over Southeast Bay of Bengal has moved to the East Central Bay of Bengal and has further intensified into the Severe Cyclonic Storm. It is centered at about (280)miles West of Coco-Island (Myanmar) and (380)miles Southeast of Visakhapatnam (India). It is likely to intensify further and forecast to move West-Northwest ward. Monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weather is partly cloudy to cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.
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Christopher Nolan is miffed with me:

LONDON, 9 Oct — Hollywood star Al Pacino has revealed director Christopher Nolan is upset with him because he turned down one of his films. The 74-year-old actor said that he has not been offered a role in a Nolan-directed film since he declined the chance to appear in one earlier, reported *Contactmusic*.

“He hasn’t offered me a

Al Pacino

film in a while, you know why? He asked me to be in this movie and I didn’t do it. I think that might have miffed him a little bit, but I’m being presumptuous myself,” Pacino said.

He starred in Nolan’s 2002 thriller ‘Insomnia’, but refused

to reveal which film he turned down.

PTI

Al Pacino starred in Christopher Nolan’s 2002 thriller ‘Insomnia’.—PTI



I prefer to shop online:

Keira Knightley

LONDON, 9 Oct — Actress Keira Knightley says she prefers shopping online over visiting stores and markets for clothes.

The 29-year-old ‘Pirates of the Caribbean’ star, however, said, she has not ever shopped from e-commerce company eBay for fear of getting addicted to bargain hunting on the site, reported *Contactmusic*.

“The truth is that I’ve never liked shopping that much. I’ll do a bit of online shopping at Matches and Net-A-Porter, which is like crack. I’ve never bought anything on eBay because I feel like that could just start eating into everything,” she said.—PTI



Jodie Foster sells home for \$5 million

LONDON, 9 Oct — Actress Jodie Foster has reportedly sold her Hollywood Hills home for USD 5 million, 16 months after she initially listed the abode.

The 51-year-old actress originally put her property on the market for USD 6.4 million but when it failed to sell, she changed estate agents and re-listed her house for USD 5.6 million before eventually settling for USD 4.995 million on Monday, reported *Contactmusic*.

The property, which Jodie purchased from model and actress Cheryl Tiegs in 1995, features four bedrooms and a guest suite. The Spanish-style villa also boasts four full bathrooms and two half bathrooms.

Foster’s former private pad also features a high hedge surrounding the pool and courtyard area, a step-down living room complete with cathedral ceiling



Actress Jodie Foster

and a huge kitchen which may well interest a keen cook.

The villa was built in 1935 and is situated in the Birds Street area of the Santa Monica Mountains region which is very popular with celebrities.—PTI

Taylor Swift wants me to move to New York: Selena Gomez



Taylor Swift & Selena Gomez

LOS ANGELES, 9 Oct — Singer Selena Gomez has revealed her good friend Taylor Swift has been “begging” her to move to New York where the ‘Love Story’ star is currently living.

The 22-year-old ‘Come and Get It’ hitmaker currently resides in Los Angeles where she has lived most of her life, but now she’s tempted to pack up and move to the other side of the country, where Swift purchased a luxury penthouse earlier this year, reported E! Online.

“I’d love to spend time in New York. I’ve always said that I want to have a love affair and live there... Taylor has been begging me to live there. She’s like, ‘It’s the best decision I’ve ever made.’ Everyone always says I’m more New York when they meet me so maybe it would be good for me. I don’t spend enough time there’,” Gomez said.—PTI

Miss Universe winner attends Press conference in Venezuela



The winner of the contest Miss Universe 2013 Gabriela Isler takes part in a Press conference in the framework of the edition 2014 of Miss Venezuela, in the city of Caracas, Venezuela on 8 Oct, 2014. —XINHUA

GENERAL

Premier League clubs discussed overseas games

LONDON, 9 Oct — Premier League clubs have discussed playing a regular season round of 10 matches abroad in the future, according to British media reports.

The league's chief executive Richard Scudamore was widely criticised six years ago for a plan to introduce an extra match for each club — the so-called "39th game" — at venues in Asia, the United States, Australia and elsewhere.

However, at the start of this season, he claimed clubs still supported the idea.

The new plan, it was reported on Wednesday, would be for one of the existing 38 rounds of 10 fixtures to be played at various venues around the world.

The Times said that the proposal had been discussed at a meeting of Premier League club chairmen and chief executives last month.



Manchester United's Juan Mata (L) challenges Everton's Leighton Baines during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England on 5 Oct, 2014. — REUTERS

Leading English clubs regularly undertake lucrative pre-season tours overseas and since 2003, the Premier League has run a tournament in Asia every other year prior to the new season.

Games in the United

States and Asia have proved particularly popular, with almost 110,000 turning up in Michigan to see Manchester United face Real Madrid this year.

Overseas television rights earn the Premier League more than two bil-

lion pounds (£1.99 billion) under the current three-year contract, of which almost half comes from Asia.

One stepping stone, reports said, was for the annual August Community Shield fixture between the league champions and FA Cup winners to be played overseas, as happens in Italian football.

A Premier League spokesman did not deny the plans had been discussed but said: "There are currently no proposals on the table." The Swansea City chairman Huw Jenkins was reported to have told a supporters' forum last week: "There's definitely going to be a run of games played abroad in 12 months or two years. "It's a sad reflection of where football is, but unless we are part of that, it's inevitable we are going to fall behind." — *Reuters*

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"Yuzu" Japanese citrus fruit introduced in New York

NEW YORK, 9 Oct — An event to introduce the Japanese citrus fruit "yuzu" was held in New York on Wednesday with various dishes using its juice served as samples, with producers aiming to boost exports.

About 60 restaurant workers and retailers joined the first yuzu promotion event in the United States organized by the government of western Japan's Kochi Prefecture, the biggest yuzu producer in Japan. Among the dishes served by Japanese and American chefs was pork topped with

a yuzu-based sauce.

Yuzu juice made in Kochi has been exported to the United States, France and Singapore and the prefecture aims to increase its exports by around 20 percent to 100 tons in fiscal 2015.

Dai Yoshimura, deputy head of the prefectural government's industrial promotion department, said, "We aim to promote Kochi-made yuzu widely and have it used in many restaurants in the United States."

Kyodo News

Kangaroo attacks Australian woman near Brisbane

SYDNEY, 9 Oct — An Australian woman on Thursday revealed how an angry kangaroo knocked her to the ground while she walked to work.

Petra Oligmuller suffered cuts in the attack which happened last week while she was walking to her job at the local aged care center at 6 am in Toogoolawah, a small town about 120 km from Brisbane.

Oligmuller said she was very close to her work place when she spotted two kangaroos in a paddock.

"One came across and

stopped at the gully, then he roared at me and I froze," she told *Fairfax Media*.

"But he didn't stop. Then he came at me so I swung my backpack and he knocked me over and I ended up on the bitumen (road)," she said. "I've walked that road for 14 years and never had anything like it ... It really just scared the crap out of me."

Oligmuller, a 1.6-metre-tall woman, said the kangaroo was taller than her and managed to rip her backpack.

Xinhua

Parents arrested for keeping 8-yr-old son chained to pillar

OTSU, (Japan), 9 Oct — Police arrested the parents of an 8-year-old boy in a western Japan city on Thursday on suspicion they had kept their son chained to a pillar the previous day.

Yasuna Miyajima, 32, and his wife Akane, 27, allegedly left their son locked up for eight hours from around 8 am on Wednesday on the first floor of their home in Nagahama, Shiga Prefecture, using a 3-metre chain and two padlocks.

The boy was taken to a hospital but did not have any visibly significant injuries, the police said.

An officer investigated the house after a neighbourhood child spotted the boy

through a window and a neighbour alerted the police. The officer found him chained up in a weakened state and cut him loose using a bolt cutter. A child's potty was found nearby.

The mother and stepfather were not home at the time. According to local police, they have admitted to the charges.

On 16 July, the elementary school the boy attends told local police that he may have been abused after finding he had burns and bruises. School authorities visited the home but took no further action because the boy said he was "all right."

Kyodo News



Solar-wind hybrid power plant completed in Aichi Prefecture A ceremony is held in Tahara, Aichi Prefecture, on 8 Oct, 2014, to mark the completion of the Tahara Solar/Wind Electricity Generation Plant (back), one of Japan's biggest solar-wind hybrid power plants. The plant on an 800,000-square-meter site consists of a 50-megawatt photovoltaic power generator and a 6-MW wind power generator, covering the power consumption of about 19,000 households. — *KYODO NEWS*

Welbeck has perfect chance to shine for England

LONDON, 9 Oct — Inform striker Danny Welbeck has a golden opportunity to underline his England credentials in the Euro 2016 qualifiers against San Marino and Estonia, manager Roy Hodgson said on Wednesday.

The 23-year-old forward has made an excellent start to his Arsenal career and with Daniel Sturridge missing out for England due to injury Welbeck will lead the line alongside his former Manchester United team mate Wayne Rooney.

"I'm pleased for Danny. It's great now that he's made his move and he's taken that chance," Hodgson told a news conference on the eve of the San Marino game at Wembley.

"He's a player I have always followed very closely and with Daniel Sturridge injured he will get his chance."

Rooney knows all about Welbeck's attributes.

"Daniel is a fantastic footballer and sometimes he doesn't get the credit he deserves," Rooney said.

"As a footballer he is very intelligent and obviously he's very quick and athletic. For me he is a top top player."

Hodgson has a fully fit squad to select from after Aston Villa midfielder Fabian Delph returned to

training. "It's we important we take the game very very seriously," Hodgson said. "Everyone is quite anxious to play."

Following their first-round exit in this year's World Cup in Brazil, England opened their Euro qualifying campaign with an impressive 2-0 Group E win in Switzerland, Welbeck scoring both goals.

"I am not planning wholesale changes," Hodgson said. "We are keen to keep the momentum going."

"The players have

looked very sharp and focussed in training," he added.

"It's all about performance and making sure we don't slip below our standards. It might be a goal feast but these games can be very difficult."

England have scored 26 goals in four matches against San Marino and conceded just one, Davide Gualtieri's infamous strike just 8.3 seconds into a World Cup qualifier in Bologna in 1993.

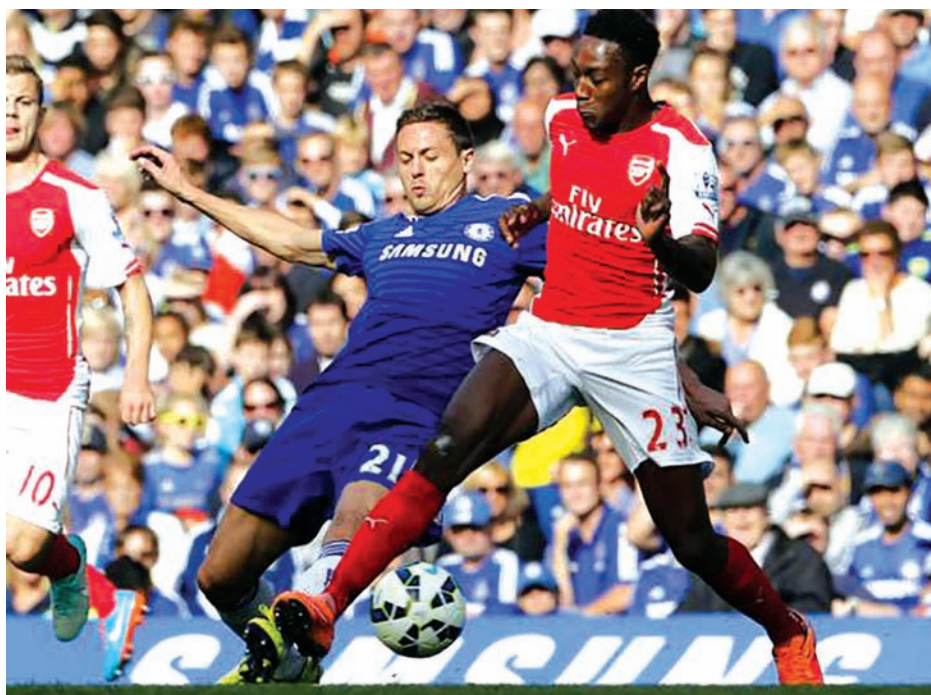
Rooney will be demanding better concentra-

tion on Thursday, though the last two meetings in qualifying for this year's World Cup brought crushing England wins, 5-0 and 8-0.

"I am enjoying the role of captain and the responsibility and in terms of results it is going very well," said Rooney, who will be hoping to overtake Jimmy Greaves in third place on England's all-time scoring list.

"It's always nice to score goals but the most important thing is the performance and winning the game."

Rooney, 28, has scored 41 goals in 97 internationals, three behind Greaves and eight short of Bobby Charlton's record 49.—Reuters



Chelsea's Nemanja Matic (L) challenges Arsenal's Danny Welbeck during their English Premier League soccer match at Stamford Bridge in London on 5 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

Changes to Asian soccer aimed at improving World Cup chances

LONDON, 9 Oct — Asian soccer must adapt to the increasingly competitive nature of the world game or risk being left behind, Alex Soosay, the general secretary of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), said on Wednesday.

Four Asian countries — Japan, South Korea, Iran and Australia — qualified for this year's World Cup finals in Brazil but none of them won a game and they all went out in the group stage. Soosay, speaking to delegates at the Leaders in Sport Summit at Stamford Bridge, said the AFC must make changes to both its international and club competitions to spark an improvement.

"In the AFC we realise that without better competitions among member associations we will struggle to adapt to the increasing competitive nature of the global game," he said.

"As such a new change is on the horizon for the AFC premier competitions. For the Asian Cup the number of teams will be increased from 16 to 24 for the 2019 edition."

"This will give more opportunity for the member associations to be part of Asia's flagship competition. The gap is closing (between Asian countries) and we are optimistic that Asian football at that level will definitely shine." Australia host the 16th edition of the Asian Cup from 9 January next year and will be looking to win it for the first time since moving from the Oceania confederation in 2006. Soosay also outlined plans for changes to the way Asian nations qualify for the World Cup.

"With the new format, eight group winners and four second best teams from the eight groups will qualify for our final round of qualifications," he said.

"Currently only 10 teams battle it out in the final round of World Cup qualifiers but then we'll have 12 teams and that will give more depth to the competition."

The AFC Champions League will also undergo a revamp, with the introduction of a new rankings system, which will mean clubs adhering to certain criteria such as proper governance and sporting integrity.

"The new system will effectively create a new dynamic for the premier club competition the AFC Champions League," Soosay added. "With the new rankings system in place, the AFC Champions League in 2015 will provide more member associations to participate in the Champions League as members ranked from one to 24 are eligible to play."—Reuters

Ferrer ousts Murray, Berdych reaches Shanghai quarters

SHANGHAI, 9 Oct — Fifth seed David Ferrer knocked Andy Murray out of the Shanghai Masters third round on Thursday, coming from a set down to prevail 2-6, 6-1, 6-2 and boost his chances of qualifying for the season-ending ATP World Tour Finals in London.

Murray, ranked 11th, had little trouble in the first set and looked poised for a quarter-finals berth, but Ferrer staged a brilliant comeback, breaking the Briton twice to take the second and level the match.

There was no let up in the final set either as the Spaniard raced to a 5-2 lead and raised his arms in celebration when twice champion Murray buried a return into the net. Ferrer now replaces Murray in ninth spot in the race for the eight-man Tour Finals. "I needed to play my best tennis today," Ferrer told the ATP World Tour website (www.atp-



David Ferrer of Spain celebrates winning his men's singles tennis match against Andy Murray of Britain at the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament in Shanghai on 9 Oct, 2014. — REUTERS

worldtour.com). "I think this match was very important for both players. Today was a good victory."

Murray, who joined world number two Rafa Nadal, Australian Open champion Stan Wawrinka and US Open finalist Kei Nishikori in exiting the tournament before the quarter-final stage, was generous in his praise for Ferrer.

"He barely missed

a ball for about a set and a half," said Murray. "I couldn't find a way around him. He played just great tennis, especially the last set and a half."

"(At) the beginning of the second set I still had a couple of opportunities there right at the beginning. But after that, I've got to give it to him, he played fantastically well and deserved to win."

Murray said he had not made up his mind yet about where he would compete next as he bids to qualify for the ATP Finals for the seventh successive year.

"We'll see over the next few days where I decide to go. Hopefully I can play well the last couple of tournaments, try and make

a push for London," he added. Czech Tomas Berdych boosted his hopes of securing one of the five remaining places in London with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Ivo Karlovic, who hit 19 aces in the third-round clash.

Berdych will replace US Open champion Marin Cilic, beaten by Karlovic in

the opening round in Shanghai, in sixth place in the race to London if he beats Gilles Simon in the quarter-finals on Friday.

Frenchman Simon overcame Malek Jaziri of Tunisia 6-2, 6-3 while Julien Benneteau beat American Jack Sock 6-3, 6-4.

Reuters



Andy Murray of Britain returns a shot during his men's singles tennis match against David Ferrer of Spain at the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament in Shanghai on 9 Oct, 2014. — REUTERS