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## Businessman Accuses Police Of Torture

SINGAPORE - The police on Tuesday pledged to investigate a local businessman's claim that he was tortured while under arrest for allegedly trading in millions of dollars' worth of stolen Apple devices.

Ong Su Ping, 32, said police officers "forced him to drink their urine, put a toilet brush into his mouth, covered his head with used underwear, pulled his hair and assaulted his private parts," local daily the "Straits Times" reported.

Ong, who is facing charges of receiving 3,400 stolen iPads and iPhones worth SGD1.4 million in September, added in a court hearing on Monday that the ordeal lasted four hours and he later had nightmares about it.

Ong's father told the newspaper that family members "have not been allowed to see him or talk to him for the past nine days."

Ong's allegations prompted the judge to suggest to police that an officer not involved in

the original arrest should look into his torture allegations.

The police told AFP that Ong's case was being investigated by the Internal Affairs Office, a new department that conducts independent investigations into complaints and offences involving officers.

"Police take a very serious view of all complaints made by accused persons against our officers and will investigate all such complaints thoroughly," a police spokesman said in an emailed response to AFP queries.

"If criminal offences are disclosed, police would not hesitate to bring criminal charges against the errant officer," the email added. However, the spokesman warned that "if allegations are found to be false, appropriate actions in accordance with our laws will be taken against any persons who furnish false information to the police." (AFP)

## Shell Refinery Operates 2 Weeks After Fire

SINGAPORE - A refinery of Shell with a capacity of processing half a million barrels of crude a day has restarted its operations partially two weeks after a fire, the company said on Monday. Some operations will resume at the crude distillation units of the refinery, local broadcaster Channel NewsAsia quoted a spokeswoman of the company as saying.

The unnamed Shell official declined to comment further on the specifics of the operation, it added. Some of the units, including the hydrocracker, remained shut.

"When the fire started, the units adjacent to pump-house 43 have been shutdown as a safety precaution. During the next few days, several other units have been shutdown. A dedicated safety study has been performed for all units adjacent to the incident site and it has been confirmed that these are not damaged," she said.

The fire in late September forced the shutdown of the refinery on a small island off the main island of Singapore, and Shell declared force majeure on some of its clients following the incident. (Xinhua)

## GDP Growth Seen At 3%-5%

SINGAPORE - President Tony Tan Keng Yam has said it is going to be tougher for Singapore to have high growth rate as the city state moves closer to the income level of the developed countries, but it can still achieve growth of between 3% and 5% in the coming years.

Tan said such growth rate will be enough to achieve a better life for all Singaporeans, according to local daily "Business Report" on Tuesday.

"High rates of growth will become more challenging as we grapple with the limits of our land area and population size, and as our income level reaches that of developed countries," Tan said at the opening of the republic's 12th Parliament.

Singapore has a well-diversified, financially sound and competitive economy, adequate to see it through tough times, he said.

Tan said growth is not an end in itself and the government seeks quality growth by improving every job, raising the productivity of every worker and helping companies innovate. "With high quality, inclusive growth, we can afford to invest in our people, our country and our future," he said. (Xinhua)

## Yahoo Share Prices Up On Takeover Speculation

SAN FRANCISCO - Shares of Yahoo Inc rose on Monday as more reports emerged that potential buyers are circling the Internet search company. The stock rose USD0.37, or 2.4%, to close at USD15.84 after Reuters reported that Yahoo co-founder Jerry Yang may organise a buyout with private equity firms.

And Bloomberg reported that Alibaba, China's biggest e-commerce site, has talked to Singapore's state-owned investment company, Temasek Holdings, about financing to buy out Yahoo's 40% stake in Alibaba.

Both news organisations cited unidentified people familiar with the situation. Yahoo said in a statement that the "entire board, including Jerry, is fully aligned and unanimous in support of the comprehensive scope of the ongoing strategic review. As always, Jerry's singular focus remains to serve the best interests of Yahoo - its shareholders, employees, users and advertisers."

Rumors have swirled about Yahoo's fate since the company fired chief executive officer Carol Bartz last month.

Reuters previously reported that Microsoft Corp was considering whether to make another offer, after having its offer of USD33 per share, or USD47.5 billion, rebuffed in 2008.

Microsoft withdrew that offer when Yang held out for more. Despite Yahoo's cachet as one of the best-known brands on the Internet, its troubles have mounted. One problem is that while its website has a worldwide audience of nearly 800 million, users are not sticking around as long, opting instead for longer visits at web sites like Facebook. (AP)

## New Budget Carrier Unit To Take Off

SINGAPORE - The low-cost long-haul carrier unit of Singapore Airlines (SIA) is slated to take off in April next year, local daily "Straits Times" reported on Tuesday. It will start with one Boeing 777-200 and grow its fleet to four planes in the first three months.

The longer term plan is for Scoot Airlines, as the new unit could be called, to operate 14 of the twin-aisle planes by the middle of 2016.

Regional carrier SilkAir, another SIA subsidiary, has a fleet of 18 aircraft.

The new airline has been part of SIA's strategy to cope with intensifying competition.

It is expected to fit each of its Boeing-777 with about 400 seats.

SIA currently configures its Boeing-777 to carry up to 323 passengers in two classes.

The new carrier also intends to furnish its aircraft with Wi-Fi as part of the retrofitting, the newspaper said.

This will allow passengers to surf the Internet and access Web-based applications. Singapore announced its intention to launch the low-cost long-haul carrier in May, saying that the unit will be run independently of the parent carrier. (Xinhua)

### MARINE NEWS SUMMARY

#### CONTAINER VESSELS: NEXT-GENERATION WILL BE LARGEST EVER

If the need is for greater efficiency for road and rail freight during an economic slowdown, standard operating procedures might be to downgrade to smaller and lighter means of overland transport. Shipping lines, however, have a different approach: they build bigger ships. The reason, they say, is better economies of scale, costing them less to send a string of three or four huge new ships across the oceans instead of a larger fleet of smaller vessels. These bigger and newer ships will also have more efficient engines and lower emissions, which also means lower fuel costs, as the company hopes an everlasting impression on its customers. One shipping giant is reportedly spending USD 1.9 billion on 10 new ships, each of which will carry 18,000 TEUs. The new Ultra Large Container Ships (ULCS) will be more than 1,312 feet long and more than 193 feet wide, and will outdo cargo capacity of the world's largest container vessel currently afloat, by 16%. The company's chief executive said that building ULCSs was not only a top priority for the firm but also for its customers, who are heavily dependent upon this in their supply chain. Five years ago, the world's largest container ship had a TEU capacity of 9,500. According to a Paris-based maritime research firm, the container carriers' answer to challenges of sustainable shipping and reduction of emissions is to build ever-larger ships, whose sizes have doubled over a decade.

### REGIONAL NEWS

#### Cambodia & Vietnam in Focus

*News from around Cambodia & Vietnam over the past seven days. (In tomorrow's issue: Indonesia)*

#### Cambodian Flood Toll Up

PHNOM PENH - More than 200 people have died in Cambodia's worst floods in over a decade, a disaster official said on Monday, as the country scrambled to provide aid for tens of thousands of families.

Over 80 children were among those killed in two months of flooding caused by heavy rainfall that has seen the Mekong River burst its banks, according to the National Committee for Disaster Management.

More than 270,000 families have seen their homes or livelihoods waterlogged by the floods, which have inundated 350,000 hectares of rice paddies across the country, committee spokesman Keo Vy said.

The flooding, which has killed 207 people, including 83 children, is the deadliest since 2000 and represents a huge challenge to the impoverished nation.

Despite the scale of the disaster Keo Vy insisted the situation was under control. "We are not yet appealing for international assistance," he said, adding that the waters have begun to subside. (AFP)

#### UN Calls For Cambodia Tribunal Interference's End

PHNOM PENH - The United Nations called on Monday for an end to interference in the work of the Cambodia Khmer Rouge war crimes tribunal after the resignation of one of the investigating judges.

The UN said its leadership would closely monitor the future work of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) after German judge Siegfried Blunk resigned accusing the government of hindering his work.

"The UN has noted the reasons stated by Judge Blunk for his resignation. As we have consistently emphasized, the ECCC must be permitted to proceed with its work without interference from any entity including the royal government of Cambodia, donor states or civil society," UN deputy spokesman Eduardo Del Buoy said.

Blunk described "repeated statements, which will be perceived as attempted interference by government officials" over his work on two possible new cases against five former Khmer Rouge members. The government has denied seeking to influence the court's work. Del Buoy confirmed that UN leader Ban Ki-moon has received Blunk's resignation. (AFP)

#### Chinese Firm Builds Light Rail In Hanoi

HANOI - The China Railway Engineering Corporation (CREC) on Monday kicked off construction of a light rail and depot project in Vietnamese capital of Hanoi. Vietnamese Minister of Transport Dinh La Thang, Chinese Embassy Charge d' affaires Jiang Zaidong and representatives of the Sixth Bureau of the CREC attended the ground breaking ceremony.

Thang said the Vietnamese government attaches great importance to improving transportation infrastructure and solving the traffic congestion in big cities.

Cac Linh-Ha Dong urban rail project is an important part in Hanoi rail network in the future.

The project will effectively alleviate traffic congestion and promote economic development in the capital.

Jiang said the project is of special significance on the occasion of the Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong's upcoming visit to China.

"The project will strengthen co-operation between China and Vietnam," he said. Zhao Zhanhu, general manager of CREC Sixth Bureau, said the bureau will apply the scientific and technological advantages to the project to ensure that the project will be completed on schedule with first-class quality. (Xinhua)

## Vietnam Banks Need More Capital: Fitch

HANOI - A ratings agency on Monday welcomed efforts by Vietnamese banks to beef up their capital buffers but said lenders may have to do more to shield themselves from losses amid the country's economic troubles.

Fitch Ratings said Vietnam's lenders are thinly-capitalised compared with their regional peers, although credit growth has eased this year and banks have received capital injections.

"Banks in general continue to target rapid growth in a country where credit reached 120% of gross domestic product at end-2010, high by emerging market standards," Mikho Irawady of Fitch in Singapore said.

"This exposes the banks to sharp deterioration in asset quality should the already difficult operating environment take a turn for the worse."

Fitch said a greater buffer was needed to protect banks from potential losses, and allow for future expansion.

In the latest equity boost to a Vietnamese bank, Japan's Mizuho Corporate Bank said on September 30 that it would buy a 15% stake in Vietnam's largest bank by market capitalisation, the Joint Stock Commercial Bank for Foreign Trade of Vietnam (Vietcombank). (AFP)

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Eyeing Kremlin Return, Putin Visits China

BEIJING - Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin travels to China on Tuesday for talks likely to focus on a gas deal mired in disagreement, on his first trip abroad since he declared a planned Kremlin comeback.

Putin will be accompanied by a 160-member delegation including prominent tycoons for his two-day visit, during which he will meet his Chinese counterpart, Wen Jiabao, and President Hu Jintao.

Observers said Putin's trip, which follows last month's announcement that he plans to reclaim the presidency, is symbolic and could see him lay out his foreign policy priorities for years to come.

The two countries, former Cold War allies, hope to seal some 20 business agreements worth USD7 billion, Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Zhukov told the "Kommersant" daily.

Russia is the world's largest energy producer, while China is the largest energy consumer. Russian gas giant Gazprom and China National Petroleum Company signed a framework agreement in 2009 that could eventually see almost 70 billion cubic metres of Russian gas sent to China annually for the next 30 years. (AFP)

## Washington Protesters Get Permit To Continue

WASHINGTON - Protesters in Washington condemning corporate greed and corrupt politics leaped at the chance to extend their occupation of a square near the White House by another four months.

The Stop the Machine occupation of Freedom Plaza is one of two ongoing protests in the capital, alongside the like-minded but more youthful Occupy DC sit-in, now in its tenth day.

Its original four-day permit from the National Park Service, which polices the square, called for them to leave on Monday, but late in the day the Federal agency proposed a permit that would run until February 2012.

"The general assembly at Freedom Plaza just reached consensus, we accept the four-month extension of our permit!" organisers said on the StopTheMach2011 Twitter feed.

Occupy DC remains at McPherson Square, without a permit, where it staged a late-day general assembly on Monday watched by a solitary police cruiser.

Both protests comprise several dozen participants each. Stop the Machine had declared it would stay in Freedom Plaza, across from Washington's city hall and the Ronald Reagan International Trade Centre, indefinitely, with or without permission. (AFP)

## Mexico On High Alert For Hurricane 'Jova'

MEXICO CITY - Mexican authorities have placed four southern coastal states on high alert ahead of Tuesday's expected arrival of Jova, a major hurricane barreling in from the Pacific.

The Miami-based United States National Hurricane Centre (NHC) said that Jova was packing maximum sustained winds of 195 kilometres per hour and was 255 kilometres southwest of the busy port city of Manzanillo, in Colima state. It was moving north-northeast at 11km/h.

Jova has strengthened to a category three storm on the five-level Saffir-Simpson scale and was forecast to become a category four before weakening as it makes landfall on Tuesday.

"On the forecast track, the centre of the hurricane will be near the coast of Mexico in the hurricane warning area by Tuesday afternoon or evening," the NHC said. "Some fluctuations in strength could occur during the next day or so but Jova is still expected to reach the coast of Mexico as a major hurricane." (AFP)

## FINANCIAL NEWS

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE

USD 1 = SGD 1.2833

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## India Probes 2nd Ex-Minister Over Corruption Claims

NEW DELHI - Indian police are formally investigating a second former telecoms minister over a hugely damaging scandal that has cost the country up to USD39 billion and embarrassed the government.

One former telecoms minister is already in custody and a police spokeswoman said cases of corruption and conspiracy were registered against his predecessor, Dayanidhi Maran, and Maran's elder brother, the media baron Kalanithi Maran.

Police raids of premises belonging to the Marans were "conducted at Delhi and Chennai," Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) spokeswoman Dharini Mishra said in New Delhi.

The CBI also registered cases against Malaysian tycoon Ananda Krishnan, owner of the Malaysia-based Maxis group, among others.

Under Indian law, the registering of cases, known as a First Information Report, means that police will now investigate to see whether there is enough evidence to lay formal charges.

The CBI announcement is a fresh headache for Premier Manmohan Singh's government, which has been badly shaken by the alleged telecom licensing scam in 2008 that the national auditor said may have cost the country up to USD39 billion in lost revenue. (AFP)

## Samsung Delays Android Phone For Steve Jobs

SEOUL - South Korea's Samsung Electronics said on Monday it delayed the launch of a smartphone based on Google's latest Android operating system as a gesture of respect for legendary Apple co-founder Steve Jobs.

Samsung, the world's No 2 mobile phone maker, and Apple are at loggerheads in a series of patent lawsuits over the technology and design of smartphones and tablet computers.

The Korean company had been due to unveil a Galaxy Nexus smartphone using Google-backed Android software and designed to challenge Apple's market-leading iPhone at an event in San Diego on Tuesday.

"The launch was delayed because we thought it's not the right time to announce it following the passing of Steve Jobs," a spokesman for the company told AFP.

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Jobs died on Wednesday after suffering from cancer. Last week Apple unveiled its iPhone 4S, which will be available in the United States, Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan and Britain on October 14 and in another 22 countries including Italy from October 28. (AFP)

 SPORTS NEWS

## S-League - Stars Post Win

**Etoile FC 3 - Geylang United 2:** It was the Eagles who broke the scoreless deadlock after only 11 minutes but the Stars proved to be tougher as they outlasted their opponents for a 3-2 victory. Kim Jae-hong opened the scoring for Geylang United. The Eagles protected their lead until the 32nd minute when Theo Raymond tied the count.

Aly Doumbouya (80) and Wilson Grosset scored the other two goals for Etoile FC. Geylang's second goal came from Rizawan Abdullah (90).

Meanwhile, Stars coach Guglielmo Arena explained why some of his starters sat on the bench in the early parts of the game.

"The reason these usual first-team players were not fielded at the start was because a number of them are a card away from suspension," he said. "For that, I have to make necessary tactical changes for this game. Furthermore, with the field in such a bad condition, it's very difficult for my team to play a better game of football."

## Injured Klose Leaves German Camp, Returns To Rome

BERLIN - Veteran striker Miroslav Klose left the Germany camp on Monday on the eve of their final Euro 2012 qualifier against Belgium and returned to his club Lazio for treatment on a knee injury.

Klose played no part in Germany's 3-1 win away to Turkey on Friday and was not expected to feature against Belgium in Dusseldorf, with coach Joachim Loew set to stick with Mario Gomez in attack.

Klose is the second player to be sent home from the Germany squad in recent days after Borussia Dortmund's Mario Gotze was allowed to rejoin his club to prepare for their Bundesliga clash away to Werder Bremen.

However, Real Madrid's Mesut Ozil is likely to return to the side after missing the Turkey win with a painful achilles tendon.

Bastian Schweinsteiger (thigh) and Jerome Boateng (muscle problems) will remain doubts until the last minute, but Loew has admitted that their Bayern Munich teammate Toni Kroos could start. Germany are already through to the European Championship finals, but are looking to end their qualifying campaign with a perfect ten wins from ten. (AFP)

## Andy Roddick Survives Shanghai Scare

SHANGHAI - A frustrated Andy Roddick dug deep to beat Taiwan's Lu Yen-hsun 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 at the Shanghai Masters Monday and avoid a second ignominious first-round exit in a week in China.

The American 10th seed, who lost to Lu at Wimbledon last year in their most recent meeting, started the match in blistering form, breaking twice and racing into a 4-0 lead, taking the first set 6-2. But the Taiwanese world number 74 hit back strongly in the second set, striking a stunning two-handed backhand down the line to force a break for a 3-1 lead, which proved enough to level the match against an erratic Roddick.

Clearly unsettled, the American voiced his frustration at noise and movement in the sparse crowd and at a ball-boy, but he refocused and crucially broke in the fourth game of the decider.

Roddick, ousted from the first round of the Beijing Open by South Africa's Kevin Anderson last week, kept his grip as the Lu challenge faded, breaking again to seal the match in a little under two hours.

"He plays so high risk. You know, a lot of it's two sets with two breaks, one set where I had more break opportunities and didn't get it," said Roddick. (AFP)

## F1 Driver Hamilton Will Bounce Back, Warns Team Boss

SUZUKA - McLaren team chief Martin Whitmarsh has backed Lewis Hamilton to bounce back from his recent string of disappointments to win again and be a title contender next season.

Whitmarsh said he believed the 26-year-old Englishman's difficulties this year have sapped his confidence, but he is just one win away from rediscovering his form as the world's fastest and most exciting racing driver.

Speaking after Sunday's Japanese Grand Prix won by Hamilton's team-mate and fellow-Briton Jenson Button, Whitmarsh said: "He's a great racing driver. His heart is in it and he is very open about his emotions. He doesn't like not winning, but it will come good. "I hope that this time next week we are celebrating one of Lewis's greatest ever victories - and that is entirely possible.

We all know he's got it, we know we've got a car that can win and he has got the capability to do it.

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"We just have to make sure he has the focus and ensure that we do that." Whitmarsh spoke out as Hamilton avoided being dragged into a new controversy after a brush with Brazilian Felipe Massa of Ferrari in Sunday's race in which Hamilton finished fifth. (AFP)

## Tour De France Organisers In Route Slip-Up

PARIS - Tour de France organisers inadvertently published next year's route on their official website according to several specialist cycling websites on Monday. Amaury Sport Organisation refused to comment when contacted by AFP about the embarrassing slip-up over the race which gets underway in the Belgian town of Liege on June 30.

The page is no longer accessible but Dutch journalist Stephan van der Zwan has some images he took of it on [www.Wielerland.nl](http://www.Wielerland.nl), the website that revealed the error.

The 2012 Tour will feature nine flat stages, five mountain stages including two finishing at altitude, two individual time-trials and a prologue.

There will also be two rest days. The race will comprise a total of 25 climbs of 2nd, 1st or Hors categorie: one in the Vosges, three in the Jura, four in the Swiss Jura, six in the Alps and 11 in the Pyrenees. The official unveiling of the route is due to take place in Paris on October 18. (AFP)

## !?! THAT'S ODD

## No Turkeys Fall On Arkansas Festival This Year

YELLVILLE - Turns out turkeys don't fly. The "Baxter Bulletin" reports that attendees at the Turkey Trot festival in Yellville were disappointed when no turkeys dropped from planes on Friday or Saturday. The turkey drop is a mainstay of the event in northern Arkansas, though organisers don't sanction it. Supporters say the turkeys can fly just enough to descend safely, but animal-rights advocates call it cruel.