True patriotism

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nation regardless of the place he lives to
have strong Union Spirit.

* Only Union Spirit is the true
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departmental heads, visited
Embraer aerospace
conglomerate in Sao Paulo,
Brazil on 25 June.

Market strategy senior
manager Mr Joao Alfredo
Paiva explained profile,
product range and salient
facts of the company. The
Vice-President looked
round showroom of aircraft
manufacturing records and
assembling process of the
aircrafts.

The Vice-President
then observed the prototypes
of the aircrafts and posed for
documentary photo together
with personnel of the
company and his
entourages.

The aircraft
manufacturer was
established on 19 August,
1969 and is now a
conglomerate with three
firms mainly manufacturing
commercial and private
airplanes. The conglomerate
also manufactures aircrafts
for defence and security
purposes. It is also reported
to have developed aircraft
drun solely with bio-fuel.

In the evening, the Vice-
President attended the
dinner hosted by Myanmar
Honorary Consul to Brazil
Mr Ricardo Cateb Cury in
Sao Paulo. The Vice-
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clarified prospects for
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de Janeiro of Brazil on 26
June evening and arrived at
Charles De Gaulle (CDG)
International Airport of Paris
of France on 27 June
morning.

The Vice-President and
party were welcomed by
Myanmar Ambassador to
Belgium U Thant Kyaw and
staff of Myanmar embassy
in France.

The Vice-President visited Arc de Triomphe
Pillar, Champs Elysees Road and historic The Concorde
Square (Place de la
Concorde).

The Vice-President also
visited famous Eiffel Tower,
a steel structure on Paris road
with the height of 1050 ft
built in 1889. He also visited
Museum of the Army and
Tomb of Napoleon.

Noteworthy amounts of
rainfall (1-7-2012)

Dawei
Launglon
Cocogyun
Lashio
Machanbaw
Kyaikmaraw
Myeik

7.44 inches
5.55 inches
4.97 inches
3.42 inches
3.39 inches
3.02 inches
2.79 inches

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of
Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham views scale
model of aircrafts manufactured by Embraer
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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visits Paris and
Singapore, arrives back in Myanmar

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of
Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham looks around the Champs Elysees Road in Paris.

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Capital market prerequisite for development of market economy

Many sectors of the country are going through far-reaching reforms and economic sector is no exception. These reforms are bound to have widespread social and economic ramifications. Since economic and investment policies and investment laws are under review to be compatible with other countries, foreign direct investment into the country are in the offing.

Recently, a memorandum of understanding on the technical aid has been signed between the Central Bank of Myanmar and the Daiwa Research Institute and Tokyo Stock Exchange of Japan. Myanmar would establish stock exchange by 2015 under the blue print set out by the Capital Market Development Committee. Myanmar has allowed the set-up of public companies in a bid to shape the capital market in development of market economy. Japan will provide technical aid to Myanmar for the development of capital market. Such closer cooperation among the regional countries is instrumental as the country is in a critical period of transition.

The Directorate of Investment and Companies Administration is encouraging the public to invest their saving and capital in each business sector of the public companies. Public company applicants are advised to have at least seven initial holders, to sell unlimited shares to the public, to be an economically sustainable business, to employ skilled labour and to submit the name list to the institutions concerned. Besides, start-up capital, business priorities, share portfolio, membership in first board of directors and qualifications, share transfer and dealing, profit sharing, audit and electing board of directors are to be advertised in dailies and other media. According to the directorate, the seed capital for public companies is set to be at least 500 million and monetary issues and securities are to be dealt under existing laws.

As the country has devoted too much attention to the substantive democratic changes, most economic sanctions against Myanmar have been lifted, and global nations are seeing closer cooperation with the country in pursuit of business prospects. It is an encouraging sign which reflects a better future of the country and its people.

Union Construction Minister meets officers of ministry

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint addressed a meeting with officers at the ministry on 29 June. He said that the staff of the ministry must facilitate the government’s reform strategy. He also urged the staff to become reliable by the people while calling for abiding by the code of conduct for the service personnel. He called for ensuring the trucks on the road bear the designated tons of loads and employing advanced technology in engineering works.

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lwin called for meeting set standards in engineering works, using funds systematically and working cooperatively. The departmental heads of the ministry explained matters related to the staff.

Union Science & Technology Minister meets Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint received General Manager, Professor Mr. Lu Xiaoshan and party of Shangdong Xingke Intelligent Technology Co Ltd at his office here on 29 June. Both sides discussed matters related to promotion of human resource development and bilateral cooperation in science and technological sectors.

New school buildings of basic education schools put into service in Pathein Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—An inauguration of the two-storey school building of the No. 14 Basic Education Primary School took place at its place in Pathein Township yesterday morning. At the opening, Ayeyawady Region Minister for Forestry and Mines U Soe Myint, assistant education officer (Admin) of the region U Ye Myint, Pathein Township Administrator U Chit Ko Ko, Townselder U Mya Aung and member of the school trustees board U Sai opened the school building.

The school building whose type is RC was built with the contribution of Ayeyawady Region government and townswelders of Kunchan No. 1 Ward of Pathein. Afterwards, Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung attended the opening of the two-storey building of the No. 5 BEMS in No. 1 Thitnyogon Ward in Pathein, which was commissioned into service after it had been renovated by Ayeyawady Region government and Great Father Land Construction & Decoration Co Ltd.

Outstanding students in Wakema Tsp awarded

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung paid homage to Sakya Maha Sirī Pagoda in Wakema on 29 June where he offered flower, water and lights and donated K 0.1 million for all-round renovation of the pagoda.

The chief minister attended prize presentation ceremony to outstanding students at Shwekhe Thiir Hall of Wakema. The region education officer and the chairman of Wakema Township Association delivered addresses.

The chief minister and officials presented awards to schools with highest pass rates and distinction winners in matriculation exam. The amount of chief minister’s cash awards to outstanding students accounted for about 1.4 million. He also inspected upgrading of Pathein-Myawaddy motor road.

YCDC Women’s Affairs Organization holds rainy season tree planting ceremony

YANGON, 1 July—Hailing the Myanmar Women’s Day which falls on 3rd July, rainy season tree growing ceremony of Yangon City Development Committee Women’s Affairs Organization was held at Hlawga Park here this morning. Patron of YCDC Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Khin Aye Nwe grew the Gangaw sapling and members of WAO grew the saplings at the designated place.

A total of 1050 trees were planted at the ceremony.

Moderate earthquake jolts outside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—A moderate earthquake of magnitude (5.4) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (East of Kohima, India) about (270) miles north-northwest of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (10) hrs (43) min (47) sec MST today, according to Meteorology and Hydrology Department.
President Hu vows to remain committed to “one country, two systems”

HONG KONG, 1 July—Chinese President Hu Jintao said here on Sunday that the central government will remain committed to the principles of “one country, two systems” and has lifted the city’s return to China and the swearing-in ceremony of the fourth-term government of the HK SAR, led by Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying, at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Hu, on his third visit to Hong Kong, arrived here Friday for the 15th anniversary, marking the city’s return to China and the swearing-in ceremony.

Over the past 15 years, Hong Kong has achieved remarkable progress despite setbacks from a crippling regional financial crisis, deadly epidemics and a global financial crisis.

Hong Kong residents now enjoy the range of democratic rights and freedoms that they had never been done before, Hu said.

All this “proves that the one country, two systems is the best solution to the Hong Kong question left over from history and the best institutional arrangement for the long-term prosperity and stability of Hong Kong after its return to the motherland,” he said.

Hu tagged advancing the cause of “one country, two systems” as the shared mission of the central government and the government of the HK SAR, which he said serves the interests and aspirations of Hong Kong compatriots and the fundamental interests of the country and the people.

People watch work crew clean storm damage in the Capital Hill neighbourhood in Washington, 30 June, 2012. Wind gusts clocked at speeds of up to 79 mph were reported in and around the US capital, knocking out power to hundreds of thousands of homes in the Washington area.—REUTERS

30 dead, 1 million displaced in floods in northeastern India

NEW DELHI, 1 July—At least 30 people are confirmed dead and over 1 million others displaced in torrential rains and massive floods that have ravaged the northeastern Indian state of Assam, a senior government official said in the national capital Saturday.

“The Brahmaputra river and its tributaries breached their embankments at several places leading to the worst floods the state has witnessed in eight years. Though the�government and the food grants to help the displaced people, the central government has assured all help to overcome the crisis,” the official said, refusing to be named.

Smoke and ash billow from Nevado del Ruiz volcano, as seen from Manizales city, in this file headline picture taken on 17 June, 2012, and received by Reuters on 30 June, 2012.—Reuters

Colombia volcano erupts, prompts evacuations

BOGOTA, 1 July—Colombia evacuated people from communities close to the Nevado del Ruiz volcano after an eruption on Saturday that spewed smoke and ash from its crater, bringing back memories of avalanches that in 1985 buried tens of thousands under rocks.

President Juan Manuel Santos said on his Twitter account that the area around the Nevado del Ruiz, in the central spine of Colombia’s Andean mountain range, had been put on red alert and people should leave the area.

Even as volcanic activity began to subside, emergency services urged 4,800 residents in Caldas and nearby Tolima Province to get to safety, according to Carlos Ivan Marquez, who heads the security effort. The volcano is about 110 miles west of the capital Bogota.

“It is fundamental that communities near to the volcano follow all security recommendations; that means preventive evacuations and that people remain calm,” Marquez said.

Rising to its summit, the volcano also known by the indigenous name Kumanday, usually heed government warnings to flee as memories revetted from the 1985 tragedy that killed as many as 25,000 and injured 5,000.

The volcano, at the 17,400-foot (5,300-metre) summit erupted, mud, rocks and lava exploded from the mountain and collapsed onto the valley town of Armero as residents slept, killing almost all who lived there.—Reuters

Eastern US heat wave continues amid power outages

WASHINGTON, 1 July—A heat wave baking the eastern United States in record temperatures is set to continue on Sunday after deadly storms killed at least 12 people, drowned power lines from Indiana to Maryland and left more than 3 million customers without power.

Emergencies were declared in Washington DC, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia on Saturday because of damage from overnight storms, which unleashed hurricane-force winds across a 500-mile (800-km) stretch of the mid-Atlantic region.

President Barack Obama authorized the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, to coordinate all disaster relief efforts in storm-ravaged Ohio.

The storms’ rampages, which began with record temperatures that topped 100 Fahrenheit (38 Celsius) in several southern cities, including Atlanta, where the mercury hit 106 degrees (41 Celsius), according to Accuweather.com.

Heat advisories remained in effect Sunday across the southeast and lower half of the Mississippi valley, with “triple-digit temperatures expected across the southern third of the country,” the National Weather Service said.

“It is very unsafe outdoors for those susceptible to these extreme conditions,” it warned in a statement.

Power crews worked into the night to try to restore service to homes and businesses, and officials said in some areas the job could take up to a week. Utilities in Ohio, Virginia and Maryland described damage to their power grids as catastrophic.

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The Indian Air Force is carrying out rescue operations in the state along with the National Disaster Response Force comprising 545 personnel, he said, adding that the immediate respite is that the rains have stopped for the moment.

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has announced compensation plan for the families of the deceased.—Xinhua

Xinhua launches Asia Pacific Daily online

HONG KONG, 1 July—Hong Kong-based Asia Pacific Regional Bureau of Xinhua News Agency launched Asia Pacific Daily (APD) Chinese edition on Sunday. Operated under the domain name speciallydaily.com.hk, the website is one of the online platforms under the brand name APD.

Relying on Xinhua’s world-wide network, APD delivers real-time news stories, provides in-depth analysis and gathers profound ideas and leading opinion.

With solid technical support, the site eyes on gaining regional informational leadership, maintaining high level in timeliness, originality, integration and interactivity.

APD aims to become an independent and important voice of Asia, creating a knowledge sharing and exchanging platform for those who have never been.
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**Can a genetic switch spice up supermarket tomato?**

Wuzhou, 1 July—Using genetics, scientists have been able to dig up the dirt on why homegrown tomatoes taste so much sweeter than the ones in the supermarket.

Researchers found a genetic switch responsible for some of the sugar production within a tomato. A new study in *Nature* adds to a growing list of research that found the common type of tomato bred for firmness and good shipping also inadvertently turns off the sugar-producing switch. That makes it less sweet and blander than garden varieties.

University of California Davis plant scientist Ann Powell said knowing the genetics behind the sugar-making could lead someday to development of sweet tomatoes that also travel well. — *Internet*

**Wickr gives iPhone messages military-grade protection**

San Francisco, 1 July—Celebrity scandals fueled by leaked text messages or emailed images inspired a new application to give users of Apple gadgets uncrackable communications that can be made to self-destruct.

The Wickr app has been downloaded thousands of times since the software was crafted for iPhones, iPads, and iPod touch devices hit the virtual shelves of Apple’s online App Store on Wednesday.

The San Francisco-based startup behind the software is working on versions of Wickr for smartphones or tablets powered by Google-backed Android software. “We think communications should be flipped on its head,” said startup co-founder Nico Sell, a key behind-the-scenes figure at the infamous DefCon hacker gathering that takes place annually in Las Vegas.

“Now by default, all our personal and business communications are traceable,” she explained. “We think that by default your communications should be untraceable.”

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**Scientists develop spray-on battery**

Houston, 1 July—Scientists in the United States have developed a paint that can store and deliver electrical power just like a battery. Traditional lithium-ion batteries power most portable electronics. They are already pretty compact but limited to rectangular or cylindrical blocks.

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The rechargeable battery is made from spray-painted, layered paints, with each layer representing the components of a traditional battery: two current collectors, a cathode, an anode and a polymer separator in the middle. The layers were airbrushed onto ceramics, glass and stainless steel, and on diverse mobile maps such as the curved surface of a ceramic mug, to test how well they bond. One limitation of the technology is in the use of difficult-to-handle liquid electrolytes and the need for a dry and oxygen-free environment when making the new device. The researchers are looking for components that would allow construction in the open air for a more efficient production process and greater commercial viability. Nenad Sain, who worked on the project, believes the technology could be integrated with solar cells to give any surface a stand-alone energy capture and storage capability. The researchers tested the device using nine bathroom tiles coated with the paint and connected to each other. When they were charged, the batteries powered a set of light-emitting diodes for six hours, providing a steady 2.4 volts. The results of the study were published on Thursday in the journal *Nature*.

**RIM prospects dire after launch delay**

London, 1 July—Research In Motion Ltd could run out of cash and ultimately fail, even with the launch of its now-delayed BlackBerry 10 device early next year, Wall Street analysts said. At least 10 brokerages cut their price targets on the stock, some by as much as 50 percent, a day after the company reported worse-than-expected quarterly results and said it will delay the launch of its next-generation device to early 2013 from late this year. RIM shares were down 16 percent in pre-market trading on the Nasdaq.

“If RIM continues to be run as it is, we believe that the company will eventually fail,” Nomura Equity Research said. “We do not expect RIM to successfully drive a turnaround delay the launch of its next-generation device to early 2013 from late this year. RIM shares with the launch of its now-delayed BlackBerry 10 device early next year, Wall Street analysts place annually in Las Vegas.

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**A brief history of cell phone design**

New York, 1 July—In 1983, Motorola introduced the first cellular telephone in the United States. Called the DynaTAC, this bulky device bears little resemblance to the mobile phones of today. Between then and now, handsets have undergone a dramatic evolution, changing as much in terms of aesthetics as they have on the inside.

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BMW to hire thousands of permanent staff

FRANKFURT, 1 July — BMW plans to hire thousands of permanent staff after cutting the number of its temporary workers by half, a German magazine reported on Saturday. BMW has also struck an agreement with the company’s works council that will see the number of temporary workers fall to around 6,000 from about 12,000 currently, the Wirtschaftswoche magazine reported in an article released ahead of publication on Monday.

At the same time, BMW would offer permanent positions to thousands of workers, many of whom are expected to come from the current pool of temporary staff, the magazine added. The share of temporary workers in BMW’s labour force would therefore fall to around 8-10 percent from 17 percent, the magazine said, citing sources involved in the talks.

“The negotiations over a new employment contract have not yet ended but have progressed very far,” the magazine quoted a BMW spokesman as saying. “An agreement in the coming weeks is very likely,” he added. Car makers and other manufacturers in Germany have relied heavily on temporary and short-term contract workers in recent years to balance out swings in production and demand.

France urges Peugeot to tell truth

PARIS, 1 July — French Industry Minister Arnaud Montebourg called on the management of struggling car maker PSA Peugeot Citroën to divulge its intentions for the future of several of its plants quickly, as fears mount over future job cuts. Europe’s second-biggest automaker is looking for ways to make more cost savings this year and preparing to shut down one of its two Paris plants, union officials said on Saturday. “The decisions that you could take would undoubtedly have consequences on the entire car industry and especially outsourcing,” Montebourg said in a letter addressed to Peugeot Chief Executive Philippe Varin that was emailed to Reuters on Saturday. “I would like as a result that the PSA’s management makes its decisions known as quickly as possible.”

Unemployment has risen for thirteen months in France with the number of jobless people hitting the highest level in April since August 1999, the last month for which figures are available. The new Socialist government has taken an active role in managing the situation as it tries to avoid a wave of factory closures. France, which has had a long history of outsourcing, Montebourg has prioritised re-industrialising the country, the task of reversing the industrial sector’s decline. In his letter, Montebourg called on PSA to begin “social dialogue to create a collective weapon to face its potential difficulties with respect to its employees.”

PSA also briefed staff last week on plans to reduce 1,000 jobs across the Peugeot 2008 small car at Poissy, west of Paris, a move seen as paving the way for the closure of Peugeot’s long-threatened factory in the northern Paris suburb of Aulnay sous Bois. Montebourg said he had appointed a government expert to establish a detailed and rigorous diagnosis of the real situation at PSA and the possible measures the group was planning to take. The minister also said he planned to create an action plan for the future of the French automobile sector.

PSA declined to comment on Peugeot’s situation, which has deteriorated since last year, when the core autos division swung to a loss, punished by the company’s exposure to France and other European markets badly hit by the region’s debt crisis. The Peugeot and Citroen brands’ combined share of Europe’s car sales dropped from 12.9 percent to 12 percent in the first five months, as their plunging sales more than doubled the broader market’s 7.3 percent contraction.

S Korea posts biggest trade surplus in 21 months

SEOUL, 1 July — South Korea reported its biggest trade surplus in 21 months as strong exports to the Middle East and Southeast Asia offset falling demand from the United States and Europe. Exports in June rose 3 percent from a year ago to reach $47.4 billion, after shrinking for three straight months. Imports fell sharply by 5.4 percent to $42.4 billion, the Knowledge Economy Ministry said in a preliminary tally.

That resulted in a trade surplus of $4.96 billion in June — the biggest since $6.34 billion recorded in October 2010, the ministry said on Sunday. Economists polled by Dow Jones Newswires had expected exports to grow one percent and a trade surplus of $3.9 billion in June. Increased sales of cars, machinery and semiconductors as well as solid demand in emerging economies in Latin America and Asia helped offset shrinking sales in advanced markets particularly debt-hit Europe, said the ministry.

Asia’s fourth-largest economy saw exports to the Middle East expand about 14 percent in June from a year earlier while sales to members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations rose by a similar pace. Exports to Europe dropped by 16.6 percent while sales in the US fell 3.5 percent.

But worsening trade conditions including supplies of raw materials and signs of a slowdown in China would hit Seoul’s export-driven economy, said the ministry, cutting its forecast for exports in 2012. It said exports for this year would rise 3.5 percent from 2011 to reach $574.5 billion, revising its earlier estimate that exports would grow 7.2 percent to reach $595 billion.

Certain diets may help body burn more calories

BOSTON, 1 July — Dieters have long been told to that lose weight, you simply need each diet in a randomly completed four weeks on one of three diets. The low-fat diet, similar to an Atkins low-carbohydrate diet and a low-glycemic-index diet — a plan combining of foods may diets used the most so many nutrients through perspiration, all calories are processed foods, such as foods tend to be less- protein. Low-glycemic the body to exercising in low-carbohydrates, 20 percent from carbohydrates, 20 percent from protein. The low-glycemic-index diet contained 60 percent of its calories from carbohydrates, 20 percent from fat and 20 percent from protein.

People on the low-glycemic-index diet — a plan designed to prevent spikes in blood sugar after eating — also burned more calories than those on the low-fat or the very low-carbohydrate diets. “From a metabolic perspective, all calories are not alike,” said the study’s senior author, Dr David Ludwig, director of the New Balance Foundation Obesity Prevention Centre at Boston Children’s Hospital.

“Attempting to severely restrict all fat or all carbohydrates is hard psychologically, and it’s also the wrong approach biologically,” he said. “When you try to force so many nutrients through one pathway, it may have downsides on the body.” Results of the study are published in the 27 June issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association. Ludwig and his colleagues wanted to see if certain diets might lead to metabolic changes that could make it harder for dieters to maintain weight loss.

For the study, 21 overweight and obese young adults who had lost 10 percent to 15 percent of their body weight were put on one of three diets. The low-fat diet derived 60 percent of its calories from carbohydrates, 20 percent from fat and 20 percent from protein. The low-glycemic-index diet contained 60 percent carbohydrates, 40 percent fat and 20 percent protein. Low-glycemic foods tend to be less-processed foods, such as vegetables or whole grains. The low-carbohydrate diet, similar to an Atkins diet, contained 60 percent fat, 30 percent protein and 10 percent carbohydrates. Each study participant completed four weeks on each diet in a randomly assigned order.

Use caution when exercising in hot weather

New York, 1 July — During hot weather, people who exercise outdoors need to take steps to avoid heat injury, according to the American Council on Exercise.

Staying hydrated is essential, and can be accomplished by drinking a large amount of fluids (until you’re just short of feeling thirsty) 30 minutes before exercising, drinking at least six ounces of fluids every 20 minutes during exercise and drinking beyond the point where you are no longer thirsty after exercise, Dr Cedric Bryant, the council’s chief science officer, said in a council news release.

Water is generally the best fluid, unless your exercise session lasts longer than an hour. In that case, a sports drink may be more beneficial.

Another tip from the council is to gradually adapt your body to exercising in hot weather. This usually takes to 14 days and can greatly reduce your risk for heat injury.

Once your body is acclimatized, you will sweat more and lose fewer electrolytes, Bryant said.

The benefits of acclimatization include a lower body core temperature, a decreased chance of exercise-induced dehydration. Reducing your exercise intensity level during hot weather—especially during Europe’s raging debt woes and signs of a slowdown in China—will help you avoid the risk of heat injury, Bryant said. Also, don’t wear rubberized sweat suits or any other clothing that is impermeable to water.

This type of clothing prevents the evaporation of sweat from the skin, increasing the risk of heat injury, Bryant said.

 Containers are seen stacked up at a terminal in the southeastern port city of Busan. S Korea on Sunday reported its biggest trade surplus in 21 months as strong exports to the Middle East and Southeast Asia offset falling demand from the United States and Europe. (Image)
Copenhagen named European Green Capital 2014 for bicycle culture, low-carbon targets

— COPENHAGEN, 1 July — The European Commission has declared Copenhagen the European Green Capital 2014 for its efforts in fostering an urban bicycling culture and its plan for being carbon neutral by 2025. The decision was announced at an award ceremony in the site of the ancient city of Victoria Gasteiz, the current title holder, on Friday evening.

The Commission praised the Danish capital’s achievements in eco-innovation and sustainable mobility, and its commitment to act as a role model for the green economy in Europe and the rest of the world.

“We have much to learn from the city’s efforts to improve the environment and quality of life for citizens, while creating new business opportunities,” said Environment Commissioner Janez Potočnik. “They will have numerous occasions to show their expertise and their creative approach to urban planning and to developing a green economy,” he added at the ceremony.

Copenhagen, which has some 2.5 million inhabitants, has undergone a green transition in recent years. It has regenerated its former industrial areas, made its harbours waters clean enough to swim in, and invested in renewable-power infrastructure such as offshore wind turbines and garbage-fired district heating plants.

It wants to be the world’s first carbon neutral city by 2025, and has already achieved its mid-term goal of reducing carbon dioxide emissions to 20 percent of 2005 levels by 2015.

Moreover, one-third of Copenhageners currently commute by cycle everyday, and the city wants to boost by sevenfold the number of buses by 2015 in order to cut air pollution and improve citizens’ health.

Surge in violence spurs new fears in Iraq

— BAGHDAD, 1 July — A half-year after the US military withdrawal, predictions seem to be coming true: The country is mired in violence and the government is on the verge of collapsing. With no relief in sight, there’s growing talk of Iraq as a failed state as al-Qeda’s local wing staged near daily attacks that killed at least 234 people in June. Iraq no longer suffers widespread retaliatory killings between Sunni and Shiites extremists, but brought the country to the brink of civil war. But the spike in violence, heightens fears that Iraq could limp along for years as an unstable and dangerous country.

June was the second deadliest month since US troops withdrew from Iraq in mid-December as insurgents exploited the political struggles between the country’s ethnic and sectarian factions. More significant than the numbers was the fact that insurgents appeared capable of sustaining the level of violence over a longer period than usual. There was a major deadly bombing or shooting rampage almost every three days, many targeting Shiites pilgrims.

Second death confirmed in Colorado Springs wildfire

— COLORADO SPRINGS, 1 July — Authorities have found a second body in the debris of a burned-out home in Colorado Springs, marking the second fatality from a fierce wildfire that ranks as Colorado’s most destructive on record after incinerating 347 homes, police said.

Police Chief Peter Carey released no further details about the victim, who becomes the sixth person killed this year in a Colorado wildfire disaster that has left the governor as the worst in the state’s history.

The discovery came on the same day that President Barack Obama visited the affected area.

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Crowds of tens of thousands of people have gathered on Friday evenings around Noda’s official residence, chanting, “Saikado-hanta,” or “Noto nuclear restart.” Protestors drawing such numbers are extremely rare in this nation, reputed for orderly docility and conformity. A demonstration in Tokyo protesting the restart and demanding Noda resign was being organized in a major park on Sunday.

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Mobile phone makers seek Nigerian riches

— LAGOS, 1 July — It would seem to be a sure thing for firms offering mobile money transfers: large population, a growing economy and just about everyone has a mobile phone, but as with many things that seem to be a sure bet, particularly in Nigeria, there’s a catch.

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Myawady District/Township Women’s Affairs

Organizations was held at Thanlwin Hall in Myawady of Kayin State recently. An official presented first prize to winner.—MYANMA ALIN

First-aid course provided to policemen on Expressway

Yedasse, 1 July With the aim of helping injured persons in traffic accidents with first-aid facilities along Yangon-Mandalay Expressway, training courses are being provided at police stations along the expressway.

A four-member team led by Deputy Commanding Officer Daw Than Than Myint of Pyu Township Red Cross Society from mile post No. 115 on the expressway provided theoretical and practical works of first-aid to training members of police station at Thargara of Yedasse Township on 27 June.

These police members who realized the first-aid course may help the injured systematically.—Kyemon

Agricultural loans disbursed to farmers in Danubyu

Danubyu, 1 July Organized by Danubyu Township Myanma Agricultural Development Bank of Ayeyawady Region, the issuance of loans was held at its branch on 27 June,

The staff members of Directorate of Road Administration, Myanma Economic Bank, Myanma Insurance and Customs Department issue licences to the motorcycles without licences at the ground of Police Training Institute from 5 June to 4 October.

In fact, if the organizations are formed to be able to take action against the unlicensed vehicles and drivers in countryside, accidents will decline.

Cash donated: Ngwe Pinte Pharmaceuticals Shop and Shammai Purified Drinking Water donated water pump and related equipment worth K 220,000 at fire station in Hserewi Township of Lashio District on 23 June. Assistant Director U Win Naung of Fire Services Department accepts the donation.—MYANMA ALIN

Citizenship cards issued to eligible people in Chaung

Chaung, 1 July According to Moe Pint-Win 3 Plan, Chaung Township Region Hlutaw representative U Hla Win explained the purpose of disbursement from the bank.

Next, Township Administrators U Sein Maung Win noted the weather and other matters.

Manager of Township Myanma Agricultural Development Bank U Aung Myo Than explained clarifications on rules of the bank and redacting bank interests.

The bank branch plans to disburse K 2815 million for over 6400 farmers of 59 village-tracts in Danubyu Township. So far, the bank branch has disbursed K 4,031,733,500 to 5208 farmers. —Myanma Alin

Mandalay, 1 July Mitsubishi brand three

Japan-made generators arrive in Mandalay

Mandalay under the arrangements of Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 recently so as to supply electricity to Mandalay City not to be shortage of electricity from power grid and not to be cut out power supply.

Among them, two generators will be allotted at Hamaalam Sub-power Station in Chanayethazan Township and one at Nanshay 66th Street power station.

A total of 24,500kVA and 3000kVA generators that arrived there in May have been placed at water pumps.

Respects paid to older Thabin performers in Mawlamyine

Nay Pyi Taw, 1 July Mawlamyine Township Thabin Ayasian of Mon State held the 34th ceremony to pay respects to older Thabin scholars at its meeting hall on 25 June.

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Mandalay City Development Committee, general hospitals, universities, schools and other important areas.

Thaik To Ko (Mandalay)
Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visits Paris...
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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and party left Paris at 11.20 pm local time with Air France and arrived at Changi International Airport of Singapore at 6 pm local time on 28 June. The Vice-President and party were welcomed by Myanmar Ambassador to Singapore U Tin Oo Lwin and embassy staff. The ambassador hosted dinner to the delegation.

Ambassador U Tin Oo Lwin explained development of Singapore and the embassy’s measures to help Myanmar citizens in Singapore. The Vice-President called for going online and convenience of Myanmar citizens.

The Vice-President on 29 June morning visited Marina Barrage and inspected storage of river water and prevention against saltwater with nine sluice gates. Singapore Water Agency officials conducted the Vice-President round the Marina Barrage.

He then visited aquarium in Resort of Santosa and left for Myanmar at 2.20 pm local time and arrived in Yangon in the evening.—MNA

Myanmar Fisheries Federation holds AGM
NAV PVT TAW, 1 July—Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe attended 12th Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Fisheries Federation at Thiri Annawa Hall in Insein this morning. It was also attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Development Committee Chairman U Soe Naing, Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Aye, Region Minister U Soe Min, departmental heads and MFF officials.

The Union minister said that the meeting, where executive board is elected, is a crucial one for development of Myanmar livestock sector.

He highlighted the need of foreign aids, grants and loans to develop the sector. He also underscored the importance of harmonious private participation in the sector.

He promised that his ministry would encourage the public-private partnership in line with the international norms.

Companies donated K 16.5 million through the Union minister, the deputy minister and the MFF minister. MFF donated K 0.5 million to Mon State Fisheries Federation.

The Union minister in the second session of the meeting said that the federation should create preferable investment climate.

The deputy minister, CEC members of MFF and officials then participated in discussion.—MNA

GMS high level officials, investment framework leading committee meet
MANDALAY, 1 July—Greater Mekong Subregion High-level Officials and Region Investment Framework Leading Committee Meeting took place at Sedona Hotel here on 29 June. The meeting was attended by the country coordinators of GMS Programme, high level officials and officials of Asian Development Bank. Director-General of Investment and Companies Administration Directorate U Aung Naing Oo presided over the meeting, with co-chairman Mr Arjun Goswami, Director of Regional Cooperation and Coordination Division of Southeast Asian Department of ADB.

The meeting focused on GMS Investment Framework, GMS ministerial meeting to be held in Nanjing of China in December, 2012, and preparation for 20th anniversary of GMS Economic Cooperation Programme (GMS Programme) to be held in Manila of the Philippines in September.—MNA

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham holds talks with Brazilian Mr Ricardo Catec Curisy in Sao Paulo.—MNA

Union Sports Minister enjoys events of Champion Challenge Cup 2012
NAV PVT TAW, 1 July—Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tin Tint Hsan enjoyed the men’s/women’s marathon events of the third batch matches of inter-region/state Champion Challenge Cup 2012 this morning.

He then visited training camp, gym and fitness centre, judo training hall, wrestling training hall, aerobics training hall and enjoyed tennis matches. He also went to shooting range and enjoyed chess matches at No.7 lodging station.—MNA

Kachin State plants saplings as rainy season greening activity
NAV PVT TAW, 1 July—The rainy season tree growing ceremony 2012 of Kachin State was held at the place between male hostel and football ground of Myitkyina University yesterday morning.

Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai made a speech. Next, he together with Speaker of Kachin State Hluttaw U Rawam Jone and State Minister for Forest and Mines U Aung Naing distributed teak saplings to officials.

Afterthat, the State Chief Minister, the Speaker of the State Hluttaw, the Chief Justice of the State High Court, State ministers, the advocate-general of the State, the auditor-general of the State, departmental officials, social organizations, students of nursing training school and education college, faculty members and students and local people totalling 750 planted 1000 teak saplings. Later, the State Chief Minister visited Khakaborazi Hostel and Sumprabumk Hostel of Myitkyina University.—MNA

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Hluttaw and its committees...
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As the Hluttaw is discharging its duties in new era with new system, it needs to win the trust of the people. Only then it can fulfill the needs of the people and accomplish its duties. The speaker in conclusion invited more assignments to Hluttaw representatives, Hluttaw committees and the Hluttaw.

Next, UMFFCCIP personnel and businessmen discussed obstacles encountered in economic performance, SWOT analysis on FDI, survival of small and medium enterprises and stability and development of agricultural and fish and meat sectors.

Myint Lwin, member of Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Committee in response said other recommendations would be taken into consideration in promulgating the new laws at the coming Hluttaw session.

Next, the attendees held talks on miscellaneous matters.

The Hluttaw Speaker assessed the reports and, in his concluding remark, said efforts were made to establish a modern, developed nation through multi-party democracy and market economy in the time of the former government as aspirated by the people. As elections could be held amidst peace and stability, the State’s power could be handed over to the new government.

In conclusion, the speaker urged the people’s representatives, the government elected by the people’s representatives, civil services and the media to join hands in marching toward the peaceful, modern, developed nation as aspirated by the nation and its people, by exercising democratic practices correctly monitoring reciprocally.

MNA

Lawless acts occurred in Rakhine State in May, June exposed

YANGON, 1 July—A 16-member investigation team was formed under Notification No. 45/2012 of the Ministry of Home Affairs and dated 6 June 2012 with Deputy Home Affairs Minister Brig.-Gen. Kyaw Zaw Myint as chairman and signed duties to expose the killing of Ma Thida Htway, daughter of U Hla Tin, of Thabyechang Village, Kyaukminaw Village-tract, Yanbyeb township, Hlaing Township by three youths that occurred on 3 June, 19 of 24 suspects were arrested by Sittway Police Station and further investigation is under way. The remaining five suspects were arrested in Kyaukphu Jail.

In the Taungup incident that occurred on 3 June, 30 suspects were arrested and action is being taken against them according to the laws.

The investigation team carried out a thorough probe into the incidents in Sittway, Thandwe, Taungup, Kyaukphu Townships and Kyaukminaw Village in Yanbyeb Township from 7 to 25 June.

The three involved in the killing of Ma Thida Htway were arrested on 29 May and one of the three suspects committed suicide on 9 June when they were being detained in Kyaukphu Jail. The remaining two were sentenced to death by Kyaukphu District Court on 18 June.

Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister meets Norwegian, Denmark Ministers

YANGON, 1 July—Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Myo Myint who accompanied Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Khamb on his visit to the Federal Republic of Brazil on 22 July met Minister of International Development of Norway Mr. Heikki Holmes and Denmark Minister of Development Cooperation Mr. Christian Friis Bach in Rio de Janeiro of Brazil separately.

They discussed matters related to prospected of bilateral cooperation among the countries.

MNA

Cash, foodstuff, clothes donated to people of Rakhine State

YANGON, 1 July—As the local people of Rakhine State lost their houses and property due to present situation, wellwishers donated cash, foodstuff and clothes for their relief conditions at the Relief and Resettlement Department (Head Office) under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

CASH DONATED: To mark birthday anniversary, U Myint Cho and Daw Than Aye of Padauk Street of Bayintnaung Brokerage in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region recently donated K 300,000 to medical fund of Hninzigon Home for the Aged. Joint-Secretary U Maung Maung Gyi accepts the donation.—NLM
Recreation hall with rest room under construction on Mandalay Hill

Mandalay City Development Committee is carrying out the tasks of greening Mandalay Hill. In so doing, the committee is building an advanced recreation hall comprising hall and toilets to enable the tourists take a break near the downhill road as of second week of May. On 15 June, the construction of the building has completed by 80 per cent.

Khit Ko Ko

Monsoon football tournament commences in Twantay

YANGON, 1 July—Twantay Township Sports and Physical Education Committee Cup Inter-Department/Club Football Tournament 2012 kicked off at the Myoma Sports Ground in Twantay on 25 June afternoon. At the ceremony, Chairman of the Township Sports and Physical Education Committee U Than Zaw Han delivered an address. In the debut, Empire blanked out New Generation 5-0.

Township SPED

Library established in Saray Village of Sagaing Township

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—With K 1 million contribution of Myanmar Libraries Foundation and other contributions of fans of Zeya Shwemyay FC, a library is under construction in Saray Village of Sagaing Township. The library is being built at a cost of K 1 million by Myanmar Libraries Foundation, being funded by the remaining cost by local people, fans of Zeya Shwemyay FC, media and marketing in-charge Ko Nay Mann of Zeya Shwemyay FC and Fan Leader Ko Khin Soe (TPH CO Ltd, Yangon). On 23 June, a ceremony to donate cash assistance by Myanmar Libraries Foundation was held at the office of Sagaing District Information and Public Relations Department.

In charge of District IPRD Myint Theinhandled over the cash assistance K 1 million donated by MLP to in-charge of Media and Marketing Ko Nay Mann and Village administrator U Nyunt Htun. Likewise, midfielder Thet Paing Oo of Zeya Shwemyay FC donated K 60,000 to purchase a chest of drawers. Those wishing to donate books to the library may contact Seikku Cho Literary House and Idea Technology.—Kvemon

School uniforms given to students of vendors

KACHIN, 1 July—Bhamo Township Development Affairs Committee of Kachin State held a ceremony to provide school uniforms to students of vendors for 2012-2013 academic year at the city hall in Bhamo on 5 June morning. At the ceremony, Executive Officer U Khin Maung Oo of Township Development Affairs Committee explained the purpose of presenting school uniforms to the students. Next, he gave 78 sets of school uniforms worth K 240,000 to 78 students of vendors.

Myanma Alin

DENGUE PREVENTED: With a view to taking preventive measures against dengue hemorrhagic fever in Ward 9 of Shwaythita Township, Township Administrator U Aung Moe Oo, Ward Administrator U Tan Wei and health staff carried out sanitation tasks and hygienic works at housing and fumigated there.

Myanma Alin

Agricultural loans disbursed to farmers in Labutta Township

LABUTTA, 1 July—A ceremony to present disbursement for cultivation of monsoon paddy and crops to farmers was held at Wway Nadi Hall in Labutta Township of Ayeyawady Region on 25 June. At the ceremony, Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank U Myint Htun briefed those present on disbursement of loans. Commander of District Police Force Police Lt-Col Ye Myint presented K 64.1 million for 1282 acres of farmlands to 143 farmers on behalf of the farmers, Village Administrator U Soe Thein accepted agricultural loans. Myanma Alin

Surgical operation to be performed at child without anus

MAWLAMYINGYU, 1 July—A girl without anus was born in Mawlamyineyang Township last three years ago. Arrangement is being made to provide surgical operations at her. At present, she uses a hole at her body for spitting out.

Ma San Yu Khaing, daughter of U Win Myint-Daw Phyu Phyu. Phyu Phyu is now living in Kyetsha Village-tract in Mawlamyineyang Township.

Wellwishers donate cash for the fund for surgical operation to be performed in Yangon.

On 24 June morning, the cash donation ceremony was held at Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association. At the ceremony, Treasurer Daw Htar Htar Lwin of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association donated K 50,000. On behalf of the wellwishers, Secretary of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Than Aye handed over the cash donation to Daw Phyu Phyu, mother of daughter.

Myanma Alin

Monsoon rainy season golf tournament on 13 July

YANGON, 1 July—BGG called Bayint Naung Golf Group will hold the 4th rainy season golf tournament at Pan Haining Golf Course (Hinethaya) at 10.30 am on 13 July.

Members of the group are urged to attend it without fail. Those wishing to take part in the tournament may enlist to U Khin Han, Chairman of the group, Tel: 09-5114700, U Khin Maung Zin, Secretary, 01-705623 and U Nay Lin. Joint Secretary: 09-73017466.—Kyemon
Palestinian leader Abbas postpones Israel meeting

RAMALLAH, 1 July—Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has postponed a controversial meeting with Israeli Vice Premier Shaul Mofaz that had been scheduled for Sunday, Palestinian officials said on Saturday.

The officials did not say when a new date might be set for what would be the highest-level meeting between the sides since peace talks broke down in 2010.

“They know that Mofaz will bring nothing new,” said Wad Abu Yosef, a member of Abbas’ Palestine Liberation Organization, who told reporters of the postponement.

Israeli officials, who had previously never confirmed or denied the meeting would happen, did not comment.

The meeting had been supposed to take place in the West Bank city of Ramallah. Former Palestinian minister Hassan Asfour said the postponement might have been prompted by a protest among Palestinians who did not like the idea of Mofaz, a former Israeli defence chief, being a guest at Abbas’ headquarters.

Firefighters make gains in Colorado, evacuees return home

DENVER, 1 July—Crews battling a deadly Colorado wildfire ranked the most destructive in state history have made enough headway to allow most evacuees home, but concerns remain about rogue bears and burglaries in vacant houses, officials said on Saturday.

The fire has scorched nearly 17,000 acres of timber and brush, much of it in the Pike National Forest west of Colorado Springs, the state’s second-largest city.

The wildfire has been blamed for two deaths and the destruction of 346 homes, while 35,000 residents were forced to evacuate to escape the threat of flames and heavy smoke.

Colorado Springs Police Chief Pete Carey said all the people unaccounted for in the fire zones have now been located.

The fire has scorched nearly 17,000 acres of timber and brush, much of it in the Pike National Forest west of Colorado Springs, a city of more than 400,000 about 50 miles south of Denver. The cost of battling the blaze stands at $8.8 million, officials said.

Many of the evacuees are being allowed back to their homes, but officials said residents should be alert for bears displaced by the flames. Also, Carey said his department had received 35,000 residents were forced to evacuate to escape the threat of flames and heavy smoke.

The so-called Waldo Canyon Fire, stoked earlier this week by strong, erratic winds, is now 45 percent contained, according to the National Forest Service.

“Fires can’t be controlled with water,” said Carey. “We are focusing on public safety and are not attacking this fire—our goal is to keep our homes from burning.”

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Merkel seen as big loser in euro zone showdown

BERLIN, 1 July—German Chancellor Angela Merkel was portrayed across Europe as the big loser of a euro zone showdown in Brussels after the German chancellor was forced to accept the crisis-fighting measures championed by countries struggling with their debts.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel looks on before delivering a government policy statement in the German lower house of parliament, the Bundestag, in Berlin, on 29 June, 2012. — Reuters

Newspapers in Spain, Italy and France on Saturday toasted the triumph of their leaders—Maria Monti, Mariano Rajoy and Francois Hollande—in pushing Merkel into a U-turn that would long have been unthinkable.

Even German newspapers said Merkel had been made to accept demands for the euro zone rescue fund to be able to inject aid directly into stricken banks from next year and intervene on bond markets to support troubled member states.

“There’s no doubt about it—the chancellor was blindsided at the euro summit,” wrote influential columnist Nikolaus Blome of Bild, a daily with 12 million readers. The summit ended on Friday with agreement on new steps to try to prevent a catastrophic breakup of the single currency.

Popular at home for insisting on austerity measures and tough conditions for those indebted euro zone states getting help, Merkel was quick to put a positive spin on the summit, telling reporters: “We had an interest in finding solutions.”

Airbus’ Alabama plant to create 2,500 construction jobs

WASHINGTON, 1 July—Airbus should create about 2,500 construction jobs to build a new $600 million airliner assembly plant in Mobile, Alabama, and 400 to 500 full-time jobs once production starts in 2017, a source familiar with the plans said on Saturday.

The European planemaker, owned by EADS, is poised to announce plans to build the plant for its single-aisle A320 passenger jet that will begin producing four planes a month in 2017, according to multiple people familiar with the plans. The announcement may come as early as Monday.

Over the longer term, the facility is also expected to attract a number of key suppliers to the region, including jet engine makers and companies that produce key aircraft components that require on-site quality control, the sources said.

Historically, aerospace manufacturing facilities result in at least twice the direct employment at the plant. But the initial job opportunities in Mobile will be focused on the building trades, with some estimates projecting creation of about 2,500 jobs over the next three to four years, said one of the sources.

The new plant may result in more jobs for the Mobile region than an earlier Airbus plan to assemble some commercial freighters there.

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BERLIN, 1 July—German Chancellor Angela Merkel was portrayed across Europe as the big loser of a euro zone showdown in Brussels after the German chancellor was forced to accept the crisis-fighting measures championed by countries struggling with their debts.

Newspapers in Spain, Italy and France on Saturday toasted the triumph of their leaders—Maria Monti, Mariano Rajoy and Francois Hollande—in pushing Merkel into a U-turn that would long have been unthinkable.

Even German newspapers said Merkel had been made to accept demands for the euro zone rescue fund to be able to inject aid directly into stricken banks from next year and intervene on bond markets to support troubled member states.

“There’s no doubt about it—the chancellor was blindsided at the euro summit,” wrote influential columnist Nikolaus Blome of Bild, a daily with 12 million readers. The summit ended on Friday with agreement on new steps to try to prevent a catastrophic breakup of the single currency.

Popular at home for insisting on austerity measures and tough conditions for those indebted euro zone states getting help, Merkel was quick to put a positive spin on the summit, telling reporters: “We had an interest in finding solutions.”

Airbus’ Alabama plant to create 2,500 construction jobs

WASHINGTON, 1 July—Airbus should create about 2,500 construction jobs to build a new $600 million airliner assembly plant in Mobile, Alabama, and 400 to 500 full-time jobs once production starts in 2017, a source familiar with the plans said on Saturday.

The European planemaker, owned by EADS, is poised to announce plans to build the plant for its single-aisle A320 passenger jet that will begin producing four planes a month in 2017, according to multiple people familiar with the plans. The announcement may come as early as Monday.

Over the longer term, the facility is also expected to attract a number of key suppliers to the region, including jet engine makers and companies that produce key aircraft components that require on-site quality control, the sources said.

Historically, aerospace manufacturing facilities result in at least twice the direct employment at the plant. But the initial job opportunities in Mobile will be focused on the building trades, with some estimates projecting creation of about 2,500 jobs over the next three to four years, said one of the sources.

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Ruling up support for Obama healthcare, still unpopular

WASHINGTON, 1 July—Voter support for President Barack Obama’s healthcare overhaul rose after the US Supreme Court upheld it but most people still oppose the law, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll on Sunday.

The online survey showed increased backing from Republicans and, crucially, the political independents whose support will be essential to winning the Novem-ber presidential election.

Thirty-eight percent of independents support the healthcare overhaul in the poll conducted after the court ruled Thursday the law was constitutional. That was up from 27 percent from a Reuters/Ipsos poll taken days before the justices’ ruling.

Among all registered voters, support for the law rose to 48 percent, from 43 percent before the court decision.

“If this was a win for Obama, this is a big win. There’s not really any doubt in people’s minds, that it belongs to him,” said Julia Clark, vice president a Reuters Public Affairs.

“It’s his baby. It’s literally been labeled Obamacare ... which maybe it works in his favor now that there’s a little bit of a victory dance going on.”

Republican opposition to the law stayed strong, if somewhat weaker than before the High Court ruled. Eighty-one percent of Republicans opposed it in the most recent survey, down from 86 percent in the poll conducted 19-23 June. Underscoring the intense polarization on the issue, three-quarters of Democrats backed the bill, the same as a week earlier.

In some good news for Republicans, the Supreme Court ruling is energizing opposition to the 2010 healthcare overhaul.

In the new poll, 46 percent of all registered voters—53 percent—said they were more likely to vote for their member of Congress if he were running on a platform of repealing the law, up from 46 percent before the ruling.

“This is galvanizing both sides,” Clark said. — Reuters

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Civil Service Board

Vacancy Announcement

Announcement No. 8 / 2012

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(25 June 2012)

1. The Internal Revenue Department under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following position:

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2. The applicants:

(a) must be citizens of the Republic of Myanmar.

(b) must not be over 30 years of age (35 years if service personnel) on 23 July 2012.

(c) must be physically fit and possess valid health certificate in good health and capable of serving the duty at anyassigned post.

3. Applications must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board, Nay Pyi Taw in person, or by messenger Service, or by registered letter not later than 23 July 2012.

4. With regards to filling in the application form, details to be attached, mode of payment of Ka. 50/- for examination fee, subjects to be studied for written examinations and personal interview, candidates applying for the vacant positions will have to follow the instructions mentioned in the Guide Booklet published under Letter No. 1/Selection (Main) 2012 dated 2 January 2012.

5. For service personnel, his or her original application together with the recommendation of the ministry concerned and a passport photo of the applicant must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw through the Head of Department by 23 July 2012. An extra copy of the application together with photo must also be attached.

6. Written examinations will be held in Nay Pyi Taw. Candidates will be examined in Myanmar and General Knowledge examination papers on 18 August 2012 (Saturday) and English examination paper on 19 August 2012 (Sunday).

7. Identity cards for candidates sitting for the examination will be issued at Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw on commencing 16 August 2012.

8. The Ministry of Finance and Revenue has prescribed specific rules and regulations for successful candidates in discharge of their duties. In this context candidates wishing to obtain further information may contact in person or by phone to Office No.(46) of the Internal Revenue Department of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue in Nay Pyi Taw (Tel: 067 - 430201).

9. For more information, applicants may contact Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in person or by phone (067 - 409052, 067 - 409430).

10. This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: mcy.moe.gov.mm and www.moe.gov.mm.

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Two killed in French nightclub shooting, police say

PARIS, 1 July—Two people were killed and five were injured, including two seriously, in a shooting outside a nightclub in the northern French city of Lille on Sunday, police and fire services said.

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Two killed in Mexico plane crash

MEXICO CITY, 1 July—Two people died when their plane, in which they were travelling was entangled with electric power lines and fell to the ground in Santa Catarina, north of Mexico.

The victims were businessman Pablo Gonzalez Sada and the captain of the plane, Jose Martinez Ferrara.

Gonzalez Sada was the CEO of Univicel Chemical Solutions and also CEO of Aerosservicios Tecnicos Regiomontanos, a private express airline company.

He was also chairman of Cydsa.

The accident happened around 1 a.m. (1330 GMT) Saturday when the small, double engine private plane, identified as XB-CAM, was entangled with electric lines used to power water wells.

The Civil Protection Office from Santa Catarina County, north of Mexico, said that the accident happened just 1.500 metres away from the entrance of an ecological park, and in an area 100 meters wide where fragments of the plane were scattered.

Rescue workers of the Mexican Red Cross were dispatched to the area of the accident, but they couldn’t do much to save the victims.

The area was cordoned off. The Civil Protection office requested the Mexican Army, the Federal Police and workers of Civil Protection of Santa Catarina County.

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Vietnam cuts key interest rates: central bank

HANOI, 1 July—Vietnam’s central bank said it will trim key interest rates from Sunday, its fifth cut so far this year as inflation cools amid signs of weakening economic growth.

The State Bank of Vietnam said it would lower the refinancing rate — charged on loans to commercial banks — to 10 percent from 11 percent.

Other measures include lowering the discount rate from nine percent to eight percent, following similar cuts last year, Vietnam’s central bank has cut interest rates last year, Vietnam’s economic expansion has lags a government target of 6 percent growth for the whole of 2012.

This is the fifth time this year the central bank has cut interest rates, following similar measures in May and June.

By repeatedly hiking interest rates last year, Vietnam successfully reined in double-digit inflation, which peaked at 23 percent last August but was down to 6.9 percent year-on-year in June, its lowest rate in three years.

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Wandering Cape Cod bear captured in Boston suburb

A male black bear captured on Cape Cod earlier this month, where it was tranquilized and moved to central Massachusetts, showed up again on Tuesday just six miles from downtown Boston.

State officials said they had captured the bear in a tree in the Chestnut Hill area of Brookline, just west of Boston, and confirmed it was the same bear that roamed the Cape for about two weeks before being captured and relocated on 12 June.

The bear was identified by a tag placed in its ear. It had probably traveled about 100 miles.

“The bear was in a highly congested urban area, an interagency Large Animal Response Team was deployed to the area,” said the Massachusetts’ wildlife agency, known as MassWildlife.

The 180-pound bear was then shot with a tranquilizer dart by the Environmental Police. Later, MassWildlife officials transported the animal to a remote location in western Massachusetts, about 150 miles away.

The Boston Globe reported that the bear was spotted in a white pine tree in the backyard of Alan Leventhal, chief executive of Beacon Capital Partners, one of the largest real estate investment trusts in the United States, and on Boston University’s Board of Trustees.

The agency said that black bear sightings have been reported in a number of towns west and south of Boston recently but could not confirm that all sightings were the same bear.

Sheen’s ‘Anger’ premiere gets warm ratings welcome

NEW YORK, 1 July—Charlie Sheen can claim a winning reception back on weekly TV.

FX network says Thursday’s debut of his sitcom, “Anger Management,” was the most-watched series premiere in that network’s history, drawing 5.5 million viewers. FX said Friday that the audience for the evening’s second episode grew to more than 5.7 million viewers.

“Anger Management” marks Sheen’s return to sitcoms after his tumultuous exit from his long-running CBS hit “Two and a Half Men” last season. —Associated Press

New York model, 24, is arrested over ‘speed trap’ sign

NEW YORK, 1 July—Naomi Campbell and a perfume company have settled a sour dispute that started over a fragrance line and became part of the backdrop of former Liberian President Charles Taylor’s war crimes trial.

Dueling lawsuits between the superstar singer’s representa- tion and a US perfume and fragrances company, which crashed due to a large amount of traffic after the news was announced. “I’m pleased to announce that Simon and I are expecting our first child together. I wanted you to hear the news direct from me, obviously we’ve received the moon and very excited but please respect our privacy in this precious time,” she said on the website. It’s unclear how far along the British singer is. Adele won six Grammys earlier this year for her best-selling “21” album. Though that disc was based on heartbeat, she has since

Playing at the Olympics? Kylie says brace yourself

Australians sang at the closing ceremony of the Sydney Games in 2000 and also at the opening of the Paralympic Games two weeks later.

The pop singer reckons talent like Coldplay, Snow Patrol, Blur and Duran Duran have a special experience ahead. Minogue says: “I still am thrilled at the memory of performing there because, doing it in your own country there’s such a sense of pride that your hosting the Olympics, and then to be at the center stage of the event is just extraordinary.”

Minogue spoke at the Nordoff Robbins Silver Clef Awards in London, where she was honored for her 25 years in show business. —Associated Press

Woman arrested over ‘speed trap’ sign

A Houston woman said she was wrongfully arrested for police for holding up a “speed trap” sign near an officer who was pulling over motorists.

Natalie Plummer said she was “speeding” in a grocery bag and hid at the roadside on West Dallas on 21 June after she spotted an officer pulling motorists over while she was riding home on her bicycle, KTRK-TV, Houston, reported.

“She felt like he was just pulling random cars over,” Plummer said. Plummer said an officer drove up to her after a few minutes, searched her backpack without consent and placed her under arrest.

“She was telling me he was taking me to jail for obstructing justice, that was an automatic three to five years,” Plummer said.

However, she was only cited with a misdemeanor count of walking in the roadway where there is a sidewalk.

“She was allowed to walk back to the sidewalk herself.” Plummer said. “I stayed) on the sidewalk the entire time.”

Grammar winner Adele pregnant with first child

NEW YORK, 1 July—Adele is celebrating another milestone: her first pregnancy. The superstar singer’s representa- tion confirmed on Friday that the 24-year-old is expecting a child with boyfriend Simon Konecki.

The message was posted on her official website, which crashed due to a large amount of traffic after the news was announced. “I’m delighted to announce that Simon and I are expecting our...first child together. I wanted you to hear the news direct from me, obviously we’ve received the moon and very excited but please respect our privacy in this precious time,” she said on the website. It’s unclear how far along the British singer is. Adele won six Grammys earlier this year for her best-selling “21” album. Though that disc was based on heartbeat, she has since

Arabesques, reality-style: Ballet hits pop culture

NEW YORK, 1 July—“I’m really digging it,” says Ronnie Underwood, a buff, tattooed motorcycle enthusiast, auto racer and former football player who also happens to be a ballet dancer.

Oh, and a reality show star. Underwood, 30, is one of the main characters on “Breaking Pointe,” the CW series about the lives and loves, trials and tribulations of the dancers at Ballet West, a highly regarded company in Salt Lake City.

The season comes to a finale next week, and suspense is high: Will Ronnie, Rex, Christiana and Allison be ready for their close-up? Or will opening-night jitters, not to mention relationship issues, derail their hard work? But we...
The race was won by Phelps, who clocked a time of 1:54.54, finishing a comfortable 0.73 seconds ahead of Lochte. Following the race, Phelps remarked, "It felt great to be out there and to have the support of the fans. It was an amazing experience." Lochte, who finished second, noted, "Phelps is always pushing the limits and setting new standards. He is truly a pioneer in our sport."

The victory marked Phelps' 16th gold medal at the Olympics, tying Michael Johnson's record for the most gold medals in a single Games. Lochte, who had been aiming to match Phelps' achievement, settled for a career-best silver medal.

In related news, American groundhog Bob Frechette predicted an early spring on the last day of the Games. He declared, "With a day of sunshine and clouds, I can see a springtime coming."

The Games provided a backdrop for a range of other events, including the publication of a new novel, "The Last Olympian," by Rick Riordan, which took place on the same day as the race.

In the world of sports, the U.S. Women's soccer team continued their dominance, defeating Brazil 2-1 in the quarterfinals. The team is set to face Britain in the semifinals, with both teams vying for the gold medal.

As the Games wind down, Phelps' legacy continues to grow, leaving a lasting impact on the sport of swimming and beyond. His dedication, hard work, and perseverance have set a benchmark for future athletes to aspire to.
Head-on crash in Wyoming kills five, injures four

**Thermopolis, 1 July**—A car returning from a Boy Scout camp veered into an oncoming lane and slammed head-on into a motorhome Saturday, killing five people and injuring four others, the Wyoming Highway Patrol said. All four people in the car and a 3-year-old passenger in the motor home were killed, and a 3-year-old passenger in the motor home was killed, said a local intelligence official.

Four people in the car and a 3-year-old passenger in the motor home were killed in the collision on Highway 120 in northcentral Wyoming, Sgt. Stephen Townsend said. The other four people in the motor home were injured and taken to a Billings, Mont., hospital, while the other three were rushed to a Thermopolis hospital, about 35 miles south of the crash site, Townsend said in a news release. The car was one of three vehicles carrying a group of Boy Scouts back to the Colorado Springs area after spending time at a Scout camp in northwest Wyoming, he said. The other two vehicles were not involved in the crash.

**No names or other information about the dead and injured were released, and patrol spokesmen couldn’t be reached late Saturday night for further details.**

The patrol said crash investigators were trying to determine why the car crossed into the oncoming lane. The motor home had been towing a passenger car. —Internet

**Drone kills eight suspected militants in Pakistan**

**MIANSHAH, Pakistan, 1 July**—A US drone aircraft killed eight suspected Islamist militants in northwest Pakistan on Sunday, security officials said.

A drone missile struck a house in the Shawal Valley where militants were reported to be hiding in the North Waziristan tribal region near the Afghan border.

Two missiles were fired on a house. Eight militants were killed,” said a local intelligence official.

The drone attacks, which fuel anti-American sentiment in Pakistan because they can kill civilians and are seen as a violation of sovereignty, are one of several factors straining ties between strategic allies Washington and Islamabad.

The CIA, which operates the drones remotely, has determined why the car crossed the road and slammed into the motorhome. The investigators are also trying to determine why the car crossed into the oncoming lane. The motor home had been towing a passenger car. —Internet

**UMFCCI officials meet WTO representative**

**YANGON, 1 July**—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung, Vice-President U Thaung Tin, General Secretary Dr Myo Than, Joint General Secretary U Mo Kyaw, CEO member and executive received Counsellor Mr Masahiro Mayafuji of World Trade Organization of Geneva in Switzerland at its office on 21 June morning.

They discussed trade policies of Myanmar and progress of Myanmar economy, challenges and barriers in development process of the economy. —UMFCCI

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**18th Year Anniversary of Dr. Maung Maung**

(Departed on 2nd July 1994)

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Where there is injury -- pardon.
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And where there is sadness -- joy.

Daw Khin Myint & Family

**Rodriguez lifts US women to 2-1 win over Canada**

**SAINT JOHN, 1 July**—Amy Rodriguez scored the winning goal in the 85th minute to lift the United States past Canada 2-1 in its final tune-up before the London Olympics.

Rodriguez tapped Megan Rapinoe’s cross to Abby Wambach, whose effort inside the left post for an own goal. Rodriguez scored the winning goal in the 85th minute to lift the United States past Canada 2-1 in its final tune-up before the London Olympics.

**Canada goalie Erin McLeod (18) is unable to grab the ball as she allows an own goal by teammate Carmelina Moscato in the first half of their friendly match, on 30 June, 2012, in Salt Lake City.**

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**Myanmar weather forecast for 2nd July, 2012**

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Hluttaw and its committees devote to social contract for democracy promotion

YANGON, 1 July—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and the Hluttaw commission and committees met personnel of organizations, profit-making organizations and businessmen at MICT DC Hall in Hlme University Campusphere this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission U Nanda Kyaw Swa and members, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Win, Tanimay Region Hluttaw Speaker U Htin Aung Kyaw, chairmen U Maung Maung Thein, U Soe Naing, U Hay Myint U Bha Myint Oo and Thura U Aung Ko of Hluttaw committees and members, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Health and Culture Committee Dr Khin Shwe. Yangon Region Ministers, Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, the president of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and executive members, businessmen and journalists.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker, in his inaugural speech, extended his thanks for all the respect, trust, and acclamation to the Hluttaw, its committees and commission, and Hluttaw representatives as well.

The speaker noted that Myanmar people always have cherished and valued the motherland, being loyal to the nation and its people with many a number of citizens willing to sacrifice in nation-building endeavours and in defence of the nation if necessary.

The speaker expressed his belief that all the people present have burning desire for national development, with capacity to play a leading role in practical field.

Hluttaw representatives are representatives of the citizens, people. The sovereignty of the State comes from the people and resides across the nation. The Head of the State the President, and the government were elected at the Hluttaw with the power of the people. The government and all the institutions concerned must manage the State in accordance with the wishes and aspirations of the people. It can be said civil servants are acting on behalf of the government in practice.

Burgoning the good system calls for participation of the people, people’s representatives, civil government and civil servants upholding righteousness.

The speaker then presented the organizational structure of the Pyithu Hluttaw constituted with people’s representatives of different parties, diverse races, different beliefs, and different sexes that 23 Hluttaw committees and one commission constitute the Hluttaw.

Hluttaw representatives have the right to submit the questions, proposals and bills if necessary as to the opinions, wishes and requirements of the people in their constituencies to the Hluttaw, Hluttaw committees are obliged to address the committee issues, to communicate with the entire public and coordinate with the departments concerned in dealing Hluttaw’s affairs.

As the Hluttaw committees have gained more and more public trust, people begin to put forward their views and feedbacks by mail or in person. As the committees have attended to the needs of the people and organizations, devoting more and more, there have been more and more conveniences to our satisfaction. Pyithu Hluttaw focuses on equal rights of the nation and its people without party attachment, dogmatism, regionalism, racism and sectarianism.

This is what Hluttaw, Hluttaw representatives and Hluttaw committees are doing for democratic reforms.

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Palfrey beyond halfway point in Cuba-Florida swim

Key West, 1 July—Endurance swimmer Penny Palfrey approached the three-quarter mark Saturday on her trek from Cuba to the Florida Keys, encountering jellyfish stings but otherwise perfect conditions in her attempt to become the first woman to swim the more than 100-mile route.

The British-born Australian was swimming steady and strong and reported no physical complaints other than the stings, according to her support team.

At about 8:30 p.m. EDT (0030 GMT) roughly 37.5 hours into the swim, the 49-year-old grandmother was 76 miles (122.31 kilometers) from her starting point at a marina in the Cuban capital, according to her website’s GPS tracking report. She was positioned about 30 miles (61.15 kilometers) south, southwest of Key West.

Previously, her personal best was 67 miles (108 kilometers) when she swam between Little Cayman and Grand Cayman islands last year, according to Andrea Woodburn, part of her support team in the Keys.

Palfrey reapeded sunscreen and grease to prevent chafing and said the water conditions had been excellent other than the extreme heat. She even spotted a few hammerhead sharks and dolphin pods.

Crew members said she was in full control of the effort, instructing team members who are accompanying her on kayaks and a catamaran as she keeps up a torrid pace.

She is “physically and mentally strong,” Woodburn said, adding that the bathwater-warm waters remained calm. “The conditions couldn’t be better and she continues to progress to the Florida Keys.”

The 20-year veteran of distance swimming is no stranger to jellyfish stings, which forced her to abort two past swims in Hawaii.