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**True patriotism**

* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.

* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

**President U Thein Sein visits agricultural research farms in Tatkon, Yamethin Townships**

**NAY PYI TAW, 7 July**—President U Thein Sein, accompanied by Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries and for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, visited agricultural research farm in Tatkon Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area at 7.50 am this morning.

Union Minister U Myint Hlaing explained that Tatkon agricultural research farm was established in 1912. A total of 162 out of 200 acres of the farm were put under sunflower, maize, green gram and groundnut as farmer educative farms and quality crops farms. Measures are being taken to distribute seeds in time to help farmers sow them in cultivation season.

Then, the President and Union ministers inspected seeds of maize, sunflower, green gram, groundnut and soybean.

The President said in meeting with farmers in Tatkon that priority was given to increasing income of farmers since the new government took office. The agricultural loan disbursed by the former government was K 20,000 per acre and the incumbent government increased to K 50,000. It has increased the capital of the farmers and the Cooperatives Ministry is also fulfilling the agricultural fund requirements of the farmers by establishing rural microcredit societies, he said. He called on the farmers for 100 per cent commitment to self-improvement utilizing the farmlands. He also urged them to cultivate profitable pulses and beans, oil crops and cotton plus paddy in farmlands through multiple cropping patterns. They are to have confidence in quality strains supplied by Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry and to generate more incomes through scientific approaches, he said. He highlighted the need to realize the goodwill of the State and make strides in pursuit of wealth. He urged them not to be swayed by instigations and provocations which are designed to undermine the stability of the country. He concluded his speech with the call for conveying the genuine goodwill of the government towards one another.

The President and party then viewed maize, sunflower, green gram and groundnut plantations.

The President and the Union ministers then visited Sibin agricultural research farm of Agricultural Research Department near Sibin Village, Yamethin Township, Mandalay Region and looked round 10-acre 65-day old sunflower seed production farm.

In the farm, Union Minister U Myint Hlaing and Director-General U Kyaw Win gave an account of the success of hybrid sunflower seed production through pollination. The President, in response, called for extensive cultivation of sunflower for edible oil security of the State. (See page 8)

**Second World Media Summit ends in Moscow, next possibly in Bahrain**

The photo taken on 6 July, 2012 shows the scene of the plenary session of second World Media Summit (WMS) held in Moscow, capital of Russia.

**California gives green light to high-speed rail plan**

An artist’s rendition courtesy of the California High-Speed Rail Authority shows a high speed train in a station in the Bay Area in California.

**Serena Williams faces Radwanska in Wimbledon final**

Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland plays a return to Angelique Kerber of Germany during a semifinals match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, England, on 5 July, 2012.

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International Day for Cooperatives marked

NAVPYITAW, 7 July—It is required to spread cooperative works among the public by undertaking rural development and poverty alleviation scheme from the point of political, economic, social and international outlooks in line with the theme of International Year of Cooperatives for 2012 “Cooperative enterprise build a better world”, said Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint at the ceremony to mark International Year of Cooperatives at the ministry here this evening.

The Union minister informed that the United Nations has designated 2012 as International Year of Cooperatives in honour of the success of cooperative enterprises, adding that they are playing a crucial role in the global economic and social development.

There are a total of 1,1481 cooperatives at different levels including the central cooperatives association. The Directorate of Small Industries is facilitating the development of small industries and providing technical assistance to industrial productive cooperatives while conducting lectures on lacquer arts and weaving at Lacquer Arts College (Bagan) and Saungda Weaving Training School preserving Myanmar traditional cultural heritage.

As to microfinance works in cooperation with the UNDP, 54.68 billion kyats have been in circulation from 1999 to date in 5697 villages of 25 townships in three zones helping enhance employment opportunities and incomes of 350,086 households.

Trainings have been conducted under the theme of “one village, one product” for rural development and promotion of employment opportunities for rural people. A total of 58 courses have been conducted in 2011-2012 fiscal year, training 1775 people.

Export/import cooperative enterprise has been established with a view to boosting exports in the interests of businesses partners, exporting more items, importing necessary materials for government institutions, cooperatives and private businessmen with dollar income, and contributing to domestic commodity supply. The government has called for accelerated efforts of government sector, private sector and cooperative sector for better economic performance in building the nation as industrialized one from agro-based economy.

The Union minister then awarded prizes to persons and organizations for their outstanding performance in 2011-2012 fiscal year. —MNA

Outstanding students, teachers honoured in Launglon Township

DAWVE, 7 July—A ceremony to honour outstanding students and teachers was held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the parent-teacher association. The Director of Basic Education High School (Branch) in Thakyettaw Village of Launglon Township in Dawei District of Taninthayi Region on 29 June afternoon.

Headmistress Daw Gin Yu of Basic Education High School (Branch) made a speech. Patron of the School Board of Trustees U Nyan Soe explained the purpose of ceremony.

Officials presented prizes to outstanding students who won distinctions in the matriculation examination and the headmistress and 37 teachers. Among 38 candidates, 27 students passed the matriculation examination in 2012, 27 students passed the exam. The school stood second in the best pass rate in the region in 2010-2011 academic year.

Myanma Alin

Non-Formal Primary Education launched in Mohinyin

NAVPYITAW, 7 July—The Non-Formal Primary Education is being realized with the assistance of UNICEF as of 2012-2013 academic year with the aim of enabling all the children to pursue primary education.

The NFPE programme was launched at Basic Education High School in Hopin on 27 June, attended by Mohinyin Township Administrator U Sai San Win and departmental officials, members of social organizations, townsmen, donors, NFPE supervisors and NFPE students.

At the opening ceremony, wellwishers donated books and stationery worth K 650,000 to students.

Township Education Officer Daw Khin Khin Nwe told township correspondent of the New Light of Myanmar Daily that six NFPE bases will be opened in Mohinyin Township in 2012-2013 academic year to give primary education to 118 youths between aged 10 to 14 years including those of working at tea shops, restaurants and worksites.

Myanma Alin

Ayarawady region chief minister attends prize awarding of Universities volleyball tournament

NAVPYITAW, 7 July—Chief Minister of Ayawad Region U Thein Aung and wife Daw Khin Htay Myint yesterday morning arrived at Naypyidaw to attend prize awarding ceremonies for the winners.

At the opening ceremony, Commander of Pathitaw Jaing Yaw presented consolation prize to Hpaungdaw University. The Vice-Chancellor of Hpaungdaw University, Dr. tin Tin, presented prize to the match winner.

At the prize awarding ceremony. Commander of Region Police force Police Colonel Myo Than presented consolation prize to Hpaungdaw University. Region Development Affairs Minister U Kyaw Win Naing third prize to Maungdaw University, Acting Chief Justice of the region U Thwin second prize to Pyay University and Region Social Affairs Minister U San Maung first prize to Pyay University.

The region minister and deputy region hluttaw speaker presented best player of the tournament awards to the winners.

The chief minister announced that the government has called for accelerated efforts of government sector, private sector and cooperative sector for better economic performance in building the nation as industrialized one from agro-based economy.

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Myanmar Rice Industry Association to hold AGM

YANGON, 7 July—Myanmar Rice Industry Association will organize the first Annual General Meeting at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road of Mayangone Township at 1.30 pm on 14 July.

At the meeting, the booths on rice and paddy will be displayed. The Miss Farmer Contest in commemoration of the annual general meeting will be staged at the ceremony from 2 pm to 5 pm on 15 June. —Myanma Alin
Second World Media Summit ends in Moscow, next possibly in Bahrain

Moscow, 7 July—The Second World Media Summit (WMS), a grand gathering of global media organizations, concluded here on Friday, with organizers announcing the establishment of a working group to prepare for the next summit—possibly to be hosted by Bahrain.

At the closing ceremony of the Moscow summit, Bahrain’s Information Minister Samira Rajab proposed that her country play host to the next summit in 2014. “I hope that Bahrain will become the next country to host the World Media Summit. It is vitally important that it (the summit) will take place in an Arab country,” she said.

The Arab world needs media attention because it has become a scene for events that are crucial for the whole world,” Rajab was quoted as saying by ITAR-TASS. Vasily Ignatenko, director general of ITAR-TASS and co-chairman of the summit, welcomed the proposal.

A meeting will be held in November to discuss the technical issues related to the hosting of the next summit, and a final decision made before the end of the year, said Ignatenko.

Huge swaths of US swelter amid prolonged outages, new storms

Washington, 7 July—Weary West Virginians dumped rotting food from their refrigerators and tried to clear fallen trees from the roads on Friday as new storms prolonged the power outages that have already lasted a week.

The forecast for the weekend called for new storms, new storms, and new storms, with heavy rains and severe storms in the upper Midwest, the National Weather Service said.

The temperature in Chicago hit 100 Fahrenheit (37.7 Celsius) for the third day in a row on Friday, while Nashville, Tennessee, was expected to hit 103 F (39.4 C). For Saturday, forecasters predicted the heat on Saturday in Washington may reach the all-time record for the city of 106 F (41 C).

At least 406,000 people were without electricity on Friday in West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland and Ohio, power companies said. New storms knocked out power to parts of West Virginia on Thursday, while other areas have been without electricity since violent storms hit a week ago.

Utility companies warned that some residents in the worst-hit areas could be without power and air conditioning until early next week.

A powerful storm felled hundreds of trees and killed two people on Thursday as it whipped through Tennessee’s Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Obama chides Romney for flip-flopping on healthcare

Boston, 7 July—President Barack Obama accused Republican rival Mitt Romney of kowtowing to conservatives when he changed his position on what to call the healthcare reform provision that requires people to buy insurance.

Obama said Romney had defended the “individual mandate” as a penalty when he backed it as part of healthcare reform in Massachusetts as governor, but changed his tune on the national healthcare law after criticism from fellow Republicans.

“The guy I’m running against tried this in Massachusetts and it’s working just fine, even though now he denies it,” Obama told a campaign event during a two-day bus tour of Ohio and Pennsylvania, battleground states that will be vital to the outcome of the 6 November election.

Suicide bomb attack kills 10, injures 38 in central Iraqi city

Baghdad, 7 July—Ten people were killed and 38 others wounded when a suicide bomber blew himself up in Ramadi, a city some 100 km west of Iraqi capital Baghdad late on Friday, a police source said.

The police source, on condition of anonymity, told Xinhua that the incident took place at the wedding party of a local police officer in the centre of the city of Ramadi, capital city of the central Anbar Province.

No one so far has claimed responsibility for the attack, said the police officer, adding that as many of the injured in serious situation, the death toll could rise later.

Anbar Province, a Sunni-dominated region, has been the hotbed of insurgency in the war-battered Iraq.

US declares Afghanistan a major non-NATO ally

Washington, 7 July—US Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, second from right, speaks as Afghan President Hamid Karzai, right, listens during a press conference at the Presidential Palace on 7 July, 2012 in Kabul.

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Seven arrested in British anti-terrorism raids

London, 7 July—Seven men have been arrested on suspicion of terrorism offences in Britain after weapons were found in a vehicle stopped on a motorway, police said on Friday, as security forces are on high alert ahead of the London Olympics.

The vehicle was pulled over in a routine stop on the M1 motorway in South Yorkshire, northern England, on Saturday and impounded on suspicion of the driver having no insurance.

The suspects were believed to be linked to militant Islamism and were still being questioned but it was unclear what they planned, a security source said.

Firearms, other weapons and other unspecified material were later found inside which prompted police to trace and arrest the driver, passenger and other suspects.

“As soon as the items were discovered in the impounded vehicle, our priority was to protect the public by pursuing and arresting those we believed to be involved,” said Detective Chief Superintendent Kenny Bell, Head of the West Midlands region’s Counter Terrorism Unit.

A police source said there was nothing to suggest any link to the Olympics, which start in three weeks’ time.
Alaska aquarium cares for abandoned beluga calf

Seward, 7 July — Marine mammal specialists from across the country have descended on an Alaska aquarium to help care for a baby beluga whale that became separated from its mother shortly after birth. The male calf is under 24-hour care at the Alaska SeaLife Centre in Seward, being fed by a stomach tube while learning how to suckle from a bottle.

“He’s currently doing very well, swimming on his own and he has been from the first time I’ve got here, learning to take food from a bottle, which has been challenging,” said Tara Riemer Jones, the center’s president and CEO. “It’s believed to be the first baby beluga rescue in the United States, at least since federal record keeping began in 1972. She said previous attempts at rescue resulted in calf deaths or in one case, the calf being returned to its pod. It’s such a rare event that specialists have been helping with the animal’s care, including staff members from the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta, Shedd Aquarium in Chicago and SeaWorld in San Diego. It’s actually a pretty unprecedented way of caring for them,” said Dennis Christen, the Georgia Aquarium’s director of animal training, who was in place 29 hours after the calf arrived in Seward. The calf was estimated to be 2 days old when it was found near South Naknek, in Alaska’s Bristol Bay, on 18 June. Officials believe a storm likely caused it to become separated from its mother. Lebling said it was touch-and-go for the first part of the flight, probably because of the calf medically “other than he’s perfectly normal,” Lebling said, but then he breathed again. Even though the beluga is still in critical care, caregivers are guarded optimistic about his rehabilitation. Survival odds for an animal this age coming into a stranding program are low, said Brett Long, the SeaLife Centre’s director of animal training who is still in critical care, breathing again. “We’re very happy to see that we appear to be meeting its nutritional goals and that it’s maintaining its weight, and we’re seeing slow, incremental weight gain.” The calf is now about 5 feet long and weighs 115 pounds, up 5 pounds since his arrival. The biggest worry now is the calf’s immune system, which is insufficiently developed because it did not receive any of its mother’s milk. “We’re working with other aquariums to provide supplements that will help aid the development of that immune system, but it’s a waiting game,” Long said. Jones said there is nothing specifically wrong with the calf medically “other-than” its young and at high-risk.”

This photo taken on 4 July, 2012, at the Alaska SeaLife Centre in Seward, Alaska, shows Elizabeth Davis from the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, left, and Dennis Christen of the Georgia Aquarium feed a bottle to a baby beluga calf being rehabilitated at the centre.—INTERNET

Apple to continue dominating ultra-thin notebook market following Windows 8 launch

New York, 7 July — Despite the launch of Windows 8 later this year and the wave of ultra-thin notebooks and computers that will accompany the new operating system, Apple will continue to dominate the ultra-thin portable PC market through 2012 according to a report Thursday issued by Digitimes Research senior analyst Joanne Chien noted. “Apple’s ultra-thin MacBook series products (MacBook Air) already account for 50% of global notebook shipments that feature an ultra-thin design in the second quarter and Apple’s MacBook Air shipments in the fourth quarter are still expected to surpass the combined shipments of the non-Apple notebook brand vendors’ ultrabook and ultra-like notebook products,” said the report.

Hawking’s rival says Higgs wager win is icing on cake

London, 7 July — The US scientist who won a $100 wager with Stephen Hawking over whether the Higgs boson would ever be found said Friday winning was the icing on the cake of a major scientific discovery. Scientists at Europe’s CERN research centre announced on Wednesday that they had found a new subatomic particle which appeared to be the boson imagined and named half a century ago by theoretical physicist Peter Higgs. Hawking, Britain’s most famous living scientist, said the discovery should earn Higgs the Nobel Prize, but admitted in an interview that it would make him $100 poorer. “I had a bet with Gordon Kane (of the University of Michigan) that the Higgs particle wouldn’t be found,” Hawking told BBC News on Wednesday. “It seems I have just lost $100. Kane told me ‘Hawking had thrown down the gauntlet and he had quickly accepted.’ I was confident a Higgs boson would be found. The Higgs discovery feels fantastically wonderful. It completes the description built up over several centuries, and points the way to strengthen the foundations of the Standard Model. Winning the bet is a very nice icing on the cake,” he said.

British physicist Peter Higgs (R) shakes hands with Belgian physicist Francois Englert before a scientific seminar to deliver the latest update in the search for the Higgs boson at the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Meyrin near Geneva on 4 July, 2012. — REUTERS

US to begin new phase of hypersonic flight programme

Los Angeles, 7 July — The Defence Department’s research arm will seek proposals next month for_unmanned hypersonic flight vehicles with the goal of testing a full-scale hypersonic X-plane in four years. The Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency said on Friday it will host a so-called Proposers’ Day on 14 Aug to lay out technical areas for which proposals are being sought.

DARPA has tested highly experimental versions of a rocket-launched hypersonic glider designed to fly at speeds 20 times the speed of sound, or 20 Mach. The goal is to give the US defence capability of reaching any spot on Earth in an hour. But such aircraft have to endure blast furnace heat and require extraordinary controls. The last test launch from California ended with the glider’s skin peeling away.—INTERNET
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Samsung wins bid to sell Nexus in Apple court battle

WASHINGTON, 7 July — Samsung Electronics scored a partial victory against arch-foe Apple Inc on Friday after a US appeals court lifted a freeze on sales of its Galaxy 10.1 tablet computer. Apple accused its Asian rival, the leader in global mobile device sales, in lawsuits of blatantly copying its hot-selling iPhones and iPads. Last week, a San Jose court granted rare, temporary injunctions against the sale of the Galaxy mobile devices in the US courts but are unlikely to severely depress the Asian tech-power's bottom line since it's rolling out new tablet and smartphone models. On Friday, Samsung announced that its smartphone sales helped drive a record $5.9 billion quarterly profit. Earlier this week, US District Judge Lucy Koh in San Jose, California, rejected Samsung’s request to lift her June 26 order to halt sales of the tablet, which runs on Google Inc’s Android operating system and goes toe-to-toe with the iPad. Koh also slapped pre-trial ban on sales of Samsung’s Galaxy Nexus phone a week ago. Apple sued Samsung last year, accusing the South Korean electronics maker of “slavishly” copying the iPhone and iPad. Samsung denies the claim and countersued. Samsung’s Galaxy touchscreen tablets are considered by many industry experts to be the main rival to the iPad, though they are currently a distant second to Apple’s devices. Apple sold 13.6 million iPads from January through March to control 50 percent of the global tablet market, according to research from Display Search. Samsung sold 1.6 million tablets, giving it 7.5 percent of the market. — Reuters

Wall Street Week Ahead: Stimulus moves, profits to be focus

NEW YORK, 7 July — Wall Street has been running in circles for the past two months, and the pattern may continue despite the upcoming start of the earnings season. Quarterly reports cards from blue-chips Alcoa and JPMorgan next week could fade into the background as traders jockey for position before key data from China and more central bank headlines next week.

After three major central banks eased monetary policy this week, investors will comb through the minutes of the latest Federal Reserve policy meeting, which will be released on Wednesday, to see what officials said about a further round of asset purchases. US stocks face headwinds from a slowing global economy. Europe’s debt crisis has drawn much of the attention, but little clarity has emerged about how the euro zone’s debt and banking problems will be fixed despite numerous meetings. The uncertainty has left the market in the hands of traders, who look for opportunities for quick returns, while investors, who are in the market for the long haul, watch from the sidelines. The S&P 500 flirted with the path is still unclear,” said Quincy Krosby, market strategist at Prudential Financial in Newark, New Jersey. On Friday, the S&P 500 closed down 0.5 percent for the week. The index has posted four weeks of gains and four of losses in the last eight. — Reuters

UNAIDS says record number of Africans get AIDS drugs

WASHINGTON, 7 July — A record number of Africans now have access to drugs to control the HIV virus, but the continent must work harder to strengthen the pipeline, the head of UNAIDS says. At the end of last year, 6.2 million people in sub-Saharan Africa were taking antiretroviral treatment, an increase of 1.1 million over 2010, UNAIDS Executive Director Michel Sidibé said in an interview on Thursday. It means that 56 percent of Africans in need of the drugs now have access to them, he said.

“For ten years ago, nobody would have imagined that such a result would be possible,” he said. He cost of the drugs has plummeted from around $15,000 per head a dozen years ago to some $80 today, and many treatments are far simpler for patients than in the past. Idibé — visiting Paris ahead of the 22-27 July International AIDS Conference in Washington — said he was worried that African countries remained dependent on foreign help.

“With the exception of South Africa, 80 percent of Africans with HIV have access to drugs via funding from outside Africa. This is not sustainable. It’s even dangerous,” he said. Budget constraints in donor countries since the 2008 financial crisis have caused funding to stagnate, falling by 13 percent between 2009 and 2010 alone. China now totally funds its domestic AIDS programme and the figure for fellow emerging giant India is 95 percent, but in Africa some countries are 100-percent dependent on foreign aid, Sidibé said.

Another problem is that Africa is 80-percent dependent on India for its drugs. Sidibé said. He added that he would call for an African Medicines Regulatory Agency at an Africa Union summit, taking place in Addis Ababa from 13 to 15 July. The proposed agency would vet drugs, given the widening problem of fake or low-quality medications that are being sold in Africa, and encourage local production of AIDS pills. — Reuters

Health Tip: If your child has a nightmare

Everyone has bad dreams, but they can be especially frightening for young children. The Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital offers these suggestions for the parents of children who may have just had a nightmare:

Offer plenty of cuddles, comfort and reassurance to your child. During the day, talk about your child’s bad dream, and make sure to avoid frightening TV programmes and movies.

Leave the door to the child’s bedroom open, and offer a favorite toy or blanket for comfort.

Avoid spending a lot of time looking for the “monster” that scared your child. Let your child go back to sleep in his or her own bed.

Read a book about coping with nighttime fears.

Before bed, talk about funny and happy topics.

Job seekers wait in front of the training offices of Local Union 46, the union representing metallic larvae and reinforcing ironworkers, in the Queens borough of New York, on 29 April, 2012. — Reuters

Dismal hiring shows economy stuck in low gear

WASHINGTON, 7 July — US employers hired a dismal pace in June, raising pressure on the Federal Reserve to do more to boost the economy and dealing another setback to President Barack Obama’s re-election bid. The Labour Department said on Friday that non-farm payrolls grew by just 80,000 jobs in June, the third straight month below 100,000. Job creation was too weak to bring down the country’s 8.2-percent jobless rate and the report fuelled concerns that Europe’s debt crisis was shifting the US economy into low gear.

“We’re just crawling forward here,” said Nigel Gault, an economist at IHS Global Insight in Lexington, Massachusetts.

While Obama holds a narrow lead in most national polls, many voters are critical of his handling of the economy. Speaking at a campaign rally in Ohio, Obama said the pace of job creation needs to pick up.

“It’s still tough out there,” he said. Mitt Romney, Obama’s Republican challenger, assailed the president for not doing enough to get people back to work.

“This kick in the gut has got to end,” Romney told reporters in New Hampshire. US stocks closed about 1 percent lower, while yieldson US government debt fell on bets the Fed would launch a new round of bond purchases to lower borrowing costs and spur hiring. The dollar fell against the yen, but rose against the euro as investors sought a safe haven.

Last month, the Fed extended a programme aimed at keeping long-term interest rates down and said it was prepared to do more to spur the economic recovery if needed. — Reuters

A nurse at an anti-retroviral clinic gives medicines to a patient in the town of Winterton, South Africa, 2008. — Reuters

An employee of South Korean mobile carrier KT holds a Samsung Electronics’ Galaxy tablet 10.1 (R) and Apple Inc’s iPad at a registration desk at KT’s headquarters in Seoul, in this 10 Aug, 2011 file photo. — Reuters

A sign is seen on Wall Street near the New York Stock Exchange on 15 June, 2012. — Reuters

A nurse at an anti-retroviral clinic gives medicines to a patient in the town of Winterton, South Africa, 2008. — Reuters
**Gunmen kill 18 bus passengers in Pakistan**

**QUETTA, 7 July—** Gunmen on motorcycles attacked a bus in southwestern Pakistan near the frontier border on Friday, killing 18 people and wounding two, Pakistan officials said.

The attack occurred when the bus, which was heading for Iran, stopped at a roadside shop in the Kech area of Baluchistan Province, the police said. They said six gunmen involved.

No further details were immediately available.

Several militant groups are active in Baluchistan, Pakistan’s biggest but poorest province.

Much of the violence in the past has been blamed on ethnic Baluch separatists, who are fighting a protracted insurgency, demanding more autonomy and control over the natural resources of the province.

Pro-Taliban militants are active in the province, which borders both Afghanistan and Iran.

Sunni Muslim militants also regularly carry out attacks on Baluchistan’s Shi’ite minority, who have stepped up attacks in recent months.

**MERAISHAAN, 7 July—** A US drone aircraft killed at least 12 suspected militants in Pakistan on Friday when it fired missiles at a compound in about Afghan border Pakistanis-intelligence officials said.

The death toll from the strings of drone attacks in North Waziristan could rise, the officials said.

Many Pakistanis say drone attacks that kill civilians are a violation of Pakistani sovereignty. The attacks are one of several factors straining ties between Pakistan and the United States.

The United States and Pakistan resolved one of their most heated disputes this week when US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton apologised for an air attack that killed 24 Pakistani soldiers last November.

The apology paved the way for Pakistan to permit trucks carrying NATO supplies to cross into Afghanistan in more than seven months.

The CIA has stepped up drone attacks in North Waziristan in recent weeks in an area seen as a hub for militant groups who attack US forces and their allies in Afghanistan.

Eight people were killed in this drone strike on Sunday.—Reuters

**US Predator drone sets off from its hungry air base in Afghanistan. A US drone attack on a militant compound in Pakistan’s northwestern tribal area killed nine insurgents and injured three late Friday, security officials said.**

**DILI, 7 July—** Timor-Leste has its feet to the floor in the country, including eight mobile polling stations — six hospital polling stations and two prison polling stations, said Cesarina Ruhok, the president of the Timor-Leste election commission, in charge of public information at the Technical Secretariat for Elections Support.

At the Meli-Aut polling station in Dili, voting process has been going on peacefully and smoothly. Observers from the European Union and the Asia Foundation were specially observing the voting procedures. Across the country, there are together 586 international observers from 33 international organizations and 2,636 Timorese observers from 46 organizations overseeing the voting, said Ruhok.

The election “show the world that democracy of Timor-Leste has its feet to the floor, demonstrate the reliability in the country, and show the determination and will from every citizen to fight against the greatest risk of poverty,” said the president.

Every citizen aged above 17has the right to vote. As illiteracy rates are high in the Southeast Asian country, ballot tickets are specially designed with colorful flags of each of the 21 parties competing in the elections.

Timorese who do not write can use a nail to punch on the ball tickets of the party they support.

“I hope the next government can maintain peace and stability, and build a fair and equal society,” said Elmenzedil Da Silva who works for a non-government organization.

In Timor-Leste, parliamentary members are elected by proportional representation for a five-year term. There is a 3 percent threshold for entering the parliament.—Xinhua

**HK customs smash record South American cocaine syndicate**

**HONG KONG, 7 July—** A joint operation by Hong Kong and US authorities, nicknamed “Surfing Coke”, has netted the city’s largest cocaine haul, worth about HK$760 million ($98 million).

In a statement released Thursday, the Hong Kong government said its customs department had discovered 649 kg (1,425 pounds) of cocaine in a container shipped from Ecuador.

Disguised as blocks of laurel wood, officers found 22 nylon bags containing a total of 541 slabs of cocaine, with each slab weighing about 1.2 kg. Three local men have been arrested and were due to appear in court on Saturday.

If convicted, they could face life imprisonment and a fine of HK$5 million for trafficking in a dangerous drug.

Lee Cheung-wing, head of Hong Kong’s Customs Drug Investigation Branch, said the city had been working with the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and US Customs and Border Protection this year to combat the rising frequency of narcotics being transported to Hong Kong.

“Between April and June this year, the DEA has referred a batch of Hong Kong-bound containers exported from South American countries to Hong Kong Customs for follow-up action,” he said in the statement.

**Chicago-area couple killed by train derailment**

**CHICAGO, 6 July—** An early morning Wednesday caused the collapse of a bridge, killing two people in a car traveling under the bridge.—INTERNET

**Emergence vehicles are shown at the scene in Northbrook, Illinois, on 6 July, 2012, where a train derailment Wednesday caused the collapse of a bridge, killing two people in a car traveling under the bridge.**

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**Owner of restaurant where Obama ate breakfast dies**

**AURORA, COLO., 7 July—** The elderly owner of an Ohio restaurant where President Barack Obama ate breakfast on Friday died of natural causes just hours after meeting him.

The Summit County medical examiner’s office said Josephine “Ann” Harris, 70, owner of Ann’s Place where Obama was served eggs, bacon, toast and grits, died at a hospital in Akron, Ohio. The president called her daughter from Air Force One to express her condolences.

A hospital spokesman said Harris had complained of fatigue and a tingling feeling. White House press secretary Jay Carney said Harris apparently had not been well and was suffering from fatigue and a tingling feeling. White House press secretary Jay Carney said Harris apparently had not been well and was suffering from fatigue and a tingling feeling.

Carney said he left the message, LaMonica, said Harris’s cell phone at 10 am Thursday morning. Burton Lindner, 69, was a lawyer with a practice in downtown Chicago, where he still lived and worked. His 70-year-old wife was a retired high school guidance counselor.

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The Post War years witnessed a momentous political upheaval of national spirit and spontaneous movement of the entire population for total Independence from British colonial rule. Tragedy struck when the national leaders were martyred in 19th July 1947 while working for Independence within reach in less than ayar’s time. January 1948 and the entire nation mourned their loss.

On the education front in no less spectacular movement, the aspiration for upgrading the existing but shaky Intermediate College of Mandalay into a four-year Degree College was also actively propagated. The pioneer spearheading this ambition for a separate University in Anyar land of culture and seat of Myanmar kings was Sayagyi U Razak and his disciple U Ko Lay. Eventually in 17th July 1947 the Mandalay Intermediate College was reopened with Sayagi U Ko Lay as its first Principal and 23 teaching staff for Arts, Science and Agriculture. The existing Mandalay Agriculture College was affiliated into the main College. The 1947 first year Intermediate students intake in Arts and Science were less than a hundred. The 1948 batch was permitted to attend the Second Year intake and 40 boarding students. The relations between the students and faculty members were reverential and friendly couched by Anyar tradition. In 1948 the Intermediate College was upgraded into a four-year degree college MUC.

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President U Thein Sein visits agricultural...

At the briefing hall near the farm, the director-general of the Agriculture and Irrigation Department explained the characteristics of hybrid sunflower, saying that one acre of sunflower seed production can yield 25 baskets of quality seeds which can be grown for 125 acres of sunflower plantation, that one acre of sunflower plantation can yield above 50 baskets of sunflower seeds; that 50 baskets of sunflower seeds can produce 220 viss of oil; that if the oil consumption is calculated as four viss per household, one acre of sunflower plantation can provide edible oil for 50 to 60 households. The President called on meeting the domestic edible oil demand by extensively growing sunflower, which is wholesome for human consumption, across the country, demanding nationwide cultivation of sunflower oil to cut multimillions dollars expenditure on annual edible oil import from abroad. The President pointed out that sunflower oil is wholesome and sunflower pulp also can be used as animal feed, contributing to a great deal to livestock breeding sector of the country. He gave detailed instructions on making researches on boosting sunflower productivity by breeding bees on sunflower plantations in cooperation with the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.

The President then presented 15 agriculturalists from the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation with the Cross Society raising the MRCS jointly built new construction and Dr.Ye Kyaw Htoo (Nawarat jewelry) and sister Dr Nilar Myint Htoo (Nawarat jewelry) as competitors.

Union A&I Minister attends prize awarding of staff and students of the ministry

NAV PVT TAW, 7 July—

Prize presentation ceremony for staff who served the best in 2011-2012 growing season and the outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination in 2011-2012 academic year was held at the auditorium of the Mandalay Regional Agriculture Department in Mandalay Township, Mandalay City. At the ceremony, Deputy Minister U Ohn Than awarded three first-prize winners and three third-prize winners.

At today’s ceremony, a total of K 123,603,00 were awarded to the outstanding staff and students. Deputy Minister U Ohn Than accepted the donation from Kyaw Htet Kyaw Co, K 10 million, Super Coffee Mix Co K 5 million and Myanmar Awba Co, Ltd. K 1 million for the education fund of the students. On behalf of the students, a student spoke words of thank.

New BEPS building handed over in Thaton Township

NAV PVT TAW, 7 July—

The opening ceremony of new building of Basic Education Primary School was held at Inni Village in Thaton Township, Mon State on 5 July. Township Administrator U Aye Naing gave a speech and UNHCR Additional Officer U Soe Mo Win announced the emergence of the new building, aiming of construction and Dr. Ye Myint from Myanmar Red Cross Society raising the capital.

Sports Ministry hires Sail for marketing XXVII SEA Games

YANGON, 7 July—

Myanmar National Sports Committee, sports federation and Sports and Physical Education Department met to coordinate preparations of sports federations for the XXVII SEA Games, at the meeting hall of Sports and Physical Education Department in Kyakkaikasan District have been assisted Departmental heads and officials presented three-distinction and under students. Deputy Minister U Ohn Than received the donation from Kyaw Htet Kyaw Co, K 10 million, Super Coffee Mix Co K 5 million and Myanmar Awba Co, Ltd. K 1 million for the education fund of the students. On behalf of the students, a student spoke words of thank.

Myanmar Chess delegation leaves for Indonesia

YANGON, 7 July—

A four-member Myanmar chess delegation left here on 5 July evening for Indonesia to attend the ASEAN University/College Chess Tournament in Jakarta of Indonesia from 7 to 13 July. At the ceremony, President of Myanmar Chess Federation U Maung Maung Lwin, Vice-President U Win Aung and Executive U Toe who will talk about Myanmar traditional chess sport and Nyi Hlaing Soe (Technological University-Sagana Region) as competitor.

Loan benefits dairy farming in Nawnghkio

YANGON, 7 July—Dairy farmers in Nawnghkio Township in Kyaukmyo District have been assisted in farming cattle and making value-added dairy products to increase their daily income. At the meeting with the farmers, Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye also called for promoting the farming with the assistance of the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department.

Cash and kind provided for locals in Rakhine State

YANGON, 7 July—Cash and kind donation ceremony for locals in Rakhine State who lost their homes and possessions and suffered bitter pains due to recent riots in Rakhine State was held at Maykhehal Hall of Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township here this morning.

At the ceremony, First Private Bank Ltd executive directors and staff donated K 1,530,000, U Tha Tun- Daw Myint Myint and family K 300,000, Daw Nyunt Nyan and family K 450,000, Director of No 1 region/state fire services supervisory division and members K 31,000, head of Meiktila Township FSD and members K 100,000, head of Mandalay region FSD and members K 12,000, Cap Khin Zaw (retd) K 10,000, Ko Thu and staff from Great Mobile K 100,000, U Min Aung (Assistant Administrator, YCDC)- Daw Malar Myint Huo (Nawarat jewelry) and sister Dr. Nilar Myint Htoo (Nawarat jewelry) as competitors.
Tonhon bridge in Nyaungshwe commissioned into service

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July—Tonhon Bridge on Taunggyi-Ayeyarwady-Nyaungshwe-Tonhon-Pinlaung road in Nyaungshwe Township in Taunggyi District of Shan State (North) was commissioned into service this morning.

The opening ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, state ministers, officials of Public Works, state, district and township level officials, reps of various associations, teachers, schoolchildren, ethnic troupes, cheerleaders, townsciders, locals which accounted for 25000.

Union Minister U Khin Maung Myint said in his address that the construction of the bridge started on 28-5-2011. The original wooden bridge could bear the load of only small vehicles and the newly opened bridge would be able to withstand the designated loads and allow passage of various vehicles.

Once, Nay Pyi Taw-Taunggyi trip through Meiktila had the length of 209 miles. The bridge could reduce the length of the trip by 61 miles and one furlong to 147 miles and one furlong.

State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, State Finance and Revenue Minister U Khun Thein Maung spoke words of thanks.

Chairman of Pa-O Self-Administered Zone Leading Body U Khun San Lwin expressed thanks. He said. The bridge is the fourth one opened in the zone. The first one was the wooden bridge near Hmawby market and built with the manpower. The second one is the original Tonhonte bridge which is the wooden one which could not be passed by vehicles. The third wooden bridge was built as the border area development bridge. The newly opened RC bridge was built by the Construction Ministry, allowing local national people to travel and transport commodity in all weathers. It would facilitate development of the region.

The chairman finally called for collaborated efforts to ensure prolong existence of the bridge.

State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, State Transport Minister U Sai Nav Khiam, State Finance and Revenue Minister U Khun Thein Maung, Pa-O Self-Administered Zone Leading Body Chairman U Khun San Lwin, Intha National Race Affairs Minister U Win Myint and Managing Director of Public Works U Kyaw Lin formally opened the Tonhon bridge.

Rainy season tree growing ceremony held in Maungyin

MAWLAMYINGYIN, 7 July—The rainy season tree growing ceremony was held along both sides of Mawlamyinegyin-Bogale Road in Nwayegyaw Nyaunglan Village and Mawlamyinegyin Township on 30 June. Chairman of Township Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Thin Thin Aye, executives and members grew 210 teak and eucalyptus saplings.—Myanma Alinn

Union Education Minister back from Indonesia

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye arrived back here by air this evening after attending 7th ASEAN Education Ministers meeting, 1st ASEAN+3 Education Ministers meeting, 1st East Asia Summit Education Ministers meeting held in Republic of Indonesia.

The union education minister attended the meetings held on 4 and 5 July together with education ministers from ASEAN countries and heads of educational organizations from Japan, Korea, China, America, Australia, Russia, India and New Zealand.

At the meetings, they discussed matters related to mutual dispatch of students, teachers and staff of universities from ASEAN and East Asian countries, exchanges of experiences, cooperation in conducting research and certificate courses, diploma courses.

The Union Education Minister met his counterparts from Thailand and the Philippines separately and discussed promotion of education standards and prospects of cooperation.—MNA

Sagaing Region Chief Minister inspects regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July—Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye on 3 July morning inspected Monywa People’s Hospital and Traditional Medicinal Hospital in Sagaing Region, where he comforted the patients receiving medical treatment and looked around the herbal plantation.

On 5 July, the Chief Minister delivered an address at the coordinating meeting of the Forest Department in Monywa, Sagaing Region.

On 6 July, the Chief Minister attended the ceremony to add an additional room to the basic education middle school (branch) in Ywathitshwelatt Village in Badalin Township and opening of Pyinya Beikman School Building. At the event, region social minister Dr Myint Thein, Representative of Region Hluttaw U Sein Wai Hlaing, Region Education Officer U Hla Thein cut the ribbon to put the newly-built school building into service.

The Chief Minister unveiled the stone inscription of the building and the Union minister, the state chief minister and the state ministers strolled along the bridge.

The bridge is 160’ of its kind whose length is over 180 feet opened in time of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The bridge has the length of 240 ft with 24 ft wide motorways flanked by three feet and six inches pedestrian ways.—MNA

Hotel service courses opened in Taunggyi, Kalaw

YANGON, 7 July—Under the supervision of Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Taunggyi Hoteliers Association conducted the hotel services training courses at Taunggyi Hotel in Taunggyi at 9.30 am on 2 July and at Kalaw Hotel in Kalaw at 12 noon.

On behalf of the Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism, Managing Director U Hla Hlay of Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services made an opening address. The ceremony was attended by Shan State ministers, departmental heads, instructors, those from Taunggyi Hoteliers Association and trainees.

A total of 41 trainees are attending the food and beverages catering courses and 48 trainees the food and beverages course at Taunggyi Hotel, 40 trainees the hotel reception course and 53 trainees the room-keeper course at Kalaw Hotel.

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Photo shows 10 acres of thriving 65-day sunflower seed production plantation at Sibin Agricultural Research Farm in Yamethin Township. (News on page 9)—MNA

8th July 2012 (Sunday)
School Environment Day
Participation is for Basic Education Schools.

Ministry of Education
**Yangon, 7 July**—A ceremony to upgrade the school to Basic Education High School branch was held in conjunction with the cash donation ceremony at Basic Education Middle School No. 3 of No. 3 Basic Education Department in Shwepyitha Township on 3 July.

**Myanmar Women’s Day celebrated in Kalay**

**Kalay, 7 July**—The Myanmar Women’s Day was observed at Nayinarzara Hall of Kalay Township General Administration Department on 3 July.


Officials presented prizes to winners in the essay contest to mark the Myanmar Women’s Day and outstanding members of WAO and social organizations planted over 1800 saplings of teak and hardwood plants in 2012 for all-round development of the school and for needy students. The officials accepted the donations.

Chairman of the Education Department in No. 3 of No. 3 Basic School branch was held.

**Laymyethna, 7 July**—A ceremony to provide cash assistance for offspring of members of Kyaukpyu Township War Veterans Organization for 2012-2013 academic year was held at its office on 27 June.

Officials explained the purpose of providing cash assistance.

Chairman of the Township War Veterans Organization Captain Thet Lwin Oo (Rtd) and officials gave K 2.2 million as cash assistance to 77 students.

**Border Affairs Ministry provides school uniforms worth K 45.5 million to students**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 7 July**—As part of efforts to implement rural development and poverty alleviation, Progress of Rural Region Department of the Ministry of Border Affairs and Rural Region Development Bank jointly give microfinance services to vendors, slow-moving vehicle drivers, pony-cart driver and others from rural regions.

The department and the bank urge them to give back repayment for their loans to the bank. The interests from their repayment are provided to offspring of subsidies. Ministry of Border Affairs provided school uniforms worth K 45.5 million to 11457 students of regions and states as of 1 June 2012.—Say Thura

**Trees grown in rainy season in Laymyethna Township**

With a view to greening the environment, Laymyethna Township of Ayeyawady Region held the rainy season tree growing ceremony along both sides of Pandawgyi-Khan Road in Laymyethna Township on 27 June.

**Region Hluttaw representative Thnin Tun and Acting Township Administrator U Soe Myint Hlaing made speeches. They presented saplings to the Staff Officer of Township Forest Department, staff and members of social organizations. They all grew 1800 saplings at the ceremony.**

Laymyethna Township plans to grow 52,500 saplings of teak and hardwood plants in 2012 for greening the township.

**Books, cash donated to library in Mudon Township**

**Mudon, 7 July**—The cash and book donation ceremony was held in front of Pindle Alyin Jacqu Library in Kinchuang Village of Mudon Township on 26 June morning.

The Staff Officer of District Information and Public Relations Department donated 10 plastic chairs worth K 42,000, the head of Township IPRD 100 assorted books, U Win Maung on behalf of Withokhi Monastery Sayadaw of Khinchaung Village K 150,000, U Naing Tun K 500,000 in memory of late U Thaung Shein, village administrator K 300,000, U Aung Niang Win and family 300 books, Township Internal Revenue Department journals, Deputy Head of Township General Administration Department U Thein Zaw Oo, ward/village administrators and U Thaung Shwe (Myitna Mon Furniture) K 60,000.

Chairman of the library committee U Teik accepted the cash and kind donation. The library was opened by Staff Officer of District IPRD Daw Hla Hla Oo. Township Administrator U Win Soe.

The staff officer explained durability and development of the library.

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**Citizenship scrutiny cards issued in Singaing**

**Singaing, 7 July**—Staff of Singaing Township Immigration and National Registration Department led by the Staff Officer under the supervision of Head of Kyaukse District INRD U San Aung of Mandalay Region made field trips to grassroots level in their township.

They issued citizenship scrutiny cards to 94 eligible persons and household registration certificates to 16 people at the village of Theinnigon Monastery Village on 28 June.—Myanna Alyn

**Trees planted as rainy season activity in Dedaye Township**

**Dedaye, 7 July**—The rainy season tree growing ceremony was held along both sides of Dedaye-Kyauklat Road near Chaungphyu Village in Dedaye Township of Pyapon District in Ayeyawady Region on 3 July.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Tin Shwe, Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Hla Thaung, Senior Forester U Myo Hein of Township Forest Department and staff, members of Women’s Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association, departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people planted over 1500 saplings.

**Collective tree growing ceremony held in Shwebo**

**Shwebo, 7 July**—The tree growing ceremony took place in the southern part of Mahananda Lake in Shwebo Township on 30 June morning.

Chairperson of District Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Shwe Si, Assistant Director U Hsan Aung of Shwebo District Forest Department, Shwebo Township Administrator U Thel Aung Tun, Staff Officer U Ye Lwin of Forest Department and district and township level departmental officials and staff, members of WAO and social organizations planted over 1300 saplings.—Myanna Alyn
**Hitler protected Jewish World War I veteran**

Germany newspaper. The letter, composed in August 1940 by Heinrich Himmler, head of the Nazi feared paramilitary SS, said Ernst Hess, a judge, should be spared persecution or deportation “as per the Führer’s wishes”. Hess, a decorated World War One hero who briefly commanded Hitler’s company in Flanders, worked as a judge until Nazi racial laws forced him to resign in 1936. The same year he was beaten up by Nazi thugs outside his house, the paper said.

In a petition to Hitler at that time, Hess wrote: “For us it is a kind of spiritual death to now be branded as Jews and exposed to general contempt. Hess and his family moved for a time to a German-speaking area of northern Italy but were then forced to return to Germany where he discovered Hitler’s protection order had been revoked. He spent the rest of World War Two doing slave labour but he escaped death partly thanks to the fact that his wife was Gentile. Hess’s sister died in the Auschwitz death camp but his mother managed to escape to Switzerland.

**Mexico’s Pena Nieto ‘likely’ to win tax reform by end-2013**

Mexico City, 7 July—Economists see a decent chance that Mexico’s next president will be able to push through tax reform during his first year but are sceptical about a quick overhaul of the state’s oil industry.

Incoming president Enrique Pena Nieto won last Sunday’s vote promising a “blank cheque” to fix the country’s fiscal, energy, labour and competition reforms which aim to lift Mexico’s economic growth from 2.5 per cent this year to 6 per cent a year.

According to the median of 13 analysts polled by Reuters, the new administration, which will take office on 1 December, should make fiscal and energy reforms its top priority, or Pena Nieto’s Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, will lose the majority in the lower house of Congress or the Senate, the latest projections show, meaning he will have to negotiate with opposition parties on reforms.

Fiscal reform is seen as “likely” during the first year of Pena Nieto’s term, along with the establishment of a new state bank, but analysts thought other reforms would take longer.

“Excluding oil revenue, Mexico has one of the lowest tax take in Latin America and is heavily reliant on oil sector revenues, although state oil monopoly Pemex lacks the resources to properly exploit big offshore fields.— Reuters

**Sri Lankan, Indian navies discuss fishing issue**

Colombo, 7 July—Navies from both India and Sri Lanka met and discussed over bilateral interest including the contentious fishing issue, the Sri Lankan navy said on Saturday. A navy statement said that navy delegations from Sri Lanka and India met along the Indo-Sri Lanka Maritime Boundary Line off Sri Lanka’s northern Kankasanthurai shore.

This was the 21st International Maritime Boundary Line meeting between Sri Lanka and India and it took place on a Sri Lankan naval ship.

“The meeting is held to strengthen the naval relationship between the two neighbouring countries. During this session, matters of mutual interests related to naval operations and fishing activities were discussed,” the Sri Lankan navy said.

Crossing over of fishermen into the territorial waters of both countries has been a long standing sensitive issue between Sri Lanka and India with both countries engaging in several rounds of talks to separate individuals and boats.

Last week, Indian Defence Advisor S Menon held discussions on the topic during a brief visit to Sri Lanka.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister of southern Indian state Tamil Nadu J Jayalalithaa had this week urged Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to take up the issue of 13 Indian fishermen arrested by the Sri Lankan navy recently and their immediate release.— Xinhua

**California gives green light to high-speed rail plan**

Sacramento, 7 July—California lawmakers gave final approval to a high-speed rail plan on Friday in a make-or-break vote for $68 billion in funding to start construction on a 130-mile (210-km) section of track through the state’s central agricultural heartland.

The 21-16 vote in the state Senate was a substantial win for Democratic Governor Jerry Brown, who says a bullet train network will boost job creation and provide an alternative to car and plane travel in the country’s most populous state. Union officials lobbied hard for the network, the most ambitious public works project to date in California. Republicans opposed it, saying the $68 billion project would be a massive financial burden that could jeopardize state spending on basic services such as education and healthcare.

“The Legislature took bold action today that gets California back on track and puts California out in front once again,” Brown said in a statement after the vote, which passed with the minimum number of required ‘yes’ votes in the Democratic-led Senate.

Outside the Senate chamber, union representatives counted votes closely and cheered when it became clear the bill would be approved. The state and federal financing approved by the legislature includes the issuance of $2.6 billion in state bonds, which would in turn unlock $3.2 billion in federal funds for construction of track in the Central Valley that was expected to begin at the end of 2012 or the start of 2013.

The bill, which passed the Democratic-controlled Assembly by a 51-27 vote on Thursday, also approves spending over $2 billion in federal, state and local funds on rail projects in urban areas to prepare to link them to a statewide system.

The bullet train network, expected to take decades to complete, would eventually connect Sacramento and San Francisco to Los Angeles, with stops along the way. “It would mean tens of thousands of jobs,” said MarkKyle, director of government affairs for the Operating Engineers Local Union No 3, which was among the bill’s supporters. — Reuters

**Airshow - Travellers want to fly more, but greener**

London, 7 July—Over 60 per cent of people worldwide want to fly more by 2050, but almost 90 per cent believe aircraft need to be more environmentally efficient, according to a survey from aircraft-maker Airbus.

With findings drawn from a 10,000-strong survey, the planemaker also consulted with 1,200 people in 192 countries over a two-year period to better understand the public perception of air travel’s future.

Released three days before the Farnborough International Airshow, the study indicates that quieter aircraft are important (backed by 65 per cent of respondents), while almost 40 per cent felt the air-travel experience is increasingly stressful.

Respondents’ gripes included queues at passport control, slow check-in and baggage collection; sitting on the tarmac; and circling in holding patterns around airports.

“Capacity constraints are a sign of things to come unless the industry can work together to cut delays, and with aviation set to double in the next 15 years, that’s what we’re looking at,” Airbus executive vice president, engineering Charles Champion said in a press statement.

Airbus, part of European aerospace group EADS, carried out the research alongside development of a “Concept Plane” which illustrates what air transport could look like as early as 2030, though more likely by 2050.

The graceful, spaceship-like prototype branches long, slim wings; semi-embedded engines; a U-shaped tail and light-weight fuselage. There’s a sleek, lower fan and a significant cut in emissions.

Airbus has also rethought cabin configuration, replacing first, business and economy classes with personalised zones. Passengers would be able to stargaze through a transparent wall membrane from “morphing” seats that harvest body heat for power. — Reuters
Mexico, N Zealand pressed to save marine mammals

MEXICO CITY, 7 July—A scientific body urged Mexico and New Zealand to take immediate action to prevent the extinction of small marine mammals that are being killed by gillnets set by the fishing industry.

The International Whaling Commission voiced fears for Maui’s dolphins, some of the world’s smallest dolphins found only on New Zealand’s North Island—and the vaquita, a 1.5-meter (five-foot) porpoise in the Gulf of California. The Commission’s scientific committee estimated that New Zealand had just 55 Maui’s dolphins left and that Mexico had no more than 220 vaquitas, with the number declining despite conservation efforts. In a report at an annual meeting in Panama City, the committee voiced “extreme concern” over the future of the vaquita and urged immediate elimination of gillnets that could entangle the cetaceans. In New Zealand, the committee also called for a prompt ban on gillnets and for establishing a safe corridor for Maui’s dolphins between North and South islands. The two countries both said that they were taking action. Gerard van Bohemen, New Zealand’s commissioner, pointed to a recent decision to erect a baron on fishing nets north of New Zealand’s central Taranaki coast. Mexico’s commissioner, Lorenzo Rojas Bracho, said that his country had cracked down on illegal fishing and that a working group in charge of shrimping was considering an actual ban from next year.

Britain readies ‘Fortress London’ for Games

LONDON, 7 July—Britain is gearing itself for the biggest peacetime security operation in its history featuring anti-aircraft missiles on rooftops and a warship in the River Thames for the London Olympics.

A security force of more than 40,000 military and civilian personnel, backed by a huge intelligence operation, will harness the British capital into a fortress to protect venues, athletes and millions of visitors.

The £553-million ($877-million, 662-million-euro) operation will watch for a range of scenarios, from “lone wolf” terror strikes to cyber-attacks, protests, riots, transport breakdowns and even extreme weather.

Security has already been tight around the Olympic torch as it has made its way around the United Kingdom in the past month. The only incident of note has been a protest as it went through Northern Ireland. Britain’s Defence Secretary Philip Hammond announced that Rapier surface-to-air missiles would be deployed across the capital to guard against 9/11-style attacks, despite opposition from residents.

The missiles—Rapier and smaller high-velocity systems—will be deployed at six sites including on the rooftops of blocks of flats in east London near the Olympic Park.

Hammond said recently a 40-minute military exercise codenamed Exercise Olympic Guardian that took place in May had “achieved its objectives”. The exercise simulated a terror attack on the Olympic Park.

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Flood warning issued for large swathes of UK

LONDON, 7 July—Severe flood warnings have been issued for large parts of Britain on Friday, with forecasters warning that a month’s rain could fall in the next 24 hours.

The Environment Agency said two bands of very heavy rain are expected to cross the country with Yorkshire, the North East, the Midlands and East Anglia set to be hit, while heavy downpours are forecasted for the Scottish Environment Protection Agency for Tayside, Ayrshire and Arran.

Tony Waters, deputy chief forecaster at the Met Office, said: “We are expecting spells of very heavy and thundery rain across a wide area of the UK in the next few days, with worst affected parts likely to be in central and northern parts of the country.

A car drives through a large puddle on a road amid persistent rain in the village of Winchfield in Hampshire, June 2012. Severe flood warnings have been issued for large parts of Britain after forecasters warned that next month’s rain could fall in the next 24 hours.

Sri Lanka

Moderate quake hits Sumatra, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 7 July—An earthquake with magnitude 5.6 jolted Lampung province of Indonesia’s Sumatra island on Saturday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agerency reported.

The quake rocked at 11:34am Jakarta Time (0434 GMT) with epicenter at 149 km southwest West Lampung of the province and with the depth at 10 km, the agency said.

A powerful quake-hit zone so called “the Pacific Ring of Fire”.—Xinhua

Yacht capsizes off New York’s Long Island, three drown

NEW YORK, 7 July—A private yacht ferrying 27 friends and family to watch Fourth of July fireworks capsized off New York’s Long Island and three children drowned, Nassau County Police said on Thursday.

The children’s bodies were found in the cabin of the submerged boat in the waters off the town of Oyster Bay after a 911 call was placed at about 10:10 pm on Wednesday (0210 GMT Thursday), police said.

“Those individuals were out observing a fireworks show. They were returning from this fireworks display,” Detective Lieutenant John Azzata of Nassau County Police said at a news conference on Thursday.

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Investigators were trying to determine what caused the 34-foot (10.4-metre) boat to sink, including overcrowding, a strong thunderstorm in the area at about the same time, a mechanical problem and wakes from other boats.

“We are looking into possible overcrowding, there were 27 people on the boat,” Azzata said.

Also under investigation is whether the 1984 Silverton cabin cruiser was equipped with 27 life preservers for all onboard, as required by law. Children under age 12 are required to wear a life jacket while on board, except while in the cabin, Azzata said.

Police scuba divers and other authorities found the bodies of a 12-year-old boy, an 11-year-old girl and an 8-year-old girl in the cabin of the sunken boat. None of the children has the same last name but it was unclear whether they were related, Azzata said.—Reuters

Life-size characters are seen performing on stage at the Yanase shopping district in Gifu, on June 30.

Japanese pursue of cute spawns $30 bln industry

TOKYO, 7 July—Police forces use them; shops can’t do without them; power companies have them—and sack them when they become unpopular. No marketing or public information campaign is complete without them. Cute, cuddly—or startling—characters are everywhere in Japan.

And despite the tepid economy, there is money to be made.

The licensed character industry, including copyright and merchandising, is worth a whopping $30 billion a year — more than Japanese people spend on books annually.

But it’s not just the big names — Hello Kitty or Pokemon—that draw the crowds and their cash.

A two-day “grand assembly” in the central Japan city of Gifu attracted around 120,000 visitors who were entertained by 47 adult-sized mascots, one from each prefecture, who treated visitors to songs, dances and endless photo opportunities.

The “yuru-kyara” (suggesting “laid back character”) often represent regions or towns, taking their inspiration from locally famous foods, personalities, animals, industries or occasionally a combination.

Characters roamed shopping arcades, chased by children holding balloons—and adults with cellphones—who were eager to shake hands and take pictures.

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Sri Lanka
Man pays off mortgage with pennies

A Massachusetts man said he collected pennies for 35 years so he could make his final mortgage payment with $2,000 of the coins.

Thomas Daigle said he decided to make the final payment “memorable” when he and his wife, Sandra, moved into their Milton home in 1977 and purchased it with a mortgage from Milford Federal, The Milford Daily News reported.

“It was something I wanted to do,” Daigle said. “I always follow through.”

“I was just praying I didn’t die the first,” he said. Daigle said he collected an average of 2.5 pennies per day and at first he kept them in a grape crate, but he had to move the change to a pair of steel milk cans and dozens of smaller ammo boxes when the wood of the crate began to break under the weight of the coins.

Daigle, who delivered the pennies April 24, the same day as his 35th wedding anniversary, said he gave Milford Federal notice that his final payment was going to be in penny form.

“They were 100 percent for it,” he said.

Pre-Prohibition booze found in Mo attic

A Missouri man suspects the vintage Pro-Prohibition whiskey he found hidden in his attic was stashed there by a former resident before he went off to rehab.

Bryan Fite and his wife, Emily, received records of the owners of the house, which was built in St. Joseph in the 1870s, and discovered one of the owners had been shipped off to a sanatorium “for alcoholism.”

Fite said he found bottles concealed under the floorboards were full and corked and probably were intended for a personal welcome home party.

“Unfortunately, he never got the chance,” Fite told ABC. “The turn-of-the-century liquor was distilled before World War I and bottled in 1917. It includes four bottles of a Pennsylvania Celebrated Old Crow and a few bottles of Guleenheimer rye. Whiskey was made before local Prohibition derailed the US distillery business can fetch a good price from collectors. The Fites aren’t necessarily ready to part with the entire collection. They plan to sample some of it in 2017 when the bottles turn 100 years old. “Parfor the allaire form is having them in their original state,” said Fite, a confirmed bourbon man. “I have high expectations of what they’ll taste like, and I’m afraid if I open them I’ll be disappointed.”

Bieber cited for speeding on LA freeway

LOS ANGELES, July—Justin Bieber is used to attracting crowds. But he had at least one follower too many when someone noticed him on a Los Angeles freeway, and it led to a speeding ticket for the teen idol.

The singer of “Boyfriend” and “Baby” was cited for driving in excess of 65 mph at about 10:45 am Friday, after calls came in complaining of a freeway chase on southbound US Highway 101 near Studio City, said Officer Ming Hsu of the California Highway Patrol.

The 18-year-old singer told officers he was being chased by paparazzi, and investigators confirmed he was being followed by at least one vehicle, Hsu said.

The second vehicle left the area and there’s a search to find that driver,” Hsu said.

Hsu did not have a description of the other vehicle.

A call and an email to Bieber’s publicist weren’t immediately returned.

Cruse planning to file for divorce

LOS ANGELES, July—Tom Cruise’s lawyer says the Hollywood film star plans to file for divorce from his wife Katie Holmes, who legally lives in California. Their marriage last week was voided by court order.

The couple have been married five years and have a 6-year-old daughter.

“Essentially the only reason why Tom and Katie are not divorced is she has filed a one year temporary restraining order which he has not contested,” said attorney Bert Fields told The Associated Press.

“We are leaning ‘the other side’ play the media until they wear everyone out. There’s no reason for it other than we haven’t seen what’s going to happen.”

The court order prohibits Cruise from contacting, or threatening, or coming within 100 yards of Holmes for one year. It also bars Cruise from attempting to remove or “interfere” with their daughter.

The couple have been separated since May.

Onetime Michael Jackson attorney loses license

LOS ANGELES, July—Brian Oxman, who was once an attorney for Michael Jackson, will no longer be able to practice law in California. His law license was suspended by the state bar after it was discovered he was involved in a situation where a state bar judge ruled that the late singer, who owned the music publishing company of his father, had never ordered an apology to Jackson.

The California Supreme Court has denied an appeal of a state bar ruling that found Oxman and his wife, former state bar director, failed to properly conduct an investigation into their relationship with Jackson.

The couple have been married for 28 years and have a 12-year-old daughter.

Oxman was also an attorney for Jackson’s estate when he died in 2009.

Zoo wants orangutan to quit smoking

An Indonesian zoo’s orangutan was moved to a small island with her mate to help her quit smoking, officials said.

The Centre for Orangutan Protection and officials at Solo’s Taru Jurug Zoo said getting Tori the orangutan to quit smoking has been difficult due to zoo visitors throwing cigarettes into her cage, the Jakarta Globe reported.

“We have proposed that the zoo place them on the island, in the middle of the lake, to keep her away from visitors,” COP coordinator Danick Hendarto said.

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However, officials said Didik refuses to smoke and will stamp out cigarettes if he is able to reach them before Tori.

‘Titans’ tops DVD sales chart

LOS ANGELES, July—The Greek mythology-themed action flick “Wrath of the Titans” is the top-selling DVD this week, The Hollywood Reporter reported Friday.

Coming in No 2 on the sales roster for the week ending 1 July is “21 Jump Street,” followed by “Mirror Mirror” at No 3, “Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows” at No 4 and “Project X” at No 5.

Roundout the top tier are “The Artist” at No 6, “Act of Valor” at No 7, “Safe House” at No 8, “Big Miracle” at No 9 and “John Carter” at No 10.

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Arsenal announce Burton return as coach

London, 7 July

Arsenal have announced the appointment of Terry Burton as their reserve team and head development coach. Burton returns to the club he served as a both youth team player and a first-team coach following the departure of Pat Rice as assistant manager at the end of last season with the subsequent promotion of Steve Bould and Neil Banfield. “I’m delighted and proud to be back at Arsenal, as reserves and head development coach,” Burton told the club’s official website. “Having started my career at Arsenal as a youth player, and then as a coach, I know the history, class and values of this great football club. I can’t wait to get started in my new role and to meet the players and my new colleagues.”—The Barclays Premier League club’s manager’s assistant Wenger added: “We are delighted that Terry Burton is joining Arsenal.” “I have known Terry for many years and he is someone who is hugely respected and highly regarded in the game. “Terry brings with him a wealth of coaching experience and he will be a great asset for us, working with our reserves and youth development players.”—Internet

Serena Williams faces Radwanska in Wimbledon final

Wimbledon, 6 July

Week Radwanska has been ailing herself, battling an upper respiratory illness that makes it difficult to speak and forced her to cancel a news conference Friday, “I will do whatever it takes to make sure I’m ready to play the best I can,” she said in a statement.

While the No.3-ranked Radwanska seeks to become Poland’s first Slam title, the No.6-ranked Williams has a shot at her first major since Wimbledon in 2010. Shortly after that victory, Williams was ailing herself, battling an upper respiratory illness that makes it difficult to speak and forced her to cancel a news conference Friday. “I will do whatever it takes to make sure I’m ready to play the best I can,” she said in a statement.

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Forlan signs with Brazil’s Internacional

RIO DE JANEIRO, 7 July — Brazilian club Internacional has announced the signing of Uruguay striker Diego Forlan on a three-year contract. The 33-year-old was confirmed as Brazilian football’s latest big-name recruit in a statement on Internacional’s official website on Friday.

“I came just hours after former Dutch international Clarence Seedorf was welcomed by 1,500 fans upon his arrival in Rio de Janeiro, where he has signed a two-year deal with Botafogo. Forlan’s move comes after a disappointing season with Inter Milan in Italy’s Serie A. The winner of the 2000 Golden Ball award for the best player at the World Cup, Forlan managed only two goals in matches across all competitions with the Nerenzani. “I’ll be a professional, play,” the Brazilian club said in the statement. “The Uruguay player is still in Milan and will arrive in Porto Alegre on Saturday. The player will be unveiled tomorrow.” Forlan will follow in the footsteps of his father Pablo, who also played in Brazil with Sao Paulo and Cruzeiro.

Federer’s record 8th Wimbledon final, Murray’s 1st

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Serena Williams of the United States reacts during a semifinals match against Victoria Azarenka of Belarus in the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon in England, on 5 July, 2012.—Internet

Tiger Woods misses cut at Greenbrier

Tiger Woods reacts to his tee shot on the 12th hole during the second round of the Greenbrier Classic PGA golf tournament at the Greenbrier resort in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., on 6 July, 2012.—Internet

Michelle Wie waves to fans after her 18th hole during the second round of the US Women’s Open golf tournament, on 6 July, 2012, in Kohler, Wis.—Internet

Petterセン leads, Wie makes big move at Open

Kohler, 7 July—Even as she climbed into the top 20 for the first time in her career, Wie’s big move into contention. Pettersen, the Norwegian star ranked sixth in the world, shot a 3-under 69 at Blackwolf Run on Friday and moved to 5 under for the tournament. But Wie was better even on the day, carding a 6-under 66 to move to 4 under and put herself in position to break out of a season-long slump. Wie was tied with Cristie Kerr, the 2007 Open winner, one stroke off the lead. Pettersen was playing in the group directly behind Wie, giving her a pretty good view of what turned out to be an impressive display of accurate approach shots and solid putting. “It was just pumping, every putt she looked at,” Pettersen said. Wie said she didn’t spend much time thinking about the attention she received as a high-profile child prodigy in the early 2000s, or whether some fans had written her off since then.
Weather forecast for 8th July, 2012

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Answers for Yesterday’s Crossword Puzzle

Gay trumps Gatlin, but Bekele struggles

Buddhist cultural course concludes in Ahlon Township

NLM-ner Joke

Begging on Wall Street

American Tyson Gay (C), American Justin Gatlin (L) and French Christophe Lemaitre compete in the 100m event of the IAAF Diamond League athletics Areva meeting at the Stade de France in Saint Denis, a Paris northern suburb. Gay won the battle of the US sprint heavyweights, overcoming a terrible start to edge Gatlin on the line for victory in 9.99 seconds. Other stand-out performances came from strong Olympic favourites David Rudisha and Sally Pearson, but Kenenisa Bekele was left ruing his form after a disastrous outing in the 5,000m saw him confirm he would not defend his distance double at the London Games. Gay left it late to surge past 2004 Olympic champion Gatlin, who clocked 10.03sec, with French hope Christophe Lemaitre finishing third (10.08).

"I wanted to win this race since Gatlin beat me in the US trials,” said Gay, the US national record holder and second fastest man of all-time at 9.68sec. and second fastest man of all-time at 9.68sec. “I made mistakes at the start, but I tried to get it at the end. I was a little bit sluggish, I’ve got to keep my head down more and push harder.”

A first defeat of the season did not dent Gatlin’s ever-high confidence levels. “I won the gold in Athens and the same thing should happen in London,” said the 30-year-old who returned to the line after being hit by a car and suffering a broken collarbone. The next day, the second beggar wrote “Beggar.com” on his cup. After one day, he received hundreds of thousands of dollars and an offer to float an IPO on NASDAQ. He refused to talk to him about strategic alliances and offered him free hardware consultancy. In addition, it was reported on CNBC that e-Beg uses 95% Oracle technology and that Li announced the launch of BegTradeMatrix, a B2B industry portal offering supply chain integration in the beggar community — Internet

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Kalou joins Lille on four-year deal

LILIE, 7 July—Ivory Coast forward Salomon Kalou has signed a four-year deal with Lille after passing a medical on Saturday, the Ligue 1 club announced on its website.

Out of contract following his release from Chelsea, the 26-year-old reportedly agreed terms with the club at the end of June.

“The LOSC (Lille) project, in particular the arrival of the new stadium, is ambitious and really pleased me. From what I’ve already discovered about the club, it has no reason to envy the big European teams. I am here to have fun and to get to know the fans who I know are very warm,” Kalou said.

The Ivorian is expected to serve as a replacement for departed Belgian star Eden Hazard, who moved in the opposite direction at the start of the summer.

Kalou joined Chelsea from Dutch outfit Feyenoord in May 2006 and scored 60 goals in six seasons for the Blues.

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall

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Union delegation led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw leaves for Indonesia

YANGON, 7 July—A Myanmar delegation led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint left here by air at 7.45 pm today to attend the ASEAN Parliamentary Assembly, the Executive Committee Meeting and the 9th Meeting of the Facilitating Committee to combat the Drug Menace to be held in Indonesia from 8 to 12 July at the invitation of Speaker of Indonesian National Parliament HE Dr Marzuki Alie.

The Myanmar delegation led by the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe, Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win, Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung, members of Amyotha Hluttaw Commission, the Charge d’Affaires ai of Indonesian Embassy to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and departmental officials. The delegation include Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw ASEAN Political and Security Community Committee U Nyunt Tin, member of Pyithu Hluttaw Social Development Committee Daw Win Maw Tun, Director-General of Hluttaw Office U Kyaw Soe and departmental officials.

Union Transport Minister assists in cross-Yangon River ferry service, Yangon Port extension

YANGON, 7 July—Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung inspected the iPay Card system for the cross-Yangon River ferry service at Pansodan Jetty today.

During his tour of inspection, the union minister stressed the need to make the service comfortable for the passengers as over 30,000 passengers from all walks of life have to use the Pansodan-Dalla ferry service daily.

According to the union minister, the iPay Card system which is the intelligent transport system has been used at ferries of the Inland Water Transport which transports over 24 million passengers every year needs to provide smooth and safety of the transportation services to ships and passengers while operating services not at loss and without running for profit, he added.

As part of efforts for effectively supporting the development of the country, the ministry is drawing plans for reforms at the ministry and employees of the ministry on their part are to carry out their duties transparently, he said.

During the visit, the union minister viewed the lounge where passengers are taking rest, ferry service and the Nanthidar Jetty.

Afterwards, the union minister went to Botat hangs Jetty and inspected measures being taken for extension of Yangon Port and assisted in construction of the embankment at the jetty.

Union Minister Nyan Tun Aung also assisted in construction of a floating hotel and urged officials concerned to invite the tender for works included in the Port Master Plan for extension of Yangon Port.

Educative talks on traffic rules given

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July—According to the traffic accident reduction plan of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee, a talks on traffic rules was given at Basic Education High School (Branch) (Naypyidaw) in Pyinnnya on 4 July morning.

Present at the talks were Township Education Officer Daw Mya Win, Headmistress Daw Aye Aye Mu, six teachers and 412 students totalling 420.

Staff Officer of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Force Police Captain Win Maung talked about rules for pedestrians and unmotorized vehicles and salient points for traffic rules, and replied to the queries raised by students.