Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker comforts, presents aids to local people at relief camps in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann, accompanied by chairman of committees of Pyithu Hluttaw, Secretary of the committee for unity and peace of national races and representatives from political parties, members of legal affairs and special cases assessment commission and officials of Hluttaw Office, left here for Sittway, Rakhine State, yesterday.

They were welcomed at the Sittway Airport by Lt-Gen Hla Min of Commander-in-Chief (Army)’s Office, Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Hla Maung Tin, Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Ko Ko Naing, Speaker of Rakhine State Hluttaw U Htein Lin, ministers of Rakhine State government and officials.

They flew to Alethankyaw Village by helicopter and comforted local people at the relief camp there and presented aids to them.

At Maungtaw District Deputy Commissioner’s Office, U Aung Gyi, Head of the border area immigration inspection headquarters reported on riots happened in Maungtaw Township and stability, relief and rehabilitation efforts in the township.

They discussed the relief efforts in the township. After the meeting, they went to Aungmaya Bawdi Monastery where a relief camp is set up and donated robes and offerings to Presiding Sayadaw of the monastery and distributed relief aids to the local people at the camp.

Afterwards, the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw and party left Maungtaw for Sittway where they put up for a night.

They flew to Yathedaung today and comforted local people at a relief camp set up at Mya Mya Hall in Yathedaung and presented aids to them.

Afterwards, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and party left for Sittway by helicopter and presented aids to local people sheltering at U Ye Kyaw Thu Monastery.

They also visited relief camps and comforted local people at Thakkkaypinn relief camp and presented aids to them.

They met with Rakhine State government, departmental officials and town elders.

Lawmakers extend deep sympathy towards ethnic people and local people and wish them not to experience such sufferings again. The people should continue living with patience and mutual understanding. The country is standing on the global stage in harmony with the international community in serving the national interest and ensuring non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of the national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty and (See page 8)

The chairman noted that the nationwide honouring of outstanding students is indeed aimed to drive the commitment of talented students, arousing the admiration of basic education students whetting their appetite for knowledge.

The government has organized workshops on promotion of education while bolstering the quality of basic and higher education institutions. It has also introduced compulsory education system and is preparing to launch private sector education. In addition, it grants stipends from basic education to higher education level and is assisting needy students to continue their education. Teachers must possess boundless enthusiasm and infinite patience and are to nurture their students to have a heart of gold and strong Union Spirit, helping them obtain healthy mind and body. Parents are obliged to guide (See page 9)
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No turning back

When we say nation-building, it includes peace, solidarity, stability, the rule of law and dedication which are of vital importance in changing from one era to another and from one system to another. Here the main players are the people of Myanmar as we are building a democratic state or in other words we are in the process of people-centred democratic transition.

As our stable and correct transition is gaining more and more international recognition, we need continuous efforts to win further trust among the global community. Our country is in the transition to a new era and system of democracy with the constitution as the core. In fact, it is the uniqueness of our country and our people.

In all seriousness we understand that the extent of success, stability and durability of the transition process of the government in office will become the legacy for the future successive governments. It is because the present government is a historic beginning for the posterity as well as a decisive moment for the many years to come. Besides, today’s accomplishments will be tomorrow’s history.

But we still have a lot more to do. We need extra efforts because democratization is a democratic state and an enduring versus a long-term process and an endeavour for eternity and burgeoning of a Myanmar democratic society. Although we are achieving success to a certain degree many challenges also lie ahead.

Whatever comes, we have already committed ourselves to walk on this path paved by all the countrymen in harmony and union without fail. Our democracy will become firmer and firmer if we walk on this path with the resolve that there will be no turning back while setting aside differences and working together on common ground.

Coord meeting held at Mon State Police Force

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—Mon State Police Force held a coordination meeting at its office on 5 July morning, with an address by Commander of Mon State Police Force Col Nay Myo. Commanders of four township police forces from Thaton District reported on progress of works, Commander of Thaton District Police Force Police Lt-Col Aung Ko Oo tasks carried out in respective townships, commanders of township police forces from Mawlamyine District and Commander of District Police Force Police Lt-Col Zaw Min Oo tasks undertaken in his six townships.

Home Affairs Ministry presents prizes and stipends to outstanding students

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—A ceremony to honour outstanding students from staff families under the Home Affairs Ministry who passed 2011-2012 academic year matriculation examination and to provide scholarships for 2012-2013 academic year was held at the ministry here this morning, with an address by Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko.

On the occasion, the Union minister said that presentation of outstanding awards, scholarships and stationery for students would help reduce cost of students’ parents. The Union minister urged the students to pursue their education with strenuous efforts and to try their best in learning. The Union minister called for the staff of the ministry to serve with the sense of responsibility.

The Union minister then presented prizes to a total of 517 outstanding students who passed 2011-2012 matriculation examination with distinctions and provided scholarships and stationery for 2012-2013 academic year through officials.

Altogether 517 outstanding students including seven who passed the matriculation examination with flying colours, 31 five-distinction winners, 68 four-distinction winners, 66 three-distinction winners, 81 two-distinction winners and 264 one distinction winners were honored at the ceremony. The Home Affairs Ministry provided K 56,283,000 and 1000 dozen of exercise books for the students at the ceremony. —MNA

Union Minister for Home Affairs

Lt-Gen Ko Ko awards a distinction winner.—MNA

Union Minister for Mines attends monsoon tree growing, releasing fingerlings

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—The Ministry of Mines held both planting monsoon trees and releasing fingerlings at Pyinmana (Branch) of No.2 Mining Enterprise, here on 6 July. Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik planted an ironwood tree and the directors-general, the managing directors and staff other saplings totaling 1200.

The Union minister, departmental heads and staff released 25800 fingerlings into Seinlackannah dam in the Ministry. —MNA

Yangon, Mandalay end in stalemate in volleyball finals

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—The final matches of men’s and women’s volleyball tournaments of the third-batch Regions/States Champion Challenge Cup (2012) took place at Paunglaung Gymnasium in Pyinmana Township, here this morning, attended by Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan.

Mandalay beat Yangon in women’s final and Yangon but in men’s final saw the reverse result with both regions securing a shield.

Deputy Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Ohn Myint Oo awarded Shan State and Ayeyawady Region which concurrently stood third, second prize winner Yangon and first prize winner Mandalay in mens’ volleyball tournament. Deputy Director-General U Naing Taung awarded the joint-third prize winners Shan State and Sagaing Region, second prize winner Mandalay Region and the first prize winner Yangon Region in men’s event.

The Union Minister then presented trophies to the winners. —MNA

Myanmar, Japan to discuss bilateral trade and investment

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—A Myanmar economic delegation led by Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint left here for Japan this morning.

The delegation will hold talks on promotion of bilateral trade and investment with Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and private profit-making organizations of Japan. The delegation comprises 30 members from the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.—MNA

Tree planting ceremony marks School Environment Day

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—The tree planting ceremony to mark the School Environment Day for 2012-2013 academic year, organized by Department of Basic Education No.3, was held at No.3, Basic Education High School in Insein this morning.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and Region ministers gave saplings to Township Education Officers and school heads of Yangon North District.

After that, the Region Chief Minister planted a Gangaw (Mesua ferrea) plant. The Region ministers grew saplings at the designated places. The Chief Minister and party encouraged teachers and students participating in the tree-growing ceremony.

At today ceremony, a total of 1,300 saplings were planted.—MNA

Talks on uplifting of disabilities

YANGON, 8 July—Shwemintha Foundation (Myanmar) will hold the literary talks on 65th Azarni (Dead) Day for broadening horizon of the disabled persons at Doh Yohya Restaurant in Bahan Township on 15 July.

Writers Chit Ohn Nyo and Maung Sein Win (Padeegon) will give literary talks.

Enthusiasts may attend the talks. For further information, dial 01-2300329, 2300332 and 2159399. —Kymon
Meatball company recalls 300,000 pounds of meat over listeria risk

The FSIS described the health risk related to the recall as “high,” according to the statement. Representatives for Buona Vita, which says on its website that it produces and distributes meatballs, could not immediately be reached for comment.

Extreme heat persists in US but relief arriving Monday

New York, 8 July—Another day of scorching temperatures blanketed the United States from Iowa to the East Coast on Saturday, but forecasters said some of the areas hit hardest by the prolonged heat wave would soon get relief. The National Weather Service issued excessive heat warnings for cities including New York and Philadelphia, where temperatures hovered near or at triple digits. “It’s hotter than hell,” said John Goh, a tourist from St Louis after visiting the White House. “We’re going to get a cold drink, catch the subway and go back to our hotel to cool down.”

Nearby, a family from China posed for photos in front of the US Treasury. They were debating whether to go to the Washington Monument or wait until the sun went down. “Too hot,” said Xiao Dan, 30, of Beijing. “My father says it’s like we’re being burned by flames.”—Reuters

Thousands of Palauans visit WWII battlesite

PAPUA NEW GUINEA, Aug 9—The traditional open-air church service on Mount Arno, the site of the Battle of Cape Torokina during World War II, drew a crowd of over 1,000 Palauans on Saturday to pay tribute to the military heroes of that conflict.

The service was part of the Palau National Day celebrations, which commemorate the battle that took place in 1944 between the United States and Japan. The battle was one of the last major naval engagements of the war in the Pacific Ocean.

“Today, we remember the bravery of our World War II veterans,” said Minister of Education and Culture Paccal Gana. “They fought for our freedom and we are here to honor their sacrifice.”

The crowd included veterans, their families, and local Palauans who came to pay their respects. The service included speeches, songs, and prayers.

“Palauans are grateful for the sacrifices made by our World War II veterans,” said Tugu Palau, a local historian. “We will never forget their bravery and commitment to our country.”

The Battle of Cape Torokina was one of the last major battles of the war in the Pacific. The United States Army and Navy fought against Japanese forces on the island of Palau. The battle resulted in the loss of over 1,000 Japanese lives and marked the end of Japanese expansion in the Pacific.

“The battle of Cape Torokina was a significant turning point in the war,” said islander Arina Sablan. “It showed the world that Palauans were willing to fight for their freedom.”

The event was also marked by the presence of Japanese veterans who came to Palau to visit the battle site. They were greeted with applause and respect from the crowd.

“Seeing the veterans here today was a moving experience,” said veteran Tama Saigo. “I’m proud to be a part of this community.”

The Palau National Day celebrations also included a traditional dance performance and a military parade. The day ended with a fireworks display over the ocean.

“We remember and honor those who fought for our freedom,” said Palau President Remengesau. “We will never forget the sacrifices made by our veterans.”

Reuters
Ancient mosaic depicting fiery bible story discovered

NEW YORK, 8 July — A glittering mosaic of coloured stones once decorated an ancient synagogue floor with scenes of the Biblical hero Samson getting revenge on the Philistines. This newly excavated discovery in the ancient Jewish village of Haqqo not only depicts an unusual scene — Samson killing a Philistine with a donkey’s jawbone. — Internet

Thousands of computers at risk of losing Internet access

WASHINGTON, 8 July — Thousands of people may lose Internet service on Monday unless they check their computers for malware that could have taken over their machines a year ago.

The problem was caused by international hackers who took control of 570,000 computers before infected computers will have to call their service providers for help deleting the malware. The malware check their computers for malware that could have taken over their machines a year ago. — Internet

The robot built from a PlayStation and household junk which could one day help sweep for underwater mines

LONDON, 8 July — University students have built an underwater robot from household junk that will help detect mines. Seven students from University of the West of England were responsible for designing and building the £20,000 vehicle from recycled materials. The camera on the vehicle came from a PlayStation 3, a camera on the vehicle came from a PlayStation 3 and a reversing guard from an old computer. — Internet

Solar system’s “Grotesque” twin found

WASHINGTON, 8 July — Astronomers have detected our “grotesque” twin — a far-off planetary system arranged much like our own solar system, a new study says. Dubbed GJ676A, the system has two rocky planets orbiting close to its host star, and two gas giants orbiting far away. This means the system is arranged like our system — though GJ676A’s orbiting is much larger. For instance, the smallest rocky planet in GJ676A is at least four times the mass of Earth, which is the largest gas giant is five times the size of Jupiter. — Internet

A female face depicted in mosaic on ancient Jewish synagogue. Archaeologists uncovered this high-quality artwork in June 2012. — Internet

Meteoros-10 (MSG-3) being placed on top of Ariane launcher.

LONDON, 8 July — The latest spacecraft in Europe’s long-running Meteoros series has just gone into orbit on an Ariane rocket. It is now being manoeuvred into a position 36,000km above the Earth from where it can keep a constant watch on developing weather systems. The spacecraft will start the MSG-3 platform to go into service before the end of this year. National meteorological agencies right across Europe: Verification and testing of the satellite’s systems will take two months. We expect to publish the first image on 6 August," said Alan Rayner, the director-general of Eumetsat, the intergovernmental organisation based in Darmstadt, Germany, that is charged with operating Europe’s weather platforms. Thursday’s ascent to orbit from the Kourou spaceport in French Guiana lasted some 34 minutes. When it came of the Ariane’s super-stage, the satellite was moving in a stretched ellipse around the planet, running from an altitude of 25538590 km.

Controls at the European Space Operations Centre (ESOC), also in Darmstadt, will need to calculate the final path it will take in the coming 10 days. They are targeting a geostationary observing position at zero degrees longitude, over the Gulf of Guinea on the Equator. The satellite’s orbital speed will be matched to that of the Earth’s rotation, giving the platform’s sensors a constant view of Europe and Africa. The Meteoros are now in the final stage of production (MSG) of design. This was introduced in 2002 to substantially increase the flow and quality of information to Europe’s forecasters.

And Meteoros-10 is the third in that particular series (MSG-3). As on the two antecedents, the primary instrument on the two-tomine Meteoros-10 is the Spinning Enhanced Visible and Infrared Imager (SEVIRI).

It builds its pictures of evolving meteorological systems, line by line, by “spinning across” the field of view. Data is acquired at 12 different wavelengths, tracing the movement and changing temperature.

“Meteoros gives you a very good view of the weather happening right now,” explained Dr John Eyre, head of satellite applications at the UK’s MetOffice.

Mahoro mixes it up with its seven-jointed arms.

TOKYO, 8 July — This modified assembly robot has been put to work in the lab, where it’s handling dangerous materials to keep people out of harm’s way.

We’ve seen robot pharmacists before. Here’s a robot lab technician whose skill is needed for handling biohazards, keeping human technicians out of harm’s way, according to AIST’s Tohra Natsurae.

The droid can be easily taught what to do by using a virtual lab bench created with CAD software. The system also lets programmers set up the tools in the most efficient arrangement for maximum speed. Recently shown off at the Interphex pharmaceutical trade show in Tokyo, Mahoro is being used by drug companies and universities. AIST wants to improve it so humans can work alongside the robot-tech. I think that might just improve the area on “CSI,” too. — Internet
Smoking mothers’ embryos grow more slowly  

**Istanbul, 8 July** — Time-lapse photography has shown that embryos of smoking women develop more slowly. French academics in an IVF clinic took regular pictures of an egg from the moment it was fertilized until it was ready to be implanted into the mother. At all stages of development, embryos from smokers were consistently a couple of hours behind, a study showed. The lead researcher, from Nantes University Hospital, said: “You want a baby, quit smoking.” 

Smoking is known to reduce the chances of having a child. It is why some hospitals in the UK ask couples to give up smoking before they are given fertility treatment. As eggs fertilized through IVF initially develop in the laboratory before being implanted, it gave doctors a unique opportunity to film the embryos as they divide into more and more cells. 

Researchers watched 868 embryos develop — 139 from smokers. In the clinic the embryos of non-smokers reached the five-cell stage after 49 hours. In the smokers it took 50 hours. The eight-cell stage took 62 hours in smokers’ embryos, while non-smokers’ embryos reached that point after 58 hours.

Senior embryologist and lead researcher, Dr Thomas Fessel, told the BBC: “Embryos from smoking women, they behave slower, there is a delay in their development. On average it is about two hours, it is significant and nobody knew that before.”

This study cannot say what impact the slower development has, or if this affected the chances of having a child. Dr Fessel speculated that “if they go starting to go wrong and they wouldn’t implant.” His advice was simple: “You should quit smoking, it couldn’t be easier. What else can I say? You want a baby, quit smoking.” Dr Allan Pacey, senior lecturer in andrology at the University of Sheffield, said it was an “interesting” study which pioneered the use of new technology.  

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Protein may boost immune system, keep flu away  

**New York, 8 July** — Everybody knows that a good immune system helps to fight the flu. Now a new animal study, published in the journal *PloS One*, found that a synthetic protein called EP67 can activate the immune system and help fight the flu if it is administered within 24 hours of exposure to the virus. Researchers from San Diego’s University and the University of California tested the protein in mice by first infecting them with the flu virus and then giving them a dose of the protein within 24 hours.

Mice normally lose about 20 percent of their body weight when exposed to the flu, but the mice treated with the protein lost an average of only 6 percent. Some didn’t lose any weight at all. Even more important, researchers said that mice infected with a lethal dose of influenza did not die after receiving the protein. “EP67 can protect from a lethal dose of influenza even when treatment is delayed for a full day after the infection of mice,” said Joy Phillips, lead author of the study. “This protection is not limited to a single strain of influenza, as it is the case for the vaccine, but should protect against all strains of influenza A or influenza B.”

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Wedding bells for VW, Porsche, last chance for Opel  

**Berlin, 8 July** — The road to success for German automakers, one of the key engines driving Europe’s biggest economy, is a bumpy one and while Volkswagen and Porsche are tying the knot, Opel is fighting to survive. The courtship between Europe’s biggest auto group VW and its long-time partner, luxury sports carmaker Porsche, has not always been an easy one. It has long been the dream of Ferdinand Piech, VW’s supervisory board chief and patriarch of the Porsche family, to integrate the two businesses in a bid to outdo US giant General Motors as the world’s number one. But when Porsche first tried to swallow the much larger VW, it failed, and then when VW acquired 9.9 percent in Porsche in 2009 with a view to a full merger, the complex deal ran into numerous legal and tax hurdles. Accordingly, it came as a surprise last week when the two announced they had finally found a way to bring the merger forward by two whole years, with the deal unlocking hundreds of millions of euros in untapped synergies. Under terms of the agreement, VW will buy the 50.1 percent in Porsche that it does not already own from holding company Porsche SE for 4.46 billion euros (5.5 billion plus one VW share). The deal, which VW and Porsche say will generate 320 million euros in economies of scale, is being structured in such a way that VW will not have to pay vast amounts of tax. The fact that part of the payment is being made in a single VW share means the deal counts as a corporate reorganisation rather than a straightforward sale, therefore saving VW as much as an 1.5 billion euros in taxes.  

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Child heart surgery fight goes on  

**London, 8 July** — The fight to save child heart surgery at three leading units will go on, the hospitals and their supporters say. An NHS review concluded on Wednesday that Leicester’s Glenfield Hospital, Leeds General Infirmary and London’s Royal Brompton should stop doing operations from 2014 on safety grounds. But discussions are getting under way on how the decision could be challenged. Experts said the changes were needed as expertise was spread too thinly. But the NHS trusts involved believe they are being unfairly treated, warning that other parts of the hospitals could be affected by the loss of child heart surgery. The actual units will not be closing as staff will still be providing care before and after operations.

Legal action by the hospitals themselves is considered unlikely. The Royal Brompton went to court last year and was criticized for wasting taxpayers’ money in what was essentially a case where the NHS was challenging the hospitals. Instead, it is possible it would also protect against such strains. “EP67 should be effective against a wide variety of pathogens,” said Professor George. “Since EP67 works by stimulating local innate immunity, it should prove effective against viral, bacterial and fungal diseases.” While the protein requires much more pre-clinical research before it can be expected to be used in real-world application, Phillips said, in the future, it may be used as an emergency therapeutic for emergency workers, family members and close contacts of patients.
Israelis and Palestinians trade blame for peace deadlock

JERUSALEM, 8 July— Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas said in an interview broadcast on Israeli TV on Saturday that Israel’s continuing settlement building was worsening the chances for two states at peace with one another. “The Palestinians support a two-state solution but the Israeli government settlement policy makes many Palestinians say that there will be no territory left to discuss for a Palestinian state,” he told commercial Channel 2, in an interview recorded at Abbas’s Ramallah headquarters earlier in the week. “Israel needs to understand that what it is doing works against the two-state solution,” he said, speaking Arabic which the station translated into Hebrew.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s office responded with a counterattack on Twitter. “Even after PM Netanyahu made unprecedented steps to meet Vietnamese leaders on Sunday following a visit to China, as Havana looks to old communist allies as it attempts to push through historic economic reforms, Castro, who arrived Saturday in his first visit to Hanoi as head of state, is in the country to “consolidate and reinforce relations” between the two states, Vietnam foreign ministry spokesman Luong Thanh Ngoc said. The Cuban leader’s as Havana seeks to emulate their achievements in economic reform towards a system that incorporates elements of capitalism.

Cuba’s Castro set to meet Hanoi leaders

HANOI, 8 July— Cuban President Raul Castro is due to meet Vietnamese leaders on Sunday following a visit to China, as Havana looks to old communist allies as it attempts to push through historic economic reforms.

KIEV, 8 July—Fourteen Russian pilgrims on their way to a monastery in Ukraine were killed and 29 injured when their bus overturned in the north of the country Saturday, the emergency situations ministry said. The ministry said the bus carrying 45 Russians, including two drivers, swerved across the road and overturned on the verge near Chernigiv on its way to the Orthodox monastery in western Ukraine from the Russian town of Velikiye Luki.

The dead included a 17-year-old girl and six of the injured were in serious condition, the ministry said.

Authorities said a plane had been sent from Moscow to repair the survivors at the Ukrainian airport.

Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych expressed condolences to the families in a message to his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin and ordered a thorough inquiry into the cause of the crash, his office said.

Bombs, attacks kill 23 in southern Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 8 July—Roadside bombs and insurgent attacks killed 16 Afghan civilians, five policemen and two members of the US-led coalition in southern Afghanistan where militants are trying to reclaim territory, Afghan and NATO authorities said Sunday.

A surge in Afghan and coalition forces during the past two years routed Taliban fighters from many of their strongholds in the south, but the insurgents stepped up their attacks this summer to take back key areas.

The civilians, including women and children, were killed in a trio of blasts in Kandahar province, along Afghanistan’s border with Pakistan.

Kandahar province spokesman Ahmad Jawed Faisal said one bomb exploded when a minivan ran over it Sunday morning. A second went off when other civilians riding a tractor arrived to help the wounded. A third explosion occurred about two hours later when a civilian vehicle hit a roadside bomb in another area of the district, killing two women. At least 10 other civilians were injured in the three blasts. According to the United Nations, last year was the deadliest on record for civilians in the Afghan war, with 3,021 killed. The number of Afghan civilians killed dropped 36 percent in the first four months of this year compared with last year, but the UN says that too many are still being caught up in violence.

E Timor PM set to stay in power as party takes poll lead

DILI, 8 July— East Timor resistance hero Xanana Gusmao looked likely to remain prime minister after preliminary results on Saturday showed his party took the largest number of votes in parliamentary elections.

His centre-left National Congress for Timorese Reconstruction (CNRT) won 36.6 percent of the votes in Saturday’s poll, an official tally showed. The electoral commission did not give a precise indication of how many seats in parliament each party had won in the poll, a key test for the young democracy and likely to determine whether UN peacekeepers can leave by the end of 2012.

But it remained almost certain that the CNRT would form a coalition, amid concerns violence could be reignited in the energy-rich but impoverished state if there is drawn-out wrangling to form a government.

The main opposition left-wing Fretilin party was in second place with 29.8 percent, according to the preliminary count of 100 percent of the votes released by the electoral commission.

The Democratic Party (PD), a member of the current ruling coalition, won 10.3 percent of the vote, according to the tally. Final results were not expected for several days but the preliminary figures indicated that Gusmao’s five-year term was likely to be extended.

Two dead in crane collapse on UT-Dallas campus

RICHARDSON, 8 July—A crane collapse on the University of Texas at Dallas campus killed two construction workers on Saturday, officials said, leaving a mangled chunk of the crane laying atop an unfinished building where workers were heard screaming as the accident unfolded.

The crane collapsed while being dismantled, the university said in a statement posted on its website. There were no immediate reports of other injuries.

Armand Gayapershad told reporters he and others in the nearby library on campus were startled by the sound of screaming. “Then we heard a loud crashing sound, like metal from the sky,” said Gayapershad, in an interview posted on the website of Dallas television station WFAA. “Then we heard more screaming.”

Gayapershad told another person at the library reported seeing “something similar to scaffolding” tip over when a big gust of wind came through. A band of thunderstorms moving into the area on Saturday afternoon brought sudden wind gusts that reached upward of 40 mph, said Matt Bishop, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

The crane was being used daily during the construction of an arts and technology building on campus. The school encouraged students and the community to stay away from that side of campus after the accident.
Paddy transplanting machine demonstrated in Kyaukse

**Kyaukse, 8 July**—The demonstration on cultivation of 15-day paddy plants was held with the use of paddy transplanting machine in the farmer’s educational farm of farmer U Po Thein in Inyaung Village of Kyaukse Township in Mandalay Region on 27 June morning. At the ceremony, Agricultural Adviser U Kyaw Tan to Good Brother Co Ltd, Marketing Manager U Khaing Thin and Sale Agent U Nyan Win demonstrated use of paddy transplanting machine. The machine took two and a half hours for growing 154,800 paddy plants on one acre.—**Myanma Alin**

High yield paddy seeds sown in Danubyu Township

**Danubyu, 8 July**—A ceremony to sow Palethwe hybrid paddy seeds was held 10-acre paddy farm of five farmers in Yaye Village-tract in Danubyu Township of Ayeyawady Region on 1 July. Head of Township Agricultural Department U Sein Maung Win demonstrated nurturing of saplings through good agriculture pattern. At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Kyaw gave a speech. Manager of the bank U Zaw Lwin explained the disciplines of lending the loans. After that, Township Administrator U Htin Kyaw presented K 142.8 million for 4958 acres of farmlands of Thonhtet Village through village administrators.—**Myanma Alin**

Agricultural loans disbursed to farmers in Bogale Township

**Bogale, 8 July**—Myanma Agricultural Development Bank of Bogale Township in Ayeyawady Region disbursed agricultural loans to local farmers for 2012 cultivation season at the hall of Township General Administration Department on 29 June. At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Htain Kyaw gave a speech. Manager of the bank U Zaw Lwin explained the disciplines of lending the loans. After that, Township Administrator U Htin Kyaw presented K 142.8 million for 4958 acres of farmlands of Thonhtet Village through village administrators.—**Myanma Alin**

Duty of project assigned to departments in Bahan Township

**Bahan, 8 July**—The duty assigning ceremony for 2012-2013 fiscal year was held at the hall of Bahan Township General Administration Department on 3 July. Next, the Township Administrator presented letters of assignment to departmental personnel. Township GAD

**DISTRICT NEWS**

Myingyan Township observes International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

**Myingyan, 8 July**—The 15th ceremony to mark the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was held at Ayeyawady Hall of Basic Education High School in Myingyan on 26 July. Commander of Myingyan District Police Force Police Lt-Col Kyaw Zeya read the message sent by the Chairman of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control. Township Medical Officer Dr Chit Htoo gave talks on drugs and health, Township Law Officer U Hsin Win laws related to narcotic drugs and Commander of Myingyan Township Police Force Police Captain Aye Myint on drug elimination. Deputy Commissioner U Hla Win Tin of Myingyan District General Administration Department, Commander of District Police Force Police Lt-Col Kyaw Zeya, Township Administrator U Shwe Maung and Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Aye Myint presented prizes to the winners in the high and middle school level essay, painting, cartoon and poster contests.—**Township GAD**

Flower arrangement, orchid cultivation courses invite trainees

**Yangon, 8 July**—Myanmar Floriculturists Association will organize the Advanced Flower Arrangement Course No 1/2012 from 9 to 19 July and the Commercial Orchid Cultivation Course No 1/2012 from 20 to 30 August. Each course will admit 50 trainees. The training course will be conducted at the hall of the association at the People’s Square in Yangon. Only those who completed the basic course may attend the advanced flower arrangement course. Those of advanced course have to pay a fee of K 30,000 and of commercial orchid culture K 20,000. The duration for the advanced course is set from 12 noon to 3pm and the commercial cultivation course from 1 pm to 4 pm. Enthusiasts may dial 370961.—**Myanma Alin**

FOOTBALLS DONATED: A ceremony to honour Yangon West District Women’s Football Team that stood first in Yangon Region Chief Minister’s Cup Inter-District Football Tournament was held at MS Restaurant in Bahan Township on 6 July. Ayeyawady Bank donates 50 footballs for Yangon West District Football Administration Department through Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein.—**Myanma Alin**

School uniforms provided to offspring of vendors

**Shweagon, 8 July**—A donation of providing school uniforms to students of vendors who lent loans from Rural Development Bank of Shweegyn Township Development Affairs Committee was held at the hall of Township DMC on 2 July morning. Township Executive Officer U Win Hlaing presented one set of school uniforms to offspring of vendors.—**Myanma Alin**

Official remittance from Malaysia to Myanmar through private banks

**Yangon, 8 July**—Bank users may remit money from May Bank of Malaysia to Kanbawza Bank officially. A large number of Myanmar migrant workers are in Malaysia. As of 2 July, the official remittance can be made for their convenience. The bank users may remit US$ 3000 in maximum. Remittance rates are set as 1-500 US$ per 15 ringgits, 500-2000 US$ per 30 ringgits and 2000-3000 US$ per 60 ringgits. Those wishing to remit their money do not need to open the bank account at May Bank and Kanbawza Bank. They may transfer their money across Myanmar through Kanbawza Bank safely. Likely, those wishing to draw money can enjoy smooth process, according to Kanbawza Bank. Kanbawza Bank Ltd has signed banking agreement with Siam Commercial Bank of Thailand. —**Ei Shwe Sin Win**

Thanbyuzayat Township plants trees for second time

**Thanbyuzayat, July**—The tree growing ceremony for second time was held by Thanbyuzayat Township Forest Department on the hill near Kyaiikkhami Layle Pagoda in Kyaiikkhami of Thanbyuzayat Township on 30 June. At the ceremony, Mon State Minister for Forest and Mines U Win Maw Oo, State Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Myo Nyunt, and State Minister for Religious Affairs and Transport U Tan Hlai presented saplings to departmental personnel, ward administrators and social organizations. The state ministers, together with Assistant Director of Mawlamyine-Thamon District Forest Department U Aye Cho, Township Administrator U Ye Kyaw Khaing, departmental staff and local people, planted 610 saplings. —**Township Forest**

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stability... The country must abide by internationally recognized conventions and treaties and also existing laws of the country in serving the national interest.

The violence in Rakhine State should have been stopped in accord with the existing laws since its start. The President had to declare state of emergency in agreement with National Defence and Security Council. The state government, state Hluttaw representatives, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, civil servants, the people, political parties got involved in the campaign to restore peace and stability in the state. Peace is absolutely restored in the region. Any individual or organizations should not undermine the prevailing stability.

Now is time to focus on relief, resettlement and rehabilitation tasks. Any one should cooperate in the tasks to restore agricultural and other activities to normalcy and resume schools and public health, social and socio-economic services.

It is heard that the local people thanked security and defence officials for their responses with sense of responsibility and demand more. The officials should try to win more confidence of the people. Lessons must be taken from the happenings to heal such sufferings, worries and scares derived from unrests and prevent such unrests. The lawmakers must review relevant laws while emphasizing the fundamental rights of citizens and safeguarding the interest of the national people, he discussed.

The Hluttaw representatives presented three-day allowance of the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives plus K12, 930,000; Union Solidarity and Development Party, K20 million; the state Hluttaw speaker, K2 million; donation of state Hluttaw representatives through the state chief minister and the state Hluttaw speaker who returned certificates of honour.

The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker and party flewed back to Nay Pyi Taw in the evening.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann presents aids to local people at relief camp in U Ye Kyaw Thu Monastery.—MNA

REDD+ pilot project launched in Saira forest reserve of Yedashe Tsp

NAV Pyi Taw, 8 July—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun inspected teak plantations in Yedashe Township Saira forest reserve and pilot project area of Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) being carried out jointly by the Forest Department and Forest Department of Korea, beside Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon Highway yesterday.

On his inspection tour, the Union Minister said REDD+ is also forestry-related green economy. Low carbon market has great potentials for development and thus it is required to grasp opportunities for generating income through forest conservation and afforestation based on natural resources of the country. REDD+ is an instrumental work programme for protection and effective management of forest resources in developing countries with carbon tax facilitating to rural development and poverty alleviation scheme and sustainable development.

It must be focused on reducing carbon emissions from deforestation, forest conservation, sustainability of forests, and afforestation as part of REDD+ work programmes. In addition, measures must be taken to enhance the socio-economic status of local rural people within the project area and increasingly promote climate change and environmental conservation awareness.

Such works of the project as establishment of rural multi-purpose woods and forest park and forest reservation must be accomplished and human resources development and education programmes carried out. The Union Minister in conclusion called for the similar projects in other regions, making the pilot project a success.

Yangon Region Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Work Committee meets

NAV Yangon, 8 July—Yangon Region Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Work Committee held the coordination meeting at the hall of the region government on 4 July, with an address by Chairman of the Work Committee, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe.

The Chief Minister and region ministers presented saplings to faculty members. After growing saplings at the designated places, the Chief Minister and the region ministers viewed participation of faculty members and students in the tree growing ceremony.

So far, Yangon University has planted 1,182 saplings.

Bilin Township grows saplings at rainy season activity

NAV Bilin, 8 July—Bilin Township Forest Department organized the rainy season tree growing ceremony in the compound of the Township People’s Hospital in Bilin on 26 June morning.

At the ceremony, Township Administration U Myo Lwin, Staff Officer of Township Forest Department U Aung Tun, departmental personnel, ward administrators and members of social organizations participated in cultivation of teak, ironwood, mahogany, Gangaw, starflower and eucalyptus plants numbering over 1000.

Township Forest
Blood donation ceremony held at No. 2 Military Hospital (500-bed)

YANGON, 8 July—A blood donation ceremony took place at No. 2 Military Hospital (500-bed) in Mayangon Township here this morning.

A total of 60 Pathana recitation group members of Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Pagoda involved in their 12th donation activity for the patients receiving medical treatment at the hospital.

Artistes of theatrical drama troupes donate cash, clothes for locals of Rakhine State

NAVPYITAW, 8 July—A ceremony to hand over cash and clothes donated by artistes of theatrical drama troupes of Mawlamyine Township for local people of Rakhine State was held at the hall of Mawlamyine Township Thabin Artistes Asiyon in Mawlamyine yesterday.

Secretary of the township Asiyon U Kyaw Shwe explained the purpose of donations and handed over K 540,000 and 12 bales of commodity transport bus lines to Myanmar Thabin Artistes of theatrical drama troupes donate uniform to bus workers of Nay Pyi Taw APBCC (Local)

PYINMANA, 7 June. It was attended by Chairman of the committee U Win Hein and members, bus line in-charge, bus drivers and conductors. At the ceremony, Chairman U Win Hein made a speech and then presented uniforms worth K 4,088,000 to 584 bus workers.

Competition...

Union Election

Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye awards a distinction winner in 2011-2012 matriculation examination.

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their offspring along the right path.

Next, Bago Region Hluttaw Speaker U Win Tin and the chairman of the school board of trustees spoke words of honour. The committee chairman presented prizes to the headmistress and outstanding students and so did the Bago Region Hluttaw Speaker and wellwishers.

The school stood fourth in examination pass rate out of 16 basic education high schools in Bago Township in 2011-2012 academic year.

Coord meeting of senior engineers held

NAVPYITAW, 8 July—A coordination meeting for senior engineers of 69 districts of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction was held at the Ministry here, on 5 and 6 July.

Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint urged senior engineers from 69 districts to place emphasis on works, especially in the sectors of roads, airports and bridges. Moreover he stressed the need to keep in touch with modern technologies and to carry out the tasks meeting the set standard.

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Ministry of Immigration and Population

Outstanding students honoured in Loikaw

NAVPYITAW, 8 July—A ceremony to honour outstanding students who passed the matriculation exam with flying colours for 2011-2012 academic year was held at the city hall in Loikaw, Kayah State, on 6 July morning. Kayah State Chief Minister U Khin Maung On gave a speech and presented prizes to three townships with best pass rate in the examination and two six-distinction winning students.

Outstanding students honoured in Loikaw

Next, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lwin made a discussion on financial matters and the managing director, deputy managing directors, superintending engineers and senior engineers explained road and bridge works.

Traffic rules explained at basic education schools in Taunggyi

In charge of the Traffic Police Force Captain Maung Maung Win talked about disciplines for motorcycle drivers, Inspector-III Zaw Ko Ko Pe of Directorate of Road Administration Department of Myeik District held the rainy season tree planting ceremony near the bridge in Taninthayi on 3 July.

Traffic rules explained at basic education schools in Taunggyi

Taninthayi, 8 July—To mark Myanmar Women’s Day, Taninthayi Township under the chairperson of Township Police Force Captain Thein Naing, the chairperson of Township Women’s Affairs Organization, Staff Officer of Township Forest Department U Thet Wai and staff, departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people totalling over 450 participated in growing of 1100 saplings.

District IPRD
Yedashe, 8 July— People in Yedashe Township in Bayin Nyi Region are now delighted at supply of electricity round the clock.

Factories, workshops, buildings and residences of dwellers are enjoying electricity. Shortage of electricity caused difficulties to the local people in the past. At present, all the people are pleased with supply of electricity round the clock. — Ko Lwin (Yeo)

DHF preventive measures taken in Moguang

Moguang, 8 July—As part of taking preventive measures against DHF, a combined team comprising Township Administrator U Tin Swei Myint, the Township Education Officer, the headmaster, teachers, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association and social association members fumigated the Basic Education High School No.1 in Moguang of Mohinyin District in Kachin State on 29 June.

They also carried out sanitation tasks at the school. —Township GAD

Trading of fish requested to apply cash down or short-term payment

Yangon, 8 July—Myanmar Fish Breeding Entrepreneurs requested to buy the fish through cash down or short-term payment, as of 3 July.

The association informed Central Sanyia Fish Market committee, Fisheries Department and Myanmar Fisheries Federation including Myanmar Marine Product Entrepreneurs and Exporters Association. “It is not order down or short-term payment, made for applying the cash investment, the request was made for applying the cash down or short-term payment systems. —Kyemon

Training course of settlement and land records officials concludes

Yangon, 8 July—The refresher course No 2/2012 for deputy head of Settlement and Land Records Department concluded at the central land records development training school in Taikkyi Township on 27 June.

On behalf of the director-general, Director (Admin) U Thein Win made a speech. The training course lasted from 4 to 27 June. The trainees were provided with farmland law, vacant, virgin and fallow land management, correctness of accounts, modern survey, collection of farmland accounts, civil service management and departmental works. —Kyemon

Winners awarded in IOD Boxing Contest

Yangon, 8 July—The prize presentation for boxing contest in commemoration of 2012 International Olympic Day was held at the boxing gymnasium in Thintagyin Township on 23 June. It was attended by General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaii and officials, Secretary of Myanmar Boxing Federation U Tin Hlaing and executives and boxing fans.

Twelve classes of boxing events were held in the contest. General Secretary U Tin Hlaing of MBXF presented prizes to the winners. —Kyemon

Development of industrial human resources discussed

Yangon, 8 July—Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Japanese International Cooperation Agency held a workshop on entrepreneurs proficiency at UMFCCI Office Tower on Minye Kyawswa Road in Lammadaw Township on 2 July.

Private sector development adviser to JICA Mr Toru Homma discussed assistance for human resources development in the industrial sector. Expert from JICA Mr Tetsuo Fukuyama explained ways for uplifting the qualification.

Joint Secretary of UMFCCI Daw Khaing Nwe discussed supporting for development of worksite and survey on Myanmar garment factories.

CEC member Dr Aung Thein submitted the fivekey points for uplifting the economic sector.

Myanmar boxing team back from Kazakhstan

Yangon, 8 July—Under the arrangement of Myanmar Boxing Federation, the Myanmar selected boxing team led by manager U Thein Maung Pe that secured gold, silver and bronze medals in the invitational boxing tournaments in Almaty of Kazakhstan from 28 May to 6 July arrived back here by air on 6 July evening.

They were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by General Secretary of MBXF and Organizing Commission Secretary of Asian Boxing Confederation U Tin Hlaing and officials.

While taking joint exercises, the Myanmar team participated in the youth invitational boxing contest in Chilit of Kazakhstan from 7 to 9 June. Myanmar boxers Lin Hu Pyae secured gold medal in 48-kilo event and Aung Sae Pye Phyo in the 60-kilo event. Baw Za bagged one silver medal in 52-kilo event. Bronze medalists were Kyaw Myo Htut in 57-kilo event, Naing Lat in the 52-kilo event and Aung Sae Mon in 75-kilo event.

Myanmar team comprised coaches U Soe Soe, U Khin Maung Thein and U Kyaw Swa Aung together with 13 boxers. —Zin Lin Tun (Kyemon)

Palethwe hybrid paddy nurtured in Nyaungdon Township

Nyaungdon, 8 July—The systematic nurturing of Palethwe hybrid paddy was demonstrated on the farmland of farmer U Kyin Hlaing from Hsamalauk Village of Nyaungdon Township in Maubin District of Ayeyawady Region on 1 July.

It was attended by Head of Ayeawady Region Agriculture Department U Myint Thein, Head of District Agriculture Department Maung Maung Aye, Township Administrator U Khin Min, Head of Township Agriculture Department Daw Aye Aye Si and local farmers.

At first, the educative talks on agriculture was held at the educative farm in production of monsoon paddy per acre.

After that, officials demonstrated nurturing of paddy on the dykes of farmer U Kyin Hlaing. Later, they all participated in the sowing of paddy seeds.—MyanmarAlin

Sandy standing Buddha image donated to Ananda Pagoda

Nyaungu, 8 July—A ceremony to donate a sandy standing Buddha image sculptured as a replica of the standing Buddha from northern archway of Ananda Pagoda by stone sculptor Ko Kyaw Soe from Diamond Star Group stone sculpturing industry of Yangon to Pagoda Board of Trustees was held at the pagoda on 1 July.

U Kyaw Sein, leader of Diamond Star Group donated the Buddha image to Chairman of Bagan Ananda Pagoda Board of Trustees Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Aye and members.—District PPRD
CH Karnchang, has sharply hydroelectric project at Friday. The $3.8 billion Mekong river until all its multi-billion dollar dam on the construction of a controversial disbelief and sorrow and weighed hundreds of pounds. headstone detached from its in Park City on Thursday was at the Glenwood Cemetery in a Utah ski resort town. pictures at a historic cemetery friends gathered to take large tombstone toppled onto the headstone when the pedestal broke, Gibbs said. some metal connecting it to onto the headstone when Gibbs thought of the connection to prevent sediment build up. His outcome could shape the leadership of new bosses at both makers: Frenchman Fabrice Bregier of Airbus and Boeing’s Ray Conner, cautious and publicity—shy insiders who reach the July —15 pugent facing pressure to draw a line under a period of risk and give investors a sober ride with predictable margins. The latest firefight involves a back-and-forth battle for 40-50-jet worths $4-5 billion sought by Istanbul-based budget carrier Pegasus Airlines, with Boeing resisting Airbus efforts to poach one of its customers in many looking to junk on a 15 percent improvement in fuel burn and therefore a significant reduction in costs offered by the latest revamped models of jet of European’s Airbus and its US rival Boeing. As with a series of other duels in the last year, according to multiple sources who spoke on condition of anonymity, Boeing is fighting back after seeing one of its clients targeted by its competitor. Airbaums is normal competition. Contacted by Reuters, Ali Sabunci, Pegasus chief executive, said, “we are negotiating; no decision has been taken.”—Reuters

Laos vows to address Mekong dam fears

NEW DELHI, 8 July—The death toll from heavy monsoon rains which have caused massive flooding in India’s northeast has risen to more than 120, with six million forced to flee their homes, officials said Saturday. The weather office forecast that more rains during the next 24 hours would lash the region, which is suffering from its worst flooding in recent years. Assam state has been hardest hit by the annual rains with the mighty Brahmaputra river floods its banks, while flooding has also struck the nearby states of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Meghalaya. “So far a total of 121 people have died in several incidents in which 105 were drowned while trying to escape the gushing waters and 16 more were killed in landslides caused by heavy rains,” an Assam government statement said. An estimated six million people have been forced to leave their homes to escape the floodwaters and find higher ground, a separate Central Water Commission bulletin said. The monsoon, which sweeps across the subcontinent from June to September, is crucial for India’s farmers but also claims many casualties from flooding every year.

Assam state officials were struggling to cope with the huge number of people displaced by the floods, with makeshift relief camps sheltering some of those forced to leave their homes. Twenty-six of the 27 districts in the tea-and-oil-rich state have been hit by flash floods since 24 June as a result of the torrential rains while the Brahmaputra river has breached its banks in at least nine places.—Internet

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Six injured in Spain’s Pamplona running of the bulls

PAMPLONA, 8 July—One elderly thrill-seeker was gored in a leg and five others slightly injured as thousands of adrenaline-fueled runners raced ahead of six fighting bulls in the streets of the northern Spanish city of Pamplona in the first running of the bulls of this year’s San Fermin festival, officials said on Saturday.

Runners, in traditional white clothing and red kerchiefs around their necks, tripped over each other or fell in the mud drenched annual nushal along early morning dew moistened slippery streets to the city’s bull ring.

One youth got the top of his shirt and kerchief caught on a bull’s horn, inches from his face, and was dragged several yards (meters) along the ground, but was seen to get up and run away.

The gored runner, a 73-year-old Pamplona resident, was taken to a local hospital and five others were treated for cuts and bruises, the regional government of the province of Navarre said in a statement.

Among those who received medical attention were a 21-year-old Japanese person from the city of Keda and a 26-year-old Australian national, the statement said.

The San Fermin running of the bulls festival became national, the statement said.

Pamplona, known around the world as the birthplace of Ernest Hemingway’s 1926 novel “The Sun Also Rises,” is also known around the world for its wild all-night street parties which commemorate the city’s patron saint.

On Saturday, the massive bulls belonging to the Dolores Aguirre breeding ranch raced from a holding pen on the outskirts of town, where they spent the night before the run, along a 849-meter (928-yard) course to the city’s bull ring in 2 minutes, 53 seconds, where they spent the night before the run, along a 849-meter (928-yard) course to the city’s bull ring in 2 minutes, 53 seconds, a relatively slow time. Last year’s opening run was completed 23 seconds faster.

The last bull in the pack became disoriented and charged into the ring several seconds after the leaders. Once in the bullring it caused panic as it chased several runners around before being coaxed into the safety of stables by cape waving attendants.

“Running with the bulls was the best experience I’ve had, somuchadrenaline,” said Mark Martinez, 27, a student from Los Angeles, California, who said he was in Spain on a 10-day vacation. “I couldn’t touch the horns, I might try that tomorrow,” he said.

Serious runners, referred to by the cognoscenti of the fiesta as “los divinos” — the divine ones — because of their ability to survive close brushes with death, would never attempt to touch the animals. The omery beasts used in these centuries-old fiesta can weigh some 500- plus kilogram (1,100-pounds) and have killed 15 people since record keeping began in 1924. — Internet

Casualties feared as explosion rocks W Afghanistan

FAZAH, Afghanistan, 8 July—An explosion rocked Farah city, the provincial capital of western Afghan province of Farah with feared casualties, the police said on Saturday morning.

A police official told Xinhua. The nature of the blast, which occurred at around 1 a.m local time, is still unknown.

There might be casualties but details have been released to media after investigation, the police source said in condition of anonymity. —Xinhua
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs

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An employee of the Mariani artistic foundry works on a sculpture by Colombian artist Fernando Botero. An exhibition of 80 works looks back over Botero’s career and pays homage to his mix of Columbian and European styles in paintings and sculptures.—INTERNET

U2 star’s ex-aide jailed for 2.8 million euro theft

Dublin, 8 July—A personal assistant to U2 bass player Adam Clayton was jailed for seven years Friday after embzeing 2.8 million euros ($3.4 million) from the star, the Irish courts service said.

Carol Hawkins, 48, was found guilty last week of 81 counts of theft from Clayton, who has played on hits including “Where The Streets Have No Name”, “With Or Without You” and “Beautiful Day”.

A court in Dublin heard how Hawaki had worked for Clayton for 17 years, starting off as a housekeeper at his mansion in the Irish capital, Danesmoate House, before rising to be his assistant, Irish media said.

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Norwegian film wins Czech festival prize

Prague, 8 July—Norwegian film “The Almost Man” won the 47th edition of the Czech Republic’s Karlovy Vary international film festival on Saturday, the organizers said.

The film by director Martin Lund beat another 11 movies to win the Crystal Globe prize worth $22,000 (20,344 euros) at a gala ceremony on Saturday.

US actress Susan Sarandon won a Crystal Globe for her contribution to world cinematography on Saturday, joining British actress Helen Mirren who was awarded the same prize as the festival opened on 29 June.

Some 220 films — including four world and eight international premieres — were screened during the festival.

The festival jury was led by Richard Peña, programme director at New York’s prestigious Film Society of Lincoln Center.

More than 120,000 cinemas visited the festival in the western Czech spa town of Karlovy Vary, about 120 kilometres (75 miles) west of the Czech capital Prague.—INTERNET

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Italy’s sculpture capital honours Botero

A most recent example of the sculptor’s work is the bust of Jeune Garcon which is on show at the Tuscany exhibition of statues, hommage to his mix of Columbian and European contributions from other artists who have been creating his famed sculptures.

U2 bass player Adam Clayton performs in 2011 in East Rutherford, New Jersey. A former personal assistant to the U2 bass player was jailed for seven years Friday after embzeing 2.8 million euros ($3.4 million) from the star, the Irish courts service said.—INTERNET

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Iron Man in the Marvel Universe

LOS ANGELES, 8 July—

Football fans have the Super Bowl, Soccer fans have the World Cup, Cinéphiles have the Academy Awards.

For pop-culture lovers — the self-professed geeks and nerds who delight in fantasy-inspired fun from anime to zombies — there is Comic-Con, the Olympic-sized celebration of movies, TV, video games, costumes and pop culture that has become an annual comic-book convention 43 years ago and is now an annual marketing extravaganza.

From Thursday to Sunday, more than 100,000 pop-culture aficionados will flood the San Diego Convention Center, showing off their Storm Trooper suits, playing yet-to-be-released video games and rubbing shoulders with panels featuring A-list filmmakers like Peter Jackson and such hot TV shows as “Game of Thrones.”

But for pop-culture fans, nothing rules the roost like the one-and-only Comic-Con. It’s the place where the world is turned upside down and reality is no place for a superhero.

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LeBron, Kobe return to US team for London Games

LOS ANGELES, 8 July — Five members of the gold medal winning team in the 2008 Beijing Games were included in the 12-man US Olympic basketball team announced by USA Basketball chairman Jerry Colangelo on Saturday. LeBron James, Kobe Bryant, Carmelo Anthony, Chris Paul and Deron Williams return for another bid for Olympic glory and will spearhead a potent roster in London where US are favourites.

Colangelo announced the selections after two US team training sessions in Las Vegas, though final approval is still required by the US Olympic Committee. “We projected we would have difficulty getting down to a roster of 12, regardless of the number of injuries that have taken place, because they are such an outstanding group of people and athletes,” Colangelo said in a statement. “The final selections keep us in concert with our game plan to have athletes, versatility and strong depth on our roster. I think our final roster epitomizes all of that.” The US team had been hit by a recent rash of injuries to several leading candidates, including Derrick Rose of the Chicago Bulls, Dwight Howard of the Orlando Magic and Miami Heat players Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh.

“We have benefited so much from having a pool of outstanding players who are committed, and we believe the US selection is difficult,” US coach Mike Krzyzewski said. “But it’s the experience that you could have because everyone’s has been so committed.” The 2012 US Olympic team: Carmelo Anthony (Knicks), Kobe Bryant (Lakers), Tyson Chandler (Knicks), Kevin Durant (Thunder), Blake Griffin (Clippers), James Harden (Thunder), Andre Iguodala (76ers), LeBron James (Heat), Kevin Love (Timberwolves), Chris Paul (Clippers), Russell Westbrook (Thunder) and Deron Williams (Nets). — Reuters

East All-Star LeBron James of the Miami Heat (L) and West All-Star Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers exchange words in the fourth quarter during the NBA All-Star game at the American Airlines Arena in Orlando, Florida, on 26 Feb, 2012. — Reuters

KOREA, 8 July — South Korea’s Choi Na-yeon obliterated the field with a stunning seven-under-par 65 to surge six shots clear in Saturday’s third round of the US Women’s Open in Kohler, Wisconsin. On a breezy day with tricky hole locations at Blackwolf Run where only four sub-par scores were recorded, Choi put herself in prime position to win her first major title. The 24-year-old Korean, who has triumphed five times on the LPGA Tour, seized control of the tournament in masterly fashion with eight birdies and a sole bogey to finish at eight-under 208.

“Hit a lot of good shots today, my 14 clubs worked very well,” a beaming Choi told reporters after totalling 26 putts on fast-running greens. — Reuters

Korean Choi takes control of US Women’s Open

Williams sisters win Wimbledon doubles crown

Wimbledon, 8 July — Serena Williams, aged 29, and her younger sister Venus, aged 30, captured their third women’s doubles title at Wimbledon since 1997, is battling to still compete in the tourney, and then her sister Sascha, 21, added another by winning the women’s doubles title.

Serena Williams (L) and her sister Venus pose with their trophies after winning their women’s doubles final match against Czech Republic’s Andrea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka on Day 9 of the 2012 Wimbledon Championships at the All England Tennis Club, southwest London, on 7 July. Williams sisters won 7-5, 6-4.— Internet

Serena Williams and Venus Williams sisters win Wimbledon doubles crown

Sprint Cup Series auto racer Tony Stewart makes late move to win at Daytona

DAYTONA BEACH, 8 July — There was no fair or rain. Still, another frantic finish at Daytona International Speedway. Tony Stewart emerged the winner, charging past Daytona 500 winner Matt Kenseth on the last lap and holding on as the challengers stacked up behind him Saturday night in one of Daytona’s trademark sprints. “I don’t even remember what happened that last lap,” Stewart said. Stewart has 18 victories at Daytona, second only to the late Dale Earnhardt’s 34 wins.

None of Stewart’s wins are in the Daytona 500, though. Stewart is 0 for 14 in NASCAR’s biggest race of the year, which he won last year. He was delayed a day by rain and then stopped more than twice for a massive jet dryer fire. “I wish I could trade a couple of these races in for just one Sunday race in February,” he said of the Daytona 500.

But he’s always strong in the summer race at Daytona, and this visit was no different. Stewart qualified eighth and moved up to 21st at the start of the race because his time was thrown out by NASCAR after his Chevrolet failed inspection. He quietly rode around — which is his style at restrictor-plate races — and then Roush Fenway Racing teammates Kesneth and Greg Biffle control the front. “We were going to try to win the thing and be there at the end,” Biffle said. “We were right there.” — Internet

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Tony Stewart celebrates winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Daytona International Speedway, on 7 July, 2012. Daytona, Florida, Internet

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Research finds algae extract increases good cholesterol levels

DETROIT, 8 July—A Wayne State University researcher has found that an extract from algae could become a key to regulating cardiovascular disease. In a study funded by Health Enhancement Products of Bloomfield Hills, Mich, Smith Gupta, Ph.D, assistant professor in the department of nutrition and food science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, has found that dietary intake of ProAlgaZyme increased the level of high-density lipoprotein (HDL) in an animal model. While medications for the control of high plasma cholesterol levels such as statins and numerous dietary supplements primarily function by lowering levels of low-density lipoprotein (LDL), or “bad cholesterol,” Gupta’s research explores the effects of raising levels of HDL, or “good cholesterol,” which work in part by carrying cholesterol out of the arterial wall. Results of her study, titled “ProAlgaZyme and its Sub-fractions Increase Plasma HDL-Cholesterol via Up Regulation of ApoA1, ABCA1 and SRB1 and Inhibition of CETP in Hypercholesteremic Hamsters,” were published recently in the Journal of Nutrition and Dietary Supplements.

“The cholesterol mechanism is crucial to heart disease,” Gupta said. “Very few agents increase good cholesterol, but we found that this algae extract does. The ratio of total to HDL cholesterol improved significantly. This result, if replicated in humans, would be consistent with a decreased risk of heart disease.” ProAlgaZyme, a clear liquid, was administered as part of the drinking fluid over four weeks. In addition to increasing HDL levels, the group found that it also changed the expression of genes involved in the reverse cholesterol transport mechanism. And while they don’t know exactly how it will function in humans, Gupta said other research suggests a similar outcome.

“Its biological effect over time and toxic effects, if any, need to be further investigated in a long-term study in an animal model before testing its effects in humans,” she said. “But this is a step in the right direction, since increased HDL is considered an important therapeutic target for improvement of the lipid profile and thus reduction of the risk for cardiovascular disease.” —Internet

Dental and oral health care services given in Tagaung

TAHILBIKKYN, 8 July—The dental health care services was given to people of Tagaung Sub-Township and Khanhay Village-tract of Tahtibakkyn Township at Tahtibakkyn Sub-Township People’s Hospital on 29 June.

Head of Township Health Department Dr Kyaw ZinOo and 16 dentists from Myanmar Dental Association ( Mandalay) gave dental care to 1277 patients in Tagaung on 29 June and 476 patients at Shwemaw Monastery in Kyahnyat Village on 30 June.—Township Health

Weather forecast for 9th July, 2012

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Seydou Keita has announced this evening that he won’t be staying at the club next season,” a statement published on the club’s website.

“FC Barcelona thanks Seydou Keita for his services to the club over the years and wishes him professional and personal success in the future.”

The Barcelona sports press reported that Keita, 32, was planning to move to Chinese club Dalian Aerbin. Keita previously played for French clubs Marseille, Lorient and Lens before moving to Spain where he played for Seville for one season.

He moved to Barcelona in 2008 as the first signing by coach Pep Guardiola, who quit at the end of last season.

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Britain’s Wiggins takes Tour de France lead

LA PLANCHE DES BELLES FILLES, FRANCE, 8 July—With two weeks left in the Tour de France, the two-man showdown that many predicted is taking shape, with Britain’s Bradley Wiggins already in the yellow jersey — and driver’s seat — while Cadel Evans isn’t.

The 31-year-old Briton and his Team Sky dominated the race’s first summit finish Saturday, with Christopher Froome winning Stage 7 ahead of Evans and Wiggins close on the Australian defending champion’s back wheel.

In the 123-mile trek from Tomblaine to La Planch des Belles Filles, Wiggins took the overall lead from Switzerland’s Fabian Cancellara and gave Britain its first yellow jersey in 12 years — and the first for Sky.

“It’s a great day for the team, we won the stage and took the yellow jersey,” Wiggins said in French.

“Who knows in the yellow jersey. It’s incredible — it’s been a dream of mine since I was a kid.” As the pack disintegrated on the final climb, Evans tried an attack just before the super-steep patch in the last half mile, but Froome beat him and made it look easy, leading Evans to wonder what he might be in for later.

Cancellara, a time-trial and one-day-classics specialist who had worn yellow since winning the prologue a week ago, was 1 minute, 52 seconds behind Froome — but more importantly 1:50 back of Wiggins. The Sky leader, who began the day 7 seconds behind Cancellara in second place, leads Evans by 10 seconds.

Vincenzo Nibali of Italy was fourth to climb to third overall, 16 seconds behind. Wiggins, a three-time Olympic track gold medalist looking to become Britain’s first Tour champion, became the pre-race favourite after winning the Paris-Nice, Tour de Romandie and Criterium du Dauphine stage races this year. — Internet
Union Education Minister participates in School Environment Day activities

NAV PYI TAW, 8 July—Accompanied by Deputy Minister U Aye Kyu, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye this morning viewed 2012-2013 academic year School Environment Day activities held at No.6 Basic Education High School in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri.

The Union minister planted a starflower sapling in commemoration of 2012-2013 academic year School Environment Day in front of the school. Deputy Minister U Aye Kyu and Director-General U Bo Win of Education, Planning and Training Department planted saplings and encouraged officials, teachers and students who were planting saplings at the ceremony.

The deputy minister proceeded to Inpu basic education post-primary school, No.2 Basic Education High School in Nay Pyi Taw Wee and No.18 Basic Education High School in Nay Pyi Taw Dekkhinathiri Township where the deputy minister viewed the 2012-2013 academic year School Environment Day tree planting activities.

According to the academic calendar, 8 July is designated as School Environment Day for 2012-2013 academic year. The schools and education colleges nationwide launched those activities this morning.—MNA

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye grows a starflower tree in commemoration of 2012-2013 academic year School Environment Day at Zabuthiri BEHS-6. MNA

Cash and kind donations for locals of Rakhine State continue

YANGON, 8 July—The cash and foodstuff donations for locals of Rakhine State who lost their property in various situations occurred in the state were held at Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township this morning.

Presiding Nayaka of Tawkyaung Monastery of Thanlwin Sayadaw Bhdadana Adjica donated K 310,000 and 40 sets of robes, U Myo Aung and family K 500,000 in memory of late Daw Mya Myin, U Kyaw Zaw-Daw Phy Phyu and family K 500,000, U Aung Mon Thein-Daw The Thet Thein and family K 200,000, U Kyaw Kyaw-Daw Khin Soe Win and family K 100,000, U Denial Biwint, Daw Ni Ni Thein Biwint K 100,000, U Khin Maung Myint and family of UA Kyaukphu K 30,000 and one packet of food carrier, Gandawin Heart Parahita Group eight bales of clothes, U Myo Myint-Daw Hla Myint and family K 50,000 and one bale of cloth. Director-General of Fire Services Department U Tin Moe and officials accepted cash and kind donation.

Up to now, the donations to the local people of Rakhine State amounted to K 239,787,816.—MNA

AGM HELD: Micro-credit Co-operative Society Ltd of Kamayut Township Basic Education Schools held annual general meeting at No 3 Basic Education High School on 27 June. Township Education Officer Daw Sanda Aung explains duty and functions of the society. MYANMA ALIN

Tree planting ceremony held in Zigon Township

ZIGON, 8 July—The collective tree growing ceremony was held in Zigon Township of Thayawady District in Bago Region on 30 June morning.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Kyaw Myint Hlaing, Region Hluttaw representative U Htoo Khin, Staff-Officer of Township Forest Department U Hsan Win-2 and staff, departmental personnel, the chairperson of Township Women’s Affairs Organization and party, members of social organizations and local people planted teak, gum-kino, mahogany, ironwood, starflower, Gangaw and others totalling 1350 saplings. Township GAD

Giggs to captain UK football team at London 2012

LONDON, 8 July—Welsh winger Ryan Giggs will captain Britain’s soccer team at the London Olympics, headcoach Stuart Pearce said on Sunday.

The 38-year-old, oldest of the three over-age players in the 18-man squad, is taking on a new responsibility: “I have got the respect of all the members of the group and I am looking forward to working with him.”

Giggs added: “Obviously I have the experience and there are a lot of younger players in the squad, so as captain hopefully I can pass on that to the younger players. ‘It’s a tremendous honour to be part of the Olympics and I am really proud to be involved. Different nations have got different views about the Olympics, but as a player I am going to enjoy it and try and win it.”

Giggs has won 12 Premier League titles, five FA Cup and two Champions Leagues with Manchester United and is the most decorated player in English soccer history.

However, he never played in a major championship because of Wales’ failure to reach either the World Cup or European finals during his international career which brought him 64 caps between 1991 and 2007.

The match against Brazil will be the first time Britain have fielded an Olympic squad since they played Bulgaria in a qualifier in 1971 ahead of the Munich Olympics the following year. They last played in the finals in 1960.—INTERNET

Manchester United’s Ryan Giggs (R) hugs Gary Neville after being substituted for Neville during Neville’s testimonial soccer match against Juventus in Manchester, northern England, 24 May, 2011. REUTERS

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (8-7-2012)

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Kyiakkhumi (2.13) inches

Thousands visit battleship USS Iowa as museum opens in LA

The battleship USS Iowa approaches the Ilha Contessa causeway near the entrance to the Port of Los Angeles, where it will become a floating museum, in the San Pedro section of Los Angeles, California, on 9 June, 2012.

LeBron, Kobe return to US team for London

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Klitschko stops Thompson in round six

Title holder Vladimir Klitschko of Ukraine (L) exchanges blows with contender Tony Thompson of US in world heavyweight C’ship title fight in Bern on 7 July.

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