True patriotism

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President U Thein Sein receives Chief of Royal Thai Defence Forces and party

Nay Pyi Taw—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a delegation led by Chief of Royal Thai Defence Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 2.20 pm today.

Present at the call together with President U Thein Sein were Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, General Hla Htay Win of Commander-in-Chief’s Office, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min, Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and Director-General of the President Office U Min Zaw.

Chief of Royal Thai Defence Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn was accompanied by Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Pisanu Suvanajata.

At the call, they discussed strengthening of bilateral ties and mutual cooperation between armed forces of the two nations.

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Reshuffle of Deputy Ministers

According to Section 234, Sub-sections (a) and (d) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 16, Sub-section (b), paragraph (a) of the Union Government Law, the following deputy ministers were assigned at the respective Union ministries shown against each.

1. U Thant Shin Deputy Minister
   Ministry of President Office (1)

2. U Chan Maung Deputy Minister
   Ministry of Rail Transportation

3. U Win Shein Deputy Minister
   Ministry of Finance and Revenue

4. U Han Sein Deputy Minister
   Ministry of Transport

5. U Win Than Deputy Minister
   Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs

6. Dr Myo Myint Deputy Minister
   Ministry of Education

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
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Rainy season tree planting ceremony held in Thaton

Nay Pyi Taw—The Thaton Township Administrator, officials concerned, members of social organizations and local people participated in rainy season tree growing ceremony-2012 organized by Thaton Township General Administration Department of Mon State beside Thaton-Hpa-an Highway near Thayetmyinnaung village yesterday.

They grew 380 teak, eucalyptus, mahogany and Mazeli saplings.

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (9-7-2012)

- Sittway (4.76) inches
- Kyauktaw (4.69) inches
- Kawthoung (4.33) inches
- Lashio (3.66) inches
- MraukU (3.19) inches
- Putao (3.15) inches

Visitors communicate with a singing robot during the Robot Story Expo in Taipei, southeast China’s Taiwan, on 4 July, 2012.

Choi wins US Women’s Open by four shots

Oxfam won big when Federer won 7th Wimbledon title

Ted Potter Jr wins Greenbrier Classic in playoff
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| NAV Pyi Taw, 9 July— Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa received a delegation led by Mr Robert Caba of Advisor to Mrs. Catharine Ashton from the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy at Hluttaw Building Committee No.1 Guest Hall at 3 pm in Nay Pyi Taw. They frankly discussed matters related to responsibilities of hluttaw, drafting of bills and hluttaw affairs at the meeting. The meeting was also attended by Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Chairman U Hla Myint, MNA |

| NAV Pyi Taw, 9 July— Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa receives EU guests |

Construction Minister meets staff members of districts, townships of Shan State (South)

| NAV Pyi Taw, 9 July— Staffare to place emphasis on discharging their duties, to focus on development of road/bridge construction in state, district, township and sub-townships, pay special attention to the roads with limited loads for ensuring minimizing loss and damages of roads and bridges, supervise construction of BOT roads and quality of gravels, systematically spend funds on construction and urge service personnel to abide by code of conduct of civil service, said Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint in meeting with staff of Shan State (South), districts, townships and sub-townships at the meeting hall of Superintending Engineer in Taunggyi yesterday morning. |

State Minister for Transport U Sai Naw Khum, Chairman of Leading Body of Pa-O Self-Administered Zone |

YANGON, 9 July— Cash and kind donation for locals in Rakhine State continues |

| YANGON, 9 July— Cash and kind donation ceremony for locals in Rakhine State who lost their homes and possessions due to various reasons occurred recent unrest and suffered harsh troubles in Rakhine State continued at Maykhillaa Hall of Fire Services Department in Mayangon Township of Yangon Region here this morning. On the occasion, old students of Inya hostel |

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Bombs, clashes kill 35, including NATO troops, in Afghanistan

KABUL, 9 July—At least 35 people, including seven NATO soldiers, were killed in a string of roadside bombs and clashes on Sunday, one of the most violent days in the country for months.

As the NATO troops in the east, the coalition said without elaborating, after an insurgent attack in the south killed one foreign soldier.

Twenty-eight Afghan civilians and police were killed in southern Kandahar and Helmand provinces, officials said.

On the same day, major donors in Tokyo pledged $16 billion in development aid for Afghanistan over the next four years as they try to prevent it from sliding back into chaos after a recent tense period.

The Taleban said on Sunday that a roadside bomb had killed four American soldiers in eastern Logar Province, where Czech soldiers are based.

Antonis Samaras said in a speech before the confidence vote 

“We have been saying
the same thing repeatedly all along — the only way to avoid bankruptcy and an exit from the euro is through growth and investments.”

Obama team targets Romney over taxes, Republicans cry foul

WASHINGTON, 9 July—US President Barack Obama’s campaign and top Democrats on Sunday called on Mitt Romney to release more personal tax records and raised questions about his offshore assets that the Republican challenger’s campaign condemned as an “uneasy and disgusting” character assault.

Democrats and Republicans favored over the economy, but it was Romney’s offshore assets that Democrats seized on during the Sunday talk shows in their quest to portray him as a wealthy man out of touch with ordinary Americans.

“Americans need to ask themselves why does an American businessman need a Swiss bank account and secretive investments like that?” Schultz said.

Obama campaign adviser Robert Gibbs, on CNN’s “State of the Union,” called on Romney to release years of back tax records to allow scrutiny of his adherence to tax law. Asked whether Romney had broken the law, Gibbs said, “Well, we don’t know.” — Reuters

17 insurgents killed in Afghan raids

KABUL, 9 July— Afghan police, army and NATO-led coalition forces have killed 17 armed Taliban insurgents during 17 cleanup operations in different provinces within the past 24 hours, the country’s Interior Ministry said on Sunday morning.

During the cleanup operations, launched in Kunar, Laghman, Baghlan, Badakhshan, Kandahar, Zabul, Ghazni, Khost, Farah and Helmand provinces, four other Taliban insurgents were injured and two other suspects were arrested by the joint troops, the ministry said in a statement providing daily operational updates to media.

The joint forces also found and seized weapons, the statement said, without saying if there were any casualties on the side of security forces.

The Taleban insurgent group, which launched an annual spring offensive on 3 May, has yet to make comments.

However, the insurgents in retaliation responded by carrying out suicide attacks and roadside bombings especially in southern and eastern parts of the country—Xinhua

Air India flight makes emergency landing in Pakistan

NEW DELHI, 9 July—An Air India aircraft flying from Abu Dhabi to Delhi made an emergency landing at Pakistan’s Nawabshah airport in Sindh Province on Monday morning, said local TV channel Times Now.

The flight, with 136 passengers on board, made an emergency landing due to suspected hydraulic failure. All passengers are safe, said the report, showing TV footage of Pakistan’s Geo TV channel.

Air India is sending a relief aircraft with engineers from Delhi to Pakistan’s Nawabshah on Monday morning, said the report.

The captain of the Airbus aircraft contacted Pakistani authorities and sought permission for an emergency landing after detecting the problem with the hydraulic system, civil aviation authority spokesman Pervez George was quoted as saying.

The captain preferred to have the passengers remain on board as he had no alternatives, because tanker trucks running on an airport runway would have been a “dangerous and expensive” option, the report said.

The pilot had to fly the plane over Pakistan’s airspace and then over Indian airspace. The plane landed smoothly at the airport. —Xinhua

Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in Hanoi on 8 July, 2012. — Reuters

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Shores, euro slump on growth worry after weak US jobs

Tokyo, 9 July — Asian shares and the euro slumped on Monday as sluggish US jobs data and rising inflation in China deepened worries about slowing global economic growth and reinforced risk aversion ahead of a meeting aimed at defining steps to shore up Europe’s banks. The euro fell to a two-year low of $1.2225 in early Monday Asian trade, while commodity-linked currencies such as the Australian dollar and the New Zealand dollar, typically indicative of risk appetite, hit one-week lows. "What investors are most sensitive to right now is the risk of an economic deceleration around the world," said Tetsuo Iizuka, president of Commodities Asset Management.

The market is set to focus on China’s economic slowdown in particular, with second-quarter GDP figures on Friday expected to be at worst at least three years. MSCI’s broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan fell 0.9 percent after rising 1.6 percent for the first week of the third quarter. Japan’s Nikkei index ($N225) shed 0.8 percent while 10-year Japanese government bond futures jumped to their highest since October 2010 and the 10-year cash bond yield touched 0.790 percent to match a nine-year low hit on 4 June.

"Investors are pouring money into Japanese government bonds because they no longer feel certain about piling up Bunds due to increasing pressure on Germany to bear a greater burden for the euro zone’s problems," said I.ii. US employers added fewer new jobs than expected in June, sending global stocks lower on Friday and lifting borrowing costs in Spain above the critical 7 percent. The data may not prompt any immediate action, but it boosted the chances of the Federal Reserve launching a new round of monetary stimulus to boost growth, a poll showed.

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Japanese banks target Korean conglomerates for growth

Tokyo, 9 July — Japanese banks, facing sluggish loan demand at home, are increasingly targeting South Korea where conglomerates such as Samsung Electronics and Hyundai Motor are seeking funds to expand globally. With rival European lenders retreating as the region’s debt crisis heads towards its fourth year, some Japanese banks find themselves at a competitive advantage.

Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Mizuho Financial Group and Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group (SMFG), the country’s biggest banks, which have formed teams to track the funding needs of South Korean firms looking to build chip factories and auto assembly lines abroad.

"We have been studying their business and capital expenditure plans and chasing potential deals," well-placed sources. "Korean banks are on the rise.

In the year ended March 31, loans by the top three major banks in South Korea grew 28 percent to about 1.07 trillion yen ($13 billion)."— Reuters

On-screen smoking may turn teens onto cigarettes

New York, 9 July — Youth who watch a lot of movies with cigarette-smoking characters are more likely to try smoking themselves, researchers suggest in a new study on Monday. The report’s lead author said that the findings support the idea that it’s the smoking itself — and not the sex, profanity or violence that may go along with it in certain films — that influences youth to take up the habit. “Movie smoking seems to be just as impactful if it’s packaged in a PG-13 movie as opposed to an R movie,” said Dr James Sargent, from the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth in Lebanon, New Hampshire. "Truly think it’s cool" factor. The more they see it, the more they start to see ways that (smoking) might make them some sort of ‘movie star,” he told Reuters Health — even if the effect is subconscious. Sargent and his colleagues counted how many times a character was seen smoking in each of over 500 box-office hits from recent years. Then, they asked 6,500 UK kids ages 10-14 which of a random selection of 50 of those movies they’d watched.

The average “dose” of movie smoking was 273 scenes from films rated PG-13 and 93 scenes from R-movies, the researchers reported in Pediatrics.

New York Knicks’ Baron Davis grabs his right knee after suffering an injury while driving towards the basket in the second quarter of the Knicks’ win over the Miami Heat, in Game 4 of their NBA Eastern Conference basketball playoff series in New York, on 6 May, 2012. Reuters

Knee ligament injuries may be more common in men

Stockholm, 9 July — Men have a greater number of knee ligament injuries than women, despite research suggesting that women’s knees are more prone to anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) tears and surgeries to fix them, according to a Swedish study. The report, published in the American Journal of Sports medicine, counted the injuries across the entire Swedish population, not just among players of particular sports or in certain regions. The ACL is the key stabilizing ligament in the knee, and is most often injured in soccer and skiing. It has been estimated that 80,000 cruciate ligament injuries — the ACL — occur each year in the US. Despite such a prevalent injury, the causes are not well understood.

"The ACL is a band-like structure that connects the top of the tibia and the femur, forming a right angle that stabilizes the knee during movements such as jumping, cutting and pivoting," said lead investigator Dr Richard Gallo, professor of medicine at UCSD and Veterans Affairs San Diego Healthcare System, in a university news release.

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Using human skin cells and a mouse model, the investigators found that ultraviolet B radiation fractures and tangles elements of a special type of RNA that doesn’t directly make proteins, known as non-coding micro-RNA.

Babies in dog-owning families may be healthier

New York, 9 July — Dogs are no longer just man’s best friend: The furry family members may also protect infants against breathing problems and infections, a new study suggests. Researchers found that Finnish babies who lived with a dog or — to a lesser extent — a cat spent fewer weeks with ear infections, coughs or running noses. They were also less likely to need antibiotics than infants in pet-free homes. Dr Eija Bergroth from Kuopio University Hospital in Finland and colleagues said one possible explanation for that finding is that dirt and allergens brought in by animals are good for babies’ immune systems.

The researchers studied 397 infants who were born at their hospital between September 2002 and May 2005 for their first year. Parents filled out weekly diaries starting when the child was nine weeks old and then asked if their child had any infections. Overall, 56,659 people in Sweden tore a knee ligament during the study period. The researchers say that works out to an average of 78 years for every 100,000 Swedish citizens. — Reuters

A man walks past a stock index board outside a brokerage in Tokyo on 7 June, 2012. — Reuters

Sunburn may help rid body of radiation-damaged cells

San Diego, 9 July — In examining exactly what happens when skin gets sunburned, researchers studying human skin cells and mice found that sunburn is the result of RNA damage. The red and painful burn is an immune response triggered by this altered genetic material to remove sun-damaged cells, according to the study published in the 8 July online edition of Nature Medicine. Researchers from the University of California, San Diego (UCSD), suggested their findings could help scientists find a way to block this inflammatory process, which could have implications for a number of medical conditions and treatments, including psoriasis.

"For example, diseases like psoriasis are treated by UV (ultraviolet) light, but a big side effect is that this treatment increases the risk of skin cancer," lead investigator Dr Richard Gallo, professor of medicine at UCSD and Veterans Affairs San Diego Healthcare System, said in a university news release.

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Departmental personnel, local people participate in tree growing ceremony

Mandalay Region Hluttaw representative U Tin Oo, Township Administrator U Kyaw Aung Hsan and Head of Township Forest Department U Min Thein presented saplings to departmental officials, social organization members and local people. They planted saplings at the designated places.

Myanma Alin

Kyonyaw, 9 July—The rainy season tree growing ceremony was held on Kyonyaw-Inye rural road in Kyonyaw Township of Pyin Oo Lwin District in Ayeyawady Region on 1 July.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Than Sein, Staff Officer of Township Forest Department U Soe Yi, region in-charge U Kyaw Win Naing (forester) and staff, departmental personnel, members of social organization and local people planted 1020 saplings.

Myanma Alin

Cash donated to construction of library in Danubyu

YANGON, 9 July—A ceremony to donate cash to the fund for construction of Pyin Oo Lwin University Library in honour of retired headmaster U Sann Lwin was held in Sagagyi Village of Danubyu Township, Ayeyawady Region, on 28 June.

WOL Win Oo and wife Daw Phyu Phyu Htay and family of Mekitila donated K 900,000 to Chairman of library construction committee U Hla Hsan.

The library is under construction in front of the Basic Education High School in Sagagyi Village. The structure is 30 feet long and 20 feet wide. Those wishing to donate cash and book may dial 0949237373 of U Hla Hsan, 098581736 of U Kyin Hein, 098581738 of U Taik Soe, 098581676 of U Win Myint, 095061758 of U Kyi of Yangon and 094316927 of U Tin Yu (writer Saya Chit Ko Ko Yu).—Tin Htoo-MNA

In charge of library construction committee U Hla Hsan.

Trees planted in precinct of Okkalapa Pagoda

YANGON, 9 July—The rainy season tree growing ceremony was held in the precinct of Okkalapa Pagoda in South Okkalapa Township of Yangon Region on 2 July.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Khin Maung Htwe and departmental officials, the head of Township Forest Department and staff, Chairperson of Township Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Khin Thida and members, Maternal and Child Welfare Association members grew over 500 saplings.

This rainy season, South Okkalapa Township plans to grow 1670 saplings.—Myanma Alin

Paltheew paddy sown in Pantanaw

PANTANAW, 9 July—A ceremony to sow paddy seeds of high yield Paltheew hybrid paddy on three-acre farm of farmer U Tun Tun Naing was held in Kyongtaung edible paddy farm in Pantanaw Township on 30 June.

Staff Officer of District Agriculture Department U Myo Khant and Head of Township Agriculture Department U Win Nyunt educated the local farmers to apply good agricultural pattern.

They then demonstrated sowing of paddy seeds and replied to queries raised by local farmers.

Township Agriculture

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking observed in Kengtung

KENGTUNG, 9 July—A ceremony to mark the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was held at the city hall in Kengtung on 26 June.

DUTIES ASSIGNED: The annual duty assigning ceremony was held at Township General Administration Department in Insein Township on 6 July. Township Administrator U Tin Naing Soe assigns duties to Engineer of Township Electricity Supply Board U Aye Kyaw.—MYANNA ALIN

Duties assigned to Engineer of Township Electricity Supply Board U Aye Kyaw.

University of Computer Studies plants saplings

SHWEPYITHA, 9 July—Yangon North District General Administration Department and District Forest Department jointly organized the rainy season tree growing ceremony in the campus of University of Computer Studies in Shwepyitha Township on 4 July morning.

At the ceremony, Yangon Region Hluttaw representative U Maung Maung Win, Deputy Commissioner U Nay Lin of District General Administration Department, Assistant Director U Myint Thein Khang of District Forest Department, Rector of the university Dr Nilar Thein, township level departmental officials, faculty members and students participated in cultivation of 500 saplings at the designated places.—Myanma Alin

Best pass rate schools, outstanding students honoured in Bogale

BOGALE, 9 July—The prize presentation for outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2011–2012 academic year was held at the city hall in Bogale on 2 July.

At the ceremony, Region Minister for Social Affairs U San Maung delivered an address. The Township Education Officer reported on academic matters.

The region minister, the deputy commissioner and Township Administrator U Htin Kyaw presented prizes to the best pass rate schools and 156 outstanding students.
Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Chief of Royal Thai Defence Forces

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July— Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met with General Tanasak Patimapragorn, Chief of the Royal Thai Defence Forces, at Zeyathiri Beikman here this afternoon.

During the meeting, Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said that he believed that the visit of General Tanasak Patimapragorn would strengthen the friendship between the two countries and the need for cooperation for the future of the two countries and expressed his delight for success of peace negotiations and huge investment prospects in Myanmar. Thai armed forces helped a lot when the country was hit by flood last year and it was working not only for Thai people but also for disaster preparedness tasks in neighbouring countries, he added. To achieve success, the two armed forces should continue the bilateral cooperation, he suggested. The two countries helped each other reciprocally when Myanmar was hit by Cyclone Nargis and Thailand was hit by the flood, he added.

MoUs signed between Social Welfare Department and ten INGOs

The signing ceremony of MoU between Department of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and ten INGOs in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July— A ceremony to sign MoU between Social Welfare Department of Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and ten INGOs took place at Function Hall of Thingaha Relief and Resettlement and ten INGOs, spoke words of thanks.

Deputy Minister. Then, officials from INGOs exchanged MoU in the presence of the persons from ten INGOs signed and that, Director-General U Soe Kyi of Social Welfare Department of Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe took place at Function Hall of Thingaha Relief and Resettlement and ten INGOs, Department of Ministry of Social Welfare, and guests.

The two countries helped each other when the country was hit by the Cyclone Nargis and Typhoon Haiyan earthquake. General Tanasak Patimapragorn said that his visit was aimed at deepening the bond between the two armed forces and suggested to show the sincere friendship and cooperation between the two armed forces to the world. He also stressed the need for cooperation for the future of the two countries and expressed his delight for success of peace negotiations and huge investment prospects in Myanmar. Thai armed forces helped a lot when the country was hit by flood last year and it was working not only for Thai people but also for disaster preparedness tasks in neighbouring countries, he added. To achieve success, the two armed forces should continue the bilateral cooperation, he suggested. The two countries helped each other reciprocally when Myanmar was hit by Cyclone Nargis and Thailand was hit by the flood, he added.

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NAY PYI TAW, 9 July— The opening ceremony of middle level officer management course No.35 was held at Ketumati Hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township, Yangon Region, this morning. Union Civil Services Board member U Khin Maung Aye gave a speech. A total of 47 trainees at deputy director and assistant director levels from departments and enterprises under various ministries attended the four-week course.

Middle level officer management course opened

Thai detainees in safe, but to face charges

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July— Thai rubber growers detained for illegally operating rubber plantation in Myanmar’s territory are safe but actions will be taken against them. Myanmar army columns arrested the Thai people and seized arms and ammunition and vehicles when they combed an area between the villages of Nantong and Ywa-bay-lu in Khamaungyi branch township, Kawthoung Township, Taninthayi Region, on 4 July. They also discovered about 1000 acres of rubber plantations and an earthen road linking with the Thai territory.

Three huts and 500 acres of rubber plantation were also found the next day and the army columns arrested Thai nationals who illegally encroached on the farm land in Myanmar’s territory and seized arms and ammunition and vehicles from them. Up to July 7, the army columns have detained 61 Thai nationals including 52 men and nine women, five M-16s, two AR-15s, two AK-47s, five Winchester arms, three .36 revolvers, one .357 revolver, nine home-made long barrel guns, two home-made short barrel guns, one mine, one grenade, 42 rounds of 5.56 bullets, 11 rounds of AK-47 bullets, 36 rounds of .38 bullets, 125 rounds of bullets for homemade guns, 32 magazines, three bulldozers, 17 vehicles, five backhoes, 20 motorcycles and confiscated 1500 acres of rubber plantations.

The Thai detainees have encroached upon Myanmar’s territory and worked rubber farming on a commercial scale and held arms and ammunition for their security. There was no exchange of fires nor injured during the raids.

The detainees are in safe and Myanmar officials have already informed Thai officials about the detaining through diplomatic means, according to sources. Myanmar workers are working in neighbouring countries as migrant workers while nationals from neighbouring countries have come in Myanmar to work in the country. Myanmar nationals had faced charges of illegal migration in neighbouring countries under the law of the respective countries and the government has been standing by them in accordance with the law.
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according to law, and whether necessary orders and instructions have been issued for legal mining on manageable scale for people living in Chin State.

The Union Minister for Mines U Thein Hlaik replied that gold and mineral mining on manageable scale is not allowed in consideration of ecological conservation, prevention against extinction of riverss and creeks and soil erosion and accuracy of gold production volume of the country, a plan to carry out extraction will be carried out in line with procedures, rules and regulations.

Longchin, Phakant regions of Kachin State was designated as Longchin, Phakant gems region, Mohnyin region as Mawlu Minya gems region by the Mines Ministry. Work permits for raw gems mining are granted to national entrepreneurs-owned companies and cooperatives in those regions in accord with the related committees. Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung replied the question of Daw Za Talam about the plan to construct airport and run flights, and the question of U Aung Kyaw of Nyangpun Constituency about whether there is a plan to make measures against bank erosion in Hse model village.

Regarding the first question, the Union Minister replied that the proposed site for the airport is seven miles northwest of Haka and 17.5 miles north and one mile west of the place the Transportation Ministry had made surveyed. Generally, it can be assumed that the possibility is low as the proposed site is near the place the ministry had conducted survey. Nevertheless, the ministry would conduct survey on the proposed site and present the report to Pyithu Hluttaw Office.

With regard to the second question, the Union minister replied that three 100-foot gravel-filled diversion embankments are to be built upstream Hse (model) village with 150 feet long distance among them to be able to change the water course and slow down the current of water course with the aim of preventing bank erosion and flood at Uyndaw Creek in Hse (model) village of Ngayhtahauk Sub-Township. Moreover, it is necessary to maintain the Irrigation Department and cut the trees in creek. At present, the Irrigation Department plans to build five 100-foot gravel-filled diversion embankment with measurement of 2000 feet long, eight feet high, 32 feet wide of base area and 2000 feet long distance among them to be able to control water current of water course with the aim of 150 feet long distance among them to be able to prevent the industrial zone management committee and MCDG. Respective industrial zones and MCDG is making arrangements for preventive measures against harmfulness of waste depending technology, fund and geographical condition.

As such, the industrial projects, factories and urban special task force constituted by the Environmental Conservation Committee will cooperate with MCDG and Industrial Supervision and Inspection Department of the Ministry of Industry to control waste from various factories including industrial zones and to conserve environs of factories. Deputy minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint replied the questions raised by U Thein Nyan of Tingyangpun Constituency on “there is any plan to grant amnesty” and by U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency on “there is any plan to guarantee the life of squatters”.

With respect to the first question, the deputy minister said that Insein Township Court sentenced Prisoner Maung Aye Aung son of U Than Sein who is serving his prison terms in Kalay jail, to 59 years jail terms in connection with Section 5 (3) of Emergency Act, Section 7 and 204 of Printers and Publishers Registration Act and Section 17 (1) of Unlawful Association Act. On 3 July, 2012, 46 local prisoners—37 males and 9 females—were released in accord with the Section 204 of the Act. The aim of maintaining amity and friendship between two countries and for the sake of social ground, a number in 34 was granted for foreign prisoners. Among these prisoners was Maung Aye Aung.

With respect to the second one, Region/State Whip raised the question of handling problems by carrying out the establishments of new towns and villages and urban and town planning and supervision, management Section Para (b) of Chart 2, Para 8 of the Section 188 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Mawlay City Development Department and Housing Development, based on the situations.

At the report-discussion session, Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee’s report submitted at the second session, was discussed Daw Tin Nwe Oo of Dagon Myothit (North) Constituency and Dr Win Myint of Hline Constituency. They discussed that Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee adopted a discipline to scrutinize the values of projects, the fact that the proposal on budget should be submitted in October and November yearly six months from the start of the hllawtus, was a need for systematic integration of projects and budgets. As such, the Public Accounts Committee’s report submitted by the committee’s report, and Hluttaw decided to approve it.

U Ye Tun of Hsipaw Constituency and U Win Myint of Pathein Constituency discussed the report of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee’s report submitted at the second session.

In drafting Pyithu Hluttaw Bill, Committee and Commission formed by Pyithu Hluttaw are Union-Level.

Constitutional Tribunal has reached the verdict that designating of Committee and Commission formed by Hluttaws as Union levels is not in accord with the Constitution. Due to that, to pass Pyithu Hluttaw Bill has reached a deadlock. So, Hluttaw representatives should find the way to overcome this plight.

At that, member of Hluttaw Rights Committee U Paik Htway submitted the proposal on approval of committee’s report, and Hluttaw decided to approve it at U Thang Hn Tun of Yenmaihn Constituency and U Zaw Tun of Labutta Constituency discussed the Pyithu Hluttaw Government’s Guarantees, Pledges and Undertaking Vetting Committee’s report submitted at the second day session.

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The date on which the Bill will be discussed will be announced later. The representatives who want to discuss are to submit their names in the evening. At the Bill-Submission Session, member U Myint Shwe of Pyithu Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee submitted Myanmar Language Commission Bill. Then, member U Stephen of Bill Committee explained the Bill Committee’s report.

According in accord with the Constitution (2008) of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, UN human rights agreements, UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and UN Convention on the Disabled Rights. With respect to that proposal, Hluttaw decided that Hluttaw would monitor it and put on record, and the proposal will be approved so as to draft the law within the designated period.

At the proposal-submitting session, U Phayansako of Pekhon Constituency discussed the proposal submitted by U Hlay Maung of Saw Constituency on drawing country-level plans on in which years townships would get better town-to-town roads and electricity supply, Pyithu Hluttaw decided to accept and discuss it. And Hluttaw announced that the representatives who want to discuss are to submit their names in the evening.

At the bill-approval session, amended para and sub-para of Examination Board Bill 2012 (submitted by Pyithu Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee) was discussed by Bill Committee and respective para and sub-para of amended proposals, by Dr Daw Aye Myint of Shweleung Constituency, Dr Soe Moe Aung of Bilin Constituency, U Stephen of Kengtang Constituency and U Saw Hla Tun of ChaungU Constituency, U Aung Mya Than of Nyangpungu Constituency, U Soe Yal of Dimaawho Constituency and Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu explained the facts about it.

Hluttaw decided to approve the amended para and sub-para of the Bill. At the meeting, eight questions were raised, three reports discussed, one proposal discussed, one new proposal submitted. The meeting came to an end at 3.50 pm and the fifth day session is at 10 am tomorrow.

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...without legal basis. The instruction has been enforced against collection of rent on pasture and running pasture on profit-sharing basis. Minbya Township GAD, under the instruction of Sirway GAD has summoned 9 farmers on behalf of those 36 farmers on 8-6-2012 and instructed them to retain the 85.87 acres of pasture in field No. 1349 as it is.

Regarding the second question, the deputy minister replied that Kkyetey Village previously was located in Taungyintan and were moved to current place when anti-insurgent operation was launched. Currently, the village has a monastery, a basic education primary school and a rural health care center with drinking water lakes and is accessible by vessel and vdlc.

Under the instruction of the state government in response to request of some Kyetey villagers for moving back the old village, a team led by Minbya Township Development Affairs Committee learned the conditions on the ground and it was found that 33 years have elapsed since the village moved to the current place from the old one and it has adequate health care, education transportation facilities. It would be required to construct roads, drinking water lake and basic education primary school and monastery if it was to be moved back. So the team suggested the village should remain in the current place.

Taking finding, suggestion and recommendation of the team into account, the Rakhine State is preparing to ask the wishes of the villagers and the report of the team would be submitted to the President Office.

Regarding the question of U Hla Swe of Magway Region Constituency No. 12 about if there is plan to designate Samnoy, Thintaw, Kokka, Tawin villages in Gangaw Township, Government of Myanmar has made field trips to those villages so as to check their status and found them with necessary foundations to stand independently. Magway Region government also agreed the formation of those villages as independent village-tracts. The Township Administration concerned would have to file the request attached with the wishes of respective villagers in black and white to the President’s Office through the region government.

Regarding the question of Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No. 8 about whether the government has adopted employment policy as it is undertaking poverty alleviation scheme and the actions of the Union government to make sure the standard working conditions for workers, Union Minister for Labour Aung Kyi replied that the Union government already has employment policy and is implementing it systematically. Myanmar is a member of ILO and there are only three main points in ILO Convention 122, Employment Policy Convention 1964 to guarantee jobs for those seeking jobs, to guarantee a job to be productive as much as possible, to guarantee choices for jobseekers, which can be realized through suitable means and ways depending on the condition of and economic performance of a nation.

The government has articulated the seven-point employment policy and the Lanour Ministry is taking measures toward those goals formulating laws of international practice.

Regarding the second question, the Union Minister replied that there were 851 cases of labour disputes, all of which were settled in coordination with employers, employees and government departmental officials and compensations were paid to the employees.

A total of 90 factories were reported to face labour disputes from 1 May to 30 June 2012, but latter agreement was reached on all the cases. Beginning the second week of June, civil society participated in labour dispute settlements in addition to government, employers and employees. Aung Kyi added that there are disagreement and disputes between the employers and employees, but organizations at different levels act as arbiter to settle and reduce the disputes.

Regarding the question of U Paal Lwin of Chin State Constituency No. 9 about if there is plan to construct sub microwave station in Matupi and Yangon. The Hluttaw agreed to formulate a law for agriculture cooperatives as the government has allowed cooperatives to run businesses for national economic growth.

A Hlutaw representative seconded his proposal. The Hlutaw agreed to discuss the proposal and called for registration of MPs wishing to discuss the proposal.

Int'l drug illumination museum.—MNA

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Chinese delegation led by Minister of the Public Security of the People’s Republic of China arrives in Yangon

State Councillor and Minister of the Public Security of PRC Mr. Meng Jianzhu and party at drug elimination museum.—MNA

Yangon, 9 July—A Chinese delegation led by Minister of the Public Security of the People’s Republic of China Mr. Meng Jianzhu arrived here by air at 4:10 pm today. They were warmly welcomed by Yangon Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Tin Win, Vice Chief, Yangon Police Force Brig-Gen Zaw Win and officials and Chinese Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Li Jinhua at Yangon International Airport.

They went to the Shwedagon Pagoda, paid homage to the replica of the pagoda and signed the visitors’ book.

They offered flowers, lights to the Buddha images at the prayer hall before the pagoda, and made a donation through Yangon Police Force Brig-Gen Zaw Win and officials and Chinese Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Li Jinhua at Yangon International Airport.

By Construction

Nav Pyi Taw, 9 July—Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin inspected paving the way between mile post Nos. 30/3 and 3/1 and maintaining along Satarka-Danburya-Zalan-Bhaya road on 7 July. He then made a closer inspection of maintenance and approach road at Payinover-crossing bridge near milepost No. 5540.

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Myanmar delegation attends

Myanmar-Thai Joint Border Committee’s meeting

Nav Pyi Taw, 9 July—Chairman of Myanmar-Thai Joint Border Committee Mr. Aung Kyi attended the informal meeting of the Myanmar-Thai Joint Border Committee meeting held in Kanchanaburi through Myanmar-Thai Joint Border Committee Chairman Mr. U Tin Hlaing and Ms. Aung San Suu Kyi. The meeting was carried out for demarcation work at the border areas, as well as maintenance of the boundary posts.

On 8 July morning, the delegation, accompanied by Director-General of the Survey Department U Than Hlaing, Acting Director-General U Aung Nyunt of the Consular and Legal Department arrived back Yangon by air.—MNA
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Technological University (Thanlyin) holds traffic rules talks

Yangon, 9 July—A talk on traffic rules was given to bus line representatives, drivers and bus conductors of ferries plying to Technological University (Thanlyin) at the convocation of the university on 28 June morning.

At first, Rector of Technological University (Thanlyin) Dr Kathy Lwin made a speech. In-charge of Thanlyin Township Traffic Police Force SIP Naing Lin Tun of Yangon South Enforcement Supervisory Committee and Head of Admin Department U Maung Maung Win of Technological University (Thanlyin) gave talks on traffic rules and disciplines for pedestrians.

Later, the rector gave necessary instructions. 

Agricultural loans disbursed to farmers in Wetlet Township

Wetlet, 9 July—Zeyathiri Foundation held the disbursement ceremony for the second time to members of Agricultural Cooperative Society of Thana Village in Wetlet Township of Shwebo District, Sagaing Region, on 28 June morning with the aim of ensuring rural development and alleviation of poverty. At the Dhammyawin of the village, Village administrator U Chit Yu explained the benevolence of the State over the farmers and Chairman of the society U Aung Nyein poverty alleviation.

Staff Officer of Township Cooperative Department U Mar presented agricultural loans to farmers. On the occasion, a total of 168 farmers got K 14.64 million loans. —Township Cooperative

Meeting to cast Bayintnaung Station held in Einme

Einme, 9 July—A coordination meeting on construction of monument for Naungyoe Battle and Bayintnaung Statue in Einme was held at Shwe Ein Yadana Home for the Aged in Einme on 1 July.

At the meeting, Township Administrator U Yazar Win made a speech. Writer cum film director U Aung Soe talked about spirit of Naungyoe and its location, Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Historical Commission Dr Toe Hla historical evidences and assessment for Naungyoe, Chairman of Einme Township Association Sayagyi Tun of Yangon South Police Force SIP Naing Lin Tun of Yangon South Enforcement Supervisory Committee and Head of Admin Department U Maung Maung Win of Technological University (Thanlyin) held talks on technology of cultivation for monsoon paddy for 2012-2013 and sowing of Palethwe hybrid paddy seeds were held at the farm of farmer U Maung Htay in Kyaukmanaw Village-tract in Labutta Township of Labutta District on 2 July morning.

After that, Deputy Head of Ayeyawady Region Agriculture Department U Hla Wai, in-charge of the region land utilization U Han Nyunt and Head of Labutta District Agriculture Department U Soe Myint broadened horizon of local farmers how to grow paddy and gave Palethwe hybrid paddy seeds to local farmers.

Merit shared for construction of new school building

Minin, 9 July—The merit-sharing ceremony for Thakhaikari two-storey building was held in Ugyi Village of Tinbat Village-tract in Minning Township of Sagaing Region on 1 July morning. The structure was built with the contributions of the local people.

At first, the congregation offered alms to members of the Sangha. Afterwards, the rector gave necessary instructions. 

HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT DONATED: Dr Jonathan Chang MD & Veronica Chang (USA) donated two Pulmonometers and two Defibrillators for Ambulance of Myanmar Medical Association on 3 July. Chairman of the association Prof U Kyaw Myint Naing and members committee accept the donation. —MYANMA ALIN

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Rainy season tree growing ceremony held in Maukmai

Maukmai, 9 July—The rainy season tree growing ceremony was held along Hshion-Meditation Centre Road was held in Maukmai Township of Lashio District in Shan State on 30 June with an address by Township Administrator U Tin Maung Soe.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Tin Maung Soe and in-charge of Township Forest Department U Zaw Nyo presented saplings to departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people.

Those present at the ceremony then planted 600 teak saplings. —Kyemon

Monsoon paddy technology shared, sowing of Palethwe hybrid paddy held

Labutta, 9 July—The talks on technology of cultivation for monsoon paddy for 2012-2013 and sowing of Palethwe hybrid paddy seeds were held at the farm of farmer U Maung Htay in Kyaukmanaw Village-tract in Labutta Township of Labutta District on 2 July morning.

Collective tree growing ceremony held in Singu

Singu, 9 July—Singu Township Women’s Affairs Organization held the rainy season tree growing ceremony in the compound of Singu Basic Education High School at 7 am on 30 June.

Myanmar Women’s Day Observed in Yamethin

Yamethin, 9 July—The ceremony to mark Myanmar Women’s Day was observed at Anawrahta Hall of Basic Education High School in Yamethin Township on 3 July.

At first, Chairperson of District Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Htar Htun made a speech. Next, Chairperson of Township Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Yi Yi Thaung explained duty of women to preserve Myanmar traditions. Later, officials presented prizes to the winners in the high and middle school level essay contests. —Myanmar Alin

Sports gear, computer donated to BEMS branch in Okpo

Okpo, 9 July—A ceremony to donate school uniforms to primary students and sports gear, 10 computers and fax phone was held at Lathagon Basic Education Middle School Branch of Okpo Township, Thayawady District, Bago Region on 5 July morning.

At first, Township Administrator U Aung Thu delivered an address.

After that, wellwisher U Thaung-Daw Kyi Win (Aung Thanung Co., Ltd Yangon Transformer) and family presented donations. Headmaster Sayagi U Soe Myint accepted the donations.

A student spoke words of thanks on the occasion.

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France eyes structural change to save auto sector

PARIS, 9 July—France will not let its auto industry collapse and plans to unveil structural measures to help the struggling sector stay afloat, French Finance Minister Pierre Moscovici said on Sunday, as the threat of closure looms over a major producer.

Moscovici said a plan to save the auto sector, which was first floated this week by Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault, would be unveiled in the next month, including job-saving solutions for a Peugeot PSA factory near Paris.

“We will have to take measures in the coming month,” he told BFM news television. “There will be a plan for the auto industry, we will not abandon the automobile industry.”

“We have trust in PSA and we will find solutions that are both balanced and respectful of jobs.”

He said there could touch on high labour costs and rigid contracts which French auto constructors say make them less competitive, he added: “We will also need structural measures for this industry, which is in a strategic position.”

Moscovici, whose home constituency is in France’s industrial east, home to automobile producers, has taken a keen interest in the sector’s fate as declining European car sales force France’s remaining car makers to slash costs.

He presided over the ACSIA group of carmaking regions which published a report in late June calling for a “new deal” to save the car industry by reporting less French production toward smaller vehicles and taxing big polluters.

The plan would have to come in time for a Peugeot PSA works council meeting this month, at which company executives are expected to announce the closure of its plants at Aulnay-sous-Bois, near Paris, union officials said.

The plant employs some 3,500 people, with an additional 10,000 subcontractors.

A Symbol of industrial decline, France’s car sector lies at the heart of a debate on restoring French competitiveness ahead of a summit on social affairs next week, as hard-line union CGT warns about an upcoming wave of 75,000 job cuts.

Cold snap kills 16 in Chile’s capital

SANTIAGO, 9 July—Freezing temperatures in Chile’s capital Santiago claimed more lives on Sunday, raising the number of cold-related deaths to 16.

Sunday’s first victim died at 1 am local time on La Paz Street, in the capital’s downtown area, and a second victim died around the same time some five blocks from the government palace of La Moneda, officials said.

The second victim was a 50-year-old man found lying under a tree, in a makeshift shelter with a roof and mattress. Both victims were presumed to have been homeless people who succumbed to hypothermia.

The lowest temperature so far this winter was recorded in Chile around dawn on Sunday, when the mercury fell to 21 degrees F (-6.1 degrees C).

The government has opened 73 temporary shelters around the country for the homeless sleeping in the streets, and also established a toll-free telephone number which people can call to alert shelters of the location of the homeless people, so officials can go to pick them up.

According to official figures, some 12,550 Chileans are homeless, among which 765 are minors.

China’s inflation eases to 29-month low

BEIJING, 9 July—China’s Consumer Price Index (CPI), a main gauge of inflation, has eased to a 29-month low driven by falling food prices, leaving the government enough time to introduce more pro-growth measures to boost the slowing economy.

The CPI grew 2.2 percent year on year in June, the slowest pace since January 2010, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) announced on Monday.

It eased from May’s 3 percent and April’s 3.4 percent.

Compared with the previous month, it edged down 0.6 percent, according to the NBS.

The first six months of 2012, the CPI climbed 3.3 percent compared with the same period of last year.

Food prices, which account for nearly one-third of the weighting, saw the calculation of China’s CPI, increased 3.8 percent last month from one year earlier, down from 6.4 percent in May.

According to the NBS, pork prices fell 12.2 percent year on year in June, eggs declined 3.6 percent, while vegetable prices increased 12.1 percent due to ongoing rains across the country.

In addition to food prices, easing wholesale prices at the factory gate due to over-capacity in a few industries and waning imported inflation also explained the slowing CPI, said Yao Jingyuan, a researcher from the Councilor’s Office of the State Council, or China’s cabinet.

The Producer Price Index (PPI), a main gauge of inflation at the wholesale level, fell 2.1 percent in June from year earlier. It was the lowest reading since December 2009.

Commodity prices like crude oil and iron ore moved mildly this year, as the prolonged debt crisis in the Eurozone and the sluggish world economy sapped demand for goods.

Yao predicted such trends will continue in the second half of this year, keeping China’s CPI away from effects of the imported inflation.

With a bumper grain harvest and steady supply of vegetables and eggs, bringing the yearly inflation within China’s 4-percent target is out of sight, he added.

While the slowing CPI bodes well for consumers, it ignited fears of deflation, as many believe macro-economic data for June that is due for release on Friday will point to a further slowdown of the world’s second-largest economy.

One soldier killed in landmine explosion in eastern Turkey

ANKARA, 9 July—One soldier of the Turkish security forces was killed and another injured in a landmine explosion, believed to have been planted by the banned Kurdistan Workers’ Party (PKK), in eastern Turkey on Sunday, local newspaper Today’s Zaman reported on its website.

The incident occurred during a military operation against the PKK in Tunceli Province after a group of PKK members set up a truck fire on the province over the weekend, said the report.

A special gendarmerie died and a soldier was injured in the landmine explosion while carrying out the military operation.

The PKK, listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the United States and the European Union, took up arms in 1984 in an attempt to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey.

Since then over 40,000 people have been killed in conflicts involving the group.

Mexico condemns fatal shooting over border by US agent

MEXICO CITY, 9 July—The Mexican government on Sunday condemned the fatal shooting of a Mexican citizen by a US Border agent over the US border.

The victim was hit by a single bullet on Saturday, close to the Tomates-Veterans border crossing in Matamoros, over the river from Brownsville, Texas, Mexico’s Foreign Relations Ministry said in a news release.

The shot was fired by a US Border Patrol agent, the ministry said in the release.

“The Mexican government has reiterated that the disproportionate use of lethal force in immigration control is unacceptable under any circumstances,” it said.

Officials for the Border Patrol were not immediately available for comment.

According to media in Brownsville, an agent reported that he had fired in response to rocks being thrown over the border.

Job market takes turn for the worse—survey

LONDON, 9 July—The national labour market took a turn for the worse in June as employers lacked the confidence to hire staff, indicating that the pace of decline suggests this is not a mere blip, it said.

The number of temporary placements declined for the seventh month running while both average salaries for permanent staff and wages for temporary employees remained broadly unchanged.

Bernard Brown, partner and head of business services at KPMG said the survey came as a sobering reminder of the weak economic situation: “The real worry is that the acceleration in the pace of decline suggests this isn’t a mere blip,” he said.

“If this trend were to continue, there’s a very real chance we could hit a 3 million unemployed figure in the UK in the not too distant future,” he said.

The number of people without a job on the ILO measure fell by 31,000 in the three months to April to 3.615 million, though the number of those claiming unemployment benefit ticked up in May.
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**IKEA last month asked Indian permission to launch retail operations there, promising to invest $1 billion over the coming years—part of a broader push into emerging markets including China and Russia. IKEA’s request gave a vital boost to India’s government which hailed it as a sign that global investor confidence “is still intact” despite a sharply slowing economy, a slew of corruption scandals and suffocating red tape.

But now New Delhi’s assurance that the world’s biggest furniture retailer seeks new markets for its flat-pack furnishings.

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Treme Brass Band singer Lionel Batiste
deat at 81

NEW ORLEANS, 9 July—Lionel Batiste, the vocalist, bass drummer and assistant leader of the Treme Brass Band, has died. He was 81.

Fans of the HBO series “Treme” (truh-MAY) may not have known Batiste by name, but they often saw him close up. He was the skinny guy with the big drum in the band, one of the acts regularly featured on the show.

Family and others close to Batiste were with him when he died Sunday at the Ochsner Health System’s hospital just outside New Orleans, said Batiste’s daughter, Karen Williams.

Batiste, known as “Uncle Lionel,” had been ill for about a month, said band leader Benny Jones Sr. He said Batiste had been with the band since it was formed in 1995, but had played bass drum since childhood.

Batiste used his drum to stay afloat in the floods after Hurricane Katrina, Clarinetist Michael White said.

“The water kept rising,” White said. “He couldn’t swim. The water was too high for him to walk out. He saved himself by floating out on top of his bass drum.”

Batiste’s singing voice was “somewhere between blues and old-time gospel, kind of raspy but with a nice quality to it,” White said.

In this 17 Feb, 2006 file photo, Uncle Lionel Batiste, foreground with umbrella, dances during the Krew of Treme Brass Band singer Lionel Batiste
deat at 81

R&B’s Anthony Hamilton among Essence Fest closers

NEW ORLEANS, 9 July—For years, R&B singer Anthony Hamilton has packed the smaller stages at the Essence Music Festival. This year, though, Hamilton scored a closing Sunday night spot on the festival’s main stage, something he’s been seeking ever since he got a taste of the event.

“So many years have gone by with me wanting to be on that stage,” Hamilton told The Associated Press. “This is such a huge accomplishment for me that didn’t come easily.”

The Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin, wearing a flowing tangerine-colored dress, opened her show with “(Your Love has Lifted me) Higher and Higher” “Natural Woman” and “Think.” Midway through her performance, she left the stage so the festival could pay special tribute to her life and career as part of a ceremony where she received her Power Award. A video montage and brief history of her career was played for the audience before she returned wearing an olive- and gold-colored dress.

“We honor Ms Aretha Franklin for having the greatest voice of all time,” said Michelle Ebanks, president of Essence Communications Inc.

Lt Gov Jay Dardenne and New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu recognized Franklin’s longevity in the industry and talent with awards from the state and city.

“You are the essence of Essence,” Dardenne said.

Franklin thanked them all “for these very wonderful and significant awards” and then returned to the music with her hit “Chain of Fools.” She also played piano on several of songs, including “Bridge Over Troubled Water.”

At the end of her performance, R&B superstar Chaka Khan returned for an encore show that included the newly comprised R&B Divas — Faith Evans, Nicci Gilbert, Monifah Carter, Syleena Johnson and Keke Wyatt — who paid tribute to the R&B artists who died during the past year, including Whitney Houston.

Backed by a full band, Franklin entertained the audience after Hamilton’s high-energy set that included most of his songs, opening the show with “Sucka For You,” “Cool,” and “Comin’ From Where I’m From.”
Choi wins US Women's Open by four shots

KOHLER, (Wis.), 9 July — South Korea's Choi Na-yeon survived a tumultuous four-hole stretch after the turn to win her first major title by four shots at the US Women's Open in Kohler, Wisconsin on Sunday. A commanding six-stroke lead of the three-shot pack overnight, Choi triple-bogeyed the 10th and did well to salvage pars at the 12th and 13th before regaining momentum to close with one-over-par 73 at Blackwolf Run. The 24-year-old birdied the 15th and 16th in dazzling sunshine and shrugged off a bogey at the last for a seven-under total of 281, finishing four ahead of fellow Korean and playing partner Amy Yang (71). World number five Choi embraced her caddie in delight before being showered in champagne by her countrymen after becoming the sixth Korean to win the US Women's Open, and the fourth in the last eight years. After being presented with the championship's medal and the glittering US Women's Open trophy, Choi was askedgreater length how she had recovered from her triple-bogey at the 10th.

Asked to forget it from there, she smiled and said: "And then I had a really good (birdie) bounceback on 11. I also had a really good save for par on 12 so I got some momentum from 11 and 12 and that's how I kept going until the 18th hole." With her US Women's Open trophy, Choi emulated fellow Koreans Pak Se-ri (at Blackwolf Run in 1998), Birdie Kim (2005), Park In-bee (2009), and Ryu So-yeon (2011). "Actually before Se-ri won in 1998, my dream was just being a professional golfer," said Choi, who projected to climb to second in the world rankings on Monday.

"But after I watched her (win), she really inspired me to be a LPGA player. So I really appreciate what Se-ri did before and she is a legend in Korea. Five-times major champion Pak, whose victory here 14 years ago sparked the Korean surge

Federer beats Murray for 7th Wimbledon, 17th major

WIMBLEDON, 9 July — A Grand Slam title drought did indeed end in Sunday's history, and riveting final at Wimbledon final, only it was Roger Federer's lengthy-for-18-months drought that finally came to a close, rather than Britain's 76-year wait for a homegrown women's champion. Making sure everyone knows he is still as capable as ever of brilliance on tennis court — and, with a roof overhead — Federer came out the slightly better in 10-3, 4-6, 7-6, 6-4 and 6-2 on Centre Court for a record-tying seventh championship at the All England Club.

"It feels nice," Federer said, clutching the gold trophy. "Finally Pete Sampras has held as many times in the modern era. "It's like it never left me." The victory also increased Federer’s record total to 17 major titles after being stuck on 16 for 2½ years, and claimed a return to the top of the ATP Rankings, overtaking Novak Djokovic after an absence of a little more than two years. After a 286th week at No.1 ties Sampras for the most in history.

"He doesn’t want to stop now. He knows he’s going to continue to play well and try to break seven, and he could very well end up with eight or nine Wimbledon," Sampras said in a telephone interview. "I just think he’s much better than the other guys on grass. He’s been the court that I loved that court. He’s a great champion, a classy champion, and I’m really happy for him." After a record seven consecutive Wimbledon finals from 2003-09, winning the first six, Federer lost in the quarterfinals in 2010 and 2011, then wasted twomatch points and a two-set lead against Djokovic in the US Open semifinals last year, raising questions about whether he might be slipping.

"A couple tough moments for me the last couple years, I guess," Federer said. "So I really almost didn’t try to picture myself with the trophy or try to think too far ahead, really." After losing in the semifinals each of the previous three years, Murray was the first British man to reach the final at Wimbledon since Bunny Austin in 1938, and was trying to become the host’s first male title winner since Fred Perry in 1936.

Alas, Murray dropped out to 4-in Grand Slam finals, three against Federer. Only one other man lost the first four major title matches of his career: Ivan Lendl, who is coaching Murray now and sat in his guest box with chin planted on left palm, as expressionless as he was during his playing career. While Lendl never did win Wimbledon, perhaps Murray can take solace from knowing his coach did end up with eight Grand Slam titles.

Didier Deschamps, right, congratulates Roger Federer of Switzerland with his trophy following the men’s singles final match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, England, on 8 July, 2012. — Internet

Poland win maiden World League title

SOCHAWSK, 9 July — Poland clinched their maiden World League title in Warsaw on Sunday. The World League is an annual competition for the top teams in the world, traditionally taking place in July.

Andrea Anastasi told a news conference afterwards, "we earned the $1 million cash prize." He added, "the first gold medal for Poland in the World League and the best coach and team is this important for us." Although Poland have only won two tournaments since 2007, Poland have been a consistent team, finishing in the top three in each of the last three editions of the World League. The victory was Poland's first in the World League, and their first major success since 2009, when they won the bronze medal at the World Cup.

The Polish team have been consistent in their recent performances, finishing second in the 2010 World League, and third in the 2011 edition. They defeated France, Spain and Argentina in the group stages, before beating Ukraine in the quarter-finals, 3-0, and host Czech Republic in the semi-finals, 3-1. The final against Brazil was a thriller, with Poland Emerging victorious with a 3-2 scoreline.

Poland's World League victory was a testament to their hard work and dedication. The team have been working hard to improve their performance, and it paid off in the end. They have been consistent in their performances, and their hard work has paid off in the end.
**Focus Myanmar TV Programme**

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-Philosophy
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10. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
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12. Sweet Melody
5:40 pm
13. Documentary
6:35 pm
14. Sing A Song
8:00 pm
15. News
8:40 pm
16. Bakery World
17. TV Drama Series

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**Tour de France: French youngster Pinot wins eighth stage**

**PORENTRUY, Switzerland, 9 July—Thibaut Pinot, the youngest rider in the Tour de France, presented the French with their first stage victory in this year’s edition after winning the hilly 157.3km Belfort-Porentruy eighth stage on Sunday. The 22-year-old, born near Belfort, attacked in the last of seven climbs to cross the line on his own after the Tour crossed the mountainous French border into Switzerland. Pinot finished 26 seconds ahead of a group that included a host of Tour favorites, leaving defending champion Cadel Evans in second place and Frenchman Tony Gallopin third.

The Frenchman held his nerve during the descent off Col de Creux which saw a chasing pack catching up with the leaders. British rider Bradley Wiggins emerged as the leader of this second pack, seeing off a downhill pursuit from the doughty Italian Vincenzo Nibali as well as polka-dot jersey wearer Chris Froome. Froome eventually gave up his polka dots to the Swedish rider Fredrik Kessiaikoff, who starts Monday’s stage as King of the Mountains. Wiggins’ fourth place was enough for him to retain the yellow jersey.—Reuters

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**Weather forecast for 10th July, 2012**

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**Revenue matters explained in Muse**

**Muse, 9 July—Township Internal Revenue Department of Ministry of Finance and Revenue held the talks on matters related to revenue at the city hall in Muse Township of Muse District in Shan State on 29 June. It was attended by the deputy commissioner of Muse District General Administration Department, district level officials, township level departmental personnel, merchants of Muse-Namkham Border Trade Merchant Association, entrepreneurs of beans and pulses, maize, sesame and fruit brokers and stores, restaurants, hotels and inn.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner U Moe Hein made an opening address.

On the occasion, Deputy Commissioner U Moe Hein said, “To be able to participate in such an important occasion is a great honour and scoring makes it even more special,” Fred said after the match.—Reuters

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**Webber passes Alonso late on to win British GP**

**SILVERSTONE, 9 July—Red Bull driver Mark Webber won the British Grand Prix on Sunday, overtaking Fernando Alonso to move closer to his rival in the race for the Formula One championship. In dry conditions after two days of rain caused chaos and on and off the Silverstone track, Webber pursued pole-sitter Alonso from the start and finally passed the Ferrari driver on lap 48 of 52.

“Fernando Alonso had very good pace, we had the better strategy in the end,” Webber said. “We never gave up, we kept pushing and it did not work out in the end for Fernando. Webber pulled with 13 points of Alonso with his second victory in this unpredictable season. Alonso is the only other driver to win more than once in 2012. “We were controlling the race more or less OK until the last stint, we were now quick enough and when Mark arrived I think he overtook very easy and there was nothing we can do,” said Alonso, who won the European and Singapore GP. It was Webber’s second victory in three years at Silverstone.

The Australian driver lives nearby and he says staying at home affects his performance. “There is that extra little bit that makes you a little bit more relaxed and a bit more comfortable,” he said. Also upset at world champion teammate Sebastian Vettel, who finished third and is third in the title race, and is in a prime position as he enters negotiations over a new deal for the 2013 season. “Mark is doing great for us, we love having him in the team,” Red Bull team principal Christian Horner said.

It was a disappointing day for the leading British drivers as both Lewis Hamilton and Jenson Button failed to make the podium.—Internet

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**Neymar shines in last game for Santos before Olympics**

**RIO DE JANEIRO, 9 July—Brazil starlet Neymar helped Santos to a 4-2 victory over Gremio on Sunday in his last match before departing for London with Brazil’s Olympic squad.

The 20-year-old scored with a 61st minute header at the Vila Belmiro stadium as Santos moved clear of the relegation zone in Brazil’s Serie A championship. Felipe Anderson and Edu Dracena were also on the scoresheet for Santos while Marquinhos and Wilson struck for Gremio.

In Rio de Janeiro, former Lyon striker Fred scored the winner as Fluminense moved to second place and Frenchman Tony Gallopin third.

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Fourth regular session of First Pyithu Hluttaw continues for fourth day

Eight questions raised, three reports discussed, one proposal discussed, one new proposal discussed, one new proposal submitted, one bill approved

Nav Pyi Taw, 9 July — The Pyithu Hluttaw session continued for the fourth day at Pyithu Hluttaw Building in Hluttaw Complex, here today, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Shwe Mann and 404 MPs.

Regarding the question of U Myint Soe of Pyawbwe Constituency about whether there is a plan to exempt import tax on vehicles imported by social organizations for their organizational functions, Deputy Minister for Commerce Myint Maung Gyaw Aung said that 10 per cent of custom duty and five per cent of commercial tax on ambulances for their prices. If a social organization is to apply for tax exemption, the vehicle must be registered under the ownership of the association. It is to apply to Finance and Revenue Ministry making clear of the purpose of using the vehicles. The ministry, after scrutiny, can issue tax exemption order with the affirmation of the Union Government Office. Custom duty and commercial tax have been exempted on hearses with the announcements of the ministry. According to the Ministry of Rail Transportation, ambulances have been exempted from registration fees but only ambulances used for public health and not of private hospitals. If funeral services social organizations apply for registration of vehicle imported from abroad as hearse, the vehicle can be exempted from registration fees under the prohibition of it for other uses except as hearse.

Regarding the question of U Myo Swe of Tanai Constituency who asked for allowance of manageable-scale mining in Minbya Township, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint replied the first question that 85.78 acres of pasture run by 36 farmers in Minbya Township stood as it was from 1988 to 1989 and since 2003-2004, it was extended under sown acreage expansion plan. Minbya Township GAD then ran the farms in partnership with the farmers giving them six baskets of rice per acre.

The Rakhine State government has instructed not to rent the pasture and collect rent from pasture. (See page 8)

Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing welcomes Chief of Royal Thai Defence Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn

Nav Pyi Taw, 9 July — Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing extended a warm welcome to Chief of Royal Thai Defence Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn of Thailand who arrived here to pay a goodwill visit to Myanmar, in front of Zeyathiri Beikman, here, this morning.

Present on the occasion together with the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win, General Hla Hlay Win of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Office, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Myat Hein, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the commander of Nav Pyi Taw Command and the Myanmar Military Attaché to Thailand.

The Chief of Royal Thai Defence Forces was accompanied by Deputy Chief of Royal Thai Defence Forces Admiral Yuttana Phagglongarn, Chief of Joint Staff General Worapong Sanganetra, Chief of Staff of the Chief of Royal Thai Defence Forces General Chayuth Suwanam, Senior Chief Adviser General Sommai Kaotira, senior military officers of the Royal Thai Armed Forces, the Thai Ambassador to Myanmar and the Thai Military Attaché to Myanmar.

On arrival at Zeyathiri Beikman the venue of the welcoming ceremony, Chief of Royal Thai Defence Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn was cordially welcomed by Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

Next, the Thai General and Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing introduced senior military officers to the Chief of Royal Thai Defence Forces. (See page 9)