YANGON, 19 July—A ceremony to mark the 65th Anniversary Martyrs’ Day was held at the martyrs mausoleum, here, at 8 am today.

At the ceremony, Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham laid a wreath, paid tribute and shared merits for Bogyoke Aung San and martyrs.

Also present on the occasion were Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 65th Anniversary Martyrs’ Day 2012 Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint, Yango Region ministers, members of the leading committee and work committee, departmental heads, members of the Guard of Honour, senior officers of the Myanmar Police Force and Fire Brigade.

At 8 am, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham took the position at the mausoleum.

Meantime, the State Flag was flown at half mast; the Guard of Honour took salute; the bugle troupe paid tribute to fallen troops; merits were shared for Bogyoke Aung San and martyrs and those present observed two minutes silence.

Next, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham left the martyrs mausoleum at 8.10 am.

After that, family members of the martyrs laid wreaths at the mausoleum and paid tributes. At first, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, daughter of Bogyoke Aung San, laid a wreath at the mausoleum of Bogyoke Aung San, and U Hla Pe, on behalf of elder son U Aung San Oo, laid a wreath at the mausoleum. They paid tribute and shared merits.

Families of the martyrs also laid wreaths at the respective tombs and paid tributes. Later, they shared merits for the martyrs.

Afterwards, Mayor U Hla Myint, Speaker of the Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win and Yangon-based political parties laid wreaths at the tombs.

Representatives of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Headquarters, Myanmar Fire Brigade, Myanmar Red Cross Society, Myanmar Writers Association, Myanmar Publishers and Distributors Association, Myanmar Journalists Association, Myanmar Motion Picture (See page 8)

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham lays a wreath at the mausoleum of Bogyoke Aung San and martyrs.—MNA

WASHINGTON, 19 July—Astronomers have spotted the earliest known spiral galaxy, dating to just three billion years after the Big Bang.

Theories of galaxy formation held that the Universe was still too chaotic a place to allow such a perfectly formed or “grand-design” spiral to form.

It should take far longer for gravity to bring matter into thin, neat discs.

But a team reporting in Nature says the galaxy BX442 got the gravitational “kick” it needed to form a spiral from a smaller “dwarf galaxy” orbiting it.

They first spotted BX442 as the one and only spiral-looking object in a survey of 300 galaxies carried out by the Hubble space telescope, when they were shocked to see what looked to be a spiral galaxy. “What we’ve learned when we look at galaxies at that epoch is that they’re very dynamically hot,” explained lead author of the study David Law from the University of Toronto’s Dunlap Institute for Astronomy and Astrophysics.

First spiral galaxy in early Universe stuns astronomers

Nyi Hlaing Soe of Myanmar wins men’s open ASEAN university/college chess tourney

YANGON, 19 July—Nyi Hlaing Soe of first year student of Technological University (Sagaing) of Myanmar emerged champion in men’s open event of ASEAN University/College Chess Tournament held in Jakarta of Indonesia from 7 to 13 July.

A total of 150 athletes from 40 university/college teams from Indonesia, Vietnam and Myanmar participated in the game.

The all-round Gunadarma University of Indonesia clinched the championship shield.

Warning for water level of Homalin

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced today that the water level of Chindwin River at Homalin is 2854 cm according to the 12.30 pm MST observation today. It may reach its danger level 2900 cm during next 48 hours commencing this noon.
UNION MINISTER PROMOTES MODERN FARMING SYSTEM

Myint U, Minister for Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi inspected fire fighting skills of 29 Japanese-made fire engines at Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township this morning.

Those fire engines will be allotted to Myitkyina and Sittwe townships of Kachin State, Lashio township of Shan State, Hpa-an Township of Kayin State, Dawei Township of Tanintharyi Region, Mawlamyine and Thaton townships of Mon State and Sittwe, Kyaukpyu Township of Rakhine State.

The Union Minister inspected 16 road special groups, 16 building special groups, five capacity fine engines under the ministry here on 18 July.

The Union Minister stressed the need for growing mechanization in farming. The Union Minister urged officials to establish model farmland to assist farmers in practicing mechanized farming. He also urged the Agriculture Mechanization Department to assist farmers in practicing mechanized farming. —MNA

PUBLIC WORKS UNDER CONSTRUCTION MINISTRY HOLDS WORK-COORDINATING MEETING

Nay Pyi Taw, 20 July—U Myo Myint Than, Minister for Construction, held a work-coordinating meeting of five special project groups, five special project branches, eight airport-special groups, 36 road-special groups, and 16 bridge-special groups.

The meeting was held at the meeting hall of the ministry here at 10 a.m. The Union Minister stressed the need for maintaining roads, bridges and airports, under the supervision of engineers who always bring saving in high socio-economic life.

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NW: Nay Pyi Taw, 20 July—Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi views fire fighting skills of 29 Japanese-made fire engines. —MNA

On arrival at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Training Camp on 19 July, the Union Minister, U Myo Myint Than, urged officials to establish model farmland to assist farmers in practicing mechanized farming. —MNA

UNION MINISTER PROMOTES MODERN FARMING SYSTEM

Nay Pyi Taw, 19 July—Union Minister for Agriculture and Tenghaung U Myint Hlaing called for stepping up efforts for practicing modern paddy farming system in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the ceremony, Lecturer Dr Kyaw Min of History Department, University of Yangon, presented his book to U Thein Aung. —MNA

Talks, presenting outstanding awards ceremonies hailing 65th Martyrs’ Day held

Nay Pyi Taw, 19 July—A special ceremony hailing 65th Martyrs’ Day was held in conjunction with a ceremony to present prizes to outstanding athletes by Nay Pyi Taw Education High School (Pathein) yesterday morning, attended by in-charges of sport training camps.—MNA

Union Sports Minister inspects training of sports

Nay Pyi Taw, 19 July—Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tin Hsan inspected training of sports and held an inspection of state-level national sports training camps in Nay Pyi Taw. —MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Association and democracy

Since the incumbent government took office, a growing number of associations are mushrooming across the country. Strength of the association can accelerate the democratic stream as well as contributing to economic development. The country must promote the sense of cooperation which is a need for the success of democratic system. It can also promote mutual trust each other.

Trust plays a pivotal role in building up a country. It is a bit difficult to build up a country in the low-trust society. Due to the lack of trust, there wouldn’t be progress in political, economic and social sectors. Cooperation is a best tool for trust building. The associations that encourage the trust-building can create cooperation opportunities and cultivate the sense of tolerance.

According to the researches, there is a link between associational life and economic development. For the economic development, the country needs financial capital, human capital and social capital. The country that has human capital, financial capital and social capital would overtake a country lacking of social capital. Social capital is the source of efficiency of members are a must for the success of the associations.

So, we need more associations in the democratic country. But activities, unity and efficiency of numbers are a must for the success of the associations.
Israel blames Iran for Bulgaria bus bomb that kills six

BUREGAS, (Bulgaria), July 19—Six people were killed in a bomb attack on a bus carrying Israeli tourists at a Bulgarian airport on Wednesday and Israel accused Tehran of carrying out the attack, promising a strong response to “Iranian terror.”

Body parts were strewn across the ground and mangled metal hung from the bus’s torn-back roof. Its windows were blown out and surrounded by shrapnel marks, as clouds of dense black smoke billowed above the airport. “We heard a very strong blast. The bus was full with people and children. Fleeing, running, everywhere,” a Bulgarian witness told TV7 television. “I saw another bus catching fire from the one that exploded. It was complete chaos.”

The tourist had arrived on a charter flight from Israel and were on the bus in the car park outside Burgas airport when the blast ripped through the double-decker. By late evening, the airport was still sealed off and closed as authorities tried to pin down exactly what had happened.

“We sat down and within a few seconds we heard a huge boom and we ran away,” the witness said. We managed to escape through a hole on the bus,’ Aviva Maltak told Israeli Army Radio from the scene.

Bulgaria’s Foreign Minister Nikolai Mladenov told Reuters by telephone after visiting the airport: “The explosion was caused by a bomb in the bus.”

The Interior Ministry declined to comment on whether it might have been a suicide attack, as some witnesses had speculated, and said it was questioning people who had been close to the blast. The blast comes on the 18th anniversary of a 1994 bomb attack on the headquarters of Argentina’s main Jewish organization by an Islamic ánarc-terrorist suicide bomber, which killed 85 people.

“Alia is living in Israel. Only in the past few months we have seen Iranian attempts to attack Israelis in Thailand, India, Georgia, Kenya, Cyprus and other places,” Netanyahu said in a statement.

“Eighteen years exactly after the blast at the Jewish community centre in Argentina, murderous Iranian terrorist continues to hit innocent people. This is an Iranian terror attack that is spreading throughout the entire world. Israel will react powerfully against Iran terror,” he said—Reuters

Smoke is seen after a blast at Bulgaria’s Burgas airport on 18 July, 2012.—Reuters

Indonesian airlines firm buys 20 planes from domestic producer

JAKARTA, July 19—A senior official at Indonesian airline firm, Merpati Nusantara Airlines (MNA), said on Thursday that the firm procured 20 N-212 turbo propeller planes produced by PT Dirgantara Indonesia to serve flights in remote areas.

The planes are expected to commence services later this year with initial destinations set in Kalimantan and Papua, MNA President Director Rady Setyopurnomo said.

Chinese President Hu Jintao addresses the opening ceremony of the Fifth Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in Beijing, capital of China, on 19 July, 2012. Xinhua

Three Canadian elephants are flying to California

LOS ANGELES, July 19—For elephants to fly, you have to do more than load trunks on a plane. Pat Derby, co-founder of the Performing Animal Welfare Society, has been working for two years to get three 10,000-pound elephants in the air.

The elephants are scheduled to take off on 2 August in what could be a million-dollar move. The African elephants, grinca, 42, Toka, 41, and Thula, 31, are being retired from the Toronto Zoo and moved to PAYS 2,300-acre sanctuary in San Andreas. To get the elephants ready to fly, the animals had to undergo training. A Russian cargo jet and two fleets of trucks had to be hired; pilots, drivers and crews hired; crates built and fitted for each elephant; hydraulic gates reinstalled at the sanctuary; and barn space cleared.

The amount of red tape rivaled only the green involved, but former game host and animal activist Bob Barker is paying the bill, expected to be between $750,000 and $1 million. Zookeepers have been teaching the animals to walk in and out of their travel crates. “We really the crates and make all kinds of sounds so they are used to noise,” Derby said, because “there are no test flights.”“Bringa and Toka do have some experience in turbulence in the air, Derby said—they were flown to Toronto from Mozambique 37 years ago. Would an elephant for fly? “It would be the way we remember some gut feelings,” Derby said. “There is an elephant behaviorist and co-founder of ElephantVoices, said in a phone interview from Norway. “They are used to going in and out of cages and being in small confined spaces. Otherwise, getting back into a truck could bring back some scary feelings.

An Afghan soldier takes position near a Taliban building in Afghanistan in 2011.—AFP

In this image taken on 14 November, 2011, provided by PAWS, an African elephant, Mara, 28, originally from San Jose’s Happy Hollow Zoo, wanders in a field at PAWS ARK 2000 sanctuary in San Andreas, Calif. She will soon meet three other African elephants retiring from the Toronto Zoo who arrive at the preserve on 1 August, 2012.—INTERNET

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Philippines rescues sea turtles from poachers’ net

**Manila, 19 July —** Philippine authorities rescued 14 protected sea turtles that were caught in a net laid down by Chinese poachers, a navy commander said recently. However one sea turtle was already dead when a joint team from the navy and the environment department arrived on Friday in the remote area off the western island of Palawan, said Major Ferdinand Atos. Atos, commander of naval forces in the area, said informants had told them that Chinese poachers planted the net a week ago in the coastal district of Balabac.

“They enter the waters of Balabac, riding in a speedboat and they plant their nets, using their contacts among the locals,” he told AFP. The 200-metre (660-foot) net left by the poachers was removed and the 14 surviving sea turtles were set free, Atos said. He said informants had told them that Chinese fishermen used their contacts to enter the area frequently and would bring their catch to Half-Moon Shoal, an outpost in the Spratly islands claimed by both the Philippines and China.

The shoal has come under closer scrutiny after China announced that one of its naval frigates had run aground there. Sea turtles are protected under Philippine law and catching them is punishable by at least 12 years in jail. Chinese fishermen poaching in Philippine waters have become an issue in recent months. In April, Philippine authorities tried to arrest Chinese fishermen taking sea turtles and other protected species from Scarborough Shoal in the South China Sea.

They were blocked by Chinese government ships, triggering a continuing standoff over the area which is claimed by both countries.

Space shuttle Enterprise set to open to public

**New York, 19 July —** The last time some New Yorkers saw the space shuttle Enterprise, it was zipping around the city, riding piggyback on top of a modified tank truck just past the Statue of Liberty and other local landmarks. Others got to lay eyes on it as it sailed up the Hudson River on a barge.

Today, following its April and June sojourns, the piece of spacefaring history is on the move no more. The Enterprise, a 150,000-pound mammoth of a flying machine, goes on public display on Thursday at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum’s new Space Shuttle Pavilion. Encased in the center of a fascinatingly inflatable domed, it will be available for visitors to admire up close from just feet away.

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AT&T to introduce shared-data plans

**New York, 19 July —** Following in Verizon’s footsteps, AT&T Inc. said Wednesday that it will introduce wireless plans that let subscribers connect up to 10 phones or other devices. Connected phones get unlimited calling and texting, and all devices get wireless data access. The devices tap into a limited pool of data usage, which gets renewed each month. Verizon introduced its “Share Everything” plan on 28 June, replacing nearly all of its traditional phone plans. AT&T says its “Mobile Share” plans will debut in late August, but it is keeping its current individual and family plans.

AT&T’s plans will track closely with those of Verizon. One smartphone with 1 gigabyte of data will cost $55 per month with AT&T, compared with $99 with Verizon. Two smartphones and a tablet computer with 6 gigabytes of shared data will cost $170 on either carrier. AT&T is the country’s second-largest cellphone company, behind Verizon. AT&T, which is based in Dallas, has 76.8 million direct wireless customers, and millions more through wholesale arrangements. Analysts believe Verizon’s plan will reduce its service revenue in the short term but pay off in the long term as families add more devices.

AT&T said earlier this year, before Verizon announced its plans, that it was looking at introducing shared data plans soon. It hadn’t offered details then. Under the “Mobile Share” plans, AT&T subscribers will pay a monthly fee for one smartphone and a bucket of data usage on top of that. Total costs will range from $85 for 1 gigabyte per month to $230 for 20 gigabytes. After that, subscribers can add other devices to share that bucket of data, paying an extra monthly fee for each one. A basic, non-smartphone will cost $30 per month and a tablet, such as an iPad, will cost $10. Additional smartphones cost $30 to $45 each, depending on the size of the data plan.

US military agency uses sound to put out fires

**London, 19 July —** The US Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency (Darpa) is investigating ways to put out fires using sound. Fires in enclosed spaces such as warships, ground vehicles and cockpits, are a big problem for the military.

Rather than use the age-old theory that water puts out fire, Darpa came to the problem with a fresh perspective — physics. Despite successful laboratory tests, the team admitted they were unsure how it could be applied in the real world. Darpa launched the Instant Fire Suppression (IFS) programme to look at radical new approaches to firefighting back in 2008.

Last year, researchers began experimenting. “From a physics perspective, flames are cold plasmas. Darpa theorised that by using physics techniques rather than combustion chemistry, it might be possible to manipulate and extinguish flames,” the agency explained on its information page. Two approaches were selected — using electromagnetics and acoustics to suppress a flame.

One of the technologies explored was a hand-held electrode to suppress small methane gas and liquid fuel fires. In another experiment the team of researchers used speakers to blast sound at specific frequencies that extinguish the flame. “The acoustic field increases the air velocity. As the velocity goes up, the flame boundary layer, where combustion occurs, thickens, making easier to disrupt the flame,” the website explained.

Although researchers succeeded in putting out small flames using both electric and acoustic techniques in the laboratory, it was not clear how to adapt these approaches to real-world applications. Matthew Goodman, Darpa programme manager, said: “We have shown that the physics of combustion still has surprises in store for us. Perhaps these results will spur new ideas for the shutout in combustion research.”

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**Gene scans show colon, rectal tumours are same**

**WASHINGTON, 19 July — The biggest genetic analysis of colon and rectal tumours show that these cancer types are almost indistinguishable, a finding that could improve treatment options, a study said on Wednesday.**

A US-funded consortium of scientists compared the genetic codes of cancer cells found in 224 samples of colorectal tumours.

This finding of the true genetic nature of colon and rectal cancers is an important achievement in our quest to understand the foundations of this disease,” the study’s lead author, Dr. Francis Collins, said in a statement.

The data and knowledge gained here provide potential to change the way we diagnose and treat certain cancers.”

The sweep up two genes where single mutations point to a role in either initiating or accelerating colorectal cancer. They include the genes ERBB2 and TP53, which are involved in cell proliferation.

In 2008, colorectal cancer claimed 608,000 lives globally, making it the fourth deadliest form of cancer, according to the latest figures posted by the UN’s World Health Organization (WHO).

The study, authored by The Cancer Genome Atlas project, appears in the British journal Nature.

**Drinking alcohol, even in moderation, ‘a dementia risk’**

**LONDON, 19 July — Drinking even “moderate” amounts of alcohol increases dementia risk, US research suggests.**

The findings, presented at an international conference, challenge the notion that some alcohol could be good for ageing brains.

People who stick to recommended alcohol limits are still at risk, as well as bingers and heavy drinkers, according to the work. The study tracked the health over 20 years of 1,300 women in their mid-60s.

The risk, ranging from mild cognitive impairment to full blown dementia, was higher among those who reported drinking more alcohol. Women who switched from abstinence to drinking over the course of the study also increased their risk.

Those who drank alcohol “in moderation”, meaning seven to 14 alcoholic drinks a week, were also more likely to develop problems with memory and brain functioning that can be a warning sign of future dementia.

The lower end of this range falls within the UK’s recommended limit for women, but since alcohol measures in the US are larger than in the UK, 14 drinks a week would exceed this UK weekly cut off. And since the study only looked at women, it is not possible to say if the same link will apply in elderly men.

Researcher Tina Hoang, of the Veterans Health Research Institute in San Francisco, said: “In this group of older women, moderate alcohol consumption was not protective.”

“Clinicians should carefully assess their older patients for both how much they drink and any changes in patterns of alcohol use.” She told the Alzheimer’s Association of alcohol a day, and women no more than two to three units a day.

**Co-op to buy 632 Lloyds bank branches**

**LONDON, 19 July — The Co-operative Group has agreed terms with Lloyds Banking Group to buy 632 Lloyds TSB and Cheltenham and Gloucester branches. The Co-op will pay £350m upfront and up to an additional £400m based on the performance of the combined business. The sale was demanded by European regulators after Lloyds bought HBOS during the financial crisis. The Co-op said the move would create “a real challenger bank on the High Street with almost 1,000 branches.”**

The deal, which is still subject to approval by the Financial Services Authority, is expected to be completed by the end of November 2013. The Chancellor George Osborne welcomed the deal. “This is another step towards creating a new banking system for Britain that gives real choice to customers and supports the economy,” he said.

“The sale of hundreds of Lloyds branches to the Co-operative creates a new challenger bank and promotes mutuals. This follows the sale of Northern Rock to Virgin Money in January and represents another important step in creating a more competitive banking sector.”

The bank branches being sold represent 6% of the UK market place, and have about 4.8 million customers. The takeover will represent a major change to the Co-op’s operations and its ability to compete with big banks.

The new Co-op will now be able to compete on a national scale in big banks, he said. “They are strong, competitive and have an important role in our economy. It’s a good deal for our customers and for our shareholders,” said Lloyds group chief executive Antonio Horta-Osorio. “In addition to an upfront consideration, we will also get to share in the future financial performance of the combined banking business which will be an effective challenger with a strong customer focus.”

**When T-Mobile closed its call centres, it shipped US jobs overseas**

LONDON, 19 July — T-Mobile (in D March) revealed plans to lay off 5% of its employees and close nearly all of its call centres in an attempt to restructure the company and reduce costs.

The US-based mobile phone giant, which is 63% owned by Deutsche Telekom, said in a decision posted on its website, concluding that the low-paid off workers were entitled to apply for government assistance. The Department’s decision surprised the Labour Department’s decision “because the facts provided did not support that the work done by these employees was sent offshore,” adding that the company “has long had and does utilize service partners both within the US and other countries.”

**Breast cancer surgery women ‘risk more operations’**

**LONDON, 19 July — One in five women with breast cancer who has part of the breast removed, rather than the whole breast, ends up having another operation, a BMJ study suggests.**

The reoperation rate increases to one in three for women whose cancer is more difficult to detect. In England, 58% of women with breast cancer have breast-conserving surgery. Women should be told of the risk of further operations when choosing surgery, researchers say.

The study, led by researchers from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and published in the British Medical Journal, looked at data collected on 55,297 women with breast cancer in England. They all underwent mastectomy, particularly for patients with an obvious, invasive tumour. However, because some pre-invasive cancers called ‘carcinoma in situ’ are difficult to detect, because they do not form a lump, breast-conserving surgery may not remove the cancer completely. This could result in another operation.

The study says that additional operations put women’s lives on hold while they wait for more surgery. It can delay their return to work, cause emotional distress and result in the need for reconstructive surgery to the breast.

Outside of the 55,297 women who underwent breast-conserving surgery, 45,793 (82%) were suffering from isolated invasive cancer, 6,622 (12%) had isolated carcinoma in situ (pre-cancerous disease), and 2,882 (6%) had both types of cancer. Another operation was more likely among women with pre-cancerous disease (29.5%) compared with those with isolated invasive disease (18%). Around 40% of women who had a reoperation underwent a mastectomy. However, because women with a repeat operation is less likely in older women and women from more deprived areas.
Texas conducts its first one-drug execution

AUSTIN, 19 July—Texas on Wednesday carried out its first execution since the state switched this month to a one-drug protocol for lethal injections because a supply of another drug is no longer available.

Yokamon Hearn, 33, who had a long criminal history, was executed for the 1998 abduction and fatal shooting of 23-year-old stockbroker Frank Meziere in Dallas.

The execution was carried out without incident,” said Jason Clark, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Texas, which executes more people than any other US state, had been using a three-drug cocktail to carry out executions but will now use only pentobarbital, a sedative sometimes used to put pets to sleep.

Texas has been a leader in the use of lethal injection methods, having conducted the first such execution in the US in 1982.

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The High Court found the next morning in a service car wash. Hearn shot at officers as they approached the vehicle, and was killed.

The plane had 94 people on board at the time. Authorities say they believe the beam missed the plane but hit a person on the ground.

The flight took off from Syncrude about 15 minutes after a delay because of weather and was on its final approach to JFK when two beams of bright green light entered the cabin. The first officer on JetBlue Flight 657 from New York’s JFK Airport on Tuesday that they received the first officer’s emergency call, but they were not able to locate the source of the light.

The plane landed safely, and the injured pilot — identified by sources as Captain Paul Hebert — was taken to a hospital.

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In the course of the trial, the jury was told that Bellfield had been convicted of the murders of two young women, Marsha McDonnell and Amelie Delagrange, and the attempted murder of another, Kate Sandy.

The ad, which the Romney campaign planned to release on Wednesday, aggregates widely reported stories questioning government stimulus plans and federal credit assistance programmes.

It takes special aim at the Energy Department loan programme, skewed by Republicans in Congress, that supported bankrupt solar panel maker Solyndra with more than $500 million in taxpayer assistance.

It also raised questions about a second Energy Department loan recipient, politically connected Fisker Automotive, which has failed to meet expectations for electric-car production and job creation despite a loan commitment of $529 million.

Obama administration officials have rejected assertions that played no role in federal support for Solyndra or other loan recipients.

Romney has sought to batter Obama over the stubbornly high US unemployment rate and the weak economy, but instead has been forced in recent days to defend his business past, particularly his career as a private equity executive with Bain Capital.

Obama has characterized the former Massachusetts governor and presumptive Republican White House nominee as a wealthy man whose business success was based on layoffs and outsourcing.

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Tokyo, 19 July—A typhoon menacing already sodden southwestern Japan could bring weeks’ worth of rain on the area, forecasters warned on Wednesday, as command posts stood by to receive any workers that recover from huge floods.

Typhoon Khannun was similar to the one that hit southern island of Kyushu, packing winds of up to 126 kilometres (78 miles) per hour, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

Although a direct hit looked unlikely, up to 15 centimetres (about six inches) of rain were forecast in 24 hours for Oita and Kumamoto prefectures, where floods and landslides have left 32 dead or missing over the last week.

“As some places recent heavy rainfall has left the ground very loose, please warning local residents to be vigilant against mudslides,” the weather agency said.

More than 90 centimetres of water has fallen in the area around Mount Aso, an active volcano, so far this month, the agency said, far outrunning what would normally be expected.

Around 15 people in the small city of Ukiha were cut off when roads were damaged and bridges washed away after rivers burst their banks. “I have never experienced such floods in my life,” 57-year-old farmer Shigeru Kawauchi told AFP.

“It is the first time I have seen the river flowing so violently that it was sweeping houses away,” he said.

Khannun is expected to head toward South Korea’s Jeju island by Wednesday night. Meanwhile the main Japanese island of Honshu was wilting under soaring temperatures, with authorities issuing heat alerts in central parts of the country.

A 55-year-old man died in Toyama prefecture apparently from heat stroke on Wednesday, while 688 people were taken to hospital due to heat exhaustion, public broadcaster NHK said.

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China rescues fishermen held by Somali pirates for 18 months

Beijing, 19 July—China has rescued a group of 26 fishermen, mainly Chinese and Vietnamese, who were taken from a trawler and had been held by Somali pirates for the last 18 months, the Chinese government has said.

The fishermen, who worked on the trawler “Party of Shang Fu No 1”, were seized in December 2010, the Chinese foreign ministry said in a statement on its website (www.mfa.gov.cn) late on Tuesday.

It gave no details about how the rescue was accomplished.

The crew consisted of 13 mainland Chinese, 12 Vietnamese and one Taiwanese, it said.

“After the hard work of many sides, the whole crew of 26 people was safely rescued on the evening of 17 July, Beijing time,” the brief statement said.

Taipei’s foreign ministry said it had assisted in ransom talks between the boat’s owner and the pirates, although it did not say directly whether a ransom had been paid. It also thanked China for its assistance in the rescue.

Chinese naval forces operating on anti-piracy patrols in the Gulf of Aden and waters off Somalia were located near the fishermen and were taking them to Tanzania, after which they would be sent home, the Chinese statement said.

Chinese ships have undertaken anti-piracy operations off Somalia since late 2008.

In early 2010, Beijing agreed to join a multinational effort to protect shipping in the Gulf of Aden and nearby waters of the Indian Ocean.

Somali pirate gangs can stay out at sea for long periods using captured merchant vessels as mother ships and have been using Yemen’s remote island of Socotra as a refuelling hub.

The Somali piracy crisis is costing worldwide trillions of dollars a year.

Vienna summer heats up over free tap water debate

Vienna, 19 July—In Vienna’s legendary coffee-house tradition, a free glass of tap water with your coffee has been a cherished part of everyday life.

But now many Viennese are up in arms over a movement by restaurateurs to start charging for tap.

It amounts to cultural sacrilege in a city where delicious tap water — fed by Alpine springs — is seen as a birthright, and part of the whole experience of lingering in centuries-old cafes or savoring young wine at one of the Austrian capital’s many leafy outdoor eateries.

For now, payment is voluntary with 11 restaurants participating in a charity campaign meant to collect funds for clean water-starved Sierra Leone.

But the establishments pocket 40 centimes of water fee and prominent restaurateurs are starting to lobby for an obligatory tap water charge, unrelated to aid for Africa, just as the charity programme has begun.

Viennese suspect that the Sierra Leone campaign and industry calls to charge for water cannot be pure coincidence. Some see it as a cynical ploy to take advantage of charitable feeling for extra profit.

And many are determined to resist. To charge for water would “be absolutely outrageous as far as I’m concerned,” says Marinko Medic.

Doris Rotter calls the idea “unacceptable.”

Caroline Wehrenst, herself a waitress, says a free glass of water with an order should routinely be “part of good service in Vienna.”

“Admittedly, the water dispute takes a back burner even in smug Vienna to the debt crisis threatening Spain, Greece, Ireland, Portugal and other countries in the 17- nation eurozone,” the newspaper said.

But for now, prosperous Austria’s involvement in the crisis is restricted to people fretting that their tax euros may be spent frivolously in helping bankroll risky bailouts, and there is a feeling of disconnect with Europe’s latest fiscal crisis.

At 3.9 percent, Austria’s unemployment rate is the lowest in the eurozone as its economy continues to expand at a time of standstill in much of the rest of the continent.

All the more reason for interest in an issue close to the hearts and wallets of the Viennese. Much of the city lives from the hospitality industry, earning over 16 billion euros (nearly $20 billion) from tourists in 2010.

Its coffeehouse culture — including tuxedo-clad waiters and free glasses of water — was born in the 17th century after the Turks introduced coffee to the Austrian capital. Almost as long-established is the free pitcher of water served to keep the urge to buy a carafe at bay.

One recent innovation is the trend to put a price on it, and Vienna takes pride in both its water quality and its restaurant service.

Bomb kills 11 in Pakistani tribal belt

Peshawar, 19 July—A bomb tore through a vehicle in Pakistan’s northwestern tribal belt on Wednesday, killing 11 members of an extended family, including two women, officials said. The bomb exploded in Spopy village in Orakzai district, said senior administration official Zakir Hussain. “It was a remote-controlled bomb planted on the road. The bomb exploded near a pick-up van carrying passengers,” Hussain told AFP.

The blast killed eight people, including two women, an 11-year-old girl and a three-year-old girl on the spot, he said, adding that four people were wounded. Three others later succumbed to their injuries in the hospital, and all the victims were close relatives, he added.

“It was a militant attack, the aim was to create an area by killing ordinary people,” he said.

Indonesia to send four Sukhoi jet fighters to air combat exercise in Australia

Jakarta, 19 July—Indonesian Air Force is to send four front-line Sukhoi jet fighters to participate in the first air combat exercise in Australia later this month, Azman Yunus, spokesman of the air force said on Wednesday.

The four of the jet fighters would be sent to the Northern Territory and joins Australia’s annual Exercise Pitch Black 2012 from 17 July to 17 August.

“We are invited to take part in the exercise and we plan to send four Sukhoi plane to the exercise in Australia,” the Yogyakarta-born former policeman said from Yogyakarta.

Exercise Pitch Black is a biennial military exercise hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force.

The aim of the exercise is to practice Offensive Counter Air and Defensive Counter Air combat, in a simulated war environment.

It traditionally consists of a ‘red team’ and a ‘blue team’ based at several air stations, with one another attacking the other.

Indonesia’s air force has already operated 10 Sukhoi-27s and four Sukhoi-80M2K jet fighters, ordered for its Sukhoi-80M2K fighters — Yogyakarta.

Pakistani Taliban militants patrol on a Humvee in Orakzai agency in 2008. —Internet

Orakzai is one of seven districts in Pakistan’s tribal belt on the Afghan border that is home to Taliban and al-Qaeda strongholds. Washington has dubbed the area the most dangerous region on Earth, —Internet

Two missing, 8 injured in Singapore construction site

Singapore, 19 July—At least two workers were missing and eight others injured in Singapore when the scaffolding at a subway construction site collapsed on Wednesday, civil defence officials said. It was the latest incident to hit Singapore’s metro train system, which has been under pressure to improve its services and system after two major breakdowns in December last year.

Civil defence crews, trucks, ambulances and sniffer dogs were on site to carry out search and rescue operations, an AFP reporter at the scene said. A civil defence spokesman at the site said two workers were missing while eight others who suffered minor injuries were treated at a hospital.

A panel commissioned to investigate last year’s breakdowns criticised train operator SMRT for not realising the resumption of revenue service over addressing underlying problems which caused the two breakdowns.

It also concluded that SMRT’s metro system had been plagued by outdated equipment and poor maintenance for years, and that the company did not have enough engineers capable of overhauling maintenance. The Land Transport Authority this month also imposed the maximum fine of S$2 million ($1.5 million) on SMRT for the breakdowns, which stranded thousands of workers.

The site of Wednesday’s accident is a new station for the latest line, portions of which are still under construction in a bid to meet the transport needs of a growing population. Singapore now has an population of over five million people, including citizens, permanent residents and foreign workers. —Internet

Bomb attacks on police, civilians in Afghanistan

Kabul, 19 July—Two suicide attackers killed at least eight people in separate blast attacks in southern Afghanistan on Wednesday, police said.

In one incident, a suicide bomber blew himself up near a police station in the southern city of Kandahar, killing at least five people, police said.

The explosion occurred as police and security forces were searching for the Taliban after violence broke out recently in the town.

Police said the blast followed a suicide attack by a member of the Haqqani network that was said to have killed two police officers the previous day.

The same group had also carried out a suicide attack in the same area on Tuesday, police said.

Government forces killed four of the attackers in those two incidents, police said.

In a separate attack in the northwestern city of Kunduz, police said two officers were killed when a roadside bomb went off.

A spokesman for the Taliban denied any responsibility for the attacks. – Reuters

Philippines approves new tax on alcohol

Manila, 19 July—The Philippine Congress has approved a 13 percent tax on alcohol, the government announced on Wednesday.

The measure is intended to generate 7.3 billion pesos ($193 million) for the government’s anti-drug programme, according to the Department of Finance.

The bill now goes to President Benigno Aquino for signature. —AFP

Satellite image of Taal volcano, with Aso, an active volcano, so far in the area around Mount Aso, an active volcano, so far this month, the agency said, far outrunning what would normally be expected. —AFP

A 55-year-old man died in Toyama prefecture apparently from heat stroke on Wednesday, while 688 people were taken to hospital due to heat exhaustion, public broadcaster NHK said.

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Organization, Myanmar Music Asiayon, Myanmar Thabin Asiayon and Myanmar Traditional Artistes and Artisans Asiayon laid wreaths at the respective tombs.


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Later, the people paid tributes to the graveyards of martyrs mausoleum.

Mongpun Sawbwa Gyi Sao San Tun’s family lays wreath at tomb of Mongpun Sawbwa Gyi Sao San Tun at the ceremony of 65th Anniversary Martyrs’ Day (2012).

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Union Border Affairs Minister inspects rehabilitation tasks in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July—Accompanied by Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, deputy ministers U Phone Swe and U Kyaw Kyaw Win, departmental heads and representatives from NGOs, Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay this morning left Sittway for Maungtaw by helicopter.

At Maungtaw District deputy commissioner’s office, administrators reported on conditions of damages in Maungtaw Township, measures being taken for relief tasks, conditions of victims at relief camps, progress of reconstruction tasks carried out by the State with the assistance of the United Nations and NGOs in addition to the Union government, the state government and the entire people.

In his address, the Union Minister explained international organizations would provide the humanitarian aids to the people of the latter’s wishes year by year, it is necessary to draw long-term plans on respective sectors. He said that the State and international organizations would help to establish livelihoods of locals as much as they could. Thus, he expressed his belief that the conditions of locals would turn into normalcy.

On arrival at the relief camp at BEHS-1 in Maungtaw, the Union Minister said that tents will be constructed within one month period for the victims near respective villages. Construction of houses will create the job opportunity for the locals. Thus, they would seek their respective livelihoods as quickly as possible. The government will take responsibility for security of life and property of the people and for development of their socio-economic life. The Union Minister presented cash and kind to locals after hearing reports presented by town elders.

The Union Minister went to Aungmye Bawdi monastery relief camp and explained scale models of tents and houses to be constructed in respective villages. He spoke words of encouragement to the locals and provided cash and kind. The Union Minister inspected progress in construction of nine houses which were burnt in Waithali Village. At Shweinwae Village, he viewed the site for construction of tents and looked into completion of twenty-one houses of 67 and contributed cash and kind to locals.

In Mawyathey Village, the Union Minister looked into new houses replaced in the burnt houses and gave words of encouragement to the villagers. Then the Union Minister met with locals at Alethankyaw relief camp and explained the programme for construction of 109 houses. Later, he donated cash and supplies to locals and left for Sittway.

Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay inspects building of houses in Maungtaw Township.—MNA

Costume Show, Physical Cultural Contest mark Myanmar Women’s Day

MUSE, 19 July—The Traditional Costume Show and Physical Cultural Contest, in commemoration of the Myanmar Women’s Day, was held at the city hall in Muse of Muse District in Shan State (North) on 12 July evening. Altogether 33 participants and 15 pageants took part in the show and contest. Chairperson of Muse District Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Nwe Oo and Mon presented first, second and third prizes to the winners in the Traditional Costume Show and Chairperson of Muse Township WAO Daw Khin San Yi, the winners in the Physical Culture Contest.

Rainy season tree growing ceremony held in Salin

Salin, 19 July—Salin Township General Administration Department of Minbu District in Magway Region and Township Forest Department jointly organized the 2012 rainy season tree growing ceremony in the compound of Seinpan Monastery in Salin on 7 July morning. At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Tun Thein, Head of Township Forest Department U Myo Myint Tun and staff together with local people participated in the tree growing ceremony.

Myanma Alin

DISTRICT NEWS

Danger of fire talked in Pyawbwe

PYAWBWE, 19 July—Pyawbwe Township Fire Station and Myat Myinttamin fuel station No. 002 jointly organized the fire drill and talks on danger of fire at the fuel station on 16 July afternoon.

At first, Head of Township Fire Services Department U Zaw Min Tun and Manager of the fuel station U Than Tun gave talks on dangers of fire.

After that, the head of Township Fire Services Department and party inspected fuel tanks and demonstrated fire drill with participation of staff of the station.

Myanma Alin

CASH DONATED: To honour outstanding students in matriculation examination with flying colour, U Kyaw Win-Daw Myint Myint Thun and son U Aung Naing Oo (Township Administrator of Pakokku), daughter Daw Zin Mar Win (Chairperson of Township WAO) donated K 1.1 million at Pyinnya Yadana Hall of Pakokku Basic Education High School No. 1 on 17 July. Township Education Officer Daw Khin Nyo Myint accepts cash donation.—MYANNA ALIN
Clothes, medicines, cash donated to labour room

YANGON, 19 July—Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) President Dr Mon Mon Aung and members donated clothes, medicines and K 50,000 to labour room of MCWA in Ward 14, Shwepyitha Township, Yangon North District recently. The donation were accepted by Chairpersons Daw Sein Sein Soe and Daw Khin Soe Moe of District and Township MCWAs and midwives of the delivery room.—Myanna Alin

Two great poets honoured in Insein Township

YANGON, 19 July—A ceremony to honour great poets Tin Moe and Maung Khaing Mar, organized by Insein Township Writers Association, was held at Phawgan Wahu/ Parijathy Monastery in Insein Township on 15 July.

Writer Maung Kyi Naing read the paper on his poems and aesthetic prose of Poet Tin Moe and writer Soe Myint Latt on the person who overcame mysterious days and Shinnma and his husband. Later, gifts were presented to resource persons.—Kyemon

Taxation talked in Shweyin

SHWEGYIN, 19 July—At Pyinnya Yadana Hall of Basic Education High School in Shweyin Township of Bago Region, the talks on taxation was held on 7 July morning.

Head of Township Internal Revenue Department U Khin Maung Swe gave talks on taxation to Headmistress Daw San Mya and departmental personnel, teachers and students.

Later, the head of Township IRD donated stationery for students to the school.—Township IRD

Chinese traders eye purchasing Rose of Jericho from Myanmar

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Heroin, stimulant tablets seized in Lashio

LASHIO, 19 July—Acting on a tip off, members of Lashio Anti-Drug Squad searched the house of Kun Naung, 39, in Ward-3, Lashio on 11 July. They seized 16.5 grams of opium oil from the house. At 10.30 am on the same day, suspicious-looking Aik Si, 25, was arrested together with 0.3 gram of heroin. Also on the same morning, Khan Zaw Latt, 25, of Yayu village in HseinWai Township was arrested with 0.2 gram of heroin which was kept in his underpants.

Ma Sandar Myint, 40, of Sanyangu Township, Yangon Region, was also arrested on the same day in front of the ManHsu bus terminal as she was found to together with 186 stimulant tablets. Sai Soe Nyunt, 34, of Kyunke was arrested for possessing 595 stimulant tablets, 0.28 gram of heroin and 45 grams of opium.—Myanna Alin

Indonesian Ambassador, embassy families donate blood

YANGON, 19 July—The Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and wife together with families of the embassy donated blood at the NationalBloodCentre, here, yesterday.

As a gesture of honouring the 67th Anniversary Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia which falls on 17 August, the Indonesian Ambassador and families of the embassy donated blood collectively.

“We donated blood for bilateral ties as annual donation. In the time of previous ambassadors, they had donated blood. Likewise, the present Ambassador in his four years period organized donation of blood annually,” an official of the Indonesian Embassy to Myanmar.

The Indonesian Ambassador and embassy families annually donate blood haling the period of Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival, honouring the Independence Day of the Indonesia in July and the Armed Forces of Indonesia in December, three times a year.—Kyemon

Suggestion given to fish breeders to generate more income

YANGON, 19 July—Myanmar Fish Breeding Association urged fish breeders farmers not to exceed 1000 fingerlings of carp on one acre of pond, according to the regular meeting of the meat and fish entrepreneurs held on 17 July.

Myanmar Fisheries Federation and Myanmar Fish BreedingEntrepreneurs Association gave suggestions to enable the farmers to know mating of fish in the starting of fish breeding season, said an official of the association.

The carp breeders faced loss due to lack of high demand from abroad.

In last three years, carp and driver carps did not have high demand from the foreign market. Thus, suggestion was given to the breeders not to exceed breeding of 1000 carps per acre.

The fish breeders should not expect the decline and increase of prices for fish.

They should focus on breeding of fresh water lobsters, giant sea perch, banded snakehead, climbing perch and tilapia to be managed at the small ponds. As such, they can prevent depletion of natural fish species and earn deserved incomes.—Kyemon

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Outstanding students, teachers honoured in Gyobingau

GYOBINGAUK, 19 July—A ceremony to honour students who passed matriculation examination in 2011-2012 academic year with flying colours and outstanding teachers were held at Shwe Nyilar Hall of Basic Education High School of Gyobingau in Thayawady District in Bago Region on 9 July morning.

At first, Township Administrator U Thein Tun made a speech. Township Education Officer U Aung Win explained academic matters.

After that, the township administrator presented K 1,596,000 to 83 students and 27 outstanding teachers.—Myanna Alin

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV TURTLE BAY VOY NO (102) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.7.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon. Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

PHONE No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV ESM CREMONA VOYNO (052)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV ESM CREMONA VOYNO (052) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 19.7.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANNA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINES
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV HANNA MARIE VOYNO (1230)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV HANNA MARIE VOYNO (1230) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.7.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANNA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S CHINA SHIPPING CONTAINER LINES (MALAYSIA) AGENCY SDN BHD
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

Myanmar Agribusiness Public Corporation (MAPCO)
Announcement of International Bidding
Myanmar Agribusiness Public Corporation (MAPCO) hereby announces its firm intention to invest and set up (15) Nos of Integrated Rice-based Processing Complexes, at major production and commercial areas of Myanmar. The Scope of Project for the Bidding will comprise “Design, Supply of Equipment & Machinery, Installation, Supervision, Commissioning, Test-run, Operation Technology Transfer & Training, After-sale Services and Other Requirements as Prescribed by MAPCO”.
Interested Internationally renowned parties are invited to submit the Commercial and Technical Proposal, not later than 30th August, 2012. Pre-bidding meeting will be held on 27th July, 2012. During the Pre-bidding meeting, the detailed requirement and expectations from the Project shall be explained to prospective bidders that register for Bidding and clarifications, if required, shall be made. Registrations can be made at MAPCO Office, at starting from 20th July with registration fees of 100,000 Ks.

Room No (0303), SAKURA Tower, No (339), Bogyoke Aung San Road, Kyauktada Township, Yangon, Myanmar.

Tel No: 00951-255083, 255084, 255085, 255086

71-year-old prevents robbery

Ocala, 19 July — Two teenagers armed with a handgun and a baseball bat were shot and injured by a 71-year-old man during the attempted robbery of an Internet cafe in Ocala, Fla. Davis Dawkins, 19, and Duwayne Henderson, 19, were arrested on charges of attempted armed robbery, with a firearm and felony criminal mischief for attempting to rob an Internet cafe on Friday. Authorities said Dawkins and Henderson, forcing them to flee.

Dawkins and Henderson were arrested hours after the incident. Dawkins posted an $11,000 bond and was released from jail. Henderson remains in Marion County Jail on $31,000 bond. Authorities said Williams will most likely not be charged with a crime because the shooting was justified.—Internet

No charges against US military troops in Colombia prostitution scandal

WASHINGTON, 19 July — The US military said on Wednesday it would not pursue criminal charges against 10 service members implicated in the Secret Service prostitution scandal in Colombia, opting for lesser punishments and, in one case, a simple letter of reprimand.
US military troops and Secret Service agents were helping provide security arrangements for President Barack Obama before his April visit to a summit in the seaside city of Cartagena.
Secret Service employees were accused of bringing women, some of them prostitutes, back to their hotel rooms in Colombia. The agency said later that nine personnel were found to have been involved in serious misconduct. The incident overshadowed Obama’s visit and embarrassed the services involved.
The US military’s Southern Command did not disclose the nature of the accusations against the service members, including whether they were directly involved in prostitution.
But three of the soldiers accused have requested a trial by court-martial, meaning the details in their cases would likely be made public when proceedings begin in the coming weeks.
The military recommended that seven soldiers and two Marines receive “non-judicial punishments,” a broad category that one US official speaking on background said could range from reduction in rank to a monetary fine. A member of the Air Force was also given a letter of reprimand after the military concluded he had not broken military law. None of the 10 service members was an officer. Southern Command said two cases remained under legal review.
While prostitution is legal in Colombia, it is illegal for service members under US military law.—Reuters

Colombia: Drug kingpin busted in Honduras

BOGOTA, 19 July — The alleged No 2 in a Colombian drug-trafficking organization has been arrested in Honduras, officials say. Colombian authorities said the operation that led to the arrest of Alexander Montoya Usuga, nicknamed “El Flaco,” was run jointly with Honduras, Colombia Reports said.
Montoya, 33, was allegedly traveling in an airplane stolen from El Dorado Airport in Bogota some months ago and had just flown into Honduras from a third country. Montoya faces charges of murder and drug trafficking, authorities said.
Officials describe Montoya as the second-in-command of “La Familia,” a paramilitary group involved in the drug business. His family, the “Usuga clan,” is in charge of the drug operation, officials say, and he succeeded to the No 2 spot when his cousin, Juan de Dios Usuga, or “Giovan,” was killed by Colombian security forces 1 Jan.—Internet

Indonesian soldiers of the special operations forces of Indonesian marine, also known as the Jala Mengkara Detachment, attend an anti-terror drill in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 18 July, 2012.

Xinhua

People lead a bull into the bullfighting arena during the Torch Festival in Butuo Autonomous Prefecture in southwest China’s Sichuan Province, on 18 July, 2012. People of Yi ethnic group here celebrated the annual Torch Festival, during which one of the highlights is the bullfight.—Xinhua

Photo taken on 19 July, 2012 shows an enamel on an exhibition in Dalian Modern Museum in Dalian, northeast China’s Liaoning Province. The three-month exhibition kicked off on Wednesday, displaying 83 enamels in the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911).—Xinhua

Internet
Holy crash landing Batman! The crime-fighting caped crusader could fly but if he did, he would smash into the ground and probably die, a group of British physicists students have calculated.

Dashing the dreams of comic fans across the world, four students from the University of Leicester said that while Batman could glide using his cape as he does in the 2005 film “Batman Begins”, his landing would almost certainly prove fatal.

The superhero is back in cinemas later this month in “The Dark Knight Rises” and they suggested Batman should go shopping before trying a similar attempt to become airborne over Gotham City.

“If Batman wanted to survive the flight, he would definitely need a bigger cape,” said David Marshall, 22, one of the students in the final year of his four-year Master of Physics degree.

“It’s important to remember he preferred to keep his style intact he could opt for using active propulsion, such as jets to keep himself aloft.” In a paper titled “Trajectory of a Falling Batman”, the group argued that if he jumped from a 150-metre (492-foot) high building, the 4.7 metre (15-foot) wingspan of Batman’s cape would allow him to glide 350 metres (1148 feet).

### News Album

#### Hudson

**LAS VEGAS, 19July—**
Jennifer Hudson, Willie Nelson and Carole King were among those who sang at the opening of the Smith Center for the Performing Arts in Las Vegas.

Neil Patrick Harris served as host of “From Dust to Dreamer: Opening Night at the Smith Center for the Performing Arts,” a musical special taped in March that will air 21 Sept on PBS.

The programme includes appearances by Merle Haggard, Emmylou Harris, Christian Bale in a scene from “The Dark Knight Rises”.

However, he would reach a speed of 68 miles per hour (109km per hour) before hitting the ground at a life-threatening speed of 50 mph.

Suspicous powder revealed as flour

by a pair of crows.

Firefighters said a hazardous materials team was called to the Edmonds intersection on Tuesday and traffic was diverted for more than an hour while the team worked to identify the substance. The (Everett) Daily Herald reported on Wednesday.

“It turns out the white powdery substance is, in fact, flour,” Snohomish County Fire District 1 spokesperson Leslie Hynes said. A woman who had been jogging in the area earlier said she saw a pair of crows dragging a bag of flour. “She took it away from them, put it in a garbage can and kept running,” Hynes said. “Two crows and a two-alarm hazmat incident.”

#### Janet Jackson objects to Paris acting

LOS ANGELES, 19 July — US pop star Janet Jackson is not supportive of her 14-year-old niece Paris’s decision to act professionally while still a child, sources told UsMagazine.com. Paris’s mother, whom the teen has spoken publicly about her plans to act in the next month.

The teen has spoken publicly about her plans to act in the show “London’s Bridge” and the Three Keys,” which is due for release in 2014. But Janet is afraid doing so goes against her late sibling’s wishes that his children not work until they are at least 18, UsMagazine.com said.

“She feels it goes against Michael’s wishes to keep kids out of the limelight until age 18,” an insider told the magazine. “Janet thinks Paris should enjoy being a kid and possibly go to college. It’s a huge dispute!”

Paris and her brothers, Prince Michael and Blanket, are being raised by Janet and Michael’s mother, Katherine. Janet and Michael, as well as their siblings, are working professionally.

#### The Who plans N American concert tour

LONDON, 19July — British rock band The Who announced on Wednesday plans for a North American concert tour during which they’ll perform “Quadrophenia” in its entirety.

In addition to playing the iconic 1973 rock opera, the group will perform a selection of Who classics during the concert series, which will kick off its initial six-week run 1 Nov in Sunrise, Fla. The Who will return to the United States in late January with more dates, commencing on 28 Jan in Anaheim, Calif.

#### Kennedy pleads not guilty to DWA

NEW YORK, 19July — Human-rights activist and author Kerry Kennedy has pleaded not guilty to charges in New York’s North Castle Town Court of driving while ability impaired.

The plea stemmed from her 13 July car crash after which police said she failed multiple sobriety tests and slurred her speech.

TMZ quoted her saying as in court on Tuesday she hadn’t been on drugs when she drove her car into a tractor-trailer, but rather suffered a seizure as a result of an old head injury.

She also admitted in court she may have told police after the accident she had taken an

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Haas beats Simon to advance in Hamburg

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Hasse beat Roger Federer for the title in Halle, Germany, in June and is looking to become the first home player to win the tournament since Michael Stich in 1993. Haas will next meet another German, Florian Mayer, who routed Robin Haase 6-2, 6-4. Fourth-seeded Marin Cilic stayed on course for another title when dismissing Federico Delbonis 6-3, 6-2. Albert Ramos beat Lukas Rosol 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-3. — Internet

Matthieu ousts 3rd-seeded Wawrinka at Swiss Open

Open on Wednesday to reach his first final this season, Matthieu, who was injured throughout 2011, earned the key points with the third-seeded Wawrinka converting just two of nine break chances in the second-round match. A former top-20 player, Matthieu was ranked No. 17 before dropping into the Hong Kong Open. Standing at 6-foot-9, the Swissman won 7-6 (5), 6-2, two sets to none, and faced no problems on his way to victory.

United start world tour with narrow victory

United beat AmaZulu before a capacity 50,000 crowd at Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban. Manchester United started a six-game pre-season world tour with a 1-0 win over AmaZulu before a capacity 50,000 crowd at Moses Mabhida Stadium on Wednesday.— Internet

Neymar bgs Santos teammate Ganso: Don’t abandon me!

Serginho “Serginho” was quoted as saying on Wednesday that he wants to stay at Santos, joking that he has been his teammate’s “abandon” him. The pair are currently preparing for Santos’s assault on the 2012 Olympic Games but have not qualified spectacularly for the respective futures at club level.

While Neymar reiterated that there is no chance of him leaving the Vila Belmiro before the next World Cup, he admitted that he has no idea if he will depart in the summer. “I have to repeat for two years that I will stay at Santos,” the 20-year-old forward is quoted as saying by Lanceet. “Everyone knows that I will stay at Santos until 2014. If we want to add an advisor to my siesta the day after his 1000 metre European title in Barcelona in 2010, by a congratulatory phone call from then French President Nicolas Sarkozy.— Internet
Olympian Lepchenko advances at Carlsbad

CARLSBAD, 19 July—US Olympian Varvara Lepchenko upset South African eighth seed Chanelle Scheepers 6-4, 6-2 to reach her third quarter-final of the season at the WTA hardcourt event.

The 44th-ranked Lepchenko, who will join Venus and Serena Williams plus fellow Carlsbad competitor Christina McHale on the flight to London next week for the 28 July start of the Olympic tennis event, never faced a break point in a victory that took less than 90 minutes.

Lepchenko reached quarter-finals this season indoors in Memphis in February and on the blue clay of May’s Madrid Masters, where she lost to Agnieszka Radwanska.

The American broke Scheepers three times and advanced as the South African sailed a return long. Lepchenko next plays either fourth seed Jelena Jankovic, the former world number one, or Hungarian Melinda Crnic.

Chan won the opening set in 40 minutes, breaking Watson in the final game as the British player, who failed to convert any of her seven break points, served to stay in it. In the second, six service breaks became thick and fast as the set went to a tiebreaker. Chan took a 5-2 lead and put away a crosscourt volley to earn the victory.

...Today was a difficult match because both of us are pretty solid,” Chan said. “The weather was pretty warm today, so it was difficult physically.”

French top seed Marion Bartoli was opening her campaign after a first-round bye as she faced American Vania King in the second round...
Merit-sharing ceremony held in Nay Pyi Taw on Martyrs’ Day

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July—A merit-sharing ceremony for martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the country was held at Mingala Hall of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area here on the 65th Martyrs’ Day this morning. Union Minister at the President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt attended the ceremony.

Members of Sangha led by State Ovadaçariya Abbot of Mahavisutarama Sego Monastery Bhaddanta Kavisara of Nay Pyi Taw Pyimmana, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council, Hluttaw representatives, members of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, members of social organizations, members of Nay Pyi Taw Women’s Affairs Federation, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Red Cross First Aid Brigade, Auxiliary Fire Brigade, representatives from War Veterans’ Organizations, departmental heads and guests attended the ceremony.

The congregation received Five Percepts from Sayawad Bhaddanta Kavisara and the members of Sangha recited Parrittas. The congregation then donated offertories to the members of Sangha.

The congregation led by the Union minister received sermons from Sayawad Bhaddanta Kavisara and shared merits to the martyrs.

The a-day meal was offered to the members of Sangha.— MNA

A-day meal offered to members of the Sangha in commemoration of Martyrs’ Day

YANGON, 19 July—Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abbot of Bhamo Monastery of Mandalay Abhidhaja Maha Ralha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa, members of Sangha, the speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw, members of region level organizations, the joint secretary, members and heads of departments of Yangon City Development Committee, guests and officials attended the merit-sharing ceremony in commemoration of the 65th Martyrs’ Day at City Hall here this morning.

The congregation received Five Percepts from the Bhamo Sayadaw and the members of Sangha recited Parittas.

Region Development Affairs Minister Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint, Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win, Chief Justice of Region High Court U Win Swe, Region ministers and officials donated offertories to the members of Sangha.

The congregation received sermons from the SSMNC chairman and shared merits gained.

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Bogyoke Aung San Museum packed with visitors

YANGON, 19 July—Bogyoke Aung San Museum in Bogyoke Museum Street in Bahan Township here was opened to the public free of charge from 8 am to 4 pm on the 65th Martyrs’ Day.

It received 16,197 visitors including members of the religious orders, students, political party members, social organization members and foreigners on the public holiday.

Officials sought convenience of the visitors, and doctors and nurses of Health Department in Bahan Township got ready themselves for necessary healthcare.

The museum is kept open on the days except Mondays, Tuesdays and public holidays from 10 am to 4 pm. The fee for an adult is K 300 and for members of religious orders and children is K 100.

The 90 years old museum is under repair by Archaeological Research, National Museum and Library Department under the Ministry of Culture.— MNA

When T-Mobile closed its call centres, it shipped US jobs overseas

Members of religious orders, students, political parties, social organizations and foreigners seen at Bogyoke Aung San Museum on Bogyoke Museum Street in Bahan Township, Yangon.—MNA

Philippines rescues sea turtles from poachers’ net