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Our Three Main National Causes

* Non-disintegration of the Union
* Non-disintegration of National Solidarity
* Perpetuation of Sovereignty

Union Minister calls for collaborative efforts of social organizations

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—Union Minister at the President Office Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Thein Nyunt met members of field survey and implementation team for rural development and poverty alleviation in villages in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area at General Administration Department of Zabuthiri Township here this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union minister said that eight teams of such kind would be established to make field surveys for the third time. The teams are constituted with personnel of the GAD, and graduates in health care, livestock, agriculture and engineering who will carry out relevant tasks. In the evening, personnel of GAD and graduates would give talks on implementation of rural development works and policies of the State and health care.

The Union minister called on the women’s affairs organizations, maternal and child welfare supervisory committees, Red Cross societies, auxiliary fire brigades, and war veterans organizations to coordinate with the teams to fulfill the needs of local people. The Union minister confirmed the Nay Pyi Taw Council’s commitment to address the difficulties of local people. The Union minister called for accomplishment of the tasks and protection of the rural people on behalf of the government.—MNA

Union Minister at President Office U Thein Nyunt delivers an address at a meeting with members of field survey and implementation teams for rural development and poverty alleviation.—MNA

Development of livestock breeding, meat and fish production coordinated

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint delivered an address at the meeting to review accomplishment of the Livestock Breeding and Meat and Fish Production Subcommittee at the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries today.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister said that the Livestock Breeding and Meat and Fish Production Subcommittee could achieve remarkable success in rural development and poverty alleviation within one year and emphasized the need to achieve greater success in the works after reviewing the one-year tasks based on the government policies.

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Duties of project assigned to officials in Yankin Township

YANGON, 20 July—A ceremony to assign duty of annual projects for 2012-2013 fiscal year was held at the hall of Yankin Township General Administration Department on 13 July.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Win Aung and Assistant Director of Township Internal Revenue Department Daw Macy Thaung assigned duties to departmental officials and ward administrators.

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Next, Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Aye and officials submitted reports on progress of works from July 2011 to June 2012 and future tasks.

After coordinating the works, the Union Minister gave necessary instructions.—MNA

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (20-7-2012)

Taungup (5.28) inches
Gwa (4.76) inches
Manauung (3.86) inches
Ngathainggyoung (3.74) inches
Thandwe (3.55) inches
Myaungmya (3.50) inches
Putao (2.79) inches
Hinthada (2.76) inches
Nyaunglebin (2.72) inches

Global Vipassana Pagoda outside to solid Replica of famous Shwedagon Pagoda of Republic of the Union of Myanmar having already been built in Mumbai, Republic of India

NASA completes another Orion parachute test

King announces retirement from football

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Money: friend or foe?

Some argue that money makes everything while some argue that money does not buy happiness. If so, what does money really mean in our daily life?

The use of barter system may date back to at least, 100,000 years ago. Paper money or banknotes came into existence in China during Song Dynasty. In modern world, money is far more than a medium of exchange, a unit of account and a store of value.

There has been a considerable debate over the role of money in health. Some argue money cannot buy health. In reality, money does buy health, at least it can extend ones’ lifespan; otherwise there won’t be a booming market of illegal human organs trading and worldwide reported crimes of doctors smuggling human body parts for own profits. Kidnapped and killed, the poor especially in developing countries fall the victim of this thriving black market while money badly spoils the ethics of medical practitioners.

Money also buys influence not only for an individual but also for a particular country. As to the former case, money becomes the devil when it comes to the pocket of egocentric unscrupulous persons. It can harm and ruin the life of others around his bad master. As to the latter, money can be used as a foreign policy tool to move recipients closer to donors in policy space.

It has become a cause of serious concern for human resources development of our country that post-graduate degrees can also be bought with money without having to have expert knowledge. Who is to blame for this? The system, the buyer, the seller, or all of them or money that makes things easier?

Money is an essential part of our live although we cannot eat money to fill our stomachs. Money may not make everything, but it makes almost everything. Money, in the hands of self-centred people, is the weapon to kill and in the hands of philanthropic men, is the seeds which bear fruits for others. It just depends on how you spend. Anyway, life would be quite meaningless if we just live for money and ourselves.

SAGAING REGION CHIEF MINISTER INSPECTS DEVELOPMENT TASKS IN YEU

Nav Pyi Taw, 20 July—Sagaying Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye attended an opening ceremony of Linyaungchi Library in the compound of Hantaw Bodhi Basic Education High School in Yeu Township of Swaybo District on 17 July. Region Minister for Finance and Revenue U Saw Myint Oo, Region Hluttaw representative U Soe Tint Aung and library donor U Myint Than (MRTV-Redi) formally opened the library. The Region Chief Minister and officials presented publications and sport gear to the village.

Next, the Region Chief Minister inspected summer paddy plantations, winnowing and earthen embankment of road.

The Region Chief Minister attended an opening ceremony of Khiithit-aliyauung Library in Taungkon Village of Yeu Township. Sayadaw U Tejinda, the Region Finance and Revenue Minister and representative U Soe Tint Aung formally opened the library. He then returned to the Region Hluttaw and presented certificates of honour them and donated publications and sport gear to the village.

Coord meeting held for invitation to tender to build basic education schools

Nav Pyi Taw, 20 July—A coordination meeting on invitation to tender for construction of basic education schools in Kachin State with the use of funds in 2012-2013 fiscal year was held at the office of Kachin State government on 18 July, with an address by Kachin Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai.

Kachin State Minister for Social Affairs Daw Bauk Ja reported on matters related to construction of schools and construction companies in 2012-2013 fiscal year.

The State Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding, Speaker of the State Hluttaw U Ra Wan Jone, Secretary of the government U Min Chit Oo, representatives of the State Hluttaw and officials participated in the discussions.

The Chief Minister instructed the commissioner of the state to supervise the invitation to tender, timely complete of schools meeting the set standard and State Hluttaw representatives to participate in supervisory tasks.

CASH DONATED: U Aye Tha-Daw Kyim Shwe of Zigon Road in Nathagon Ward of Insein Township of Yangon Region donated K 500,000 to medical trust-fund of Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently. Secretary of Executive Committee of the Home U Win Swe accepts cash donation.—NMA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Nav Pyi Taw, 20 July—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Deputy Director-General U Htway Hla of Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department under the Ministry of Border Affairs as Director-General of the same department on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

Nav Pyi Taw, 20 July—A ceremony to hand over cash awards for outstanding students was handed over at the hall of Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station, here, this afternoon.

Managing Director U Thein Swe gave a speech and handed over cash awards for the outstanding students to officials.

At the ceremony, cash awards for 436 outstanding students were handed over to the officials.—NMA

Nav Pyi Taw, 20 July—In a meeting with media person, an official of Yangon Region All Private Bus-line Control Committee disclosed that the committee does not allow the buses to separate bus fares for driver room and rare of the bus.

"Some passengers who took seats in the driver room gave bus fare with extra charge for their comforts. However, a complaint was submitted to the committee due to the fact that the bus driver asked K 1000 per seat from the passenger in the driver room of the Hilux bus that ran its route leading to Thanlyin. So, the committee does not allow the bus fares," he explained.

The extra bus fares are mostly collected on the Hilux bus lines. In addition, some city buses collect extra bus fare.

“Before office hours, the buses carry packed passengers on boards. Due to offer of driver, I came up from the door of the driver room and took a plastic chair beside him. In the rare, I must pay K 100 as bus fare. But, I could take a seat at K 200 per seat in the driver room comfortably. At a time when special buses cannot give such service, K 200 per seat in the driver room is not bad,”—Kyemon
WASHINGTON, 20 July—Senator John McCain publicly supported a senior Obama administration official in denouncing concerns by a group of House Republicans that her family may have connections to the Muslim Brotherhood, which they fear may be trying to gain access to high levels of the US government.

Former Republican presidential candidate Michele Bachmann and four other lawmakers in the House of Representatives asked the State Department’s inspector general’s office last month to investigate the possibility that Huma Abedin, a top aide to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, had family ties to the Islamist political group. Their 13 June letter asserted that the State Department had recently taken action “enormously unfounded attack on an honorable woman” and public servant whose family had never been shown in any way “to harm or threaten” the United States.

Bachmann said in a statement on Wednesday that the letter to the State Department and similar correspondence to inspectors general at the Pentagon, the Department of Justice and the National Security Agency are “unfortunately being disregarded.”

“The intention of the letters was to outline the serious national security concerns I had and ask for answers to questions regarding the Muslim Brotherhood and other radical groups access to top Obama administration officials,” Bachmann said.

She said she would continue to speak out on the issue.—Reuters

US Senator McCain stands by Hillary Clinton aide

WASHINGTON, 20 July—Defense Secretary Leon Panetta ordered Pentagon to monitor media for information leaks

WASHINGTON, 20 July—Defence Secretary Leon Panetta ordered senior Pentagon officials on Thursday to begin monitoring major US news media for disclosures of classified information in an effort to stop the release of government secrets after a series of high-profile leaks.

The announcement came hours after Panetta and other senior defense officials appeared before a closed-door hearing of the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee to discuss recent disclosures of classified information.

Reports about US cyber warfare against Iran, procedures for targeting militants with drones and a double agent who penetrated al-Qaida in Iraq have angered US lawmakers. Some have charged the leaks were timed to benefit President Barack Obama’s re-election bid.

Representative Buck McKeon, the Republican chairman of the House panel, told a news conference later that he did not believe the Pentagon was behind the leaks and that Panetta and the other officials were taking the issue seriously. “Both the chairman and I were very concerned that Secretary Panetta and all of the folks at the Pentagon are taking it seriously, are trying to mitigate the damages and prevent it in the future,” said AdamSmith, the top Democrat on the panel.

Panetta, Army General Martin Dempsey, the top uniformed military officer, and chief Pentagon lawyer Jeh Johnson prepared to try to address the problem inside the department.

McKeon said the House panel was “concerned about the leaks that have come out over the years and accelerated, it seems, over the last few months.”

Although he said he did not believe the Pentagon was the source of the most recent leaks, McKeon declined to comment on speculation the White House was responsible.

Senator John McCain, Obama’s Republican opponent in the 2008 presidential election, has suggested some of the leaks may have been calculated to boost the Democratic president’s re-election effort— a charge the White House emphatically denies.

The unauthorized disclosure of classified information is a crime.

Pentagon Press Secretary George Little told a briefing on Thursday that Panetta, Dempsey and members of the House committee were one mind about the leaks. “The unauthorized disclosure of classified information is truly disturbing,” he said. “It’s of concern to the secretary, and I think members on the Hill express similar concern. And the secretary is clearly prepared to try to address the problem inside the department.”

McKeon said the US government was “actually doing pretty good” in handling its secrets, given the fact that 4million people hold classified clearance.

John Stewart, who heads the committee, is prepared to try to address the problem inside the department.

REUTERS

Empty and disused Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL) Group containers are seen at Malta Freeport in the Port of Marsaxlokk outside Valletta on 10 Feb, 2012. Reuters

Roadside bomb kills five Afghan police

WASHINGTON, 20 July—Five police were killed as a roadside bomb struck a police van in Urugzan province 370 km south of capital Kabul, spokesman for provincial administration Abdullah Hamid said on Friday.

“A mine planted by militants on a road in Sarik district struck a police vehicle late Thursday night as a result five policemen including the police chief of Sarik district were martyred,” Hamid told Xinhua.

He also blamed Taleban militants for planting the mine, saying Taleban insurgents by organizing roadside bombs and other subversive activities want to intimidate both locals and government employees. However, Taleban militants fighting the government are yet to make comment.—Xinhua

US says Iran ships using foreign flags to evade sanctions

WASHINGTON, 20 July—The United States warned the maritime industry on Thursday that Iranian ships were still using other country’s flags in an attempt to evade Western sanctions against the country.

Sierra Leone is the latest country to revoke its flag for a vessel controlled by the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL), which is on the US blacklist for its involvement in Iran’s weapons programme.

The United States and the European Union have implemented tough sanctions against Iran in an attempt to stop the country from acquiring nuclear weapons.

The EU enacted a ban from 1 July on insuring ships carrying Iranian oil that has also crimped Teheran’s oil exports.

The United States said port authorities had to be on the look out for fabricated vessel registration and phony flags.

Xinhua

Bulgarian bus bomber’s video released

BEIJING, 20 July—Bulgarian officials say a lanky, long-haired man with a fake Michigan driver’s license carried out the deadly suicide attack on a bus full of Israeli holidaymakers.

Bulgarian television aired security camera footage on Thursday showing the suspected bomber wandering in and out of the terminal shortly before the blast.

He was dressed as a tourist, and carried a large backpack with wheels, as well as a smaller bag. Bulgaria’s foreign minister said the suspect had been in the country for 4 to 7 days and was about 35 years old.

Officials are using DNA samples to establish his identity. Prime Minister Boiko Borisov told reporters that a Michigan driver’s license was recovered, but he said US officials responded “there was no such person in their database.”

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**Fibre broadband deal with BT ‘puts Wales in fast lane’**

Carwyn Jones said next generation broadband would help the economy.— **INTERNET**

**LONDON, 20 July —** An agreement to provide almost 42% of Welsh homes and businesses with fibre broadband over the next four years has been unveiled by the Welsh government.

The Welsh government has signed a deal with BT to upgrade the network for 96% of properties by 2015. It heralded the £425m deal as the biggest of its kind in the UK and a boost for the economy. Mr Jones said: “Today is the day that Wales moved into the fast lane.” It will mean broadband speeds for Wales around 15 times faster than the public sector, will lay fibre optic cables across tens of thousands of miles.

The announcement on Thursday, made at the first minister’s end-of-term news conference, follows an 18-month procurement process.

The Welsh government agreed to invest £1.6bn into what private businesses had to invest in the network. Officials say 52% of Wales would not have benefited from next generation broadband service without government intervention.

BT was the only company left in the process after the last two pulled out earlier this year.

But Mr Jones insisted the deal was good value for the taxpayer, with every £1 of Welsh government investment matched by £6 from other sources.— **INTERNET**

**Storm petrel seabirds can smell their relatives**

**LONDON, 20 July —** Seabirds are able to pick out their relatives from a crowd of unrelated individuals, according to scientists. In a “recognition test”, European storm petrels chose to avoid the scent of a relative in favour of approaching the smell of an unrelated bird. The researchers think this behaviour prevents the birds from “accidentally inbreeding”. The study is the first evidence that birds are able to sniff out a suitable mate, it is published in the journal Animal Behaviour.

Lead researcher Francesco Bonadonna from the Centre of Functional and Evolutionary Ecology in Montpellier, France, told BBC Nature that the birds used smell to recognise and communicate their “genetic compatibility”. Sniffing out a genetically suitable mate is a well-known phenomenon in mammals. But until recently, scientists thought that birds relied on vision and sound when choosing a partner.

According to Dr Bonadonna, the fact that they use odours, explains how these seabirds may return to their flock of jungle in their colony to breed and avoid mating with a relative.

Seabird secrets

- See the secret bird surveys carried out from the air
- Find out how the world’s largest falcon species much of its life hunting at sea
- See how an iron-age structure provides the perfect petrel nesting site

**Google launch SMS version of Gmail in Africa**

**NEW YORK, 20 July —** Google has launched a text message-based version of its email service targeted at users in Africa. Gmail SMS, which is on so-called “dumb phones” which only have very basic features and no access to the Internet. The service has so far been made available in Ghana, Nigeria and Kenya. Gmail SMS is the latest in a line of Google products aimed at the African market — the company is also running educational programmes in the region.

The search giant describes its efforts in improving computer science training as “an important goal for Google 2012”. It recently offered grants to 17 universities to expand its Computer Science for High School project. However lack of access to affordable hardware remains a critical barrier to technology adoption across the continent.

Suzan Reich, Google’s product manager for emerging markets, explained in a blog post how Gmail SMS was adapted to work by using simplicity and commands. “Gmail SMS works on any phone, even the most basic ones which only support voice and SMS. Users will automatically forwards your emails as SMS texts messages to your phone and you can respond by replying directly to the SMS. “You can control the emails received by setting a command such as MORE, PAUSE and RESUME.”

“Additionally, compose a new email as an SMS and send to any email address recipient — who will find your message in the light email conversation thread.” It will be free to receive messages from the system, but any sent to other email accounts will be subject to SMS fees, if you’re not on standard network rates.

Across Africa, adoption of mobile services has been swift and widespread. Mobile commerce offerings like mobile money transfer and mobile banking have in excess of 15 million users.— **INTERNET**

**Apple’s latest iPad makes low-key debut in China**

**SHANGHAI, 20 July —** Apple Inc staged a low-key launch of its latest iPad in China on Friday, free of the chaotic scenes that plagued the tech darlings’ previous product debut in its most important growth market. The calm, orderly queues in Shanghai and Beijing came as a surprise to many analysts, who were used to standing in snaking queues with scalpers to get their hands on the latest product. “I’m very surprised that there is no line. I thought there was going to be a large line so I came over a bit earlier to pick it up,” said an IT worker.

Sun Xufei, who was the first in line of a small queue of around 20 people waiting outside the Shanghai Apple store.

The launch of the latest iPad, which features a sharper display and better camera than previous versions of the wildly popular tablet, comes weeks after Apple paid $60 million to a Shenzhen-based company to settle a trademark lawsuit over the iPad name. Apple adopted an online reservation system that allowed it to control the flow of people to its stores and avoid a repeat of the riotous iPhone 4S launch in January, when one of its flagship stores in Beijing was pelted with eggs by scalpers who had turned rowdy. “This method is much better because everyone’s happy, said John Zhang. Apple has two retail stores in Beijing, three in Shanghai, one in Hong Kong and a network of authorized resellers. Chinese government officials said the company is looking to open two more in the major cities of Chengdu and Shenzhen.— **Reuters**

**Hacker claims to have accessed 50,000 accounts from Wall Street IT recruiting firm**

**NEW YORK, 20 July —** An Internet hacker belonging to a group called TeamGhostShell broke into recruiting website WallStreet.com, Computer World reported.

The leaked data also includes details such as salary and bonus expectations of the potential employees and even feedback on specific candidates. Another file contained email conversations and thousands of phone call records between recruiters and potential candidates.

The hacker behind the breach, known only as Masakuzi, suggested the attack was meant as a sign of support for the Occupy Wall Street movement. Andiamo Partners, the New York-based recruiting firm that operates the website, neither confirmed nor denied the breach.— **INTERNET**

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Microsoft makes its first ever loss

WASHINGiON, 20 July —

Microsoft said it would lose $6.3bn for the quarter ended June 30, as its advertising business struggled to compete with rivals Google and Amazon.

Microsoft reported loss of $6.3bn for the quarter ended June 30, compared to a profit of $2.5bn in the previous year. Revenue fell 14% to $18.06bn.

The computing giant said its advertising business had been hurt by a failure to bring the profits expected by Microsoft. That led to a 49% drop in its three months to the end of June, compared with a profit of $5.9bn a year ago.

The company has not made a loss since it joined the stock market in 1986. It took over AQuantive in 2007 but it struggled to compete with rivals Google and Amazon.

Shares steady, oil ease; euro dips on Spain worries

HONG KONG, 20 July —

Asian shares eased on Friday but were poised for the biggest weekly gain since January, as strong US corporate earnings lifted the S&P 500 to a 2-1/2 month high while Spain’s fiscal woes kept the euro under pressure.

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Health Tip: Bring baby back to a safe home

Before you bring baby home from the hospital, make sure the environment is safe. The womenshealth.gov website offers this checklist before mom and newborn leave the hospital.

- Make sure all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home are working.
- Place a list of emergency numbers, including poison control, near each phone.
- Make sure you have ordered landline phone in your home, in case of power failure.
- Make sure the number on your house, apartment or unit is visible, in case emergency works have to find your home.
- Make sure there are handrails on all stairs. — Internet

Egg allergies ‘treated with egg’

LONDON, 20 July —

A study of 55 children with egg allergy found that after 22 months of egg therapy, 75% of the children were able to eat the equivalent of two eggs without reacting.

To make this possible, the children were given powdered egg to mix into their food, building up to about a third of an egg every day.

“The reaction has been successful in other foods such as peanuts. Parents were given powdered egg to mix into their children’s food, building up to about a third of an egg every day. Egg allergies ‘treated with egg’ children’s food, building up to about a third of an egg every day. The findings, presented in the New England Journal of Medicine, showed that 75% of the children were able to eat the equivalent of two eggs without reacting. The children were tested again at least a month of no longer having the daily egg treatment. Of these, 28% could still eat egg without reacting and were considered allergy-free.”

One of the researchers Dr Wesley Burks, from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, said: “This study gives us hope that we’re closer to developing a treatment. Almost a third of the children had a permanent change and were no longer egg-allergic.”

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Google reports sales and profits jump

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Internet giant Google has reported a jump in sales and profits for the three months to the end of June in its first results statement since taking over Motorola Mobility Holdings (MMH). Net income for the quarter was $2.705bn (£1.77bn), up 11% compared to $2.51bn a year earlier.

Google said revenue rose 35% to $12.21bn for the period after a $1.25bn boost following the acquisition of MMH. Revenue at its core internet business rose 21%. Shares in Google rose about 3% in after-hours trading following the results.

As well as generating money through advertising based on searches, Google also makes the popular Android mobile platform that is powering Google’s competing smartphone system. During the period, the company also launched its Nexus 7 tablet computer. The company’s chief executive, Larry Page, said the Nexus had received “two reviews.” — Internet

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In the past three months the internet giant bought Motorola Mobility and launched its Nexus 7 computer. — Internet

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China reprimands Russia for alleged attack on Chinese fishing boats

BEIJING, 20 July — China has issued a stern rebuke to Russia over an attack on a Chinese fishing boat, which has left a fisherman missing.

China is very dissatisfied with Russia’s actions, which caused the Chinese fishing boat and crew to open fire on the Russian vessel, Cheng Guangpu, a spokesperson for the Chinese Foreign Ministry, said in a statement.

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China president meets president of Cote d’Ivoire

BEIJING, 20 July — President Hu Jintao held talks with Cote d’Ivoire President Alassane Dramane Ouattara on Monday morning.

Hu welcomed Ouattara’s visit and attendance at the opening ceremony of the fifth Ministerial Meeting of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) during the open session of the meeting.

Hu said he appreciates the importance Ouattara has attached to relations with China since he took office.

Ouattara said China’s assistance helped the country make a breakthrough in the economic and social development.

Prior to their talk, Hu held a welcoming ceremony for Ouattara at the Great Hall of the People.

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Global Vipassana Pagoda outside to solid Replica of famous Shwedagon Pagoda of Republic of the Union of Myanmar having already been built in Mumbai, Republic of India

All Buddhists and Buddhist communities throughout the world are very pleased and honoured to learn that the Global Vipassana Pagoda, the outside to the solid Replica of the famous Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has been already built in Mumbai, the most populous city and the commercial capital of the Republic of India.

According to the humble and respectful invitation of SN Goenka, Chairman of the Global Vipassana Foundation of India, the eight Ovadacariya Mahatheras (Patrons) from the Republic of the Union of Myanmar led by Abhidhajamanarathaghuru Abhidhajaagaagamatotika, the most Ven Bhaddanta Kumara, Chairman of the State Sanghamahanayaka Committee extended religious visit to Mumbai, the Republic of India and ceremoniously performed the auspicious state-driving and laying-stone foundation for the construction of the Global Vipassana Pagoda in accordance with rites and rituals of Buddhism. The construction of the Global Vipassana Pagoda was systematically carried out under the close instructions and guidance of SN Goenka, Chairman of the Global Vipassana Foundation of India in accordance with Ovada (Admonition) of the State Sanghamahanayaka Committee of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

This Global Vipassana Pagoda will ever stand as a significant indication of religious and friendly relationship between the two nations, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of India. The Pagoda will also exist as a significant symbol of the genuine Teachings of the Buddha returned to India from Myanmar, and it will also highlight to propagate and promote the teachings of the Buddha throughout the world.

The Global Vipassana Pagoda of 325 feet in height is slightly less than the height of the famous Shwedagon Pagoda out respect to Myanmar. It is learnt that the land near Mumbai, worth about U.S $ 5 million and covering an area of 1 acres was donated, on which the Global Vipassana Pagoda has been already built. The Pagoda is hollow structure which looks similar from the outside to the solid Replica of the famous Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

This Global Vipassana Pagoda has a dome, 280 feet wide, which is the biggest one in the whole world. The pillarless hall under the dome of the Pagoda, accommodation of seating 8000 people, rests on an octagonal platform and solid stone foundation. A huge approach staircase was also built. In addition, of the two smaller pagodas of 65 feet height each, have been already completed including meditation cells. It is further learnt that already about US$ 12 million has been spent on stage 1 and 2 of the project for construction of the pagoda and it was also spent US$ 5 million for stage 3, and final stage of the project for complete construction of the Global Vipassana Pagoda.

This historic and significant Global Vipassana Pagoda will not be only the most visible symbol of this legacy but it will also shine in all its golden resplendence on the skyline of Mumbai, the most populous city and the commercial capital of the Republic of India.

Four kinds of Cetiya (Pagodas)

During the time of the Omniscient Buddha, and after the noble demise of the Omniscient Buddha, the four kinds of the pagodas were built by world Buddhist communities dedicating to the nine Supreme Attributes of Buddha. The four kinds of Cetiya (Pagodas) are as follows:-

1. Dhatu Cetiya (Pagoda) in which the sacred relics of the Omniscient Buddha are enshrined.
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3. Oddhissa Cetiya (Pagoda) in which Buddha Images and Statues are enshrined.
4. Patiboga Cetiya (Pagoda) in which materials and objects used by the Omniscient Buddha are enshrined.

The Global Vipassana Pagoda will stand forever as the Dhatu Cetiya (Pagoda) for being homage and respectfully worshipped by all Buddhists and Buddhist communities across the world.

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**New school building handed over in Yekyi Township**

**Pathin, 20 July**—A ceremony to open new school building at Basic Education Primary School was held in conjunction with the handing over of the school building at the school in Dogon Village of Yekyi Township in each Region on 15 July.

On the occasion, Speaker of Ayeawyady Region Htutaw U Hsan Hsint, Region Minister for Social Affairs U San Maung and the Region Education Officer made speeches.
Religious ceremonies held to mark 65th Anniversary Martyrs’ Day in regions, states

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—In memory of fallen national heroes, Regional and state governments conducted religious ceremonies to offer “soon” and donate offertories to the Members of the Sangha on 65th religious ceremonies to offer governments conducted heroes, Regional and state shared merits gained.

offertories to them and of the Sangha, donated members of the Kachin State Kachin State Hluttaw and Kachin State, Kachin State Martyrs’ Day yesterday. During the ceremony at the City Hall in Myitkyina, Kachin State, Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai, Speaker of Kachin State Hluttaw and members of the Kachin State government received Five Precepts from the members of the Sangha, donated offertories to them and shared merits gained.

Similarly, the religious ceremonies to mark the 65th Martyrs’ Day were held in Puthain, Ayeyawady Region and in Loikaw, Kayah State, yesterday. Magway Region Government and Thanbyuzayat Region Government also conducted the religious ceremonies in Magway and Dawei yesterday respectively. Mandalay Region Government held the religious ceremony to mark the Martyrs’ Day at the Mandalay City Development Committee Office in Mandalay yesterday. During the ceremony, the congregation led by Chief Minister U Ye Myint and Commander of the Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Aung received Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Agyi of Maha Visudhakayon Monastery. Bago Region Government held the religious ceremony at Buddha Athan Dhamma Beikman Building in Bago yesterday. During the ceremony, the congregation led by Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win received Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sasana of Panhaung Monastery and donated offertories to the members of Sangha.

ADB’s findings on Myanmar tax system explained

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—A press conference on Myanmar tax system, jointly organized by Internal Revenue Department under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue and Asian Development Bank (ADB), took place at the meeting hall of the department, here, on 18 July, with an opening address by Director-General U Myat Maw of Internal Revenue Department. A delegation led by Principle Economist Mr. Kelly Bird of ADB held talks with officials from Internal Revenue Department on the provisions, tax policy, tax management of existing Revenue Law, Trading Tax Law, Office Act and Myanmar Stamp Act, which are being practiced by IRD, from 9 to 17 July. The press conference is meant to explain the findings on Myanmar tax system in comparison with International tax system.

The Internal Revenue Department is taking the services from the missions of World Bank, International Monetary Fund, Asian Development Bank, Japan International Cooperation Agency, International Tax and Investment Centre, Myanmar Development Resource Institute and Centre for Economic and Social Development as well as from scholars at home and abroad. Plans are under way to acquire technical assistance for technology and human resources development and cooperation processes, relating to the advantages and disadvantages of current tax system, procedures and current and long-term reforms.

Donation ceremony for locals of Rakhine State continues

YANGON, 20 July—Donation ceremony for locals of Rakhine State who lost their homes and property due to recent unrest occurred in Rakhine State was held at Myaikyala Hall of Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon.

At the ceremony, Swethazin family and staff (Third Time) donated a hundred boxes of Fuji detergent cream worth K 2,100,000, members of YWCA micro-credit (Botataung Township) K 704,000, military nursing officers (in-service and retired) K 500,000 and three bales of clothes, Maung Thita Shwe (Kaba-Aye Villa) K 260,000, U Tin Hlaing of Hlinethaya Development Affairs Group K 500,000, U Min Soe-Daw Than Than Myint from Mayangon Township K 100,000 and one bale of clothes, in memory of two parents, U Myint Tun Aung: Daw Zin Nwe Lin (from Abuulhab) K 50,000, Daw Mi Mi Khawng, Daw Tin Tin Aye from Insein K 20,000 and one bale of clothes, Ma Shwosle Yadana Aung and Ma Zarchi Le Hnin from Dagon Myothit (North) three bales of clothes, one basket of kitchen utensils, Daw Khin Kin Kyi, Daw Myint Myint K 300,000, Director U Than Kyaw Kyaw and members of Nay Pyi Taw Fire Services Department K 200,000, U Soe Win Shein- Daw Myint Myint Kyu of Malikha Housning from Thingangyun K 100,000, U Aung Kyaw Yin (from Ki), Daw Aye Mon from Bakuathre three bales of clothes, Private Toe Aung-Ma Win Sandar from Mayangon fire Station one bale of clothes, U Saw Tun Hla Bare of Myanmar Fisheries Federation coffee mix and noodles worth K 60,000, headmaster, teachers and students from No.2 Basic Education Middle School from Kyimyinda one bale of clothes, U Aung Myint, Daw Kyin Htay and wellwishers from North Okkalapa Industrial Zone fifteen bags of clothes and personal goods. Fire Services Department Director-General U Tin Moe and officials accepted the donations and spoke words of thanks.

FSD plans to buy 100 fire engines for taking fire preventive measures

YANGON, 20 July—Although there are about 1200 fire engines across the nation, the Fire Services Department needs about 600 more fire engines, said an official of FSD (Head Office).

At present, the department has invited tender to purchase foreign made 100 fire engines that can carry 800-1000 gallons of water. An official of the department said, “It can be said that Yangon is enough for number of fire engine. But, the countryside needs a lot of fire engines. According to the five-year plan adopted by the government, a plan is under way to allot more fire engines to the various townships of the nation.”

The fire engines to be purchased are to have GPS system although the fire engines in Yangon have been facilitated at command and control centres. Moreover, the persons, associations and companies wishing to donate fire engines to their native regions and other areas may contact Fire Services Department.

Golden opportunities for job hunters

YANGON, 20 July—Under the supervision of the Ministry of Labour, with the assistance of work.com.mm, the Job Opportunity Exhibition managed by Strategy First Institute, was opened at UMFCCI Office Tower on Min Lwe Kyawwa Road in Lanmadaw Township of Yangon Region on 18 July.

At first, Deputy Director-General U Thein Naing Oo of Labour Department of the Ministry of Labour made an opening speech. Principal of Strategy First Institute U Aung Chit Khin expressed thanks for holding the show.

After that, the Deputy Director-General and guests visited the exhibition.

The exhibition comprised 34 booths of employment agencies, pharmaceuticals and medicine equipment, foodstuff, furniture, housing construction project and website booths. Those wishing to take up jobs may submit applications for respective jobs.

During the exhibition, the labour cards are immediately issued to labour applicants. Work.com.mm will award K 1 million to work applicant. The exhibition will last 9 am to 5 pm on 19 July.
Collective sanitation tasks carried out in Taikkyi Township

TAKKYI, 20 July—As part of efforts to keep Taikkyi clean and pleasant and combat dengue hemorrhagic fever, the sanitation task was carried out in the township on 14 July morning. The local people carried out sanitation in Khanna-2 Street in Khanna-2 Ward of Taikkyi.

Myanmar Women’s Day observed in Salingyi

SALINGYI, 20 July—Organized by Salingyi Township Women’s Affairs Organization of Monywa District, the Myanmar Women’s Day was observed at the hall of General Administration Department on 3 July morning.

Chairperson of Township WAO Daw Nan Ay Nyan Zin talked about matters related to Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, Township Judge Daw Wah Wah Swo about prevention against human smuggling and human trafficking, Township Law Officer Daw Khin Sow Tun about the law protecting the women and Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Khin Win Kyi about the dynamic patriotism.

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Fumigator donated to Kyaukpyu District

KYAUPYU, 20 July—Members of Kyaukpyu Township Education Department Micro-Credit Cooperative Ltd donated a fumigator worth K 600,000 to be used in prevention against dengue hemorrhagic fever to Kyaukpyu District Health Department on 4 July morning.

The ceremony was held at the hall of Kyaukpyu District General Hospital.

On the occasion, Deputy Commissioner U Yan Lin Aung made a speech. Pediatrician Dr Daw Hla Mu talked on talks on prevention against DHF. Township Education Officer U Tin Han gave talks on prevention.

CASH DONATED: In memory of late Brigadier-General and former Ambassador U Kyi Nyo Chit Pe, wife Daw Nwe Nwe Tun and family of 148 (B), Dhammazedi Road in Bahan Township, elder brother Prof Dr U Than Aye and elder sister Prof Daw Kin Ohn Chit and family, donated K 500,000 to U Hla Tun Cancer Hospice Foundation recently. Secretary of the Hospice U Tun Aye accepts cash donation.

Bank loans disbursed to local farmers in Maubin

MAUBIN, 20 July—Maubin Township Myanma Agricultural Development Bank of Maubin District in Ayeyawady Region presented bank loans to local farmers for cultivation of monsoon crops in 2012 at the hall of the bank in Maubin on 13 July morning.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Aung Kyaw Lin of General Administration Department made a speech, and Manager of the Township Myanma Agricultural Development Bank U Aye Thuang explained matters related to the loans.

Next, Head of Maubin Township Land Records Department U Tin Win presented K 17.5 million to farmers of Maubin.

Also present on the occasion were departmental officials, course instructors, ward and village administrators and trainees.

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Citizenship cards issued to local people in Singaing Township

SINGAING, 20 July—Singaing Township Immigration and National Registration Department of Mandalay Region is implementing the process of Moe Pwint-3 Plan up to now.

According to the plan, Head of Kyaukpyu District INRD U San Aung and staff, the Staff Officer of Township INRD and staff issued citizenship scrutiny cards and household registration cards to 94 persons and 16 households at the Dhammayon of the monastery in Theinmon Village free of charge.

Papao Townshp WVO provides cash assistance to students

PYAPON, 20 July—Pyapao Township War Veterans Organization held the ceremony to provide cash assistance to offprin of its members for 2012-2013 academic year at the hall of the Township WVO on 8 July afternoon.

On the occasion, Major Ye Hut of the local station and Deputy Commissioner U Kyaw Soe Win of District General Administration Department made speeches. Chairman of the Township WVO Li Than Hay (Rtd) explained the purpose of providing cash assistance to the students.

After that, Officials presented K 730,000 as cash assistance for pursuing education provided by Ayeyawady Region War Veterans Organization and Pyapao Township WVO to five university students, 11 high school students, 20 middle school students and 11 primary students.

CSC ISSUED: A ceremony to assign duty of project for 2012-2013 fiscal year was held at the office of Township General Administration Department in Tamway Township on 13 July. Township Administrator U Thein Win assigns duty for department officials through Staff Officer of Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Sein Win.

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Treese planted: The tree growing ceremony took place along both sides of Myanmar-Kanauang Road in Myanmar Township on 3 July. Township Administrator U Aye Kyu, members of Township Women’s Affairs Organization, staff of departmental personnel grow 1174 teak saplings, 273 eucalyptus saplings and 289 mahogany saplings.

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Gunmen in Pakistan wound WHO workers, agency says

GENEVA, 20 July—Gunmen in Pakistan shot and wounded a staff member of the World Health Organization (WHO) and an expatiate consultant working for the United Nations health agency on Tuesday, the WHO said. The two men, who were working on a polio immunisation campaign, were in stable condition in hospital after their vehicle was fired on in Gudap Town, Karachi, it said.

The agency said its staff member was a Pakistani national, while police in Pakistan said the wounded consultant was Ghanaian. “One WHO staff member and one international consultant were injured, when their vehicle was shot at by armymen,” the Geneva-based agency said in a statement.

“At this point, there is no evidence to suggest that this was a deliberate or targeted attack against polio eradication efforts or WHO. WHO is grateful to the Pakistan authorities for launching an investigation into this event,” the WHO said.

On 16 June, a Pakistani militant group threatened action against anyone conducting polio vaccinations in the region where it is believed the healthcare drive was being run by US spies. The group, based in North Waziristan and led by Haafiz Gul Bahadur, said it had banned vaccinations for as long as US spies. The group, based in North Waziristan and led by Haafiz Gul Bahadur, said it had banned vaccinations for as long as US spies.

The WHO and its partner agencies are working to wipe out the crippling disease, which remains endemic in just three areas of the world—Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan.

Some 200,000 mainly Pakistani volunteers are deployed in polio vaccination campaigns around the globe.

Singapore Exchange to launch higher mainboard admission standards

SINGAPORE, 20 July—Singapore Exchange (SGX) announced Thursday its new higher mainboard admission standards, aiming at ensuring its position as a competitive and relevant global exchange and attracting larger companies seeking to list here.

Effective from August 10th, companies intending to join SGX’s mainboard must have a market capitalization at initial Public Offerings (IPO) of less than 150 million Singapore dollars (US$ 110 million) and have an operating track record of at least three years.

Otherwise, the company needs to have a market capitalization at IPO of not less than 300 million Singapore dollars if they only have operating revenue in the latest completed financial year.

The bourse currently requires a minimum market capitalization of 80 million Singapore dollars based on the issue price for mainboard listings.

In addition, companies with minimum consolidated pro-tie profit of at least 30 million Singapore dollars for the latest financial year and an operating record of at least three years can also be listed on the mainboard.

The former regulations required companies only a cumulative pro-tie profit of at least 7.5 million Singapore dollars over the last three years, or 10 million dollars over the last one or two years.

The IPO shares issued must be at least 0.5 Singapore dollar each, up from 0.2 Singapore dollar in the past.

The SGX also announced their intention to increase the proportion of IPO tranches allocated to retail investors, particularly for listings which draw high retail subscription, aiming at encouraging more retail participation. They scheduled to cover the consultation in 2012 and implement the measures in 2013.

Indonesia aims to boost rubber plantation productivity

JAKARTA, 20 July—The Indonesian government revitalized state-owned rubber plantations with a target to increase productivity by 44.5 percent to an annual average of 1,300 kilograms per hectare by 2015, local media quoted official here on Wednesday.

The revitalization programme would cover 350,000 hectares of plantation area and around 300,000 hectares of the area needed total rejuvenation. While the remaining area would require land intensification methods, said Rismanyawan Dunasa-patra, Ministry of Agriculture, perennial crop director.

To support the plan, the government set aside 5 trillion rupiah (some 530 million US dollars) funds, said Rismanyawan.

“Within the next three years, we will provide fertilizers for 50,000 hectares and seeds for the rest,” he quoted by the Jakarta Post as saying.

Productivity is the main problem for local rubber producers, as their annual rubber output per hectare is still far lower than other rubber producers in Southeast Asia, such as Thailand and Malaysia.

Thailand, for example, can produce more than 1,500 kilograms per hectare. About 95 percent of the country’s rubber plantations in Indonesia, the world’s second largest rubber producer, are located in Sumatra and Kalimantan. Last year, the overall rubber plantation areas totaled 3.45 million hectares, with the majority being held by smallholders (85 percent), followed by private companies (8 percent) and state-owned enterprises (7 percent).

Rubber is one of the key contributors to Indonesia’s overall exports. Last year, 2.6 million tons of rubber was exported, with a value of $12.43 billion (US dollars).—Xinhua

Malaysia eyes mercantile exchange to provide more investment opportunities

Kuala Lumpur, 20 July—Malaysian government is planning to set up a mercantile exchange to provide extra investment opportunities, local media reported on Thursday.

The country’s Securities Commission Chairman Ranjit Singh Aij said a comprehensive proposal on the Mercantile Exchange implementation would be ready within a year.

He admitted that the new exchange might face fierce competition from mercantile exchanges which had already established in the region. “However, that doesn’t mean that we don’t embark on it. Domestic demand is very strong,” he said.—Xinhua
Video games aid stroke patients in rehabilitation in Australia

Sydney, 20 July — Video games are an effective rehabilitation tool for stroke patients, an Australian neurophysiologist said on Thursday. Dr Penelope McNulty at Neuroscience Research Australia in Sydney leads a team that has developed a new stroke rehabilitation therapy which uses the Nintendo Wii to help patients.

McNulty’s team has found that an intensive two-week training program based on the Wii could result in significant improvements in the strengthening of muscles and the use of the hands and arms, even for people that had a stroke many years ago. “We are convinced that the movement and function stroke patients had at the time they left hospital was what they would make,” McNulty said in a statement.

“But we have worked with people who have had strokes one month to 21 years ago, and excitingly, they all improved,” she added. McNulty said the Wii was fun and inexpensive to use. “This type of rehabilitation motivates participants to actually complete their therapy, which is essential for maximum recovery,” she said. Neuroscience Research Australia is working on ways to make the therapy more widely available.

Defence guideline targets private investment

Beijing, 20 July — Defence-related industries will open more to private investors in a “fair and safe manner”, according to an investment guideline unveiled Thursday. Investors and State-owned defense technology enterprises will be treated equally on the board, including licensing and tax, said the guideline, jointly crafted by the State Administration of Science, Technology and Industry for National Defence and the General Armament Department of the People’s Liberation Army.

The guideline, however, only applies to private investors on the mainland. “It will allow investors to get involved in weapon development and production, the weapon industry and related State-owned enterprises as well as developing technology for both military and civilian use,” a catalog detailing the weapons and defense technology for private companies and how to develop and produce them was being revised and will be released later.

The guideline aims to boost competition in military procurement and some projects will be submitted for open tender. The military budget for 2012 is $37 billion.

“The defence industry is potentially lucrative for investors, especially during a period of modernization, insiders said.”

Zhang Hanya, chairman of the Investment Association of China, said that private companies have already been involved in certain defense sectors, including the production of dynamite, clothing and machinery. But private companies face limitations, especially involving security protocols for private companies.

“The limitations restrict the role of private companies in the defence industry,” he said. “They are mostly suppliers of parts and not involved in making the parts in their counterparties in the UTs.”

The new policy is “positive”, but it is still too early to say how private companies can really benefit from them, he said. “We have to wait and see,” he added.

The government has been gradually opening up defense-related sectors to private companies.

Policies supporting private investment in defense were introduced in 2005 and 2010. The guideline in 2010 did not set a cap on private investment for a number of key areas, including spacecraft.

The new guideline reaffirmed this.

It also highlighted the necessity to establish private investors and lending in defense-related industries and pledged to boost supervision to safeguard national security.

Indian scientists try to crack monsoon source code

New Delhi, 20 July — Scientists aided by supercomputers are trying to unravel one of Mother Nature’s biggest mysteries — the erratic movements of the monsoon. If successful, the impact would be life-changing in a country where 600 million people depend for farming on the rainy season and where agriculture contributes 15 percent to the economy. The monsoon has been dubbed by some as India’s “real finance minister.” “Ultimately it’s all about water. Everybody needs water and whatever amount of water you get here is mainly determined by rainfall,” said Shailesh Nayak, secretary of the Earth Sciences Ministry. India typically receives 75 percent of its annual rainfall from June-September monsoon as moist air travels northward from the southwest of the peninsula. The importance of the recently launched five-year “monsoon mission” has been underscored by this summer’s patchy and below-average rainfall, which many say looks sky-
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Consignees of cargo carried on MV PAC AQUILA VOY NO (123) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.7.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.W where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

US House passes Pentagon budget

WASHINGTON, 20 July — The US House of Representatives on Thursday evening passed next year’s defence budget, a massive 607-billion-US-dollar bill that would fund the Pentagon and pay war costs from October, 2012, to September, 2013. The Republican-controlled House approved the measure in a 326-90 vote, after two days of debate and several amendments. The bill increases Pentagon base funding by about 1 billion dollars over the 2012 levels, to 519 billion dollars, but cut war funding by 27 billion dollars, to about 85 billion dollars.

The House version of the Pentagon budget has to be reconciled with the Senate version before it could be presented to President Barack Obama for his signature.

Two dead as flash floods hit southern Philippines

COTABATO, 20 July — At least two people were killed in a flash flood that struck southern Philippine province of South Cotabato. Governor Arthur Pingoy said on Friday Sayda Caha, 65, and daughter Monda Cala, drowned on Thursday after they were swept by rampaging floodwaters while crossing a creek in the village of Upper Macalan in Lake Sebu town. The victims were at the middle of the creek when the rushing floodwaters came. Around 50 families were also displaced in nearby town of Isulan in Sultan Kudarat due to floods caused by bad weather, according to Mayor Diosdado Pallaisiague. — MNA/Xinhua
**Driving tax considered in California**

A California transportation agency said it is considering a tax on motorists for each mile they drive in their cars. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the San Francisco Bay area agency leading the discussions on the possible tax, said the plan would likely involve GPS-like devices installed in cars to keep track of the miles traveled by motorists, with low-income drivers excepted, the San Jose Mercury News reported on Wednesday.

Randy Rentschler, a spokesman for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, said the plan for a vehicle-mile traveled tax, or VMT, could take up to a decade to implement if it is embraced by the public.

“I don’t want to say it’s pie in the sky. A VMT charge is really an option for the future to be looked at and considered,” Rentschler said.

The Association of Bay Area Governments, which includes city councils and county supervisors, is scheduled to analyze a study of the proposal on Thursday.

**Tom Cruise reunites with daughter Suri**

NEW YORK, 20 July—Actor Tom Cruise met his six-year-old daughter Suri here for the first time since ex-wife Katie Holmes filed for divorce.

Cruise, who came here on Tuesday morning, was spotted carrying Suri into the Greenwich Hotel where he’s staying.

“He has been dying to see her,” starpulse.com quoted a source as saying.

The father-daughter’s day began when the 50-year-old flew in from Los Angeles after wrapping the shoot for his film "Oblivion".

He picked up Suri from Holmes’ apartment. According to tmz.com, both were chaperoned by a man and a woman as they left the apartment.

**Gaga to build floating palace in Greece**

LOS ANGELES, 20 July—Singer Lady Gaga is building her dream “floating palace” in Greece.

The grand palace will reportedly cost the singer 10 million pounds and is being built in Crete, where she bought the land last year.

“It’s going to be absolutely phenomenal when she’s finished with it. It’s right on the water and appears to

**Katie Price loves making money**

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An initial autopsy on his body, which was completed on Sunday, proved inconclusive and the cause of death is not expected to be known for up to two months until toxicology tests are completed.—Internet

**72 nationalities gather on Ferris wheel**

Guinness World Records confirmed a world record was set at a Swedish theme park when people of 72 nationalities gathered on a Ferris wheel.

Guinness confirmed the Monday afternoon record at Gothenburg’s Liseberg theme park, organized in connection with the Gothia Cup youth soccer tournament, the Swedish news agency TT reported on Wednesday.

“By bringing different nationalities together on one wheel we want to show our borderless world and our common responsibility for its future, regardless of nationality, religion, sex or color,” said Dennis Anderson, general secretary of Gothia Cup. Annabel Lawday, a Guiness representative, was on hand to witness the record, which beat the previous record of 50 nationalities on a single ride.

**Woman purged from voter rolls is not dead**

A Florida woman said a letter saying she has been removed from voter rolls due to her death is the second such letter she has received.

Constance Smith, 61, of College Park, said she received a letter from the Orange County Supervisor of Elections office Friday that same day her absentee ballot arrived in the mail, the Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel reported Wednesday.

“This letter is to inform you that the person named above has been removed from the Orange County vote rolls after we received notification of their death,” the notice read.

Smith said she received a similar letter in 2008, which officials attributed to the death of a woman with a similar name who had the same birth date. She said it took her six months to clear up the mistake in 2008 and it involved her obtaining a “non-death” certificate from the Florida Department of Health.

Linda Tanko, deputy supervisor of elections for Orange County, said the error may have been the result of the Social Security Administration sharing erroneous information with the Florida Division of Elections.

“We certainly apologize. I’ve already taken the steps to get her straight on the books,” Tanko said. “But I’m only as good as the next death list that comes down from the capital.”
King announces retirement from football

Tottenham Hotspur captain Ledley King has announced his retirement from football at the age of 31. The England international defender made his Spurs debut at the end of the 1998/99 season against Liverpool. He went on to make 266 Barclays Premier League appearances for Spurs and won 21 caps in total—but he has found his chances for first-team football restricted by a chronic injury.

The centre-half, who never played for another club during his career, is to stay at Spurs in an ambassadorial role.

“I have been here since I was a boy, I have always considered it my club and I have always found it hard to imagine wearing the shirt of another team,” King told Tottenham’s official website. “I know that being a Spurs player is a rarity these days, but I always have enjoyed being part of the set-up and have always been up for the challenge of putting this club up with the elite where it should be. I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone at the club and to the fans. I have missed a lot of football over the years, but the Spurs fans have always been patient and incredibly supportive with me during this time.”

Bodine to make 200th start at Chicagoland Speedway

CHARLOTTE, 20 July — Todd Bodine will make a milestone start in Saturday night’s Truck Series race at Chicagoland Speedway. The event will be the 200th for Bodine, and it will make him the only driver with at least 200 starts in NASCAR’s national series.

“Get into this sport because you love it, want to go in circles, win races and have fun, and here we are 21 years later with all these starts, and a lot of wins, good times and great friends,” said the 48-year-old Bodine. “It seems just like yesterday I was running my first race at Stafford Springs.”

Bodine has made 241 starts in NASCAR’s top Sprint Cup Series, and he’s got 232 starts in the second-tier Nationwide Series. With a total of 766 starts, Bodine ranks 20th all-time in combined series starts. But Bodine is chasing wins, and he’d like to add to that total at Chicagoland. The two-time Truck Series champion has 22 victories in that series, but only one this year. He’s hoping to add to his collection on Saturday night in his Red Horse Racing entry.

“While your twentyninth all, it would be pretty special to win the 200th,” Bodine said. “I’ve never had a lot of longevity in the sport and still be able to get it done, especially in a significant manner. To be honest, we definitely would make it a lot more special. Bodine has a pair of run-ins finished three Truck Series starts at Chicagoland and has won the pole at the track in the Truck, Nationwide and Cup Series. After Saturday night’s race, Bodine has a long way to go to catch Krak Czackowski’s record 334 Truck Series starts. He believes he’s got another 134 races in him. “I’d like to have that,” he said of Krakowski’s mark. “I feel like I’ve got another 10 years left, 334 is doable.”

Nadal out of London Games with injury

MADRID, 20 July — Olympic champion Rafa Nadal’s withdrawal from the London Games because of a left knee problem has removed one of its biggest attractions and left tennis fans reeling on Thursday.

The gold-medal winner in Beijing four years ago has had to pull out of the main tournament problem, and will also miss out on the honor of carrying his nation’s flag at the opening ceremony.

The country’s Olympic committee (COE) said a meeting on Friday would decide on a replacement flag bearer for the 27 July parade. “It’s now condition to be able to compete,” Nadal, 26, said in a statement. “It’s one of the saddest moments of my career.”

Nadal won a record seventh French Open title in June but crashed out in the second round at Wimbledon in a big upset against lowly ranked Czech Lukas Rosol. Earlier this month, he pulled out of a charity match against Novak Djokovic at Real Madrid. Bernabeu stadium saying he was suffering from tendinitis and needed rest. Nadal had hoped to return to Wimbledon this month to defend his Olympic title and his withdrawal echoes his plight of 2009 when a similar knee problem meant he had to withdraw from the grasscourt grand slam a year after winning it for the first time at an epic final against Roger Federer.
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13. News
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Wimbledon to move back a week from 2015

LONDON, 20 July — Wimbledon organizers have bowed to players’ wishes by announcing a later start date from 2015, extending the tennis grass-court season and increasing the gap with the French Open after they said in a statement on Thursday the grand slam would be pushed back a week, giving players three weeks to adjust from the slower French Open clay courts.

“The best interests of tennis will be served by allowing the players more time to recuperate and adjust from the clay of Roland Garros to the grass at Wimbledon,” said Philip Brook, chairman of the All England Club. “All our research indicates that there is widespread support within the game for extending the gap between the French Open and Wimbledon and, importantly, we think most players will welcome the prospect of a longer grass court season and spending more time on the softer surface of grass.”

“In making this change from 2015 we recognize that there will be some important consequences for the overall tennis calendar and enough time needs to be given to allow us all to plan accordingly.”

Players have long complained that the two-week gap between the French Open and Wimbledon was insufficient. Wimbledon 2015 will run from 29 June to 12 July. — Reuters

Outstanding students honoured in Pathein

PATEIN, 20 July — A ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students in the 2012 matriculation examination and stationery and school uniforms to students was held at the hall of the Kinmalinkyun (Highway) Bus Terminal in No. 3 Shewewthon area of Pathein in Ayeyawady Region on 13 July afternoon.

The students are offspring of members of the bus lines, bus owners, gate officers, drivers and bus conductors. At first, Head of Region Transport Planning Department Daw Tin Tin Hla made a speech. Chairman of All Private Bus Line Control Committee U Myint Lin explained presentation of the prizes to the outstanding students and stationery and school uniforms to the students.

Next, the Head of Region Transport Planning Department gave prizes to the matriculation exam-passed students and stationery and school uniforms to other students.

Crossword Puzzle

Across
1. Blabs
6. Northern New York
13. Proved right (2 wds)
15. Writes in symbols
16. The Cat, appeared in “Breakfast at Tiffany’s”
17. Divide into three equal parts
18. Guardian (2 wds)
20. “A pox on you!”
21. “...he drove out of sight”
22. Retains possession of
26. Becomes tiresome
30. Barbill
32. Hawaiian dish
33. Artwork that clarifies
37. Exchange (2 wds)
40. Otalgia

Down
1. Doughnut-shaped surface
2. Desk item
3. Advanced
4. Balcony section
5. Litigant
6. Not given medical care
7. Dermatologist’s concern
8. Really need to bathe
9. Spoonful, any
10. Absorbed, as a cost
11. P.I., e.g.
12. “I..._la vie!”
13. Line in a play that elicits a big laugh
14. Set
19. Song and dance, e.g.
23. “Beowulf,” e.g.
24. “Fiddler!”
25. function
26. “_ o patria mia” singer
28. Hidden valley
29. It’s a piece of cake
31. Genius
34. Supernatural
35. Length x width, for a rectangle
36. Makes face
37. Alpine transport (hyphenated)
38. Pink, as a steak
39. “..._ for the poor”
40. Downer
46. “Evangeline” setting
47. Most recent
49. Express
50. Crosswise threads (pl.)
52. MOUTH, in slang
54. Make waves
56. Cottontail’s tail
57. “_..._ I care!” (2 wds)
58. Face-off
59. “_ the others as...”
60. Khan
61. “China Beach” setting, shortened
62. Bolivian export

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Chin State Chief Minister explains progress of regional development tasks


At the ceremony, Chin State Chief Minister U Hong Ngai said that the government has carried out community-centered development tasks to be able to fulfill socio-economic needs of people effectively. The State was also promoting the power of the country by means of extended forming of social and economic organizations in every townships. In conclusion, he said that it needed to form social and economic organizations in townships of the State.

After that, Chief Minister U Hong Ngai replied to the questions raised by town elders of respective townships of Chin State.

Low pressure area on northwest Bay of Bengal

NAW PLY TAW, 20 July—According to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, a low pressure area has formed over Northwest Bay of Bengal.

Under the influence of low pressure area, rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Bago and Ayeyawady Regions and Kayah State, widespread in Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Kayin and Mon States with regionally heavyfall in Rakhine State, isolated heavyfall in Bago and Ayeyawady Regions.

Occasional squalls with rough sea will be experienced off and along Myanmar coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 40 mph, said Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.

Knowledge about taxation disseminated in Pantanaw

PANTANAW, 20 July—A talk on fact about taxation was held at Myat Pyinnya Hall of Basic Education High School in Pantanaw of Ayeyawady Region on 14 July.

Head of Township Internal Revenue Department Daw Sein Myint gave talks on taxation.

After that, staff of the Township IRD donated books on taxation to the library of Pantanaw Basic Education High School.

Valencia agree fee for Gago

MADRID, 20 July—Valencia have agreed a fee with Real Madrid for midfielder Fernando Gago, the La Liga club have confirmed.

Gago, 26, arrived in Valencia on Thursday evening after the fee reportedly in the region of €3.5 million and personal terms were agreed, Los Che announced on their official club website.

Gago initially made a strong impression after joining Madrid for more than €20 million from Boca Juniors in January 2006, helping the club to La Liga titles in 2007 and 2008. But he fell down the pecking order following the arrivals of Xabi Alonso, Sami Khedira and Nuri Sahin, and spent last season on loan at Roma.

Fernando Gago is set to return to La Liga after a stint in Italy.

INTERNET

Sergio Canales looks set to join Gago in transferring to Valencia, with his loan move expected to be made permanent in the coming days. The 21-year-old spent last term on loan at the Mestalla, but his move opportunities were limited by two serious knee injuries.

Talk on traffic rules, anti-human trafficking, threat of drugs given

NAW PLY TAW, 20 July—A talk on traffic rules, prevention against trafficking in person and threat of narcotic drugs was held at No 2 Basic Education High School in Loeik on 18 July afternoon.

In-charge of the Traffic Police Force IP Hlaing Oo of Kayah State Police Force gave talks on traffic rules and disciplines for pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists, IP Kan Win of Anti-Human Trafficking Squad of Kayah State Police Force on prevention against trafficking in persons and victims of human trafficking and IP Tin Soe of Taunggyi Anti-Drug Special Squad on facts about threat of narcotic drugs.

The talk was attended by teachers and students totalling 1300.

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Qualifer Golf Tournament on 13-14 Aug

YANGON, 20 July—Qualifer Golf Tournament, jointly organized by Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Senior PGA, will be held at Shwemantaung golf course in Mandalay on 13 and 14 August. The tournament is classified into three groups, namely—Professional, Senior Professional and Teaching Pro. All men golfers who want to participate in the qualifier must be F” Cap 0-12 at Amateur level.

For the Senior Professional level, those golfers’ age must be 50. Those who had qualified for professional and senior professional levels are entitled to compete in Myanmar PGA and Senior PGA tournaments.

Those wishing to compete in the tournament may register at the Shwemantaung Golf Course along with fee of K 50,000 not later than 2 pm on 11 August and dial 09-2037671, 0973130474 or 01-651374.

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Hazard’s brother appears Blues bound

Sibierski told his club’s official website: “It should be official tomorrow. (When I arrived) there was no intention of letting him go and I met him very quickly after my arrival to show my confidence in him.

I realized 48 hours later why, when I learned Chelsea wanted him. I understand.”

Lens coach Jean-Luis Garcia also accepted that there was no chance of keeping Hazard. "He is a boy of 19, his elder brother signs for Chelsea and he is urged to do so by the same club, who won the Champions League.

Congratulations to Thorgan. Unfortunately we cannot go against such an opportunity. Good luck to him."

INTERNET

Eden Hazard’s brother Thorgan is expected to complete his move to Chelsea on Friday.

LONDON, 20 July—Thorgan Hazard’s move to Chelsea could be completed on Friday, according to Lens sporting director Antoine Sibierski.

Hazard is expected to follow in the footsteps of his more celebrated elder brother Eden by joining the Blues this summer and his Ligue 1 employers appear to have accepted the move is inevitable.

72 nationalities gather on Ferris wheel

People of 72 different nationalities set a Guinness World Record.

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Bartoli hopes for speedy recovery at WTA Carlsbad

Marion Bartoli of France returns to Vania King during day five of the Mercury Insurance Open Presented By Tri-City Medical at La Costa Resort & Spa, on 18 July, in Carlsbad, California.

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Walk in the park gives Scott lead at British Open

Adam Scott of Australia lines up a putt on the first green at Royal Lytham & St Anne’s golf club during the first round of the British Open Golf Championship, Lytham St Annes, England, on 19 July, 2012.

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Wimbledon to move back a week from 2015

Andy Murray of Britain serves to Roger Federer of Switzerland in their men’s singles final tennis match at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London on 8 July, 2012.

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