President U Thein Sein felicitates Egyptian President

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Mohamed Morsi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, on the occasion of the National Day of the Arab Republic of Egypt, which falls on 23 July, 2012.—MNA

President U Thein Sein leaves for Thailand on goodwill visit

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—A Myanmar delegation led by President of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein left here by special aircraft of Myanmar Airways International for Thailand at 9 am today at the invitation of Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra of the Kingdom of Thailand.

President U Thein Sein and party were seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win, Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min, Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint, Union Minister at the President Office Nay Pyi Taw Mayor U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister for Electric Power No 1 U Zaw Min, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Aye, Vice-Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win, departmental heads, Charge d’Affaires of the Thai Embassy Mr Kallayana Vipattipumiprates and embassy officials.

The President was accompanied by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Chief Minister of Kayin State U Zaw Min, Chief Minister of Taninthayi Region U Myat Ko, Adjunct-General Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo of the Commander-in-Chief (Army)’s Office, Deputy Minister for Industry U Myo Aung, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint and departmental heads.—MNA

Preventive measures taken against DHF in Dagon Myothit (South) Township

YANGON, 22 July—As part of efforts to prevent dengue hemorrhagic fever, the team comprising Township Medical Officer Dr Daw Mya Mya Win, health staff, ward administrator and members of social organizations led by Township Administrator U Myint Lwin performed preventive measures in Ward 20 of Dagon Myothit (South) Township on 16 July morning.

They put abade into water tanks and pots at over 2500 houses in the ward. Myanma Alin

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Our Three Main National Causes

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Rising Asia
Some of the Asian economies like Japan, South Korea and Singapore are in the club of developed countries or rich industrialized countries of the world. China now is the second largest economy in the world after the United States and is still growing rapidly. Malaysia, Thailand, Hong Kong special administrative region of China, and China Taiwan and so on are included in the fast developing economies. Moreover, India and Indonesia are in the G20 together with other Asian economic powers China, Japan and South Korea.

ASEAN as a whole has also become an economic powerhouse with a lot of potentials to offer. Giants like China and India are now termed as the engines of global economic growth. So, Asia is rising and its importance in the global theatre growing more than ever before. In fact, Asia is the largest landmark of the world and most populous continent housing larger number of countries than any other continent of the world.

So there are more opportunities in Asia alone than in any other place on Earth as it has the world’s second and third largest economies, economic tigers, global engines of growth and many other fast growing economies apart from a number of countries emerging as new economic frontiers.

At the dinner hosted for the participants of US-ASEAN Business Forum the other day in Siem Reap of Cambodia, President U Thein Sein underscored the growing importance of the development of Asia in the world. As we are also an Asian country and a new frontier we must learn and imitate the ways of means and the spirit of our counterparts that are now the integral part of the rising Asia.

We firmly believe with hard work, responsibility and accountability in every institution especially the government bodies and transparency in the areas to fight any kind of malpractice including bribery and corruption we can be on the right track towards becoming the core part of rising Asia.

Traffic rules course opened in Mon State

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KATHA, 22 July—As part of efforts to alleviate poverty, a ceremony to provide school uniforms to offsprings of vendors from Myoma Market was held at the office of Katha Township Development Affairs Committee on 7 July. Executive Officer U Tun Tun presented one set each of school uniform to 55 students.—MyanmaAlin

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Effective supply chain mechanism instrumental in agricultural development: Union Commerce Minister

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Cash, foodstuff donated to people in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—Well-wishers donated cash and kinds and foodstuff to people today in Rakhine State who lost their homes and properties in recent unrest in the state.

The donation ceremony was held at the Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon (Township) today. During the ceremony, Tagon non-governmental organization in Dagon Seikkan Township donated over K1.2 million and 126 packages of clothes, medicines, five bags of rice, one bag of slippers; Myanmar Pharmacy Professionals Association K200,000 and clothes; foodstuff, household utensils and medicines worth K1.5 million; Myanmar nationals in Papua New Guinea K570,000; U Khin Aung from Hmawby K115,000, two packages of clothes and one package of blankets; U Aung Moe and Daw Khin Khin Myo K100,000 and one package of clothes, Ko Kyaw Tin Swe and Dr Daw Khin Kyi K100,000 each; Police Captain Tun Hla Zan and Daw Shaw Sein K100,000 and one package of clothes; U Sein Hla of Yankin Township K50,000, Daw Khin Ohn Myint and family K30,000 and one package of clothes; U Zaw Win and Dr Daw Myat Than Nwe K20,000 and four packages of clothes; a group comprising 14 friends from the Punhlaing Housing six packages of clothes and utensils; U Sein Win and Daw Pu Pu two packages of clothes, U Thang Win and Daw Khin Thandar Tun one package of clothes, Ma Thazin Aye of Kyimyindine Township one package of clothes, Ma Tin Myint U and friends two packages of sanitary napkins and U Tin Moe, Director-General of the Fire Services Department, and officials accepted the donations.

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Ten dead, 30,000 evacuated in Beijing downpour

Beijing, 22 July—The heaviest rain in six decades in the Chinese capital has left 10 people dead, Beijing authorities said on Sunday. More than 30,000 residents in six townships of Fangshan, Huairou, Mentougou and Pinggu as well as Miyun and Yanqing counties were evacuated, the city’s floods control headquarters said at 9 am.

In Fangshan, where the maximum precipitation reached 460 mm in Hebei Township as of 6 am, road traffic in 12 townships was disrupted. Mobile telecommunication services and Internet access were cut off in six townships, the headquarters said.

Train services between Beijing and Guangzhou were suspended as the railway line section at Nanangangwa, Fentai District, was soaked in water, the headquarters said.

More than 12,000 people worked for draining 1 million cubic metres of water from streets. Most puddles in the city were cleared by 6 am.

Obama vows to ensure public safety after Colorado shooting

Washington, 22 July—US President Barack Obama has promised every effort will be made to ensure the safety of Americans, a day after a shooting rampage in a Colorado movie theater killed 12 people.

“We are still gathering all the facts about what happened, but we do know the police have one suspect in custody. And the federal government stands ready to do everything necessary to bring whoever’s responsible for this heinous crime to justice,” Obama said in his weekly radio and Internet address on Saturday.

Police have detained James Eagan Holmes, 24, who allegedly killed 12 and wounded 59 at a midnight showing of the new Batman movie—The Dark Knight Rises, at Aurora, Colorado, a Denver suburb. The man surrendered without a fight in a parking lot behind the theater, police said.

The shooting reminded Americans of the Virginia Tech bloodbath in April 2007 in which 33 died. The FBI said there was so far no indication of any links to terror groups.

“We will take every step possible to ensure the safety of all our people. And we will stand by our neighbors in Colorado during this extraordinarily difficult time,” Obama said.

Police said 30 victims remained hospitalized Saturday, 11 of them in critical condition.

“And if there’s anything to take away from this tragedy, it’s a reminder that life is fragile. Our time here is limited and it is precious,” the US President said.

However, Obama didn’t mention gun control, a sensitive issue for any candidate for the November presidential elections.

A military training base is trapped by waters before all the 350 students and 40 teaching staff trapped were relocated in Fangshan District of Beijing, on 21 July, 2012.—Xinhua

US F-16 fighter crashes off coast of Japan

Tokyo, 22 July—A US F-16 fighter jet crashed into the Pacific Ocean off the coast of northern Japan on Sunday and efforts are underway to rescue the pilot, a spokeswoman for the Misawa Air Base said.

The jet took off from the US air base in Aomori and crashed about 11:30 Japan time (0230 GMT) some 200 miles northeast of Hokkaido, Japan’s northernmost island, the spokesperson said.

“One person, the pilot, was on board. Efforts are currently underway to retrieve the pilot,” she said, reading from a statement.

“The aircraft was en route to North America when the incident occurred. The cause of the incident is unknown at this time.”

The F-16 is made by Lockheed Martin Corp. —Reuters

Blast rocks Egypt’s gas pipeline to Israel, Jordan

Cairo, 22 July—An explosion on Sunday rocked the Egyptian pipeline built to carry natural gas to Israel and Jordan, the 15th time it has been attacked since the start of the uprising in early 2011 that toppled President Hosni Mubarak.

The blast occurred in the early hours of Sunday morning at al-Tuwail, east of the coastal Sinai town of al-Arish, at a point before the pipeline splits into separate branches to Israel and Jordan, security officials and witnesses said.

Gunmen in a small truck drove up to the pipeline, dug a hole and placed explosive charges under the pipeline that they detonated from a distance, a security official and witnesses said.

A large boom echoed across the area and residents up to 30 km (18 miles) away said later they could see flames of burning gas lighting the sky.

An official in the company that manages the pipeline said exports of gas to both Israel and Jordan had been halted since an explosion that hit the pipeline in April and that the flames were caused by residual gas.

Residents in al-Arish, however, said gas shipments had begun three days ago through the pipeline, which at one point supplied Israel with about 40 percent of its natural gas.

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No group has claimed responsibility for the attacks on the installation that crosses the increasingly volatile Sinai Peninsula. Security in Sinai was relaxed after the fall of Mubarak as the police presence thinned out across Egypt. —Reuters

Airstrikes kill 15 militants in northwest Pakistan

Islamabad, 22 July—Pakistani military jets struck militant hideouts in the northwest of the country on Sunday, killing 15 militants and wounding several others, military officials said.

The airstrikes targeted four hideouts in the remote Ghalgo and Dabore areas of the northwestern Orakzai tribal region, the officials said. The locations were being used by members of the Pakistan Taliban.

The death toll could not be independently verified and militants often dispute official figures.

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Health worker shot dead in Pakistan

Geneva, 22 July—The World Health Organization (WHO) on Saturday reported a polio eradication worker being shot dead on Friday evening in the Gadap town area of Karachi, Pakistan.

The victim was identified as Muhammad Ishaq, who had worked with the national polio eradication effort for several months, helping to plan and implement vaccination campaigns to protect local children against the disease.

This is the second shooting incident in a week, which targeted health workers. On Tuesday, a WHO staff member and an international consultant working for the health agency were injured in the same region by armed men. Polio immunization activities were suspended after Tuesday’s attack.

Students train in mud by a sandbank at a summer military camp in Ansan, south of Seoul on 20 July, 2012. —Reuters

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Foxconn looks for a board seat at Sharp as Apple HDTV nears

NEW YORK, 21 July — Manufacturing heavyweight Foxconn is reportedly interested in acquiring board seats at Sharp Electronics, DigitalTimes reported on Friday. The company received three non-executive board seats at Sharp Display earlier this month after it acquired a 4.64% stake in the company, equivalent to 1.32 million shares.

In response to reports that it was seeking a board seat at Sharp Display’s parent company, Foxconn reportedly said that “the company’s focus in cooperating with Sharp is to help complement each’s weakness to allow each side to achieve maximum benefits.”

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Leaders say climate is changing Native way of life

WASHINGTON, 22 July— Native American and Alaska Native communities are being hit hard by climate change and they’re fighting back.

The environmental changes being seen in native communities are “a serious and growing issue and Congress needs to address them,” Tex Hall, chairman of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation of New Town, ND, said on Wednesday.

Mike Williams, chief of the Yupit Nation in Akiai, Alaska, said in the informational Senate Indian Affairs Committee hearing, that villages are literally being wiped out by coastal erosion. Williams said the community can cast a net and catch salmon at its childhood home because the home is under water, he said. He also described how the Iditard Trail Sled Dog Race, in which he participates, has been moved because of lack of snowfall and that dogs must run at night to stay cool.

“We’ve always lived off the land and off the waters and continue to do that. But we’re hearing the burden of living with these conditions today,” Williams said.

Sen. Daniel Akaka, committee chairman, acknowledged that environmental changes are widespread, but the Hawai’i Democrat said native communities are disproportionately impacted because they depend on nature for traditional food, sacred sites, and for cultural ceremonies. Several tribes already are coming up with plans to adapt to the changes and federal agencies are assisting with resources, Akaka said.

Members of several West Coast tribes and Alaska communities have been in Washington this week for a symposium at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of the American Indian on the impact of climate change on indigenous people and their communities.

The symposium, titled “First Steward, brought together tribal leaders, people experiencing the changes and scientists. Williams said Congress needs to come up with a strategic plan to address the impact to help ensure Alaska Natives and American Indian tribes continue to exist.

He said in coming up with the plan, Congress should consider Native practices and traditional knowledge.

RAF leader sought evidence of Highland Sputnik crash

RAF chief of staff at the time of the crash, Mike Williams, later became an RAF Kinloss MRT leader, was among military searchers sent to investigate. For the first time, Mr Whalley has revealed publicly that he looked for records of what they recovered. He said: “They found various bits and pieces. They included a part with Russian and pictures on it explaining what to do if the satellite was found crashed, and that a reward would be given for its return.”

Jack said the team were kept quiet about what they found. “When he told me the story I first thought it was an urban myth, but he convinced me and I believe they definitely found a crashed Sputnik.” Mr Whalley added: “There is no incident report, or mention in the team archives, as I checked when I became the team leader in the late 80s.”

The story of the crash is recalled in a section of Frank Card’s 1993 book Whenever, which marked 50 years of RAF mountain rescue.

Vietnamese soldiers held over deaths of rare monkeys

HANOI, 22 July — Vietnamese soldiers have detained three soldiers suspected of torturing and killing two rare monkeys, state-run Voice of Vietnam newspaper reports. One of the men had posted photos on Facebook showing how the monkeys were killed, triggering a public outcry. The monkeys were endangered grey-shanked douc langurs (Pygathrix nemaeus), report says The soldiers, stationed in Vietnam’s Central Highlands area, are now under investigation.

One of them, Nguyen Van Quang, who is serving in the Tay Nguyen Command of the Vietnamese army, posted photos of the monkeys on his Facebook page last week. The photos showed one of the monkeys, believed to be pregnant, being made to smoke a cigarette before it was tortured and killed. Colonel Nguyen Van Hai, head of the Tay Nguyen Command’s Military Police’s Office, told the Voice of Vietnam that the soldiers had been detained and were being questioned.

“We’re still continuing our investigation into the case. When we have enough evidence, they [the soldiers] will be dealt with in accordance with Vietnamese military laws,” he said.

He added that the three had admitted killing the monkeys and said they had bought them from locals. The men, who were identified on Thursday, are set to appear in a military court on an as yet unspecified date.

What is more worrying about the incident is that the young soldier who posted the photos on Facebook did not think he did anything wrong, says Nga Pham from BBC Vietnamese.

Authorities now realise that they need to do something to educate people, especially the young, about animal welfare and protection, she adds. 

Facebook acquires mobile app maker Acrylic

VANCOUVER, 22 July — The engineer behind Canadian startup Acrylic said on Friday that he was closing up his one-man shop and joining the design team at leading social network Facebook. Facebook confirmed that it has bought Acrylic in an “acqui-hire” that brings on board founder Dustin MacDonald, the creator of popular gadget applications for new Weeds and digital wallets.

"Facebook is an invaluable service that we all use daily, and a company I believe is one of the most innovative and important around today," MacDonald said in a blog post announcing his move to California. "After visiting late last year, I discovered that we shared many of the same core product design goals and principles, and it soon became obvious that it was a natural fit.”

Acrylic’s best-known applications — Wallet and Newsfeed — were not acquired by Facebook in the deal. Buying promising startups for the talent and not its products has become common in the competitive Internet technology world. Facebook recently bought startups Spool and TagTile in “talent acquisitions” aimed at helping it stay in sync with users as they shift increasingly to using smartphones and tablet computers.
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**Chinese navy escort ships complete first joint escort operation**

GULF OF ADEN, 22 July—The Chinese navy’s 11th and 12th escort groups accomplished their first joint escort operation here on Friday.

The groups escorted six merchant ships from China, Singapore, Norway, South Korea and Portugal.

Singapore, Norway, South Korea and Portugal merchant ships from China, established their first joint escort operation as the 11th and 12th escort groups accompanied them. The groups escorted 184 ships in 43 operations since it started the mission on 27 Feb. A total of 126 pirate vessels in 58 incidents were successfully driven away by the fleet.

Today, the Chinese navy fleets have escorted 4,727 ships from countries all over the world.

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**Putin signs Russia’s WTO accession protocol**

MOSCOW, 22 July — Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed into law a protocol ratifying the country’s accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Kremlin announced here on Saturday.

The bill was approved by the State Duma, or the lower house of the parliament, on 10 June and passed by the upper house on 18 July after its summer break, according to a statement issued by the President’s Office.

In light of the Russian law, the country will officially become a member of the WTO 30 days after the parliament’s approval and the president’s ratification.

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**101-year-old Fauja Singh to run Olympic torch relay**

LONDON, 22 July — Fauja Singh, the world’s oldest marathon runner at 101, will be running the Olympic torch through the streets of east London later on Saturday.

Singh, who carried the torch in Athens eight years ago, was born in Punjab in 1911 and has been staying in the UK since 1992.

He ran his first marathon at the age of 89 and has since completed six London marathons.

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**Three students selected to attend 2012 APEC summit**

BEIJING, 22 July — Three university students have been selected to attend the 2012 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in Vladivostok, Russia, in September on behalf of all of the country’s university students.

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Tourism has come to our Land of a million pagodas and smiling peoples. It is indeed a hearty welcome for the global tourists who have now chosen this beautiful haven to enjoy the still virgin landscape, the magnificent pagodas and temples of a thousand years of heritage, the yet unexplored noks and corners, swaying coconut trees, silver sands, and unspoiled clear seas. The time has never been more opportune. A constellation of factors and events have converged to affect a glorious boom: the multi-party election resulting in the opening of democracy and civil society, resurgent interest of the Western hemisphere towards the country overlooked through passage of decades, and not yet ready for the hospitality services.

The spate of catastrophic disasters in the years 2005 onwards had caused havoc for the regular tourist-friendly host nations of Japan, Thailand, Chinese Taipei in South East Asia such as severe storms, floods, earthquakes and attending tsunami deadly deluges, at one time or the other. Even in Myanmar the deltaic fertile flatland once the granary of Asia, was utterly devastated by Nargis following Aceh, as hundreds of thousands of lives perished, uncountable thatched huts demolished, mangroves and paddy fields wasted. Continuing calamities followed off and on as a result of turbulence caused by man conquering nature’s miseries in the wake. Only now the situation had somewhat calmed due to the efforts of the State and the sympathetic public, NGOs and many governments who came to the rescue of the afflicted, out of sublime compassion.

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Global tourists who used to plan yearly summer tours months ahead with regularity, were now faced with disrupted tour plans never before experienced, with their jaunts almost totally wiped out. This, as an alternative they are now faced with the Strand Hotel in Mandalay as the flag bearer of the British Raj in colonial architecture, representative of massive colonomed commercial buildings lined the Strand Road with the Strand Hotel as the Flag bearer of the British Raj in colonial architecture, representative of massive colonomed commercial buildings lined the Strand Road, the Strand Hotel as the flag bearer of the British Raj in colonial architecture, representative of massive colonomed commercial buildings lined the Strand Road

The first magnificent sight for the incoming tourist by air is the majestic Shwedagon Pagoda, epitome of pristine perfection, a 326 feet glittering golden stupa inlaid with thousands of priceless gems of heritage value of the ancient kingdoms, now 2600 years old this March 2012. Then there is the ancient city of Bagan of more than a thousand-year standing with over 2000 relic pagodas, stupas, temples, caves and ancient library of Buddhist canonical scriptures. Then there is the Shir-Thuang Pagoda complex of Rakhine maritime nation on the west coast of the Bay of Bengal, enjoying prosperity around the same millennium. For millions of Buddhists around the religious world and particularly for the devotees and disciples of 5 Theravada Buddhist nations: Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos and Cambodia, they are the sacred repositories of the enduring faith. Intrinsically also they are the marvels of art, culture and architecture of bygone centuries, for many to wonder at the state of preservation witnessed today in spite of ecclesiastical vandalism, and wanton destruction, and over the above the vagaries of tropical weather of the centuries. What remains are indeed treasure troves which the tourists will eagerly scout with zest and enthusiasm.

The British had been here since 1824 in three waves culminating with total occupation in 1886. Foreign missionaries of various denominations made early incursions followed by war, and then by trade. Colonies were the source of raw materials, cheap exploited labour and market for finished goods for the colonial industrial power. Mercantilism, Laissez-faire economics and monopoly capitalism were the orders of the times till 1939. The outbreak of the Second World War, when the British Government made hasty mass retreat by motor road along Mahamyang forest from Tamu border to India. Colonial architecture, representative of massive colonomed commercial buildings lined the Strand Road with the Strand Hotel as the Flag bearer of the British Raj in colonial architecture, representative of massive colonomed commercial buildings lined the Strand Road, the Strand Hotel as the flag bearer of the British Raj in colonial architecture, representative of massive colonomed commercial buildings lined the Strand Road, the Strand Hotel as the flag bearer of the British Raj in colonial architecture, representative of massive colonomed commercial buildings lined the Strand Road, the Strand Hotel as the flag bearer of the British Raj in colonial architecture, representative of massive colonomed commercial buildings lined the Strand Road

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Paithwe hybrid paddy
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Pyawbwe, 22 July—Under the supervision of Pyawbwe Township Administration, the harvesting of Paithwe hybrid paddy was held in Thiiteinpin Village of Pyawbwe Township. The paddy harvest was done on 10.0 acres of land from field No 364-A of Thiiteinpin Village of Chaungmagyi. The paddy-field harvested 171.68 baskets per acre in dry status.—Kyemon

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Pyawbwe, 22 July—Myanma Agricultural Development Bank of Myanmar Township disbursed agricultural loans to local farmers for cultivation of monsoon crops in 2012. The ceremony was held at the head office of the General Administration Department in Myanmar Township on 14 July. The Aung Aung explained 10-point good agricultural practices for production of over 100 baskets per acre. The paddy harvest was done on 10.0 acres of land from field No 364-A of Thiiteinpin Village of Chaungmagyi. The paddy-field harvested 171.68 baskets per acre in dry status.—Kyemon

July, Township Administrator U Aye Kyu explained effective spending of loans on cultivation of monsoon paddy through 14-point good agricultural patterns. It was attended by administrators of 57 village-tracts, secretaries of village-track banks and farmers of Kwantaw Village. Manager of the Township Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank Daw Khin Myint Yi explained matters related to loans for cultivation of monsoon paddy.

After that, Township Administrator U Aye Kyu presented K 66850000 for 1337 acres of farmlands to 213 farmers from Kwantaw Village-tract.

Deputy Agricultural Development Bank of Myanmar Township has disbursed K 4625 million for 92560 acres of farmlands in 2012.—Myanmar Alin

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
The second best time is now.
Sayagi Thakin Kodawhmaing library opened

Patron of MLF Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan unveils the signboard of Sayagi Thakin Kodawhmaing library.—MNA

Thakin Kodawhmaing and in Mangyite village, Wetlet Township, the native of Sayagi Shwe Shwe Daung. Hence, the library was established by the Ministry of Information and MLF in cooperation with wellwishers and local people. The Union Minister said that the newly-opened library was built at a cost of over K 21 million and stressed the need for local people to try their utmost to ensure its perpetual existence and to transform it into an e-library complete with online media network while turning it into a second monastery. He also stressed one more point to bear in mind the patriotism and brilliant endeavours of Sayagi Thakin Kodawhmaing and expressed his thanks to MLF, well-wishers and local people who contributed their shares for the emergence of the facility.

Next, Chairman of Myanmar Libraries Foundation U Maung Maung clarified the purpose of the opening of the facility. Afterwards, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan and wife, Daw Kyi Kyi Win family donated a generator for the library and 30 dozens of exercise books for students of Walai village. Chairman of Library Funds Raising Committee U Khin Maung Than accepted the donations.

Later, Chairman of MLF U Maung Maung handed over the related documents to member Library Committee U Myo Kyi while Vice-Chairman of MLF U Nyunt Swe presented publications to Librarian U Nyi Nyi Zin.

Next, Shwe Than Lwin donated a set of SkyNet and a LCD TV; musicians led by Academy Khant Suu donated a set of computer, DVD and a wall watch; U Myo Kyi (Walai village) a plot of land for the library worth 2 million; Bago Region USDA K 100,000; Ledi Pitkaatik A Library (Shwedaung) K 100,000; Newloktha Motor Gate (Pyay) K 100,000; Printing Entrepreneurs (Pyay) K 50,000; Yadana Filling Station K 50,000 and Ayeyawadyewar K 50,000. Officials accepted the donations and U Myo Kyi, on behalf of the wellwishers, spoke words of thanks.

After the ceremony, the Union Minister cordially greeted those present on the occasion.

The newly-opened library was established by MLF with the contributions of wellwishers. Situated on a 67 feet x 175 feet, the RC type-facility is 40 feet long, 30 feet wide and 16 feet high. The construction of the library started on 16 May 2012 and it costs over K 21.27 million.

Myitkyina University welcomes freshmen

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—Myitkyina University Kachin National Literature and Culture Committee extended a welcome to freshmen of 2011-2012 academic year at the convocation hall of the university yesterday morning, attended by Myitkyina University Rector Dr Aye Ko and committee chairman Dr Zaw Jai.

Survey on rural development, poverty alleviation undertaken

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—The rural development and poverty alleviation survey and implementation teams made field trips for the third time to Region 7 of Aungzabu Ward in Zabuthiri Township. This morning, member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Mso Nyun looked into the tasks of the survey teams. The committee chairman presented Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngar Hsi, the State Hluttaw speaker and the rector with gifts.

Deputy Electric Power No. 1 Minister calls for utilization of renewable energy

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—Recycling, Environmental Conservation and Renewable Energy Promotion Sub Committee Chairman Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Myint Zaw met villagers of Singwin and Sinkun villages in Pekhon Township of Kayah State yesterday and presented 101 sets of 92 watt solar packages inclusive of solar bulbs to those villagers and stationed to the schools in those villages.

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Taninthayi Region Transport Minister Dr Kyaw Hsan presenting stipend to a university student. Owners of Tha Min, Kyal Sin Hein and Htet Hein Express, a major transporter from Yangon to the region granted stipends to offspring of staff at Mya Sein Hall in Dawei on 14 July.—MNA

A local grower showers various species of flowery plants. MV

YANGON, 22 July—A ceremony to open Sayagi Thakin Kodawhmaing library sponsored by Myanmar Libraries Foundation took place at Walai village, Shwedaung villages-tract, Shwedaung Township, Pyay District, Bago Region this noon with an address by Patron of MLF Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan.

Also present on the occasion were Bago Region Hluttaw Speaker U Win Tin, Bago Region Development Affairs Minister U Ye Myint Tun and Chairman of MLF U Maung Maung formally opened the library. Next, Patron of MLF Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan unveiled the signboard of the library.

Afterwards, the Union Minister and party looked into the library and signed in the visitors’ book. Next, officials presented cash to the library and signed in the visitors’ book.

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**General Administration**

**Mansi, 22 July**—A ceremony to assign annual duties of projects for 2012-2013 fiscal year was held at the hall of Mansi Township General Administration Department of Bhamo District on 16 July afternoon.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Thein Zaw Oo made a speech. Staff Officer U Zaw Min Htay of Planning Department assigned duties to Head of Township Agriculture Department U Hla Pyone, on behalf of township level departmental officials. — Township GAD

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**Collection of taxes explained in Pathein**

**Pathein, 22 July**—Ayeawyady Region Internal Revenue Department held a ceremony to make clarification about various taxes to entrepreneurs at the hall of the Regional Internal Revenue Department in Pathein on 15 July.

The clarification was aimed at levying taxes from entrepreneurs of hotels, inns and restaurants under the rules of commercial tax law.

At the ceremony, Head of Ayeawyady Region Internal Revenue Department Thura U Khin Kyaw Moe explained matters related to taxes and replied to queries raised by entrepreneurs. — *Myanmar Alin*

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**Trees collectively planted in rainy season**

**Namhsan, 22 July**—The rainy season tree growing ceremony 2012 was held in Namhsan Township of Namhsan District on 12 July morning.

The ceremony was held at Myinnong on No 5 Village-tract. The Assistant Director of Loilem District Forest Department, Township Administration U Khin Maung Lwin, Chairperson of Township Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Thein Thein Thin and the commander of Township Police Force presented saplings to local people.

After that, the local people planted over 1000 saplings at the designated places. — *Myanmar Alin*

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**Shweygin Township keeps itself green and clean**

**Shweygin, 22 July**—The school environment day was organized in the compound of Basic Education Primary School in Yontaung Village of Thwaytchan Village-tract in Shweygin Township of Bago Region on 15 July 2012. It was attended by 91 trainees. A ceremony was held at the school to hand over Taraflex Floor to Myanmar Volleyball Stadium in Yangon on 17 July.

At the ceremony, President of the federation U Thein Win, chairman presented prizes to sportsmen and sportswomen of selected volleyball teams.

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**APBCC of Yangon Region training bus workers**

**Yangon, 22 July**—A ceremony to open and start training course No 9/2012 for bus workers was opened and attended by 91 trainees. The refresher course No 7/2012 will be opened on 27 July. So far, a total of 821 bus workers have attended the training courses up to course No 9/2012. Likewise, altogether 585 bus workers have completed the refresher courses up to No 6/2012.

“Training courses are aimed at changing the characteristics of the bus workers. Some of the bus workers keep themselves away from traffic accidents and abide by the rules and regulations,” said an official of Yangon Region All Private Bus Line Central Control Committee.

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**Taxation talks given at BEHS**

**Yamethin, 22 July**—A talk on taxation was organized by Yamethin Township Internal Revenue Department of Mandalay Region on 18 July.

At Anawrahta Hall of Basic Education Higher School No 1 in Yamethin, Staff Officer of Yamethin Township Internal Revenue Department U Aung Kyaw Hsan explained facts about taxation and answered questions raised by the township IRD.

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**Books, publications donated to library in Kangyiдаunt Township**

**Kangyidaunt, 22 July**—A ceremony to donate books and cash to Pyinnya Pyokhin Library was held in Myinkaseik (Seebyuchaung) Village of Kangyiдаunt Township.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Khin Thein Maung and Departmental officials, teachers and students of the school participated in cultivation of over 1000 saplings.

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**Employees Cooperative Society holds annual general meeting**

**Gangaw, 22 July**—Gangaw Township Employees Micro-credit Cooperative Society of Magway Region held the annual general meeting for 2011-2012 fiscal year at the hall of Gangaw Township Cooperative Department on 1 July afternoon.

Chairman of the society U Khang Tun, Township Administrator U Hla Win and K 800,000 by four wellwishers.

The library building was formally opened by Township Administrator U Myint Sein, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Tin Mar Oo, Village Administrator U Thein Soe and townselder U Tun Aung.

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**Drive Safely**
NATO soldiers killed in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 22 July—Three NATO soldiers have been killed in two separate incidents in restive eastern Afghanistan, the NATO-led coalition confirmed on Sunday morning.

“Two International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) service members died following an improvised explosive device (IED) attack in eastern Afghanistan today,” the NATO-led ISAF said in a statement issued here.

Another ISAF soldier was killed in an insurgent attack also in eastern part of the country on Saturday.

The brief ISAF statement gave neither the nationalities of the victims nor the details about the incidents under the ISAF policy.

Tales of this sort are not unusual in Afghanistan, where peace talks have been ongoing for years and the Taliban continue to carry out frequent attacks on government and coalition forces.

Police display counterfeit money during a news conference in Lima, on 18 July, 2012. Police seized counterfeit 2 million in US dollars, 1.5 million in Euros as well as printing machines and counterfeit equipment during a raid on Wednesday, according to local media reports.—INTERNET

Moderate quake hits Hokkaido, Japan region

TOKYO, 22 July—An earthquake measuring 5.1 on the Richter scale jolted Hokkaido, Japan region at 0641 GMT on Sunday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 57.70 km, was initially determined at 43.111 degrees north latitude and 142.9201 degrees east longitude.

The accident happened at around 5:45 pm on Saturday at the Qingshanzui reservoir, local authorities said.

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The three people were on board when the reservoir collapsed, two of them having been rescued and sent to hospital for treatment. They are currently not in critical conditions, according to local authorities.

Initial investigation showed the helicopter belonged to the Yunnan General Aviation Co, Ltd.

Rescuers are searching for the missing person. Probable cause of the accident are underway.—Xinhua

One missing, two injured in helicopter crash in SW China

KUNMING, 22 July—One person was missing and two others injured after a helicopter crashed into a reservoir in the city of Chuxiong in southwest China’s Yunnan Province, local authorities said on Sunday.

The accident happened when a suicide bomber rammed his explosive-laden vehicle into the wall of a house used as headquarters of a Molana Nabi Hanfi-led militant group in Speen Tall area of Kurram Agency, a semi-autonomous tribal area in Pakistan-Afghanistan border.

The suicide bomb killed nine people including four militants and five kids who were passing by the blast site after attending their school.

Outerwall of the militants’ headquarters was completely destroyed and four nearby houses were also damaged in the blast.

No group claimed responsibility for the blast.

The attack seems to be an outcome of internal conflicts between two militant groups lead by Molana Hafiz Zain Rehman and Molana Nabi Hanfi.

Both groups have been at odds with each other for the last two years and they are often involved in killing and kidnapping of rival fighters in Kurram Agency.

Xinhua

9 killed in suicide bomb attack in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 22 July—At least nine people including five children were killed and 15 others were injured when suicide bomb hit a militant headquarters in Pakistan’s northwest tribal area of Kurram Agency on Saturday afternoon, local media reported.

Earlier reports said that the attack was launched in Kurram Agency’s neighboring area of Hangu.

In a report, local state-run TV channel PTV said that the incident took place at about 1:00 pm (local time).

Afghan soldiers stand guard next a destroyed vehicle after a roadside bomb in Nangarhar province eastern of Afghanistan on July 21, 2012. At least four civilians killed and two others wounded after a vehicle hit to a roadside bomb in Nangarhar police on Saturday, police official said.—XINHUA

16 killed, 27 injured in bus collision in South Africa

NEw DelHI, 22 July—In a tragic incident, 13 people, including 11 women, were killed when a speeding truck mowed them down while they were sleeping on the roadside slums and pavement in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh early Saturday night, a senior police official said on Sunday.

The mishap happened in the state’s Etawah district.

Some 17 people were sleeping when 13 of them were ran over by the truck after its driver lost control of the vehicle. All the victims died on the spot while others who sustained injuries have been rushed to a local hospital, he said, on condition of anonymity.

The driver of the truck has managed to flee but efforts are on to nab him, the official said, adding that a probe has been ordered into the incident.

A large number of homeless people sleep on pavements in cities and towns across the country, often becoming victims of road mishaps.

Xinhua

13 killed in road mishap in northern India

New Delhi, 22 July—In a tragic incident, 13 people, including 11 women, were killed in a traffic collision on a four-lane highway in Uttar Pradesh’s Pratapgarh district on Sunday, police said.

Motorists negotiate a flooded street following a heavy monsoon rain spawned by a tropical depression in Manila, Philippines. —REUTERS

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Italy shipwreck hearing postponed to 15 October

GROSSETO, 22 July—Experts investigating the January 13 cruise ship tragedy have postponed their work because they are unable to gather all the evidence ahead of a full trial.

Saturday’s pre-trial hearing, which considers evidence before the trial, was postponed after the experts asked for more time to answer some 50 requests for information from the prosecutors, lawyers said.

It was the second hearing since the procedure opened on 3 March. “It was a simple technical delay,” said Bruno Leporatti, a lawyer representing the ship’s captain Francesco Schettino, who is accused of causing the accident and who faces charges including multiple manslaughter.

Leporatti said the investigators had not been able to gather all the evidence “given the complexity of the questions”.

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The Costa Concordia cruise ship lies on its side, half-submerged during rescue operations at Giglio Island on 14 July, 2012.—REUTERS

The huge Costa Concordia, with some 4,200 passengers and crew aboard, ran aground and half capsized after a rock tore a hole in its hull when it “approached the tiny Tuscan island of Giglio during a cruise of the western Mediterranean.”

At least 30 people died during a chaotic nighttime evacuation of the 114,500-tonne ship, and another two bodies have still not been recovered.—Reuters

The panel of experts asked for more time to answer some 50 requests for information from the prosecutors, lawyers said.

It was the second hearing since the procedure opened on 3 March. “It was a simple technical delay,” said Bruno Leporatti, a lawyer representing the ship’s captain Francesco Schettino, who is accused of causing the accident and who faces charges including multiple manslaughter.

Leporatti said the investigators had not been able to gather all the evidence “given the complexity of the questions”.

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Xinhua

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NHK

China to seek “early, proper” solution with Russia on detained Chinese ships

Beijing, 22 July—China here on Saturday voiced the will to maintain close contacts with Russia for an early and proper solution of the dispute on the detained Chinese fishing ships, which left a fisherman missing.

Such events are “sudden and individual” cases, and China hopes the two sides can view the event in an objective and calm way,” he said. China, Hong said, is working on the consultation with Russia to set up an emergency response and cooperation mechanism, so as to prevent similar events from occurring and avoid such incidents to affect the overall situation of bilateral ties.—Xinhua

Boat attacked by hyenas receiving treatment

Wan, 22 July—A 10-year-old Kenyan boy left with several long scars on his face from an attack by hyenas has been flown to Nairobi for treatment, officials said.

The pack of hyenas attacked Mau Jelle on 10 June as he and his family slept in their home in the northern Kenya town of Wajir, the BBC reported. The attack left two children in the family dead and 10 other people injured.

The Kenya Wildlife Service, which manages the country’s game reserves and wildlife, is covering Mau’s medical expenses and paying compensation of about $230 to his family.

KWS has killed the hyenas involved in the attack. The BBC noted wild animals are a major tourist attraction in Kenya but confrontations with humans have increased recently. KWS is trying to stop the killing of wildlife in local communities.

At least 18 killed in bus accident in India

New Delhi, 22 July—A bus plunged into a gorge after losing control in India’s northeastern state of Mizoram, killing at least 18 people and injuring dozens, a police official said on Sunday.

The accident took place on Saturday near Keifing village, close to the border with Myanmar and more than 150 kilometers from the state capital Aizawl, the official, L.R. Said, said.

“Seventeen people died on the spot and a 10-year boy died in the hospital,” Said said by telephone from Aizawl.

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Tokyo, 22 July—Mitsubishi Motors has introduced a system to use electric vehicles as an emergency power source in the event of outages at its headquarters in Tokyo.

The company says the system will allow it to confirm safety of employees and give instructions to production sites across Japan.

Mitsubishi experienced power cuts following last year’s earthquake and tsunami that hit northeast Japan. The auto company’s Arita works building has been refurbished so that electric vehicles can be connected by cable to switch boxes.

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Mitsubishi says it will make the stored electricity available for workers stranded at the company by traffic disruptions. It plans to connect 4 electric vehicles to the building, which it says can provide enough electricity to maintain the system for 3 days.

Japanese companies are expected to follow suit.—NHK

Rescued Taiwan fishing vessel crew members arrived in Tanzania

Dar es Salaam, 22 July—The 26 rescued Taiwan fishing vessel Xufu 1 crew members, transferred by a Chinese navy warship, arrived in Dar es Salaam, the capital of Tanzania on Saturday morning.

All crew members looked well and were transported immediately to hotel for medical examination by a Chinese medical team waiting there.

They crew members have also received medical and psychological examinations when they were on the Chinese navy warship for three days after freed by Somalia pirates.

An official with China’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the Chinese navy warship sent a helicopter to airlift the crew members to the warship after they were freed due to the difficulties caused by strong wind and seawave at the rescuing spot. Chinese ambassador to Tanzania Li Youqing expressed his gratitude to the Tanzania government for its help during the transferring and Custom clearance process.

The Vietnamese crew members were received by officials with Vietnam embassy to Tanzania after arriving at the port. The Chinese crew members were expected to fly back home on Monday.

Xufu 1, with 13 crew members from the Chinese mainland, one from Taiwan and 12 from Vietnam, was hijacked by Somali pirates in December 2010 off the Madagascar coast and taken to Somalia.—Internet

Lawmakers in Japan outline denuclearization plan

Tokyo, 22 July—Former Japanese prime minister Naoto Kan and other governing party lawmakers have introduced a bill that would end Japan’s reliance on nuclear energy by 2025.

The draft outline says nuclear power generation could lead to infinite damages in the event of an accident. It adds that lack of final disposal measures will end up leaving.

future generations piles of radioactive waste.

It calls for establishing alternative power sources and reducing the number of operating nuclear power plants to zero.

The draft outline also outlines the central government to create jobs in communities that host nuclear plants.

The secretary general of the governing Democratic Party, Azuma Koshihisa, has been asking Kan to compile a plan on future energy sources.

The former prime minister said he intends to seek support within his party and that he wants to submit the bill with support from the opposition.—NHK

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A train-turned hotel sits on the tracks waiting for its first group of guests in Xifeng county, Southwest China’s Guizhou Province, on 18 July, 2012. —Xinhua

A robot Ubraman look alike shaves noodles at a restaurant in Jilin, Jilin Province on 17 July. The owner said the robot cost him 20,000 yuan ($2,973) and it works twice as fast as a human and conserves energy. The lights, in place of eyes, is signaling the robot is working. Many people visit the robot noodle restaurant to have a bite made by the machine. China is undergoing an invasion of Ubraman robots serving noodles to customers. In November 2011, one was pictured making noodles in Shijiazhuang city, capital of North China’s Hebei Province, and another one appeared at a restaurant in Xuchang, Central China’s Henan Province.—INTERNET

Children are treated with a “sanfutie” plaster at the Huabei Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine in Anhui Province on 18 July. “Sanfutie” dates back to the Jin Dynasty (AD 265-420) and is believed to be useful in relieving chronic illnesses.—Xinhua

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China’s icebreaker Xuelong, or “Snow Dragon”, arrives at Chushki Sea in the Arctic Circle on 19 July, 2012. A Chinese expedition team entered the Arctic Circle on Wednesday, beginning a scientific exploration of the Arctic Ocean. Xuelong, an A-2 class icebreaker capable of breaking ice 1.2 meters thick, is estimated to travel over 17,000 nautical miles during its voyage. It is scheduled to return to Shanghai on 29 September. —\textit{Xinhua}

China, Russia to test Cuban diabetes drug

HAVANA, 22 July—Cuba issued its first advanced-stage three tests in China and Russia of a new biotech drug designed to prevent diabetes-related foot amputations, the officialdaily \textit{Granma} reported on Thursday.

According to the officials, the tests of Herpobet-P, which has already proven effective in treating diabetic foot ulcers, would begin sometime this year.

Along with China and Russia, the phase-three trials are also slated for 100 hospitals throughout the European Union, marking the first time that Cuban scientists undertook advanced trials in developed countries, said Dr. Luis Herrera, director of Havana’s Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology.

Herrera said the trials represent the first large-scale testing of a drug designed to treat diabetic foot ulcers.

“That decision is an evidence of the level of the acceptance and effectiveness of the product, which has prevented the amputation of lower limbs in thousands of diabetic patients,” Herrera said.

More than 70,000 patients from different nations are suffering from Herpobet-P, which is meant to complement, not replace, conventional therapies.

Cuba’s biotech industry was founded in 1979 by Cuban revolutionary leader Fidel Castro, who saw science and technology as important engines of economic and social development. —\textit{Xinhua}

UN body praises Bolivia’s stable economy amid global crisis

LA PAZ, 22 July—The UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) on Thursday praised Bolivia’s economic stability and resilience amid the global financial crisis.

Speaking at a banking forum held by Bolivia’s Central Bank here, Juan Alberto Fuentes, director of the ECLAC’s Economic Development Division, said Bolivia’s macroeconomic indicators proved to be solid.

“The sustainability of Bolivia’s public finances makes it less vulnerable to the global crisis,” said Fuentes.

Bolivia successfully weathered the 2008-2009 financial crisis, becoming one of the few Latin American countries that had avoided negative growth at the time, the ECLAC official noted.

Even today, compared with most Latin American countries, Bolivia has less foreign debt, and a current account and balance of payments surplus that make it less likely to suffer from the global slowdown, said Fuentes.

Besides, Bolivia has substantial foreign reserves and very balanced public finances, he added.

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Australia’s Maritime Union calls for investigation into cancer rates at workplaces

SYDNEY, 22 July—The Maritime Union of Australia is calling on the New South Wales (NSW) Government to investigate cancer rates at workplaces in the NSW Hunter region, local media reported on Friday.

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A contestant shows his original designed robot at the opening ceremony of “China Adolescent Robotics Competition” held in Tianjin, north China, on 18 July, 2012. A Chinese expedition team entered the Arctic Circle on 19 July, 2012. A Chinese expedition team entered the Arctic Circle on Wednesday, beginning a scientific exploration of the Arctic Ocean. Xuelong, an A-2 class icebreaker capable of breaking ice 1.2 meters thick, is estimated to travel over 17,000 nautical miles during its voyage. It is scheduled to return to Shanghai on 29 September. —\textit{Xinhua}

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Bodies of missing Ukrainian climbers found on Mt Ushba

Tbilisi, 22 July—Georgian rescuers had found the bodies of the missing Georgian climbers on Mount Ushba and were now trying to recover the bodies, according to reports reaching here on Thursday.

The bodies of Sasha Taranik and Dima Volodin were found at an altitude of 3,500 meters above sea level.

“We did our best,” said Tamar Giorgadze, chief of the Georgian government emergency situation department, “but unfortunately could not save the lives of the Ukrainian climbers.” The chief said local media that Georgian rescuers would try to bring down the bodies to the base camp and then to Tbilisi.

The incident occurred when the safety rope on Sasha Taranik and Dima Volodin had snapped broken during descent.

Fog-caused poor visibility problem forced Georgian rescuers to withdraw from their search job on Wednesday, shortly after the rescue was launched.

According to reports reaching here, Sasha Taranik and Dima Volodin went missing from the Ukrainian climbers team after their safety rope had snapped broken at an altitude of 3,600 meters above sea level. They were last seen at 7,410 meters above sea level.

The remaining members of the Ukrainian climber team have joined the Georgian rescuers in the search.

Though not high on the Major Caucasus Mountain Range, Mount Ushba is famous for its difficulty for climbing, especially the south of its twin summits.

The northern Ushba summit was first summited in 1888 by John Garford Cokkin and Ulrich Almer while the southern summit was first conquered in 1903 by a German-Swiss-Austrian expedition led by Rickmer-Rickmers.

The routes leading up to the northern summit are graded as French AD+ (fairly difficult) while the routes leading to the southern summit are graded as French ED (extremely difficult). —\textit{Xinhua}

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China Next Index opens lower on Friday

BEIJING, 22 July—The China Next Index, tracking China’s Nasdaq-style board of growth enterprises, opened at 703.83 points on Friday, down 1.33 points, or 0.19 percent from the previous close.

The index, together with the Shenzhen Component Index and the Shenzhen SME (small and medium-sized enterprises) Board Index, makes up the three core indices reflecting the performance of China’s stocks listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange.

The China Next Board, which started trading on Oct. 30, 2009, mainly lists hi-tech companies and those with high growth potential.

Customers experience products at an Apple retail store in Sanlitun of Beijing, capital of China, on 19 July, 2012. Apple announced earlier that the new iPad, the third generation of its tablet line, will arrive in China on 20 July. According to Apple’s Press release, the new iPad will be available through Apple’s online store, select Apple authorized resellers and by reservation from Apple retail stores in China. Reservation requests will be accepted daily beginning on 19 July for pick up the following day, the company said, adding that the previous generation of iPad 2 will still be available in China with a reduced price. —\textit{Xinhua}
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Driveway seeks help with bomb in trunk

Sen. Barbara Boxer of California and Sen. Olympia J. Snowe of Maine, taped a cocktail party scene with the show’s stars, Amy Poehler and Adam Scott, at the Hay- Adams hotel in Washington on Thursday, the newspaper said.

McCain to guest star on ‘Parcs and Rec’

Actor Harrison Ford, who has created,” Ellie Berger,5/23/2012, 1:38 AM

Police: Teen tried to grab Olympic torch

Lopez didn’t quit ‘Idol’ over salary

Los Angeles, 22 July — Jennifer Lopez did not quit the US singing contest “American Idol” over a salary dispute, People magazine reported.

A police spokeswoman said members of the 70-strong torchbearers including Anna Skora, 23, from Poland, who is torchbearer number 23.

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Spice Girls to play Olympics Closing Ceremony

London, 22 July — British pop group Spice Girls are reuniting to perform at the London 2012 Olympic Closing Ceremony, The Telegraph reported on Friday.

This will be the first time Geri Halliwell, Emma Bunton, Melanie Chisholm, Melanie Brown and Victoria Beckham will take the stage since 2008. They are expected to sing two songs, the newspaper said.

Also booked for the 12 Aug event are George Michael, The Who, Take That and Jessie J. — Internet

Ford, Hemsworth to star in ‘Paranoia’

New York, 22 July — Filming is set to begin in late September on Robert Luketic’s “Paranoia,” starring Liam Hemsworth, Gary Oldman and Harrison Ford, producers said.

Collaborators Reliance Entertainment, Demarest Films and IM Global said principal photography on the high-tech corporate espionage thriller is scheduled to begin Saturday.

The cast also includes Lucas Till, Amber Heard, Embeth Davidtz, Julian McMahon, Josh Holloway and Richard Dreyfuss.

“The creative team behind ‘Paranoia,’ as well as our producing partners at IM Global and Reliance, will no doubt bring this thriller to life on the big-screen,” producer William J. Johnson of Demarest Films said in a statement on Friday.

“This is the type of film Demarest is looking to get involved with — commercially viable projects which will evoke audiences in the US and abroad.” The film is set to debut in US theaters 27 Sept, 2013. — Internet

Feb 13th, 2013

Elizabeth Banks, Josh Hutcherson, Jennifer Lawrence and Chris Hemsworth attend the European premieres of The Hunger Games’ at O2 Arena in London on 14 March, 2012. — Internet

‘Hunger Games’ big seller in US

New York, 22 July — Publisher Scholastic says more than 50 million print and digital copies of Suzanne Collins’ “Hunger Games” novels are in circulation in the United States.

“Readers across the nation are captivated by the rich world and strong characters Suzanne Collins has created,” Ellie Berger, president of Scholastic Trade Publishing, said in a statement on Thursday. “It’s thrilling to see teen and adult readers enthralled by the same story and engaged in conversation about these books.”

“The Hunger Games,” the first installment of the series, was published in September 2008 and became an instant bestseller, Scholastic said. It was followed by the hit sequels “Catching Fire” and “Mockingjay.”

“The Hunger Games” was also adapted as a big-screen blockbuster recently.

Ken Yeung/Star Tribune

O2 Arena in London on 14 March, 2012. — Internet

Police: Mom left car in while in bar

A Florida woman is charged with child neglect for allegedly leaving a young girl in her pickup truck while she went to drink at a bar, authorities said.

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Man Utd hit by Smalling injury blow
Defender could be out until October after breaking metatarsal in foot

London, 22 July — Manchester United have been hit by an injury blow to their defender Chris Smalling who could be out of action until October.

“He got an injury on the Wednesday and, straight away, we decided to have the operation so he’s out,” Ferguson is quoted as saying in the club’s website. “It’s difficult to say with a metatarsal but it could be 10 weeks. He’s not carrying any luck, the kid, but he’s young and we’ve done the right thing in getting it done immediately and getting him back on the road as quickly as we can.”

Smalling was just on his way back after a groin injury he suffered in May kept him out of the England squad for Euro 2012 during the summer and also kept him out of the Great Britain Olympic squad. He played in 19 Barclays Premier League matches for Man Utd last season, scoring in the 3-1 win over Chelsea at Old Trafford. Ferguson’s men did receive a boost this week when it was revealed Nemanja Vidic would be fit for the start of the new campaign.

Hodges joins QPR coaching staff
Welshman links up again with Rangers manager Mark Hughes at Loftus Road

London, 22 July — Queens Park Rangers have announced the addition of Glynn Hodges to the club’s coaching staff. The Barclays Premier League side have brought Hodges on board as Head of Coaching and Coach Education. The 49-year-old Hodges has worked with QPR manager Mark Hughes before at Blackburn Rovers, Manchester City and Fulham and they will link up once again.

Hodges will work alongside Steve Gallen and Ivor Hope as manager of Liverpool ended Brendan Rodgers’ first game in charge of the club, as manager of Liverpool ended Brendan Rodgers’ first game in charge of the club.

Rodgers opens Liverpool tenure with draw

Toronto, 22 July — Brendan Rodgers’ first game as manager of Liverpool ended in a 1-1 draw against FC Toronto thanks to Adam Morgan’s equaliser for the English giants in a World Football Challenge friendly.

Quincy Amarikwa (L) of Toronto FC celebrates his goal with Sergio Camargo against Liverpool during the World Football Challenge friendly match at Rogers Centre in Toronto. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.

Ronaldinho scores in Athletic’s 4-1 victory over Sport

Buenos Aires, 22 July — Ronaldinho scored a trademark goal as Atlético Mineiro stepped up top Brazil’s Serie A standings with a 4-1 victory over Sport on Saturday. The two-time FIFA player of the year ran past Ecuador and then curled an angled shot beyond the reach of goalkeeper Miguaire. It was Ronaldinho’s first goal in open play since February when he scored for former club Flamengo’s 3-1 victory over Rense. The result maintained Atlético’s two-point buffer at the top of the championship standings with 28 points from 11 matches. “We’re focused on what we have to do and know that it’s still a long way to go,” Ronaldinho said after the match.

Scot Stallings leads at weather-hit True South

MADISON, 22 July — American Scot Stallings seized a four-shot lead before darkness halted the third round of the rain-plagued US PGA Tour True South Classic. Stallings shot to the top of the leaderboard after four birds and an eagle in his first eight holes and had an 18-under total through 10 holes of the third round at Annadale Golf Club. Inclement weather has been a problem every day, including a delay of more than three hours on Saturday.

When the third round resumes on Sunday morning, Stallings will be chasing a second US PGA Tour title. He claimed his first victory at the Greenbrier Classic as a rookie last season, but has battled rib and back injuries this year. “I’m just happy to be playing,” Stallings said. “All the birdies and stuff are great, but at the end of the day, just to be out here and be competitive is that’s all I’m really focused on.” After birdies at the third and fourth, Stallings rolled in a 46-foot eagle putt at the par-five fifth hole then nabbed back-to-back birdies at seven and eight.

Heath Slocum, Billy Horschel and Jason Bohn were all at 14-under, Slocum had seven birdies and one bogey in his first 13 holes. Horschel and Bohn were both through nine holes, having shared a one-shot lead when the second round wrapped up on Saturday.

Inter wins Trofeo TIM with victories over AC Milan and Juventus

MILAN, 22 July — Inter have won its third consecutive Trofeo TIM title after recording victories over both Juventus and AC Milan in the traditional preseason tournament on Saturday.

It was the Nerazzurri who landed the first blow of the night, beating Juve in the opening 45-minute fixture thanks to a 12th-minute goal from Philippe Coutinho. The Brazilian took advantage of an error from former teammate Lucio, who hesitated as the ball took a wicked bounce near the six-yard box, allowing the attacker to fire confidently past Marco Sorrenti.

The Italian champion bounced back with a 1-0 success of its own in the second fixture against Milan. Mirko Vucinic picked himself up to fire home a penalty 14 minutes from time having been brought down in the area by Bakaye Traore.
Aston Villa beats MLS’ Fire 1-0 in exhibition  

The Chicago Fire received a lesson in soccer from Aston Villa on Saturday night. Gabriel Agbonlahor scored in the 29th minute and then left with an injury in the second half as the English Premier League club beat the Fire 1-0 in an exhibition match. Villa thoroughly dominated the match nearly until the final whistle. It wasn’t until nearly three minutes into extra time that the Fire launched their one on-target shot of the night. However, backup goalkeeper Brad Guzan, a Chicago-area native, made the save to preserve the goal. Brad Guzan, a backup goalkeeper for Villa, continued pushing the ball out of the box. He cleared the ball with his feet. The Fire’s attack was shut down by Villa’s defense. Villa continued pushing the ball down the field and eventually scored a goal. The goal came as a result of a well-executed counterattack. Villa’s attack was swift and effective. The match ended 1-0 in favor of Villa.  

Cibulkova charges into WTA Carlsbad final  

Second seed Dominika Cibulkova beat the heat to reach the final of the WTA Carlsbad tournament, the Mercury Insurance Open Presented By Tri-City Medical at La Costa Resort & Spa, outlasting reigning Russian Nadia Petrova 7-6 (10/8), 6-1, on 21 July. — Internet

Scott takes 4-shot lead into Open final round  

Adam Scott of Australia plays a shot onto the 16th green at Royal Lytham & St Anne’s golf club during the third round of the British Open Golf Championship, Lytham St Anne’s, England, on 21 July, 2012. — Internet

Scott, who reached her first final since the clay court hardcourt tournament in Barcelona in April, next faces either French top seed Marion Bartoli or Taiwanese qualifier Chan Yung-yan. Bartoli went into their evening semi-final after struggling in her last two matches—both three-setters—and has been dealing with a leg injury. Cibulkova hasn’t been taken to three sets this week, a fitness advantage which she hopes will stand her in good stead in the little match. “I feel really fresh and good. I didn’t have a three-set match and all the other girls had a four-shot lead with one round to go. Rory McIlroy, who won the Masters is the only player who didn’t win. Scott narrowly missed a 20-foot birdie putt on the final hole that would have given her a share of the 54-hole Open scoring record.

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From the ground, they played crazy long matches. So I’m feeling really good for tomorrow, and think it can be my advantage for me,” she recovered from an early break to force the first-set tiebreaker with a break in the 12th game. Petrova raced to a 4-0 lead in the deciding set, but she was slowly pegged back by her persistent opponent. Cibulkova, thriving as Petrova faded, saved a set point and finally sealed the set on her third opportunity when Petrova sent a tired backhand out. “When she was up 4-0 I just said to myself, ‘I don’t want to give it up. I just want to make it tough as I can for her,’” said the winner. “I fought for every ball.”
**Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives American guests**

**NAV PYI TAW, 22 July—** Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received a delegation led by Deputy Governor Dr Ezekiel J Emanuel of University of Pennsylvania from United States of America at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here at 2 pm today.

Also present at the call together with Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham were Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister U Maung Myint, Deputy Education Minister U Ba Shwe and departmental heads.

At the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on control of malaria, HIV and AIDS, TB; cooperation in surgical operations, upgrading of libraries in medicines; cooperation in academic matters; uplift of health system; and health education through long-term cooperation. —MNA

**Low pressure area weakens**

**NAV PYI TAW, 22 July—** According to the observations at (09:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over northwest Bay of Bengal has turned unimportant, announced Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA

**Librarian multiplier course concludes in Twantay Township**

**YANGON, 22 July—** With the aim of ensuring durability of rural libraries, increasing number of books and maintaining the library, the Twantay Township Administrative Office of Yangon South District and Township Information and Public Relations Department jointly conducted the librarian multiplier course No. 1/2012 at Tawwin Sandaku Hall of the Twantay Township General Administration Department on 8 July afternoon.

At the ceremony, Assistant Director U Myint Swe of Yangon Region Information and Public Relations Department and Township Administrator U Than Zaw Han gave speeches.

After that, the head of Region Information and Public Relations Department presented certificates of honour to contributors of the training course.

Later, officials presented prizes to outstanding trainees.—Myanma Alin

**Olympics: Nadal hopes for another chance to be flag-bearer**

**MADRID, 22 July—** Tennis ace Rafael Nadal has set his sights on becoming Spain’s flag-bearer at the 2016 Olympics after injury deprived him of the opportunity at the London Games.

The 26-year-old announced last week that he was pulling out of the London Olympics due to injury, meaning he would also miss out on the honour of carrying Spain’s flag at the opening ceremony on Friday.

‘It was the most difficult decision which I have taken in my career and possibly the saddest,’ he told Spanish public television on Sunday.

‘It was a unique opportunity so obviously I am sad. My goal now is to continue to work hard to try to have another chance in Rio in 2016. I hope I will be prepared to compete there and have another opportunity to carry the flag.’—Internet

**Kaka ‘decides to quit Madrid’ – England an option**

**MANCHESTER, 22 July—** Brazilian legend Kaka is ready to leave Real Madrid this summer and is open to a move to the Premier League, according to Sao Paulo president Paulo de Jesus Lopes.

The former AC Milan star has often been linked with a move to England during a glittering career, with Manchester City closest to securing an astonishing £100 million deal back in 2009.

Instead, the 30-year-old attacking midfielder moved to the Santiago Bernabeu, and picked up his first La Liga title last season with a renewed influence for Jose Mourinho’s side.

After three years with Los Blancos his time in the Spanish capital could be up however, with Lopes claiming that Sao Paulo can’t afford their former starlet, but that he’s happy to either stay in Spain or move to England.

“Kaka has decided to leave Real Madrid in summer transfer window.”—Internet

**An aerial view shows Kansai Electric Power Co’s Ohi nuclear power plant’s No 4 reactor (front) in Ohi, Fukui prefecture seen on 19 July, 2012. PAGE 6**

**The USS Nimitz, a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier sails about 150 miles north of the island of Oahu during RIMPAC Naval exercises off Hawaii on 18 July. PAGE 6**

**Hodges joins QPR coaching staff**

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**Glyn Hodges played in the Premier League for Sheffield United and Nottingham Forest.**

**Waingmaw Township Administrator’s Cup Football Tourney wraps up**

**NAV PYI TAW, 22 July—** The final match of the Waingmaw Township Administrator’s Cup Monsoon Football Tournament of Kachin State was held at the People’s Sports Ground in Waingmaw on 20 July afternoon.

In the match, Nawnghee Village beat Waingmaw 1-0 with Nawnghee player award winners.

Township Administrator U Win Htay presented championship trophy and cash award to Nawnghee Village team.

Officials gave cash awards and gifts to best goalkeeper award and best player award winners.—MNA

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