President U Thein Sein felicitates His Majesty of Kingdom of Morocco

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 July—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty King Mohammed VI of the Kingdom of Morocco, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Morocco, which falls on 30 July 2012.—MNA

True patriotism

It is very important for every one of the nations regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.

Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Government attaches immense importance to creating constant learning society in the face of Knowledge Age’s challenges

Outstanding students honoured in Yamethin Township

Nay Pyi Taw, 29 July—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint attended a ceremony to honour outstanding students at Anawrahta Hall of Basic Education High School No 1 in Yamethin this morning.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker said that the government has attached an immense importance to realizing an education system that could create constant learning society in the face of challenges of Knowledge Age.

Deputy Education Minister U Aye Kyu urged the teachers to turn out outstanding students to achieve higher pass rate in matriculation exam as the government gives the Education Ministry the top priority. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint awarded three highest officials distinction winners. —MNA

Chinese Ye breaks world record and wins women’s 400m medley gold

London, 29 July—China’s Ye Shiwen shattered world record to win a gold medal in the women’s 400 individual medley at London Olympics on Saturday.

Ye touched in 4:28.43 to wipe out the previous record held by triple Olympic champion Aussie Stephanie Rice from Beijing Olympics by one second.

Ye was nearly three seconds ahead of silver medalist Elizabeth Beisel from the United States who clocked 4:31.27. Another Chinese swimmer Li Xuanxu pocketed a bronze at 4:32.91.

Ye trailed Rice in the first butterfly leg, and overtook her on the second backstroke leg. Then she was behind Beisel who had a super-fast breaststroke leg but finally managed a devastating burst over the last freestyle leg to power home with a gold and a new world mark.

Rice, three-time gold medalist at the Beijing Olympics, was shut out of medals with a sixth place.

“I thought I had lost the race after the first 200metres, while freestyle is my best leg. Saying that, I never expected to break the world record. I dreamed of gold, but never the record. I am overwhelmed,” said Ye in tears.

Ye, world champion of the 200m individual medley at Shanghai Worlds, fell on top of the world after her golden night at the London Aquatic Center. It is the first world record set in the swimming events at London Olympics.

Gold medalist Ye Shiwen (R) of China poses with bronze medalist Li Xuanxu of China. —Xinhua

Sun Yang of China wins men’s 400m freestyle gold

London, 29 July—Chinese swimming sensation Sun Yang upset defending champion South Korean Park Tae Hwan in men’s 400m freestyle to win a historic Olympic swimming gold for China on Saturday.

Sun was behind Park in the first 200m, and narrowed the gap in the third 100m. He put on a devastating burst over the last 100m to overtake Park at 3:40.14, setting a new Olympic record.

Park posted 3:42.06 to settle for a silver and Peter Vanderkaay from the United States finished 3:44.69 to take a bronze. Sun was the first male Chinese swimmer to claim an Olympic gold.

“I felt the pressure because my coach is not in good health, so maybe he has been under more pressure than I am. I want to dedicate this victory to him,” said Sun, who started at last year’s Shanghai World Championships as he smashed Grant Hackett’s decade-old 1,500m world record.

“I have swum my personal best time and I want to use this swim to tell the South Koreans (who were angry after Park was disqualified this morning) something. I want to show that we are good swimmers and we do not need to do anything other than swim in order to win,” said a confident Sun.

The gold medal is one of the most eagerly awaited clashes between Park and Sun. In London, Sun finally succeeded in the revenge after losses to Park in the 400m freestyle at the 2011 Shanghai World Championships and the 2010 Guanzhou Asian Games.—Xinhua

High tide warnings at Thanlwin, Sittoung, Bago, Shwegyin Rivers

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 July—According to the 12:30 hr M.S.T observations today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an 781 cm has exceeded by 31 cm (about 1 foot) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 750 cm during the next 48 hours commencing this noon.

The water level of Sittoung River at Madaw 1122 cm has exceeded by 52 cm (about 1.7 feet) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1070 cm during the next 72 hours commencing this noon.

The water level of Bago River is 861 cm. It may reach its danger level 910 cm during the next 48 hours commencing this noon.

The water level of Shwegyin River at Shwegyin is 657 cm. It may reach its danger level 700 cm during the next 48 hours commencing this noon, said Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA

President U Thein Sein felicitates His Majesty of Kingdom of Morocco

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 July—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty King Mohammed VI of the Kingdom of Morocco, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Morocco, which falls on 30 July 2012.—MNA

Chinese Ye breaks world record and wins women’s 400m medley gold

London, 29 July—China’s Ye Shiwen shattered world record to win a gold medal in the women’s 400 individual medley at London Olympics on Saturday.

Ye touched in 4:28.43 to wipe out the previous record held by triple Olympic champion Aussie Stephanie Rice from Beijing Olympics by one second.

Ye was nearly three seconds ahead of silver medalist Elizabeth Beisel from the United States who clocked 4:31.27. Another Chinese swimmer Li Xuanxu pocketed a bronze at 4:32.91.

Ye trailed Rice in the first butterfly leg, and overtook her on the second backstroke leg. Then she was behind Beisel who had a super-fast breaststroke leg but finally managed a devastating burst over the last freestyle leg to power home with a gold and a new world mark.

Rice, three-time gold medalist at the Beijing Olympics, was shut out of medals with a sixth place.

“I thought I had lost the race after the first 200metres, while freestyle is my best leg. Saying that, I never expected to break the world record. I dreamed of gold, but never the record. I am overwhelmed,” said Ye in tears.

Ye, world champion of the 200m individual medley at Shanghai Worlds, fell on top of the world after her golden night at the London Aquatic Center. It is the first world record set in the swimming events at London Olympics.

Gold medalist Ye Shiwen (R) of China poses with bronze medalist Li Xuanxu of China. —Xinhua

Sun Yang of China wins men’s 400m freestyle gold

London, 29 July—Chinese swimming sensation Sun Yang upset defending champion South Korean Park Tae Hwan in men’s 400m freestyle to win a historic Olympic swimming gold for China on Saturday.

Sun was behind Park in the first 200m, and narrowed the gap in the third 100m. He put on a devastating burst over the last 100m to overtake Park at 3:40.14, setting a new Olympic record.

Park posted 3:42.06 to settle for a silver and Peter Vanderkaay from the United States finished 3:44.69 to take a bronze. Sun was the first male Chinese swimmer to claim an Olympic gold.

“I felt the pressure because my coach is not in good health, so maybe he has been under more pressure than I am. I want to dedicate this victory to him,” said Sun, who started at last year’s Shanghai World Championships as he smashed Grant Hackett’s decade-old 1,500m world record.

“I have swum my personal best time and I want to use this swim to tell the South Koreans (who were angry after Park was disqualified this morning) something. I want to show that we are good swimmers and we do not need to do anything other than swim in order to win,” said a confident Sun.

The gold medal is one of the most eagerly awaited clashes between Park and Sun. In London, Sun finally succeeded in the revenge after losses to Park in the 400m freestyle at the 2011 Shanghai World Championships and the 2010 Guanzhou Asian Games.—Xinhua

Established 1914

Volume XX, Number 101
12th Waxing of Second Waso 1374 ME
Monday, 30 July, 2012

True patriotism

It is very important for every one of the nations regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.

Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.
Legislature and lawmakers

Over one year has elapsed since the civilian government took office under the constitution. Last year saw the unanticipated changes in political panorama of the country which once was isolated from the international stage, placing it back on the global radar screen.

The country’s practice of parliamentary democracy which lasted from 1948 to 1961 in the post-independence period was a complete failure. Finger may be pointed at who or whom or this or that, but comprehensive review must be conducted to find out the certain causes behind the collapse and to learn lessons if we do not want history to repeat itself.

The state legislature has been in operation for over one year and a half. In fact, the majority of the MPs have little or no parliamentary experiences, raising questions to their capacity. Some even criticized the two houses are just for show. No one is perfect from the birth. Even the old democracies cannot fulfill all the demands of each citizen.

Although the efforts of the two speakers and MPs are evident, efficacy should not be neglected. It is of no use just putting simple questions to the parliament but innovations must be made. Furthermore, reasonable length of time should be allowed to the legislative branch, however precious time should not be wasted on trial over the coming four years. Moreover, as people are the fundamental part of democracy, the legislature should empower people to take part in law enactment ensuring the participatory process of legislations, listening more closely to their voices. In turn, negative criticism would only impede the progress of the parliament.

It is every citizen’s wish to see the country standing with her head held high on the global stage even if he is in desperate plight. MPs are no exception. At the moment, what we require appropriate care, accommodation and support to their capacity. This is the common ground toward common goal, no doubt.

Mon State Chief Minister calls for broader participation of civil societies in realizing gov’t policies

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint on 27 July met members of social organizations, Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, Women’s Affairs Organization, state Fire Brigade and State Red Cross Society at Mon State Government Office.

He heard reports submitted by officials of the organizations.

State Hluttaw Speaker U Kyin Pe, the chief justice of state High Court, the state advocate-general, the state auditor-general and state ministers explained associational spirals, rules and regulations, and tasks being carried out by departments and social organizations cooperatively.

In his concluding remarks, the chief minister called for broader participation of social organizations in realizing policies of the government.

Meal, Waso robes donated to SSMNC Sayadaws

YANGON, 29 July—Bhaddanta Manita, Abbot of Kyakkaikasan Wailuwun Shwekyin Monastery in Thingangyun Township in Yangon East District, and disciples offered a day meal and Waso robes to Sayadaws who had attended 17th Plenary Meeting of the Sixth State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee at SSMNC refectory on Thiri Mingala Kabu Aye Hill in Yangon yesterday morning.

The congregation received Five Percepts from Aaga Maha Pandita Bhadddanta Khemindasami, Abbot of Chaukhtetgyi Phayaygi Monastery and shared merits.

Nippon Foundation shows generosity

YANGON, 29 July—The donation ceremony by the Nippon Foundation from Japan to the New World Therapeutic Training Center for Special Needs Children in Yangon was held today at the Myanmar Medical Association Building. The objective of the donation is to develop a ‘foundation’ to help the special needs children who require appropriate care, accommodation and support to be accepted in the family, school and community.

New World Therapeutic Training Center was established on 9 March 2008 in response to a growing and pressing need of the special needs community in Myanmar. Future plans of the foundation include:

- Training of trainers for special needs children, parents and caregivers, pre-school and primary school teachers from all parts of Myanmar
- Residential service programme for children and parents from other parts of the country

Nay Pyi Taw Council member inspects two damaged bridges

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—Accompanied by Nay Pyi Taw Council Area Superintending Engineer U Thein Hsiao, Assistant Engineer U Aung Ko Oo and officials of Bridge Construction Special Group (3), Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Kan Chan yesterday inspected Thabyechaung Bridge and Weygi Bridge that broke on 27 June due to overflow of Hsinthe Creek in Tatkon Township.

Thabyechaung self-reliant Wooden Bridge is 375 feet long linking Shwemyo and Thabyechaung villages.

Weygi self-reliant Wooden Bridge is 375 feet long linking Shwemyo and Thabyechaung villages.

Nay Pyi Taw Council member inspects two damaged bridges

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—Accompanied by Nay Pyi Taw Council Area Superintending Engineer U Thein Hsiao, Assistant Engineer U Aung Ko Oo and officials of Bridge Construction Special Group (3), Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Kan Chan yesterday inspected Thabyechaung Bridge and Weygi Bridge that broke on 27 June due to overflow of Hsinthe Creek in Tatkon Township.

Thabyechaung self-reliant Wooden Bridge is 375 feet long linking Shwemyo and Thabyechaung villages.

Weygi self-reliant Wooden Bridge is 375 feet long linking Shwemyo and Thabyechaung villages.

In his concluding remarks, the chief minister called for broader participation of social organizations in realizing policies of the government.

Nippon Foundation shows generosity

YANGON, 29 July—The donation ceremony by the Nippon Foundation from Japan to the New World Therapeutic Training Center for Special Needs Children in Yangon was held today at the Myanmar Medical Association Building. The objective of the donation is to develop a ‘foundation’ to help the special needs children who require appropriate care, accommodation and support to be accepted in the family, school and community.

New World Therapeutic Training Center was established on 9 March 2008 in response to a growing and pressing need of the special needs community in Myanmar. Future plans of the foundation include:

- Training of trainers for special needs children, parents and caregivers, pre-school and primary school teachers from all parts of Myanmar
- Residential service programme for children and parents from other parts of the country

Nay Pyi Taw Council member inspects two damaged bridges

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—Accompanied by Nay Pyi Taw Council Area Superintending Engineer U Thein Hsiao, Assistant Engineer U Aung Ko Oo and officials of Bridge Construction Special Group (3), Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Kan Chan yesterday inspected Thabyechaung Bridge and Weygi Bridge that broke on 27 June due to overflow of Hsinthe Creek in Tatkon Township.

Thabyechaung self-reliant Wooden Bridge is 375 feet long linking Shwemyo and Thabyechaung villages.

Weygi self-reliant Wooden Bridge is 375 feet long linking Shwemyo and Thabyechaung villages.
Israel thanks Obama for security agreement

TEL AVIV, 29 July — Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak thanked US President Barack Obama for his decision to reinforce security and military cooperation with the Jewish state, his office said.

Mr Barak welcomes President Obama’s decision to sign a law reinforcing cooperation in defence affairs between America and Israel, including the decision to grant an extra $70 million in aid towards the ‘Iron Dome’ project,” his office said in a statement.

“This new law...is a new expression of the ongoing support of the (Obama) administration and the US Congress towards the security of the state of Israel,” it added. Obama signed the law on Friday surrounded in the Oval Office by representatives of the pro-Israel lobby, AIPAC and US lawmakers.

He said the law, which gives Israel preferential access to US arms and munitions, “underscores our unshakable commitment to Israel’s security.”

The US leader also saluted the $70 million contribution this year to the Iron Dome missile defence system, designed to protect Israel against rocket attacks.

Spanish government re-forms in time for Obama visit

JERUSALEM, 29 July— The Spanish government has re-formed in time for the US presidential candidate Mitt Romney’s upcoming visit to Israel.

17 insurgents killed in Afghanistan within 24 hours

KABUL, 29 July—A total of 17 Taliban insurgents have been killed and 18 others detained in five cleanup operations carried out by the Afghan police, army and the NATO-led coalition forces in different provinces within the past 24 hours, the Afghan Interior Ministry said on Sunday.

Missouri Walmarts evacuated after bomb threats

WASHINGTON, 29 July— Seven Walmart stores in Missouri were evacuated after receiving bomb threats, but no explosives were found, a Walmart spokesman said on Saturday.

The threats were called in late Friday to stores in Raytown, Gladstone, Jefferson City, Nixa, Peterburg and Ozark, spokesman Dan Fogelman said.

The retailer is working with police to find those responsible, Fogelman said. No explosives were found and no injuries were reported.

Russian cargo spacecraft re-docks with ISS

MOSCOW, 29 July— The Russian cargo ship Progress has successfully re-docked with the International Space Station (ISS) early Sunday,according to reports.

No problems were reported about Sunday’s second attempt in the video stream from Russian mission control. Progress system is going to be used as the backbone of the Russian cargo spacecraft for decades. Russia lost a Progress cargo ship in 2011 for the first time in 30 years. — Xinhua

17 insurgents killed in Afghanistan within 24 hours

KABUL, 29 July—A total of 17 Taliban insurgents have been killed and 18 others detained in five cleanup operations carried out by the Afghan police, army and the NATO-led coalition forces in different provinces within the past 24 hours, the Afghan Interior Ministry said on Sunday.

The joint force also found and defused five different mines besides seizing four RPG-7 rocket propelled grenades, five PK machine guns, eight pistols, 25 rounds of shells and a hand grenade in the above operations, the ministry said in a statement providing morning operational updates.

Separately, Afghan police found and defused an anti-vehicle mine in western Farah province on Saturday, it said.

In another development, up to 12 Taliban insurgents were killed during a cleanup operation in Gilan district of eastern Ghazni province last Saturday.—MINA/Xinhua

Afghan truckers a forgotten front in a war growing deadlier by the day

Trucks carrying supplies for NATO troops cross into Afghanistan from Pakistan at the Tor Khun border on Monday. —REUTERS

17 insurgents killed in Afghanistan within 24 hours

KABUL, 29 July—A total of 17 Taliban insurgents have been killed and 18 others detained in five cleanup operations carried out by the Afghan police, army and the NATO-led coalition forces in different provinces within the past 24 hours, the Afghan Interior Ministry said on Sunday.

The joint force also found and defused five different mines besides seizing four RPG-7 rocket propelled grenades, five PK machine guns, eight pistols, 25 rounds of shells and a hand grenade in the above operations, the ministry said in a statement providing morning operational updates.

Separately, Afghan police found and defused an anti-vehicle mine in western Farah province on Saturday, it said.

In another development, up to 12 Taliban insurgents were killed during a cleanup operation in Gilan district of eastern Ghazni province last Saturday.—MINA/Xinhua

Afghan truckers a forgotten front in a war growing deadlier by the day

Trucks carrying supplies for NATO troops cross into Afghanistan from Pakistan at the Tor Khun border on Monday. —REUTERS

17 insurgents killed in Afghanistan within 24 hours

KABUL, 29 July—A total of 17 Taliban insurgents have been killed and 18 others detained in five cleanup operations carried out by the Afghan police, army and the NATO-led coalition forces in different provinces within the past 24 hours, the Afghan Interior Ministry said on Sunday.

The joint force also found and defused five different mines besides seizing four RPG-7 rocket propelled grenades, five PK machine guns, eight pistols, 25 rounds of shells and a hand grenade in the above operations, the ministry said in a statement providing morning operational updates.

Separately, Afghan police found and defused an anti-vehicle mine in western Farah province on Saturday, it said.

In another development, up to 12 Taliban insurgents were killed during a cleanup operation in Gilan district of eastern Ghazni province last Saturday.—MINA/Xinhua

Afghan truckers a forgotten front in a war growing deadlier by the day

Trucks carrying supplies for NATO troops cross into Afghanistan from Pakistan at the Tor Khun border on Monday. —REUTERS

17 insurgents killed in Afghanistan within 24 hours

KABUL, 29 July—A total of 17 Taliban insurgents have been killed and 18 others detained in five cleanup operations carried out by the Afghan police, army and the NATO-led coalition forces in different provinces within the past 24 hours, the Afghan Interior Ministry said on Sunday.

The joint force also found and defused five different mines besides seizing four RPG-7 rocket propelled grenades, five PK machine guns, eight pistols, 25 rounds of shells and a hand grenade in the above operations, the ministry said in a statement providing morning operational updates.

Separately, Afghan police found and defused an anti-vehicle mine in western Farah province on Saturday, it said.

In another development, up to 12 Taliban insurgents were killed during a cleanup operation in Gilan district of eastern Ghazni province last Saturday.—MINA/Xinhua
Moon formation: Was it a ‘hit and run’ accident? 

NEW YORK, 29 July — Scientists have proposed a fresh idea in the long-running debate about how the Moon was formed. What is certain is that some sort of impact from another body freed material from the young Earth and resulting debris coalesced into today’s Moon. But the exact details of the impactor’s size and speed have remained debatable. In a report online on Tuesday published in Nature, researchers suggest that the crash happened with a much larger, faster body than previously thought.

Such theories line up with what we know about the Moon, about the violent processes that set off the creation of moons, and what computer simulations show about the more sedate gravitational “gathering-up” that finishes the job. In recent years, scientists’ best guesses for how the Moon formed has been that a relatively slowly moving, Mars-sized body called Theia crashed into the very young Earth. That would have heated both of them up and released a vast cloud of molten material, much of which cooled and clumped together to give rise to the Moon. That would suggest that the Moon is made up of material from both the early Earth and from Theia, which should be somewhat different from one another.

What complicates that story is a number of observations of “isotopic compositions” — the ratios of naturally-occurring variants of some atoms — taken from the Earth and from lunar samples. While the Moon has an iron core like Earth, it does not have the same fraction of iron — and computer models supporting the Theia impact idea show just the same thing. However, the ratio of the Earth’s and the Moon’s oxygen isotopes is nearly identical, and not all scientists agree on how that may have come about.

Confounding the issue further, scientists reporting in Nature Geoscience in March said that a fresh analysis of lunar samples taken by the Apollo missions showed that the Moon and the Earth shared an unusually similar isotopic ratio of the metal titanium. That, they said, gave weight to the idea that the Moon was somehow cleaved from the Earth itself. Now, Andreas Reufer, of the Centre for Space and Habitability in Bern, Switzerland, and colleagues have run computer simulations that suggest another possibility: that a far larger and faster-moving body made an even more glancing blow with the young Earth. They said this body would have lost only a small amount of material and most of it would have continued on after the “hit-and-run”

That results in a much hotter disc of debris from the collision, but matches up with what would be needed to make a Moon-sized body. The authors suggest that since most of what became the Moon would have been liberated by the impact from the Earth, similarities between the isotope fractions should be more pronounced. More analyses of different elements within lunar samples — and a great deal more computer simulations that result in a Moon like our own — will need to be settled the debate.

Android and Nokia MeeGo phones hijacked via wallet tech

WASHINGTON, 29 July — A skilled hacker has shown how to hijack a smartphone via a short-range radio technology known as Near Field Communication (NFC). Charlie Miller created tools that forced phones to visit websites seeded with attack software. The software on the phone could then be used to steal data held on a handset. Mr Miller demonstrated how to exploit known vulnerabilities in Android.

He discovered that the default setting in Android Beam forces a handset to visit websites that run code written by the user. Mr Miller said that to avoid doing anything, all a user needed to do was to actively investigate his research and said it was aware of Mr Miller’s research and said it was “actively investigating” his claims of success against its N9 phone. It said it was not aware of anyone else abusing loopholes via NFC. Google has yet to comment on the research.

IDC: Samsung extends lead in smartphones

NEW YORK, 29 July — Samsung has extended its lead in smartphones in part because its new Galaxy phones got good reviews when it was released late in the second quarter. In the US, the phones work with the fast-fourth generation or 4G, cellular networks that major wireless companies have been building. The Galaxy’s screen is larger than the iPhone’s, while the Samsung phone is lighter and thinner. An iPhone with 4G capabilities isn’t expected until this fall. The current model, the iPhone 4S, came out in October, and sales typically drop over several months after each release.

According to IDC, Samsung Electronics Co shipped 50.2 million smartphones worldwide in the second quarter and had a market share of 33 percent, up from 17 percent a year ago. Apple Inc’s fell slightly to 17 percent from 19 percent a year ago. It sold 26 million iPhones in the April-June quarter, compared with 28 million for the Galaxy S3 out months before a new iPhone, Samsung also benefited from its strategy of developing several devices for a range of consumers. By contrast, Apple targets only the high-end market with its iPhone.

IDC’s report came out on the same day Samsung reported another record-high quarterly profit, thanks to Galaxy sales. Robust sales of smartphones helped offset a slowdown in other consumer electronics businesses such as televisions and personal computers. IDC said the big question is how well Samsung’s phones will sell once the new iPhone comes out. Analysts believe Samsung will achieve a record-high profit again in the third quarter when Galaxy S3 phones are expected to reach a peak, but sales are likely to drop or slow in the holiday quarter once Apple’s new iPhone comes out.

Overall, phone manufacturers shipped 154 million smartphones in the second quarter, a 42 percent increase from 108 million a year earlier. That was slightly below IDC’s forecast of 43 percent and was the lowest growth since the fourth quarter once Apple’s new iPhone comes out. Analysts believe Samsung will achieve a record-high profit again in the third quarter when Galaxy S3 phones are expected to reach a peak, but sales are likely to drop or slow in the holiday quarter once Apple’s new iPhone comes out.

The mix of similar and different “isotope ratios” confounds the issue. — Internet

Android and Nokia MeeGo phones hijacked via wallet tech

LONDON, 29 July — Scientists have taken a new approach to creating coatings that heal themselves when they are damaged. The research could potentially have applications in scratch-resistant phones and “self-cleaning” cars. Functional” coatings that, for example, repel water and dirt have previously been dogged by relatively short lifetimes. But the journal Advanced Materials reports that researchers have worked out how to increase their longevity.

A major stumblingblock when applying these layers is that the smallest scratch can remove them, eradicating their special properties. It damages the nano-sized molecular groups that repel water and dirt, for example. But this problem could be overcome by making coatings with “self-healing” properties. Such self-healing materials mimic living organisms that can repair their tissues. Now, Prof Bert de With of the Eindhoven University of Technology in the Netherlands and his colleagues have discovered a nano-structure solution to the problem.

Functional molecules — for example “hydrophobic” molecules that repel water and dirt - can be coated onto the surfaces of products. Prof de With and his team found that by attaching these molecules onto the end of polymer “stilks” and mixing these throughout the coating, any that are removed by scratches are replaced by a new, self-orientating layer.

The result is that any coating, such as an antibacterial layer, would be “self-repairing” after small amounts of damage, as the molecular chains just below the damaged layer re-cover the surface. — Internet

Coatings heal damage

Coatings heal damage

Hydrophobic surfaces repel water and dirt but can be limited by short lifetimes. — Internet

More and more people are using NFC to make low value purchases via their phone. — Internet
Airbus delays A350 XWB entry as EADS profits triple

Airbus has also faced recent problems with wing cracks in its A380 superjumbo planes, which have forced clients such as Qantas Airways to delay their deliveries by almost four years until the aircraft are fully fixed.

EADS chief executive Tom Enders, who took over the company in June, said: “Let’s be honest: We have a problem with the A380 with the wings. Obviously, some airlines who would have put in an order this year are tempered to put in a lot less.”

He says reports he expects deliveries for the A380 to drop next year due to a problem with the wing. “We do expect that the hiccup with the wing cracks and the solutions will impact deliveries 14 to 18 months. And it is expected that we will not reach 30 deliveries next year,” he said.

“Obviously we have a challenge dealing with the wing cracks and with customers and that will result in a temporary — temporarily — delivery drought. But we know how to fix the problem and it’s well underway,” EADS, which is a consortium of aerospace and defence manufacturers from France, Germany and Spain, was upbeat about its business despite the wing problems, citing strength in Airbus and its space and Eurocopter helicopter units.

It improved its full-year guidance and said that the current sovereign debt crisis in Europe unlikely to disrupt air traffic.

New plane manufacturers are ramping up production amid robust demand for fuel efficient aircraft, particularly from emerging markets.

EADS now expects Airbus to deliver some 580 commercial aircraft. It is still on track to receive orders for between 660 and 650 aeroplanes this year. It also expects revenue to continue to increase by around 10% in 2012.

Sales in the second quarter rose 12% to 13.5m euros compared to a year earlier. Its rival Boeing has also raised its full-year earnings on higher commercial aeroplane deliveries and defence sales.

New York’s JFK Airport top germ spreader

New York’s JFK Kennedy Airport is a teeming hub for international flight — and globo-trotting germs, a new study says. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology paper published this week named JFK as the top of a list of “super-spreaders” in contagious diseases.

New York’s airport isn’t the only one with an infection problem.

A woman cleans up at Terminal 3 at New York’s JFK Airport in January. A new study found that the airport is teeming with globo-trotting germs.

Nokia confirms closure of final Finnish factory

Nokia confirmed the imminent closure of its last factory in Finland. Although there have been some bright spots for Nokia, the struggling smartphone maker has reported its third consecutive billion-dollar loss in the second quarter this year, highlighting just how difficult it has become for vendors to thrive in a market dominated by just two companies.

As part of Nokia’s continuing efforts to cut costs, the company on Friday told its last Finnish factory in Salo, Finland will close this fall. 780 workers will lose their jobs as a result of the move. Nokia confirmed they will pay off the 10,000 employees in Salo by the end of 2013.

Apple to buy mobile security firm AuthenTec

SAN FRANCISCO, 29 July — Apple Inc. today announced it had agreed to acquire AuthenTec, a US mobile and network security provider, announced Friday morning.

The acquisition of AuthenTec, which has been developing fingerprint technology for Apple’s products, is expected to close in the third quarter of 2012. Apple is expected to receive Approval and other conditions, subject to regulatory

One of its key offerings is fingerprint sensor, which can be used for authentication and security in mobile payments by phone as well as by some analysts as a target of Apple’s purchase.

With the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) reporting all third in the world, the company was said to be selling its fingerprint technology for up to 115 million euros, according to the SEC.

The company EADS to take a 124 million euro write-down and delay its commercial aeroplane for the second quarter to 461 million euros. Airbus said the delay is due to a problem in the preparation for a new automated drilling process that will not be available before the end of the year. The company expects deliveries of the A380 to drop next year due to a problem with the wing.

The A380 project manager told The Straits Times that he expected deliveries for the aircraft to 30 deliveries next year due to a problem with the wing. “We do expect that the hiccup with the wing cracks and the solutions will impact deliveries 14 to 18 months. And it is expected that we will not reach 30 deliveries next year,” he said.

“Obviously we have a challenge dealing with the wing cracks and with customers and that will result in a temporary — temporarily — delivery drought. But we know how to fix the problem and it’s well underway,” EADS, which is a consortium of aerospace and defence manufacturers from France, Germany and Spain, was upbeat about its business despite the wing problems, citing strength in Airbus and its space and Eurocopter helicopter units.

It improved its full-year guidance and said that the current sovereign debt crisis in Europe unlikely to disrupt air traffic.

New plane manufacturers are ramping up production amid robust demand for fuel efficient aircraft, particularly from emerging markets.

EADS now expects Airbus to deliver some 580 commercial aircraft. It is still on track to receive orders for between 660 and 650 aeroplanes this year. It also expects revenue to continue to increase by around 10% in 2012.

Sales in the second quarter rose 12% to 13.5m euros compared to a year earlier. Its rival Boeing has also raised its full-year earnings on higher commercial aeroplane deliveries and defence sales.

New York’s JFK Airport top germ spreader

New York’s John F. Kennedy Airport is a teeming hub for international flight — and globo-trotting germs, a new study says. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology paper published this week named JFK as the top of a list of “super-spreaders” in contagious diseases.

New York’s airport isn’t the only one with an infection problem.

A woman cleans up at Terminal 3 at New York’s JFK Airport in January. A new study found that the airport is teeming with globo-trotting germs.
Man hides cash in oven; cash gets baked by accident

SYDNEY, 29 July — One man probably has learned a costly lesson about where he hides his cash. The unidentified father from Sydney, Australia, sold his car last weekend. The $15,000 (approximately $15,652 in US dollars) in proceeds was earmarked for his mortgage payment and other bills, according to Australian media. Opting not to squander away the loot in a mattress or bury it in his backyard, he decided to hide it oven, which is ready to retire. Cavanagh, 41, was named co-chief operating officer and is also seen as a strong candidate to be extradited to Ivory Coast to stand trial. The seven United Nations peacekeepers, all from Niger, were killed on 8 June, 2012 in western Ivory Coast near the Liberia border, during a ceremony at UN headquarters in Abidjan on 14 June, 2012. — Reuters

JPMorgan creates more management checks and balances

NEW YORK, 29 July — JPMorgan Chase & Co Chief Executive Jamie Dimon reshuffled his management team, in a step that analysts see as creating more checks and balances in the upper ranks after the bank suffered from embarrassing trading losses. Analysts said the changes, announced on Friday, position Michael Cavanagh and Daniel Pinto as prime candidates to succeed Dimon, 56, when he is ready to retire. Cavanagh, 46, and Pinto, 49 were named co-chefs of commercial and investment banking. Matt Zamek, 41, was named co-chief operating officer and is also seen as a strong candidate to succeed Dimon. In an interview, Dimon said that he has no plans to retire soon, but that he is always thinking about growing succession.

A man walks past JPMorgan Chase & Co’s international headquarters on Park Avenue in New York on 13 July, 2012. — Reuters

Four arrested over Ivory Coast UN peacekeeper killings

LONDON, 29 July — Four men have been arrested in connection with the ambush killings in Ivory Coast of seven UN peacekeepers. President Alassane Ouattara said on Friday that he was ready to retire. Cavanagh, 46, and Pinto, 49 were named co-chefs of commercial and investment banking. Matt Zamek, 41, was named co-chief operating officer and is also seen as a strong candidate to succeed Dimon. In an interview, Dimon said that he has no plans to retire soon, but that he is always thinking about growing succession.

Man hides cash in oven; cash gets baked by accident

SYDNEY, 29 July — One man probably has learned a costly lesson about where he hides his cash. The unidentified father from Sydney, Australia, sold his car last weekend. The $15,000 (approximately $15,652 in US dollars) in proceeds was earmarked for his mortgage payment and other bills, according to Australian media. Opting not to squander away the loot in a mattress or bury it in his backyard, he decided to hide it oven, which is ready to retire. Cavanagh, 41, was named co-chief operating officer and is also seen as a strong candidate to be extradited to Ivory Coast to stand trial. The seven United Nations peacekeepers, all from Niger, were killed on 8 June, 2012 in western Ivory Coast near the Liberia border, during a ceremony at UN headquarters in Abidjan on 14 June, 2012. — Reuters

JPMorgan creates more management checks and balances

NEW YORK, 29 July — JPMorgan Chase & Co Chief Executive Jamie Dimon reshuffled his management team, in a step that analysts see as creating more checks and balances in the upper ranks after the bank suffered from embarrassing trading losses. Analysts said the changes, announced on Friday, position Michael Cavanagh and Daniel Pinto as prime candidates to succeed Dimon, 56, when he is ready to retire. Cavanagh, 46, and Pinto, 49 were named co-chefs of commercial and investment banking. Matt Zamek, 41, was named co-chief operating officer and is also seen as a strong candidate to succeed Dimon. In an interview, Dimon said that he has no plans to retire soon, but that he is always thinking about growing succession.

A man walks past JPMorgan Chase & Co’s international headquarters on Park Avenue in New York on 13 July, 2012. — Reuters

Four arrested over Ivory Coast UN peacekeeper killings

LONDON, 29 July — Four men have been arrested in connection with the ambush killings in Ivory Coast of seven UN peacekeepers. President Alassane Ouattara said on Friday that he was ready to retire. Cavanagh, 46, and Pinto, 49 were named co-chefs of commercial and investment banking. Matt Zamek, 41, was named co-chief operating officer and is also seen as a strong candidate to succeed Dimon. In an interview, Dimon said that he has no plans to retire soon, but that he is always thinking about growing succession.

Man hides cash in oven; cash gets baked by accident

SYDNEY, 29 July — One man probably has learned a costly lesson about where he hides his cash. The unidentified father from Sydney, Australia, sold his car last weekend. The $15,000 (approximately $15,652 in US dollars) in proceeds was earmarked for his mortgage payment and other bills, according to Australian media. Opting not to squander away the loot in a mattress or bury it in his backyard, he decided to hide it oven, which is ready to retire. Cavanagh, 41, was named co-chief operating officer and is also seen as a strong candidate to succeed Dimon. In an interview, Dimon said that he has no plans to retire soon, but that he is always thinking about growing succession.

JPMorgan creates more management checks and balances

NEW YORK, 29 July — JPMorgan Chase & Co Chief Executive Jamie Dimon reshuffled his management team, in a step that analysts see as creating more checks and balances in the upper ranks after the bank suffered from embarrassing trading losses. Analysts said the changes, announced on Friday, position Michael Cavanagh and Daniel Pinto as prime candidates to succeed Dimon, 56, when he is ready to retire. Cavanagh, 46, and Pinto, 49 were named co-chefs of commercial and investment banking. Matt Zamek, 41, was named co-chief operating officer and is also seen as a strong candidate to succeed Dimon. In an interview, Dimon said that he has no plans to retire soon, but that he is always thinking about growing succession.

A man walks past JPMorgan Chase & Co’s international headquarters on Park Avenue in New York on 13 July, 2012. — Reuters

Four arrested over Ivory Coast UN peacekeeper killings

LONDON, 29 July — Four men have been arrested in connection with the ambush killings in Ivory Coast of seven UN peacekeepers. President Alassane Ouattara said on Friday that he was ready to retire. Cavanagh, 46, and Pinto, 49 were named co-chefs of commercial and investment banking. Matt Zamek, 41, was named co-chief operating officer and is also seen as a strong candidate to succeed Dimon. In an interview, Dimon said that he has no plans to retire soon, but that he is always thinking about growing succession.

Man hides cash in oven; cash gets baked by accident

SYDNEY, 29 July — One man probably has learned a costly lesson about where he hides his cash. The unidentified father from Sydney, Australia, sold his car last weekend. The $15,000 (approximately $15,652 in US dollars) in proceeds was earmarked for his mortgage payment and other bills, according to Australian media. Opting not to squander away the loot in a mattress or bury it in his backyard, he decided to hide it oven, which is ready to retire. Cavanagh, 41, was named co-chief operating officer and is also seen as a strong candidate to succeed Dimon. In an interview, Dimon said that he has no plans to retire soon, but that he is always thinking about growing succession.

JPMorgan creates more management checks and balances

NEW YORK, 29 July — JPMorgan Chase & Co Chief Executive Jamie Dimon reshuffled his management team, in a step that analysts see as creating more checks and balances in the upper ranks after the bank suffered from embarrassing trading losses. Analysts said the changes, announced on Friday, position Michael Cavanagh and Daniel Pinto as prime candidates to succeed Dimon, 56, when he is ready to retire. Cavanagh, 46, and Pinto, 49 were named co-chefs of commercial and investment banking. Matt Zamek, 41, was named co-chief operating officer and is also seen as a strong candidate to succeed Dimon. In an interview, Dimon said that he has no plans to retire soon, but that he is always thinking about growing succession.

A man walks past JPMorgan Chase & Co’s international headquarters on Park Avenue in New York on 13 July, 2012. — Reuters

Four arrested over Ivory Coast UN peacekeeper killings

LONDON, 29 July — Four men have been arrested in connection with the ambush killings in Ivory Coast of seven UN peacekeepers. President Alassane Ouattara said on Friday that he was ready to retire. Cavanagh, 46, and Pinto, 49 were named co-chefs of commercial and investment banking. Matt Zamek, 41, was named co-chief operating officer and is also seen as a strong candidate to succeed Dimon. In an interview, Dimon said that he has no plans to retire soon, but that he is always thinking about growing succession.

Man hides cash in oven; cash gets baked by accident

SYDNEY, 29 July — One man probably has learned a costly lesson about where he hides his cash. The unidentified father from Sydney, Australia, sold his car last weekend. The $15,000 (approximately $15,652 in US dollars) in proceeds was earmarked for his mortgage payment and other bills, according to Australian media. Opting not to squander away the loot in a mattress or bury it in his backyard, he decided to hide it oven, which is ready to retire. Cavanagh, 41, was named co-chief operating officer and is also seen as a strong candidate to succeed Dimon. In an interview, Dimon said that he has no plans to retire soon, but that he is always thinking about growing succession.
Monsoon paddy plantations thriving in Yedashe

Although local farmers faced difficulties in cultivation of monsoon paddy due to reduction of rainfalls in Yedashe Township, they are at work with energetic efforts because of dropping rains daily beginning last week of July.

At present, the local farmers relying on favourable weather are placing emphasis on timely completion of growing paddy on acre by acre.—Kyemon

YANGON, 29 July—Fish breeding is being undertaken naturally at home, according to a naturalist of Myanmar Fish Breeders Association.

“We place emphasis on protection of natural fish as part of efforts to conserve the nature of fish. Some of us, snakehead fish are hatched at Lwin Phyo camp. Areyawady camp also breeds climbing perch. Wah Wah Win focuses on giant sea perch. In Twantay, breeding of eel is on test based on experiences of breeders in Vietnam,” he said.

The price of carp declines from K 1950 to K 1925. Prices of small freshwater catfish, snakehead, giant sea perch and climbing perch are not set above K 2500 and lobster at between K 7000 and K 15000.

Basic computer skills courses for basic education teachers conclude

YANGON, 29 July—Jointly organized by Yangon Region Computer Professionals Association, Yangon Region Computer Entrepreneurs Association and No. 3 Basic Education Department, the computer skill courses No. 5 and No. 6 for basic education teachers concluded at the computer hall of No. 3 Basic Education Department in Kyimyindine Township on 20 July afternoon.

It was attended by Yangon Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein, the chairman of Yangon Region Computer Professionals Association, executives of Yangon Region Computer Entrepreneurs Association, the director of No. 3 Basic Education Department (Admin/Finance) and officials.

The region minister presented prizes to outstanding trainees, and the director of the department presented completion certificates to all trainees.—Kyemon

Crime News

Drug traffickers arrested in Lashio

HUPAW, 29 July—Lashio Anti-Drug Special Squad of Shan State (North) exposes stimulant possessors and traffickers in Lashio continuously.

The squad seized three persons with 6520 stimulant tablets worth K 13 million, one tuk-tuk, one motorcycle and one telephone. Action was taken against them at No. 1 Police Station in Lashio under Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.—Kyemon

School uniforms provided to needy students in Dagon South Township

YANGON, 29 July—Dagon Myothit (South) Township Women’s Affairs Organization provided 60 sets of school uniforms worth K 150,000 and 15 desks worth K 550,000 for needy students for 2012-2013 academic year at Basic Education Primary School No. 17 in Ward 22 of Dagon Myothit (South) Township of Yangon Region on 17 July.

Chairman of Township WAO Daw Nwendi Khanting and party, Chairman of Ward WAO Daw Myint Myint Ma Gyi and party presented donations to Headmistress Daw Tin Tin Aye.

Natural fresh water fish under breeding

YANGON, 29 July—Fish breeding is being undertaken naturally at home, according to a naturalist of Myanmar Fish Breeders Association.

“We place emphasis on protection of natural fish as part of efforts to conserve the nature of fish. Some of us, snakehead fish are hatched at Lwin Phyo camp. Areyawady camp also breeds climbing perch. Wah Wah Win focuses on giant sea perch. In Twantay, breeding of eel is on test based on experiences of breeders in Vietnam,” he said.

In fact, breeding of natural fish can prevent depletion of natural fish species.

However, large amount of natural fish breeding will harm the market.

15 houses destroyed in strong winds in Thingangyun Township

YANGON, 29 July—The strong winds hit E Ward of Thingangyun Township at 1:50 am on 21 July and it destroyed some houses.

“The cyclonic Nargis, this is the second time experience for me. So I was so afraid for hitting of strong winds. I worry about some occurrences like Nargis,” said U Khin Myint, a resident of the ward with regard to strong winds.

The strong winds destroyed eight houses on Nyati Street and Zeya Shwepyi Monastery. There were about 15 houses destroyed in the strong winds.

In recent days, strong winds hit Mawlamyingnyu Township and North Okkalapa Township.

Three drug traffickers and driver seen with 6520 stimulant tablets worth K 13 million, one tuk-tuk, one motorcycle and one telephone.
The President Office has distributed a directive to Region State government offices to discuss crops with higher market demand, market share, quality, and educational measures for applying pesticides. On their tour of inspection to advanced scientific agricultural method and specialized high-yield Pantawai hybrid paddy plantations in Abyalino village in Pyinmana Township and Aung Chan Tha Village in Zabuthiri Township, the President laid down five reform principles, would lead to success.

The President’s guidance includes detailed description of measures to be taken to achieve goal of doubling income of farmers, calling for the need to make commitment to the common goal. Unity and confidence are sine qua non for achieving the goal. With no unity, we could not reach any further. Every participant in the workshop is urged to help farmers tackle challenges. The great ideas without execution are nothing. Only efforts will lead to success.

In his discussions, Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint said measures would be taken for provision of feedgrains to those wishing to breed, oilseeds, milch, swine, and cattle. Costs required for animal feed and capitals would be loaned through cooperative system.

It must be reviewed whether it still needs to continue applying butcher license system or not and measures must be taken for producers to be able to sell free at tax-free markets. Measures would be taken for sale of surplus cattle in domestic and foreign markets as part of the drive for economic performance of the nation, enabling the breeders to sell face to face with purchasers.

The authority of fresh water fishery management under the fresh water fishery management has been handed over to region/state governments in accordance with the constitution. Work permits would be granted to those who would like to run silted lakes and lakes that have not been converted to advanced scientific agricultural method, advanced land preparation and transformation to mechanized farming.

The President’s guidance includes detailed description of measures to be taken to achieve goal of doubling income of farmers, calling for the need to make commitment to the common goal. Unity and confidence are sine qua non for achieving the goal. With no unity, we could not reach any further. Every participant in the workshop is urged to help farmers tackle challenges. The great ideas without execution are nothing. Only efforts will lead to success.

In his discussions, Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint said measures would be taken for provision of feedgrains to those wishing to breed, oilseeds, milch, swine, and cattle. Costs required for animal feed and capitals would be loaned through cooperative system.

It must be reviewed whether it still needs to continue applying butcher license system or not and measures must be taken for producers to be able to sell free at tax-free markets. Measures would be taken for sale of surplus cattle in domestic and foreign markets as part of the drive for economic performance of the nation, enabling the breeders to sell face to face with purchasers.

The authority of fresh water fishery management under the fresh water fishery management has been handed over to region/state governments in accordance with the constitution. Work permits would be granted to those who would like to run silted lakes and lakes that have not been converted to advanced scientific agricultural method, advanced land preparation and transformation to mechanized farming.

The President’s guidance includes detailed description of measures to be taken to achieve goal of doubling income of farmers, calling for the need to make commitment to the common goal. Unity and confidence are sine qua non for achieving the goal. With no unity, we could not reach any further. Every participant in the workshop is urged to help farmers tackle challenges. The great ideas without execution are nothing. Only efforts will lead to success.

In his discussions, Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint said measures would be taken for provision of feedgrains to those wishing to breed, oilseeds, milch, swine, and cattle. Costs required for animal feed and capitals would be loaned through cooperative system.

It must be reviewed whether it still needs to continue applying butcher license system or not and measures must be taken for producers to be able to sell free at tax-free markets. Measures would be taken for sale of surplus cattle in domestic and foreign markets as part of the drive for economic performance of the nation, enabling the breeders to sell face to face with purchasers.

The authority of fresh water fishery management under the fresh water fishery management has been handed over to region/state governments in accordance with the constitution. Work permits would be granted to those who would like to run silted lakes and lakes that have not been converted to advanced scientific agricultural method, advanced land preparation and transformation to mechanized farming.

The President’s guidance includes detailed description of measures to be taken to achieve goal of doubling income of farmers, calling for the need to make commitment to the common goal. Unity and confidence are sine qua non for achieving the goal. With no unity, we could not reach any further. Every participant in the workshop is urged to help farmers tackle challenges. The great ideas without execution are nothing. Only efforts will lead to success.

In his discussions, Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint said measures would be taken for provision of feedgrains to those wishing to breed, oilseeds, milch, swine, and cattle. Costs required for animal feed and capitals would be loaned through cooperative system.

It must be reviewed whether it still needs to continue applying butcher license system or not and measures must be taken for producers to be able to sell free at tax-free markets. Measures would be taken for sale of surplus cattle in domestic and foreign markets as part of the drive for economic performance of the nation, enabling the breeders to sell face to face with purchasers.

The authority of fresh water fishery management under the fresh water fishery management has been handed over to region/state governments in accordance with the constitution. Work permits would be granted to those who would like to run silted lakes and lakes that have not been converted to advanced scientific agricultural method, advanced land preparation and transformation to mechanized farming.

The President’s guidance includes detailed description of measures to be taken to achieve goal of doubling income of farmers, calling for the need to make commitment to the common goal. Unity and confidence are sine qua non for achieving the goal. With no unity, we could not reach any further. Every participant in the workshop is urged to help farmers tackle challenges. The great ideas without execution are nothing. Only efforts will lead to success.

In his discussions, Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint said measures would be taken for provision of feedgrains to those wishing to breed, oilseeds, milch, swine, and cattle. Costs required for animal feed and capitals would be loaned through cooperative system.

It must be reviewed whether it still needs to continue applying butcher license system or not and measures must be taken for producers to be able to sell free at tax-free markets. Measures would be taken for sale of surplus cattle in domestic and foreign markets as part of the drive for economic performance of the nation, enabling the breeders to sell face to face with purchasers.

The authority of fresh water fishery management under the fresh water fishery management has been handed over to region/state governments in accordance with the constitution. Work permits would be granted to those who would like to run silted lakes and lakes that have not been converted to advanced scientific agricultural method, advanced land preparation and transformation to mechanized farming.

The President’s guidance includes detailed description of measures to be taken to achieve goal of doubling income of farmers, calling for the need to make commitment to the common goal. Unity and confidence are sine qua non for achieving the goal. With no unity, we could not reach any further. Every participant in the workshop is urged to help farmers tackle challenges. The great ideas without execution are nothing. Only efforts will lead to success.

In his discussions, Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint said measures would be taken for provision of feedgrains to those wishing to breed, oilseeds, milch, swine, and cattle. Costs required for animal feed and capitals would be loaned through cooperative system.

It must be reviewed whether it still needs to continue applying butcher license system or not and measures must be taken for producers to be able to sell free at tax-free markets. Measures would be taken for sale of surplus cattle in domestic and foreign markets as part of the drive for economic performance of the nation, enabling the breeders to sell face to face with purchasers.

The authority of fresh water fishery management under the fresh water fishery management has been handed over to region/state governments in accordance with the constitution. Work permits would be granted to those who would like to run silted lakes and lakes that have not been converted to advanced scientific agricultural method, advanced land preparation and transformation to mechanized farming.

The President’s guidance includes detailed description of measures to be taken to achieve goal of doubling income of farmers, calling for the need to make commitment to the common goal. Unity and confidence are sine qua non for achieving the goal. With no unity, we could not reach any further. Every participant in the workshop is urged to help farmers tackle challenges. The great ideas without execution are nothing. Only efforts will lead to success.

In his discussions, Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint said measures would be taken for provision of feedgrains to those wishing to breed, oilseeds, milch, swine, and cattle. Costs required for animal feed and capitals would be loaned through cooperative system.

It must be reviewed whether it still needs to continue applying butcher license system or not and measures must be taken for producers to be able to sell free at tax-free markets. Measures would be taken for sale of surplus cattle in domestic and foreign markets as part of the drive for economic performance of the nation, enabling the breeders to sell face to face with purchasers.

The authority of fresh water fishery management under the fresh water fishery management has been handed over to region/state governments in accordance with the constitution. Work permits would be granted to those who would like to run silted lakes and lakes that have not been converted to advanced scientific agricultural method, advanced land preparation and transformation to mechanized farming.
Taninthayi Region Chief Minister calls for full access to electricity at reasonable price

NAV PVT TAW, 29 July—Taninthayi Region Electricity and Industry Ministry and Than Phyo Thu Mining Co signed MoU on Myeik coal-fired power plant project and Electricity Supply Enterprise of Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 and Taninthayi Region government signed a contract for supply of electricity to Kawthoung on behalf of Electricity Supply Enterprise at the region government office on 27 July, attended by Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko.

Speaking on the occasion, the region minister stressed the crucial role of electricity in development of the region, citing that the region still does not have full access to electric power and has to pay up to 450 to 500 kyats for a unit of electricity. It is required to have full access to electricity at affordable price. Diesel-powered electricity generation is just suitable for household use and can not be used for industrial purpose for regional development. Upon completion of 50-megawatt coal-fired power plant project in Myeik, the price of electricity could be reduced to just over 200 kyats per unit not only for household but for industrial use, doubling the industrial operation facilitating regional development. The 50-megawatt power plant would be built 17 miles from Myeik, preventing the plant would hardly have its side effects. The power plant would be built 17 miles from Myeik, preventing the power supply companies were allowed to produce electricity following the mechanical failures of State-owned power plants and growing electricity demands of people. The incumbent government has also acknowledged the township/ward/village electrification teams forming in the time of previous government and fulfilled the requirements of village electrification teams within the framework of Electricity Supply Enterprise. It is also taking actions in response to proposals of companies and organizations.

The region government is jointly running 20-megawatt wind power plant with Zeya & Associates Co Ltd in Mylla Sub-township. Dawei Power and Utility Co Ltd is conducting surveys for establishment of 50-megawatt natural gas power plant in Kanpauk Village, Kaleinuang Sub-township of Yebyu Township. In addition, 24-Hour Mining and Just Co Ltd is also taking measures to set up coal-fired power plants in Taninthayi Township of Myeik District and Bokpyin Township of Kawthoung District.

Phoe Thi Cho Co supplies electricity to Mawtaung Village of Taninthayi Township importing from the neighboring country. Natural Energy Wave Co is 24-megawatt Anya Phya Hydropower Plant Project at Anya Phya Creek, 12 miles to the east of Dawei. The Minme Ministry is carrying out surveys for upgrading of Phaungtaw Hydropower Plant in Myitta Sub-township. He called on companies concerned to supply for electricity at reasonable price and inform necessary requirements to the Union government and region government.

North Okkalapa Tsp gets new concrete road

North Okkalapa Township gets new concrete road

NAV PVT TAW, 29 July—A coordination meeting for drawing of Early Childhood Development Policy, jointly organized by Social Welfare Department and UNICEF, was held at Myanmar Medical Association in Taunggyi on 21 July.

Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat made a speech. It was also attended by the Speaker of Shan State Hluttaw, the Chief Justice of the Shan State High Court, state ministers, the advocate-general of the state, the secretary of Shan State government, officials of Social Welfare Department and UNICEF, members of social association and guests. The Chief Minister presented two sets of computer equipment to the region government and formally opened it.

He also attended the coordination meeting of Shan State Development Affairs U Hla Myint and Region Minister for Transport U Aung Khin cut the ribbon to put it into service. The Engineering Department (Road and Bridge) of Yangon City Development Committee carried out paving concrete on that road with 17460 feet in length and 6 feet in width, and that withstands about 60 tons. The purpose of advancing this road is to make sure road safety and smooth transportation.

Workshop on Regional Planning Proficiency Programme held

NAV PVT TAW, 29 July—The Workshop on Regional Planning Proficiency Programme was held at Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, here, from 25 to 27 July.

Economic Consultant Dr Bruce Knupman of ADB lectured present situation and aim of development, preparation for sector-wise plans and drawing work plans, supervision and assessment.

The participants of the workshop discussed aim of the region, aspiration, aims of economic development, opportunity and limitation in sector-wise development in the regions, policies and work plans to overcome the barriers, prioritization for economic, social and environmental conservation for development of the region and drawing of investment plans. The workshop is one of the programmes to contribute to drawing of regional plans for ensuring people centred development with the technological assistance of ADB.

Workshop on Regional Planning Proficiency Programme in progress at Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development.

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Monday, 30 July, 2012

Drawing of Early Childhood Development Policy discussed

NAV PVT TAW, 29 July—A coordination meeting for drawing of Early Childhood Development Policy, jointly organized by Social Welfare Department and UNICEF, was held at Myanmar Medical Association in Taunggyi on 21 July.

Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat made a speech. It was also attended by the Speaker of Shan State Hluttaw, the Chief Justice of the Shan State High Court, state ministers, the advocate-general of the state, the secretary of Shan State government, officials of Social Welfare Department and UNICEF, members of social association and guests. The Chief Minister presented two sets of computer equipment to the region government and formally opened it.

He then visited the new school building.

The Chief Minister presented two sets of computer equipment to the region government and formally opened it.

He then visited the new school building.

The Chief Minister and officials awarded outstanding students. At the coordination meeting of Shan State Cooperative Department in Taunggyi, the Chief Minister heard reports on tasks of cooperative syndicates.

He also attended the coordination meeting of Shan State Public Works at office of Shan State superintending engineer.

Roads, bridges on Kya-intaung- Sittway Road Section inspected

NAV PVT TAW, 29 July—Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin on 23 July inspected maintenance of Kyausupan Bridge, construction of Ponnagyun-Vathyedun Road and Samaung Bridge, maintenance of Kan Creek Bridge on Kya-intaung-Sittway section, maintenance of Min Creek Bridge and Nayakan Bridge.

The minister of Ministry of Construction in Sittway, the deputy minister met Rakhine State Minister for Transport U Kyaw Khin and engineers. After meeting with staff at the office of Rakhine State Superintending Engineer, the deputy minister inspected condition of Sittway-Mingan Road.
Mixed cultivation of forest and crops undertaken in Paukkhaung

According to slash-and-burn system elimination plan, the mixed cultivation on farmlands of farmer U Soe Win is being undertaken by Forest Department in Paukkhaung Township. Staff Officer U Than Hant of Township Forest Department and staff together with village administrator and villagers visited the mixed cropping farm of 7100 saplings of teak, eucalyptus, Thanalda, mangoes, banana, sesame, and pigeon pea plants. They observed nurturing process of plants. After that, a talk on elimination of slash-and-burn and environmental conservation was given at Basic Education Primary School in Paukkhaung Village. The staff officer of the Forest Department gave talks to the local people.

Myanma Alin

District News

Citizenship scrutiny cards issued in Pyinlaw

Pyinlaw, 29 July—The issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards was carried out at the administrative office in Bagon Village of Banyadaungthang Village-tract in Pyinlaw Sub-township in Labutta District on 15 July. Deputy Director of Labutta District Immigration and National Registration Department U Noy Lin and staff issued citizenship scrutiny cards to the local people.

Myanma Alin

Torrent rain destroys Pochaung Bridge on Thabaung-Thebyu Road

Thabaung, 29 July—Heavy rains broke Pochaung wooden bridge, 80 feet long and 16 feet wide, on between Thabaung-Thebyu Road Thebyu Village and Taungtham Village of Kyunlyagyi Village-tract in Thabaung Township on 21 July morning. There was no casualty in incident. Officials concerned are repairing of the bridge in time.—Myanma Alin

Myanma Alin

Knowledge about taxation talked in Pyay

Pyay, 29 July—Pyay Township Internal Revenue Department under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue disseminated a talk on knowledge about taxation to middle school students at No 3 Basic Education Middle School in Pyay on 17 July morning. At the talk, Head of Pyay Township Internal Revenue Department U Soe Hla Myan explained taxation. After that, officials handed over pamphlets on taxation and 50 copies of cartoons to the library.—Myanma Alin

Cash assistance provided to students in Yesagyo

Yeagyo, 29 July—A ceremony to hand over cash assistance provided by Myanmar War Veterans Organization (Headquarters) to students for 2012-2013 academic year was held at the hall of Yeagyo Township War Veterans Organization on 19 July morning, with an address by Chairman of Township War Veterans Organization U Maung Ko.

The MWVO Central Committee provided K 10000 to primary students, K 15000 middle school students and K 20000 high school students, totaling K 840,000 to 58 students. Officials then gave awards to 69 outstanding students.

Prizes awarded to outstanding students at Nyaunglebin BEHS No 1

Nyaunglebin, 29 July—A ceremony to hand over cash assistance to students with four-distinction winner Ma Pwint Phyu Thant in the matriculation examination. Officials then gave awards to 69 outstanding students.

Myanma Alin

Taxation knowledge disseminated to students in Taungup

Taungup, 29 July—Organized by Internal Revenue Department of Taungup Township, the educative talk about taxation was held at Piemyin Yadana Hall of Basic Education High School in Taungup on 18 July. At the talk, Head of Township Internal Revenue Department U Htin Aung Lin explained basic knowledge about taxation to students. After that, the head of department distributed pamphlets to them.

Myanma Alin

Rescue works exercised for water and ground natural disasters

Ye, 29 July—the water and ground training for rescue of natural disasters was exercised at Shwepyitha Village of Ye Township, Mon State, on 22 July morning. A total of 54 persons including members of Township Fire Services Department and Auxiliary Fire Brigade and Red Cross Brigade participated in the drill. The demonstration lasted three hours for rescue works.—Myanma Alin

Traffic accident occurs near Zawana bus stop

Yangoon, 29 July—A Super roof van taxi driving from Sanpya Market along Laydauntkan Road in Thangyang Township of Yangon Region hit sanitation worker Daw Byawt Sein, 56, who pushed the trash bin of Development Affairs Committee at 11:20 am on 22 July. In the accident, Daw Byawt Sein was injured at fracture of nose and bruise at forehead. Officials rushed her to the hospital. The driver of taxi is now evading from the scene, and the authorities carry out investigation to arrest him.

Myanma Alin

Traffic accident causes one motorcyclist injured

Yangoon, 29 July—A traffic accident occurred at the bus stop of Prolin Market in Hlhetnaya Township at 6:20 am on 23 July. A BM ferry bus driven by Soe Min Htwe, son of U Soe Nyin from the south to the north along Bo Aung Kyaw Street in Hlhetnaya Township scrubbed another BM car due to out of brake control and then hit a motorcycle. After that, the ferry BM collided with a Blac of 960 bus line that stopped beside the road to be repaired and then the ferry BM stopped itself. In the accident, one motorcyclist was injured (unserious) and he was treated at the hospital.
Deadly Ebola breaks out in Uganda, 14 people confirmed dead

**KAMPALA, 29 July —** Uganda’s Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization (WHO) on Saturday confirmed that a deadly Ebola hemorrhagic fever had broken out in the East African country, killing 14 people.

A statement from the ministry of health said that laboratory investigations by the Uganda Virus Research Institute in Entebbe confirmed the “Strange Disease” reported in Kibale district in western Uganda as Ebola.

“Since July 2012, a total of 20 cases and 14 deaths have been recorded. The index case belonged to a family in Nyangwiga village in Nyanuruba Sub district in Kibale district. Three samples taken from the index case were confirmed as being present in one of the infected individuals from Kibale district. The statement said: ‘National task force on Ebola coordinated by the ministry of health has been reactivated and experts from the ministry, WHO and Centre for Disease Control are already in the area.”

Ebola virus is highly contagious and causes a range of symptoms, including fever, vomiting, diarrhea, generalized pain or malaise and in many cases internal and external bleeding.

Mortality rates of Ebola fever are extremely high, with the human case-fatality rate ranging from 50 percent to 90 percent, depending on viral subtype.

The last outbreak in Uganda was in 2011 and in late 2007 the outbreak in the western district of Bundibugyo claimed 31 lives out of the 148 infected.

**London police arrest 16 for illegal ticket reselling**

**LONDON, 29 July —** London’s Metropolitan police said they had arrested 16 people since Friday for illegal reselling of Olympic tickets, as Games organizers said they were investigating why scores of seats were empty at some events on Saturday.

The arrests were made on Friday and Saturday in the Stratford area near the Olympic Park in east London, and in Wimbledon, in the south of the capital, where the tennis contests are taking place.

“Ticket touting is illegal and is a clear exploitation of those who genuinely wish to experience the Games first-hand,” said the officer in charge of a crackdown on illegal ticket resellers, known in Britain as touts and in the United States as scalpers.

“Those who are approached by touts should report them on 101,” said the officer.

**US Navy hospital ship provides assistance to Cambodian communities**

The visit is made under the Pacific Partnership Programme 2012. Pacific Partnerships is US Pacific Fleet’s largest annual humanitarian and civic action mission in the Asia-Pacific region that involves coordination amongst host and partner nations, non-government organizations (NGOs), and other international organizations to respond to natural disasters, said the press release.

**Booby-trapped Colorado apartment building**

**AURORA, 29 July —** Some residents are moving out of the building where Colorado shooting suspect James Holmes is accused of booby-trapping his apartment with explosives that a law enforcement source said could have destroyed the complex if detonated.

“I’m still kind of in shock,” said resident Tori Everhart, 27, ducking under yellow police tape surrounding the building on Friday, her arms full of luggage. “I just want to get out of here.”

Since Holmes allegedly opened fire on 20 July in a crowded Denver-area movie theatre, killing 12 and wounding 58 more, his Paris Street apartment building has become a macabre tourist attraction.

Throughout the day, cars slavely as they pass the building that has 12 apartment units on three floors. Some of those passing lean out car windows to snap pictures, while others park their cars and get out to stare up at Holmes’ third-floor corner apartment, whose windows were pulled shut this week with boards.

The apartment building is a block from the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, where Holmes took classes.

“According to court documents released on Friday, Holmes sought psychiatric treatment from Dr Lynne Fenton, director of the school’s student mental health services,” the officer said.

Police hurriedly evacuated the apartment complex after learning that Holmes’ apartment had been rigged to explode if someone tried to enter it. A federal law enforcement source told Reuters last week that triggering the bombs could have destroyed the building.

Everhart said she had been planning to move out next Wednesday, when her one-year lease expires. But after learning of the bombplot, Everhart said she never wanted to spend another night there. “I’ve been thanking my lucky stars that we all didn’t come to a different end,” Everhart said.

“Let’s hope for the best,” said someone who lived there. “You have to be careful.”

Members of law enforcement wearing body armour and helmets prepare to what ATF sources describe as a “water shot” in the apartment of alleged gunman James Holmes on 21 July, 2012 in Aurora, Colo.—Reuters

**Severe flooding hits North Korea, kills 88**

**SEOUL, 29 July —** Severe flooding across North Korea has killed 88 people and left tens of thousands homeless, state media reported late Saturday, threatening to make the poverty-stricken country’s already chronic food shortage still worse. The floods caused by torrential rains and a typhoon this month caused “big human and material losses”, North Korea’s official KCNA news agency said, stranding nearly 63,000 people. Since the mid-1990s, North Korea’s farm sector has often been devasted by both floods and droughts.

Even before the rain and typhoon this summer, the country’s dysfunctional food distribution system, very high inflation and foreign sanctions imposed because of Pyongyang’s nuclear and missile programmes had contributed to what appears to be severe hunger in the North. But in April, after a North Korean rocket launch failed, the isolated state abandoned an agreement with the United States, after Washington suspended 240,000 metric tons (264,555 tons) of food aid it had promised to the North as part of the deal.

Talk that North Korea’s young leader, Kim Jong-un, plans to use the broken economy is helping drive rice prices higher, at a time when most families can no longer rely on paychecks from moribund state-run enterprises. Kim, who is in his late 20s, took over as head of the dynasty last December on the death of his father, whose rule left the North Korea deeper into isolation, abject poverty and large-scale political repression.

The young ruler, dropping his father’s reclusive leadership style, surprisingly confirmed this week that he was married and gave the thumbs up to a performance featuring show tunes and Mickey Mouse.—Reuters

**AIDS drug to be phased out**

**BANGKOK, 29 July —** Thailand had made, on Friday, to phase out the use of D4T, a highly effective AIDS treatment, said Zhao Yan, director of the Chinese mainland’s treatment and care division of AIDS treatment guidelines and strategy.

Zhao said that in early 2009 be phased out the World Health Organization’s recommendation in 2009, China has already taken steps to reduce the use of D4T, said Zhao, adding that by the end of 2013, China would no longer be using D4T for AIDS treatment on the mainland. In July, 10 to 15 percent of new AIDS patients in Wuhan, Hubei province, were prescribed TDF, mostly in rural areas, a source close to the situation said.

Currently, about 26 percent of the more than 140,000 AIDS patients on antiretroviral therapy are receiving D4T on the mainland, statistics from the NCAIDS showed. To replace the drug, the government has recommended TDF, which is much more expensive, Zhao said. The government also added TDF into AIDS treatment guidelines and decided to increase the use of TDF-based first-line regimen.

**People perform the traditional Bon Odori to celebrate the opening Obon festival in Tokyo, Japan, on 28 July. The festival of Obon is a centuries old Japanese Buddhist custom, which celebrates and honors the deceased lives of family members and friends.**

**Preah Samoeun, 29 July**

The United States Navy Sealift Command’s hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) docked at Cambodia’s Sihanoukville Autonomous Port on Sunday in order to provide free medical, dental, veterinary, and engineering assistance to communities.

The ship was greeted by Admiral Tea Vith, Commander of Cambodian Navy, and Jeff Daigle, US Embassy Charg’d Affairs, as well as other Cambodian senior naval officials.

Speaking at the vessel’s visit, Vith said that the hospital ship’s visit will help strengthen bilateral ties between Cambodia’s Navy and the US Navy. “Moreover, the ship’s visit will benefit Cambodian people as its staff will provide free-of-charge medical treatment,” he said. According to a press release from the US Embassy here, the ship has more than 1,200 multi-national military service members and civilians onboard.

The New Light of Myanmar, Monday, 30 July, 2012 11

People perform the traditional Bon Odori to celebrate the opening Obon festival in Tokyo, Japan, on 28 July. The festival of Obon is a centuries old Japanese Buddhist custom, which celebrates and honors the deceased lives of family members and friends.
8.7 million mobile customers hacked in S Korea

SEOUL, 29 July — South Korean police have arrested two hackers who stole personal data of 8.7 million customers of the nation’s second-biggest mobile operator, the company said. KT said the hackers — formally arrested on Sunday — had stolen data such as customers’ names, phone numbers and residential registration numbers for five months since February and sold the information to telemarketing firms.

“The number of affected people account for nearly a quarter of their customers of ours,” a KT spokesman told AFP, adding that the company had arrested police on 13 July after detecting traces of hacking attempts. Yoohap news agency, citing police, said the duo — including a former veteran programmer at a local IT company — had earned at least 1 billion won (about $880,000) by selling the stolen data.

Seven other people were also booked for buying the leaked data for telemarketing purposes, Yoohap said. “We deeply bow our head in apology for having your precious personal information leaked… we’ll try our best to make such things never happen again,” KT said in a statement to customers. Hacking attacks on major companies aimed to gain access to the personal data of their customers is a frequent occurrence in South Korea, one of the world’s most-wired nations.

Seoul authorities said in July last year hackers using an Internet address registered in China had gained access to South Korean major websites including web portal Nate.com and may have stolen the private data of 35 million users. In November 2011, Seoul’s top games developer Nexon said it had personal information of 13 million users of its popular online game MapleStory stolen by hackers. In March 2010, authorities launched a probe into the security systems of major retailers Shinsegae and 24 other companies after private data on 20 million customers was leaked.— Internet

Three shot dead in Pa; girl taken, found safe in Ohio

Waynesboro was charged Saturday with three counts of criminal homicide and was awaiting an extradition hearing in the Friday night deaths of 25-year-old Brandi Cleeves, 28-year-old Vincent Santucci and 55-year-old Rosemary Holma.

Pennsylvania state police said in an affidavit that Cleeves told relatives he had been trying to contact his wife to make arrangements to pick his daughter up and went to Santucci’s house in Quincy Township to make sure the girl was safe. Police said Cleeves saw his wife and the girl in a car and confronted the couple in the driveway but was ordered off the property.

Authorities said the then opened fire and killed 9 pm Friday, shooting Santucci in the chest and then his wife, who jumped out and ran to report the shooting. Police said he took the girl and fled, later telling authorities he was trying to get to a relative’s house in Michigan.

An Amber Alert was issued in which authorities said Cleeves should be considered “armed and dangerous as well as suicidal.” The alert was canceled hours later, on Saturday, after police in Austintown in northeastern Ohio, outside Youngstown, said the car was spotted in a hotel parking lot off Interstate 80 and later stopped in the parking lot of the Weston Plaza on Route 46, where Cleeves was arrested without incident.” His 4-year-old daughter was located in the vehicle and was unharmed,” police said in a statement.

Internet

This updated photo provided by the Pennsylvania State Police shows Kevin Cleeves. Trooper Adam Reed says an Amber Alert was canceled on 28 July, 2012, after police in Austintown, Ohio, apprehended 35-year-old Cleeves, who was traveling with his missing daughter. Lein. Internet

Japanese ukulele ensemble crowned world’s largest

Tokyo, 29 July — More than 2,000 musicians strummed ukuleles in a Japanese port city Saturday to set a new world record for the largest ever ensemble of the Hawaiian guitar. Their effort was recognised by Guinness World Records officials who listened to them play “Aloha Mahalo A Hui Ho,” a song written by Hawaiian-born former sumo wrestler Konishiki, in Yokohama, southwest of Tokyo. The ensemble consisted of 2,134 people, eclipsing the previous largest ensemble in Sweden in August last year, which was made up of 1,547 players. The Japanese performance was part of Ukulele Picnic Week which also featured hula dancing.

Internet

This file photo shows local residents walking past a KT shop, in Seoul, in 2002. South Korean police have arrested two hackers who stole personal data of 8.7 million customers of the nation’s second-biggest mobile operator, KT, according to the company.

The ensemble consisted of 2,134 players strumming in Yokohama, Konishiki, in Yokohama, southwest of Tokyo. A total of 2,134 players strumming in ukuleles, playing Aloha Mahalo A Hui Ho, a song written by Hawaiian-born former sumo wrestler Konishiki.— Internet

Three unidentifiable people standing in front of a building in Pennsylvania.— Internet

Sri Lankan boats sit anchored at the fishing harbour of Negombo where many have used similar craft to leave the island illegally and travel to Europe, Australia or New Zealand in search of jobs.— Internet

Sri Lanka navy urges Australia to deport boatpeople

COLOMBO, 29 July — Sri Lankan navy officials have urged Australia to deport the growing number of boatpeople arriving from their country, saying it was the “best way” to deter people smugglers, a report said on Saturday. Sri Lanka’s naval operations director Commodore N. Artygalle and his head of naval intelligence Nishantha Ulugetten told The Weekend Australian newspaper, Canberra ought to turn Sri Lankan asylum-seekers straight back home.”

Attygalle said towing boats out of Australian waters, as proposed by the opposition, would not work because smugglers would sabotage the boat in order to force a rescue and that “the best way is deportation.”

Sri Lankan account for 22 percent of the 5,815 people currently in Australian asylum-detention centres, second only to Afghanistan in terms of numbers. Only 83 percent of refugee applicants are successful. The rate was 12 percent during the height of hostilities between Sri Lankan forces and the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam in 2009 which ended a decades-long civil war and left up to 100,000 dead.

A spokesman for Immigration Minister Chris Bowen said Canberra “routinely” returned asylum seekers and Sri Lanka was not found to be genuine, both voluntarily and involuntarily, and saw it as a “crucial” element of the refugee system.

Internet

Magnitude 6.6 quake hits off Papua New Guinea coast

HAGAAL, 29 July — A magnitude 6.6 quake struck off the coast of Papua New Guinea early Sunday local time, the US Geological Survey said. The strong quake was centered 81 miles east-southeast of Rabaul, New Britain, at a depth of 43.5 miles, the USGS said.

The quake was not expected to generate a tsunami, according to the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre.

INTERNET

Japanese ukulele ensemble crowned world’s largest

Tokyo, 29 July — More than 2,000 musicians strummed ukuleles in a Japanese port city Saturday to set a new world record for the largest ever ensemble of the Hawaiian guitar. Their effort was recognised by Guinness World Records officials who listened to them play “Aloha Mahalo A Hui Ho,” a song written by Hawaiian-born former sumo wrestler Konishiki, in Yokohama, southwest of Tokyo. The ensemble consisted of 2,134 people, eclipsing the previous largest ensemble in Sweden in August last year, which was made up of 1,547 players. The Japanese performance was part of Ukulele Picnic Week which also featured hula dancing.

Internet

Thi...
Wild berries poison woman with 300 worms

Roundworms can grow long and thick as pencils when unchecked.

Next time you think you’re fat or you’ve got a big belly, think again. Invasive parasites are one of our biggest enemies—and doctors in Yongkang City in China’s Zhejiang province have over 300 roundworms, removed from a patient’s guts, as evidence.

Huang, a 23-year-old factory worker, had complained of severe stomachaches over the weekend. Unable to suffer the pain, she went to the hospital and doctors diagnosed her symptom as intestinal volvulus, in which her guts were twisted into a knot, causing a closed loop blockage. The hospital immediately arranged for her surgery, but when Dr Ding cut into her stomach, he made a shocking—and somewhat stomach-churning—discovery. Her guts were swollen with paradise roundworms! “The worms were inside her intestines and I could see them wiggling in there,” he said. “My hair stood on end when I touched it. It was horrible and sickening. I couldn’t stand it.”

Unable to suffer the pain, she leaves her an odd look, none of them seem upset by her placing her child in such a dangerous situation.

Mum leaves baby in path of traffic

It’s 6.3 euros per minute!” the fan said. 

This mother has some lessons to learn about road safety— as she leaves her baby sitting in the traffic. The shocking video showing her blunder was shot in a Russian city, from a camera mounted on a vehicle’s dashboard. The clip shows a bus moving slowly past a pedestrian crossing while changing lanes. And as the bus swings out to the right, it is clear the driver has moved to avoid a child in a pushchair.

As cars speed past, she gradually moves her child back onto the pavement, out of harm’s way. Shockingly, while a few other pedestrians shoot the woman an odd look, none of them seem upset by her placing her child in such a dangerous situation.

Jordan earns Guinness record for world’s largest falafel

Jordan entered the Guinness Book of World Records on Saturday for the largest falafel weighing 74.75kg. A representative from Guinness was present and confirmed that Jordan created the world’s largest falafel.

This is a great achievement and a difficult record to beat for years to come. We welcome everyone who successfully took part in the family of Guinness World Record holders,” Annabel Lawady, adjudication manager at Guinness, said after announcing the results.

According to the Guinness World Book Record’s official website, the previous record set last year in the US when a 23.95kg ball of falafel was made at the Santa Clarita Valley Jewish Food and Cultural Festival in California. The world’s largest falafel was made by 10 chefs from the capital’s Landmark Hotel and was later offered as a starter during an iftar meal attended by 600 people.

This is the second time Jordan entered the Guinness World Records this year. In May, the Jordan Tourism Board achieved the Guinness World Record for the world’s largest sand art structure.

The large bottle of layered coloured sand, displayed at the International Travel Exhibition in Berlin, was created to mark the 200th anniversary of the re-discovery of the historic city of Petra.

Jeers for Madonna at Paris concert

PARIS, 29 July— The crowd at Paris’ Olympia concert hall boomed Madonna after the US pop icon wrapped up Thursday night’s concert after only 45 minutes. The Hollywood Reporter said fans chanted “salope,” the French word for “slut,” and “remboursez,” which means “give us our money back,” when the singer cut short the show, which was broadcast live via YouTube.

The concert was added to the schedule last week and sold out in hours. Tickets sold for between $99 and $345 for the limited seats. One fan complained on Twitter about the value of the experience of seeing Madonna live Thursday night. “How much does it cost to see Madonna at l’Olympia?” It’s 6.3 euros per minute!” the fan said.

Radio France Internationale said Madonna did not however, use a video image of France’s far-right leader Marine Le Pen with a swastika superimposed on her forehead as she did during her last Paris performance July 14. The move prompted a lawsuit from Le Pen’s Front National.

La Tina actress Lupe Ontiveros dies, age 69

LOS ANGELES, 29 July— Lupe Ontiveros, a veteran Latina character actress who worked in films such as “As Good As It Gets” and on TV shows like “Desperate Housewives,” has died of lung cancer. She was 69.

Ontiveros, a veteran at a Los Angeles hospital on Thursday night, said her longtime friend Alex Nogales, president of the National Hispanic Media Coalition, “Lupe became an icon in our community,” Nogales said. “She set a standard for excellence” with her work.

US Secretary of Labour Hilda L. Solis, who knew Ontiveros for more than 20 years, called her friend “a fine actress, but more than that, she was a woman of great action.” Ontiveros was born Gaudalupe Moreno in El Paso, Texas on 17 September, 1942, to Mexican immigrant parents. She received a degree in social work from the Texas Woman’s University before moving to Los Angeles to begin work as an actress.

‘Modern Family’ stars ink new contracts

LOS ANGELES, 29 July— The six adult stars of “Modern Family” have signed new contracts and are ready to work on Season 4, the US sitcom’s creator said.

Current Emmy Award nominees Ed O’Neill, Ty Burrell, Julie Bowen, Sofia Vergara, Eric Stonestreet and Jesse Tyler Ferguson refused to take part in a rehearsal for the new season last week, then filed a lawsuit against 20th Century Fox Television when their negotiations for pay raises broke down.

“. . . It’s unfortunate that things got to a public place,” writer-producer Steve Levitan told reporters at ABC’s press tour party in Beverly Hills, Calif. “But at the end of the day, we’re all very good friends. There are a lot of people whose jobs it is to get in there and stir things up. And that’s what happened.” EW.com said the new agreement means the cast is dropping its lawsuit against the studio, while all of the stars will get substantial pay raises.

The new season of “Modern Family,” which airs on ABC, is set to start taping its season premiere Monday.

Latina actress Lupe Ontiveros dies, age 69

LOS ANGELES, 29 July— Lupe Ontiveros, a veteran Latina character actress who worked in films such as “As Good As It Gets” and on TV shows like “Desperate Housewives,” has died of lung cancer. She was 69.

Ontiveros, a veteran at a Los Angeles hospital on Thursday night, said her longtime friend Alex Nogales, president of the National Hispanic Media Coalition, “Lupe became an icon in our community,” Nogales said. “She set a standard for excellence” with her work.

US Secretary of Labour Hilda L. Solis, who knew Ontiveros for more than 20 years, called her friend “a fine actress, but more than that, she was a woman of great action.” Ontiveros was born Gaudalupe Moreno in El Paso, Texas on 17 September, 1942, to Mexican immigrant parents. She received a degree in social work from the Texas Woman’s University before moving to Los Angeles to begin work as an actress.

‘Modern Family’ stars ink new contracts

LOS ANGELES, 29 July— The six adult stars of “Modern Family” have signed new contracts and are ready to work on Season 4, the US sitcom’s creator said.

Current Emmy Award nominees Ed O’Neill, Ty Burrell, Julie Bowen, Sofia Vergara, Eric Stonestreet and Jesse Tyler Ferguson refused to take part in a rehearsal for the new season last week, then filed a lawsuit against 20th Century Fox Television when their negotiations for pay raises broke down.

“. . . It’s unfortunate that things got to a public place,” writer-producer Steve Levitan told reporters at ABC’s press tour party in Beverly Hills, Calif. “But at the end of the day, we’re all very good friends. There are a lot of people whose jobs it is to get in there and stir things up. And that’s what happened.” EW.com said the new agreement means the cast is dropping its lawsuit against the studio, while all of the stars will get substantial pay raises.

The new season of “Modern Family,” which airs on ABC, is set to start taping its season premiere Monday.

Bill Murray colouring book published

CHICAGO, 29 July— “Thrill Murray: A Colouring-In Book Inspired by the Great Man of Cinema” will go on sale in the United States next month, its British publisher Belly Kids said. The Chicago Tribune said the colouring book features 56 pages of interpretations of Murray, mostly by British artists, as he appeared on “Saturday Night Live” and in his films “Caddyshack,” “Ghostbusters,” “Groundhog Day” and “Rushmore.”

The Tribune said editor Mike Coley came up with the idea to create the colouring book after a friend “went into an hourlong speech about why Bill was undoubtedly the sexiest man alive.” Coley said the resulting book is an expression of their admiration for Murray and just a series of images inspired by the awesomeness of Bill.”—Internet

Bill Murray takes a photo during the photocall for the film “Moonrise Kingdom” at the 65th annual Cannes International Film Festival in Cannes, France on 16 May 2012.—Internet

Colouring-In Book Inspired by the Great Man
**Czechs bid to escape Slovak shadow in canoe slalom**

**LONDON, 29 July—** Five-time world champions, another Slovakian twins Peter and Pavel Hochschorn will be bidding for another Olympic gold showing when the canoe slalom gets underway on Sunday. The Hochschorners became the first Slovak canoeists to win an Olympic gold medal four years ago, and the pair are looking to go one going even better in London.

Both brothers will be up against Czech pair Jakub Volf and Ondrej Stepanek, who have claimed two Olympic medals, one world championship title and three European championship titles, but remain in their Slovak rivals’ shadow in terms of topping the Olympic podium.

The Czechs, however, managed to beat the Hochschorners to the first major title of the year, the European championships in Ausburg, Germany, and now hope to continue their winning streak into London. “Being the Hochschorners is good for us, but the European championship is a different course,” said Volf, who with Stepanek won silver in Beijing and bronze in Athens. “In London it will be difficult. We can’t say ‘We beat them in Ausburg, we will beat them in London’. They are excellent in the category of C2 and they are in good condition, so it will be difficult to beat them.”

European paddlers are set to dominate the canoe and kayak disciplines at the London Olympics, where 16 medals are up for grabs in flatwater and slalom events. On flatwater, 158 men will compete in both single and double canoes and kayaks over 200m and 1,000m. There is also a four-man kayak- canoe event over 1km.

The 88 women will race in a single (200m and 500m), as well as doubles and quads kayak over 500m, with each country limited to one event in each boat, which equates to a total of 18 athletes (12 men and six women) across all events. The 200m distance has been introduced for this Olympic in place of the 500m used in Beijing.

In the slalom, the 61 men have races in a single and double canoe (in which athletes use a single-bladed paddle from a kneeling position), as well as a single kayak (in which the competitors sit in the boat and use a paddle with two blades). The 23 slalom last eight have just the single kayak. The canoe sprint events, in which athletes use a double-bladed paddle, is set to be one of the most exciting on offer. The canoe sprint will be seen as a defining test for the World Cups, and will be the first time that the slalom event has been held.

The canoe slalom, however, will be held between 29 July-2 August at the Lee Valley White Water Centre, northeast of the British capital.

Kayaking as a sport has come a long way since being discovered as the Arctic Inuits’ means of transport. It was introduced to the Olympic Games in 1924 as a demonstration sport, and in the 1972 Munich Games, canoe/kayak branched out into the dramatic white water versions that we see today.

The slalom events require the paddlers to negotiate 20 to 60 natural obstacles over 250 metre courses, water flowing at a rate of 13 cubic metres per second and dropping 5.5m from start to finish.

**Defending champion Robin Haase wins in Austria**

**BRITZING, 29 July—** Manchester City 2 Arsenal 0. Manchester City scored two late first-half goals to claim a pre-season friendly victory early opportunities when Pablo Zabaleta latched on to Yaya Toure’s cross to fire home on 41 minutes.

The lead was doubled four minutes later when Toure scored from close range with the Arsenal defenders appealing for offside.

Arsene Wenger’s charges looked brighter after the break despite the torrential rain but could not break through Man City’s defence with the lively Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain hitting both posts with a shot from outside the box. — Internet

**Netherlands’ Robin Haase poses with the trophy after his final match against Germany’s Philipp Kohlschreiber.**

**Smashing strike finishes off Football World Cup furore**

**THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Monday, 30 July, 2012**

**Defending champion Robin Haase of the Netherlands rallied past top-seeded Philipp Kohlschreiber 6-2(7), 6-3, 6-2 Saturday to win the LA Open final over Colombia on Saturday.**

Megan Rapinoe started the scoring in the first half minute into a 1-0 lead for the US, through a free-kick. Lloyd added the gloss just a few minutes later.

Rapinoe played the midfielder through the middle of the Afghan defence and Lloyd duly finished to the far post.

Brazil progressed to the last eight from Group E after beating Cameroon 3-0. Brazil dominated play and six women (200m and 1,000m) across all events. The 21 female competitors released on Monday.

The Kiwis were hard to break down again, but Cristiane struck four minutes from full-time to give Brazil their second win from as many games.

New Zealand goalkeeper Jenny Binford came off the line in pursuit of the ball, but her clearance fell for Cristiane to chip into an empty net. The hosts also booked their place in the quarter-finals, easily dis-posing of Cameroon 3-0 thanks to goals from Casey Stoney, Jill Scott and Steph Houghton. World Cup holders Japan failed to capitalise on their territorial dominance and held on for a goalless draw by Sweden in their Group F clash at the City of Coventry Stadium. — Internet

The 88 women will race in a single (200m and 500m), as well as doubles and quads kayak over 500m, with each country limited to one event in each boat, which equates to a total of 18 athletes (12 men and six women) across all events. The 200m distance has been introduced for this Olympic in place of the 500m used in Beijing.

In the slalom, the 61 men have races in a single and double canoe (in which athletes use a single-bladed paddle from a kneeling position), as well as a single kayak (in which the competitors sit in the boat and use a paddle with two blades). The 23 slalom last eight have just the single kayak. The canoe sprint events, in which athletes use a double-bladed paddle, is set to be one of the most exciting on offer. The canoe sprint will be seen as a defining test for the World Cups, and will be the first time that the slalom event has been held.

The canoe slalom, however, will be held between 29 July-2 August at the Lee Valley White Water Centre, northeast of the British capital.

Kayaking as a sport has come a long way since being discovered as the Arctic Inuits’ means of transport. It was introduced to the Olympic Games in 1924 as a demonstration sport, and in the 1972 Munich Games, canoe/kayak branched out into the dramatic white water versions that we see today.

The slalom events require the paddlers to negotiate 20 to 60 natural obstacles over 250 metre courses, water flowing at a rate of 13 cubic metres per second and dropping 5.5m from start to finish. — Internet

**USA, Brazil and GB into last eight**

**LOS ANGELES, 29 July—** Two-time Los Angeles Open champ Sam Querrey came back from a break down in the second set to reach his third straight final at home event with a defeat of Rajeev Ram 6-3, 7-6 (7/4). The Southern Californian will be bidding to join Andre Agassi and Jelena Dokic as three-time champions at the UCLA campus facility when he plays Lithuanian qualifier Ricardas Berankis, who put out Australian sixth seed Martinke Mattevic 7-5, 6-1 in the other semi-final Saturday.

Querrey, winner of 12 straight matches in Los Angeles, and the 22-year-old Berankis have never played. The youngerster will be competing in his 21st ATP Tour, the best ever for a player from his small nation.

Querrey lost serve for the first time this week as Ram, a semi-finalist in two of the last three weeks, finally cracked the code to catch the second seed’s serve for a 2-0 lead. Querrey wrapped up the opening set in an hour and 20 minutes.

Querrey, seemingly dis-settled with his string tension and calling out gruffly to his coach, rallied back to break in the seventh game on a route to a tiebreaker. He notched 11 aces in victory, along with 39 winners and 31 unforced errors and now stands at 3-1 against Ram. — Internet

**Ex-Chelsea striker retires from football scoring 22 goals.**

Shevchenko will be best remembered for the seven years he spent at the San Siro side from 1999 to 2006. The Ukrainian hotshot was revered for his lethal finishing in the penalty area across his 18-year career, winning numerous teams and individual awards including the Champions League and the Balon d’Or.

“This will probably shock everyone,” Shevchenko said on www.fcdynamo.kiev.ua. “My future development will be played in TV. I will give more information tomorrow but will be going into retirement. “I hope for your support.” — Internet

**Czech Republic’s Jaroslav Volf (front) and Ondrej Stepanek during the men’s doubles canoe C2 slalom final at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. The Czech duo remain in their Slovak rivals’ shadow in terms of topping the Olympic podium.**

**Ex-Chelsea striker Andrei Shevchenko**

**London, 29 July**

Former Chelsea striker Andrei Shevchenko has retired from football to pursue a career in politics.

The 35-year-old has had a three year spell at Stamford Bridge, although one of those was spent away on loan at AC Milan, playing 77 times in all competitions and for the national team. Since leaving the club in January 2010, Shevchenko has been released from his contract at the end of the season, and on Saturday the Ukrainian made the announcement that he was to retire from football.

“After playing in football for 18 years, I would like to thank all the people who have helped me,” he said. “I would like to thank the Chelsea fans for their support for the last two years. I hope to be able to continue my career in football and continue to give my best to the club and country.”

**Former Chelsea striker Sam Querrey returns a shot to Rajeev Ram during their Los Angeles Open match on 28 July.**

**International Sports**
Fishburne joins ‘Hannibal’ cast

LOS ANGELES, 29 July— Laurence Fishburne is to play FBI Behavioral Sciences Unit leader Jack Crawford in the new US drama series “Hannibal,” said writer-producer Bryan Fuller.

Based on Thomas Harris’ books, the new NBC show will focus on FBI agent Will Graham’s interaction with psychiatrist-turned-serial-killer Hannibal “the cannibal” Lecter. Hugh Dancy will play Will and Mads Mikkelsen will play Hannibal.

Fishburne recently led a shoot in the Western region of the United States. His previous roles include “What’s Love Got to Do With It” and “The Matrix” trilogy.

China’s Guo defends Olympic pistol title on final shot

Brasov, 29 July—China’s Guo Wenjun showed nerves of steel as she came from behind in the very last shot to successfully defend her 10m air pistol Olympic title in thrilling fashion on Sunday.

With her final shot, Guo shot a 10.8, just 0.1 points short of a maximum score, drawing gasps from the packed crowd at the Royal Artillery Barracks and overhauling France’s Celine Goberville, who had led going into the last round.

Goberville could only manage 8.8, putting her level on points with Athens 2004 gold-medallist Olena Kostiyevych of Ukraine. In a shoot-off, Goberville threatened by flooding have been relocated and the two affected provinces have dispatched personnel to check dams and increase flood-control materials.

Toongoo Township organizes monsoon tree growing ceremony

TOONGOO, 29 July—The tree growing ceremony in 2012 monsoon was held beside the mausoleum of Kethumati on Htaung Tho Road in Ward 1 of Toongoo in Bago Region on 21 July.

At the ceremony, departmental personnel, members of social organizations and trainees of nursing training school planted 1,500 saplings of seven species distributed by Township Forest Department.

Reservoirs along North China’s Yellow River are releasing mud as a precaution against flooding.

China’s second shooting gold of the Games, topped the earlier qualifying session ahead of Kostiyevych. The top eight competitors from the qualification round reach the final, shooting a further 10 shots — each fired individually under time constraints — and the scores are added together to determine the winner.

China’s Guo defends Olympic pistol title on final shot

40,800 residents relocated as flooding hits Yellow River

BEIJING, 29 July—China’s second shooting gold of the Games, topped the earlier qualifying session ahead of Kostiyevych. The top eight competitors from the qualification round reach the final, shooting a further 10 shots — each fired individually under time constraints — and the scores are added together to determine the winner.

China’s Guo defends Olympic pistol title on final shot

40,800 residents relocated as flooding hits Yellow River

BEIJING, 29 July—China’s second shooting gold of the Games, topped the earlier qualifying session ahead of Kostiyevych. The top eight competitors from the qualification round reach the final, shooting a further 10 shots — each fired individually under time constraints — and the scores are added together to determine the winner.

China’s Guo defends Olympic pistol title on final shot

40,800 residents relocated as flooding hits Yellow River

BEIJING, 29 July—China’s second shooting gold of the Games, topped the earlier qualifying session ahead of Kostiyevych. The top eight competitors from the qualification round reach the final, shooting a further 10 shots — each fired individually under time constraints — and the scores are added together to determine the winner.

China’s Guo defends Olympic pistol title on final shot

40,800 residents relocated as flooding hits Yellow River

BEIJING, 29 July—China’s second shooting gold of the Games, topped the earlier qualifying session ahead of Kostiyevych. The top eight competitors from the qualification round reach the final, shooting a further 10 shots — each fired individually under time constraints — and the scores are added together to determine the winner.
Loans should be disbursed by cooperative societies and land quality should be put on the table at the workshop.

President for quickly achieving agricultural development and socio-economic development of the people. Myint Hlaing said that he would like to repeat guidance of the President saying that it is agricultural sector that could generate more incomes within about two seasons’ hard work. The sector could be developed by marketing high-yield strains, microfinance for one or two seasons, right fertilizers at reasonable price, time and labor marketable high-yield strains, microfinance for one or two seasons’ hard work. The sector could be developed by domestic and foreign investments to ensure quality milling to mechanized farming. Policies should be adopted to allow contract farming should be publicized. Rules and regulations need to be strictly adhered. Locations, acreage, work plans, rules and regulations and other information for contract farming should be publicized. Rules and regulations and policies should be adopted for allowing investment in production and distribution of strains produced in the form of public-private partnership companies. Short-term and long-term plans should be adopted for production and import of fertilizer as the country’s fertilizer consumption is 10-15 folds less than that of other countries. Ways to conduct research and implement capacity building programmes should be sought. Hire, installment and another production, import and sale systems should be considered in applying combined harvesters to tackle time and labour issues in transformation to mechanized farming. Policies should be adopted to allow domestic and foreign investments to ensure quality milling and produce value-added products. The establishment of Metrology and Hydrology Department should be considered for creating check and balance system between production and the market and a mechanism for disseminating agricultural information.

Unity and confidence key to doubling farmers’ income: Union A&I Minister
Cooperative associations, syndicates facilitate rural development: Union Cooperatives and L & F Minister

More modern rice mills need to be built: Union Commerce Minister

Brazil’s Menezes wins historic women’s judo gold

LONDON, 29 July—Sarah Menezes became the first Brazilian woman to win an individual judo gold at an Olympic Games with victory in the under-48kg final.

The second-seeded Menezes dethroned reigning Olympic champion Alina Dumitru of Romania in the final.

Menezes had been frustrated but landed the winning throw in the final minute.

Earlier, Hungarian fighter Eva Csernoviczki recovered from being strangled unconscious to claim an unlikely bronze medal.

Csernoviczki was rendered unconscious as she tried to resist a strangle in her quarter-final loss to Belgium’s Charline van Snick.

She then defeated China’s Wu Shugen and then stunning world number one Tomoko Fukumi with a foot sweep in a sudden-death golden score period to earn a podium finish.

Van Snick later won the other bronze medal, defeating Argentina’s Paula Parens. —Xinhua

Chinese Wang Mingjuan wins women’s 48kg weightlifting gold

LONDON, 29 July—Chinese veteran lifter Wang Mingjuan overcame a case of jitters to claim the gold that she has been coveting for 12 years.

The 26-year-old Chinese won her first ever Olympic gold in an unexpected easy way, finishing with a total of 205kg, six more more than silver medalist Hiromi Miyake from Japan.

The gold is the reward for my 12 years hard work, my dream came true today," the diminutive girl sighed.

“I have won golds in all other international events, only the Olympic gold kept eluding me. Now I can say I have a perfect career now,” she said, weeping.

She then defeated China’s Wu Shugen and then stunned world number one Tomoko Fukumi with a foot sweep in a sudden-death golden score period to earn a podium finish.


The second-seeded Menezes dethroned reigning Olympic champion Alina Dumitru of Romania in the final.

Having lost in the quarter-final, she was given a second medal chance in the repechage.

She then defeated China’s Wu Shugen and then stunned world number one Tomoko Fukumi with a foot sweep in a sudden-death golden score period to earn a podium finish.

Van Snick later won the other bronze medal, defeating Argentina’s Paula Parens. —Xinhua

Italy beat United States to win Olympic archery gold

LONDON, 29 July—Italy beat the United States by a single point to win a dramatic archery team Olympic gold at Lord’s.

Michele Frangilli, Marco Galiazzo and Mauro Nespoli led by four points at halfway, but the US hit back to halve the deficit entering the last end.

Set a target of 219, Italy scored the 10 they needed with their final arrow to snatch victory.

Earlier, the South Korean team of Jin Hyek Oh, Dong Hyun Im and Bubmin Kim beat Mexico to win the bronze medal.

The second-seeded Menezes dethroned reigning Olympic champion Alina Dumitru of Romania in the final.

Having lost in the quarter-final, she was given a second medal chance in the repechage.

She then defeated China’s Wu Shugen and then stunned world number one Tomoko Fukumi with a foot sweep in a sudden-death golden score period to earn a podium finish.

Van Snick later won the other bronze medal, defeating Argentina’s Paula Parens. —Xinhua