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True patriotism

* It is very important for every one of the nation 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.

Pagodas, stupas and religious edifices across nation thronged with people who perform meritorious deeds

NAV Pyi Taw, 2 Aug—Jointly organized by Nay Pyi Taw Council and Uppatasanti Pagoda Board of Trustees, the fourth Waso robe offering ceremony was held in conjunction with the successful concluding of Maha Pathana recitation at the pagoda, here, on the Fullmoon day of Waso today.

It was attended by State Ovadaçariya Sayadaw Ovadaçariya of the pagoda board of trustees Presiding Nayaka of Pyinmana Maha Withutayama Zaygon Monastery Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Kavisara and Presiding Nayaka of Paukmyaing Monastery of Lewe Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Janinda and members of the Sangha.

At first, Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, Union Minister at the President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council Nay Pyi Taw Mayor U Thein Nyunt, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Aye, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Than Htay and officials offered Waso robes, alms and water to Buddha images at the pagoda.

The Presiding Nayaka of Paukmyaing Monastery administered the Nine Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited Parittas. The Union ministers and congregation offered Waso robes and alms to members of the Sangha.

In the evening, religious affairs organizations offered 9000 oil lamps at Uppatasanti Pagoda to dedicate to the Lord Buddha.

On the Fullmoon Day of Waso, pagodas, stupas and religious edifices were packed with devotees, pilgrims and local people for performing meritorious deeds. Likewise, local people offered meals, oil lamps, flowers and water to Buddha images and took Sabbaths and practised meditation at Datuzaya Datpaungsu Pagoda and Maha Muni Buddha Image, Lawkamarazein, Phayakoze, Koekhangyi pagodas in Pyinmana.

At Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon, the Waso robe offering ceremony in 1374 ME was held in conjunction with the ceremony to mark Dhammaçakka Day on the platform of the pagoda this morning.

Members of the pagoda board of trustees and members of association offered Waso robes to Buddha images on the

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Shwedagon Pagoda crowded with pilgrims on Fullmoon Day of Waso.—MNA

Uppatasanti Pagoda packed with devotees from four corners of the country on Fullmoon Day of Waso. —MNA

Slight earthquake hits 90 miles northwest of Myitkyina

NAV Pyi Taw, 2 Aug—A slight earthquake of magnitude 4.7 Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about 90 miles northwest of Myitkyina), about 290 miles north of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 4 hrs 28 min 16 sec M.S.T today, said the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.

Flood victims provided with relief aids in Zeyathiri Township

NAV Pyi Taw, 2 Aug—With the arrangement of Myanmar Red Cross Society, a ceremony to provide relief aids for flood victims from Sipingyi and Chaungkangyi Villages in Nay Pyi Taw Zeyathiri Township was held at the library office in Sipingyi Village here yesterday noon. It was attended by Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council Dr Paing Soe, Treasurer of Myanmar Red Cross Society U Kyi and members, Medical Superintendent Dr Hla Hla Kyi and staff of 200-bed Hospital, Township Administrator U Myat Thein Tun and members of social organizations.

Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council Dr Paing Soe and Treasurer U Kyi of Myanmar Red Cross Society provided relief aids to flood victims.—MNA
**PERSPECTIVES**

**Centres of excellence**

ASEAN is a regional body of ten Southeast Asian countries whose integration will reach its heights in 2015 when the association becomes a single community with a single destiny. So, there are many opportunities as well as challenges, especially in the knowledge sector at present and in the future for all the member states of the association including our country Myanmar.

Our country on her part has been striving for the flourishing of a constant learning society capable of overcoming the multiple challenges of today's rapidly advancing world in which the role of knowledge is becoming superior with the passing of time.

Moreover, the democratization process of our country is also calling for deeper and broader reforms in every field and every organization encouraging government bodies adopt structural changes till they are adaptable to a democratic society. So, the country is in the process of enlarging her cream of the crop force involving academics of various professions for the emergence of a middle class competent, strong and influential enough to steer the motherland towards golden age through democratic system and help her participate well in the ASEAN integration programs.

In this regard, the relevant ministries now have action plans covering the task of significantly raising the country's knowledge level especially among the youths. For instance, the Ministry of Science and Technology has adopted action plans for pushing forward engineering science of the country till reaching international level. As the first step, it will upgrade Yangon University of Technology and Mandalay University of Technology into centres of excellence in the coming academic year.

In fact we need centres of excellence or in other words competency centres or capability centres in other fields also as they serve as a shared facility or an entity that provides leadership, best practices, research, support and/or training for a focus area.

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**Happy?**

The sun has 'awoken from a deep sleep of a snowy night. Behind the curtain of misty cloud are golden Shan Yoma mountain ranges well soaked with occasional showers in these days. A large crowd of government staff at the staff quarters in Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw are awake earlier in the morning of the fullmoon day of second Wao. Their sleepless eyes are not as liquid as the mountains' green, but their burning enthusiasm is far livelier than the lazily lying mountains.

Since the clock struck four in the cool morning which is seemed to be more luxurious to be under a warm blanket in bed, they are sweating over the special meal to offer to monks who will enter the three-month rains retreat period on their alms round in early morning on this noble day for Buddhists.

“We haven’t slept yet?” Ko Than Tin Aung and Ma Khin Hin Yu, newly-wed couples, says. But their wide smiles do not approve of their tiredness. Meanwhile, London Olympics on television which was brought into their visiting room on hire purchase is heating up as well. The installment plans are introduced to the public services by a number of companies and are said to be “helpful” for the staff. “Some items they sell is a bit cheap and some extremely expensive,” Yu argues, referring to a double-priced table mistakenly bought by her neighbour. Government employees are still traditional preys of profiteers.

In the wait for the monks, an early bird Ko Nay Win Tun reserves a place for his colleague Aung. “Let’s play football this evening,” Tun pushes his friend for the game in whisper. Most government offices are alike close-knit families. In a private company, a mistfit is fired very easily only with three months’ salaries as compensation.

The procedure is not such smooth in a public office. Once a person is recruited, his employment is guaranteed if he commits no misdemeanor. Like family members, they work together, laugh together and they shrug twists and turns of the life together.

These are also like a real family even in the manner of favouritism. The persons who come from on high remain untouchable even while the country is witnessing sweeping reforms in various aspects.

It comes as no surprise that the world is taken aback by Myanmar’s rapid reform. Even many civil services were amazed as well, with most starting to settle into the regenerated mechanism. A new piece of legislation on civil services that the newspapers run about a month ago will also be under debate in the parliamentary sessions soon. The active members of civil services should consider whether it is the same old story or not.

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**Union Minister attends launching of showrooms at Zabuthiri Specialist Hospital**

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The new law should build around creation of favourable working conditions. The public offices still lack favourable working environment, with no effective career development schemes. Some staff could do nothing on their own initiative, prompting a director of a government department call for “least command” at a staff meeting.

The workplace should be for all the workers a playground where every duty is a game to play happily. The job should no more be a source of earnings, but a labour of love.

Speaking of improving public services, a Japanese guest said, “I don’t agree it is improving.” He, though, had no doubt about the improvement of customer satisfaction.

“But how about employee satisfaction?”

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**In wait for a new dawn.**

**Health care services inspected**

**NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—** Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin attended the ceremony to upgrade Traditional Medicine Teaching Hospital to 100-bedded Teaching Hospital, here, on 28 July morning.

The deputy minister toured hospitals and training schools in Mon State and met health staff and trainees on 29 and 30 July.

At Mudon Township Hospital, she donated medicines. Next, she met staff at Thanbyuzayat Township People’s Hospital.

Yesterday, she visited Theinseik Traditional Medicine Clinic and Kyakko people’s Hospital.

On her tour of hospitals in Mon State, the deputy minister instructed officials and staff to strive for development of rural regions and improve rural health standard.
Typhoons shut down most of Chinese Taipei on alert

TAIPEI, 2 Aug — Torrential rain and strong winds triggered landslides and flooding, forcing financial markets to shut and disrupting transport, after Typhoon Saola made landfall in eastern Chinese Taipei on Thursday, authorities said. At least one person was killed in a landslide and eight injured in the storm. While some major companies remained open, Taiwanese authorities ordered other businesses and schools to close. Financial markets were also shut, with normal operations expected to resume on Friday.

Most domestic flights were cancelled, along with some international services. Train services were also stopped as the typhoon made its way up Taiwan’s less populated and mountainous east coast. Taiwan’s National Fire Agency said one person had been killed in a landslide in the central region of Chiayi.

A man walks with his umbrella against strong winds as Typhoon Saola approaches in Taipei on 1 Aug, 2012. — Reuters

Eight people were injured, most in falls from motorcycles. The agency also said a policeman had died of a heart attack. Three of Taiwan’s top technology exporters, chipmakers TSMC and Nanya Tech and LCD panel maker AU Optronics, said none of their facilities were affected and were running as normal.

Cuba rejects US accusation of sponsoring terrorism

HAVANA, 2 Aug — Cuba rejected the accusations of US State Department that the Caribbean nation sponsors terrorism, the official daily Granma reported. Cuba “emphatically denies the use of such a sensitive issue as terrorism for political purposes and demands the end of these accusations offending the Cuban people,” the Foreign Ministry said in a statement, in response to continued inclusion of the island nation in a US black list of “sponsoring terrorism”.

The US State Department has included Cuba on its “black list of supporters of international terrorism” since 1982, along with Iran, Sudan and Syria. Washington alleges that Cuba “authorities have tried to keep their distance from members of ETA, Spain’s armed Basque separatist group, living in the country,” said the ministry. “The accusation disregards the fight against terrorism.” Cuba’s “banking system lacks the measures needed to fight money laundering and financial transactions linked to terrorism,” it added.

San Antonio airport terminals reopened after bomb threat

SAN ANTONIO, 2 Aug — The San Antonio International Airport was evacuated for about 90 minutes on Wednesday after a caller said three bombs were planted in a parking garage, but police did not find anything dangerous.

“We have cleared all sections of the parking garage,” San Antonio Police spokesman Sergeant Javier Salazar said. Police were on the scene investigating. The terminals were reopened around 4 pm local time. But airport officials said they believed it would take several hours for the flights to resume as scheduled because evacuated passengers have to go back through security.

A caller reported three vehicles in a lower level of the parking garage contained bombs,” San Antonio Police Chief William McNamara said. Bomb-sniffing dogs were sent to check the vehicles. While the two terminals were evacuated, air conditioned city buses were brought in to keep waiting passengers cool. Temperatures at the airport reached 80 F (38 C) on Tuesday. — Reuters

China refutes US criticism on its religious freedom

BEIJING, 2 Aug — A spokesman for China’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Thursday refuted the US State Department’s criticism of its religious freedom situation.

“The Chinese people are best qualified to judge China’s religious situation,” spokesman Hong Lei said, urging the United States to discard prejudice, respect the facts and view China’s policy on religion and its religious freedom situation in an objective and impartial way. The Chinese government protects citizens’ freedom of religious belief in accordance with the law, he said, adding that people of all nationalities in the country are lawfully guaranteed full freedom of religious belief.

Hong urged the United States to stop using religious issues to interfere in China’s internal affairs and not act in ways that damage bilateral relations, mutual trust and cooperation. The US State Department on Monday criticized China and some other countries’ religious situations in its annual report on international religious freedom. — Xinhua
Windows XP still the top OS, Windows 7 closing in

New York, 2 Aug — Microsoft is planning to overhaul its consumer email service Outlook.com, as it tries to stand out in a crowded field vying for the attention of US cellphone owners. The partnership with Groupme, announced on Wednesday, shows Groupme’s .NET Applications, Windows XP

Nokia links up with Groupon to promote deals on phone maps

Chicago, 2 Aug — Nokia is promoting Groupme’s new deal offers on the maps in on Lumia smartphones as its attempt to stand out in a crowded field vying for the attention of US cellphone owners. The partnership, announced on Wednesday, shows that Nokia’s "G" icon, users can buy offers from their phones and get directions to the locations to redeem the offers using Nokia’s navigation system. Nokia is not sharing financial details of the partnership with Groupme. No other such deals have been announced yet, but in the future Nokia could look for different ways of monetizing its maps, such as giving phone owners easier ways to make reservations or bookings, Michael Halber, Nokia’s executive vice president of location and commerce, told Reuters.

Nokia, the Finnish cellphone maker, has been trying to reverse its decline in the smartphone market by adopting Microsoft software, but has had little success against rivals Apple and Samsung. Microsoft announced Windows Phone 8 in June this year, but many phones running the new software would hit the market this winter at a "token" price. The company intends to use its Windows Phone 8 operating system to make it easier for carriers to compete with competitors such as Apple and Google.

Mangrove conservation is ‘economic’ CO2 fix

London, 2 Aug — Protecting mangroves to lock carbon away in trees may be an economic way to curb climate change, research suggests. Carbon credit schemes already exist for rainforests; the new work suggests mangroves are included. But other researchers say the economics depend on the global carbon price. Presenting their results in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), the US-based team emphasizes that protecting mangroves has important benefits for wildlife as well. Mangrove habitats comprise less than 1% of all forest areas across the world. But for the biodiversity they support, and the benefits they bring to communities in the form of fishing habitats and storm protection they are extremely important. They are also being lost at a greater rate than tropical rainforests. Similar to rainforests, they store carbon whose "biomass" is released when the habitat is destroyed.

Their ability to capture carbon may be on average five times that of tropical rainforests, so they have become of interest to carbon-focused conservation strategists. Now, Dr Juha Siikamaki of the think tank Resources for the Future and his US colleagues have shown that protecting mangroves and thereby reducing the amount of CO2 released may be an affordable way for countries to mitigate their carbon emissions. "We make the surprising finding that in most places, preserving mangroves is justified solely based on the avoided emissions, without any regard for the many other ecological and economic benefits mangroves are particularly well known for," Dr Siikamaki told BBC News.

The research, which used new high resolution surveys of global mangrove biomass, suggests that protecting these habitats could be a viable means for reducing emissions in comparison to other "carbon offset" methods. The bonus is that in doing so, we can preserve important habitats critical to coastal fisheries, rich in biodiversity, and home to hundreds of species of plants and animals, many of the heretofore unthreatened habitats could be made into a biodiversity reserve.

"Since the research was conducted", carbon prices have dropped due to an over-supply of permits, she said. "With too many permits available, and poor economic conditions meaning big carbon permits aren’t really increasing less carbon dioxide, competition isn’t forcing the carbon price up. "From an economic point of view, the benefits of the ETS (Emission Trading System) are available, such as the EU’s Emission Trading Scheme (ETS). The authors argue that the preservation of mangroves is cheaper than other such schemes, but Mr Roberts remained cautious.

“Carbon permits now cost roughly $8-10, which is at the lower end of the price range where the majority of emissions from mangroves could be avoided." Internet

Hotmail to be replaced by Outlook.com in Microsoft switch

New York, 2 Aug — Microsoft is overhauling its free webmail service, dropping the Hotmail brand it has used since acquiring the product in 1998, and adopting the name Outlook.com. The revamped service will help sort messages as they arrive and allow users to make internet calls on Skype. It said the move would help tackle the problem of "cluttered" inboxes. The action may also be designed to win over users of Google’s rival Gmail service.

Microsoft said that in many cases email had become a "choke" because its users accounts had become "overloaded" with material. Its solution is to automatically sort messages into different areas to distinguish between emails from contacts, newsletters, package delivery notices, social network posts and other identifiers determined by the account holder. In addition it is taking steps to link the Outlook account with other services the user might have subscribed to.

"We are giving you the first email service that is integrated to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google, and soon, Skype, to bring relevant context and communications to your email," the firm’s Chris Jones said on its blog. “In the Outlook.com inbox, your personal email correlates with your Twitter and Facebook. The revamped service will help sort messages as they arrive and allow users to make internet calls on Skype. It said the move would help tackle the problem of “cluttered” inboxes. The action may also be designed to win over users of Google’s rival Gmail service.

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But Matt Cain, an analyst at the tech consultants Gartner, played down the suggestion of a major leap forwards. “Outlook.com represents reverse consumerisation — taking a ubiquitous business tool and rebranding it for the consumer market,” he told BBC. “There really is no new technology here — the filtering tools have been around for some time as well as the social network integration.

“What is new is the cleaned up user interface, and the marketing spin, and the tight integration with official web apps and Skydrive, and the forthcoming integration with Skype.” Microsoft is offering the service in a "preview" mode for the time being and has not announced an official release date. While Hotmail subscribers can stick with the old system if they wish — at least for now. Those who do make the change keep their @hotmail.com or @live.com email address ending, but can also add an @outlook.com address to their account if they wish.

The new webmail service integrates the firm’s Skydrive video chat feature.
South Korea inflation at 1.5% moderating to 12-year low

SOUTH KOREA, 2 Aug Inflation in South Korea has moderated to a 12-year low, paving the way for authorities to boost growth as exports and manufacturing data disappoint. Consumer prices rose 1.5% from a year earlier, Statistics Korea said, the slowest since May 2000. In June prices rose 2.2%. Low inflation gives the central bank room to reduce the cost of borrowing, to encourage businesses to expand. Korea’s economy has begun showing signs of losing momentum in recent months.

Inflation was driven down by falling prices in the services and communications sectors, which include mobile phones and e-commerce internet business. “Policymakers are likely to become more aggressive in trying to boost the economy, with several interest rate cuts and a slew of policies to support domestic demand,” said Sun Min-kyoo from Korea Investment & Securities.

It comes at a time when the authorities in South Korea have warned of a slowdown. Last month, the central bank unexpectedly cut its key interest rate for the first time in more than three years in an effort to spur lending.

It also revised its forecasts for economic growth for this year, down from 3.5% to 3%.

A fall in prices in the services and communications sectors brought down inflation — Internet

Mild mental illness ‘raises risk of premature death’

LONDON, 2 Aug — People with mild mental illnesses such as anxiety or depression are more likely to die early, say researchers. They looked at the premature deaths from conditions such as heart disease and cancer of 68,000 people in England.

The research suggested low level distress raised the risk by 16%, once lifestyle factors such as drinking and smoking were taken into account.

More serious problems underlined those concerns, as exports slowed to their lowest in three years. Overseas shipments were down 18.8% in July, compared to the previous year. Data also shows manufacturing activity suffered its worst decline in seven months, as demand cooled in Europe and elsewhere.

The HSBC purchasing managers index fell to 47.2 in July. A reading below 50 indicates manufacturing activity contracted. In common with other countries in Asia, South Korea’s economy is driven mainly by exports. — Internet

‘Battleship’ dud hits Comcast earnings in 2Q

NEW YORK, 2 Aug — “Battleship” failed to sink Comcast’s second-quarter earnings as strong results from cable operations overcame weak returns from the box-office flop. The Philadelphia-based cable company, the country’s largest, on Wednesday reported net income of $1.35 billion, or 50 cents per share, for the April-to-June period. That was up 32% from $1.02 billion, or 56 cents per share, a year ago. Analysts polled by FactSet had been expecting earnings of 48 cents per share for the latest quarter. Revenue rose 6% to $15.2 billion from $14.3 billion a year ago and matched analyst expectations. Some of the increase was due to Comcast buying out another investor in the Universal Orlando theme parks last July. Excluding that effect, revenue rose 3.5%.

Comcast shares rose $1, or 0.7%, to close at $33.55 on Wednesday. The day’s high of $34 was the highest level for the stock since the Internet and telecom boom of 1999. In cable, average revenue across the top 8 cable networks fell 8.8% from last year to $148.57, helped by customers upgrading to faster broadband speeds and getting more premium TV channels.

Overall, cable revenue grew 6%, demonstrating that Comcast continues to do better than smaller cable companies. The company still lost 176,000 video subscribers in the quarter, the continuation of a long-term trend, as subscribers move over to satellite and phone-company services. But the rate of decline has slowed at Comcast, and executives suggested six months ago that they might actually add subscribers at some point this year.

That was unlikely to happen in the second quarter, when college students cancel service for the summer. Comcast had 22.1 million pay-TV subscribers, meaning it connects about one in five US households. It’s also the largest provider of home Internet service, with 18.7 million customers. At NBCUniversal, profits fell at the cable networks, which include Bravo, MSNBC and CNBC, and Universal Studios lost money on its would-be summer blockbuster, the expensive and critically skewed “Battleship.” Comcast bought a controlling stake in NBCUniversal a year and a half ago. NBC is airing the Olympics in the US, but the event started after the end of the second quarter.

NBCUniversal CEO Steve Burke said the network is set to “break even” on the Olympics, contrary to previous expectations of a $200 million loss. The network had said that ad sales have topped $1 billion, a record for the Olympics. — Internet

Exercising, meds both help depressed heart patients

NEW YORK, 2 Aug — People with heart disease who are also depressed may get as much relief from their depression symptoms with regular exercise as with medication, according to a US study. Researchers writing in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology found that 101 heart patients with signs of depression, those who exercised for 90 minutes per week and those who started taking Zoloft both improved significantly compared to participants assigned to drug-free placebo pills.

Pharmaceutical firm Pfizer supplied the Zoloft, known generically as sertraline, and placebo for the study, but researchers said the company was not involved with any other part of it. Alan Rozanski, who wrote an editorial accompanying the study, said exercise can be thought of as another “potent tool on the shelf” to fight depression in heart patients. “The attractiveness of exercise is that it has so many other physical benefits and it ought to be something very highly considered,” said Rozanski, of St Luke’s and Roosevelt Hospitals in New York.

According to the study authors, up to 40 percent of heart patients have symptoms of depression, and depression itself has been linked to a higher risk of further heart trouble. Previous studies have produced mixed results on whether or not antidepressants or other established treatments may ease depression in heart patients, but there is growing body of research that suggests exercise may help. — Reuters

Sharp considering cutting 5,000 Jobs worldwide: source

TOKYO, 2 Aug — Japan’s Sharp Corp is considering cutting 5,000 jobs globally, or just under 10 percent of its consolidated workforce, a source close to the matter said on Thursday.

The job cuts will be sought through early retirement and will also include reductions resulting from a plan to hive off ownership of its underused Sakai LCD factory in western Japan to Taiwan’s Hon Hai Precision Industry, the source said.

The maker of Aquos TVs produced the record net loss in the year ended March 31 on a plunge in demand for its TVs that left it saddled with a glut of LCD panels.

Demand for its TVs and solar panels remains weak, and a $108 million settlement in a US LCD cartel case will further weigh on its April-June earnings results due at 3 pm (0600 GMT). — Reuters

The Wellcome Trust’s logo on a fridge at an electronic shop in Tokyo on 29 Oct, 2009. — Reuters

A man is reflected on Sharp’s logo at its factory in an electronic shop in Tokyo on 29 Oct, 2009. — Reuters

This 11 Feb, 2011 file photo shows the logo on a Comcast truck in Pittsburgh. Comcast reported on 1 Aug, 2012 strong second-quarter earnings from cable operations which overcame returns of the box-office flop “Battleship.” — Internet

The group said the NHS was guilty of injustice in its treatment of people with mental illness. — Internet
**Philippine floods persist, toll rises to 23**

The capital Manila and some areas in the eastern part of the Philippines are being hit by another round of floods. The floods are caused by the heavy rains from Typhoon Koppu, which made landfall on Tuesday.

**Cambodia fights malaria with insecticide-treated mosquito net distribution**

Cambodia has launched a malaria control program using insecticide-treated mosquito nets. The program aims to reduce the number of malaria cases by 80% by 2020.

**Peruvian police seize $2.3m in fake bills**

Peruvian police have seized approximately $2.3 million in counterfeit bills. The police say the fake bills were produced in Lima and were distributed to several provinces.

**Afghan militants have mafia-like financing**

A new report by a US-based research institute has revealed that Afghan militant groups, including the Haqqani network, are receiving funding from criminal activities.

**Australia rules out US nuclear aircraft carrier base**

Australia has ruled out the possibility of hosting a US nuclear aircraft carrier. The government has said that it is committed to maintaining a nuclear-free Pacific region.

**Malaria: 1.14 million insecticide-treated mosquito nets to be distributed**

The Cambodian government has launched a massive campaign to distribute insecticide-treated mosquito nets to households across the country. The rollout of the nets is part of a larger strategy to combat malaria.
Insurance as one of the principal pillars of national economy together with Banking, and Shipping is a very complex subject as being transacted nowadays elsewhere in the world especially in the very developed countries. But however complex it may be then and there, its basic functionality is as simple as ever despite its complicated ramification. Insurance everywhere is a risk transfer mechanism by spreading risks assumed by insurers.

Long, long ago there had been instances where principle of insurance was practised. In ancient China when 4, 5 merchants together transported their goods to distant markets by boat, they unconsciously used the very fundamental principle of insurance. That is—spread of risk. Each merchant loaded in his boat only one quarter of his goods. And unless necessary essential insurances have been effected. Societies people would feel uncomfortable and unsafe until many difficulties financially in buying insurances which in due course have become essential requirements for most people. It is said that in highly developed and super-rich societies people would feel uncomfortable and unsafe until and unless necessary essential insurances have been effected. The initial good enjoyed by an insured after purchasing the insurance is as simple as ever despite its complicated ramification. The premium amounts to as little as a fraction of the Sum insured, the maximum amount promised by the insurer to pay in the event of the loss or damage to the house, or something it is lost or damaged.

As the premium received by an insurer for a risk assumed by him in comparison to its sum insured he writes a small number of risks only, he would suffer a heavy financial loss in the event of a claim arising therefrom. For example A cannot buy insurance for B’s car as its insured, because A has no insurable interest in B’s car. That is—loss of or damage to B’s car does not affect A in any possible way. Therefore the insurer refunds nothing as the result of the loss of or damage to B’s car.

Umost Good Faith

The next important principle is Umost Good Faith on which workings of insurance are wholly based. In ordinary commercial transactions between a seller and a buyer, as long as the former answers correctly and no more or no less the questions raised by the latter as regards the goods, without misleading the latter, the former is innocent under the Sale of Goods Act. That is— he has done in accordance with the motto “let the buyer beware” (caveat emptor) is the seller need not answer the crucial questions voluntarily unless raised by the buyer. But not in insurance business. The proposer of insurance is required to disclose all the material facts about the risk to be insured to the best of his knowledge and belief whether the insurer raises them or not. If the insured knowingly omits one single material fact which would influence the insurer in his decision to accept or reject the proposal, that omission when known can easily render the insurance contract null and void because he has infringed the principle of utmost good faith. In contrast to a popular belief that the ultimate good faith alone has to observe the utmost good faith, the insurer is also required to do so as well. For instance he must not write a risk which he knows has already expired.

Proximate Cause

The third principle Proximate Cause determines whether the loss of or damage to the subject-matter of insurance is covered by the insurance effected. Only when the proximate cause of the loss or damage is covered by the insurance effected, the claim therefor is payable. Some examples are shown below—:

(a) Lightning damaged the building one wall of which was burnt down.

(b) Lightning later driven by storms that wall collapsed.

It was held that the damaged was caused by the lightning.

Roth v South Easthope Farmer’s Mutual Insurance Co (1876)

(a) A wall was damaged and weakened by fire.

(b) Many days later driven by storms that wall collapsed.

It was held that the proximate cause of the collapse of the wall was not fire.

Gaskarth v Law Union Insurance Co

Indemnity

The last and most controversial principle is Indemnity. Many attempts had been made to have a definition thereof acceptable to all. Although there may be who disagree to it the following definition is universally accepted. Indemnity is a sum of money paid to a person in order to restore him as much as possible into the original financial position he was in immediately before the happening of the loss or damage for which he is so indemnified. It also includes reinstatement, repair, or replacement if cash payment is not elected. But the insured shall not earn profit of any kind out of the indemnity received.

There are 2 corollaries under indemnity. They are Subrogation and Contribution.

Subrogation

Subrogation is a right exercisable by an insurer against a third party, out of settling the claim to an insured for injury or loss or of damage to property sustained by him who is entitled to damages from the said third party liable therefor. When exercising the subrogation right either to demand the amount of the claim paid from the third party or sue him, the insurer can do so in the name of the insured who also is required to cooperate with the insurer for enforcing such right against the third party.

Contingent

Contingent is a right that can be exercised by an insurer to demand and require other insurer (s) who are as liable as the former for the same loss, damage or liability in the event of a claim arising thereto, to contribute ratably proportions thereto. The other insurer (s) are bound and obligated to contribute ratably as afore-mentioned under this warranty provided that they incur liability therefor in the same way as the former does.

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NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—

Swollen Thanlwin River near Hpa-an forced locals at Nos. 1, 2 and 3 wards to flee to a safe place to manage themselves. Escapes from floods. Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min looked into conditions of displaced families at relief camps and observed transport, food and health arrangements for them. He then gave sweet encouragement to them.

The region chief minister and party presented foodstuffs to the flood-hit victims at temporary relief camps. Till 31 July, 3801 people from 715 families have displaced at seven relief camps.

Likewise, the pagodas, stupas and religious edifices across the nation were thronged with those who practised meditation, took Sabbaths and performed meritorious deeds.

Donation of Waso robes to monks and Pathana recitation held at the cave of Uppatasanti Pagoda.

Shwedagon Pagoda crowded with pilgrims on Fullmoon Day of Waso.

Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic Pagoda crowded with pilgrims on Fullmoon of Waso.

Pilgrims from four corners of the country visit Uppatasanti Pagoda on Fullmoon Day of Waso.
International partners ...

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constructed and a business sphere will need to be created here in the future. He called for assistance of UN and international organizations.

On arrival at Shwezadei relief camp, the Union minister comforted 715 local people and the diplomatic observers asked their experiences. The local people recounted the unrest and explained accessibility of aids and necessities.

The Union minister exchanged views with diplomats on site of Kaladan River Development Project, progress of hotel zone and fishery, potentials for construction of dockyards at the jetty, upgrading of roads and bridges along the strand road, urbanization, economic prospects and future development and treated them with coconut juice at viewpoint of Sittway.

The Union minister, diplomats, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Situation in Myanmar Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana, the Rakhine state chief minister, Mr Quintana and officer incharge of Ministry of Planning and Development, Mr Hla Thein went to the meeting room and the region ministers attended the review session of the diplomatic corps’ field trip to Rakhine State at the region government office.

The Union minister in his opening speech called for reviewing and commenting on reality of the state witnessed in two-day trip.

Indonesian, Cambodian, Brazilian, Kuwaiti, Laosian, Saudi Arabian, Pakistani, Egyptian and Indian ambassadors said in their reviews that there were wide differences between undisclosed facts and information from foreign broadcasters and various media they had heard ahead of the trip and detailed information at the press conference that made clear the issue of Rakhine State on 30 July and the reality they had witnessed in the trip.

UN Special Rapporteur visits five detainees in Buthidaung Prison

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Aug—United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Situation in Myanmar Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana was arrested in Maungtaw Township unrest and their attorneys at Buthidaung Prison in Rakhine State yesterday morning.

He was accompanied by Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Rakhine State Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Hein Lin, Rakhine State Advocate-General U Hla Thein and officials. Mr Quintana and officer incharge of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Mr Nadir Minbashiyev met with each of five detained local staff of UN agencies in connection with unrest in Maungtaw Township in a special room and also held meeting with their attorneys.

Htoo and responsible personnel from Hluttaw office.

At the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on drafting of bills and on human rights issues.—MNA

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Management Law soon.

Arrangements are under way to allow local private banks to establish joint-venture banks with foreign banks that have opened their branches in Myanmar.

Capital market development committee and subcommittees have been formed for development of capital market development and plans are underway to promulgate securities dealing bill soon. It is expected to launch stock exchange in 2015 according to incident measures on 11 June. It was publicized to the whole Bangladesh and closed border gates even amid criticisms from world powers and UN agencies. If the border gates were kept open, the violence could escalate. If there was an escape route, it could be clearly seen that the terrorists could grow daring. The rioters were strictly denied entrance. That neighborly response was based on the assumption of the incident as the issue between the two ethnic groups in the country which was not alike case of other countries. He wished that such incident might not repeat and peace stored rapidly and returned to normalcy. He said he was optimistic.

The Turkish ambassador did not assume that the current issue would be settled easily. He requested bigger tents for the victims, assuring the international organizations are ready to lend a helping hand. He promised to provide aids through the Red Crescent Organization for creating job opportunities and bringing about development of the country in the long run.

The minister councillor of Sri Lankan Embassy said the Sri Lanka had come across 30 years’ bitter ethnic strife. He supported the response of the Myanmar government and guaranteed necessary assistance. The diplomatic corps led by the Union minister and Mr Quintana then left Sittway for Yangon.—MNA
**District News**

**Farmers urged to apply GAP system in cultivation of paddy**

Min- inn, 2 Aug—The demonstration on nurturing of Pahtwe hybrid paddy was presented at the farmland of farmer U Htay Lwin in Mingin Township on 18 July.

At first, Head of District Agriculture Department U Thaik Soe gave talks on use of quality strain of monsoon paddy, and Head of Township Agriculture Department U Hla Moe Kyaw 14-point good agriculture patters for cultivation of monsoon paddy.

Later, farmers and staff participated in sowing of paddy seeds.

**Cooperative Ltd holds AGM in Wakema**

Wakema, 2 Aug—The annual general meeting of Su Pyae Phyio Market Cooperative Ltd was held for 2011-2012 fiscal year at the hall of Township Cooperative Department in Wakema Township of Ayeyawady Region on 17 July afternoon.

The Chairman of the Cooperative Ltd and Staff Officer Daw Khin Win of Township Cooperative Department gave addresses.

Next, members of the Board of Directors read the report of BOD for 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Later, savings were refunded to the members of the cooperative Ltd.

**Menace of narcotic drugs talked**

Yangon, 2 Aug—The talks on danger of drug abuse was held at Thir Yadana Hall of Basic Education High School No. 3 in Thakayta Township of Yangon Region at 10 am on 25 July.

Commander of Thakayta Township Police Force Police Captain Tin Naing explained abuse of narcotic drug under laws. SIP Kyaw Moe Lwin of Yangon East District Police Force gave talks on use of narcotic drugs, heroin, opium and stimulant tablets, penalties. Township Education Officer Daw Khin Myint Yi on disadvantages of students in use of narcotic drugs and Assistant Surgeon of Township Health Department Dr Naing Latt Kyaw on abuse of narcotic drugs.

**Truck hits brick wall of BEHS, leaving 17 teachers and students injured**

Mawlamyine, 2 Aug—A six-wheeled Hino truck driven by Kyaw Lwin of Mottama of Paung Township carrying slabs passed Thanlwin Bridge on Mawlamyine Bank and then rammed into the Alms Bowl Roundabout.

At that time, the truck hit the wall of the 10th standard classroom of Basic Education High School No. 10 due to out of brake control.

In the accident, two female teachers and 15 students, totaling 17 were injured. The injured were rushed to Mawlamyine General Hospital and they are now receiving medical treatment as in-patients.

IP Thet Naing of Mawlamyine Traffic Police Station investigated the incident. Action was taken against driver Kyaw Lwin (a) Kyaw MoeNaing, 39 at Myoma Police Station for loss of desks, chairs and brick wall worth K 25 million and for reckless driving under the law.
Romney tax plan helps rich, hurts middle class

WASHINGTON, 2 Aug — Romney’s plan, proposed last month, would cut taxes by 20 percent across the board, boosting income for the wealthiest two percent of Americans, while reducing the 20-percent tax break for the wealthiest two percent of Americans, with the revenue gained going towards government spending, Romney campaign spokesman Ryan Williams said.

The Romney campaign centre found that Romney’s tax cuts would boost after-tax income by an average of 4.1 percent for those earning more than $1 million a year, while reducing by an average of 1.2 percent the after-tax income of individuals earning less than $200,000.

US raises pressure for euro zone crisis action

FRANKFURT AM MAIN, 2 Aug — The European Central Bank (ECB) vowed on Wednesday, “encouraged by the recent progress in the euro zone’s third and fourth largest economies, are struggling to fund their budget deficits and debt obligations at affordable levels as bond market investors take fright. Draghi’s promise last week to do whatever it takes to preserve the euro, within the ECB’s mandate, stirred speculation that its Governing Council might take more radical steps at a monthly policy meeting on Thursday.”

China to blacklist producers and users of phony certificates

BEIJING, 2 Aug — The Ministry of Public Security (MPS) vowed on Wednesday to “blacklist” producers and users of counterfeit certificates and officials documents and to launch a campaign that year targeting the illegal production of such documents.

Dealers and users of falsified papers and official seals will have their criminal records forwarded to and shared by relevant authorities, the MPS said in a statement.

Budget deficit, topping $1 trillion in recent years, is a major point of contrast in the presidential race, in which Romney will face President Barack Obama on 6 November.

The Romney campaign blasted the study, calling it biased and noting that one of its authors, Adam Looney, was formerly an official in Obama’s Treasury Department. “President Obama continues to tout liberal studies calling for an interview with Bloomberg government spending,” Romney campaign spokesman Ryan Williams said.

The Tax Policy Centre, a joint venture between the Brookings Institution and the Urban Institute, is led by Donald Marron, a former economic, official in the administration of Republican President George W Bush.

A ministry spokesman said on Thursday that its Governing Council has seriously enhanced its efforts to track down for fake certificates and documents has seriously damaged the ministry will continue to crack down on the forgery of official documents, Xinhua.

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US House passes tax cuts extension plan in symbolic vote

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21 killed in Xinjiang mudslide

XINJUAN, 2 Aug — The bodies of three additional victims have been pulled from an iron ore mine that was buried by a mudslide in northwest China’s Xinjiang autonomous region on Monday, bringing the death toll to 21 thus far, local authorities said on Wednesday.

Seven people remain missing, the authorities said.

Hamas militant killed in mystery Gaza blast

GAZA CITY, 2 Aug — A militant with the armed wing of Gaza’s ruling Hamas movement died in Gaza City on Wednesday after the car he was travelling in exploded, Palestinian medical sources said.

Medics named the victim as Ayman al-Shufra, a member of the Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades, and said the militant was seriously wounded, with a bullet wound to the head.

Police said the blast, which occurred at 12:30am Tuesday in the township of Ararbo, Xinyuan county in the Kazak autonomous prefecture of Il, trapping 28 workers in the mine.

More than 500 rescuers are working to carry out search and rescue operations.

A survey conducted by the local land resource authorities found that the disaster was a result of downslope that hit Xinyuan on Sunday.

The local meteorological department said heavy rain will continue to pound the region from 2 to 4 August.

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West Nile virus kills 4 in US

WASHINGTON, 2 Aug — The US Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said on Wednesday that 241 cases of West Nile virus disease, including four deaths, have been reported in 42 states so far this year.

This is the highest number of cases reported through the end of July since 2004. Almost 80 percent of the cases have been reported from three states — Texas, Mississippi and Oklahoma.

“West Nile virus disease is to avoid mosquitoes by staying indoors; use long sleeves and pants during dusk and dawn; avoid being outdoors; wear long sleeves and pants during dawn and dusk; and install or repair screens on windows and doors; use air conditioners;”

West Nile virus is transmitted to people by infected mosquitoes. In the United States, most people are infected from June through September, and the number of these infections usually peaks in mid-August.

Approximately one in five people who are infected with West Nile virus will develop symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, diarrhea, or rash. Less than 1 percent will develop a serious neurologic illness such as encephalitis or meningitis (inflammation of the brain or surrounding tissue).

About 10 percent of people who develop neurologic infection due to West Nile virus will die.

There are no medications to treat, or vaccines to prevent, West Nile virus infection.

According to the CDC, the best way to prevent West Nile virus disease is to avoid mosquito bites: use insect repellents when you go outdoors; wear long sleeves and pants during dusk and dawn; and install or repair screens on windows and doors; use air conditioners.

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22-year-old Mindy Meyer running for NY senate

A 22-year-old New York woman running for the state Senate said the film “Legally Blonde” taught her to “take pink and make it sophisticated.”

Mindy Meyer, who is running as a Republican and Conservative against Democratic incumbent Kevin Parker, said Rudy Giuliani is “Conservative against running as a Republican and sophisticated.”

Pink and make it Blonde” taught her to “take Senate said the film “Legally woman running for the state “The Event” cast member will “The show’s about kids drama series “Warehouse 13” say. “The show’s about kids and what you do to nurture your talent. They wanted me to take the pins out of the kids and I don’t have that in me. That’s not what I’m about. That’s more about that other guy, not me,” he added.

Aerosmith’s Tyler: ‘American Idol’ job ‘not my cup of tea’

LOS ANGELES, 2 Aug— Rock star Steven Tyler said he “loved and hated” his two-year stint as a judge on “American Idol” but admitted the TV singing contest was “not my cup of tea.”

Tyler, who announced in July he was quitting America’s most-watched entertainment show after two years as a judge, told Rolling Stone magazine that he took the job partly to wait out an internal feud in his band, Aerosmith.

“It was something to do while the storm blew by, be honest,” he said in an interview in the upcoming 2nd August issue.

“I loved it and hated it. It was a great job, it shortened an and I made a ton of money. It was a moment in life and it became larger than life,” he added.

Tyler and singer Jennifer Lopez, who is also leaving the show, were brought onto “American Idol” two years ago after the exit of aeric Brown.

The Aerosmith rocker said he had come under pressure from producers to fill the nasty-judge role vacated by Cowell.

Laura Innes to guest star on ‘Warehouse’

US actress Laura Innes will be a guest star on “Warehouse.”

She will play Emma Jinks, the mother of Agent Steve Jinks, played by Aaron Ashmore, from whom she has been estranged for two years.

“Steve is forced to seek out his mother during an artifact-related crisis, but in order to get to the bottom of his case, he and Emma must first make peace,” a synopsis said.

The wonder fully talented Innes gives a heartrending performance as a woman who is desperately trying to mend her relationships with the only child she has left, after her family was torn apart by tragedy.

“Warehouse” 13” executive producer Jack Kenny said in a statement on Tuesday.

“Warehouse” 11” follows a team of government agents who work at a massive, top-secret storage South Dakota facility, which houses strange artifacts, mysterious relics, fantastical objects and preternatural souvenirs collected by the US government.

Bieber spotlights his grown-up side in flashy new video

LOS ANGELES, 2 Aug— Canadian pop star Justin Bieber has pulled out the Hollywood stops in his latest video for the single “As Long As You Love Me,” making a sort of mini-film showing his grown-up side.

Bieber, 18, recruited grizzly actor Michael Madsen, best known for his roles in “Pulp Fiction” and “Reservoir Dogs,” to play the disapproving father of Bieber’s love interest in the slick music video, which runs nearly six minutes.

In the video, which debuted online on Wednesday, Bieber plays a star-crossed lover.

It features car chases, fights, raunchy dancers and steamy romance set against the Los Angeles skyline, part of a plan to transition the singer from teeny bopper to adult artist.

Bieber fans, known as “Beliebers,” praised him on social media websites for showing his darker side and fighting for love. Kaylie at StrongForJustin tweeted. “The whole ALAYLM video was amazing. It shows how if you really love someone, you would fight for them. There’s a lot of meaning.”

Bieber rose to fame as a baby-faced pop star on YouTube, singing innocent love songs such as “Baby” and “One Less Lonely Girl.” In the past year, he has grown under the watchful eye of the public and is dating Disney actress and singer Selena Gomez.

The new electro-pop single “As Long As You Love Me,” not to be confused with the Backstreet Boys song with the same title, features rapper Big Sean and the second single from his latest album “Believe.”

Bieber unveiled his new image in the video for the first single from the album, “Boyfriend,” which saw him cavorting with dancers and driving fast cars. The video earned a nomination for best male video, and the winner will be announced at the MTV Video Music Awards in September.—Reuters

“Uncaged” tops US album chart

LOS ANGELES, 2 Aug— Zac Brown Band’s “Uncaged” is No. 1 on the US album chart, Billboard.com reported on Wednesday. Coming in at No. 2 is Maroon 5’s “Life Is Good,” followed by Gaslight Anthem’s “Handwritten” at No. 3, Passion Pit’s “Gossamer” at No 4 and the ”Kidz Bop 22” at No. 5.

Rounding out the top tier are Justin Bieber’s “Believe” at No 6, One Direction’s “Up All Night” at No. 7, Frank Ocean’s “Channel Orange” at No. 8, Adele’s “21” at No 9 and Maroon 5’s “Overexposed” at No 10.—Internet
Venezuelan fencer Limardo wins gold, thanks Chavez

CARACAS, 2 Aug — Fencer Ruben Limardo thanked Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez after achieving the country’s 44-year gold medal drought by winning the men’s epee fencing competition at the 2012 Olympics on Wednesday, saying the socialist leader helped him achieve his dream.

Venezuela rejoiced in their nation’s first fencing medal, and their first of the 2012 Olympics, after Limardo beat Seth Kelsey of the United States and Norway’s Bartosz Pasecki.

Chavez, who is campaigning for another six-year term ahead of the 7 October election, echoed the public’s jubilation during a lengthy televised news conference, smiling broadly when a telephone call from Limardo was patched through to the hall. “I’m very happy, I’m the son of this fatherland,” Chavez told him.

“There are the results! With the work of our golden generation of athletes. What pride, what patriotic feeling, how proud.Aclimuegos, a clearly moved Limardo thanked the president: “Thanks to you, I’ve truly accomplished my dream...now we continue increasing our efforts for more Olympic medals.”

His surprise win created brief moment of unity in a nation that is deeply polarized ahead of the election. Both sides accuse the other of foul play during a bitter campaign, and many Venezuelans were happy to focus on some good news from abroad.

Social media websites were swamped with pictures from his victory, and local TV stations repeatedly broadcast footage of his boots and the medal ceremony, which included the playing of Venezuela’s national anthem. Chavez, who joked that his vice president had hardly been born when Venezuela last won a gold medal, said huge credit was due to the entire fencing team, its ‘trainers,’ and “this invisible army that allowed Ruben Limardo to arrive in London, to win all his battles, and to bring us the honor.”

Haas advances to ATP/WTA Washington quarters

WASHINGTON, 2 Aug — Tommy Haas continued the run of form which has taken him from outside the top 200 to world No. 36 as he beat Argentina’s Leonardo Mayer 6-4, 6-7, 7-5 at the ATP/WTA event in Washington, DC.

A 34-year-old German fourth seed is playing some of the best tennis of his career after finally regaining full potential following a hip operation last year. He is playing for keeps this week in the US capital as he tries to bury the disappointment of missing the London Olympics. The German federation refused to nominate him for wild card tournament consideration.

Haas on Wednesday lined up a quarter-final clash with compatriot Tobias Kamke, who earned an emotional win over Marinov Matocevic. 6-4, 6-3. The Australian had beaten Kamke last week in Los Angeles.

Haas, who defeated Roger Federer to win at Halle in June, improved his 2012 record to 21-9 as he bids for a 14th career trophy. He advanced over Mayer in just over 90 minutes, hammering eight aces including two in the 11th game of the second set. The veteran, who came to Washington for the first time 15 years ago, then broke a game later to clinch the win.

Boxing: Ex-footballer to keep throwing punches, not touchdowns

LONDON, 2 Aug — Former American footballer Dominic Breazeale, who nearly made it to the NFL in 2009, believes the pressure of throwing a touchdown pass is nothing compared to the grit needed to be an Olympic boxer.

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Gymnastics: SuperMura banishes demon to win gold

Kohei Uchimura of Japan gestures after completing in the vault during the men’s individual all-around gymnastics competition at the North Greenwich Arena during the London 2012 Olympic Games on 1 Aug, 2012. —Reuters

Haas on Wednesday lined up a quarter-final clash with compatriot Tobias Kamke, who earned an emotional win over Marinov Matocevic. 6-4, 6-3. The Australian had beaten Kamke last week in Los Angeles.

Haas, who defeated Roger Federer to win at Halle in June, improved his 2012 record to 21-9 as he bids for a 14th career trophy. He advanced over Mayer in just over 90 minutes, hammering eight aces including two in the 11th game of the second set. The veteran, who came to Washington for the first time 15 years ago, then broke a game later to clinch the win.

Big hitters go for broke at PGA Reno-Tahoe Open

RENO-TAHOE, 2 Aug — The top players in the world are at the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational this week so the Reno-Tahoe Open will give some of the PGA Tour’s big hitters a chance to shine.

Former winner John Rollins, Billy Horschel, JB Holmes and John Daly will be teeing it up at the $3 million event this week that will be contested using modified stableford scoring.Rollins is ranked second in total driving and Holmes is fifth in driving.

Under the stableford system, points are awarded for your score on hole. Eight points are given for a double eagle, five for an eagle, two for a birdie and zeroes for pars. A player will lose a point for a boggy and three for double boggy or worse. Defending champ Scott Piercy is not playing after having won the Canadian Open last week, which qualified him for the Bridgestone.

But the tournament got a boost on Sunday when US Open major champ Padraig Harrington joined the field. Harrington said he needs the extra work to get ready for next week’s PGA Championship.Harrington will play in a threesome with Stewart Cink and Brian Gay. Daly and Holmes will be joined by Craig Barlow, Rocco Mediate, Camilo Villegas and Justin Leonard make up another strong trio.

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Venezuelan Ruben Limardo Gascon runs with his national flag as he celebrates winning against Norway's Bartosz Pasecki after their men's epee individual gold medal fencing match at the ExCel venue at the London 2012 Olympic Games on 1 Aug, 2012. —Reuters

Milan, 2 Aug — Inter Milan said a group of Chinese investors would buy a minority stake in the top Italian football club, becoming its second biggest shareholder.

In a statement posted on Inter’s website late on Wednesday, the club said the Moratti family would keep control of the company. The statement did not disclose the financial details of the deal nor the size of the stake.

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Netherlands’ silver medalist Lex Gillette of the US after Omarov won their men’s epee quarterfinals at the London 2012 Olympic Games on 1 August. — Reuters

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**Focus Myanmar TV Programme**

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**
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- Scholarship Awards, 2012
- News
- Five Pagodas with the letter “M” in titles
- News
- Myanmar Movies
- Impact “Twisted Love Letter”
- News
- Gems Museum
- Embellished with Myanmar Precious Stones
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- The 1st ASEAN (RCGP-WCI) Meeting
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- Adventurous Journey to Bontalar Waterfall
- News
- “Myanmar Mega Factories” Industrial Training Centre (THAGAYA)
- News
- News Tid-Bits
- Myanmar Movie
- “The Sponcer And The Lover”

**MYANMAR TV**
(3-8-12 (Friday))
7:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw - Uppatasanti Paritta
7:40 am
2. Dhamma Puja Song
7:50 am
3. Nice & Sweet Song
8:10 am
4. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
8:25 am
5. Teleplay (Traffic)
4:00 pm
6. Martial Song
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7. Musical Programme
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8. Song For Upholding National Spirit
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9. Songs Of Yester Years
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11. Myanmar Language
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12. Teleplay (Health)
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13. Sports Highlight
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14. Internet Garden
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15. Towards (27th) Sea Games
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16. News
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17. Just For Laughs
18. TV Drama Series
19. Song Lover

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**Mobile medical team provides free health care services**

**MONGHAT, 30 July**—With the aim of ensuring rural development and poverty alleviation in Monghut Township of Shan State, a mobile medical team led by Major Thet Naing Win of local military hospital and staff of Township Health Department made field trips to the Mtehat Village on 12 June morning.

The combined medical team provided free health care services to the local people at Basic Education Primary School of the village.

Local people of Kyati and Weinwang villages of Mtehat Village-tract received medical treatments free of charge provided by the mobile medical team under supervision of Col Aung Thu Oo of local station, Deputy Commissioner U Thaung Tin Hwee of District General Administration Department and Township Administrator U Naing Aye. — Myanma Alin

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**Qin Kai (back)/Luo Yutong of China compete during men’s synchronised 3m springboard event at the London Games 2012 Olympic Games in London, Britain, on 1 Aug, 2012. Xinhua**

Their fifth dive, a most difficult forward four-and-a-half somersault in tuck position (109C) with a rating of 3.8, picked the highest score of 104.88 points in the final. “The 109C (fifth dive) was the biggest challenge to us. If we succeeded, we win, otherwise, we lose,” said Qin. “I told Luo (his partner) and myself we don’t need to load too much pressure for flawless executions. Instead, we just need to give normal performance just as we did in routine training,” said Qin, double Olympic champion in springboard individual and synchrono events at Beijing Games. “Then we did it,” said the excited Qin. “Only when we finished the 109C and watched the scoreboard, I was relaxed and at ease. I told Luo (his partner) and myself, the gold is already in hand,” he added. Luo, in his Olympic debut, said his back injury held him off, who made an Olympic title even harder and sweeter to him. — Xinhua

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**Weather forecast for 3rd August, 2012**

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**The Lover**

**LONDON, 2 Aug.**—Heavyweight great Evander Holyfield dropped by London’s boxing arena on Wednesday to cast an eye over the next generation of fighters looking to take a leaf out of his book by preparing for the professional ranks with an Olympic medal. Holyfield joined a list of great US fighters, such as Joe Frazier, Sugar Ray Leonard and Muhammad Ali, who brought home an Olympic medal and then dominated the sport after he claimed a light heavyweight bronze at the 1984 Los Angeles Games.

The former heavyweight and cruiserweight world champion, remembered for famous battles with Riddick Bowe, Mike Tyson and Lennox Lewis, said he planned to stick around for much of the Games to see what talent was out there.

“I want to see what the future of boxing is about,” Holyfield told reporters on his way out of the arena after signing scores of autographs and posing for photographs. “The professional game can only be as good as the amateur game. If you support the amateur game, then boxing gets better and better,” he added.

“Training the next generation of boxers so it’s driven by the Olympic Games,” Holyfield said sitting at the arena on Wednesday brought back memories of his own Olympic experience nearly 30 years ago, something an NBC TV crew overlooked earlier this week when they interviewed him on the streets of London, thinking he was a US tourist.

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**Chinese Luo/Qin win men’s synchronised 3m springboard Olympic gold**

**LONDON, 2 Aug.**—China’s world champion Qin Kai and Luo Yutong asserted dominance in men’s 3m springboard synchro final in London Olympics on Wednesday, adding the fourth diving gold to powerhouse China. Qin and Luo, winners of the 2011 FINA World Championships, led the way in the final and compiled 477.00 points to take the gold.

Russian duo Liya Zakharov and Evgeny Kurneva, world silver medallists and winners of the Moscow leg of the 2012 World Series, settled for silver in 459.63. The bronze medal went to American duo Kristian Ipsen and Troy Dumais who collected 446.70 points.

Qin and Luo, also champions of the World Cup in the same pool earlier this year, led the field from their first dive and expanded the gap step by step. They sealed victory after their fourth dive - an inward three-and-a-half somersault in tuck position, moving 27 points clear off closest chasers.

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**Holyfield drops in to watch “future of boxing”**

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Union Election Commission offers robes, alms to members of the Sangha

Nav Pvt Taw, 2 Aug—The Union Election Commission held the Wazo offering ceremony at its office, here, at 11 am today. Present on the occasion were State Ovadaçariya Presiding Nayaka of Maha Withutayama Zaygon Monastery of Pyinmana, Minister U Hla Tun and Secretary U Win Ko and their wives, officials and staff of the Commission Office. Chairman of UEC U Tin Aye and party took the Five Precepts from the Presiding Nayaka Sayadow of Maha Withutayama Zaygon Monastery.

The Union Election Commission (UCEC) yesterday morning offered robes, alms to members of the Sangha, Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye, Commission members U Myint Naing, U Aung Myint, U Win Kyi and U Nyunt Tin and Secretary U Win Ko and their wives, officials and staff of the Commission Office. Chairman of UEC U Tin Aye and party took the Five Precepts from the Presiding Nayaka Sayadow of Maha Withutayama Zaygon Monastery.

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The Presiding Nayaka Sayadow delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared merits gained.—MNA

International partners should stand behind Myanmar government to address Rakhine State’s complex issue: Ambassadors

Nav Pvt Taw, 2 Aug—Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tun, Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Ko Ke Naing, Deputy Ministers Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, U Phone Swe and U Kyaw Kyaw Win, ambassadors and diplomats of foreign missions in Myanmar, heads and officials of UN agencies, officials of Myanmar Islamic Organization, religious leaders, and departmental heads visited Sittway and its environs to witness actual situations in the town of Rakhine State yesterday morning.

They met in-charges of relief camps in Bawdupha village in Sittway Township and briefed them on measures for restoration of peace and stability being taken by the government, relief and resettlement tasks, and humanitarian aids of UN agencies and NGOs.

Meeting of Taxation Committee and Work Committee for More Freely Flow of Capitals in progress.—MNA

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The Rakhine State chief minister and the deputy minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement explained supply of rations at relief camps, healthcare, construction of temporary shelters and distribution of local and foreign aids.

The Union minister explained to the diplomats that the relief camp in Bawdupha village accommodates 1439 displaced households from downtown wards of Sittway—Setyon, Magyeemyaing, Shwebya, Tayathe and Myothu Kyaw wards—with the population of 7375. There are 13 relief camps in total in Sittway—eight for displaced families and five national relief camp. A total of 1519 tents have been erected with 80 tents under 114 (45 ft x 30 ft x 9 ft) tents in which 10 households could dwell have also been erected, with 80 tents under construction and more under planning. Food, education and healthcare are being provided to displaced victims. The diplomats then asked them of the actual facts. The Union minister and diplomats then visited to the burnt-out Setyon ward where the Union minister said the displaced persons, had lived here. The living standards in this area with dense population were extremely low far beyond urban characteristics. Roads and markets, urbanization features, will need to be (See page 9)

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