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

Myanmar must take every step cautiously with democracy in infancy

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NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met party chairmen, general secretaries and CEC members of political parties at meeting hall of 500-acre mechanized farmers educative farm in Pobbathiri Township here this morning.

Also present at the meeting were Union Election Commission Chairman U Tin Aye, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Members of National Socio-Economic Advisory Council to the President U Hla Maung Shwe, U Tin Maung Than and Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing, and chairmen, general secretaries and CEC members of political parties.

The President then cordially greeted each of those present.


Union Ministers U Aung Min and U Soe Thein, and UEC Chairman U Tin Aye made clarifications on measures being and to be taken by the government in response to the discussions. The President also participated in discussions. (See page 8)

Japan cruise to quarter-final win

LONDON, 4 Aug—Japan maintained their pursuit of double Olympic Football gold as the men followed the women into the last four of the tournament following a 3-0 win over Egypt.

Women’s World Cup holders Japan stunned Brazil yesterday to set up a semi-final clash with France at Wembley on Monday.

Just 24 hours later, the men clinched their own Wembley date, with Kensuke Nagai, captain Maya Yoshida and Yuki Otsu all on target in their quarter-final clash with 10-man Egypt, who had Saadeldin Saad sent off.

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Ryu leads Republic of Korea to win

LONDON, 4 Aug—Ryu Seung-Min showed impressive resolve to seal a dramatic men’s Team event victory for Republic of Korea against DPR Korea.

Ryu’s side were winning 2-1 in the best-of-five Team match when the Athens 2004 gold medalist faced Kim Hyok-Bong, who he last year played with at the Qatar Peace and Sport Cup.

Ryu was twice behind, but sealed the last two games 11-5 and 11-3 to deliver a success.

Meanwhile, Chinese competitors were beaten by non-compatriots in a match for the first time at the Games, but still progressed comfortably. With China 2-0 ahead versus Russia, Ma Long and Wang Hao surrendered a 2-1 lead to lose their Doubles match against Alexey Smirnov and Kirill Skachkov 3-2. — London-2012
Union Mines Minister calls for export quality of minerals

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—A meeting on regional level mining sector development, quality promotion in exporting and market penetration took place at region gymnasiun in Sagaing of Sagaing Region on 1 August morning, attended by Union Mines Minister U Thein Htaik.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union minister noted that systematic mining under prescribed rules and regulations could bring down the impacts on environment although mining could damage somewhat to the ecological balance. Mining entrepreneurs were required to fill up the exhausted mines and grow perennial trees and crops on the mines, for which procedures had been issued. He called for steps toward industrial-scale production from small-scale production by establishing refineries and workshops, promotion of quality to international standards, stressing the need for establishment of corporate companies to penetrate international market. He called for transparency in mining and sale of products at home and abroad. Foreign investments must be invited for creating job opportunities for the people, socio-economic development and triple increase in per capita income of citizens, importing advanced technologies. Mines resources must be used effectively in transforming the nation into industrialized one over the coming few years.

Next, Region Minister for Forestry, Mines and Energy U Than Htaik made suggestions on mining sector development and regional mining industry, Region Minister for Planning and Economic U Sein Maung on mining sector development, region Hluttaw representatives on mining entrepreneurs and personnel on development of mining sector, promotion of quality in exporting, and market penetration.—MNA

Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik delivers an address at meeting on regional level mining sector development, quality promotion in exporting and market penetration.

Abandon outdated workings and satisfy appetite of TV viewers, says deputy minister

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win addressed concluding ceremony of Footage Capturing and Editing Course No 1/2012 of Information and Public Relations Department at the auditorium of the Ministry of Information yesterday morning.

He said the State-owned media are in transition towards public broadcasting services. The deputy minister underlined the need of regional reporters who could report real time from the scene. The staff of IPRED which has township and sub-township offices should be proficient in news reporting, video recording and editing, and to submit news items as fast as possible. The course equipped each staff with these three skills. They could now handle latest technologies to edit and submit their reports. The deputy minister asked the trainees to abandon outdated workings and report the incident that the people have an appetite for when they resume the regional duties. The video reports will be submitted to Myanmar Radio and Television and semi-official broadcasters via the head office or directly to MRTV and other private broadcasters via internet for real-time coverage.

He said the web site of Information Ministry will upload video contents for reference of international media. The basic know-hows learnt at the course must be applied in accompaniment with creativity. Presentation of the other broadcasters should be learnt constantly and copied. It is a special privilege for the trainees to be handed the chance to attend first-ever course under the ministry conducted with the international assistance. He concluded his speech with the call for turning themselves competent media men, applying lessons learnt at the course.

The deputy minister then awarded outstanding trainees. The screening of award-winning video reports brought the ceremony to an end. The two-week course was attended by 32 trainees.

Short-term, long-term plans for development of Magway Region discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—Chief Minister of Magway Region U Phone Maw Sfwie on 1 August morning delivered an address at the coordination meeting on short-term and long-term plans of Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and Ministry of Cooperatives for economic development of Magway Region at the meeting hall of the Magway Township General Administration Department.

Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye made a speech.

Officials reported on use of feedstuff, formation of poultry farming, milk cow, fish, bee and agricultural cooperative societies, micro-credit societies and trading societies, and general matters.

Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Aung Naing and Region Hluttaw representative U/Han Maung participated in discussions on breeding of animals in the region, formation of livestock breeding and agricultural production cooperative societies, providing of investment, development of micro-credit societies and trading, and future tasks.

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**Fostering strong US economy starts with strong middle class: Obama**

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug — Fostering a strong US economy started with building a strong US middle class, and economic fairness was critical to the nation’s recovery, US President Barack Obama said here on Friday. Speaking at the White House after the release of the latest job report, Obama stressed that the last thing the nation should do in the weak economic recovery is tax increase on middle class families.

Flanked by middle-class Americans, Obama said “if we want to keep moving this country forward, these are the folks who are going to get us there.”

Obama said the nation continued to create jobs last month, evidence of the ongoing economic growth. “We’ve now created 4.5 million new jobs over the last 29 months, and 1.1 million new jobs so far this year,” he noted. US unemployment rose 0.1 percentage point from June to 8.3 percent in July, while the non-farm sector added 163,000 new jobs across the country last month, the US Labour Department reported on Friday.

However, Obama stressed that there were still too many Americans looking for jobs, adding that “we’ve got more work to do.”

Obama also said he had been “amazed” by the success of the US financial system despite what he said were “tough times last year.” He praised the US financial system for its resilience and said that it was a key to the nation’s economic recovery.

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Palm trees ‘grew on Antarctica’

**LONDON**, 4 Aug — Scientists drilling deep into the edge of modern Antarctica have pulled up proof that palm trees once grew there. Analyses of pollen and spores and the remains of tiny creatures have given a climatic picture of the early Eocene period, about 53 million years ago.

The study in *Nature* suggests Antarctic winter temperatures exceeded 10°C, while summers may have reached 25°C. Better knowledge of past “greenhouse” conditions will enhance guesses about the effects of increasing CO2 today.

The early Eocene — often referred to as the Eocene greenhouse — has been a subject of increasing interest in recent years as a “warm analogue” of the current Earth. “There are two ways of looking at where we’re going in the future,” said a co-author of the study, James Bondell of the University of Glasgow. “One is using physics-based climate models, but increasingly we’re using this ‘back to the future’ approach of looking through periods in the geological past that are similar to where we may be going in 10 years, or 20, or several hundred,” he told *BBC News*.

The early Eocene was a period of atmospheric CO2 concentrations higher than the current 390 parts per million (ppm) — reaching at least 600 ppm and possibly far higher. Global temperatures were on the order of 5°C higher, and there was no sharp divide in temperature between the poles and the equator. Drilling research carried out in recent years showed that the Arctic must have had a subtropical climate. But the Antarctic presents a difficult challenge.

Glaciation 34 million years ago wiped out much of the sediment that would give clues to past climate, and left kilometres of ice on top of what remains. Now, the Integrated Ocean Drilling Program (IODP) has literally got to the bottom of what the Eocene Antarctic was like, dropping a drilling rig through 4km of water off Wilkes Land on Antarctica’s eastern coast. The rig then drilled through 1km of sediment to reach samples from the Eocene. With the sediment came pollen grains from palm trees and relatives of the modern baobab and macadamia. Crucially, they contained also the remains of tiny single-celled organisms called Archaea.

The creatures’ cell walls show subtle molecular changes that depend on the temperature of the soil surrounding them when they were alive. The structures are faithfully preserved after they die. They are, in essence, tiny buried thermometers from 53 million years ago. Together, the data suggest that even in the darkest period of Antarctic winter, the temperature did not drop below 10°C and summer daytime temperatures were in the 20°Cs. The lowland coastal region sported palm trees, while slightly inland, hills were populated with beech trees and conifers. Dr Bondell said that as an analogue of modern Earth, the Eocene represents heightened levels of CO2 that will not be reached any time soon, and may not be reached at all if CO2 emissions abate.

However, he said the results from the Eocene could help to shore up the computer models that are being used to estimate how sensitive climate is to the emissions that will certainly rise in the nearer term. — Internet

**How Antarctica evolved**

* Antarctica was once part of the ancient supercontinent of Gondwanaland.
* It had a warmer, wetter climate with plants known as the Antarctic flora.
* By 30–35 million years ago Antarctica was isolated geographically and climatically.
* The much colder climate caused the Antarctic flora to die out.

**Anonymous hackers identify charity attacker**

**LONDON**, 4 Aug — Hacking group Anonymous has aided a global search for a toy-bomber who defaced a charity website. Members of Anonymous helped track the attacker down to Madrid following a plea from the owner of the RedSky video production company.

New Zealand-based RedSky asked for help after an attacker penetrated its website, erased data and left graffiti. The attack was reportedly carried out in a bid to impress Anonymous and join its ranks as a member.

RedSky boss Bryan Bruce issued a plea on Facebook for help restoring his company’s website after a hacker called himself AnonVolte-mort announced that he had hacked the site. Despite his name, the attacker was not a member of the hacker collective but was seeking to show that he had skills they could use.

Unsurprisingly, he offended one of the unwritten rules of Internet etiquette: “You shall not take Internet resources without permission.” — Internet

**Three firms share 1.1 bn USD NASA fund for manned spacecraft**

**WASHINGTON**, 4 Aug — Three firms have won over 1.1 billion USD in contracts from NASA to develop spacecraft capable of carrying astronauts to the International Space Station, the US space agency said on Friday. Boeing, a longtime NASA contractor, will receive 460 million dollars for the development of its CST-100 vessel.

SpaceX, which recently wowed the world by performing the first successful docking of a privately-owned craft, the Dragon, with the International Space Station, will receive the next-largest chunk, some 440 million dollars. That will be used to continue the development of a crewed version of the Dragon.

Sierra Nevada Corp will receive about 212.5 million dollars to further work on its Dream Chaser spacecraft, which is most visually and functionally similar to the retired fleet of NASA space shuttles.

The funding awards are the third set given under NASA’s Commercial Crew Program, an effort that kicked off in 2010 to whittle down those companies that say they can provide viable replacements for the space shuttle. The first funding awards were worth a total of 50 million dollars and the second funding awards were worth 315 million dollars.

“The day is coming when we are announcing another critical step toward launching our astronauts from US soil on space systems built by American companies,” NASA Administrator Charles Bolden said in a statement.

“We have selected three companies that will help keep us on track to end the outsourcing of human spaceflight and create high-paying jobs in Florida, North Dakota, and elsewhere across the country.”

Until their retirement last summer, US space shuttles carried most of the gear and many of the astronauts to the orbiting outpost. Since then, American astronauts have had to rely on Russian capsules for rides.

European, Japanese and Russian supply ships have been delivering cargo. NASA is looking to the private sector, in this post-shuttle era, to get American astronauts launching again from US soil. It will be at least four to five years before SpaceX or any other private operator is capable of flying astronauts. — Xinhua

**Samsung Galaxy Tab 10.1 and 7.0 Plus get Ice Cream Sandwich, but not in the US**

**WASHINGTON**, 4 Aug — Two more big-name Android devices have finally been upgraded to Android 4.0 Ice Cream Sandwich: Samsung’s Galaxy Tab 7.0 Plus and the Galaxy Tab 10.1. The bad news for American users, though, is that the ICS upgrades have only been made available to users in the United Kingdom so far, as *TechRadar* reports that the Galaxy Tab 7.0 Plus and 10.1 owners in the United States “possibly [have] a little bit more of a wait on their hands.”

**iOS developer is threatening to sue Android devs for using the word ‘ToDo’**

**SAN JOSE**, 4 Aug — A developer that creates apps for Apple’s (AAPL) iOS platform has threatened to sue an Android appmaker for using the word “ToDo.” Appigo has sent a letter to an Android developer regarding his Star Trek ToDo Agenda app. In the letter, Appigo notes that it owns the trademark for the word “ToDo” and that the developer’s use of the word is “likely to cause customer confusion.”

The problem with this, as David Ruddock of Android Police points out, is that “Appigo’s trademark happens to cover both the Spanish word ‘Todo,’ and not a fanciful respelling of the phrase “to-do.”

Ruddock explains that “hand Appigo claimed ToDo was a fanciful respelling of To-Do, it would almost certainly not have received principle registration for its trademark until it had established sufficient secondary meaning.”

**The study also found relatives of modern trees such as the baobab and macadamia. — Internet**

**Archaea hold on to their structure through millions of years, giving hints of long-gone temperatures. — Internet**

**The RedSky site still shows some of the results of the hack attack. — Internet**

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Stocks fell for a fourth day on Thursday after European Central Bank President Mario Draghi disappointed investors hoping for immediate action to contain the euro zone debt crisis. One of Wall Street’s top market makers, Knight Capital Group (KCG), was fighting for its survival after a trading glitch that roiled markets on Wednesday wiped out $440 million of the firm’s capital. However, the market focused mostly on the ECB, though traders were also looking ahead to Friday’s closely watched US jobs report which could bring a volatile end to an eventful week.

Draghi said the ECB would gear up to buy Italian and Spanish bonds on the open market but would only act after euro zone governments have activated bailout funds to do the same, disappointing traders after his pledge last week to do “whatever it takes” to save the euro left many thinking action was imminent. “Today people were looking for concrete steps and an outline of exactly what the ECB would take to do that, and there weren’t any,” said Brian Gendreau, market strategist at Chandler Financial Group in Gainesville, Florida. “Just as the market went up on the ‘whatever it takes’ comments it is coming down on the lack of specificity.”

Markets rallied late last week in part on hopes for stimulus from the Federal Reserve but mostly as expectations grew the ECB would take action to protect the euro. Friday’s jobs report could give a stronger indication whether the Fed, which has a four-hour lead on the ECB, will act shortly. Data showed the number of Americans filing new claims for jobless benefits rose last week and manufacturers suffered an unexpected drop in orders in June, suggesting the economy is struggling to break out of a soft patch. The Dow Jones industrial average (DJI) fell 121.98 points, or 0.71 percent, to 12,787.88. The S&P 500 Index (SPX) dropped 10.14 points, or 0.74 percent, to 1,365.00. The Nasdaq Composite (IXIC) lost 10.44 points, or 0.36 percent, to 2,909.77. Major indexes fell for a fourth day running, totally wiping losses so far of more than 1.5 percent. Knight Capital shares fell after Thursday’s trading error forced the company to seek new funding. The stock closed down 62.83 percent at $2.58, its lowest since early October 1998.

According to Thomson Reuters data, 67 percent of the 385 S&P 500 components that have reported results so far this quarter have beat earnings estimates. In the past four quarters, the average beat rate has been 68 percent. General Motors Co (GM) posted a smaller-than-expected loss in July for Europe that helped the No. 1 US automaker post a better-than-expected second-quarter profit. Shares slipped 2.6 percent to $19.14. Gap(GP) jumped 12.8 percent to $33.17 after the clothing retailer posted in July second-quarter sales, but rival Aeropostale (ARO) plummeted 22.8 percent to $13.08 after cutting its second-quarter forecast. US retailers reported stronger-than-expected sales for July but the gains were largely due to discounting and do not necessarily signal vigorous consumer spending for the rest of the year.

About 7.1 billion shares exchanged hands on the New York Stock Exchange, NYSE MKT and Nasdaq, above the five-year to-date daily average of 6.75 billion. About 8 issues fell for every 5 that rose on the NYSE and on Nasdaq the decline/advance ratio was roughly 7 to 5 - Internet.

Wall Street takes a hit from ECB disappointment

**Apple’s Jobs was open to making smaller iPad: executive**

San Jose, 4 Aug — Steve Jobs was receptive to Apple Inc making a smaller tablet, a senior executive said in an 2011 email revealed on Friday, fanning speculation that Apple will make a mini-iPad and take on Google and Amazon products. Vice President Eddie Cue urged then-chief operating officer Tim Cook in January 2011 to build a 7-inch tablet and that “we should do one” Speculation intensified in 2012 that Apple is preparing to launch a 7-inch version of the market-dominating 10-inch iPad, according to inroads made by smaller tablets such as the Kindle Fire, and most recently, Google’s Nexus 7. But the company has never confirmed such talk.

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**Fruit flies offer DNA clue to why women live longer**

LONDON, 4 Aug — Scientists believe they have discovered a clue to why women tend to live longer than men — by studying fruit flies. Writing in Current Biology, they focus on mutations in mitochondrial DNA — the power source of cells. Mitochondria are inherited from the mother, never from fathers, so there is no way to weed out mutations that damage a male’s prospects. But one ageing expert said there were many factors that explained the gender difference in life expectancy. By the age of 85, there are approximately six women for every five men in the UK, and by 100 the ratio is more than two to one. And females have longer life expectancy in many other species.

In the research, experts from Australia’s Monash University, the UK’s Lancaster University and the University of Cambridge sequenced the mitochondria of 13 different groups of male and female fruit flies. Mitochondria, which exist in almost all animal cells, convert food into the energy that powers the body. Dr Damian Dowling, of Monash University, one of the researchers, said the results point to numerous mutations in mitochonodrial DNA that affect how long males live, and the speed at which they age. “Intriguingly, these same mutations have no effects on patterns of ageing in females,” he said. “All animals possess mitochondria, and the theory that only male flies can reach outlive males is common to many different species. "Our study shows for the first time that the mitochondrial mutations we have uncovered will generally cause faster male ageing across the animal kingdom." They suggest this is because there is no evolutionary reason for the faults that affect males to be picked up — because mitochondria are passed down by females. Dr Dowling added: “If a mitochondrial mutation occurs that harms females, but has no effect on mothers, this mutation will slip through the gnat of natural selection.”

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"Over thousands of generations, many such mutations have accumulated that harm only males, while leaving females unscathed.”

Tom Kirkwood, professor of ageing at Newcastle University said the paper was “intriguing”. He said: “It may be that something rather important about mitochondria and the difference between male and female fruit flies.”

And we know that mitochondria are important for ageing in a number of species. But it’s certainly don’t think this is a discovery that explains why women live five to six-times longer than men. “There are other things we also come across — lifestyle, social and environmental factors. But the biggest difference in biology is that we have different hormones.”

A doctor examines a patient’s mammogram. **A nurse helps a patient undergo mammogram in New Hampshire.**

**Komen cancer foundation ‘oversells mammograms’**

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**A nurse helps a patient undergo mammogram in New Hampshire.**
Spain's Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy (R) and Italy's Prime Minister Maurizio Monti attend a news conference at the Moncloa Palace in Madrid on 2 Aug, 2012. Reuters

No escape from slump for Europe’s top economies in July

LONDON, 4 Aug — Europe’s biggest economies endured another torrid month in July as businesses battled slumping demand, according to surveys on Friday that gave scant hope the region will emerge pain-free soon from a malaise induced by a paralyzing debt crisis.

Purchasing managers’ indices (PMIs), which gauge business activity and have a good record of tracking economic growth, showed order books at euro zone companies shriveled last month as a downturn in Germany and France became more entrenched. And growth in Britain’s dominant services sector slowed to a crawl in July, casting fresh doubt over whether its economy will rebound from a contraction in the first half of the year.

Overall, the PMIs pointed to a recession-laden second half of the year for most of Europe’s biggest economies, amid a day for 14 days, the UN body said in a statement posted on Friday on its website.

It said a UN mission that travelled to flood-hit areas of North Korea, where torrential rain has killed scores of people and inundated cropland. The assistance will provide victims with an initial ration of 400 grams (14 ounces) of maize a day, 14 days, the UN body said in a statement posted on Friday on its website.

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Genoa, 4 Aug — The World Food Programme has said it is sending a first shipment of emergency food aid to flood-hit areas of North Korea, where torrential rain has killed scores of people and inundated cropland. The assistance will provide victims with an initial ration of 400 grams (14 ounces) of maize a day, 14 days, the UN body said in a statement posted on Friday on its website.

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First West Nile death reported in Houston

Houston, 4 Aug — Health department officials in Houston, the largest city of the US state of Texas, confirmed on Friday that an elderly man has died from the West Nile virus, the first reported death in the city. According to the report, on the website of local English-language newspaper the Houston Chronicle, the man, who lives in southwest Houston, died in late July or early August.

Currently, there are six cases of the West Nile virus in Houston and its surrounding areas such as the Harris County. There are 241 cases of the West Nile virus in the United States so far this year, an increase of approximately 10 percent from the same period in 2011. The virus is spread by mosquitoes, and it is known to infect humans, and the main route of human infection is through the bite of an infected mosquito.

Approximately 80 percent of such virus infections in humans are without any symptoms.

MAN ‘ON HOLD WITH QANTAS FOR 15 HOURS’

Melbourne, 4 Aug — An Australian man on Friday claimed he was put on hold by Qantas Airways for so long he managed to read an entire managerial textbook, with the 15-hour phone call ending with him having too fast to fly to the United States.

Andrew Kahn told Fairfax newspapers he phoned Qantas to confirm plans to travel to New York on Sunday, and was placed in a queue with a recorded message saying someone would be with him as soon as possible.

“I wanted to find out what exactly they meant would be as soon as possible,” said Kahn.

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DHF preventive measures taken in Pabedan Township

The DHF preventive measures were supervised by Deputy Commissioner U Kyaw Thu Zaw of District General Administration Department and Township Administrator U Myat Aung Htay.

Later, the deputy commissioner and party attended to the needs of the local people. At the office of the Pabedan Township Health Department, officials disseminated health knowledge to the local people and attended to their needs. —Myanma Alin

New school buildings handed over in Salinyi

SALINYI, 4 Aug.—A ceremony to open new school building was held at Basic Education Primary School in Kangyi Village of Panthoo Village-tract in Salinyi Township of Monywa District in Sagaing Region on 15 July morning.

At the ceremony, Sagaing Region Minister for Development Affairs U Tin Moe Shein in Kaingtawkwin Township in Thandwe Village of Kyeintali Sub-Township in Sagaing Region Minister for Development Affairs U Tin Moe Shein in Kaingtawkwin Township in Thandwe Village of Kyeintali Sub-Township (special yield Palethwe Win) and officials formally opened building.

Headmaster U Soe Myint Aung handed over documents related to the building to Township Education Officer Daw Myint Kyi. The 90 feet long, 30 feet wide and 12 feet height building was constructed at a cost of K 16 million contributed by the State and K 3.5 million by the people. —Myanma Alin

Nurturing of Paltehwe paddy demonstrated in Kyenti Sub-Township

KYENTI, 4 Aug.—A demonstration on cultivation of special yield Paltehwe hybrid paddy was held at the model plot of farmer U Kyaw Moe Shein in Kangtawkwin Village of Kyenti Sub-Township in Thandwe District of Rakhine State on 20 July morning.

At first, Township Administrator U Myo Than Haik made a speech.

Head of Sub-Township Agriculture Department U Moe Zaw Tun explained the cultivation of quality paddy strain through good agriculture pattern.

Later, the demonstration on nurturing of paddy saplings was held on the model plot by sowing the paddy needs. —Myanma Alin

Knowledge about taxation shared to students

1 and No 2 in Bago on 7 July. Similar talks were held at Basic Education High School No 3, No 4 and BEMS No 3 and No 3 in Bago on 14 July.

Four staff officers and three deputy heads of department from Bago Township Internal Revenue Department explained knowledge about taxation to the students.

—Myanma Alin

Cash assistance provided to offspring of veterans in Kyaikto

KYAIKTO, 4 Aug.—A ceremony to provide cash assistance to offspring of war veterans was organized by Kyaikto Township War Veterans Organization at its hall on 16 July.

At the ceremony, Col Tin Htut of local station made a speech. Chairman of Township War Veterans Organization Major Moe Hsun Win (Retd) explained the purpose of providing cash assistance to veterans’ offspring.

Later, officials presented cash assistance to the students. —Myanma Alin

Crime News

Two pirate CDs sellers arrested in Pinmana

PINMANA, 4 Aug.—Action was taken against two persons who sold pirate CDs.

At 4 pm on 23 July, officials of Pinmana Police Station together with officials concerned from Video Discipline Enforcement Committee seized Moe Kyaw Khain, 18, son of U Ohn Myint and Thawda Min, 20, son of U Maung Nye of That Village of Yangon Township together with 176 pirate CDs of foreign dramas, 225 song CDs, two plastic baskets and K 115,000 proceeded from 3rd Street of Aungmingala Ward of Pinmana.

—Myanma Alin

Cash donated to free clinic in Mawgyun

MAWGYUN, 4 Aug.—Wellwishers donated cash to White Heart group of Yangon and Mawlamyinegyan at its clinic on 26 July.

U Thant Zin-Daw Myint Myint Kyi and family of Yangon donated K 100,000, U Aung Zaw Wan-Daw Aye Aye Than K 50,000, Yangon Brokers Association K 340,500 and nine wellwishers of Mawlamyinegyan.

—Myanma Alin

District News

Microfinance development work committee holds workshop in Shwega

SHWEGU, 4 Aug.—To be able to develop rural regions and alleviate poverty in Shwega Township of Kachin State, the workshop on microfinance development work committee was held at the office of Township Microfinance Supervisory Committee on 17 July morning.

At first, Township Administrator U Nyi Nyi made a speech. Manager of Kachin State Microfinance Supervisory Committee U Sein Tint explained matters related to microfinance institution.

Later, the officials replied to queries raised by the attendees. —Myanma Alin

Knowledge about taxation disseminated in Myaing

MYAING, 4 Aug.—A ceremony to clarification on taxation to basic education middle students at the hall of Myoma-1 School (Basic Education High School Branch) in Myaing Township on 21 July morning.

Staff Officer U Sein Win of Township Internal Revenue Department disseminated knowledge about taxation to the students and staff of the Township Internal Revenue Department distributed pamphlets to students.

—Myanma Alin

Taxation knowledge shared to students in Manauung

MANAUNG, 4 Aug.—Manauung Township Internal Revenue Department held the ceremony to clarify matters related to taxation at Aungzeya Hall of Basic Education High School in Manauung Township on 20 July.

At the ceremony, Head of Manauung Township Internal Revenue Department U Khin Maung Zin explained the purpose of levying the tax and four kinds of taxes collected by Internal Revenue Department.

—Myanma Alin
Myanmar must take every step cautiously with...

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In his discussion, the President expressed his pleasure to meet leaders of 4 parties. Despite different parties, every one is realizing a common goal which is a prosperous democratic nation where peace and stability prevail. With democracy in its infancy, the country must take every step cautiously. Some says it is slow and some the other way. Democracy is not a system that could be mouldled. Historical background and customs of its nationals will shape Myanmar’s democracy model.

Perhaps, Myanmar may not be suited with model of western democracy. Every way that could profit the nation and the people will be followed. Stability is a sine qua non for healthy economy. Without stability, the economy will suffer. The government is focusing on these two things.

The cooperation of each and every political party plays a vital role in stabilizing the political condition of the country. Despite different political views, all parties are invited to cooperate in implementing tasks on the common ground in the interests of the country.

The second point is about making peace with national races armed groups, which has long been an unsolved problem. Mutual understanding, sympathy, patience and trust are important to maintain stability as well as to make peace with them. It was disheartening that they were facing such friends or relatives, abandoning houses and property due to fighting.

Foreign investments are required for creation of a large number of job vacancies. The country lacks capital and technology. Only with the foreign investment, job opportunities can be created. Only there is occupation, there will be income. Only there is income, can one make his living, afford schooling of children, and medical treatment, promoting the standards of education and health. Thus, it is crucial to have investors invest in the country.

Myanmar Investment Commission was constituted with seven ministers to avert losses to the country when FDI flows into country, adopting four policies. Foreign Investment Bill has been written to be commensurate with that of foreign countries and submitted to Hlutaw.

Arrangements have been made to systematically use the grants and loans from foreign countries in projects which would benefit the people and would take shape speedily. Plans have been laid down and efforts are being made to build small- and medium-scale industries, heavy industries and hi-tech industries such as IT and telecommunication with the aim of adding the value to the products of the country.

The government has turned just over a year and it is not easy for the new government to fulfill the needs of the country at once. It needs to give advices to the government on ways for sufficient power supply instead of launching protests. The country is in need of not only sufficient power supply but also basic infrastructures such as roads, bridges, school buildings, hospitals, clinics, housings and hotels, clean drinking water, daily easy transportation and earning high income. The government, spending its budget, is working to satisfy the needs to the best of its ability.

The current per capita income is around USD 800 and the country which is rich in natural resources and possesses sound foundations is ranked at the bottom of the list of per capita income in the ASEAN nations, even lower than neighbouring country Bangladesh. If possible, the government wants the per capita income reaches about USD 3000. The five-year plan is aimed at increasing 7.7% GDP within five years. To reach this goal, we should step up the efforts 1.3 times of present efforts. If we want to reach the GDP up to USD 5000, the country must boost efforts three times higher than the present efforts.

It is not easy and impossible for the country to do it at present. But, it is the desire of the government to fulfill the desire of the people. However, the dream would do come true if grants and low-interest loans and investments from foreign countries flow into the country and western countries remove sanctions and the EU accepts imports from Myanmar and allows Myanmar to re-apply the tax exemption system which would benefit the country and the country produces more gas and oil.

The government believes that there is no impossible thing to satisfy the needs of the country if the stability and peace prevail in the country and its people work harder.

The people has a common desire comprising three points. They are political stability, eternal peace with armed ethnic groups and socio-economic development in the country. The desire of the people is the desire of the government and parties. The government is working to fulfill the desire of the people.

The government and the parties are working together to translate our common desire to success and all are to work in union until all reach the common goal, the President said.

If there are those who row back while paddling towards the goal, the travel to the goal would be delayed and it would be difficult to reach the goal.

The President also urged all participants to work in union and in cooperation each other until the country reaches it goal.

The President thanked the participants and the meeting ended at 1:30 pm.

After the meeting, the President and the participants had documentary photos taken.

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Religious Affairs Ministry
holds coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—The first coordination meeting of the Ministry of Religious Affairs for 2012 was held at the hall of the ministry, here, this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung said that heads of Region and State Religious Affairs Departments are to implement the duties assigned by the ministry, and the directors-general, the deputy directors-general and the directors are to supervise the progress of works. He stressed the need for officers to take responsibility for the tasks and for the staff to carry out their assignments with genuine goodwill. Next, the head of the Office read the minutes of the previous meeting. Officials and region and state religious officers submitted their respective sectors. MNA

Mr Quintana concludes visit

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seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials.

Before his departure at 6:30 pm, Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana read a statement on his visit to Myanmar and answered the questions raised by member correspondents of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club in Yangon and editorial staff and reporters of publications at the lounge of Yangon International Airport. MNA

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has completed construction of 19 houses in Wetthali, Khayaymyaing, Shweyinaye, Thayaykon-baung and Mawrawady villages. A total of 33 houses are under construction. UNHCR has donated 400 tents. On arrival, services will be accommodated at the tents to be built in respective villages. Moreover, eight tractors, 312 gallons of diesel and 195 baskets of quality paddy seeds have been distributed for cultivation of paddy on 480 acres of farmlands.

At District Administrative Office in Maungtaw, the Vice-President and party heard reports on the riots that occurred in Maungtaw Township, restoring of peace and stability and undertaking of relief and rehabilitation. The Union ministers and the deputy ministers submitted reports on their respective sectors. The Vice-President attended to the needs.

At Mayyu Hall of 4th-mile Relief Camp in Maungtaw Township, the Vice-President met families and stressed the need to return situation of health, education, trade, transport and security into normalcy and to strive for development of villages and markets. He pointed out that not only the government but also families are to harmoniously participate in the respective tasks. A local reported requirements of drought cattle and farming machinery and construction of the inter-village roads.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Thein Huy, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay and the Chief Minister of the state presented relief items and Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint medicines to officials on behalf of the families.


After visiting Maungtaw in a motorcade, the Vice-President and party left for Maunkay by helicopter. At Maunkay Township People’s Hospital (25-bed), the Vice-President visited the wards and departments of the hospital and comforted the patients. He met with departmental officials at the hall of the hospital. At the donation ceremony, U Kyauk Taung of Nay La Thitsa Construction Co donated K 5 million, U Zaw Moe Khaiing of AA Medical Products Ltd Aquatech water purifier tablet worth K 500,000 and Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint medicines to Head of Township Health Department Dr Khin Maung Thant.

The Vice-President donated flowers, water and oil lights to Shitthaung Stupa (or) Yanaung Zeya Stupa and signed the visitors’ book.

The Vice-President and family donated K 500,000 and collective donation K 137,200 to the pagoda board of trustees who returned Dhamma gift and certificate of honour.

After visiting the Stupa, the Vice-President left for Kyauktaw by helicopter. The Vice-President donated flowers, water, oil lights and gold foils to Maha Muni Buddha Image in Kyauktaw and donated K 500,000 and collective donation K 126,000 to the pagoda board of trustees.

After signing the visitors’ book, the Vice-President left Kyauktaw and arrived back in Sittway.

In the evening, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham heard reports on collection of population in Rakhine State presented by Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Kyaw Kyaw Win. The Union ministers and the Chief Minister gave supplementary reports at the hall of the local station.

The Vice-President cordially greeted townselders.

The townselders expressed their opinions on regional conditions, and Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Huy gave a supplementary report. Later, the Vice-President left necessary instructions.

Micro-credit Cooperative Society holds AGM

MUDDON, 4 Aug—Myat Pyinnya Micro-credit Cooperative Ltd held its annual general meeting for 2011-2012 fiscal year in Maw Shwe on 14 July morning. Meeting Chairman U Min Thaung Han and the Staff Officer of Township Cooperative Department made speeches.

Officials read the executive committee report for 2011-2012 and financial report.

After that, the officials concerned explained procedures for sharing of profits for the members and sought approval from them. —Myanma Alinn
**Ayechan Thaya Bridge commissioned into service in Shwegyin Township**

Region was held at the bridgehead on 21 July morning.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Khin Thein Maung, Village Administrator U Soe Myint and well-wisher U Thein Lwin formally opened the bridge and strolled along it.

The 125-foot-long and six feet-wide bridge was built at a cost of K 3.5 million by U Thein Lwin Dawk Kyi Min and family of Pyamhaung Ward in Shwegyin.—Myanma Alin

**Snatchers from train seized in Indaw Township**

Myint Hnaing, 4 Aug.—At 6.20 pm on 25 June, 56-down (special) Myikyina-Mandalay train arrived at the place between Hsewy Station and Meza Station in Indaw Township, the passengers namely U Zaw Win and family on seats 49 and 50 shouted for help that a young passenger from seat 56 on their opposite side snatched their bag.

Therefore, members of Railway Police Force jumped down from the train and followed the snatcher at the paddy field and then seized him together with the bag, clothes, and K 310,000.

Action was taken against crime broker Aung Myo Kyaw of Kyaw, 25 of Thonepay Village of Madaya Township at Mandalay Railway Police Station. —Myanma Alin

**Talks on laws, rules and legal affairs explained in Shwepyitha Township**

Yangon, 4 Aug.—At the hall of General Administration Department in Shwepyitha Township of Yangon North District in Yangon Region, the Township Administrator U Aung Moe Oo gave talks on legal affairs and ruled at 11 am on 27 July. It was also attended by township level departmental service personnel, ward and village administrators and clerks.

**Hpa-an an Industrial Zone project under implementation**

Hpa-an, 4 Aug.—With the aim of creating job opportunities in Myanmar, the Union government invites local and foreign companies and establishes industrial zones.

At present, Hpa-an Industrial Zone is under construction for enabling the local people to carry out works at their region.

The industrial zone project is being implemented on 969 acres of farmlands.

Four zones of the Hpa-an Industrial Zone are allotted with 59 plots for the zone-1, 191 plots for zone-2, 69 plots for zone-3 and 324 plots for zone-4.

Moreover, a port will be built near Mizan Village of Hpa-an Industrial Zone to be able to transport goods by 4000-ton vessels in monsoon and 2000-ton vessels in summer to Yangon Port, Dawei Deep Sea Port and Kyaukpyu Deep Sea Port.

At present, preparatory tasks are being undertaken for construction of the industrial zone with the facilities of roads, sub-power station, installation of electricity lines and supply of water.

Moreover, more plots will be reclaimed to extend the industrial zone with 1000 acres of land.

The industrial zone is seven miles from Hpa-an, located between Sangphay and Mizan villages on Hpa-an-Hlaingbyoke Road. —Myanma Alin

**Palathwe paddy seeds sown in Mongkhat**

Mongkat, 4 Aug.—With the collective participation of departmental personnel and local farmers, the sowing of Palathwe hybrid paddy seeds was held at 13 acres of farmland of the local station on 13 July.

The ceremony was attended by Lt-Col Moe Zaw Oo of the local station, Township Administrator U Hla Wai, and files of the local station, departmental personnel and local farmers.

At the ceremony, Staff Officer of Township Administration, the head of the survey and alleviation survey and development and poverty alleviation survey teams of the Union government, the head of the industrial zone, the head of the industrial zone project under implementation, ward and village administrators and party attended at Mongkhat Village and viewed progress of tasks by the survey team and discussed regional development tasks.

Moreover, the authorities seized 1195 stimulant tablets worth K 1.2 million, 600 stimulant tablets worth K 1.2 million and 20 grams of ice worth K 400,000 in the bottom of rice cooker from Ko Zaw Tun, 41, son of U Win Myint of Yein North in Wetgyi Village of Hmawby Township in Yangon Region.

Action was taken against the two at Nawngkhio Police Station under narcotic drug and psychotropic substances law.—Myanma Alin

**Cultivation of straw mushroom demonstrated in Tatkon Township**

**Rice, cash donated to monasteries**

Ottw, 4 Aug.—Amerit sharing ceremony for donations of Ottwin Township collected by Mandalay Chantahgyi rice offering association was held at the Pakhan Dhammayon of Zay Monastery in Ottwin on 21 July morning.

Chairman of the Mandalay Chantahgyi Rice Offering Association (Ottwin Township Branch) U Soe Thein supplied on purpose of merit-sharing ceremony to members of the Sangha and donated alms and rice to the Sayadaws. A total of 654 baskets of rice and K 455,215 collected in Ottwin Township were donated to members of the Sangha in six townships of Mandalay.—Myanma Alin

**Two drug traffickers arrested in Nawngkhio**

Hsipaw, 4 Aug.—The authorities receive information that narcotic drugs are hidden in goods by car along Hsipaw-Mandalay Road of Shan State (North). Acting on tip-off, the Lashio Special Anti-Drug Squad searched a passenger van from Thantwin Bus Line that will leave Lashio for Mandalay at mile post 78/5 at the entrance to Nawngkhio at 5.30 pm on 21 July.

The authorities together with witnesses seized 600 stimulant tablets worth K 1.2 million hidden in the cake box of Ma Ei Zaw, 20, daughter of U Zaw Min Thein from Ward 3 of Laukkai.

Moreover, the authorities seized 195 stimulant tablets worth K 2.9 million and 20 grams of ice worth K 400,000 in the bottom of rice cooker from Ko Zaw Tun, 41, son of U Win Myint of Yein North in Wetgyi Village of Hmawby Township in Yangon Region.

Action was taken against the two at Nawngkhio Police Station under narcotic drug and psychotropic substances law.—Myanma Alin

**Knowledge about taxation shared to students**

Kawkareik, 4 Aug.—A clarification on taxation was held at the hall of Chaungtaung Basic Education High School Branch in Kawkareik Township on 16 July afternoon.

At the talk, head of Township Internal Revenue Department U Aung Myo Oo and staff explained matters related to taxation to the teachers and students.

It was attended by Head of Kawkareik Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Khin-Lay, Township Education Officer U Shwe Thein, headmaster and teachers, and students at middle school level.

Later, pamphlets on taxation and publications were distributed to the attendees. —Myanma Alin

**Talks on environmental conservation held in Bogale Township**

Bogale, 4 Aug.—The 2012 monsoon tree growing ceremony was held in conjunction with the talk on environmental conservation at Polaung Ywama of Magu Village-tract in Bogale Township on 20 July.

At the ceremony, the Township Administrator and staff, the staff officer of Township Forest Department and staff, members of Township Environmental Conservation Committee, departmental personnel, village administrators and local people planted over 3000 saplings.

At the talk, the Township Administrator, the staff officer of Township Forest Department and members of the environmental conservation committee disseminated knowledge about growing and nurturing of saplings as part of efforts to conserve environment. —Myanma Alin

**Crime News**

Nay Pyi Taw, 4 Aug.—On their third trip, the rural development and poverty alleviation survey and implementation teams undertook their tasks in Kantha, Gaukin, Chaing and Tagundaing villages of Tatkon Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

Members of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Myint Shwe and party arrived at Tagundaing Village and viewed progress of tasks by the survey team and discussed regional development tasks.

Later, they viewed cultivation of straw mushrooms on the demonstration. —Myanma Alin
Typhoon-triggered flooding disrupts railway services in NE China

SHEYANG, 4 Aug — Flooding triggered by torrential rain brought by Typhoon Damrey, the 10th typhoon of the year, cut the services of two railways in northeast China’s Liaoning province early Saturday morning, local authorities said.

The services of a major local railway that links Liaoning’s capital city Shenyang with the port city of Dalian was suspended after a section was submerged under water at about 2 am, the Shenyang railway bureau said in a statement. The disruption has led to the delay of several trains, it added. Flooding also caused the collapse of the railway bed in a section of the Shenyang-Shanhaiguan line.

More heavy rains are forecast to batter Liaoning later Saturday, according to the provincial meteorological centre. The southeastern part of Liaoning received 100 to 220 millimetres of rainfall on Saturday, with a locality in the city of Anshan receiving 240 millimetres.

One person was killed and another five missing on Friday night in Dalian when they fell into the river near the bridge they were purportedly crossing to escape the floods; the local government said flooding also has forced the evacuation of 88,773 people in the province.

A group of women participate in a rally to promote the idea of breastfeeding during the global week of breastfeeding in Guatemala City, Guatemala, on 2 Aug, 2012. — Xinhua

S&P cuts ratings of 15 Italian banks

NEW YORK, 4 Aug — Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services on Friday cut the ratings for 15 Italian banks, citing a potentially mounting problem assets and reduced coverage of loan loss reserves of Dalian was suspended.

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While the report gave talking points to Republicans and Democrats for the upcoming general election, investors on Wall Street shrugged off the rise in the jobless rate to a five-month high and boosted stocks to their highest level since early May. The unemployment rate rose from 8.2 percent in June, even as more people gave up the search for work and a survey of households showed a drop in employment. The Federal Reserve on Wednesday sent a stronger signal that a new round of major support could be on the way if the recovery does not pick up. The labor market has slowed after hefty gains in the winter, spelling trouble for Mitt Romney in November.

A recent Reuters/Ipsos poll showed 36 percent of voters believe Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney has a better plan for the economy, compared with 31 percent who have faith in Obama’s policies. Both Obama and Romney used the jobs report to plead their cases to America’s middle-class voters.

Japanese minister tries out Osprey plane at Pentagon

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug — Japan’s defence minister flew from the Pentagon groundsoff on Friday in a revolutionary hybrid aircraft at the heart of a controversy that threatens to strain strong defence ties between the United States and its Asian ally.

The minister, Satoshi Morimoto, donned a white flight helmet and goggles before taking the jump-seat, between the pilots, on the flat-ramp Marine Corps MV-22 Osprey transport plane.

The Pentagon is seeking to deploy the tilt-rotor aircraft — which takes off like a helicopter but flies like a plane — as early as next month to the southern Japanese island of Okinawa despite strong public opposition, largely on safety grounds. An initial shipment of 12 of the aircraft have arrived on Friday night in Okinawa.

The United States has agreed to refrain from flying the Osprey in Japan “in the short term,” Defence Secretary Leon Panetta told a news conference with Morimoto at his side. Panetta’s trip, to Marine Corps Base Quantico in northern Virginia and back, would let the Japanese defence chief experience first-hand the Osprey’s “impressive capabilities,” Panetta said. The aircraft with the minister aboard headed low from the Pentagon over the Potomac River, crossing not far from the cherry tree plantings that originated in 1912 as a gift from the people of the United States to the people of Japan.

At Quantico, Morimoto watched a second landing by an MV-22 Osprey aircraft for a test flight with the Japanese delegation at the Pentagon landing field in Washington on 3 Aug, 2012. — Reuters

US stocks rally to three-month high

New York, 4 Aug — US stocks rose to a three-month high on Friday, as investors cheered a positive jobs report. The US Labour Department reported that the US economy added 163,000 jobs in July, beating previous estimates of 100,000. The unemployment rate, however, rose to 8.3 percent from 8.2 percent. The upbeat job report eased investor concerns about the US economy and helped boost stocks to their highest level since early May. The Dow Jones industrial average rallied 217.29 points, or 1.69 percent, to 13,066.17. The Standard & Poor’s 500 surged 25.99 points, or 1.90 percent, to 1,399.90. The Nasdaq Composite index soared 58.13 points, or 2.00 percent, to 2967.90.

As for shares, financials, energy and technology stocks led the market. The CBOE Volatility Index, widely known as the best gauge of fear in the market, ended below 16. As for next week’s market issues, investors were expecting the Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke’s speeches on next Monday and Tuesday. On next week’s economic front, investors will stay focused on jobs claims next Thursday and import and export prices, which will be released on next Friday. As for retail sales on Sunday, core consumer prices soared on Friday also because of the positive jobs report.

Light, sweet crude for September delivery jumped 4.27 dollars, or 4.90percent, to settle at 91.40 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. For this week, the WTI rose 1.27 dollars, or 1.41 percent. In London, Brent crude for September delivery surged 3.04 dollars, or 2.87 percent, to close at 108.94 dollars a barrel. It rose 2.47 dollars, or 2.32 percent for the week. US dollar fell against most major currencies in late New York trading on Friday as the jobs report helped ease concerns over the US economy. — Xinhua

Japanese minister tries out Osprey plane at Pentagon

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug — Japan’s defence minister flew from the Pentagon ground son Friday in a revolutionary hybrid aircraft at the heart of a controversy that threatens to strain strong defence ties between the United States and its Asian ally.

The minister, Satoshi Morimoto, donned a white flight helmet and goggles before taking the jump-seat, between the pilots, on the flat-ramp Marine Corps MV-22 Osprey transport plane.

The Pentagon is seeking to deploy the tilt-rotor aircraft — which takes off like a helicopter but flies like a plane — as early as next month to the southern Japanese island of Okinawa despite strong public opposition, largely on safety grounds. An initial shipment of 12 of the aircraft have arrived on Friday night in Okinawa.

The United States has agreed to refrain from flying the Osprey in Japan “in the short term,” Defence Secretary Leon Panetta told a news conference with Morimoto at his side. Panetta’s trip, to Marine Corps Base Quantico in northern Virginia and back, would let the Japanese defence chief experience first-hand the Osprey’s “impressive capabilities,” Panetta said. The aircraft with the minister aboard headed low from the Pentagon over the Potomac River, crossing not far from the cherry tree plantings that originated in 1912 as a gift from the people of the United States to the people of Japan.

At Quantico, Morimoto watched a second landing by an MV-22 Osprey aircraft for a test flight with the Japanese delegation at the Pentagon landing field in Washington on 3 Aug, 2012. — Reuters

Hiring picks up but not enough to sideline Fed

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug — Employers hired the most workers in five months in July, but an increase in the jobless rate to 8.3 percent kept prospects of further monetary stimulus from the Federal Reserve on the table. Nonfarm payrolls rose 163,000 last month, the Labour Department said on Friday, breaking three straight months of job gains below 100,000 and offering hope for the ailing economy. “It’s a relief we did not post another number like 75,000, but the reality is it’s not next week and day. It’s not as though it brings us all the way back,” he said.

London tourism rates ‘plunge’ during Olympics

LONDON, 4 Aug — The London 2012 Olympics appears to be deterring tourists from the capital’s centre after warnings of travel chaos and overpriced hotel rooms, according to key industry figures. Many businesses complain they are being sidelined as tourists head for the Olympic Games to avoid the capital’s other attractions and shopping destinations, while non-sports fans opt to stay at home or delay their trips. In the run-up to the Games, tourists and travelers alike were warned to avoid central London, with millions of athletes, support staff, media and spectators descending on the capital for the greatest show on earth.

“London has long been heralded as a key boost to the recession-hit British economy. But tourist numbers have fallen ‘dramatically’ since the Games began, according to Tower Operators Association,” London has approximately 300,000 foreign and 800,000 domestic visitors every day in August. These people have been told implicitly that they should stay away and they have ‘done so,’ said ETOA chief executive Tim Jenkins. He argued that many were simply following official travel advice from Transport for London.

Glazers may make a killing on Man Utd investment

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Jail for Hong Kongers after huge Australia cocaine bust

SYDNEY, 4 Aug — Two men from Hong Kong were on Friday handed lengthy jail terms in Australia after importing Aus$173 million (US$181 million) of cocaine hidden in lawnmowers. Lau Pak Kwan, 34, was jailed for 20 years while Yim Yiu Chi, 36, was sentenced to 19 years for their part in one of the largest cocaine seizures ever made by Australian police. A third man from Sydney, Samuel Hotin Yung, 21, was jailed for 11 years. All three pleaded guilty to importing a commercial quantity of a border-controlled drug. Their sentencing came just days after Australian police seized half a billion dollars worth of crystal methamphetamine and heroin after smashing another international drugs syndicate, also allegedly run by Hong Kong men. “While all of you were acting on the part of others superior to you in your organisations, your participation was active and essential to those organizations,” Justice Ferry

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GLASGOW GLAMOROUS \n
The city of Glasgow is celebrated for its cultural and historical significance. The Glasgow Art Gallery and Museum, established in 1801, is one of the oldest art museums in the world. It houses a collection of Scottish paintings, prints, and decorative art. The museum is located on Queen Street near the Merchant City and is a popular destination for tourists. The exterior of the building is grand and imposing, reflecting the city’s rich history and artistic heritage. Inside, visitors can explore the galleries, which are filled with a diverse range of artworks from different periods and styles. The museum is open from Tuesday to Sunday, and admission is free. The Gallery also offers guided tours and workshops for visitors of all ages, providing opportunities to deepen one’s understanding of the art on display. Glasgow is a vibrant city with much to offer visitors, and the Glasgow Art Gallery and Museum is a must-see attraction for anyone interested in art and history. Internet
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**DENMARK INTERNATIONAL COMMITS TO OLD TRAFFORD UNTIL END OF 2015/16 SEASON**

LONDON, 4 Aug — Manchester United goalkeeper Anders Lindegaard has signed a new four-year deal at Old Trafford. The contract will keep the Denmark international at United until the end of the 2015-16 season. The 28, signed for United in January 2011, had made eight Barclays Premier League appearances. He took over from David De Gea as first choice in January 2012 before suffering a knee injury in training. Lindegaard told United’s website: “I’m glad and proud that the manager has shown the confidence he has in me by giving me a new deal. “There is nowhere in the world I would rather be than right here. The competition for places is tough, as it should be in a club like this. “It only makes us better as individuals, and as a team, it’s what I have dreamt for all my life and nothing makes me more proud than wearing the Manchester United badge.” Ferguson said Lindegaard had improved enormously as a keeper since joining the club. “He is an important member of the squad—the healthy competition in the goalkeeping department, which is always good, is an important, important, important, important, important and, importantly, stronger as a team.” — Internation

Boxing: US handed lifeline as Spence defeat overturned

LONDON, 4 Aug — Boxing officials decided to overturn Errol Spence’s defeat on Friday, handing the United States a lifeline after the original result seemed to cap the worst-ever Olympic showing by their men’s team. Spence originally lost his second-round welterweight bout to world amateur bronze medalist Kristian Vikas of India 13-11, meaning all nine American fighters had been eliminated. However, the International Boxing Association (AIBA) said in a statement that after reviewing video footage its competition jury found Spence should have been awarded six points. The jury’s decision has overturned Errol Spence's bronze medal win in the men's welterweight 69kg division at the 2012 London Olympics on 3 August. — Reuters

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Federer labours past Del Potro to reach men’s singles tennis final in Olympics


India’s Krishan Vikas (R) fights against Errol Spence of the US in their Men’s Welter (69kg) Round of 16 boxing match during the London 2012 Olympic Games on 3 Aug, 2012. — Reuters

Gymnastics: There’s no stopping Gabby, says Comaneci

LONDON, 4 Aug — President Barack Obama wants an audience with her, Oprah Winfrey is “flowing happy tears” for her and spokyski her surname is an anagram of “USA gold”—no wonder Americans cannot get enough of Gabby Douglas. Games sweetheart Douglas tumbled her way into the hearts of her compatriots after joining Mary Lou Retton, Carly Patterson and Nastia Liukin as the only American women to win the coveted Olympic all-around gymnastics crown.

Unlike her predecessors, Douglas is the first from her country to land a team gold to go with individual success — she just rocked,” Comaneci said. “I thought it was key to get off to a nice start and see some puts go in. Made a good birdie putt at 2, and saw some birdies go in on the front nine, good putt at 9, and off to the races.” He was at 1-under 129, two shots clear of Cabrera-Bello, who had a 65. Louis Oosthuizen used his putter from just off of the ninth green to finish with a birdie and a 65, leaving him three shots behind going into the weekend of this World Golf Championship. Jason Dufner had a 66 in the afternoon and was four

Anders Lindegaard replaced David De Gea in goal for Man Utd in January. — Internet

Dawning gives Liverpool Europa League edge

LIVERPOOL, 4 Aug — Stewart Downing’s second-half strike got Brendan Rodgers’ tenure off to a winning start as Liverpool edged a 1-0 victory against FC Gomel in the UEFA Europa League third qualifying round. Dawning struck in the 67th minute of the encounter midway through their domestic season. The closest the hosts came to scoring was when Sergey Kozeka rattled a shot against the post with the post wide and the goalkeeper Brad Jones beaten, but Gomel were punished for their wastefulness after the break when Dawning cut inside from the right and fired into the left-hand corner of the net from 25 yards out. Should Liverpool, who qualified for this season’s UEFA Europa League by winning the Carling Cup, overcome the Belarusian side on aggregate they will advance to the play-off stage, which they will need to negotiate to reach the group stage. — Internet

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A combination of pictures shows this year’s eight fastest men on the track in the competition for the men’s 100m final of the London 2012 Olympic Games to be celebrated next 5 August, 2012. From top row L to R: Jamaica’s Usain Bolt, Asafa Powell and Yohan Blake. Middle row L to R: Justin Gatlin and Tyson Gay of the US Bottom row from L to R: Trinidad and Tobago’s Keston Bledman, American Carmelita Jeter installed herself as the first female player to dunk in an Olympic match as FIBA couldn’t keep Croatia’s chances to advance open. The 20-year-old Aussie maybe the second-three pointers broke hosts Britain’s dream of taking their first ever Olympic basketball victory here on Friday in the women’s event in London, Damecure, who finished with 14 points, made a shot from beyond the arc with 5.6 seconds remaining in overtime to give France an 80-77 victory. Sandrine Gruda and Edwige Lawson-Wade added 16 points apiece for France, which improved to an unbeaten 4-0 record in Group B and will play Russia on Sunday.

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

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NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, accompanied by Union ministers and deputy ministers, left here by air yesterday morning and arrived at Sittway Airport at 8 am.

The Vice-President and party were welcomed by Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin and departmental officials.

At the airport lounge, the State Chief Minister reported on loss and damages in the riots of Rakhine State, relief, supplies and rehabilitation tasks, undertakings for restoring peace and stability of the state, constitution of the Peace and Stability, Relief and Rehabilitation Supervisory Committee, opening of relief camps, arrival of victims at the relief camps due to the riots and back into normalcy. The government will provide assistance for the victims as much as possible, and he urged families to strive for keeping the state as usual.

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