State alone cannot cope with challenges for socio-economic development of citizens, but it calls for participation of the people.
Chief Minister of Sagaing Region releases fingerlings into Chindwin River

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 Aug—Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye and wife Daw Wai Wai Khang on 1 August attended the ceremony to release fingerlings into Chindwin River at Kyaukhaung Jetty in Monywa.

Head of Region Fisheries Department U Sai Kyaw Myint reported on releasing of fingerlings.

Next, the Chief Minister and wife, region ministers and officials released fingerlings into the river.

They totally released about 205,000 fingerlings into Chindwin River.

Kachin government meets local people in Myitkyina

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 Aug—Kachin State government met with the local people in Myitkyina at the Town Hall yesterday.

During the meeting, U La John Ngan Hsai, Chief Minister of Kachin State, clarified the work carried out by the state government since it took office, comprising efforts for building the good governance and clean government, flourishing democratic practices, the rule of law and community peace, balancing between socio economic development and environmental conservation, efforts in the state level and the Union level for making peace with KIA/KIO as from June 9, 2011, tasks for elimination of narcotic drug in Kachin State, aids for the livelihood of the internally displaced people, preparedness for natural disasters, measures taken for sufficient power supply, development, communication, agriculture, education, health, sports and rural area development and poverty reduction in Kachin State and cooperation between Kachin State government and UN agencies.

Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai, Speaker of Kachin State Hluttaw U Rawan Jone, Kachin State Social Affairs Minister Daw Bauk Jr, Secretary of Kachin State Government U Min Chit Oo and departmental officials replied questions raised by personnel from political parties, from national races literature and cultural organizations, from Kachin State Journalists Association, from religious organizations and town elders.

Afterwards, the Chief Minister called for cooperation of the people to bring peace to the state so that the government can carry out development tasks in all villages in the state while the state government is making all out efforts to make peace with KIA/KIO.

Coord meeting of District/Township/Sub-township GADs in Shan State (South) held

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 Aug—A work coordination meeting of District/Township/Sub-township General Administrative Departments in Shan State (South) took place at the meeting hall of the state government’s office on 1 August morning, with an opening speech by Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat.

At the meeting, state ministers for security and border affairs, for finance and revenue, for agriculture and breeding, for forest and mines and for transport presented reports on their respective sectors, and chief justice of the state advocate-general of the state and auditor-general of the state gave supplementary reports.

The Chief Minister was reported by State Commissioner U Ye Naing Aung on now-doing tasks of the general administrative departments in the state. And Taunggyi, Loilem and Langkho District Deputy Commissioners presented reports on their undertakings to the Chief Minister. Regional development tasks were pointed out by Deputy Director of Pa-O Self Administered Zone and Deputy Director of Danu Self Administered Zone.

Thiri Yadana Myoma market cooperative society meets

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 Aug—The cooperative society of Thiri Yadana Myoma market in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township held annual general meeting at the hall of the market yesterday.

Chairman of the cooperative society U Kyaw Win, the director of Cooperative Department, staff officers of Township Cooperative Department and Township Development Affairs Committee, and the chairman of the market committee delivered addresses at the meeting.

The managing director of the society read out the annual report and auditor U Myint Soe, 2011-2012 financial statement. Approval was sought from members.

They presented outstanding offsprin of the members who passed 2011-2012 academic year matriculation examination.
**Iran tests short-range missile with new guidance system**

Iranian Defence Minister General Ahmad Vahidi (R) walks in parliament in Teheran on 1 Nov, 2011. **Reuters**

**Iraq sees wave of attacks on security forces**

Baghdad, 5 Aug — A wave of brazen attacks killed dozens of Iraqi soldiers, police and anti-Qaeda militiamen in recent days, but security forces say it pales in comparison with the worst years of violence in the country. At least 50 security forces personnel have been killed and 39 wounded in at least 19 separate shootings and bombings since 1 July, and some security sources in Baghdad remain strikingly exposed to attack. Most of the violence targeted police or army patrols and checkpoints, though some attacks were against more heavily guarded facilities. Gunmen attempted to use bombs to breach a prison gate in Taji, north of Baghdad, on 1 August, and employed similar tactics on the anti-terrorism direction center, the capital the day before, which the interior ministry said was an attempt to free inmates. While security forces were killed, the attackers apparently failed to free any of the detainees. Though there has been a heavy toll from the attacks, members of the security forces in Baghdad said they have been through worse.

Death tolls for some months in 2006, 2007 and 2008 reached more than 1,000 people killed, according to official figures, which by comparison put the July 2012 toll of 325 lower. “There is not any fear, because we lived through the hardest days in 2004 and 2005 which was when we had the most violence, and attacks were 80 percent more than what is happening now,” said a 28-year-old who has been in the federal police for seven years. “The security situation now is much better than in past years, when we were never able to go out wearing military uniforms,” said the policeman, who spoke on condition of anonymity and was dressed in shorts but no shirt despite being at a guard post in central Baghdad. “The security situation now is much better compared to 2007 or before,” a 33-year-old federal policeman at a nearby store said, also asking that he not be identified by name. “The terrorists are causing gaps in the security forces,” said the policeman, who joined the force eight years ago, adding “we do not have any fear or concern, and we are stronger than them.” **Internet**

**Xinhua holds exhibition to mark Sino-Thai ties, Queen’s birthday**

BANGKOK, 5 Aug — “Xinhua Gallery: Mother of the Land,” a photo exhibition recording the Her Majesty Queen Sirikit of Thailand’s 72 years was officially launched here on Saturday, marking the occasion of the queen’s upcoming 80th birthday and the enduring Sino-Thai friendship. On display is a special collection of nearly 100 photographs of the queen and her daughter, Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, during their royal visit to China marking the queen’s birthday in 1981 and 2001. The photos recorded the royal visits to major Chinese cities including Beijing, Xi’an, Shanghai, Suzhou, Guilin and provinces as Henan Province where they were warmly welcomed by Chinese leaders and people. The royal visit also witnessed China’s great success in economic and social development. Among the exhibits are photo of HM the Queen and HRH Princess Sirindhorn at the summer Palace in Beijing, HM the Queen playing piano at a grand banquet in Beijing, welcomed by former Chinese President Jiang Zemin. HRH Princess Sirindhorn presided over the opening ceremony of the exhibition at the 1st floor of the 2nd floor of the Siam Paragon Shopping Centre. The event, co-hosted by Xinhua News Agency Bangkok Bureau and the shopping centre, also celebrates 37 years of diplomatic relations between China and Thailand. Nearly 500 guests, including Charge d’Affaires of the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China to Thailand Zhang Yiming and Siam Paragon board members attended the ceremony. “HM Queen Sirikit’s royal visit to China 12 years ago deepened the friendship and cooperation between China and Thailand and promoted their cultural exchanges,” said Zang in his opening speech. “We hope that all the guests here could review this memorable event in the history of Sino-Thai relations and encourage the two peoples, especially our young generation to carry on the cause of promoting Sino-Thai friendship,” he added. **Xinhua**

**Dollar gains as central banks stay put**

**New York, 5 Aug —** The US dollar rose against major currencies in late New York trading this week, while central banks’ decisions to keep monetary policy unchanged disappointed investors who had expected them to do more. The Federal Reserve on Wednesday said it would continue its quantitative easing policies. The central bank also acknowledged that the US economy was losing momentum and pledged to take further steps to stimulate the economy if the weaknesses in job market continued. Following the Fed’s statement, the European Central Bank (ECB) on Thursday decided to leave the key interest rate unchanged at 0.75 percent after its monetary policy meeting on Tuesday. ECB President Mario Draghi said the central bank would help to support the struggling European countries’ bonds market, only if the governments asked for help from the European Financial Stability Facility. **Internet**
Beidou navigation system test network set for 2015

BEIJING, 5 Aug — China will build a testing and certification network for its Beidou satellite navigation system over the next three years to sharpen the system’s global competitiveness, according to a Friday statement from the Certification and Accreditation Administration. An authoritative testing and certification system with uniform standards and legal support will secure the Beidou system’s safe operation and accelerate its industrialization, said the statement.

By 2015, a national testing centre will be set up in Beijing, while another seven local sub-centres will be established across the nation, it said. The centres will test the safety and accuracy of products designed for use with the system and qualify them for civilian use.

China began to construct the Beidou satellite system in 2000 with a goal of breaking its dependence on the US Global Positioning System by 2020. Authorities plan to launch a total of 30 satellites to complete the system, with the 12th and 13th satellites being launched at the end of April. The system is scheduled to provide comprehensive services, including navigation, positioning, mapping and time services, to clients in the Asia-Pacific region at the end of this year. The Beidou system has been used by 120,000 civilian and military users to date, according to the statement.— Xinhua

Scientists kick off research on China’s largest freshwater lake

NANCHANG, 5 Aug — Chinese scientists started on Friday a research programme on the country’s largest freshwater lake to bolster economic development in the region. The programme, the second in three decades, will bring scientists together to conduct research on the ecological, environmental and hydrological systems of Poyang Lake in east China’s Jiangxi Province, said Hu Zhenpeng, director of the programme.

The three-year programme at a cost of 10 million yuan (1.59 million US dollars) will also look into the social economy of the lake region, Hu said. “We hope to establish a comprehensive, systematic and authoritative database, which is also long-term-based and dynamic, to solve the natural and social problems facing Poyang Lake, and to realize sustainable development in the region,” Hu added. The database will provide scientific and technical support for the establishment of the Poyang Lake ecological and economic zone, Hu added.

Poyang Lake is a key water supply source for about 1 million people and a natural habitat for numerous migratory birds and aquatic species. Over the past years, the lakeshore has been reduced, and the building of dams at the upstream of the Yangtze have caused the size of Poyang Lake to shrink from 4,000 sq kms at its peak to about 200 sq kms in January this year.

Environmentalists estimate that about 70 percent of Poyang’s fishery resources have vanished over the last three decades. China conducted its first scientific research on Poyang Lake from 1983 to 1988.— Xinhua

HP Touchpad still marginally useful with Android 4.1 Jelly Bean port

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug — Don’t toss the HP (HPQ) Touchpad into the ashcan of history just yet...SlashGear reports that it’s one of the few tablets out there so far that can deliver a barely functional version of Android 4.1 Jelly Bean. The Touchpad’s Jelly Bean port comes courtesy of the CyanogenMod 10 that has already been tested and successfully running on several smartphones, including the Samsung Galaxy Note, the Samsung Galaxy S III and the HTC One X. But the Touchpad port marks the first time the mod has been used to port Jelly Bean into a device that doesn’t natively run Android, and SlashGear reports that it has unsurprisingly wrecked some of the Touchpad’s key features such as audio, graphics acceleration, the front-facing camera and the microphone. Top-priority users should port Jelly Bean over to their Touchpads at their own risk.— Internet

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Many big names in tech have set up research centres in and around Tel Aviv. Intraoer

Japanese social gaming network Gree is adding a games development studio to its other UK operations.— Internet

LONDON, 5 Aug — The UK tech start-up scene has been boosted by a flurry of deals in London, Belfast, Milton Keynes and Sheffield. The announcements include investments by Vodafone and Barclays designed to support start-ups; and the opening of a video games studio by one of Japan’s richest businessmen. The news was timed to coincide with the Olympics to maximise publicity. It follows recent announcements from Google, Facebook, Amazon, Intel and Skype about new projects in London.

Tech City—a hub of digital and creative businesses located in East London—accounts for the bulk of the latest news, including:

* Vodafone technology lab—a research and development centre that aims to identify promising start-ups, provide them with office space and bring in its own experts to co-develop, trial and market their products in return for a stake in the businesses.
* Gree studio—the Tokyo-based app maker will develop titles for its social gaming platform out of the city. The firm’s chief executive is a self-made billionaire and is rated Japan’s fifth richest man by Forbes magazine.
* Morning Boost — a new “accelerator” offering start-ups mentorship, a small amount of money and an introduction to potential investors in return for a minor stake in their business. It is backed by a group of Italians and should create about 50 jobs.
* Central Working club—a centre offering meeting rooms, storage, advice and networking opportunities in return for a monthly fee. It will be the firm’s third UK club and has been backed by Barclays bank.

Elsewhere, SophiaSearch—a University of Lutester spin-out which provides software tools to help firms catalogue and analyse their data—has secured $3.7m (£2.4m) of investment allowing it to hire new staff in both the UK and US. Airwatch—a US company that helps companies manage what apps and content are installed on their employees’ smartphones and tablets—has announced plans to hire 75 new staff, doubling the size of its European headquarters in Milton Keynes.

And Tribal—a British software service provider to the training industry—is creating 40 new posts in Sheffield after winning more than £32m worth of contracts from Australia and New Zealand. Further details will be announced at a London event organized by the government’s UK Trade and Investment department to take advantage of the fact the Olympics have attracted many foreign officials and business leaders to the UK. The government is determined to make Britain the technology centre of Europe, with London’s Tech City at its heart,” said Chancellor George Osborne ahead of the event. London’s tech ambitions face competition from elsewhere in Europe. Berlin, Tallinn, Barcelona and Paris are among other cities with rising start-up scenes, while slightly further afield Israel’s “Silicon Wadi” — based in and around Tel Aviv—has also benefited from its links to the Israeli military.— Internet
BA and Iberia parent group reports losses

LONDON, 5 Aug — The parent group of British Airways and Iberia has reported a 390m euro ($476m; £306m) loss for the six months to the end of June and warned it: “will not be able to avoid job losses”. That compares with a 39m euro loss in the same period last year. Passenger numbers rose and IAG made more money for each passenger. But that increased revenue was not enough by the 25% rise in fuel costs and charges from the process of restructuring its business. Despite those higher fuel charges, UK airline British Airways turned a small operating profit of 1m euros at the start of the year. The group’s main problem continues to be how to avoid job losses as part of this process,” he added. As well as the cost of future redundancy payouts IAG faces particular problems due to the worsening economic conditions in its home market of Spain. Originally, IAG had forecast it would break even this year. “However, in the light of the Spanish macro headwind, we now expect a small operating loss in 2012,” said Mr Walsh. IAG shares ended on Friday 5.2% lower at 151p.— Internet

Weapons maker Lockheed builds submarine for oil rigs

Palm Beach, 5 Aug — Lockheed Martin Corp (LMT) is already the Pentagon’s biggest supplier and the largest information technology provider for the US federal government, but now it is turning its sights on the Gulf of Mexico. In a glas-walled conference room overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway and several of the manifold and economic problems of offshore platforms owned by Chevron (CVX), generating detailed three-dimensional data that have captured a great deal of interest in the industry. A Lockheed crew is back in the area off Louisiana this week, where Marlin is surveying a number of oil platforms owned by a big oil firm, generating the first commercial revenues for this small arm of Lockheed. Lockheed did not name the oil firm. The project, first initiated in mid-2009, reflects how weapons makers like Lockheed to find revenues in adjacent markets as they brace for weaker defense spending in the United States and Europe after a decade of strong growth. Rich Holmburg, vice president of Lockheed’s mission and unmanned systems unit in Florida, sees bright prospects for the Marlin vehicle, given the huge and growing number of offshore oil and gas platforms in the Gulf and elsewhere; growing calls for increased investment in offshore wind energy. “We’re kind of bulls,” Holmburg told Reuters in a glass-walled conference room overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway and several of the company’s smaller research and support ships. Holmburg, who previously headed Lockheed’s naval helicopter programs, declined to estimate the future possible sales or the per unit price, but said Lockheed believed it was the only company with the full set of capabilities offered by the Marlin vehicle at the moment. The mission and unmanned systems unit has historically been more of a research house, like Lockheed’s famous Skunk Works aeronautics development effort, which has earned it the nickname “Skunk Works,” but it is ramping up for a higher profile. — Reuters

Caffeine may serve as treatment option for Parkinson’s: study

VANCOUVER, 5 Aug — A new study has found that caffeine may help control movement in people suffering from Parkinson’s disease, opening the door to new treatment options for the disease, local media reported on Thursday. The study, conducted at the Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre, was recently published in Neurology, the official journal of the American Academy of Neurology. The researchers followed a group of 61 people with Parkinson’s. While the control group received a placebo pill, the other group received a dose of caffeine that was the equivalent of between two and four cups of coffee per day for six weeks. People who received caffeine supplements experienced an improvement in their motor symptoms over those who received the placebo, which was due to improvement in speed of movement and a reduction in stiffness, according to author of the study Dr Ronald Postuma. Although larger, scale studies need to be carried out over a longer period to clarify these caffeine-related improvements, Dr Postuma said that caffeine should be explored as a treatment option for Parkinson’s disease. — Xinhua

Health Tip: Protect your child in extreme heat

Extreme heat can make people sick, especially children. That’s why parents should be prepared to get overheated kids out of the hot sun and into an air-conditioned building.

The American Academy of Pediatrics offers this advice:
- If your home isn’t air conditioned, visit a public building such as a library.
- Encourage your child to drink plenty of fluids all day long. Offer a drink before your child asks for one.
- Allow more naps and rest time than usual, as heat can make children feel tired.
- Have your child take a cool bath.
- Don’t ever leave your child inside a hot car.

Nissan unveils sleeker Pathfinder SUV

FARMINGTON HILLS, 5 Aug — Nissan Motor Corp unveiled a new 2013 model of its Pathfinder on Friday that it hopes will improve on its current version’s lagging performance among large sports utility vehicles in the US market. The new Pathfinder will be 300-500 pounds lighter than the 2012 versions, depending on which options consumers take, said Carla Falbo, a vice president of research and development for Nissan Americas. The Pathfinder was unveiled at Nissan’s North American technical center in suburban Detroit on Friday and in New York on Thursday night. Its base model will be priced just over $28,000 when it goes on sale in the United States this fall.

The current generation of Pathfinder vehicles began their run in 2005, making it the oldest model among the five mass market full-size SUVs with three-row seating that Nissan sees as competitors. The Ford Motor Co Explorer is the US sales leader for large SUVs. It outsells Pathfinder by 3-1. The new Pathfinder will also move to a unibody chassis, the last among full-size SUVs to shift from a body-on-frame chassis. When SUVs were introduced about two decades ago in the US market, they were built on truck chassis. Since then, most mass market SUVs have switched to the unibody construction, which allows for better aerodynamics and lighter weight.

The Pathfinder is the second of five new vehicles that the Japanese automaker Nissan is introducing in a 15-month period, covering the heart of its North American lineup. The first was its mid-size sedan Altima, which just completed its first full model of sales. “We are going to take our portfolio from one of the older in the industry to one of the most fresh in the industry,” said Tom Smith, Nissan North America marketing chief for SUVs and trucks. — Reuters

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WASHINGTON, 5 Aug — The US economy added an extra 163,000 jobs in July, according to official figures, beating analysts’ forecasts. However, the unemployment rate rose from 2.8% to 3.8% last month, as more people re-entered the workforce but failed to find a job. The US Department of Labour also said 6,000 fewer jobs were created in May and June than first estimated. The US economy has to generate 100,000 new jobs a month just to stand still, according to the Federal Reserve. The total number of unemployed people was 12.8 million last month, unchanged from June. Private sector firms hired 238,000 new workers, which more than offset the 9,000 fall in government payrolls. The US economy added an extra 163,000 jobs in July, according to official figures, beating analysts’ forecasts. However, the unemployment rate rose from 2.8% to 3.8% last month, as more people re-entered the workforce but failed to find a job. The US Department of Labour also said 6,000 fewer jobs were created in May and June than first estimated. The US economy has to generate 100,000 new jobs a month just to stand still, according to the Federal Reserve. — Internet

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Spain unveils new savings plan in struggle to meet EU standard

MADRID, 5 Aug — As its latest move to rebalance strained public finances and a step toward meeting European Union’s (EU) limit on deficit-to-GDP ratio, the Spanish government Friday announced a new belt-tightening plan that could save the country 102 billion euros by 2014.

The new package includes 65 billion euros of tax hikes and spending cuts contained in a July austerity package, with 35 billion euros to come from a hike in sales taxes while the public sector, health and education will all be affected.

Along with the release of the savings plan, the country,

The new plan includes measures to reduce the public deficit to 6.5 percent of its GDP this year from 8.9 percent in 2011, when the country had missed its 6.0 percent target, and it should meet the EU deficit standard in 2014, a year later than previously requested. Speaking at a Friday press conference after a cabinet meeting, Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy said the measures to cut spending and increase national revenue are “neither nice nor popular,” but something necessary to meet the EU target.

We do not promise miracles. It is a huge task but not an impossible task,” he said. The spending cuts will not likely affect pensioners as Rajoy confirmed that the government intends not to lower pensions next year based on current data.

As for an unemployment benefit program due to expire later this month, the prime minister said the government had not yet decided whether to extend the monthly payments of around 400 euros to those without a job for a long time. According to figures by the Spanish National Statistics Institute, the country’s unemployment reached 24.63 percent in June, the highest level in Europe. The Spanish prime minister also said he had not yet made any decision regarding additional measures being planned by the European Central Bank to ease market concerns that have driven borrowing costs for Spain and Italy to unsustainable high levels. — Xinhua

British coalition faces rift over political reform

LONDON, 5 Aug — The junior party in Britain’s coalition government said on Friday the two-year-old alliance was entering “uncharted territory” after reports that Prime Minister David Cameron planned to drop promised parliamentary reforms. Newspapers said Cameron was set to abandon reforms to parliament’s unelected upper chamber, the House of Lords, that he had championed by his Liberal Democrat partners after he failed to overcome opposition within his own Conservatives.

Cameron’s office said talks on the Lords were still in progress and that an announcement would be made in due course. But the reports were greeted with fury by the liberal-leaning Liberal Democrats, who have seen their opinion polls dipping sharply after joining the centre-right Conservative Party in government in 2010. The Lib Dems have staked much political capital on replacing the Lords with an elected upper chamber and now face the risk of accusations from grassroot members that they have gained little from their support for the Conservative-led government.

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But the Conservatives failure to keep their side of the bargain by supporting reform of the Lords threatens to chill the relationship between the two sides and provoke the Lords into tit-for-tat retaliation. “Lords support for the coalition government and we expect to be delivered as such,” said a senior Liberal Democrat source to Reuters. “A deal is a deal — if that deal is not honoured it takes the government into uncharted territory,’ said the source. — Reuters

Six killed in Mexico coal mine explosion

MEXICO CITY, 5 Aug — Six miners were killed in a coal mine collapse in the northern Mexican state of Coahuila on Friday, an emergency rescue team said. The site has since been taken down. — Reuters

One miner was rescued earlier, according to an emergency response report from the mine operator.

The explosion was triggered when a large amount of methane gas ignited, causing the collapse of 100 tonnes of coal, mine owner Altos Hornos de Mexico (AHMSA) said in a statement. Nearly 300 miners evacuated the mine without incident, the company said.

The explosion marks the second disaster in a small coal mine in northern Mexico in the past 10 days. A 25 July explosion killed seven miners, highlighting lax safety standards in the mining sector, which are often poorly regulated. Men have mined the largely unregulated, small “pizote” mines that dot Coahuila for more than a century. A 2006 methane explosion at the much larger Piedras Negras mine, which also belongs to AHMSA, killed 65 miners.

Reuters says blogging platform hacked

LONDON, 5 Aug — The Reuters news agency said on Friday that one of its online platforms had been hacked and used to disseminate fake stories about Syria’s rebel movement, the latest cyberattack to sabotage media organization covering the country’s civil war. Thomson Reuters said in a statement that the agency’s blogging platform had been compromised and that “fabricated blog posts were falsely attributed to several Reuters journalists.”

The site has since been taken down, although cached versions of bogus posts are still available online. One of the stories claimed that rebels had acquired chemical weapons from Libya and were preparing to smuggle them into Syria, while another claimed rebels were planning to retake the city of Farkey after suffering mass casualties at the hands of Syrian government forces. Both stories appeared aimed at sparking propaganda points against the rebels, who’ve recently made several important advances in their campaign against President Bashar Assad’s regime.

There was no immediate indication of who was behind Friday’s cyberattack. Opponents and supporters of Syria’s government have routinely engaged in acts of electronic sabotage and media organizations seen by Assad loyalists as sympathetic to the rebel cause have suffered repeated attacks. Among them was Al-Jazeera, one of whose English-language Twitter feeds was recently broken into by a pro-Assad group known as the Syrian Electronic Army. The group has routinely promised a wave of attacks against what it describes as “fake revolution” websites. — Reuters

Plain Jane Bandit believed caught after eight heists

LOS ANGELES, 5 Aug — The “Plain Jane Bandit,” who is believed to be responsible for eight bank heists or attempted bank robberies in Southern California, has been arrested, officials said. Sylvia Helen Garcia, 38, was captured near her home in Downey, Calif., late Thursday, according to ABC News’ Los Angeles affiliate KABC. Here are some other memorable nicknames given to thieves in recent years. The FBI reportedly received multiple tips about Garcia. The Plain Jane Bandit has been linked to six bank robberies and two attempted bank robberies in three counties around Southern California since 12 July. The most recent attempt by the Plain Jane Bandit was on Tuesday, but she left before getting any money. In all eight instances, she used both written and verbal demands and told the bank teller that an accomplice was waiting outside, the FBI said. Authorities did not say how much money was stolen, but witnesses described the robber as a Hispanic woman in her mid-30s, between 5-foot-5 and 5-foot-5 and weighing 150 to 170 pounds. She did not wear a disguise.

The nickname came from a witness’ description of the robber as a “plain Jane.” The robber was linked to a silver four-door vehicle, though the alleged accomplice had not been seen. Authorities said an officer responded to one tip that described the robber’s silver car. That officer went to the location of the car and took a woman fitting the robber’s description into custody. US Bank, which had five branches robbed, had offered a $10,000 reward for information leading to the robber’s arrest and conviction. — Internet
The Examination Water Tank in Old Bagan

The examination water tank in Old Bagan has its own history and significance. It is located near the Sulamani temple, in the monastic complex of the ancient city. The tank has a historical and cultural value, reflecting the traditional irrigation practices of the region. The examination water tank was used by the monks to prepare for their studies and examinations. The tank was considered sacred and was a place for the monks to gather and perform their religious rituals.

The tank is a rectangular structure made of stones, with a small gate on one side. The water level inside the tank is maintained at a constant level, and the tank is filled with water from a nearby river. The water in the tank is used for various purposes, including ritual bathing, prayer, and study. The tank is surrounded by a small garden, which is also used by the monks for their study and meditation.

In the morning, the old monk appeared and asked for audience. The King obligingly let the old monk enter his court. Upon asking the purpose of his visit, the old monk said, "Your Majesty, I am going to learn Niruti Treatise. So in need of materials such as slate and slate pencils. Would Your Majesty donate me some?" observing the old age of the monk the King told him that he was quite advanced in age for higher learning. A pestle was given to the old monk saying that that pestle "may burst forth green shoots" implying that the old monk would not be able to pursue higher learning in his advanced age. However, the King donated him writing materials he asked for and the old monk left the court with the pestle the King gave him.

Back to his monastery the old monk was strongly determined to prove he could master higher learning at his old age. His efforts were relentlessly put into learning day and night. After a few years, he was approved by his teacher monks that he was very learned. Tyaking great care to the pestle the King gave him and holding it in hand he went to see the King in court when the King saw him and what he held in his hand the King knew immediately what the old monk came for.

"Your Majesty, but I have to show you the pestle you gave me some years ago has now burst forth green shoots, please behold it!"

The King understood what the old monk said to him. Immediately the King tested his learnedness by asking many questions on Nirutri Treatise, Tipitakas and other religious literatures. Without much ado the old monk gave correct answers satisfactorily. The King was much impressed and apologized for his previous harsh remark about the old monk. The King told the old monk that he would be his supporter for four basic needs of a monk [Satupayasya] food, clothing (robes) shelter (monastery) and medicine requested the learned old monk to continue books.

The old monk became wellknown in the Kingdom as "Shin Dithapamaukha" [Learned Professor, wellknown to all directions]. But he was commonly called U Kyi Pway [Mr Pestle]. One famous book he wrote was Thnipone Kyi Dika [Thinpone primer] as a comment on Myanmar Primer. Bagan at that time was the seat of learning. Learned scholars, both clergy and laity at home and abroad visited each other for their learnings. There were monks from six monasteries who were highly reputed for their religious knowledge and learning. Even these monks had to seek answer from U Kyi Pway for their difficult questions.

One day, while U Kyi Pway was bathing in a water tank, these monks assembled on the bank of the tank to test his learnings under awkward circumstances. As U Kyi Pway emerged to the surface of the water after his long dip in the depth, he saw the monks lined up. He knew they came to ask him some questions. The monks began clearing their throats before posing questions there by producing the sounds "Aham" "Aharn" "Aham" U Kyi Pway thinking that he was asked to explain the meaning of the word "Aham" immediately began reciting various meanings of the word "Aham" giving its history, grammar and philosophy in Pali, Sanscrupt and Myanmar with references. The monks were astounded and spellbound. They knelt down and paid respect to U Kyi Pway, recognising his sharp brain and learnings.

Since then that water tank came to be known as "Aharn Kan" [Aham tank] or Sar mei kam [Examination water tank]. The tank is well maintained by the residing monks of the locality and the Bagan Branch of the Archaeological Department.

There were two monos of old Bagan who earned the prestigious title "Shin Dithapamaukha." U Kyi Pway was the first Shin Dithapamaukha of King Kya Swa’s time. But monk envoy Shin Dithapamaukha of King Narathihapate’s time (1255-87 A.D)Dwyo led the peace mission to the Mongol Emperor Kublai Khan in 1285 A.D. was the second Shin Dithapamaukha. He set up a stone inscription (On now displayed in the museum) recording the accounts of his peace mission and his dedication to the Triple Gems of Buddhism [the Buddha, the Dhamma and the Sangha] the rewards for his successful assignment King Narathihapate showered upon him. He was highly recommended for his devotion to theTriple Gems of Buddhism and his dedication to the Triple Gems of Buddhism. Then the Emperor Kublai Khan in 1285 A.D was the third Shin Dithapamaukha. He was highly recommended for his devotion to the

Joyful Lamont (moon cake) Festival in progress in Yangon

YANGON , 5 Aug—Joyful Lamont (moon cake) Festival is in progress at Chatrium Hotel on Natmauk Street in Yangon from 15 July to 7 October.

At the Joyful Lamont (moon cake) Festival programme, Chinscheef Mr. Kittichot Boonsub of the hotel made assorted Lamont (moon cake) and other assorted snacks with the use of imported advanced materials and these snacks are put on sales.

Lamont (moon cake) is sold at US$ 6 per small box, US$ 24 per four boxes and US$ 36 per six boxes.

Cash donated to fund for township association

YANGON, 5 Aug—President of Myanmar Child and Welfare Association Daw Mon Aung and family, and Chairman of Yangon Region Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Khin Thein and family, U Kyi Aung Tun and family, Daw San San Nu and family, Daw Aung Than Tun and family each donated K 150,000 each, U Myo Sw Se and family K 500,000 each, U Paing Kyemon and family K 2 million as capital various township associations.

MMCW A President comforts patients at delivery room

Regional Clinic in Ward 56, President Daw Mon Aung donated K 500,000 to the delivery room of Township MCWA.—Myanmar Alin

Cash, publications donated to library

NAYAZIN, 5 Aug—A ceremony to donate cash and books to Shweta Thiri Library was held in Ywatha Village of Ngazun Township of Myingyi District on 14 August morning.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Tun Win made a speech. Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Nilar Soe explained durability of the library.

After that, the Township Administrator donated K 20,000 and books, the Sayadaw of Ywatha Village K 2 million as capital various subjects of books, and Head of Township PRDD Daw Nilar Soe radio and books.

Librarian Daw Nyi Nyo Hsain and party accepted donations.

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MMMCWA President comforts patients at delivery room
State alone cannot cope with challenges...

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Amara Bank donated K 10 million each, AA Medical Products Ltd.Aquattech water purifier tablets worth K 500,000 and Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint medicines to the Chief Minister of Rakhine State and the head of Rakhine State Health Department.

At Sittway University construction project, the Vice-President heard reports on major subjects and number of students from respective townships, progress of construction tasks, arrangements for attending the regular courses, requirements of staff quarters and students ferry. The Vice-President gave a speech.

AA Medical Products Ltd donated K 5 million for the university to Pro-Rector Daw San Aye. Next, the Vice-President cordially greeted the faculty members and inspected the construction of building. Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe gave a report.

At Technological University (Sittway), Acting Principal Dr Soe Naing reported on progress of the university and requirements. The Vice-President gave remarks.

Union Minister Lt-Gen Hla Min explained taking of security measures. United Amara Bank donated K 5 million to the university through the Acting Rector. After cordially greeting the faculty members, the Vice-President heard reports on progress of work by AyonOo Construction Co.

Speaking at the universities in Sittway, the Vice-President said that tertiary education is higher education and also a source of human resources. Scholars are in desperate need at present time which calls for transformation into industrialization from conventional production. Countries which posses a considerable number of scholars tend to witness development in various aspects including in economy with the help of technological advancement. The country is lagged behind other countries in terms of GDP and standard of living due to lack of technologies. So, instructors need to be educated themselves and to train students to be competent. The country turns out a total of over 0.1 million of graduates yearly. The number seems to be fairly large but there are weak points from the point of view of quality. Educational development calls for full access to learning aids apart from the efforts of teachers, parents and students. So, the State is fulfilling this requirement itself, also asking the help of private sector.

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Union Minister Lt-Gen Hla Min reported on measures taken for security and defence of Rakhine State and ongoing actions and Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay on progress in implementation of relief and rehabilitation works.

The Vice-President, in his speech, credited Rakhine State as a pleasant and picturesque land whose heart of visitors, attracting come again. However, riots, violence and murders that broke out over two months ago have blackened the image of the stunning state both at home and abroad.

The Vice-President expressed his sadness for the violence and declaration of the state of emergency in Rakhine State while other regions and states are making efforts to bring an end to lengthy armed conflicts and local people are beginning to enjoy the fruits of peace.

It is common knowledge that such riots and violence could harm all the local people, authorities and socio-economic and political image of the country. The burnt houses and buildings of one side did not embelish those of other side. Likewise, the casualties of one side did not bring longevity to the other side. Yesterday’s observation has proven this view. Both sides suffer losses. It is crystal clear that it has brought nothing good to both sides.

Let bygones be bygones, but lessons must be taken from it to find a solution to make sure there is no occurrence of similar case again. Efforts must be made for peace, stability and development of Rakhine State in long-run and socioeconomic improvement of local people. People can see authorities concerned are taking actions to guarantee peace and stability and the rule of law.

The State alone cannot cope with the challenges for socio-economic development of citizens, but it calls for participation of the people. People are thus to do their bit joining hands with the government. The Vice-President said that he was there to solve the difficulties of local people and to attend to social requirements as much as possible.

The Vice-President expressed his special thanks to personnel concerned, Sayadaws, personalities who lent a helping hand, town elders, and local and international non-governmental organizations and UN agencies on behalf of the government, urging them to keep on working cooperatively with the government. He then cordially greeted those present.

The Vice-President offered flower, water and light to Lawka Nanda Pagoda in Sittway in the evening. He presented K 0.1 million for the pagoda through pagoda board of trustees which returned him certificate of honour.

He then signed the visitors’ book and paid homage to Cakkya Muni Buddha Image. He donated K 0.1 million for the pagoda.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham cordially greets faculty members from Sittway University.—MNA
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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham looks into regional.....

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Aftewards, the project company chairman presented a painting to the Vice-President and the Vice-President asked his knowledge about the project which was briefed by Union Minister U Than Htay and officials.

The project company donated cash and kind for education, health, electricity, drinking water, transport purposes and prevention of watershed. Altogether 226 companies are engaged in the project and the project will be completed in 2013.

The Vice-President and party left the pipeline project and arrived at Shwe Development Project being undertaken by the Ministry of Energy and Daewoo International on a mutually beneficial basis in Kyaukpyu.

At the meeting hall of the project, those from the company reported on works being carried out for Shwe Development Project, upgrading of oil and gas exploration tasks, measures being taken for socio-economy of local people and job opportunities for local people and Union Minister U Than Htay gave a supplementary report.

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Japanese Encephalitis emphasized for children

MANDALAY, 5 Aug—A talk on Japanese Encephalitis due to a species of mosquito and Mandala fever was given at Mandaly Sedona Hotel on 21 July and Yangon Sedona Hotel on 22 July. It was jointly organized by Biogenetech Co of Thailand and Mepha Co of Myanmar. The Japanese Encephalitis can infect most of the children under 10. A total of 30 per cent of infected persons may die and the 40 per cent person can suffer from brain and mental diseases as consequence problems. Medicine for the disease is yet to be found up to now, and the vaccination is the best protection for all.

The vaccine is to be jointly imported by Biogenetech Co of Thailand and Mepha Co of Myanmar can be injected to the children from the start of nine months for the first time. After three or 12 months later, the vaccination may be given to the children for receiving full coverage of protection against the disease.

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District News

Sewerage from Distillery Factory kills water creatures at Taungthaman Lake

MANDALAY, 5 Aug—The cities of countries across the world are placing emphasis on environmental conservation as the first priority. In Mandalay City, while accelerating the urbanization process, the population of the city is also increasing year after year. Meanwhile, smokes and sewerage water from factories, workshops and vehicles are causing water and air pollution.

Mandalay City is enlarging its city area to Hhonbo-Myitnngayyo shortcut. No 2 Industrial Zone is constituted with 93 factories and workshops namely Distillery Factory, Paper Mill, Textile Factory and Leather Factories. Of them, 72 factories and workshops are in operation.

The sewerage water from the factories and workshops must be purified through suitable ways and means and drained out at the designated drains systematically. However, they drain out the sewerage water into Panyawtraw Creek carelessly. Thus, the sewerage flows into Taungthaman Lake. In consequence, the lake at Taungdaing Bridge at the entrance to Mandalay and the road linking South and North Lakes smells out badly.

The Mandalay City Development Committee designated disciplines for the distillery factory to directly drain out its sewerage into the rivers and creeks. It must throw out the sewerage into the tank of Judith Bridge and then into the designated places. Due to misconducts of factories and workshops in draining out the sewerage water, water creatures in Taungthaman Lake are dead in the less environmental conservation.

Macao entrepreneurs call on UMFCCI officials

YANGON, 5 Aug—With regard to discussion on investment law, renting of land and labour matters with the purpose of investing in textile, plastic industry, commodity transport and financial matters, Chairman of Macao Overseas Friendship Association Mr Jackson Chang and 29 members of entrepreneurs delegation called on Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federations of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Tun Aung, Joint General Secretary U Aye Lwin, CEC members and executive and Myanmar entrepreneurs at the Federation office on 25 July morning.

Vice-President U Tun Aung and Chairman of Macao Federation Mr Jackson Chang extended greetings. Joint General Secretary U Aye Lwin explained the investment opportunities for Macao entrepreneurs in Myanmar.

Kyemon

Accident on the Road

Five cars pile up of traffic accident

YANGON, 5 Aug—Due to out of break control, a 48th mini-bus hit a taxi next to the way and the taxi hit another three cars again near Myeikyin Traffic Light in Sangyo Township of Yangon on 2 August morning.

In the accident, two taxies and one saloon were damaged. Some persons of the bus were injured. After the traffic accident, the driver of mini-bus evaded from the scene.

A similar accident with six cars in series happened near the same traffic light on 5 July. The bus that started in traffic accident because of less maintenance, thus car drivers must take care of their cars for maintenance, said the people.

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Gunmen attack barack in Algeria, two policemen injured

ALGIERS, 5 Aug — At least two police officers were injured after a group of gunmen attacked a barack in the Djelfa Province, 180 km south of Algiers Friday night, a security source told Xinhua.

The attack occurred few moments after the end of a night prayer, as the attackers surprised the officers in their barack and started shooting, leaving at least two officers injured, it said.

There have been several attacks on Algerian security installations since the beginning of Ramadan on 20 July. On Thursday night, at least three border guards were killed in an ambush by insurgents on the western province of Tiemcen, near the border with Morocco.

A spokeswoman for Sea Trucks Group, which provides support vessels to oil companies operating in Nigeria, told AFP that one of the company’s ships came under fire and that four of the firm’s employees were taken in the raid.

“At this time Sea Trucks Group is making every effort to ascertain the whereabouts of its personnel,” the spokeswoman, Corrie van Kessel, told AFP. She said that Sea Trucks Group is heavily involved in the oil and gas sector in the Niger Delta area, the navy and company said.

The volatile area was for years crippled by armed insurgency, largely made up of militants from the Delta, who claimed that the region’s people were not benefiting from its vast oil wealth, while large-scale production devastation the environment. Armed groups in the Delta were recently exacerbating the situation by staging frequent attacks on local government workers, especially foreign installations to prevent terrorist attacks. Saturday’s deadly bombing was the third in the southern city of Mogadishu this month, the deadliest-ever attack on a military parade rehearsal in May, which killed about 300 central security forces in the capital, causing shadows over Yemen’s peaceful transition process after more than 18 months of unrest. Combating al-Qaeda militants have been a one of the challenges confronting Yemen President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi, who has promised to restore security and uphold the country’s branch of al-Qaeda.

Gunmen kill 2 sailors, kidnap 4 foreigners in Nigeria

LAGOS, 5 Aug — Gunmen attacked a barge belonging to an oil services company off the coast of Nigeria on Saturday, killing two Nigerian sailors and kidnapping four foreigners, navy officials said. The suspected seapirates stormed the vessel in the Gulf of Guinea, an area that has seen a sharp spike in the number of reported maritime attacks over the last six months.

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Manchester United to get $559 million in GM shirt sponsor deal

CHICAGO, 5 Aug — Manchester United Ltd’s deal with General Motors Co to sponsor the team’s shirts is expected to bring in 357 million pounds ($559 million) over the agreement’s seven-year term, the club said in a regulatory filing on Friday. Terms were first reported by Reuters on 30 July. The disclosure of the record-breaking deal, which will put GM’s Chevrolet brand name on the football team’s famous red jerseys, came as Manchester United supporters called for a boycott of sponsors’ products to protest the club’s American owners’ plan to sell a plan to float the club’s stock.

Manchester United Supporters Trust, which has been involved in a high-profile campaign against the American Glazer family, which plans to list United on the New York Stock Exchange this month. The agreement with GM starts in the 2014-2015 season, but the club will start to reap some financial benefits as soon as this year, Friday’s filing said. GM will pay fees of $18.6 million in this year’s and next year’s season, it said, before paying $70 million in the 2014-2015 season. GM’s payments will rise 2.1 percent each season thereafter.

Latest lawsuit attacks Apple’s warranty conditions

BEIJING, 5 Aug — Apple Inc has come under renewed fire in China for not abiding by the country’s consumer protection laws, after a local court accepted the first lawsuit filed by users against its after-sales services. The Liaoxia District People’s Court in Jinan, capital of East China’s Shandong Province, confirmed it had received a petition from an iPod user claiming users against its after-sales services. The Lixia District People’s Court in Jinan, capital of East China’s Shandong Province, confirmed it had received a petition from an iPod user claiming.

A worker walks behind a logo of General Motors after the announcement of the closing of the Opel assembly plant in Antwerp on 21 Jan, 2010.— Reuters

through the 2020-2021 season, it said.

US automaker’s global marketing chief was ousted in connection with a deal with the popular English football club GM’s payments are more than double the current fee paid by insurance broker Aon. The agreement was announced the day before the Detroit automaker said it was removing its global marketing chief, Joel Ewanick, because he “failed to meet the expectations that the company has for its employees.” Sources told Reuters Ewanick didn’t properly report financial details about the jersey deal.— Reuters

Death toll from DPRK floods rises to 169, with 400 missing

PYONGYANG, 5 Aug — The death toll from floods the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) had risen to 169, while 400 others were still missing, the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported on Saturday. The number of people injured in the floods, caused by torrential rains from late June to 31 July, also had climbed to 1,443, with the majority of those injured suffering from broken limbs.

Seventeen of those killed were reported to have been kidnapped from the vessel, the two sailors were killed,” he said. Those kidney were from Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia and Thailand. “We have not made any arrest yet. We are still trying to ascertain the true identities of the others remained missing,” he told AFP.

“We are still searching. We have deployed a boat and a helicopter to the area where the attack took place,” adding, “We have not made any contact with the attackers or the foreigners abducted.”

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number of homeless advanced to 212,000, the DPRK’s official news agency said. In addition, more than 8,600 dwellings so far had been destroyed, 43,770 houses submerged, at least 65,280 hectares of cropland ruined, and more than 1,400 educational, healthcare and factory buildings inundated.

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A police official told Xinhua "An al-Qaeda bomber detonated his concealed explosive belt amid the crowd in a funeral in downtown Abyan on Saturday night, killing at least 20 people and injuring dozens of others," the official told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

He said that "Abdulatif al-Neel, the leader of the tribal fighters who supported the government troops in the southeastern province of Hadramout, has been killed in the bombing attack." Dozens of al-Qaeda were wounded in the attack, which officials described as the worst assault in Abyan so far since the Yemen government troops seized stronghold of the terrorists two months ago. The deadly attack took place in less than five hours after a Yemeni-US coordinated airstrike killed four al-Qaeda militants in the southeastern province of Hadramout.

Backed by the United States, the Yemeni government waged a month-long intensive offensive in May against the militants of al-Qaeda, known locally as Ansar al-Sharia (Partisans of Islamic Law), forcing them to retreat to the stronghold of a central security forces in the capital, causing shadows over Yemen’s peaceful transition process after more than 18 months of unrest. Combating al-Qaeda militants have been a one of the challenges confronting Yemen President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi, who has promised to restore security and uphold the country’s branch of al-Qaeda.

The sea swiftly is the healthiest looking fish in the world. It has an average adult weight of 1,000 kg.— Xinhua

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A Nigerian naval officer assembles his machine gun before starting a patrol of the Niger Delta region in 2004.— Internet

Buildings are inundated in flood water in Nanfen areas of Bengzi, northeast China’s Liaoning Province, on 4 Aug, 2012. Floods triggered by torrential rain brought by Typhoon Damrey, the 10th typhoon of the year, disrupted services of three railways in Liaoning Province. Residents are under evacuation. — Xinhua

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An Indian man ploughs his field near Saputara in the western Indian state of Gujarat, India, on 3 Aug, 2012. — Internet

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Civil Service Board
Vacancy Announcement
Announcement No. 13/2012

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(31 July 2012)

1. The Department of Medical Research (Upper Myanmar) under the Ministry of Health has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following positions:

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2. The applicants -
(a) must be citizens of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
(b) must not be over 35 years of age (40 years if service personnel) on 27 August 2012.
(c) must be in good health, must be physically fit and possess well matured limbs.

3. Applications must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board, Nay Pyi Taw to person, or by expedited Mail Service, or by registered letter not later than 27 August 2012.

4. With regards to filling in the application form, documents to be attached:

   a) mode of payment of Ks.500 for examination fee, subjects to be studied for written examination and personal interview, candidates applying for the same positions will have to follow the instructions mentioned in the Gazette Booklet published under Letter No. 1/Selection(Malay) 2012, dated 2 January 2012.
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For the benefit of the applicants who apply for the above-mentioned post and for the guidance of the government servants, the following list of gazette booklets is published in the Gazette Booklet published under Letter No. 1/Selection(Malay) 2012, dated 2 January 2012.

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“The leak was already contained and leak from the tailings pond already sealed and repaired by Philex,” Ramos said, referring to the country’s largest gold mine.

Government scientists were dispatched to check the possible effect of the discharge on aquatic life and the quality of water on the Agno River and a tributary after the 1 August discharge, he said.

However, the team concluded the slime and silt did not reach the Agno and the San Roque dam, one of the country’s largest, Ramos added. Both the government and the company gave no estimates on how much mining waste had been discharged, nor when the mining would resume operations.

Philex vice president Mike Toledo insisted the spillage consisted only of water and sediment, which he said was “non-toxic and biodegradable.”

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The interior minister has described the Russians as suspected al-Qaeda members and said the Turk was suspected of being a facilitator for the terrorist group. The judge charged the Turk, who was arrested in a Spanish city next to the British colony of Gibraltar with possession of explosives and an unspecified device that could be used for terror, said a court official who spoke on condition of anonymity because of court rules.

Two Russians of Chechen descent were ordered held for 48 more hours while authorities continue building their case, the official said. The Turk was arrested on Thursday in the southern city of La Linea. The Russians were picked up on Wednesday as they traveled by bus toward the French border.

Authorities said on Thursday that the La Linea house had enough explosives in it to blow up a bus, but did not reveal how much or what kind.

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Scarcen rain in India hurts farms, poor supply

LUCKNOW, 5 Aug — Sharma has waited weeks for rains to soak his parched rice paddies so he can start planting. He is one of millions of farmers across India who are hoping and praying for elusive monsoon showers. But their hopes are being elusive monsoon showers.

In a statement late Thursday, the department said rains between June and 1 Aug have been 19 percent below normal. The remaining August to September monsoon will also be weak because of the impact of warming of the central Pacific Ocean, known as the El Nino, the agency said. Several Indian states have already declared near-drought conditions and are demanding extra federal funds or announcing large subsidies to help farmers buy diesel fuel to generate electricity to irrigate their fields. Officials in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh — India’s most populous — fear that a drought is around the corner.

Sharma, a rice farmer in state of Gujarat, Bharat, who told the Associated Press on Friday. In the western state of Rajasthan, officials said it expects the country to have 1.3 billion acres of crops this year, up from 1.2 billion acres last year, but 6.19 billion rupees ($112 million) on subsidizing diesel so that farmers could generate electricity to draw up ground water. Several other states — Haryana and Punjab in the north, Madhya Pradesh in the west and the southern state of Karnatka — have all recorded poor rainfall. These states grow a large amount of the country’s rice, wheat, oilseeds and cereals.

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**Police investigating boy’s tattoo**

Police in Washington state said they are trying to determine how a 13-year-old boy was able to get a tattoo without the permission of his parents. The Centralia boy’s mother, who asked not to be named, said her son got the 6-inch dragon tattoo while on a trip with a family friend as a reminder of how he survived leukemia, KING-TV, Seattle, reported.

“The what he thought was a good thing, is now turning into a really bad thing, and it is not at all how he wanted it to be,” the mother said. “It’s done. I can’t do anything about it.”

The boy, who has been mummified about where he obtained the ink, was reported to police after his family was informed of the tattoo.

“The didn’t want to do that,” the mother said. “I wasn’t proud at all. It’s an embarrassing thing, and it is a personal thing.”

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**Women to attempt breastfeeding record**

The New Zealand-based organizers of the Big Latch On event said thousands of women across the world are expected to breast feed simultaneously.

The non-profit Women’s Health Action group said women will gather in 590 locations in 23 countries at 10:30 am on 3 Aug and 4 Aug in an attempt to break the world record for simultaneous breast feeding, which was set by 9,826 women during the October 2010 Big Latch On event, CBS News reported on 3 Aug.

“We are well on target to break this record again this year,” said Ms McKay of Women’s Health Action. The event is aimed at raising awareness of the importance of breast milk in the development of infants.

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**Brooks to perform at teachers’ benefit**

LOS ANGELES, 5 Aug—MGM may have the upcoming film ‘Raging Bull II’ now called “The Bronx Bull” and is in no way associated with US director Martin Scorsese’s “Raging Bull.”

The studio and the new boxing film’s lead producer, Daliah Waingott, made the announcement on Wednesday, EW.com said.

MGM sued last month to halt shooting on the bio-picture about boxing icon Jake LaMotta, who is now 91 and cooperating with the production.

“People have amicably reached a resolution of their pending litigation, pursuant to which production of a film based upon certain events in the life of Jake LaMotta will proceed under the working title ‘The Bronx Bull,’” Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios, Inc, and Daliah Waingott, a producer at Sunset Pictures, said in a statement. “That film is not related in any way to the 1980 motion picture entitled ‘Raging Bull,’ and MGM is not associated with the film in any respect. Neither party will have any further statements regarding this matter.”

Robert De Niro won an Oscar for his portrayal of LaMotta in “Raging Bull.”

In “Bronx Bull,” William Forsythe plays LaMotta as an older man, while Mojuni Asia plays him as a youth. EW.com said.—Internet

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**Paz Vega to play Maria Callas in ‘Grace of Monaco’**

LOS ANGELES, 5 Aug—Paz Vega has landed the lead role of Maria Callas in the Hollywood-based banner of Yash Raj Films.

The film focuses on a six-month period in 1962 when Monaco was in a dispute with France and Princess Grace worked behind the scenes to prevent a coup. At the time, Grace came to know Callas, who was carrying on an affair with Greek millionaire Aristotle Onassis.

Vega, repped by WME and Management Entertainment, also has a role in Pedro Almodovar’s upcoming film, “I’m So Excited”—Internet

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**Eccleston may play ‘Thor 2’**

LOS ANGELES, 5 Aug—British actor Christopher Eccleston is in talks to play the villain in “Thor: The Dark World,” the sequel to last year’s “Thor,” The Hollywood Reporter said.

Eccleston is best known for his work on TV’s “Doctor Who” and “Heroes.” He would play the leader of the Dark Elves of Svartalfheim in “The Dark World,” which is being directed by Alan Taylor, the entertainment industry trade newspaper said.

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**Man did puzzle behind wheel**

Police in Ontario said a man is facing a careless driving charge after allegedly trying to solve a newspaper puzzle while behind the wheel.

Investigators said an officer noticed a man with a newspaper on the steering wheel of his Ford F-150 around 9:45 am on Wednesday on Highway 401 in Chatham-Kent, The Windsor (Ontario) Star reported on Friday.

The man was so engrossed in his newspaper puzzle that he took him more than a minute to realize he was being pulled over, police said.

The driver, Daniel Irons of St Thomas, Ontario, was charged with a count of careless driving.

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**Man allegedly killed love to rob woman**

**‘Vertigo’ tops best movie list**

NEW YORK, 5 Aug — The best film of all time is Alfred Hitchcock’s 1958 thriller “Vertigo,” a poll conducted by the British Film Institute’s Sight & Sound magazine suggested.

Oscar Welles’ “Citizen Kane” has topped the list, which is compiled every 10 years since the poll’s inception in 1962, CBS said.

It slipped to No 2 on the 2012 survey.


CBS said 846 critics, programmers, academics, distributors, writers and other cinephiles contributed their top 10 lists, which included a total of 2,047 different films, for the annual “Sight & Sound” poll.

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**Doctor Who’ clip shows dinos in space**

LONDON, 5 Aug — A teaser trailer for the new season of the British series “Doctor Who” shows the titular time-traveler confronting dinosaurs and Daleks on a spaceship.

“Dinosaurs On a Spaceship!” Doctor Who portrayer Matt Smith is heard saying in the 90-second-long, Season 7 clip, which also shows him riding a triceratops.

The promotional video debuted on BBC in Thursday and features Arthur Darvill as Rory, Alex Kingston in a returning role as River Song and Rupert Graves as an adventure, The Daily Telegraph said. The new season is to begin airing in the United Kingdom on Friday, June 21.

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Britain’s Ryan Giggs kicks the fourth penalty kick in against South Korea in their men’s quarter-final soccer match at the London 2012 Olympic Games at Millennium Stadium in Cardiff on 4 Aug, 2012.— Reuters

LONDON, 5 Aug — Gold medal favorites Brazil twice came from behind to beat underdogs Honduras 3-2 and will face South Korea in the semi-finals of the men’s Olympic soccer tournament after they beat hosts Britain on penalties.

Mexico will face Japan in the other semi-final after they beat Senegal 4-2 after extra time and Japan beat Egypt 3-0. South Korea will play Brazil at Old Trafford on Tuesday while Japan will play Mexico at Wembley on the same night.

One of the greatest days in their Olympic history with six gold medals, Britain’s soccer players were looking to make history of their own by reaching the Olympic soccer semis for the first time since 1948. The match against South Korea ended 1-1 after Aaron Ramsey scored one goal after 11 minutes and had one saved three minutes later after Ji Dong-Won put Korea ahead in the 29th minute.

There were no further goals in normal or extra time so the game went to a shootout. After both teams converted their first four penalties, Daniel Sturridge’s poor effort was saved by Korean keeper Lee Bum-Young and Ki Sung-Yeung converted to give his side a 3-4 shootout win.

Brazil, chasing their first ever Olympic soccer gold, fell behind to Honduras when Mario Martinez scored with a stunning volley after 11 minutes, but Honduras were reduced to 10 men when Daniel Cristante was sent off for two yellow cards in the first half. Leandro Damião equalized eight minutes before the break, but the underdogs unexpectedly went back in front after 48 minutes when Roger Espinosa found the net with a soft, low angled shot. Neymar brought Brazil back into the game with a 50th minute penalty before Leandro Damião made it 3-2 10 minutes later with a well placed shot.— Reuters

**Soccer: Brazil survive scare, Britain lose on penalties**

**Britain’s Ben Ainslie sails during the tenth race of the Finn sailing class at the London 2012 Olympic Games in Weymouth and Portland, southern England, on 4 Aug, 2012. Reuters**

**Brazil’s Leandro Damião (L) clashes with Honduras’ Maynor Figueroa (R) during a London 2012 Olympic Games men’s football match at St James’ Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, England. — Reuters**

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The semi-finals also include the third fastest man in history after Bolt.— Jamaica’s Yohan Blake and Asafa Powell and Tyson Gay of the United States.— Reuters

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Outstanding student of staff honoured at Myaungmya District IPRD

MYAUNGMYA, 5 Aug—A ceremony to honour outstanding students who passed the 2011-2012 academic year matriculation examination was held at the library of Myaungmya District Information and Public Relations Department on 30 July.

Staff Officer Daw Hla Kyi of District IPRD presented cash award and medal to Ms. Eindray Chit Hsu, daughter of photographer technician II-U Aung Min of Myaungmya District IPRD, who passed the matriculation exam with two distinctions—Myaung Aloo.

United States’ Cargo: Jeter, record second left, crosses the finish line ahead of, from back left, Russia’s Olga Belkina, Bahamas’ Sheniqua Ferguson and Kazakhstan’s Olga Bludova in a women’s 100-meter hurdles heat during the athletics in the Olympic Stadium at the 2012 Summer Olympics, London, on 3 Aug, 2012.

Volleyball: Upset defeats for US and Bulgaria

LONDON, 5 Aug—Argentina overcame Bulgaria and Russia rallied to defeat the US holders in Saturday’s Olympic men’s volleyball as the two group frontrunners were beaten for the first time.

Brazil, who are also tipped for a medal, narrowly avoided defeat against Serbia who pushed them all the way in a Group B five-setter that lasted well beyond midnight.

The Brazilian support soared just as loud as empty the stands. Put under huge pressure by the Serbs, South American tempers flared in the fourth set at some refereeing decisions before they showed their class in the fifth to win 22-25 25-16 15-8. “Russia started to wake up and started to play better. They realized they had to serve more aggressively and they did and that was what changed the game,” American David Lee told reporters.

“This is definitely a team that we’re going to see later on in this tournament,” Lee said the confidence of the US side, who have had a rocky ride in recent years, would not be shaken.

The last few years have been an up and down rollercoaster, we haven’t ‘really been on a good level but now we’re at a high level,’ he said. Italy were under pressure against Australia before coming back from the brink to win 21-25 18-25 25-21 25-21 14-13. Earlier, Poland made the Earls Court volleyball arena their own as an army of supporters roared them on to a comfortable victory over Britain.

Argentina’s players celebrate victory against Bulgaria after their men’s Group A volleyball match at Earls Court during the London 2012 Olympic Games on 4 Aug, 2012.—Reuters
Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham looks into regional development tasks in Kyaukpyu District

NAY PYI TOW, 5 Aug—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham this morning presented K 5.5 million cash assistance for education of family members of Western Command at the local battalion guest house in Sittway and Commander Brig-Gen Ko Ko Naing accepted the donations.

Next, the Vice-President accompanied by Union ministers, the state chief minister, the commander and deputy ministers, left Sittway by helicopter and arrived at the 100-bed district hospital in Kyaukpyu Township. At the hospital, the Vice-President looked into functions of the hospital, asked after the health of warded patients and heard a report presented by the district health officer.

At the meeting hall of the hospital, Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint presented medical equipments and U Zaw Moe Khine of AA Medical Products K 5 million and the district health officer accepted the donations.

At the hospital, the Vice-President sent for manual midwives from villages where there are no auxiliary midwives and urged them to provide family health care training. Next, he coordinated with the ministry concerned to fulfill the vacancy of doctors.

Afterwards, the Vice-President and party left Kyaukpyu by helicopter and observed Myanmar-China oil and gas pipelines project in the Mada Island on board the helicopter.

At the briefing hall, the Vice-President and party were welcomed by officials and briefed by Union Minister U Than Htay on functions of the project.

Next, the chairman of the pipeline construction project company reported on progress of work, steps being taken for improvement of socio-economic status and future tasks.

After that, the pipeline project donated ten tons of rice, 100 set of desks for No. BEHS of Kyaukpyu and cash for improvement of socio-economic status and future tasks.

The Vice-President, on behalf of the government, expressed his thanks to those from the project company who are engaged in oil and gas exploration in the interest of both countries. He also called on them to try their best to be convenient when they are in the region. Only then, their mission will be complete, swift and smooth.

The Vice-President also thanked the company for its contribution to the public interest with a huge task and wished the company to be competent to carry out further projects.

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Flood warnings for Ngawun, Chindwin rivers

NAY PYI TOW, 5 Aug—According to the 12.30 hr M.S.T observations today, the water level of the Ngawun River at Ngathainggyoung 1193 cm has exceeded by 63 cm (about 2.1 feet) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1130 cm during next three days.

The water level of the Chindwin River at Kalewa is 1507 cm. It may reach its danger level 1550 cm during 48 hours commencing this noon, announced byMeteorology and Hydrology Department.

London 2012 Olympics medal tally Day 9, 22:40 hrs MST

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