Parents urged to hand down good senses of legacy to their offspring as well as to youths students to equip them with national awareness and nationalistic spirits.
Remove poor quality agro inputs from market to help farmers

Low-quality fertilizers are found at the market and they are openly victimizing a lot of farmers.

Last year, experts found out that some of the chemical fertilizers on sale at markets had just 5 per cent Nitrogen instead of 46 per cent according to standard ratio.

Being poor, most farmers cannot buy the fertilizers cash down. They have to pay the cost for fertilizers when they earn income from their harvest.

Some farmers in eastern Bago Region complained that they couldn’t pay for the fertilizers they bought because they got low yield of rice due to the low-quality of fertilizers.

Some farmers found that the pesticides they used did not kill the pests.

We cannot deny that this problem exists. Poor farmers are already suffering and we must listen to their voices and address their grievances.

Most of the fertilizers are imported and only urea is produced in Myanmar, reaching annual production of 80,000 metric tons to 100,000 metric tons.

According to the statistics, 294,000 metric tons of urea, 150,000 metric tons of phosphate, 20,000 metric tons of potash and compound 240,000 metric tons were imported in the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Myanmar is a big market for fertilizers. But, our farmers need protection from any kid of frauds.

Fake chemicals have a huge destructive impact on farming and accelerate soil deterioration resulting in substantial crop failures, adverse effects on the environment and human life and eventually, affects economic growth.

In this regard, we must expose and take action against anyone responsible for importing or selling such lower-than-standard products that are increasingly painful to farmers.
Global Economy: No rabbits hidden in China’s hat this time

LONDON, 6 Aug — Investors will be looking to a data deluge from China this week to give the global economy a further lift after Friday’s strong US jobs report. They risk being disappointed. Figures for July, starting on Thursday and covering everything from trade to bank loans and investments are likely to show the world’s second-largest economy is, at best, stabilizing rather than recovering briskly.

The government data, along with a separate survey of manufacturing activity, is expected to show that China’s vast manufacturing sector is growing at a more moderate pace than it did late last year. The International Monetary Fund and other organizations have downgraded their growth forecasts for China this year.

Chinese demand — and spending on goods and services from China — is, however, expected to keep on keeping on. That is why China’s annual consumer price index is not expected to show a rise.

New car sales accelerate in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 6 Aug — New car sales surged in New Zealand last month, outperforming other sectors of the economy, the New Zealand Motor Industry Association (MIA) announced on Monday. New passenger car sales totaled 6,208 in July, up 27.2 percent from July last year, while new commercial vehicle sales were 2,153, up 17.9 percent, according to the MIA. In the first seven months this year, total new car sales were up 19.5 percent, to 58,210 vehicles, from the same time last year. The figures also showed that new passenger car sales are on track to exceed sales of imported second-hand cars this year for the first time since 1993, with 44,355 new passenger cars sold in the year to July compared with 44,299 used imports. "Business and private buyers are recognizing the full benefits of a New Zealand new vehicle with their outstanding value, world-class life and injury saving safety benefits and improving fuel economy," MIA chief executive officer Perry Kerr said in a statement.

"The new vehicle industry continues to outperform other sectors of the economy and has well and truly shaken off all of the supply problems they faced during 2011." Toyota remained the biggest seller of passenger cars in July with 1,098 registrations, followed by Holden with 735 and Ford in third with 376. The leader in commercial vehicle sales, followed by Ford with 376 and Nissan 218.

Greece’s new pledges will take epic battle to implement

ATHENS, 6 Aug — Greece’s latest fiscal and reform pledges may be enough to convince international lenders weary after years of broken promises to keep Athens hooked to a 130 billion euro lifeline, but the battle to implement it will be long and arduous.

Few question the new coalition government’s resolve but many doubt whether the cantankerous public sector can or will implement the measures on the Greek public, reeling from years of austerity, can take much more without putting up a fight.

“The political will is strong, but so are the obstacles — red tape, a demoralized and increasingly underpaid public administration, which is principal among them,” said George Pagoulatos, professor of economics at Athens University.

Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras addresses a parliamentary group of his party in Athens on 24 July, 2012. — Reuters

In a speech Wednesday, Samaras said that the country had turned a corner and that Greece was headed for a “brave new future.” But international financial creditors are skeptical.

Greek officials say 11.5 billion euros of fiscal measures roughly agreed this week — although more are needed — could mean that the country is on the path to recovery.

Seven dead in shooting at Sikh temple in Wisconsin

OAK CREEK, 6 Aug — A gunman killed six people and critically wounded three at a Sikh temple near Milwaukee on Sunday, bringing a dash of heat and terror to the American continent!”Penn, in a white shirt and sunglasses, arrived in Hong Kong. “Europe is a bigger than the US as an export market for Asia’s travails, said Rob Kong. “Europe is a bigger than the US as an export market for Asia’s travails,” said Rob Kong.

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Children cool off themselves on a firefighting boat on the Hudson River in New York, the United States, on 5 Aug, 2012. New Yorkers have experienced the scorching heat for several days as a new round of heat waves hit the city.

Seven people were killed and at least 14 others were injured in the shooting, according to the MIA. In the first seven months this year, total new car sales were up 19.5 percent, to 58,210 vehicles, from the same time last year. The figures also showed that new passenger car sales are on track to exceed sales of imported second-hand cars this year for the first time since 1993, with 44,355 new passenger cars sold in the year to July compared with 44,299 used imports. “Business and private buyers are recognizing the full benefits of a New Zealand new vehicle with their outstanding value, world-class life and injury saving safety benefits and improving fuel economy,” MIA chief executive officer Perry Kerr said in a statement.

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NASA counting down to nail-biting Mars plunge

PASADENA, 6 Aug — The most high-tech rover NASA has ever designed was speeding toward Mars on Sunday to attempt an acrobatic landing on the planet’s surface. The Curiosity rover was poised to hit the top of the Martian atmosphere at 13,000 mph. If all goes according to script, it will be slowly lowered into a massive crater by cables in the final few seconds. With Curiosity on autopilot, scientists became anxious, waiting to see if Curiosity executes the routine as planned.

“Not the nervous type, but I haven’t been sleeping all that well the last week or so even though I’m still very confident,” said engineer Steven Lee. NASA was ready for the “Super Bowl” of planetary exploration,” said Doug McCuistion, head of the Mars exploration programme at NASA headquarters. “We score and win or don’t score and we don’t win,” said McCuistion. Like football’s Super Bowl, there were celebrities on hand. More than a dozen were invited to watch the landing at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory, including will.i.am, Wil Wheaton, Seth Green, Morgan Freeman and Alex Trebek.

If all goes well, mission control at the JPL should hear a signal at 10:31 pm PDT. The space agency warned that confirmation could take longer if an orbiting spacecraft pokes its head into the landing area.

“In the biggest of the right place. Curiosity’s trajectory was so accurate that engineers decided to wave off a last chance to tweak its position before atmosphere entry. “We’re ready to land,” said project manager Brian Portock. Not ones to tempt fate, flight controllers planned to break out the “good luck” peanuts before Curiosity takes the plunge as part of a long tradition.

“It’s definitely the quietest before the storm,” said NASA sciences chief John Grunsfeld. “There’s tremendous anticipation.” One scientist who can relate to the building anxiety is Cornell University planetary scientist Steve Squyres, who will be part of the last successful rover mission in 2004. This time around, Squyres has a supporting role and planned to view the landing with other researchers in the

Thousands of fish die as Midwest streams heat up

LINCOLN, 6 Aug — Thousands of fish are dying in the Midwest as the hot, dry summer dries up rivers and causes water temperatures to climb in some spots to nearly 100 degrees. About 40,000 shovelnose sturgeon were killed in Iowa last week as water temperatures reached 97 degrees. State fisheries officials said they’ve seen thousands of dead sturgeon, catfish, carp, and other species in the Lower Platte River, including the endangered pallid sturgeon. Ecologists in Illinois said the hot weather has killed tens of thousands of large- and small-mouth bass and channel catfish and is threatening the population of the greater redhorse fish, a state-endangered species.

So many fish died in one Illinois lake that the carcasses clogged an intake screen near a power plant, lowering water levels to the point that the station had to shut down one of its generators. “It’s something I’ve never seen in my career, and I’ve been here for more than 17 years,” said Mark Flammang, a fisheries biologist with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. “I think what we’re mainly dealing with here are the extremely low flows and this unparalleled heat.

The fish are victims of one of the driest and warmest summers in history. The federal US Drought Monitor shows nearly two-thirds of the lower 48 states are experiencing some form of drought, and the Department of Agriculture has declared more than half of the nation’s counties — nearly 1,600 in 32 states — as natural disaster areas. Meanwhile, the heat records were broken over the last month. Iowa DNR officials said the sturgeon found dead in the Des Moines River were worth nearly $10 million, a high value based in part on their highly sought eggs, which are used for caviar.

The fish are valued at more than $110 a pound. Gavin Gibbons, a spokesman for the National Fisheries Institute, said the sturgeon kills don’t appear to have reduced the supply enough to hurt regional caviar suppliers.

America, which caused the epic of the continent to “flex” downwards creating a shallow sea as water from the ocean flooded the land.

The dino remains were discovered in a restricted area around the town of Dinant in the Belgian Ardennes province and were sold to an international buyer. The fossil was purchased by a private collector.

The discovery has been hailed as a significant find, not only for Belgium but also for paleontologists worldwide. The fossilized remains of the dinosaur are estimated to be around 200 million years old, making them one of the oldest known fossils in the region.

The fossil appears to be a part of a larger bone, potentially belonging to a sea creature that lived in the ocean at the time. The bone is well-preserved, with distinct ridges and grooves that suggest it was once part of a larger structure.

The discovery has raised questions about the evolution and migration patterns of marine life during that time period. Scientists believe the discovery could provide new insights into the history of the region and the evolution of marine life in the area.

However, the discovery also raises concerns about the potential for further fossil discoveries in the region. Conservationists have called for strict monitoring and protection of the area to ensure that no further fossils are lost or damaged.

Scientists are currently working to determine the exact species of the dinosaur and its significance to the history of life on Earth. The fossil will be preserved and studied by experts in the field, who hope to gain a better understanding of the marine life that once thrived in the region.

Two cats, mice and an iPad result in digital magic

NEW YORK, 6 Aug — See what happens when a master magician plays a few top tricks on two seven-month-old Maine Coon cats. The elegant prestidigitation is courtesy of our friend Simon Pierro, an ace magician who does all kinds of tricks, but lately has concentrated on spectacular illusions with the iPad.

Creating this video was not as easy as it looks, especially given the distractability of cats, particularly young ones. In this case, Simon told us because “the cats are still young, they want to play 24/7.” One of the cats “turned out to be very clever,” says Simon. “The moment he

Simon Pierro and his cats.— Internet

Geography helps solve dinosaur evolution puzzle

WASHINGTON, 6 Aug — The number of dinosaur species in the Americas increased following tectonic activity that led to the creation of a mountain range, a study has suggested. Fifteen million years before the mass extinction that wiped out the giant reptiles, the number of species increased in what is now North America. Researchers said that the birth of the mountains probably sped up diversification. The findings have been published in the journal PLoS One. In their research, Terry Gates from Ohio University and colleagues showed that the “Sevier” mountain range grew on the west of what is now

Simon Pierro.— Internet

eBay testing same-day delivery service in San Francisco

San Francisco, 6 Aug — eBay is testing a same-day delivery service called eBay Now, the company announced in an email to users on Sunday. TheiOS app, currently only available in San Francisco, will let users place an order and receive products from local stores, usually within an hour, the online auction site said. eBay Now will also give users a $15 discount off their first order, as well as free delivery on their first three orders. Users will have to pay $5 for each subsequent delivery.

To sign up and dowload the iOS app, visit the eBay Now site, and log in with your credentials. The service is powered by Milo, a local shopping startup that eBay acquired in 2010. At the time, it was a strategy move to infiltrate a growing local-commerce market. Milo is a shopping search engine that helps consumers look for comparable items in nearby stores. For retailers, Milo is a platform for driving online shoppers to offline stores.
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**TSMC eyes future technology with $1.4bn ASML investment**

Taichung (China), 6 Aug — Chinese Taipe Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, the world’s biggest contract chipmaker, has agreed to invest 1.1bn euros ($1.4bn; 850m) in one of its key equipment suppliers in a bid to cut costs. Under the deal, it will invest 276m euros in ASML to develop the tools to make smaller, more cost-effective chips. This comes just weeks after Intel signed a similar agreement with ASML Dutch firm ASML, which makes the machines used to print circuit patterns onto chips. 

Shuangyi Chiang, TSMC’s co-chief operating officer, said that one of the biggest challenges facing the industry was “how to effectively control the escalating wafer manufacturing cost.” He said the co-investment programme with ASML to develop future technology will help keep the costs in check in the long run. The Taiwanese chipmaker will also invest 880m euros to acquire a 5% stake in the firm. 

TSMC said that it was hopeful that an increased investment in research would help ASML develop equipment that can handle a larger size of circular wafers from which chips are cut. Chipmakers across the globe have been trying to increase the size of the wafers to 450mm from the current size of 300mm. The shift in the size of these wafers is expected to result in substantial cost savings for the chipmakers as more chips can be cut from them. “The transition from one wafer size to the other research shows that cancer treatments don’t just kill cancer cells to attack tumours.” But this work confirms that healthy chemotherapy can stimulate surrounding healthy immune cells to attack tumours.”Sometimes this can be good—for instance, other research showing that cancer treatments don’t just play a critical role in wound healing and the production of collagen, the main component of connective tissue such as tendons. But chemotherapy causes DNA damage that causes the fibroblasts to produce up to 30 times more of a protein that after giving honey to kids, their coughing was less through the night, a new study suggests. Parents also reported that after giving honey to kids, their coughing was less frequent and less severe. Coughs are one of the most common reasons kids go to the doctor, said Dr Ian Paul, a pediatrician from Pennsylvania State University in Hershey. 

But, he said, “The therapies for cough and cold symptoms... have problems in that they’re not very effective, or not effective at all, and they have the potential for side effects.” Many over-the-counter cough and cold products have a “do not use” warning for kids under four. One of the concerns with the medications is parents accidentally giving kids too much, or kids getting into the drugs themselves. 

“As opposed to many of the other things we give—medications and medicines that do have side effects — honey over age one is almost completely safe,” Paul, who wasn’t involved in the new study, told Reuters Health. Researchers from Israel randomly assigned 300 kids, aged one to five, to one of four different nighttime cough treatments. 

**Carbon monoxide’s damaging role in heart rhythm found**

**The chief executive of ASML has been seeking investment from key customers such as TSMC.**

LONDON, 6 Aug — The way that even low levels of carbon monoxide can be fatal, by disrupting the heart’s rhythm, has been unravelled by researchers in Leeds. They found that levels common in heavy traffic could affect the way the heart resets itself after every beat. Their study in the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine showed that a common angina drug may reverse the effect. The British Heart Foundation said the research was a promising start. Carbon monoxide is produced by faulty boilers, cigarettes and car exhausts. 

It is deadly at high levels as it “shoulder-barges” oxygen out of the blood, meaning less is transported around the body. Carbon monoxide poisoning kills more than 50 people in the UK each year and many more around the world. However, studies have suggested that even low levels, such as that found in built-up cities with lots of traffic, may also damage the heart. The University of Leeds research team found that the gas kept sodium channels, which are important for controlling the heartbeat, open for longer. Disrupting the sodium channels can disrupt the heart’s rhythm, leading to cardiac arrhythmia, which can be fatal.

**Fibroblasts are usually helpful cells.**

**Chem0 ‘undermines itself’ through rogue response**

LONDON, 6 Aug — Chemotherapy can undermine itself by causing a rogue response in healthy cells, which could explain why people become resistant, a study suggests. The treatment loses effectiveness for a significant number of patients with secondary cancers. Writing in Nature Medicine, US experts said cancer causes wound-healing cells around tumours to make a protein that helps the cancer resist treatment. A UK expert said the next step would be to find a way to block this effect. Around 90% of patients with solid cancers, such as breast, prostate, lung and colon, that spread—metastatic disease—develop resistance to chemotherapy. 

Treatment is usually given at intervals, so that the body is not overwhelmed by its toxicity. But that allows time for tumour cells to recover and develop resistance. In this study, researchers at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Centre in Seattle looked at fibroblast cells, which normally

**Honey may ease nighttime coughing in kids**

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**Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning**

- Headaches
- Breathlessness
- Nausea
- Dizziness
- Collapse
- Loss of consciousness
- Tiredness
- Vomiting

New York, 6 Aug — A spoonful of honey before bed may help little kids with a cough — and their parents — sleep through the night, a new study suggests. Parents also reported that after giving honey to kids, their coughing was less frequent and less severe. Coughs are one of the most common reasons kids go to the doctor, said Dr Ian Paul, a pediatrician from Pennsylvania State University in Hershey. 

BBC: “It was very exciting for us. When we monitored rats for side effects.” Many over-the-counter cough and cold products have a “do not use” warning for kids under four. One of the concerns with the medications is parents accidentally giving kids too much, or kids getting into the drugs themselves. 

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**Traffic is a common source of carbon monoxide.**

In collaboration with researchers in France they tested an angina drug—which also affects the sodium channels—on rats. Prof Chris Peers, from the University of Leeds, told the BBC. “It was very exciting for us. When we monitored rats exposed to levels of carbon monoxide similar to heavy pollution, they had the same heart problems and we could reverse them.” At the moment no one knows how to treat this. We’re saying look there’s a drug on the shelf that might be able to help. 

“Of course it needs clinical trials, but we believe it is a great start.” Dr Helene Wilson, a research adviser at the British Heart Foundation, said: “This study is a good example of research being used to better understand the underlying causes of an abnormal heart rhythm and in this case it has uncovered the ability of an old drug to perform a new trick.” Carbon monoxide poisoning is tragically common but hopefully these promising results can be replicated in people so that it saves lives in the future.”

**Olympics set to boost Adidas profits**

London, 6 Aug — Europe’s biggest sportswear maker, Adidas, has said its full-year profits should be at the top end of forecasts thanks to key events such as the Olympics and Euro 2012. It now expects full-year net profits to rise by 15-17%, against an earlier estimate of 12-17%. Adidas said major sporting events would provide a “positive stimulus” to sales. It also said second quarter profits rose to 165m euros ($202m; £130m), up from 140m euros a year earlier. 

Sales were up 7% to 3.517bn euros. However, sales at its Reebok brand were down 26%, partly as a result of problems earlier this year, Adidas said it had discovered “commercial irregularities” at Reebok India that could cost the firm up to 125m euros.

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**World 100m champion Yohan Blake of Jamaica shows off his Adidas spikes ahead of the London Olympics.**

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**Explosions rock restive Nigerian city as troops raid homes**

**WASHINGTON, 5 Aug —** Explosions rocked parts of the northeastern Nigerian city of Maiduguri on Saturday as troops engaged suspected Islamic radicals and raided homes, residents said. The explosions, which began late Friday, occurred in three neighbourhoods notorious for attacks blamed on the Boko Haram sect, and residents fled as troops went door-to-door arresting people suspected of complicity, they said.

“Last night, there were explosions in Gwange area which went on till the late hours and today the explosions continued in Kalari and Badum neighbourhood,” Modu Ari, a Badum resident, told AFP by phone from the city.

“Soldiers moved from house to house arresting people, forcing residents to flee their homes to escape arrest,” said Ari, who had left his house with his family on Saturday. Ali Faltaye, a resident of Kalari, said troops battled suspected sect members in the area, sending residents fleeing to avoid being caught up in the fighting or arrested by soldiers. “Since morning loud explosions have been going on in the area and soldiers have been breaking into homes making arrests,” Faltaye said. Military and police authorities were not available for comment.

Troops from Nigeria’s Joint Task Force were deployed in the city two years ago to combat Boko Haram and have been accused of burning homes and committing rights violations against residents whom they accuse of complicity with Boko Haram, citing instances when there is an attack blamed on the sect. The soldiers have denied such accusations.

The group has stepped up bomb and gun attacks since the start of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan. Boko Haram has killed hundreds in an insurgency that has been focused in Nigeria’s mainly Muslim north, with attacks also occurring in the country’s religiously and ethnically divided centre. The country, Africa’s most populous nation and largest oil producer, is roughly divided between a mainly Muslim north and predominantly Christian south. Maiduguri, capital of Borno state, is considered the base of the sect. — Internet

**3-D martial arts movie to be launched**

**BEIJING, 6 Aug —** Diehard fans of Chinese martial arts will be able to enjoy kung fu as if they were in the presence of masters thanks to the launch of a 3-D documentary set in the legendary Shaolin Temple. The 60-minute Shaolin Boot Camp showcases the life of Hollywood actor and martial artist Jason Scott Lee as he learns about the Shaolin Temple, its traditions and kung fu from Shaolin monks over a two-week period. Shooting of the documentary wrapped up on Thursday. Shi Yongxin, the abbot of the temple, toasted Lee and guided his practice.

Lee, who is of Chinese-American descent, became famous starring as Bruce Lee in the 1993 kung fu movie Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story. He also starred in the 1990s film Kung Fu: A kung fu system developed by Bruce Lee — under Jerry Potter, one of Bruce Lee’s students. The story of the Shaolin Temple and its kung fu has been featured in movies and documentaries before, but this is the first 3-D film to be made about it. It is a co-production by China’s Intercontinental Communication Channel, Beach House Pictures in Singapore and 3net, a 3-D television channel in the United States. The documentary’s premiere on 3net is scheduled for the beginning of 2013, with plans to have it broadcast in China later. It is “very easy to learn, Shaolin kung fu is more culture, spirit and belief than just fighting and combat,” said Li Weimin, who will be demonstrated in the documentary.

“A Shaolin monk practices kung fu during the shooting of the first 3-D documentary about the legendary temple. Xinhua”

**China detains almost 2,000 in fake drug sweep**

**BEIJING, 6 Aug —** Chinese police have detained almost 2,000 people in a nationwide sweep on fake drugs, seizing more than 180 million US dollars worth of counterfeit products and destroying some 1,100 production facilities, the Public Security Ministry said on Sunday.

The police, involving around 18,000 police officers, discovered fake or adulterated drugs purporting to deal with illnesses ranging from diabetes to high blood pressure and cancer, the ministry said in a statement on its website (www.mps.gov.cn). The suspects went so far as to advertise their drugs online, in newspapers and on television, and the drugs caused problems ranging from liver and kidney damage to heart failure, it added.

“The criminals’ methods were despicable and have caused people to buy with rage,” the ministry said. The government has repeatedly promised to tighten regulatory systems after safety scandals involving fish, drugs, toys, toothpaste, children’s clothes, tyres, drugs and milk fortified with melatmine, used in the manufacture of table tops. But little has been done apart from a few, highly publicised arrests. Tackling the issue has not been helped by China’s confused and still developing regulatory environment, corruption and the high profits of counterfeiters can rake in.

Earlier this year, Chinese consumers recoiled at stories of drugs capsules tainted with chromium, long-term exposure to which can cause serious organ damage. MNA/Reuters

**New study ties global warming to recent year heat**

**WASHINGTON, 5 Aug —** An analysis by a top government scientist says the extreme heat and drought seen in the US, Europe and other regions in recent years must be global warming. Specifically the study by NASA scientist Hansen blames climate change for last year’s drought in Texas and Oklahoma, the 2010 heat wave in Russia and the 2003 European heat wave that led to tens of thousands of deaths.

Hansen told The Associated Press in an interview that the world is now experiencing scientific fact. Hansen’s research is respected by other climate scientists. But he is also an activist who has pushed for curbing greenhouse gases. Some experts don’t expect the new study to change any minds.

Hansen’s work was published online Saturday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science. — Internet

**Fake drugs leads to GSK recalls in S Africa**

**JOHANNESBURG, 6 Aug —** GlaxoSmithKline said on Thursday it is recalling some counterfeits medicine in South Africa after police discovered counterfeit versions of the painkiller.

A spokeswoman for GSK said the counterfeit versions of Grand-Pa Powders were limited to two batches, but declined to say how much was believed to be in circulation.

“We have no reason to suspect that other batches are affected,” Liesl Sabhath, marketing director for GSK’s South African unit, adding the company was alerted to the drugs after police raided a drug counterfeiting operation.

State broadcaster SABC reported that police arrested a 45-year-old for allegedly manufacturing fake Grand-Pa Powders in Oranjeville, a town in the Free State province around 100 km north of Johannesburg. Grand-Pa is one of South Africa’s top over-the-counter painkillers. — Reuters

**Signage is pictured on the company headquarters of GlaxoSmithKline in west London on 21 July, 2008. REUTERS**
**District News**

**Palaithwe hybrid paddy seeds sown in Maubin**

Maubin, 6 Aug—A ceremony to sow Palaithwe hybrid seeds on 22 acres of irrigated farmland in Maubin Township of Ayeyawady Region on 17 July.

Staff Officer U Nyi Lay of Maubin Township Agriculture Administration Department (Upper Myanmar) invited cash, book donations from the people and the development of local libraries across the township. Those wishing to donate cash and books to the libraries may contact Myanmar Libraries Foundation at No. 228 on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township, Yangon, Tel: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756.

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**Citizenship scrutiny cards issued in Mawgyun**

Mawlamyine, 6 Aug—In implementing Moe Pwint-3 Plan, issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards was held at the administrative office in Myanmar Ward 8 of Mawlamyine Township on 24 July morning.

Head of Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Htay Aung and staff issued citizenship scrutiny cards to 135 people.

**Rescue works performed in floods of Madauk**

Nyaungbin, 6 Aug—As the water level of Sittoung River rises at Madauk of Nyaungbin Township in Bago Region, township level authorities manage rescue works for the people from Myoma-1 and Myoma-2 wards of Madauk to be able to evacuate them to safety.

About 1000 people from 187 flood-hit households are being accommodated at Tagundaing Monastery, Taungtaya Monastery, Wintha Monastery and Inching Department personnel of Nyaungbin Township, social organization and people of urban areas and wellwishers donated bags of rice and foodstuff to the flood victims through local authorities.

**Vehicle hits another car and tree, leaving driver and truck conductor dead**

Yamethin, 6 Aug—A traffic accident occurred on Yangon-Mandalay Highway near Kaunggyu Village, north of Yamethin, at 22 July, leaving both driver and truck conductor dead.

In the incident, the six-wheel vehicle driven by Win Oo, 50 of Wundawaddy of Wundwin Township hit the six-wheel vehicle driven by Thet Naing, 20 of Pyinmy Village in Natogyi Township due to control between mile posts 304.4 and 304.5 on Yangon-Mandalay Highway. The former vehicle then plunged into the east side and then hit a tree. Driver Win Oo and truck conductor Aung Phyo died on the spot.

In charge of police station SPP Kyaw Naing Lwin inspected the traffic accident and took action against the driver for reckless driving.

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**Low-land of Myinnu inundated from Ayeyawady River**

Myinnu, 6 Aug—Ayeyawady River overflows into NyaungUpe Ward of Myinnu through a small creek on 28 July. Inchaung Ward of Myinnu was inundated with four-foot deep water through the sluice gate near the water pump station of Myinnu Township Development Affairs Committee. It was the first time of floods after 2007, said a local U Maung Soe.

**Palaithwe hybrid paddy purchased in Tatkon**

Tatkon, 6 Aug—A total of 438 acres of farmland have been put under Palaithwe paddy in 25 villages of Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. Price of 100 baskets of paddy was set at K 400,000. All productions of paddy were bought before July 30.

Assistant Director U Saw Sein Win of Nay Pyi Taw Agriculture Department and members of the Township Agricultural Coordination Committee provided necessary assistance for the farmers to cultivate high yield Palaithwe paddy.

Myonna Ailin

**Inter-University/College Football Tournament wraps up in Mandalay Zone**

Mandalay, 6 Aug—The Inter-University/College Men’s and Women’s Football Tournament, organized by Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar), reached the final matches in Mandalay Zone on 30 July.

Among the spectators were Mandalay Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing, Director-General of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) U Soe Win, directors-rectors and faculty members and students.

Kyemon

**Multipler librarian course concludes in Bahan**

Bahan, 6 Aug—Banham Township Information and Public Relations Department jointly organized the multiplier librarian course 1/2012. The course concluded at the TV room of the Township IPRD on 27 July afternoon.

Assistant Director U Myint Swe of Yangon Region Information and Public Relations Department made a speech.

Next, Township Administrator U Zaw Win Hlaing awarded certificates to the winners in the training course.

Myonna Ailin

**Fumigation for DHF in Hsihseng**

Hsihseng, 6 Aug—With a view to prevention against outbreak of Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever in urban areas, the team led by Executive Officer U Thein of the Road Department fumigated the basic education schools in Hsihseng on 14 July.

Kyemon

**Taxation talks lectured at basic education schools in Dawe**

Dawe, 6 Aug—A talk on taxation to basic education middle students was held at five Basic Education High Schools in Dawei Township of Taninthayi Region on 14 July and four middle schools on 21 July.

Head of Township Internal Revenue Department U Kyaw Tint lectured facts about taxation.

Likewise, the talks on taxation were held in other townships of Ayeyawady Region.

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Parents urged to hand down...

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At the proposal discussion session, the proposal submitted by Dr Than Win of North Okkalapa Constituency at the 9th day session on "Urging the government to form Myanmar Traditional Preservation Commission after National Culture Promotion Plan has been laid down," was discussed by U Win Ko of Hlaingsheng Constituency, Dr Daw Than Nwe of Kawlin Constituency, U Win Htein of Mekitra Constituency, U Myint Shwe of Wam constituency, U Aung Han of Pabedan Constituency, U Aung Kyaing of Nyaung U Constituency and Dr Daw Aye Myint of Shwedaung Constituency.

They discussed: In our new democratic country, there will be social and economic relations between Myanmar and the world countries. Myanmar needs to take preventive measures of its culture and guard against keeping patriotic spirits in their minds. We must be aware of indocency in basic, moral and taw.-

The chairman said that the proposal should be implemented after Myanmar Traditional Clothes Preservation Commission has been formed. Myanmar culture is originated under the influence of religious teachings. If the culture disappears, races will not exist. And if people cannot keep its national cultural heritage, national characters might disappear. Due to the rapid IT development and culture imperialism, it is special importance of keeping their own custom and traditions. It is important for parents on their parts to hand down their good sense of legacy to their offspring as well as to youths students to equip them with national awareness, and nationalism spirits.

Culture preservation can be classified physically and mentally. Physical culture includes buildings, pagodas, religious edifices, pictures, and literacy. Mental culture covers behaviours, expressions and performance arts. The more ancient buildings and pagodas become older, the more precious they are. And these are the cultural heritages of the country. It should be preserved as its own conditions. The government should continue preserving culture heritages buildings. In mental culture, old thoughts should not be constantly held. Parents, teachers and responsible persons are to guide youths to keep fine traditions of culture.

Respective ministry is urged to implement the government would have to extend a helping hand to the development of the national races' dialects, literacy, fine arts and cultures as stated in the Constitution. With respect to the above-mentioned proposal, Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin explained that Myanmar National Culture Central Committee has been reformed with the aims of keeping Myanmar traditional characters, dynamism of patriotic spirits and preservation, promotion and propaganda of Myanmar traditional cultural heritages. The Central Committee is serving its duties as always.

Ministry of Culture is reminding people of keeping the fine traditions of Myanmar traditional customs. Announcements are being broadcast annually through newspapers and TV's in order that people celebrate Myanmar water festival in line with Myanmar traditions and customs.

Due to the rapid development of IT, cultural from other countries is rapidly penetrating into the country. Plans are under way to grant new experts needed for Myanmar National Culture Central Committee and to add new objectives, rights and duties.

So, the proposal should be withdrawn because no need to form a commission. Hlutaw took vote and decided not to approve it with the majority vote.

At the bill discussion session, U Thein Nyunt of Thingyan Gyaw Constituency submitted the bill amending Emergency Act (1950) (Act No.17/50) and Bill Committee member U Thaung Win read out Pyithu Hlutaw Bill Committee's report.

The date on which the bill will be discussed will be announced later. Those wishing to discuss the amended proposal are to register their name lists by 9 August.

At today's session, three questions raised and answered, one proposal discussed and one bill submitted. The meeting came to a close at 4 p.m. The 21st day session will be held at 10 am tomorrow.—MNA

Basic Course on International Trade

No (1) concludes

Yangon, 5 Aug—The concluding ceremony of Basic Course on International Trade No (1) was held at Yangon Region branch of the Ministry of Commerce here yesterday morning, with an address by Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint.

Dr Mya Aye of the Union Commerce Minister said that the Ministry has been carrying out tasks for promotion of trade to fulfill economic development of the State. He also said the trade school was opened on 3 April, 2012 and the basic course on international trade No (1) was offered to 86 trainees. The four-month course features theory and practical lessons on rules and regulations concerning trade and business based on international experiences.

The Union Minister urged the trainees to do their best for dissemination of knowledge and promotion of trade and the Ministry would carry out nurturing of human resources for development of trade. He promised that the Ministry will conduct not only basic course but advanced course in the near future.

The Union Minister presented completion certificates to the trainees and the trainee spoke words of thanks. —MNA

Hotel Services Course

No. 6/2012 concludes

Nay Pyi Taw, 6 Aug—With the leadership of Taunggyi Zone Hotelier Association supervised by the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, the concluding ceremony of Hotel Services Course No. 6/2012 was held at Hill Top Hotel and Taunggyi Hotel on 4 August.

General Manager U Thaung Min of Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism gave prizes to outstanding trainees and gifts to instructors. The chairman of Taunggyi Zone Hotelier Association presented completion certificates to the trainees. —MNA

School health week activities held in Nay Pyi Taw

Nay Pyi Taw, 6 Aug—Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, together with Deputy Minister U Ba Shwe, Nay Pyi Taw Council Member U Than Aung and officials, looked into school health week activities at No. 5 Basic Education High School in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Township, this morning.

The Union Minister and party enjoyed school health week activities there. Deputy Minister U Ba Shwe, Nay Pyi Taw Council Member U Than Aung and officials enjoyed school health week activities at No.3 BEMS in Zabuthiri; Director-General of Education Planning and Training Department U Bo Win and party, at No.1 BEMS and No. 1 BEHS in Zeyathiri Township. School health week activities are being held in Basic Education schools across the country in accord with five objectives till 11 August. —MNA

Low pressure area becomes unimportant

Nay Pyi Taw, 6 Aug—According to the observations at (5:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over Northwest Bay of Bengal become unimportant. announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department. —MNA
Agriculture and Irrigation disburses bank loans to farmers for cultivation of crops in time. Therefore, the farmers are to repay loans to the bank with prescribed interest.

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The move aimed at helping those bought illegally imported motorcycles, the deputy minister replied that the ministry had carried out investigations for issuing licenses to unlicensed motor cycles for seven times from 1999 to 2010. For the remaining motorcycles, the ministry has issued licenses to them from 5 June to 4 October, 2012, for the eighth time and in the order to take actions against the licensed Department, would take effect as from 4 October, 2012.

The new policy has hit the minority but benefited the majority of farmers without interest.

As illegal imported edible oils can harm health of the people, information has been given to the people through newspapers and journals not to consume the above-mentioned oils. Moreover, warnings about edible oil and other foodstuff harmful to the people will be issued.

In the past, the State allowed to export white sesame and black sesame. As of 9 August 2011, export of groundnut, red sesame, brown sesame, groundnut oil and sesame oil are allowed. Thus, cultivation of groundnut increases. Likewise, farmers from Magway, Mandalay and Sagaing Regions extend their cultivation of edible oil crops. Arrangements are being made for formation of Myanmar Edible Oil Mills’ Association for milling groundnut and sesame meeting set standard. With the assistance of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, UMFCCCI will organize cultivation of high yield groundnut strains in Bago and Ayeyawady Regions.

The ministry put 8.03 million acres of land under edible oil crops in 2011-2012 and 331,767 hectares under oil palm. At present, a total of 102,445 acres of oil palm plantation produces 5256 metric tons per year. As groundnut and sesame seeds are exported, production of edible oil can decline. Thus, it still needs to raise production of palm oil.

At present, efforts are being made to shift from growing current edible oil crops to growing special high yield quality edible oil crops. It is required to take into consideration the export of ground nut, sesame and sunflowers at a time when there is local demand for edible oil while striving for production of more edible oil crops. In an effort to produce more edible oil crops for local demand, all levels of activities are to be launched through private investments. Likewise, necessary steps are to be fully taken in the processing coconut oil into refined oil.

Next, member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee Daw Nan Ni Ni Aye read out the report of the Bill Committee as to natural disasters management bill.

Afterwards, the Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw approved the natural disasters management bill para by para.

Next, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe tabled natural disaster management bill for approval, and U Aung Myint Thein of Kayin State Constituency No 9 seconded the bill.

The Hluttaw decided to approve the bill. After that, Secretary U San Tun of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committees, read out the report of the Bill Committee as to the State Crops Marketing Board Acts Revoking Bill.

Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Dwint Hsuan tabled the State Crops Marketing Board Acts Revoking Bill for approval, and U Tun Zaw (a) Ko Pauk of Bago Region Constituency No 12 seconded the bill.

The Hluttaw decided to approve the bill. The Speaker approved the bill.
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(from page 9) Constituency-9, U Aung Kyi Nyunt of Magway Region Constituency-4, Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency-8 and U Soe Nyunt of Magway Region Constituency-6 in discussion over the proposal calling for the Union Government to hire independent consultant engineers in major projects of the State being undertaken through local and foreign investments for long-term interest submitted by U Myo Myint of Mandalay Region Constituency-6, saying that at present the world nations are interested in making investments in Myanmar; that in that regard any joint venture will be to bring about mutual benefits to the most possible degree; that in view of some ministries’ procedures it is found that they have not monitored the field trips, data collection and designing but they only end up with the recommendation of the investment companies; that when the concession period (eg, 30, 40, 50 years) come to an end, it is important to be able to maintain the running conditions.

Although foreign investments are to be welcomed, it is to be based on Win Win policy to ensure mutual benefits in the long-term interest. Constant monitoring is to be made on technique guarantees and products which require financial assurance, durability of supplied items and technological transfers. Taking advantages of weaknesses of the country’s technology, if they build factories, airports, hotels, dams and reservoirs, gas pipelines, deep water ports, power stations, roads and bridges with substandards the country will be at a loss by the end of the operation period.

There used to be severe consequences of the wrong projects. In that sense, experts are indispensable to ensure least damage to natural resources and environment and gain high profits. Moreover, transparency is also required and without it, it is hard to safeguard the national interest.

Regarding the proposal, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw suggested that the relevant ministry should make a thorough calculation on benefits before signing an agreement. Legal actions are required for the nation if terms and references of the agreement are not met.

In the time of the previous government, there was a restriction for the ministries over the hiring of consultant engineers due to economic sanctions. But at present, there are a series of technological assistance and economic cooperation from international community. In the process, some projects started hiring the consultant engineers.

In addition, the Planning Commission with the President as chairman has been formed under Order No. 28/2012 of the President Office of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for economic development of the State. The Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry is hiring consultants to avoid environmental degradation in establishing the special economic zone. In future also, systematic steps are being taken to avoid environmental degradation and ensure correct investment proposals, figures and emerging benefits.

The proposal was decided to approve through votes. The session ended at 3:50 pm and the 21st day session will continue at 10 am on 7 August.

At today’s session, six questions were asked and answered, two bills approved, and one proposal was discussed and passed.

MNA

PSDRD clarifies suspensions on two weekly journals

NAV PYI TAW, 6 Aug—Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa of Pyithu Hluttaw received a 43-member delegation led by former Speaker of National Assembly and Senate of the Kingdom of Thailand and Chairman of Management Standing Committee of the House of Representatives of Thailand Mr Chai Chidschok at Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Hall No 1 of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 2:30 pm today. Also present at the call were Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo, Chairman of Bill Committee U T Kyun Myat, Chairman of Public Accounts Committee U Thurein Zaw, Chairman of Government’s Guarantees, Pledges and Undertaking Vetting Committee U Win Sein, Secretaries of the Committees.

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Gunmen kill 15 Egyptians, Israel strikes attackers  

CAIRO, 6 Aug — Islamist gunmen killed at least 15 Egyptian police on Sunday and set off two powerful vehicles to attack a crossing point into Israel, the deadliest incident in Egypt’s Sinai border region in decades. Israeli aircraft destroyed one of the armored vehicles and four of the gunmen were killed. Egyptian security sources said Israel’s Defence Minister Ehud Barak called for “determined Egyptian action” to “prevent terror in Sinai.”

The attack was an early diplomatic test for Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi, an Islamist who assumed power three weeks ago, and who is close to Mursi's Muslim Brotherhood. It is shown that Palestinian militants were involved. Egypt has accused Palestinian militants in Gaza of involvement in militant activity in Sinai, where insecurity has grown since Mubarak was toppled. Mursi has pledged to get a grip on security in Egypt but has yet to prove he can assert control over an entrenched security establishment. Mursi summoned senior military officials and vowed to respond to the attack. His spokesperson said the assailants had not been identified for now.

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Hamas said it was investigating the incident and had no information so far indicating the gunmen came from Gaza but Taher al-Nono, a spokesman for the Hamas government, said it was closing tunnels along the border with Egypt immediately.

Reuters

Al-Qeda prisoners try to tunnel out of Iraqi jail  

BAHRAIN, 6 Aug — A group of al-Qeda prisoners was caught trying to tunnel out of Iraq’s Abu Ghraib prison, an official said on Sunday, after the militants said they would step up attacks against the government. Iraq’s Shi’ite-led government is concerned that Sunni prisoners will get a boost from the insurgency in neighboring Syria, where mainly Sunni rebels are battling President Bashar al-Assad.

Break-ins are common in Iraq and security at prisons was beefed up this week after five militants stormed a police counter-terrorism headquarters on Tuesday in an attempt to free al-Qeda prisoners. All five were killed in a long battle. A spokesman for the justice ministry, Haider al-Sadi, said in a statement that 11 of the group’s detainees at Abu Ghraib dug down three meters and had tunneled along 20 meters using a frying pan and part of a ceiling fan before they were discovered.

They had fashioned breathing apparatus from soft-drink cans stuck end to end. Another official in the ministry told Reuters that the men were al-Qeda members. The high security prison, notorious for abuse both during the rule of Saddam Hussein and under US occupation, houses several thousand convicted militants.

"The late shift guard warned last month that it would step up its fight against the government, said it was already under attack on Sunday, after the militants said they would step up attacks against the government. Iraq’s Shi’ite-led government is concerned that Sunni prisoners will get a boost from the insurgency in neighboring Syria, where mainly Sunni rebels are battling President Bashar al-Assad.

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New Zealand forces come under second attack in Afghanistan  

WELLINGTON, 6 Aug — New Zealand forces in Afghanistan came under attack again on Sunday, the day after insurgents killed two New Zealand soldiers and wounded six others, the New Zealand Defence Force announced on Monday.

Members of the New Zealand Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in the village of Do Abe, in Bamyan Province, came under fire from small arms and rocket propelled grenades in the second attack, said a statement from NZDF.

"Our personnel returned fire. We also dispatched other forces in support of our people in Do Abe," Chief of Defence Force Lieutenant General Jones said in the statement. "In addition, our coalition partners provided significant air support." The Provincial Reconstruction Team sustained no casualties in the second attack, he said. "We have begun reviewing this attack, which will feed into our picture of the security challenges in this part of Bamyan Province."

Earlier Monday, Jones said the NZDF remained concerned that Sunni militants in Gaza of involvement in militant activity in Sinai, where insecurity has grown since Mubarak was toppled. Mursi has pledged to get a grip on security in Egypt but has yet to prove he can assert control over an entrenched security establishment. Mursi summoned senior military officials and vowed to respond to the attack. His spokesperson said the assailants had not been identified for now.

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Fan killed; nine injured by lightning after Pocono race  

BLAKESLEE, 6 Aug — A group of four fans was killed and nine injured by lightning after Pocono Raceway officials announced that a fan was pronounced dead on arrival at a local hospital. Details have not been released.

"Me and my friend just ran into our truck during all of a sudden huge, huge crack from the sky," Kyle Manger, a race fan from New Jersey, told The Sporting News.

"The visibility was very poor and all of a sudden [I] saw a bolt of lightning in front of our windshield. When it became a little more visible, we saw two bodies next to a destroyed tent with people scrambling.

Jeff Gordon, the race’s winner, recalled seeing lightning strike right after the race ended, including the one that may have injured the fans. “I’m pretty sure I know which one it was,” he said. “We were walking down pit road, the umbrellas weren’t doing any good, there was a huge, huge crack from lightning. You could tell it was very close. That’s the thing that’s going to take away from the victory, is the fact that somebody was affected by that.”

NASCAR fans have been struck by lightning at races in the past. Three fans suffered minor injuries during a thunderstorm in Daytona in 2004.

Reuters

Oklahoma wildfire crews helped by cooler temperatures  

Oklahoma City, 6 Aug — Cooler temperatures gave a slight boost on Sunday to crews battling 18 wildfires across Oklahoma that have torched at least 121 structures and charred thousands of acres of a dried out drought. The blazes, which have charred more than 68,000 acres across the state, burned through the night, forcing more evacuations in small towns and rural areas in central Oklahoma, although it will be days before the full damage is tallied, officials said.

Once the most devastating fires tore through the towns of Luther, about 25 miles from Oklahoma City, on Saturday, razing 56 structures, although it is now under control. Authorities are investigating whether that blaze was deliberately set. A cool front that passed across the state overnight lowered temperatures by up to 25 degrees. No deaths were reported and may keep the memory from topping the 100-degree F (38 degrees Celsius) mark in areas where fire crews are working on Sunday, the National Weather Service said, although underlying drought conditions remain unchanged.

Another this year is a bad year, but it’s not as bad as last year. One reason already known, said Michelle Finch Walker, a spokesperson for Oklahoma Forestry Services. “This year is going to be remembered for the number of structures lost,” she added. The largest of the state’s fires has blackened a 58,000-acre (23,490 hectare) stretch between Oklahoma City and Tulsa, the state’s two largest cities, Finch said, noting that it was one of the largest blazes in the state’s history. —Reuters

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Residents try to move a 9-metre-long whale shark stranded on Parangkusumo beach in Bantul of Yogyakarta, Indonesia, on 4 Aug, 2012. This is the second whale shark stranded on Indonesian beach while migration, according to a coordinator of the local NGO. — Xinhua

Gang wars fears see Macau police detain 150, Hong Kong arrest 130

HONG KONG, 6 Aug — Police detained more than 150 people in weekend raids on casinos and hotels in Macau after a recent spate of killings raised fears of a new gang war in the world’s largest gambling destination.

In Hong Kong, police raided 21 locations on August 2 as part of the joint operation and arrested 130 people on suspicion of various crimes including money laundering involving HK$310 million, illegal gambling and prostitution. Police also seized cash, watches and cars worth more than HK$11 million.

Macau, a former Portuguese territory, was gripped by gang wars in the late 1990s and the recent murders of three people in two weeks, thought linked to the gambling industry, come just months ahead of the release from jail of triad boss “Broken Tooth” Wan Kuok-koi, who wreaked havoc at that time.

About 1,300 people were rounded up on Friday and Saturday in Macau, a one-hour ferry ride from Hong Kong, and 150 of them were taken in for questioning in the operation codenamed “Thunderbolt”. “This operation is an annual exercise to maintain public security. It is a joint exercise undertaken by police in Guangdong province, Macau and Hong Kong to crack down and prevent crime in this region,” a Macau police spokesman said.

The Macau raids came just weeks after a Chinese woman was found murdered in a residential area minutes away from the cavernous gambling halls of gaming magnate Sheldon Adelson’s Venetian casino.

That followed the murders of two Chinese nationals at the five-star Grand Lapo hotel in Macau and an attack at the end of June on a senior figure in Macau’s junket industry, which extends credit to rich gamblers. By contrast, only five homicide cases were recorded between June 2011 and May 2012, according to a Macau police spokesman.

“We are not too concerned about these operations. Macau is a gambling city and other gambling is involved, sex and drugs will be involved,” said Macau legislator Au Kam San. — Reuters

Hong Kong Facebook user arrested over hacking threat

HONG KONG, 5 Aug — Hong Kong police said on Sunday they had arrested a 21-year-old man after he reportedly said on social networking site Facebook that he would hack several government websites.

The unindentified man was arrested on Friday before being released on bail.

He faces up to five years imprisonment if found guilty.

The man is a member of the global hacker group Anonymous, the South China Morning Post said.

The group is said to have 20 members in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory, which guarantees civil liberties not seen on the mainland, including freedom of speech.

The police spokesman declined to confirm his link to Anonymous. The last posting on the “Anonymous HK” Facebook page on 2 July urged authorities to “show respect” to citizens.

The notorious group, which is believed to be a loosely affiliated network of “hacktivists”, has attacked sites of groups as varied as MasterCard and Visa, the US Justice Department, and the Tunisian and Yemen governments. — Reuters

Afghan police kill 21 Taleban fighters in 24 hours

KABUL, 5 Aug — Afghan police have killed 21 Taleban militants during series of operations over the past 24 hours. — Interior Ministry said in a statement released here on Sunday.

“Unites of national police backed by army and the NATO-led forces have killed 21 armed Taleban insurgents and arrested three Taleban fighters. There were also two others during operations in Kapsia, Kandahar, Herat and Farah provinces over the past 24 hours.”

Bus accident kills 23 Angolan soccer fans

LUANDA, 6 Aug — Twenty-three fans of Angolan soccer club Kabuscorp were killed and 29 injured when their bus overturned on the road back to Luanda after an away match, state newsagency Angop reported on Sunday.

The accident happened on Saturday in Kwanza Sul province when the fans had watched their team play in the country’s top division at Lobito, about 600 kilometers (370 miles) southeast of Luanda, Angop said.

“I am distraught and sad. The place where the accident took place is very dangerous and the driver was young and he was probably speeding,” said Kabuscorp president Bento Kambanga, quoted by Portuguese state news agency Lusa. He said the bodies of the dead had been taken to Luanda, while the injured fans received treatment at hospitals in Kwanza Norte province. He did not give details on the severity of their injuries.

Disclaimer: News Wire has not verified the accuracy of the information provided. — Xinhua

Commuters travel on a flooded street in Lahore, Pakistan, on 4 Aug, 2012. Parts of Lahore were flooded after heavy downpours battered Lahore on Saturday. — Xinhua

Angola has one of the highest traffic-related death tolls in the world. According to police, 3080 people died in 2010 due to road accidents, which are the second-biggest cause of death in the southwestern African nation after malaria. Kabuscorp received international attention in January when they signed forward Rivadals, a Brazilian World Cup winner and former World Footballer of the Year. — Reuters
Clemente bat sells for $41,825

A baseball bat used by Roberto Clemente in the 1960 World Series sold for $41,825 at the National Sports Collectors Convention in Baltimore.

Heritage Auctions, which ran the sale, said the bat from Game 7 of the 1960 series sold for $41,825, while a cup presented to Honus Wagner in 1917 sold for $44,812.50 and a baseball signed by Babe Ruth — believed to be in the best condition of all the balls signed by the player — sold for $388,375, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported.

Other items sold at the auction include Muhammad Ali’s boxing trunks from “The Thrilla in Manila,” which sold for $355,350. “This is our Platinum Night auction, our most prestigious auction of the year,” said Jonathan Scheier, lead cataloger for Heritage Sports Collectibles in Dallas.

“I love history — and particularly sports history as history,” the insider said.

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...country does not like public service at Sears, Morrow said. “If you’ve worked anything,” she said. “I retired for about six weeks after Sears closed down, and I thought, I can’t do this.” Morrow said.

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While traveling between Paignton and Torquay on a No 12 bus, a male passenger started chewing the leather seat and stared and continued to pick at the hole with his hand to make further damage. Around 200 pounds ($314) of damage was caused, a Devon and Cornwall police spokesman said.

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LONDON, 6 Aug — Usain Bolt wins men’s 100m as Ross takes women’s 400m

Bolt slightly worried about the start

Bolt's greatest. The Jamaican, cheered loudly by the crowd in the Olympic Stadium, wasn't fast out of the blocks and found himself with time to look at Justin Gatlin, who got off to a flyer. However, once Bolt was up to his full height after around 40 meters, there was no stopping him as he powered past his rivals. "I was

Boos ring out after Italian in holding farce

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Dolgopolov rallies to win Washington tennis

Washington, 6 Aug — Seed second Alexander Dolgopolov survived a three-hour rain interruption to claim his second career title with a 6-7 (7-8), 6-4, 6-1 win over Germany’s Tommy Haas at the ATP hardcourt event.

The Ukrainian had reached the title match without losing a set before Haas won the first in a tiebreaker — a set which was interrupted as the German led 6-5.

The final was the fourth for Dolgopolov, who did not play the London Olympics due to a disagreement with his national federation. Haas accepted defeat without mentioning the court conditions. The German was playing Washington for the seventh time. An agitated Haas complained bitterly in the final set about balls taking repeated dead bounces on a hardcourt which had surface patches where water had soaked through. The Ukrainian had reached the title match without losing a set before Haas won the first in a tiebreaker — a set which was interrupted as the German led 6-5.

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Villagers earn incomes through poultry farming in Yamethin

Yamethin, 6 Aug — Breeding of poultry is being carried out on a manageable scale around Thayetmi Village of Myotha Village-tract in Yamethin Township of Mandalay Region.

The poultry farms are engaged in breeding of CP layers and broilers. Chickens can be bought from Pyaywab Township, at one patty chicken per K 1000 and one broiler K 100.

Breeders can earn income through sales of eggs at K 85-100. Eggs from the farms are sold at Myotha, Thayetmin, Pinya, Pelshe, Wayandaw and Inbaung villages. Broilers of over 45-day are sold out from the poultry farms. Manageable scale breeding of poultry contributes to better livelihoods for the local people, said Ko Moe Kyaw of Kangleon Village. There are 10 breeders in Thayetmin Village and so many breeders in other villages engaging in breeding of layers and broilers in Yamethin Township. — Kyemon

Bradley triumphs at Firestone as Furyk fades

Akron, 6 Aug — Keegan Bradley stunningly clinched the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational by one shot on Sunday after playing partner Jim Furyk, a stroke in front after the first two rounds, signed off with a 68 to tie for eighth on four-under 276. — Reuters

That’s a really difficult pin.” Bradley all but swayed an automatic spot on the 2012 US Ryder Cup team with his come-from-behind triumph. “I just want to be on that team so badly,” said the 26-year-old. “I hope this is enough to get on there.” Bradley had been in trouble playing the par-four last, finding a plugged lie in a greenside bunker with a wayward approach and splashing out well beyond the hole with his third shot. However he coolly sank the par putt coming back before pumping his right fist in amazement as a distraught Furyk butchered the hole.

Better leader Furyk missed a five-footer for bogey to take the tournament into a playoff and tapped in for a six and closing 69 to finish at 12 under with fellow American Steve Stricker, who birdied the last three holes for a 64. South African Louis Oosthuizen, alone in second place after the third round, was a further stroke back in fourth after carding a four-under 68. Seven-times champion Tiger Woods, who had struggled with his putting in the first two rounds, signed off with a 66 to tie for eighth on four-under 276. — Reuters

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Weather forecast for 7th August, 2012

Outlook for sub-Seasonal Bay of Bengal Inference

State of the Sea

Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface Bay Inference

7 Taninthayi 32/90 23/73 Scattered rain or thundershowers (100%)

17 Neighbouring Mandalay 30/86 24/75 Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (100%)
Consideration must be taken for export of groundnut, sesame and sunflowers at a time when there is local demand for edible oil while striving for production of more edible oil crops

Constant monitoring to be made on technique guaranty of projects which require financial assistance, durability of supplied items and technological transfers

Gold success for Mustafina

London, 6 Aug—Russia’s Aliya Mustafina claimed gold in the Uneven Bars with a superb score of 16.133.

Great Britain’s Beth Tweddle (15.916) won bronze in her last Olympic Games—London 2012

Flood warning for Thanlwin, Shwegyin Rivers

NAVP-T A/W, 6 Aug—According to the (12:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of the Thanlwin River at Hpa-an (855) cm has exceeded by (105) cm (about 3.4-ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (750) cm during the next (3) days.

The water level of the Shwegyin River at Shwegyin (752) cm has exceeded by (52) cm (about 1.7-ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (700) cm during the next (3) days, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

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