Our Three Main National Causes

* Non-disintegration of the Union
* Non-disintegration of National Solidarity
* Perpetuation of Sovereignty

Rakhine unrest has nothing to do with race or religion

President U Thein Sein

Rakhine issue should not tarnish positive image of Myanmar

Turkish FM

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a delegation led by Turkish Foreign Minister Mr Ahmet Davutoglu at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here this morning.

Also present at the call together with the President were Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi and departmental heads. The delegation led by the Turkish Foreign Minister was accompanied by Turkish Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Murat Yavuz Ates.

The President said in his greetings that the visiting foreign minister and party were accorded a warm welcome. He showed his pride for the visit. Despite geographical distance, Myanmar and Turkey are friendly nations with diplomatic ties established since 1958. Previous Turkish ambassadors discharged duties abroad. The mutual relations will be boosted by the opening of the temporary embassy in Yangon. Site for construction of the embassy in Nay Pyi Taw has been designated. Myanmar embassy will be opened in Ankara of Turkey. The foreign minister’s visit would further strengthen existing friendly ties and future relations between the two countries. He again extended his heartfelt welcome to the Turkish minister.

The visiting Turkish minister said he was swollen with pride of the meeting. He said his trip is the first-ever Turkish high-ranking official visit to Myanmar. He again showed his pleasure for receiving the delegation by the President. He handed the President an (See page 8)

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, received a delegation led by Mrs Emine Erdogan, wife of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 10 am today.

Present at the call together with Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of the President were Daw Lin Lin Tin, wife of Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, and Daw Kyin Khaing, wife of Union Minister at President Office U Thein Nyunt. The Turkish Prime Minister’s wife was accompanied by Mrs Sare Davutoglu, wife of the Foreign Affairs Minister of the Republic of Turkey. (See page 2)
Sports Ministry emerges champions of Digicel Women’s Cup

YANGON, 9 Aug.—Secretary of Myanmar National Sports Committee Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu was among the spectators who enjoyed final showdown of Digicel Women’s Cup 2012 at Pudongna Sports Ground in Sangyoe Township here on 7 August.

Sports Ministry crowned the champions of Digicel Cup, beating Transport Ministry 1-0.

The deputy minister presented the cup to the champions.—MNA

MoU between Electric Power Department, China Three Gorges Corporation signed

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug.—Efforts are being made in ensuring more local and foreign investments after laying down short-term and long-term plans for development of electric sector which is instrumental in the building of an industrialized nation. Meanwhile, steps are being taken in order not to harm the national interests and environmental conservation while striving for economic development through local and foreign investments.

With this end in view, means and ways are to be sought to ensure renewable energy such as wind energy, solar energy, biomass fuel, said Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe at the signing of MoU between the Electric Power Department and China Three Gorges Corporation on feasibility study for generating electricity in Chin Region, Rakhine State, Yangon Region and Ayeyawady Region.

The Union minister went on to say that as the national grid could not cover Shan State and Rakhine State yet, those regions will develop with added momentum should sources for generating wind energy—used power be found; and that likewise, it will also contribute to power supply in Yangon Region and Ayeyawady Region.

It is hoped that China Three Gorges Corporation would successfully complete its FS, EIA, SHA soon, and through such cooperation, the ministry would be able to obtain technology, skills and experiences. It is believed that with the help of local authorities and people, feasibility study would achieve success.

Next, Vice President Mr Bi Xayxiang of China Three Gorges Corporation spoke words of thanks.

A f t e r w a r d s , Director-General of EPD U Khin Maung Zaw and Vice President Mr Bi Xayxiang signed the MoU.

Also present on the occasion were Union Ministers U Hla Tun, U Zaw Min, U Than Htay and U Aye Myint, Deputy Ministers U Win Shin, U Myint Zaw and U Aung Than Oo, departmental heads, those from Chin Three Gorges Corporation and Hydrochina Kunming Engineering Corporation.—MNA

Development of Cooperative, Livestock Breeding and Fishery discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug.—Deputy Minister of Cooperatives U Than Tun together with Mon State Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Mo Nyunt attended the workshop on development of cooperative, livestock breeding and fishery in Mawlamyine of Mon State on 6 August.

On 7 August, the Deputy Minister met heads of Township Cooperative Departments and the Chairman, officials and staff of Township Cooperative Syndicate in Thaton and Kyakko townships.

In his instructions, he stressed the need to make field trips to grassroots level for organizing the local people to develop cooperative sector for rural development and poverty alleviation and to constitute new cooperative societies.—MNA

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In response to the discussion, the wife of the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar saying that Myanmar government are providing necessary assistance for those who are in stuck situation in Rakhine State without taking into conderation black or white in cooperation with NGOs and INGOs. She replied that she thanked the wife of the Turkish Prime Minister and party for giving a helpful hand to Myanmar. Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, and social affairs are making strenuous efforts in helping humanitarian aid and social affairs and she also want to promote further cementing friendship with Turkey.

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Wife of Myanmar President receives wife of Turkish Prime Minister and…

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At the call, the wife of the Turkish Prime Minister said that she congratulated Myanmar on putting into practice democracy reform as well as work for better results in implementing ongoing tasks in Myanmar. She is to go to Rakhine State and to provide locals in the State with necessary assistance, she said.

The NGOs are come along with me and they would help them. If you asked for some assistance, she noted.

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Corrigendum

Please read Dr. Zaw Myint Maung of Kyaukpaung Constituency instead of Daw Zaw Maung Maung on 13th line of second paragraph in the news with title “Hluttaw representatives urged to...” on page 8 of this newspaper issued on 8-8-2012... Error is regretted.—Ed

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PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 10 August, 2012

Don’t Spark off clashes

These days, we see a lot of clashes, conflicts and violence around the globe. Today is the age of globalization. With the rapid advancement of IT, we have so many chances to enjoy the up-to-date information through the media. This news may be right or wrong. Some media want to release information ahead of others as quickly as possible without knowing whether or not the news comes from the reliable sources. In some cases, it may trigger conflicts and violence and sometimes tarnish the images of those concerned. So, the media is of great importance.

There are so many reporting such as conflict reporting, economic reporting, crime reporting and parliamentary reporting etc. Among them, conflict reporting plays a crucial part. Journalists must take account of ten tips for reporting conflict—1. Don’t write in cliches; 2. Don’t believe everyone someone tells you; 3. Don’t hunt for the “definitive truth”; 4. Don’t get things out of context; 5. Don’t accept information without question; 6. Don’t forget the human face of suffering; 7. Don’t be sloppy with words; 8. Don’t be led by another’s agenda; 9. Don’t ignore the local pressures; and 10. Don’t ignore history.

So, all media men should follow the above-mentioned points in reporting conflicts. The journalist needs to be sensitive, have an understanding of history, be aware of cultural issues, and put people before the story. Don’t spark the clashes off.

MYANMARGAZETTE

NAV PYT TAW, 9 Aug.—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Myint Kyaing as Director-General of Population Department under the Ministry of Immigration and Population on expiry of the one-year probation period.

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

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Nagasaki marks 67th atomic bomb anniversary

OSAKA, 9 Aug — Nagasaki marked the 67th anniversary of the western Japanese city’s atomic bombing on Thursday, with US Ambassador to Japan was in attendance, calling for world free of threats from radiation, local Press reported. The peace memorial ceremony, held at the city’s Peace Park, was attended by survivors, bereaved family members and Prime Minister Yoshide Sato to commemorate the nearly 160,000 victims killed by the attack.

Representatives from more than 40 countries joined the ceremony and survivors and participants in the ceremony, among them being US Ambassador to Japan,40-year-old Passing, who attended the Nagasaki event for the first time.

A silent prayer was offered to the deceased at 11:02 am local time, the exact time the atomic bomb was dropped on the city.

Nagasaki Mayor Tomihiro Taue made a speech at the ceremony, urging the Japanese government to take proper initiatives that would stop any and all nuclear weapons-related activities in the international community, from their development to deployment, so that Nagasaki will become the last place ever attacked with a nuclear weapon.

He also referred to last year’s nuclear disaster at the Fukushima No1 nuclear power plant in his peace declaration, appealing to the government to formulate a new energy policy in order to rebuild Japanese society so that it will never be threatened by the harmful effects of radiation and to take concrete measures to replace nuclear power with renewable energy sources. A series of seminars and meetings with themes on the peaceful utilization of atomic power are expected to continue in the city until the evening hours, the report said.

Bomb threat causes airport evacuation in Texas

HOUSTON, 9 Aug — Airport authorities on Wednesday evening locked down a terminal building of an airport in Texas state’s Dallas city, following a bomb threat on an American Airlines flight. The plane arrived at the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) International Airport from Austin, capital of the US state of Texas.

According to local TV channel ABC13, as a precaution, passengers were asked to exit the flight 1072, and the plane was moved to an isolated area for checking, but inspectors found no bomb. An Austin airport spokesman said the plane was called the airport by saying there was a bomb threat on two specific planes, of which one plane was already on its way to Dallas.

US starts landmark Agent Orange cleanup in Vietnam

DANANG, 9 Aug — Fifty years after American planes first sprayed Vietnam’s thick jungles with Agent Orange to destroy enemy cover, the United States began for the first time cleaning up dioxin left from the chemical defoliant.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Thursday at a former US air base in Danang/Dioxin, a chemical linked to cancer, birth defects and other disabilities, has seeped into Vietnam’s soils and watersheds, creating a war legacy that remains a thorny issue between the former foes nearly four decades after the Vietnam War ended.

Washington has been slow to respond. Since 2007 it has given about $60 million for environmental restoration and social services in Vietnam, but this is its first direct involvement in dioxin cleanup.

Egypes fires intelligence chief, militants hit

CAIRO, 9 Aug — President Mohamed Mursi sacked the intelligence chief on Wednesday and Egyptian aircraft hit targets on the border with Israel in the biggest assault in the area in nearly 40 years after a deadly attack by militants on Egyptian border police. It was unclear how the Mursi — who must accommodate the powerful army at home and reassure Israel that, as Egypt’s first Islamist president, he will maintain stable relations — had expanded his authority in response to Sunday’s attack.

But in a major shake-up, he sacked intelligence chief Mourad Mwafi and announced other changes in security appointments. He has also promised to restore calm to the Sinai region after militants killed 16 Egyptian guards on Sunday and then stormed through the border before being killed by Israeli fire. It was the bloodiest attack on security forces in Sinai since Egypt made peace with Israel in 1979.

Obama’s lead over Romney grows despite voters’ pessimism

WASHINGTON, 9 Aug — Americans are increasingly pessimistic about the future but voters do not seem to be holding it against Democratic President Barack Obama, who slightly expanded his lead over Republican rival Mitt Romney this month, a new Reuters/Ipsos poll says.

Three months before the 6 November presidential election, nearly two-thirds of Americans think the country is moving in the wrong direction. Only 31 per cent say it is moving in the right direction — the lowest number since December 2011.

But Obama’s lead over Romney among registered voters was 49 percent to 42 percent, up slightly from the 46-point advantage the president held a month earlier over the former Massachusetts governor.

Romney’s efforts to paint Obama as being out of touch with the concerns of middle-class Americans could be preventing the Republican from gaining momentum in the race.

“The overall ‘rightness, wrong track’ is worse than last month - the news hasn’t been great lately,” said Ipsos pollster Chris Jackson. “But Obama seems to be, to some extent, inoculated against some of the worst of that.”

The telephone poll of 1,168 adults, including 1,014 registered voters, was taken from 2 August to 6 August. During that period, the Labour Department reported that US employers hired the most workers in five months but that the nation’s jobless rate had risen to 8.3 percent from 8.2 percent.

Even so, in a reversal from July, registered voters thought Obama was stronger than Romney in dealing with jobs and the economy, and with tax issues. The poll indicated that 46 percent of registered voters thought Obama was stronger on jobs and the economy, compared with 44 percent for Romney.

Children watch the fireworks during a ceremony marking the first anniversary of Tripoli’s liberation in Tripoli, on 8 Aug, 2012.

Tripoli, 9 Aug — Libya’s ruling council handed over power to newly elected national assembly on Wednesday in the North African country’s first peaceful transition of power in its modern history but which comes amid heightened violence. In a late-night ceremony held under tight security in Tripoli, the National Transitional Council (NTC), political arm of the opposition forces that toppled Muammar Gaddafi a year ago, handed over to the national congress, elected in July.

The ceremony, whose members took an oath led by Ibrahim Abdul Jalil symbolically passed the reins to the Tripoli’s Martyrs Square to celebrate the declaration, appealing to the international community, urging the world to provide full parliamentary elections after a new constitution is drafted next year. A liberal coalition led by wartime rebel prime minister Mahmoud Jibril won 17 of the 80 party seats in the congress, while its Islamist rivals, the Justice and Construction Party — the political wing of the Muslim Brotherhood — won 17.

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Early on Wednesday, Egyptian aircraft struck at targets near the border with Israel and troops raided villages, army officials and witnesses said, in the biggest military assault in the area since their 1973 war. Egypt’s military leadership said ground and air forces had begun to restore stability in Sinai.

The forces were able to execute the plan successfully. The forces will continue the plan and calls on tribes and families of Sinai to cooperate in the restoration of security, it said.

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Many human ‘prototypes’ coexisted in Africa

LONDON, 9 Aug — Fossils from Northern Kenya show that a new species of human lived two million years ago, researchers say. The discoveries suggest that at least three distinct species of humans co-existed in Africa. The research adds to a growing body of evidence that runs counter to the popular perception that there was a linear evolution from monkey to ape to modern human.

The research has been published in the journal Nature. Anthropologists have discovered three human fossils that are between 1.78 and 1.95 million years old. The specimens are of a face and two jawbones with teeth. The finds back the view that a skull found in 1972 ago is of a separate species of human that existed around two million years ago alongside other species of humans. For a long time the oldest known human ancestor was thought to be a primitive species dating back 1.8 million years ago called Homo erectus. They had small heads, prominent brows and stood upright.

But 50 years ago, researchers discovered an even older and more primitive species of human called Homo habilis that may have coexisted with H. erectus. Now it seems H. rudolfensis was around too and raises the distinct possibility that many other species of human also existed at the time. This find is the latest in a growing body of evidence that challenges the view that our species evolved in a smooth linear progression from our primate ancestors.

As Dr Meave Leakey of the Turkana Basin Institute in Nairobi, who led the research, says “there was a diversity early on in the evolution of our species. “Our past was a diverse past,” she told BBC News, “our species was evolving in the same way that other species of animals evolved. There was nothing unique about us until we began to make sophisticated stone tools.” In other groups of animals many different species evolve, each with new traits, such as plumage, subgroup levels.

The team expects iBatsID to greatly aid bat conservation because it offers a pan-European standardisation of acoustic - something that has been lacking until now. Kate Jones, chairwoman of the Bat Conservation Trust, says “acoustic monitoring plays a very useful role in bat conservation... “But without using the same identification methods everywhere, we cannot form reliable conclusions about how bat populations are doing and whether their distribution is changing.”

Professor Jones of the Natural History Museum in London, fossil evidence is increasingly suggesting that human evolution followed the same pattern. “Humans seem to have been evolving in different ways in different regions. It was almost as if nature was developing different human prototypes with different attributes, only one of which became successful.”

According to Dr Leakey, the growing body of evidence to suggest that humans evolved in the same way as other animals shows that “evolution really does work.”

“IT leads to amazing adaptions and amazing species and we are one of them,” she said.

Free online tool helps identify bat calls

LONDON, 9 Aug — A freely available online tool that can identify the calls of bat species found in Europe could help improve knowledge of the mammals, a study has suggested. Acoustic methods have been used more by researchers to monitor bat populations, but poor standardisation has limited efforts to collate EU-wide data. Bats are critical indicators of ecosystem health, as they are sensitive to human impacts, the authors say.

The details of the paper appear in the Journal of Applied Ecology. An international team of researchers say the need to survey and monitor bat populations has been recognised, especially in regions where the animals are protected by wildlife laws, such as the EU Habitats Directive. However, as most species are nocturnal, small and difficult to catch it is not practical to rely on visual identification.

Instead, acoustic monitoring of bats’ echolocation calls — sounds that the bat emits, allowing them to navigate, hunt prey and communicate with other bats — is the preferred method. “Lots of different measurements can be taken of an echolocation call, such as its minimum and maximum frequency, how quickly the frequency changes during the call,” explains co-author Charlotte Walters from the Zoological Society of London. “But we didn’t know which of these measurements are most useful for telling different species’ calls apart,” she adds.

The team selected 1,350 calls from 34 different European bat species used by Echolink, a global echolocation library containing more than 200,000 bat call recordings. This raw data has allowed them to develop the identification tool, iBatsID, which can identify 34 out of 45 species of bats found in Europe. They say the resulting online tool can identify most species correctly more than 80% of the time. However, they add that there are a number of species that have calls that are hard to identify so the researchers recommend limiting IDs to subgroups within a species.

Echo-location

* Bats emit series of high-frequency sounds, interpret the echoes to locate obstacles and prey.

* As the sound rises in frequency it yields finer resolution, because higher frequencies reflect more efficiently from smaller objects

* Bats use their highest frequencies when they need to find small creatures moving quickly

New app lets riders hail a NYC cab by smartphone

New York, 9 Aug — Hailing a taxi on a New York street is going high-tech — with a smartphone application. Starting Wednesday, a passenger can send out a hailing signal to cabs with a matching app, without a block-area filter.

Martin Heikel, co-founder of the Zappahub app, says the venture started after business partner Ben Milspaugh felt frustrated that he wasn’t able to get a cab when and where he needed one. “So far, Heikel says about 1,000 of the city’s more than 13,000 yellow cabs drivers have downloaded the app.

When a hailing icon pops up, the driver sees the passengers’ location. Drivers will be charged $14.95 a month, or $9.95 a six-month subscription — after several promotional, cost-free months. The passenger app is free of charge.

Google extends online search to email boxes

New York, 9 Aug — Google has begun allowing users to extend online searches to include messages stored in accounts at Web-based email service Gmail. Sometimes the best answer to your question isn’t available on the public Web — it may be contained elsewhere, such as in your email.” Google search senior vice president Amit Singhal said in a blog post on Wednesday. “We think you shouldn’t have to be your own mini search engine to find the most useful information; it should just work.”

Google invited people to try its Google:experimental@gmail.com trial to sign up to take part in the new feature, which was still being shaped.

“We’re developing a way to find this information for you that’s useful and unobtrusive, and we’ll do our very best,” Singhal said. The trial was limited to English language searches and messages in Gmail accounts. Enhancements under development include a feature for organizing air travel confirmation emails so that a query of “my flights” would show up results that include a concise list of bookings.

Google on Wednesday began allowing users to extend online searches to include messages stored in accounts at Web-based email service Gmail.

“These are baby steps, but important ones on our way to building the search engine of the future,” Singhal said. Those steps include upgrading Google search to look beyond query words to figure out what people are actually searching online. “Knowledge Graph” technology built to recognize people, places or things signified by keywords was extended beyond the United States to every English-speaking country in the world on Wednesday, according to Google. “The Knowledge Graph is built to understand real things in the world,” Google fellow Ben Goodspeed told AFP when the improvement debuted in May. — Internet
Three-dimensional movies have been among the highest grossing films in China in recent years.—Internet

James Cameron eyes Chinese market with 3D joint venture

NEW YORK, 9 Aug — James Cameron, the creator of the blockbuster film Avatar, has announced a joint venture with two of China’s fastest growing movie studios. His firm, Cameron Pace Group and its Chinese partners will develop advanced equipment for 3D filming. The move comes amid a boom in China’s movie industry and a growing demand for 3D films in the country.

Various Hollywood filmmakers have been trying to tap into the Chinese market. “The future of entertainment is 3D and we believe that the future of 3D is right here in China,” Mr. Cameron was quoted as saying by the Associated Press news agency. Earlier this year, Chinese authorities had announced that they will allow an additional 14 foreign films to be shown in the country, if the movies are made in 3D or for the big-screen imax format.

China’s movie industry has seen robust growth in the past few years. Ticket sales in the world’s second-largest economy surged 29% to 13.1bn yuan ($2.1bn; £1.3bn) in 2011. They are forecast to rise further, by around 20% in the current year. The growth in its market has seen various Hollywood filmmakers and studios announcing joint ventures with Chinese firms.

Earlier this week, Dreamworks Animation announced plans to co-produce the next Kung Fu Panda movie with its Chinese partners.—Internet

International travel ‘makes athletes ill’

LONDON, 9 Aug — Elite athletes who travel more than five times a year to compete, more than double their risk of illness, a BMJ study has suggested. The researchers looked at the different germs and allergens of a new environment affect the athlete. Air travel does not seem to play a part as on returning home the competitors’ health does not differ from normal. They suggest this could contribute to a home advantage for Team GB in the Olympic Games.

Prof Martin Schwellnus, one of the paper’s authors said: “It is a common perception that international travel increases illness — due to organisms in aeroplanes.”

However, this study suggests that increased illness from travel is more likely to be due to the fact that the person is out of their normal environment. Prof Schwellnus added: “The stresses of travelling seem not to affect the players because when they return home the risk of illness does not differ from normal. ‘Changes in air pollution, temperature, allergens, humidity, altitude as well as different food, germs and culture could all contribute to illness when arriving in a distant destination.’

The study tracked the daily health of 220 elite rugby players competing in the 2010 Super 14 Rugby Tournament. Over 16 weeks, teams from Australia, South Africa and New Zealand played in all three countries. For matches played on home turf, before international travel, there were 15 reported illnesses in every 1,000 days played. Incidents where players were more than five hours’ time difference away from home, this rose to 33 reported illnesses in every 1,000 days played. For matches played back home after international travel, illnesses fell to 11 incidents in every 1,000 days played. Almost a third of all illnesses reported were respiratory conditions, followed by gut problems and skin and soft tissue conditions.

Prof Schwellnus said: “These findings could be relevant to the Olympics and might contribute to a home advantage.” Although Prof Schwellnus also pointed out that this study concentrated on a tournament played from February to May with participation every week — a different environment to the Olympic athletes who generally compete just once.

The different germs and food in a foreign country, rather than air travel, seem to make athletes ill.—Internet

Los Angeles, 9 Aug — These happy times in the Magic Kingdom. The Walt Disney Co’s stock price has risen 20 percent so far this year, outpacing its media company rivals.

Although many media companies are experiencing a post-recession bump thanks to a recovery in advertising, analysts believe Disney can offer steady growth and safety as the economy heads into murkier territory. That’s because the company has products against a possible ad slump. The increasing fees it charges distributors of its TV channels like ESPN and ABC.

At the same time, the company’s wave of investment in parks and resorts is slowing — freeing up cash for dividends and stock buybacks.

And thanks to some renovations, park revenues and profit margins are on the rise. There’s also the small matter of “The Avengers,” which generated $1.5-billion in ticket sales to become the third biggest movie of all time. The Marvel superhero epic has more than offset losses in its video games, sequels and merchandise — and inspired the development of new theme park rides.

Disney’s earnings are growing, and are expected to rise from $2.54 in per-share annual profits through September 2011 to $3.48 in fiscal 2013. That growth — at 17.1 percent per year — is above the average of 16.2 percent of peers Time Warner Inc, CBS Corp, News Corp, Viacom Inc and Discovery Communications Inc. One big reason Disney stock is back in favour: its profits are predictable, even when the economy slows. Two-thirds of Disney’s profits come from TV networks like ESPN, ABC, Disney Channel, ABC Family and Disney XD. And even if advertising growth cools further, Disney is still looking in annual fee increases from distributors like Disney TV, with whom it is expected to renegotiate a long-term deal next year. The share of TV revenue that comes from such fees is seen rising toward the half-way point industry wide.

“These content fees really don’t swing up or down with the economy,” says Barton Crockett, an analyst with Lazard Capital. “Because they’re less volatile, they’re more valuable.” Indeed, shares are trading at 14.4 times the next 12-month’s expected earnings, up from the 10.6 times future earnings they were trading at last September, according to FactSet.

In this photo, people stand near the entrance to the Walt Disney Studios in Burbank, Calif.—Internet

Mighty Mouse: Investors flock to safety of Disney

Mexico destroys 8 mn chickens amid bird flu outbreak

MEXICO CITY, 9 Aug — Eight million chickens have so far been slaughtered in Mexico, 66 million more chickens were vaccinated in a bid to contain a bird flu outbreak in the west of the country, authorities said. The agriculture ministry said in a statement that during the vaccination process in the Los Alamos region of Jalisco state, diseased chickens were identified, leading to the destruction of the flu-carrying fowl.

Food safety officials say, the outbreak, which was first detected on 20 June, is confined to Los Alamos, which is an egg-producing area. Inspections in other parts of the country have not turned up any signs of the disease. A national animal health surveillance system was activated at the beginning of July, and the chances of both eggs and chickens have sky-rocketed. Authorities said that the disease is caused by a human disease in various parts of the world, according to the United Nations, but has not shown itself to be easily transmissible between humans.

Some bird flu strains, such as H5N1, have caused serious infections in people. The World Health Organization has documented 607 human cases of bird flu between 2003 and 2010, according to the latest figures. Authorities in Guatemala have stepped up safety checks on its border with Mexico to keep bird flu from spreading into the country.

In this photo, a farmer sprays vaccine at a farm under quarantine following a bird flu outbreak in Tepatitlan, Jalisco, Mexico, in July.—Internet

Rising consumer prices have been a hot political issue in many Asian economies.—Internet

China inflation rate dips to a 30-month low in July

HONG KONG, 9 Aug — China’s inflation dipped to a 30-month low in July, giving policymakers a bigger cushion to boost stimulus measures to spur economic growth. Consumer prices rose by 1.8% in July, from a year earlier. That was down from a 2.2% growth rate in June and a 3% rise in May.

China has been looking to spur domestic consumer spending amid a slowing global demand for its exports. China’s economy grew at its slowest pace in three years in the second quarter. The drop in prices of pork and meat and poultry products, which fell by 18.7% and 6.1% from a year earlier respectively, were the key drivers of the slowdown in the rate of inflation.

China’s economy grew at an annual rate of 7.6% in the April-June period, down from an 8.1% expansion in the previous three months. There are fears that growth in the world’s second-largest economy may slow further in the coming months. As a result, Beijing has taken various measures to spur growth. China’s central bank, the People’s Bank of China, has cut its key interest rates twice since the start of June. That has taken the benchmark lending rate down to 6%. It has also cut the amount of money the country’s banks must keep in reserve, effectively giving them more money to lend to consumers and businesses.—Internet
Korea’s foreign currency deposits grow
3.31 bln in USD

SEOUL, 9 Aug — South Korea’s foreign currency retail deposits grew 3.31 billion U.S. dollars last month as more export proceeds were deposited in the foreign currency accounts amid continued trade surplus, the central bank said on Tuesday.

Foreign currency retail deposits held by domestic banks and local branches of foreign banks reached 36.79 billion dollars as of the end of July, up 3.31 billion dollars from a month earlier, according to the Bank of Korea (BOK).

For local lenders, retail deposits denominated in foreign currencies stood at 35.32 billion dollars, or 96 percent of the total, up 3.31 billion dollars from the previous month. The growth came as local branches of foreign banks came in at 1.47 billion dollars as of end-July, down 0.26 billion dollars from a month before. The deposits of foreign banks’ local branches usually show volatile movements due to their size being too small.

By depositor, corporate deposits denominated in foreign currencies increased 3.16 billion dollars on-month to 32.22 billion dollars in July, with individual depositors instilling 6.15 billion dollars to 3.57 billion dollars over the same period.

Corporate deposits are usually regarded as an unstable source of retail funding for banks. Local exporters and depositors in foreign currency-holding holdings earned through trade into the foreign currency deposits mainly for short-term settlement purposes, leading to higher volatilities. By currency, retail deposits denominated in the U.S. dollar ranked first in terms of deposit size with 30.94 billion dollars deposited as of end-July. It was followed by the European single currency with 2.7 billion dollars deposits, with the Japanese yen with 2 billion dollars and other currencies, and the Chinese yuan, with 1.15 billion dollars.

Less than half US adults get enough exercise

WASHINGTON, 9 Aug — Around 48 percent of all US adults get enough physical activity to improve their health, said a government study released on Tuesday.

Sixty-two percent of adults say they walked for at least once in a month in the previous week in 2010, compared to 56 percent in 2005, according to the new Vital Signs report from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

For substantial health benefits, the 2008 Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans recommend an average of at least two hours per week of moderate-intensity aerobic physical activity, such as brisk walking. This activity should be done for at least 10 minutes at a time. “People who are physically active live longer and are less likely to have heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, depression and some forms of cancer,” CDC Director Thomas Frieden said in a statement. “Having more places for people to walk in our communities will help us continue to see increases in walking, the most popular form of physical activity among Americans.”

The report notes that inactive adults with arthritis or hypertension are walking and there was no increase in walking among adults with type 2 diabetes.

Guatemalan court orders extradition of suspected drug kingpin

GUATEMALA CITY, 9 Aug — A Guatemalan court decided on Monday to extradite a 72-year-old suspected drug trafficker to Columbia for the United States because of his alleged ties to Mexico’s Sinaloa cartel.

Waldemar Lorenzana, who has said he is innocent, was arrested last year while driving in the town of EJ, 40 miles northeast of Guatemala City. Authorities accuse Lorenzana of running a large cocaine smuggling racket for the Sinaloa Cartel, pushing drug shipments from Colombia to the United States. The US Treasury Department has placed Lorenzana and his three sons Eli, Haroldo and Waldemar, on a list of Central American drug kingpins and a US district court in New York has requested his extradition on drug trafficking charges.

Lorenzana’s youngest son Elvius was arrested last year and in February a Guatemalan court issued an extradition order for the 40-year-old suspected drug trafficker to face similar charges in the United States. The elder Lorenzana’s other sons are still at large and the US government has offered a $200,000 reward for information leading to their arrests. Guatemalan President Otto Perez must ratify the extradition order before a date is set to send Lorenzana to the US to face charges.

Iraq attacks kill seven

BAGHDAD, 9 Aug — Shootings and bombings killed seven people and wounded six in Iraq on Tuesday, security and medical officials said, bringing the number of people killed in violence this month to at least 69.

Gunmen with silenced weapons shot dead a justice ministry worker in the Jamayah area of Baghdad and killed an agriculture ministry employee in Adil, both in the west of the capital, according to an interior ministry official.

Two soldiers were also shot dead at a checkpoint in Baghdad Jaddia in the capital’s east, the official said. A medical official said four people were shot dead in Baghdad on Tuesday. In the village of al-Qayara, south of the northern city of Mosul,gunmen killed police Colonel Abdul Momen al-Juburi, while the shot dead one person in eastern Mosul, police First Lieutenant Khaited al-Juburi and Dr Mahmoud Zeidan of Mosul General Hospital said.

In Baiji, 200 kilometres (120miles)north of the capital, a motorcycle bomb killed one policeman and wounded four others, a police lieutenant colonel and a medical source said. And in Baquba, the capital of Diyala Province, a magnetic “sticky bomb” wounded two civilians, a police captain and a medical source said. At least600 people, among them 47 security forces members, have been killed in attacks this month according to an AFP tally based on security and medical officials. Meanwhile, Adelal-Sumaidai, a Sal Sacrifice in provincial council member, told AFP his house in a village called al-Sadeh was hit by a rocket from a helicopter about 4:00 am (0100 GMT), killing one woman and wounding three others.

Nuke plant chief after tsunami: ‘This is serious’

In this 15 March, 2011 file photo released by Tokyo Electric Power Co, smoke rises from the damaged Unit 3 reactor, left, next to the Unit 4 reactor covered by an outer wall at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear complex in Okuma, northeastern Japan. — Reuters

Tokyo, Japan — The command centre at Japan’s stricken nuclear plant shook violently when hydrogen exploded in one reactor, and the plant chief shouted, “This is serious! This is serious!” video footage obtained from a news agency shows.

The revelation could cast new light on the nuclear crisis. Tokyo Electric Power Co initially refused to reveal that the company is now under state control and was ordered to do so.

The videos, seen on Monday, are from teleconference between company headquarters in Tokyo and staff at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant the 11 March, 2011, tsunami critically damaged four reactors. In the videos, then-plant chief Masao Yoshida can be heard complaining on phone calls to the prime minister’s office not getting through and expressing frustration over interference from government nuclear safety officials whose technical advice didn’t fit conditions at the stricken plant.

In footage taken around 11 a.m. on March 15, Yoshida screams to utility officials: “Headquarters! This is serious! This is serious! The No 3 unit. This is a hydrogen explosion. We just had an explosion.” “I can’t see anything from here because of heavy smoke.”

In the background, officials can be heard shouting questions about radiation levels and other data. There was a massive earthquake and tsunami that hit northeast Japan had knocked out the cooling systems that kept the reactors’ nuclear material stable, and the cores of three reactors had melted releasing large amounts of radiation. As workers struggled to assess the situation, they fell behind media reports. A voice from an off-site emergency center says he saw the explosion on television news.

The structures housing three of the reactors suffered hydrogen explosions after gas filled the vented buildings, and the blasts spewed radiation and delayed repair work. To try to halt the explosions, the videos show officials even considered dropping a hammer from a helicopter to make a hole in the ceiling, but they scrapped the idea because it was too dangerous. The footage reveals communication problems between the plant and the government as well as workers’ lack of knowledge of emergency procedures and delays in informing outsiders about the risks of leaking radiation.
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Formation of Myanmar Core Press Council

1. With a view to protecting media persons, compiling journalism ethics, settling other press disputes in accordance with rules and regulations and procedures should such disputes occur during the period before the Press Media Law is prescribe by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for every citizen shall be at liberty to express and publish freely their convictions and opinions, if not contrary to the laws, enacted for Union security, prevalence of law and order, community peace and tranquility or public order and morality under Sub-Section (A) of Section-354 of the Constitution, the Myanmar Core Press Council has been formed with the following persons:-

(a) U Khin Maung Aye (Retd Supreme Court Judge) Chairman
(b) Dr Aung Tun Thet (Retd Principal) Vice-Chairman-1
(c) Dr Khin Aye (Maung Khin Din-Darby) United Nations System Staff College Vice-Chairman-2
(d) Dr Myo Thant Tin ( Literati) Member
(e) Dr Tin Hlaing (Boe Hlaing)( Literati) Member
(f) U Khin Maung Lay (Pho Thanakky) Member
(g) U Soe Thein (Maung Wuntha) Member
(h) U Tha Baw (Tha Baw) Member
(i) U Aung Hla Tun (Reuter) Member
(j) U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintaw Saig Chi) Member
(k) U Khin Maung Tun (Khin Maung Tun-Lannmadaw) Union Minister for Modern Agriculture and Irrigation Union Government Member
(l) U Ohn Maung (Myonma Maung Naing Moe) Member
(m) Daw Cho Cho Tin (Ma Sanda) Member
(n) Dr Tin Tun Oo (Today Media) Member
(o) U Myint Maung (Myint) Member
(p) U Maung Maung Myint Aye (Maung Kyaw) Member
(q) U Aung Myint Aye Member
(r) U Ko Ko (Ko Ko-Setmu Tekkatho) Secretary
(s) U Maung Maung Tun (Hein Latt) Joint Secretary-1
(t) Dr Kyaw Zaw Naing (Copy Rights Lawyer) Joint Secretary-2

2. Duties and responsibilities of MCPC are as follows:-

(a) To safeguard freedom of press in accordance with the law
(b) To supervise the expressions of those from the press field so that their expressions are not detrimental to the interest of the people, the dignity of the State and national sovereignty
(c) To settle disputes and complaints among those from the press field and those inside and outside the press field in line with rules and regulations and code of conduct
(d) To act as a bridge among the people, the government and the press
(e) To compile and prescribe the press ethics

(f) To train and educate those from the press field so that they can be endowed with journalism and press ethics
(g) To try to improve capacity and standards of those from the press field
(h) To scrutinize imported periodicals and publications so that they are in conformity with the national interest

3. Authorities of MCPC are as follows:-

(a) Compiling of regulations and procedures of the Press Council
(b) Carrying the tasks freely for development of the press field
(c) Establishing connections with the international organizations
(d) Handling the disputes of newsmen in collecting and writing news
(e) Summoning and coordinating with newsmen who are in breach of journalism ethics
(f) Exercising the above-mentioned authority in accordance with evidence act, penal code, code of civil procedure and Tort
(g) Enjoying immunity from criminal or civil prosecution against members of MCPC Council and those who are vested duties by the council for they are exercising duties and authority vested in them unintentionally.

(h) Advising the government as to press affairs
(i) Educating and taking actions as necessary over the breach of journalism ethics
(j) Coordinating with government departments concerned through Union Government over matters related to the Press Council
(k) Conducting training on national politics for development of press and human resources

4. Members of MCPC shall enjoy the authority vested in a service personnel.

5. Funds of MCPC shall be obtained from the journalists associations, the writers associations and the publishers associations and others.

6. The government shall designate temporarily the site and building for MCPC should they seek for when necessary. The government shall help temporarily the MCPC with the office staff and equipment should they seek for.

7. The MCPC shall not only submit a report on progress of works to the President but also make it publicize.

8. The MCPC shall exercise its authority in accordance with the evidence act, penal code, code of civil procedure and Tort.

9. Criminal lawsuit and civil lawsuit shall not be filed against members of MCPC and those who are vested duties by the council for they are exercising duties and authority vested in them unintentionally.

10. The MCPC shall discharge duties until the hand-over of duties to the Myanmar Press Council to be formed in line with the Press Media Law after it has been approved by the Hluttaw. The Press Media Law (Draft) is currently being compiled by the Ministry of Information.

11. The MCPC shall to compile the Press Council Bill in conformity with the prevailing situations of Myanmar and submit it to the President Office after studying the international norms and advice of local and foreign experts.

By order,
Tin Myo Kyi
Secretary
Union Government

Union A & I Minister inspects modern farming in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug — Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing visited modern research farmland of in the catchment area of the Ngaleik Dam in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area yesterday. He also inspected thriving Palethwe hybrid rice

in the 100-acre farm and also visited the 440-acre farmland in Maezaligon Village which is put under Palethwe hybrid rice.

He also urged the experts to set an example to farmers by doing modern farming making the best use of land and water resources in an attempt to show the double increase in income of farmers through the modern farming. He also called on the farmers and governmental employees formaking efforts for achieving a quick win in the agricultural sector within one or two years.

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Educative talks on school health given at Bahan BEHS No. 2

YANGON, 9 Aug — An educative talks on school health was held at No.2 Basic Education High School in Bahan Township on 7 August as 2012-2013 school health week activity. After opening speech by the Headmaster U Aung Ko Ko, Vice-Chairman-1 writer Khin Maung Tun (Lannmadaw) of Myanmar Writer’s Association, Writer Chit Naing (Pay), Writer Ma Sandra and specialist Dr Maung Maung Lwin of Myanmar gave talks on health matters. The educative school health works and the school nourishment works have been carried out from 6 to 11 August at the same school.

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Drive safely

Union FM receives Turkish Foreign Minister

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Mr Ahmed Davutoglu, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Turkey. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug — Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received Mr. Ahmed Davutoglu, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Turkey, at his office, here, this morning. They discussed further strengthening bilateral relations and cooperation between Myanmar and Turkey. In the evening, the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs hosted a dinner in honour of the visiting Turkish delegation at Myat Taw Win Hotel. — MNA
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invitation from the Turkish President to the Myanmar President to visit Turkey, saying that he hoped the President would convey wishes from the Turkish President. The minister also expressed his satisfaction for the meeting between the wife of the Myanmar President and the wife of the Turkish Prime Minister.

The decision to open Myanmar embassy in Turkey was made after strategic consideration. The relation between the two countries is not merely a friendship, but a relation between the Asian countries with dignity, he said.

Turkey would like to take Myanmar as strategic partner in Southeast Asia. It would establish Myanmar branch and provide assistance to Myanmar and Turkey in cooperation with local organizations, he said. The minister also expressed his satisfaction for the meeting between the President and the Turkish counterpart for the visit of the President and legislative members of the Turkish parliament.

President U Thein Sein cordially shakes hands with Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Ahmet Davutoglu

Oil and natural gas could be explored onshore and offshore Myanmar with some in commercial exploration. Myanmar is also in search of new oil and gas deposits. The President invited investments of the industrialized countries for transparency. The diplomats were briefed on the issue in a press conference on 30 July. The press conference was also attended by UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Situation in Myanmar Mr Quintana who was the alternative member in 2015-2016 and a host country of OIC meeting and urge the OIC secretary to visit Myanmar. He promised to explain what he witnessed in Myanmar at OIC meeting and urge the OIC secretary to visit Myanmar. He again thanked the Turkish minister for his time to make complete explanation. Transparency is the most effective way to prevent issues in Rakhine State. Since two years ago, he has stood on Myanmar side in Turkey and he is the one who supported the opening of Myanmar embassy, the Turkish minister said.

Regarding the cultural cooperation, both Turkey and Myanmar countries are with fine cultural tradition. The proposal of the Turkish minister to promote cultural cooperation is very appropriate, the President said. The Turkish minister was thanked for his offer for the education of diplomatic staff.

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State to give priority…

(from page 15) and sought approval from the meeting after giving licenses. Especially, the ministry has to get all necessary documents and a report of a local office to give licenses to the hotel and guesthouse businesses which needs to show recommendation from concerned.

U Aung Zin of Pgaardaung Constituency asked whether there is a plan to reallocate new farmland when dykes are built to stop sea water and U Win Swe of Nyaungshwe Constituency asked whether there is a plan to dredge creeks and to construct roads in Inle area.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw replied that regarding the first question, the Farmland Law and the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Law was enacted at the third regular meeting of the first Pyithu Hluttaw and the two laws were signed by the President and issued on 30 March, 2012. According to the provisions of the Session 7, Chapter 2 of the Farmland Law, after the law takes effect, a farmland management committee can scrutinize the farmland which have been confiscated and the farmland which are reclaimed by the government to issue farming permission to those who want to do farming. The rules for the law are being drawn and they will be released in the near future.

Regarding the allocation of farmland emerged when dykes are built to stop sea water, the deputy minister replied that the Farmland Law and the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Law allow the farmers in rural areas to do farming on the farmland on a manageable scale. The rules of the three are being drawn. According the Session 161 of the 2008 State Constitution, region/state Humtwas have been established, and according the Session 248, region/state governments led by region/state chief ministers have been established. Therefore, under the supervision of the region/state governments, lands management committees concerned would be allowed to manage the farmland in accordance with the rules of the Farmland Law and the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Law.

Regarding the second question, the replied that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has carried out tasks for dredging, digging water course, clearing floating islands, woods and debris with the use of 15 machineries as part of efforts for the greening of the Inle Lake. To dredge creeks, the Irrigation Department has dug the water course to Heya Wyama Village High School, Inpawkhon Village High School, Nantpan People’s Hospital and the Nant Creek and the Nantar Creek with the use three heavy machinery.

To ensure convenience of transportation in the Inle Lake, the Irrigation Department has given priority to the digging of water course while the Forest Department has taken a leading role in conservation of the lake and environmental conservation, with the supervision of Shan State Government, as measures for dredging and digging water courses in the areas have been undertaken in the (Ywama) High School, Inpawkhon Village High School, Nantpan People’s Hospital and Nantpan People’s Hospital are easily accessible through waterway and there is no plan to build roads for bicycles and motorbikes.

U Khin Win of Paddanung Constituency asked whether there is a plan to take measures against the landslides caused by erosion of the banks of the Ayeyawady River and to allocate land to the victims of the landslides. Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Dt. U Aung Zaw of Waw Township replied to the question that the Prime Minister has suggested to arrange one set up fund for annual maintenance of water course at 46 places between the Ayeyawady River and 37 places between Kamti and Monywa along the Chindwin River. However, fund has not yet set up yet prevent landslides and therefore, if there landslides happened, local residents are to report to the region/state governments concerned.

The region/state governments have to manage as quickly as possible to maintain the situation. If the maintenance is heavy work, the maintenance plan, design and construction cost will be calculated with the assistance of engineers from Directorate of Water Resources and Environment. It will then be submitted to the President Office and the department in charge in the region/state government in accordance with the rules of the law. The region/state governments have to manage as quickly as possible to maintain the situation.

Regarding the proposal discussion section, U Nyi Nyi Myint of Ottwell Constituency, U Than Oo of Launglon Constituency, Dr. Myint Win of Myayunwgyi Constituency, U Thein Aung of Tharphyayin Constituency, Daw Le Le Win of Tamway Constituency, U Tha Win of Yankin Constituency, Daw Soe Moe Aung of Bilin Constituency, U Myint Oo of Thanathin Constituency, Daw Nan Nawm of Shadaw Constituency, U Soe Win of Sanyoeg Constituency, U Aung Soe of Launglon Constituency, U Aung Win of Hlaingwe Constituency, U Kyaw Myint of Myayunwgyi Constituency, U Than Oo of Myawaddy Constituency, U Naing Lin of Dekkhinathiri Constituency, U Thein Tun of Amarapura Constituency, U Myo Swe of Taungtali Constituency, U Pyae Maung of Madaya Constituency and U Sai Win of Hlaingwe Constituency discussed about the root cause of the migration which are caused by unemployment and insufficiency of jobs in the country and therefore, if there landslides happened, local residents are to report to the region/state governments concerned. The region/state governments have to manage as quickly as possible to maintain the situation.

It is estimated that a total of 51,660 meters in total length for dredging 19,817 cubic meters of earth with the use of 370,836.88 gallons of fuel will cost about K 25,334,41 million. Dredging the right way for the bend of river north of Tharphyayin Village is one of 72 similar tasks. According to the survey conducted in 2006-2007 fiscal year there are 2,485 miles long area with 9,981 sq. feet of earth, costing about K 129,900 million. Thus, the township and ward administrators are to encourage the farmers to submit the above proposals to the region/state management plans to region/state government and then, the region government is to open a special fund of the President Office on implementing the plan. The Pyithu Hluttaw submitted a proposal to provide eye care to many for even safety care. The Pyithu Hluttaw submitted a proposal to provide eye care to many for even safety care. The Pyithu Hluttaw submitted a proposal to provide eye care to many for even safety care.
Competition Law can control…

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Distributors Association in order that fuel sale enterprises can pay full taxes to the State and illegal trade of fuel can be stopped.

Regarding the question of U Khin Maung Latt of Rakhine State Constituency No. 6 “there is a plan to construct small and medium hydro power projects, CMP factors and SMEs for the development of Yathedaung and Buthidaung townships”, Deputy Minister for Industry U Myo Aung replied:

Although Yathedaung and Buthidaung townships have creeks, there is no small suitable resource for construction of small hydro power plant there. Survey will be made by Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 in cooperation with local people when the good river sources are found there.

As a heavy hydropower project, project scale and project scheme of Saiddiny hydro power project about 10 mile east of Buthidaung Township, are under scrutiny, based on past feasibility study. Feasibility study is being conducted and it will be continued to be implemented if it has feasibility.

Establishment of CMP factors and SMEs need land, water, electricity, transportation, better transport, other energy, technology, work force and investment. It needs to make feasibility study for establishment of these enterprises and factories there. At present, attempts are being made to overcome some difficulties such as electricity and water supply needed for the establishment of industrial zones in Sittway and Ponnagyun townships.

Regarding the question of U Win Naung of Yangon Region Constituency No. 5 “there is a plan to make arrangement for ensuring the life security of Myanmar migrant workers”, Deputy Minister for Labour U Myint Thein replied: employment committee and sub-committee were formed in foreign countries in order that Myanmar workers can fully enjoy workers rights and can be protected. The committees are giving protection to the workers under the supervision of that committee.

To help Myanmar migrant workers, Labour Attaches are appointed in Thailand and the Republic of Korea. A total of nine task forces – three task forces at three border areas and six task forces comprising officials and staff from Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Immigration and Population and Ministry of Labour in Myanmar and Thailand, are issuing cards for Myanmar migrant workers.

To protect Myanmar migrant workers, Myanmar workers Assistance Association is formed in Thailand and Malaysia under the leadership of Ambassadors. Necessary assistance are being provided in order that Myanmar migrant workers can make secure remittance.

Above unemployment policy, Employment Supervisory Committee helps open channels for overseas job hunting, ensure the basic rights of workers, reduce transition costs, develop socio-economic status of migrant workers and their families, get and share experience, competence and knowledge and become a part for the integration of the country development strategies.

After that, member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee Dr Mty Nnya Soe submitted Bill Committee’s report on Basic Education Bill (2012) sent back by Pyithu Hluttaw with amendments, to be discussed by Amyotha Hluttaw.

Hluttaw announced that Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the bill were to register their names by 14-8-2012. After that, Amyotha Hluttaw Mines and Natural Resources Committee Chairman U Nay Win Tun and Secretary U Hla Swe submitted the Committee’s report.

Hluttaw announced that Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the report were to register their names by 4 pm on 14-8-2012. Afterwards, Dr Khin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No. 9, U Saw Ohn of Mon State Constitution No. 9, U Tin Kyaw of Shan State Constitution No. 10, U Tin Mya of Sagyin Region Constitution No. 7 and U Ye Myint of Bago Region No. 4 discussed the proposal on urging the Union Government to start drafting Competition Law and Competition Policy for preventing monopoly on economy submitted by Dr. "myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constitution No. 8. Regarding the proposal, Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan discussed: four ASEAN countries have prescribed Competition Law and Competition Policy, They are Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Although Malaysia has prescribed Competition Law, it had yet to be passed.

In Laos, Cambodia, the Philippines and Brunei as well as in Myanmar, Competition Law is only at the stage of bill. For systematic implementation of Competition Policy, it needs to draft Competition Law. Competition Law can control inappropriate or unfair competitions of businesses. And it is a crucial one for trade and international competition.

In Myanmar, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development has drafted Competition Law (Bill). It includes 10 chapters and is not only for trade but for service businesses. The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), other respective organizations and officials are making coordination on Competition Law (Bill). Plans are under way to submit it to Hluttaw in accordance with the procedures.

Hluttaw took votes by means of pressing machine and decided to approve it. U Hla Kyi of Mandalay Region Constituency No. 9 discussed the proposal on urging the Union Government to draft a new law for Agricultural Cooperative as cooperative societies are allowed to join in businesses for national economic development.

Respecting the proposal, Deputy Minister for Cooperatives U Than Tun discussed: Cooperative Societies Law (1992) and Cooperative Societies Rules (1998) are the systems supervised and implemented by elected Executive Boards and in line with the democracy practices that will formulate market-oriented economic system. It can be seen that they are in conformity with the current conditions.

A law relating to agricultural produce cooperatives have been prescribed in Cooperative Societies Law (1992) and Cooperative Societies Rules (1998). Ministry of Cooperatives is ready to make cooperation if it needs to add and draft new laws for agricultural cooperatives, based on the facts included in the said laws. Representative Dr Myint Kyi reported that he wants to put it on record. Hluttaw decided to put it on record.

U Saw Maw Phyu of Rakhine State Constitution No. 4 submitted the proposal on “urging the Union Government to allot suitable rate or 25 percent benefits from Region/State to Region/State governments according to the matters prescribed in schedule one of the Union Legislative List of Section 96 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar” was seconded by a representative.

As there were representatives who fail to reach agreements on it, Hluttaw took votes by mean of standing up. Hluttaw decided to discuss it as more than 40 representatives voted it. Hluttaw announced that representative who want to discuss it are to register their names after the meeting. The meeting came to an end at 3:35 pm, and the 24th session will continue at 10 am tomorrow.

At today’s session, four questions were raised and answered, one bill submitted, one report submitted, one proposal approved, one proposal put on record and one new proposal submitted.

### Union Construction Minister meets staff from Kawthung and Dawei Districts

**Nav Pyi Taw, 9 August**

Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint together with Taninthayi Region Road Transportation Minister Dr Kyaw Hsan on 6 August noon inspected Bokpyin-Kawthung road section, construction of Public Works branch building of Khamangki Sub-township in Kawthung District and met with staff.

The Union Minister and region minister met with staff of officers from Human Settlement and Housing Development Department at Kawthung District Office on yesterday morning.

In meeting with the staff, the Union Minister called for serving their tasks dutifully, to carry out the duties assigned by officials for achieving goals. The Union Minister urged the staff to use the funds without wasting in accordance with the financial rules and regulations, to follow codes of conduct for civil services for development of the tasks.

The Union Minister and party met with the staff from Human Settlement and Housing Development Department at the meeting hall of the superintending engineer’s office in Dawei.

The Union Minister urged the staff to carry out repair works for roads and bridges in the region, to make preparing for devices and machinery to carry out the tasks in open season, systematically use tar, engine oil and to maintain the roads and bridges.

### Correction

Please read “The Public Utilities Protection Act” instead of “Public Welfare Services Protection Act” in the third paragraph of the second column on page 10 of this daily issued on 8 August 2012.
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Ernesto moves into Gulf of Mexico, kills one storm approaches the Gulf of Mexico, the Centre said. Mexico closed its three major oil ports on the Gulf of Mexico — Coatzacoalcos, Cayo Arcas and Dos Bocas — as tropical storm Haitu traveled westward toward the island of Haiti.

A resident walks past uprooted palm trees following the passing of Hurricane Ernesto in Mahahual, in the Mexican state of Quintana Roo, on 8 Aug, 2012. — Reuters

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Danger to the population was compounded by an early Wednesday evening one-hour downpour of 54.7 mm (2.15 inches), just shy of a record one-hour soaking of 56.58 mm in September 2009 that inundated the capital, killing more than 700 people and causing $1.7 billion in property damage. The weather bureau issued a new weather alert at the downpour’s end, hours after lifting an earlier warning. Many people have refused to leave flooded homes, fearing a loss of valuable livelihoods, Ramos said. “We’re also seeing people living along swollen riverbanks to evacuate,” Ramos said. “If there is a need for us to force them to leave their homes, we will do that for their own safety.”

Nineteen people were reported killed since Tuesday, bringing the death toll to 72 since steady rains started when Typhoon Saola hit northern portions of the main Luzon Island in late July. Financial markets reopened after being shut on Tuesday, but schools and many businesses shut for a second day. Some public offices suspended operations to protect extensively damaged areas to reduce property and human losses during the rest of the typhoon and monsoon season.

The national disaster agency said on Wednesday morning that at least 850,000 people were stranded or displaced, many seeking refuge at crowded temporary shelter areas. “We were hoping to go home because it’s not difficult here. The sleeping conditions are not comfortable, and it’s not easy to get food,” Joyce Anne Diri, a mother of three, told a relief worker at a temporary shelter in San Juan, the eastern part of the capital. The seasonal monsoon rains in the Philippines gathered strength this year from Typhoon Saola that was tracked westward toward the western Sea this week. But the rains should dissipate by Thursday, the weather bureau said, as Haikui made landfall in China.
Fire blazes at California refinery; residents ordered indoors

RICHMOND, 9 Aug — A massive fire struck the core of Chevron Corp's large Richmond, California, refinery on Monday, sending flames and a column of smoke into the air, triggering a prolonged outage that may increase prices of the costliest US gasoline. Nearby residents were ordered indoors after the fire hit the sole crude unit at the 455,000 barrel per day (bpd) plant, which accounts for one-eighth of the state's refining capacity. Authorities said the fire was still blazing more than three hours after it erupted at the refinery in a densely populated industrial suburb of San Francisco. Smoke could be seen billowing over the Bay Area and four train stations were shut. Chevron said the fire had started in the No 4 crude unit, the only one at the plant, at 6:15 pm shortly after a leak was discovered. As the leak grew, workers were evacuated, plant manager Nigel Hearn told journalists at the plant, which accounts for one-eighth of the state's refining capacity. "I walked outside and saw what looked like a lot of steam coming out of Chevron, way more than usual. I thought they must have blown a boiler," said Ryan Lackey, a 45-year-old employee at a chemical plant next door to the refinery. "And then all of a sudden it just went whoosh, it ignited." Crude distillation units (CDUs) break down oil into feedstock for other units in a refinery. It can take months to repair a CDU at a large plant, during which operations are typically severely limited. — Reuters

Drones strafe Yemen Qaeda positions: tribal sources

SANAA, 9 Aug — Two drones have targeted Al-Qaeda positions in central Yemen two days after a suicide bombing in the south of the country blamed on the extremist group killed 45 people, tribal officials said. No toll was given for the raids late Monday near Rada, a former Islamic bastion. Al-Qaeda fighters have regrouped for the last two days in the al-Humah and al-Manassah regions near Rada, in Bayda province, 170 kilometres (106 miles) southeast of the capital Sanaa, the sources said. "Four explosions rocked the area, which was overflown by two drones in the evening," said one source. "A car belonging to an Al-Qaeda member was hit by a missile and caught fire." The United States is the primary country that has drones in the region and it has stepped up its strikes on al-Qaeda targets in the south and east of Yemen. Washington regards the Yemen-based al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula as the most effective branch of the global jihadist network. Hundreds of al-Qaeda gunmen bivouac to tribal pressure in January and withdrew from Rada, which they had held for nine days. At the time the fighters were described as close to Tarek al-Dahab, the brother-in-law of the Yemeni-American extremist Anwar al-Awlaki, killed in a US air strike in September 2011. Dahab was himself killed in mid-February. In Saturday's suicide attack the bomber struck in Jaar, one of a string of towns in Abyan province that were retaken by government troops in June after being held by al-Qaeda loyalists for more than a year. In the east of the country a suspected US drone strike killed five al-Qaeda militants late on Saturday. — Reuters

Three killed, twelve injured in blast in SW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 8 Aug — At least three soldiers were killed and 12 others injured when a paramilitary troops' van came under bomb attack in Pakistan's southwest province of Balochistan on Tuesday night, district management officials said. A van of Balochistan constabulary with some 15 people onboard was hit by a roadside planted device in Kech area, a district located at 421 kilometers northwest of the country's southern port city of Karachi, Assistant Commissioner Kech Aslam Tareen said. The injured have been shifted to civil hospital in the neighboring district of Turbat. Conditions of the injured are not known yet. Police and paramilitary forces cordoned off the area and an investigation into the incident has been kicked off. No group claimed responsibility for the attack yet, but militants belonging to separatist movements of Balochistan were found involved in carrying out attacks on troops in the past. — Xinhua

Firefighters douse a flame at the Chevron oil refinery in in Richmond, California, on 6 Aug, 2012. — Reuters

A damaged bus which was hit by a remote control bomb is lifted by a crane on the outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 7 Aug, 2012. — Internet

Gunmen in Afghan uniforms kill NATO troop

KANDAHAR, 9 Aug — NATO says two gunmen wearing Afghan National Army uniforms turned their weapons on NATO troops, killing one member of the US-led coalition. A coalition statement said on Tuesday's shooting is under investigation. NATO did not release the nationality of the service member shot, or say whether others were wounded. The shooting was the latest of so-called "green-on-blue" attacks in which Afghan soldiers or insurgents disguised in their uniforms shot at US or NATO troops. So far, at least 26 coalition troops have been killed in such attacks. That compares with 11 fatal attacks and 20 deaths the previous year. In 2007 and 2008 there were a combined total of four attacks and four deaths. — Internet

Cambodia attracts 1.76 mln int'l visitors in first 6 months, up 27%

PHNOM PENH, 9 Aug — Cambodia had received 1.76 million foreign tourists in the first six months of this year, a 27 percent rise compared with the same period last year, showed a report released by the Ministry of Tourism on Monday. Some 1.06 million foreign tourists, or 60 percent of the tourists, had visited the world heritage site, Angkor archeological park. Siem Reap Province located about 315 kilometres northwest of Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia. During the January-June period this year, Vietnam topped the chart among the top ten arrivals to Cambodia with 578,130 tourists, up 30 percent, followed by South Korea with 227,200, up 32 percent, and Chinese visitors at third with 151,890, up 33 percent. Thai tourists to Cambodia had increased by 91 percent to 91,860, making Thailand the fifth largest arrival groups to Cambodia. The sharp rise in Thai tourists here is thanks to the improving relations between the two neighbours after the military tension over disputed areas has eased since last July. The report said about 48 percent of the tourists arrived in Cambodia by air, 49 percent by land and the rest by water ways. Tourism industry is one of the major four pillars supporting the economy of this Southeast Asian nation. Last year, the sector received 2.88 million foreign tourists, generating the total revenue of 1.91 billion US dollars. — Xinhua

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Nissan unveils new London cabs

Nissan has unveiled new black cabs to be used in London and said an all-electric version will be tested next year.

The Japanese company said the NV200, based on the NV200 compact van, is designed to be up to 50 percent more fuel efficient than currently used black cabs and dramatically reduce carbon dioxide emissions, The Daily Telegraph reported.

Speeder busted going 152 mph

A British financial company said the top speeder busted by police in the country was a motorcyclist driving at 152 mph.

LV, which offers services including insurance and investments, said its freedom of information requests to police departments across the country found the top speeder was a Yamaha-riding motorcyclist caught driving 152 mph on a 70 mph limit stretch of A27 in Binstead, England, while Tayside Police said their top speeders were a pair of motorists going 149 mph and 141 mph on the A90.

“Over the limit and those who are driving dangerously at breakneck speeds,” LV managing director John O’Roarke said. “Driving at such high speeds is very dangerous and dramatically increases the chance of failing to react quick enough in an emergency.”

Whedon on board for ‘Avengers’ sequel

LOS ANGELES, 8 Aug—Joss Whedon will write and direct the sequel to his Hollywood blockbuster film “The Avengers,” Variety reported on 7 Aug.

Disney chief Bob Iger announced the decision, adding Whedon also will develop a live-action Marvel Comics-themed TV show for ABC.

Before he made “The Avengers,” which earned nearly $1.5 billion at the box office this year, Whedon was best known for his TV work, particularly his witty supernatural show “Buffy the Vampire Slayer” and space western “Firefly.”

Variety said the next installment in the “Avengers” superhero franchise is expected to debut in 2015.

Acting is exhausting: Kate Beckinsale

LONDON, 8 Aug—Actress Kate Beckinsale considers going to rehab after making a movie because it is so tiring.

The 38-year-old always feels drained after shooting a film but she was impressed by how hard her director husband Len Wiseman worked on their new movie “Total Recall” and says his efforts put actors to shame.

“It’s so immersive for a director doing a movie like this and I really feel like I’ve got so much more insight into that I ever would have had a few years ago,” contactmusic.com quoted Beckinsale as saying.

She added: “We’re spiritous, actors. We come in and then we do the shoot and then we go, ‘Oh my God, I’m so tired, I must go on holiday immediately.’ I’m

Jennifer Lawrence to star in ‘Ends of the Earth’

LONDON, 7 Aug—Actress Jennifer Lawrence is reportedly being lined up to star in upcoming romantic drama “The Ends of the Earth.”

The 21-year-old is in talks to appear in The Weinstein Company film as American socialite Lydie Marland, who caused controversy when she married her adopted father, oil baron EW Marland.

Lawrence is the top choice for the challenging role. It is not yet known who will play her 54-year-old husband, reports variety.com.

Chris Terrio has written the script and Todd Black, Jason Blumenthal and Steve Tisch will produce the film.

Chinese TV show accused of joke theft

Online commenters have accused popular Chinese TV series of lifting plots and jokes from popular US television shows.

Posters on Web sites including sina.com and douban.com have accused the series of cloning from US shows including “How I Met Your Mother,” “The Big Bang Theory” and “Friends.” The Global Times reported on 6 Aug.

“Many lines and scenes have been completely ripped off from American shows,” said a commenter who asked to be identified only as Grace. “The show’s producers apologized Saturday to a US writer whose jokes were used on the show without permission. The producers said the jokes on the show come from ‘various sources.’

Elton John calls Madonna a nightmare

NEW YORK, 9 Aug —Elton John has praised his former partner Madonna for being a nightmare.

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Actress Jennifer Lawrence is the top choice for the role. She’s such a nightmare. Her career is over, I can tell you that. Her MDNA tour has been a disaster and it couldn’t happen to a bigger [expletive].”

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Jennifer Lawrence was previously divorced twice and has a daughter with her first marriage. Actor David O Russell, Lawrence’s “Silver Linings Playbook” director, is reportedly dating her.

American actress Gillian Anderson

Anderson and Griffiths break up

LOS ANGELES, 9 Aug—Gillian Anderson’s publicist says the US actress has broken up with Mark Griffiths, the father of her two sons.

People.com confirmed Tuesday the pair have ended their six-year-long relationship, which produced their sons Oscar, 5, and Felix, 3.

No reason was given for the split. Best known for her work on TV’s “The X Files,” Anderson was previously divorced twice and has a daughter from her first marriage.
In 5-1 Real win, Kaka shows why AC Milan wants him

New York, 9 Aug — Kaka showed why AC Milan wants him back from Real Madrid. Kaka had three assists against his former team. Cristiano Ronaldo scored a pair of second-half goals and Real Madrid routed Milan 5-1 at Yankee Stadium on Wednesday night in an exhibition between two of Europe’s most successful clubs. “I’m happy to keep, and I’m happy to sell if he wants to go, because a player must be happy,” Madrid coach Jose Mourinho said. “If he stays, perfect for me. If he decides to go, Real Madrid will try to sell him. Nobody gets a diamond for free. You want a diamond, you pay for it.”

With top executives from both clubs in New York, there was intrigue involving the midfielder, the 2007 FIFA World Player of the Year. Milan CEO Adriano Galliani hugged Madrid President Florentino Perez on the field before warmups, then exchanged greetings with Mourinho. Now, 30, Kaka has been largely a backup at Madrid and appears to want to return to Italy—especially with Real Madrid talks to acquire midfielder Luka Modric from Tottenham. Purchased by Milan from Sao Paolo at age 21 in 2003, Kaka became a star with Milan and scored 95 goals in 296 games over six seasons. Madrid bought him in the summer of 2009 for €65 million (then $93.5 million) and he has struggled with injuries since. He has 24 goals in 92 games for Los Blancos.

Kaka entered in the 62nd minute and assisted on Madrid’s final three goals. “The market is still open until August 31st,” Milan coach Massimiliano Allegri said through a translator. “We didn’t discover Kaka only this night. So we knew about Kaka.”

Ronaldo, cheered loudly by the crowd of 49,474, had played only half of other preseason games but stayed in this one until the 80th. “Lots of magic here, and I think we did what the stadium deserved, what Yankee history deserves.” Mourinho said, comparing the venue to his home stadium. “If I have this kind of crowd, so enthusiastic crowd in the Bernabeu, I don’t lose a match.”

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Murray, Djokovic advance at Toronto Masters

Toronto, 9 Aug — Andy Murray and top seed Novak Djokovic both avoided post-Games letdowns with quick opening wins at the Toronto masters. Murray, fresh from his home success at Wimbledon, on Wednesdayoughed out a painful 6-1, 6-3 defeat of Flavio Cipolla. Djokovic avoided most of the pressure of his 71-minute defeat of Bernard Tomic 6-2, 6-3 sealing three match points with a sixth ace and going through on the first match point.

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London, 9 Aug — British Dressage star Charlotte Dujardin won her second gold medal of the London 2012 Olympics at Greenwich Park today. The 27-year-old was the last rider to go, and she broke her third Olympic record of London 2012 by scoring 90.089 per cent. She eclipsed Dutch rider Adelinde Cornelissen and Parzival’s score of 88.196, while Britain’s Laura Bechtolsheimer and Mistral Hojris won bronze.

Charlotte Dujardin of Great Britain riding Valegro celebrates after winning the Individual Dressage on Day 13 of the London 2012 Olympic Games at Greenwich Park. Internet

Redemption rematch: US soccer takes on Japan

London, 9 Aug — A day before the Olympic gold medal game, players and coaches from the U.S. and Japanese women’s soccer teams stood in front of reporters side-by-side, like buddies on the same squad, arms linked around each other’s waists. The white warmup jackets of the United States alternated with the blue ones from Japan. All that cordiality? It ends at kickoff. ‘They snatched our dream last year,’ US midfielder Megan Rapinoe said. ‘And still we have that respect for them.’

No matter the result on Thursday, the Olympic women’s soccer tournament could not be a better finale. The teams from last year’s World Cup final meet again at Wembley Stadium, with organizers expecting the largest crowd ever to watch women play the sport at a Summer Games. For the players, of course, the result doesn’t matter. The Japanese are attempting to become the first team to win World Cup and Olympic title back-to-back. The Americans are bent on mending the heartache from a penalty kick shootout in 2012, 8-7. ‘We’ve performed poorly for this final,’ US forward Abby Wambach said. ‘From the moment I stepped off the podium in Germany, we were more passionate about the need to see the World Cup trophy than Wambach, who earlier this week gave an impassioned monologue that recapped the “nightmares” from last year’s game — and all that has happened since.”

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Luis Suarez pays tribute to Liverpool fans after penning new contract with Reds

LIVERPOOL, 9 Aug — Luis Suarez has paid tribute to Liverpool’s “unbelievable” fans after agreeing to sign a new contract with the Barclays Premier League club. Suarez, who joined the Carling Cup holders from Ajax in January last year, had four years left of his five-and-a-half year deal but agreed to commit his future to the club by penning a new, improving-term deal. “To sign a new contract with Liverpool is unbelievable for me because I am so happy here at the club and also in the city,” Suarez told the club’s official website. “That is important for me and I am very happy with my new contract.”

“When you are a kid, everybody wants to play for Liverpool. I am here now and it is a dream for me, and now I small liverpool fan. I am happy off the pitch because the people of Liverpool are good with amazing family. I really best on the pitch and when you are happy off the pitch, you are happy on the pitch. I want to say thank you to the fans because they are our 12th player.”

The supporters of Liverpool are unbelievable. Five or six years ago I watched on TV the stadium and the club, and now I play here and the supporters have helped me. That’s very important for me.”

Suarez, who has scored 15 goals in 44 Barclays Premier League matches and struck 28 goals in 54 international appearances for Uruguay, only returned to the club’s Melwood training ground on Monday after appearing for his country at the Summer Olympics. But the news of his signing on Tuesday afternoon will come as a boost to new manager Brendan Rodgers, who will have been aware of the interest of clubs interested in acquiring the services of the Uruguay international.

Rodgers, who has been in constant contact with Suarez since arriving at the start of the summer, was pleased at the striker’s decision to sign a second deal. “There were certainly a few clubs interested in him but he’s committed himself for the long term here now,” said Rodgers. “I’m delighted. When you have the opportunity to work with world-class players it’s fantastic. Suarez added: “[Brendon Rodgers] is a good person. I spoke with him last week and he spoke fantastic to me.”

Liverpool open their Barclays Premier League title bid at West Bromwich Albion on August 18th. On Thursday, the Reds host FC Gomel in the UEFA Europa League third qualifying round, holding a 1-0 lead from the first leg in Belarus. — Internet

Azarenka looks to protect top ranking, Sharapova out

MONTREAL, 9 Aug — Victoria Azarenka will play her first match since the London Olympics on Thursday at the Montreal Cup with only one threat to her status as the world’s top female player left in the draw.

Both Maria Sharapova and Victoria Azarenka came to Canada with a chance at upstaging Belarusian Azarenka, who will play Austrian Tamira Paszek in her opening match, from her perch atop the world rankings.

Luis Suarez has scored 15 goals in 44 Barclays Premier League matches. Image: Reuters

but the sudden withdrawal of the Russian world number two earlier on Wednesday leaves only Radwanska, who will play German Mona Barthel in an early match on Thursday, as a threat.

Sharapova, the Olympic silver medalist, withdrew from the August 4-13 Montreal event citing a stomach virus that had been bothering her since the London Games. For Radwanska to reach the top of the world rankings for the first time, she needs to win the $2 million tournament and best preparation in order to compete tomorow,” she told reporters on Wednesday. “We want to have the best preparation we can for the Open and this is a really big tournament for us. Personally, I was here in order to participate in the tournament. I was ready but my body is just not ready for it, so you kind of have to make the smart decisions for your body.”

Petr Kvitova and Sam Stosur, who was runner-up to Williams in this tournament last year, were both successful in their first matches at the event on Wednesday night. Stosur overcame a 1-5 deficit and then three set points to claim the first set over Simona Halep 7-5. 7-5.

After drawing level at 4-4 in the second set, she progressed when her Romanian rival forfeited with a leg problem. Kvitova had a greater scare when within a game of losing to Ksenia Pervak. The 2011 Wimbledon champion trailed by a set and 5-6 before finding her form to defeat Pervak 4-6, 7-6(7-0), 6-0. — Reuters

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* A Worth Studying cite for ancient

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7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
7:40 am
3. Dhamma Puja Song
7:50 am
4. Health Programme
8:10 am
5. Islands of Dhamma
8:15 am
6. Nine Precepts
8:40 am
7. Myitta Pavana By Mingun Sayadaw Phayagyi
4:00 pm
8. Martial Song
4:15 pm
9. Dhamma Sekka Thutta Reciting Competition (2nd Prize Winner) (Botahtaung) (H-H-I-S-1)
4:45 pm
10. Songs Of Yester Years
5:10 pm
11. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
5:15 pm
12. Myanmar language
5:45 pm
13. Sports Highlight
8:00 pm
14. News
8:15 pm
15. Just For Laughs
17. Song Lover

Cash donated to health care Parahita group in Madauk

MADAUK, 9 Aug — Wellwisher Captain Khin Win-Daw Myo Maung and family donated K 100,000 to the medical fund of Aged Free Health Care Parahita Group in Madauk of Naypyidaw Township in Bago Region on 22 July.

Madauk Station Hospital medical officer Dr Daw Khin Mar Lwin accepted the cash donation.

The free health care group gives health care services to the aged under 65 with difficulties to receive medical treatment, every Sunday.

Those wishing to donate cash and kind may contact Madauk Station Hospital medical officer Dr Daw Khin Mar Lwin, 092-32538 and 0985700345.

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Weather forecast for 10th August, 2012

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During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw, monsoon rain or thundershowers in Neighbouring Mandalay and isolated rain or thundershower in Neighbouring Yangon.
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Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men’s Football Tournament continues

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In the morning matches, Sports Ministry trounced National Planning and Economic Development Ministry 8-4 at Sports Ground No 1, and Health Ministry and Home Affairs Ministry played a goalless draw. In the afternoon matches, Livestock and Fisheries Ministry beat Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Ministry 1-0 at Sports Ground No 1 and Science and Technology Ministry won over Religious Affairs Ministry 4-3 at Sports Ground No 2.

Photo shows Pyithu Hluttaw representatives attending 23rd day meeting of fourth regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw. MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw representatives arrive at Amyotha Hluttaw hall to attend 23rd day Amyotha Hluttaw regular session. MNA

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With two-page supplement on Myanmar Citizens Investment Bill attached.