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Port Project raised by U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Lwin answered five questions regarding Dawei Deep Sea Hluttaw representatives.

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Regarding the question No (2) on which Myanmar national company has how much stake and investment in the project, the deputy minister answered that Max Myanmar Group of Companies owned by a Myanmar national has 25 percent share in the project. The profit will be distributed, depending on the share. Max Myanmar is currently planning to withdraw its investment. Dawei Development Company Limited has been formed with companies that will invest in the project and investments from abroad were invited. About US$ 8600 million will have to be invested in its infrastructures.

Regarding the question No (3) on progress of the project since the signing of agreement between MPA and Italian-Thai Development Company, the deputy minister answered that as Italian-Thai Development company is implementing the project, alignment of the road linking Thailand has been constructed. Detailed survey and feasibility test for making finishing touches on alignment design is being carried out. Design of the deep sea port has been completed by 80 percent. Feasibility test is being conducted to build breakwater. The construction of 400 MW coal-fired power plant with Clean Coal Technology that has no impact on the environment and the local people is being taken into consideration. Field surveys are being made for supply sufficient water to the special economic zone. Relevant ministry is in negotiation with Dawei Development Co Ltd to sign sectoral agreement.

Regarding the question No (4) on measures for prevention of risks to natural environment, the deputy minister answered that Environmental Management Plan would be drafted according to reports of Social Impact Assessment (SIA), Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Payment for Environmental Services (PES) would be included. Rules, orders, directives, rules and regulations would be issued for waste management abiding by environmental conservation law.

Regarding the question No (5) on job opportunities for Myanmar citizens in Dawei Deep Sea Port project, the deputy minister answered that the investor is required to operate with at least 25 percent of citizen workers at the end of first five years, with at least 50 percent at the end of second five years and with at least 75 percent at the end of third five years. Myanmar Special Economic Zone Law (See page 6).

Jones overcomes pain to win gold

London, 10 Aug—Jade Jones fought through the pain barrier to land Britain’s first Taekwondo Olympic gold with a stunning victory over world champion Hou Yuzhuo of China in the women’s -57kg final at ExCeL. The Welsh teenager - world silver medallist after being beaten by Hou in Korea last year - had opened her Olympic debut with an impressive 15-1 victory over Japan’s Mayu Shin, so I had an injection in it,’ said Jones. ‘At first, I was whinging and feeling sorry for myself, but I just had to deal with it because I wanted to win.’

Jones of Great Britain celebrates with her gold medal after the women’s -57kg Taekwondo final on Day 13.—London-2012

High tide warning at Yangon River

NAV PHTAW, 10 Aug.—The public are hereby informed that exceptionally high spring of from 20.4 feet to 21.1 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period from 17th to 23 August 2012.

That it is not serious because the high tide have reached up to 21.7 feet high above datum in the year 2010 and 2011, and that the warning is issued by Myanmar Port Authority only because high tide reaches over 20 feet high above datum.—MNA
A test of our democracy

Recent unrests in Rakhine State sparked off debate over religiosity although various political and religious figures including the President have made clear that it had no connection with the religion. Earlier reports from media of the outside world illustrated, albeit wrongly, the incident as a fight between two communities of different faiths while some politicized the issue.

Myanmar is a country where more than 60 million people from various religions have lived in peace and amity. The constitution also guarantees the freedom of religion.

The purpose of every religion is to teach peaceful ways of living in the human community. Actually, it is a tool to get the people together, not to separate them. In whatever religion we believe, we will not be able to live in peace and harmony unless we do not hold each other in respect. Human beings should see each other as equals regardless of race, religion, colour or social status.

Many innocent people in Rakhine State are now suffering substantial losses. All of the sufferers, whether or not the people of the same religion or race, deserve aids on the humanitarian ground.

Regarding arguments over citizenship, the parliaments in session should prescribe comprehensive citizenship legislation urgently. Meanwhile, we should also show to the world that Myanmar is a civilized country which could express generosity towards the persons in trouble. But nothing may block our measures to respond to our enemies who brought the trouble. But nothing may block our measures to respond to our enemies who brought the trouble.

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Gamblers arrested in Sanyang Township

YANGON, 10 August—A team from Yangon Region Police Force together with witnesses searched the game center of Aung Myo Naing of Kyuuntaw South Ward of Sanyang Township at 8.30 am on 29 July. They seized 22 persons including center owner Aung Myo Naing and four workers, 17 gamblers together with 10 Apple based game players, four Dapaisha bran Shark game players, gambling money K 651,950 and one mobile phone.

Action was taken against 22 gamblers inclusive of game center owner Aung Myo Naing, 34 at Sanyang Police Station under Pa/248/2012, Section 13(a)(14a) of Gambling Act.

Coordination meeting on pilgrimage tour of Samvejaniya four places holds

Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung speaking at coordination meeting on pilgrimage tour of Samvejaniya four places to India and Nepal.—MNA

Profit-sharing contract signed for advanced cotton ginning mills

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug—Industrial Crops Development Department and Blue Ocean Myanmar Ltd of India signed a profit-sharing contract for construction of advanced cotton ginning mills at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation here, yesterday morning, attended by Union Minister U Myint Hlaing, Deputy Ministers U Ohn Than and U Khin Zaw.

Director-General of Industrial Crops Development Department U Kyaw Shwe extended greetings and signed the contract with Managing Director Mr Ajay Shstry of Blue Ocean Myanmar Ltd.

According to the 100 per cent foreign investment programme between Industrial Crops Development Department and India, the contract was signed for modernization and capacity upgrading of the ginning mills with integrated edible oil unit for contributing to the self-sufficiency of edible oil.

Flood warning for Ayeyawady, Sittoung rivers

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug—According to the 12.30 hr M.S.T observations today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Hinthada 1364 cm has exceeded by 22 cm (about 0.7 foot) above its danger level. It may fall about 10 cm (about 0.3 foot) during the next three days and may remain above its danger level 1342 cm.

The water level of Sittoung River at Madawka 1199 cm has exceeded by 129 cm (above 4.2 feet) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1070 cm during the next three days, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department. MNA

HHI donates fund, scholarship awards to schools in Kyaukpyu

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The head of Kyaukpyu BEHS No. 1 spoke words of thanks. The Chief Operation Officer and Managing Director of HHI Mr. JS Kim donated cash and footballs to the schools and scholarship awards to best performance schools.

The deputy commissioner presented a certificate of honour to the chief operation officer.

Crime News

Maung Maung Lay

Dad, are you talking to aliens?

Buzz,thissbig,

rweerk,...buzz, yak,...buzz...

Maung Maung Lay

Noisy!
Little sign of battle in Egypt’s Sinai region

SHAIKH ZUWAID, 10 Aug — Egypt paced troops into North Sinai on Thursday in an offensive meant to tackle militants in the Israeli border region, but residents were skeptical they had seen no sign of anyone being killed in what they described as a “haphazard” operation.

The offensive is crucial to maintaining good relations with Israel, which fears Islamist militants based in the increasingly lawless desert region could link up with handliners in neighbouring Gaza to launch attacks on the Jewish state — potentially threatening a 1979 peace treaty with Egypt. Army commanders said as many as 20 “terrorists” had died in the offensive launched after suspected Islamist militants killed 16 Egyptian border guards on Sunday and drove a stolen armoured car into Israel which was then destroyed by Israeli forces. Hundreds of troops and dozens of military vehicles had reached Al-Arish, the main administrative centre in North Sinai, security sources said Thursday.

Armoured vehicles, some equipped with machine guns, could then be seen driving out of al-Arish towards the border settlement of Sheikh Zuwaid — which had been targeted by aircraft on Wednesday. The troops no sign of fighting.

In Tovamah, a village surrounded by olive fields, one witness said he saw troops firing in the air. “We thought they were chasing someone, but their arms were directed up and we didn’t see who they were fighting with,” the witness, who declined to be named, said. “We couldn’t find any bodies or signs of battle after they left.” In Sheikh Zuwaid, controlled by Bedouin tribal leaders since police deserted the area last year, life continued as normal, its markets bustling. Witnesses reported a military presence on the outskirts, but no fighting since Wednesday’s air strikes.

US to boost missile defence in Gulf:

spokesman

WASHINGTON, 10 Aug — The United States will continue to work with its allies to boost defence against the growing threat of ballistic missiles in the Persian Gulf, a State Department spokesman said on Thursday.

“We would say that the threat from ballistic missiles to our deployed forces, allies and partners in the region is growing, and that threat is likely to increase in both volume and complexity in the coming years,” Patrick Ventrell said at a regular news briefing.

The spokesman was commenting on a report by The New York Times saying that Washington and its Arab allies are knitting together a regional missile defence system across the Gulf to protect cities, oil refineries, pipelines and military bases as a possible Iranian attack. “The US has a robust security partnership, including missile defence, with our allies and partners in the Gulf and it is committed to their security,” Ventrell said, adding that Washington “will continue to work with our partners in the Middle East to strengthen missile defence in the Persian Gulf.” The United States and its NATO allies are building a missile shield in Europe that they claim targets Iran as well.

Finland’s PM proposes bank-funded EU crisis fund

HELSINKI, 10 Aug — Finland’s prime minister has proposed a banking sector-funded European crisis fund to recapitalize troubled banks in eurozone countries. The plan would be used to recapitalize viable parts of troubled banks.

Ban also discussed with Kim global health issues, saying “globalisation” had saved 16 million women and children who would be dying needlessly from preventable diseases. “I really count on Dr Kim’s leadership on that.” This is the first time that Kim visited the UN headquarters since he assumed the post on 1 July.

Xinhua

China urged to guard against El Nino

BEIJING, 10 Aug — A top meteorological official has urged authorities to guard against extreme weather in China during the coming months, as unusually warm ocean temperatures caused by El Nino will impact seasonal weather patterns, state media reported on Friday. China has been under the influence of El Nino since July and will continue to feel its effects into the fall, China National Radio quoted Zheng Guoguang, director of the China Meteorological Administration, as saying.

Under El Nino, heavy rains are likely to hit the middle and eastern parts of China this August, according to Zheng, who called for strengthened flood control efforts in the Haihe River Basin in north China and along the middle and lower reaches of the Yellow and Yangtze rivers. Local authorities in areas south of the Yangtze River should also take precautions against summer droughts and arid weather, Zheng said.

Lower-than-average rainfall and higher temperatures will appear in the fall, except in the northern parts of the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region and the northeastern provinces, said Zheng. Zheng said El Nino is not to blame for the recent typhoons and will actually lead to weaker typhoon activity after the autumn season. Typhoon Haiqu, which caused landfall in the coastal province of Zhejiang at 3:20 am on Wednesday, has brought heavy downpours to east China and left three people dead as of Thursday. It was the third typhoon to wallop China’s eastern coast in a week, after storms Saola and Damrey hit the region over the last weekend. El Nino, characterized by an abnormal warming of the surface in the equatorial Pacific, can cause exceptionally heavy rainfall in some parts of the globe and extreme droughts in others. —Xinhua

Venezuela’s President Hugo Chavez speaks during the opening of a state-run Bicentenario supermarket in Caracas on 8 Aug, 2012. —Reuters

Chavez says US citizen arrested for entering Venezuela illegally

CARACAS, 10 Aug — Venezuelan security forces have arrested an American citizen who entered the nation illegally with geographical coordinates in a notebook, President Hugo Chavez said on Thursday. In the tense run-up to an 7 October presidential election, the socialist leader has frequently mentioned the possibility of violent opposition with US backing.

Foes say that is typical grandstanding nonsense from Chavez, intended to support with the masses for his re-election bid by presenting himself as a victim of “imperial” plots. At a campaign rally in the coastal town of Cañita La Mar, Chavez said the man, of Latin American origin, was arrested five days ago crossing into Venezuela from Colombia.

“He has the look of a mercenary,” Chavez said, adding that the man had stamps in his passport from visits to Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya. When he was detained, the man tried to destroy a notebook full of coordinates, Chavez said in the middle of a speech carried on state TV, implying a plot was afoot. “We have reconstructed the pages,” he said.

“He says he was fleeing from someone ... It’s a powerful sign. This citizen wanted to enter the country illegally, for who knows what reason. I can say nothing where he was going, or who was waiting for him. Chavez, who says he is completely cured after three cancer operations in the last year, has a healthy, two-digit lead in most polls ahead of the presidential election. He gave no more details of the case and US Embassy officials could not immediately be reached for comment. —Reuters

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Pentagon helps build Meshworm reconnaissance robot

WASHINGTON, 10 Aug — Engineers have created a robot that mimics a earthworm’s movements — crawling along surfaces by contracting segments in its body. The technique allows the machine to be made of soft materials so it can operate through tight spaces and mould its shape to rough terrain. It can also absorb heavy blows without sustaining damage. The Pentagon’s Darpa research unit supported the Meshworm project, suggesting a potential military use.

Work on the machine was carried out by researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University in the US, and Seoul National University in South Korea. Details are published in the journal IEEE/ASME Transactions on Mechatronics: “[The] soft body, which is essentially compliant, exhibits large strain and enables the robot to traverse small openings and reconstruct shape, and survives from large impact force on falling,” the engineers wrote. They added that using a worm-like motion helped reduce the noise such machines produce, making them suitable “for reconnaissance purposes.”

Previous attempts to create such a robot have used gears and air-powered or pneumatic pumps. But these added to the bulk of the machines making them less practical for real-world uses. The Darpa-supported team instead moved their machine by using an “artificial muscle.” Two were made out of a tube created from polymer mesh around which a metal wire is wrapped to create an “artificial muscle.” By wrapping this wire around a mesh-like tube, the engineers replicated the circular muscle fibres of an earthworm, creating different segments in the process. When new was applied to part of the wire it contracted, squeezing the tube. The team created an algorithm to send a contraction wave across each of the machine’s five segments in turn, squeezing the tube and propelling it forward. This mimics the movement of its biological counterpart. They were able to make the robot move at a rate of about 5mm per second (0.2 inches/sec). Two additional “muscles” were added to the sides of the machine to pull it left and right, allowing its direction to be controlled.

The researchers said that the soft nature of the robot allowed it to be subjected to hammer blows and be trod on without sustaining any damage because its shape changed to help absorb the blows. “You can throw that robot on the ground and collapse,” said Sanghie Kim, assistant professor in mechanical engineering at MIT. “Parts in Meshworm are all fibrous and flexible. The muscles are soft and the body is already designed to show some body-morphing capability.”

Meshworm is just one of several animal-inspired projects being funded by Darpa. Other examples include a robotic “cheeta” that can run at speeds of 18mph (29km/h), a micro-aerial vehicle equipped with a camera that looks like a hummingbird, and AlphaDog — a four-legged robot designed to carry soldiers’ gear.

Stressed men drawn to heavy women

LONDON, 10 Aug — When placed under stressful situations, men rate larger women as more attractive, new research has shown. British researchers found that men exposed to tasks that were designed to put them under pressure preferred a wider range of female body sizes. They conclude that stress can act to alter judgments of potential partners.

The work by a team from London and Newcastle is published in the open access journal PloS One: “There’s a lot of literature suggesting that our BMI (body mass index) preferences are hard-wired, but that’s probably not true,” co-author Dr Martin Tovee, from Newcastle University, told BBC News. Dr Tovee and his colleague, Dr Viren Swami, have previously researched what factors could alter BMI preferences, including publishing a paper in the British Journal of Psychology on the effect of hunger, and the influence of the media. But through this new work they aimed to investigate whether known cross-cultural differences in body size preferences linked to stress were also mirrored in short-term stressful situations. “If you look at environments where food is scarce, people’s preferences for body size in a potential partner are shifted. [The preference] appears to be much heavier compared to environments where there’s plenty of food and a much more relaxed atmosphere,” he explained.

“However living in more stressful, unsubsidised, environments, you’re going to have higher stress levels.” To simulate heightened stress, a test group of men were placed in interview and public speaking scenarios and their BMI preferences were compared against a control group of non-stressed men. The results indicated that the change in “environmental conditions” led to a shift of weight preferred towards heavier women when considering a wider range of body sizes attractive.

Do men seek the comfort of a “motherly” figure when put under pressure? BBC News

IBM made “informal approach” for RIM’s enterprise business

LONDON, 10 Aug — International Business Machines Corp has approached buying Research Machines Corp has reported on Friday, citing two unnamed sources. IBM made an informal approach for the enterprise business that operates the Blackberry email and messaging services, one of the sources said, according to Bloomberg. There were no talks were currently underway.

Under the leadership of new chief executive, Thorsten Heins, RIM has hired bankers for strategic review that could include a potential sale and partnerships for its technology. The Bloomberg report said BlackBerry maker has not yet received any offers for its phone business or for the whole company.

IBM virtually invented mobile email with its first BlackBerry devices more than a decade ago, but its market share has evaporated as consumers have flocked to Apple Inc’s iPhone and devices based on Google Inc’s Android system. RIM has lost over 70 percent in market capitalization in the last year alone.

RIM officials declined to comment to Reuters while IBM officials were not immediately available. On Thursday, South Korea’s Samsung Electronics Co said it has not considered acquiring RIM or licensing the embattled BlackBerry phone maker’s new mobile operating system, despite an earlier report from an influential analyst floating the idea.

US space agency to begin new mission for study on Earth’s radiation belts

WASHINGTON, 10 Aug — The American space agency NASA announced on Thursday that it would send and two spacecraft into the harsh environment of the earth’s radiation belts from the Space Coast in the US state of Florida on 23 August.

Researchers hoped to be able to develop an understanding of the invisible Van Allen radiation belts, named after James Van Allen, the discoverer of the radiation belts, based on data collected by the spacecraft, which will be sent by a mission dubbed as “Radiation Belt Storm Probes (RBSP).” The spacecraft are designed to fly and operate in the heart of the most hazardous regions of near earth space, according to the NASA announcement. “At the end of this month we will turn our attention from planet Mars to planet Earth, both immersed in the atmosphere of our sun,” said Barbara Giles, director of NASA’s Heliophysics Division.

“RBSP will further explore the connection of solar variability and its impacts on Earth’s radiation belts.” The Van Allen radiation belts are a torus of energetic charged particles (plasma) around Earth, which is held in place by Earth’s magnetic field. It is believed most of the particles that form the belts come from solar wind; and other particles by cosmic rays. Located in the inner region of the Earth’s magnetosphere, the belts are split into two distinct ones, with energetic electrons and protons forming the outer belt and a combination of protons and electrons forming the inner one.

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Space agency is open to building a mission to collect data on Earth radiation. Xinhua

Russia says derailed satellites no threat to ISS

MOSCOW, 10 Aug — The two satellites that failed to reach the designed orbits posed no threat to the International Space Station (ISS), the Russian Defence Ministry said on Thursday. Experts from the Russian Air and Space Defence Forces are closely monitoring the Telkom 3 and Express MD2 telecommunications sate-lites that didn’t enter their orbits on 7 August, Interfax news agency quoted Defence Ministry spokesman Alexei Zolotukhin as saying.

“Currently these satellites pose no threat to the International Space Station and space vehicles of the Russian orbit group,” Zolotukhin said. Experts received information on changes of the space vehicle’s orbit from the Russian space control system, the spokesman said, adding that they were analyzing data and adjusting forecast of possible approaches of dangerous objects to the ISS. Russian on Monday night launched Telkom 3 and Express MD2 aboard the Proton-M rocket from the Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan. The carrier rocket failed to orbit the two satellites on Tuesday due to problems in the upper stage, federal space agency Roscosmos said. — Xinhua

RBSP will also help scientists understand how the belts behave and react to changes in the sun’s influence on Earth and near-Earth space, including solar events such as giant eruptions of solar material called coronal mass ejections. — Xinhua

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China export and import growth slows sharply in July

BEIJING, 10 Aug — China’s export and import growth slowed for the second straight month in July, raising fears about the strength of the world’s second-largest economy.

Exports rose by 1% from a year earlier, down from 14.1% in June, amid slowing demand from key markets. Meanwhile, imports rose by 4.7% compared with 6.3% in June, indicating that domestic demand was also slowing. Analysts said the data was weaker-than-expected and may see Beijing introduce stimulus measures to spur growth.

“The trade data has come in dramatically below expectations—the worst export growth number (excluding Chinese New Year) since November 2009 — highlighting the risk that the external environment poses to an economy in the midst of a rapid internal slowdown,” said Alistair Thornton of HS Global Insight in Beijing. “The government is likely to respond by ramping-up its stimulus efforts, with both monetary and fiscal guns firing.”

The data comes just a day after China reported that growth in industrial output fell to a three-year low in July. Industrial production rose by 9.2% during the month, down from 9.5% in June. At the same time, growth in retail sales during the month also fell short of forecasts.

Analysts said that the weak data heightened concerns that the economy may be slowing faster than previously thought.

“Things really aren’t going China’s way,” said HS Global Insight’s Mr Thornton. “This is looking for signs of resilience in China’s economic data were merely disappointed yesterday, but they are going to be distraught today.” — Internet

Jaguar boosts profits at Tata Motors parent company

Mumbai, 10 Aug — A 34% rise in sales by luxury carmaker Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) boosted Indian parent company Tata Motors’ profits during the April to June quarter.

Net profits came in at 22.45bn rupees ($405m; £260m), up 12% when compared with the same period a year earlier. The UK subsidiary’s strong performance helped offset weak car, truck and bus sales in India, but failed to mollify investors. Shares fell because investors had expected profits of 27.01bn rupees. Tata failed to meet those expectations as passenger car sales in India fell 10% during the period, while commercial vehicle sales rose 1.3%.

By contrast, JLR sales rose 34.4% to bolstered by strong demand in Russia and China. Foreign exchange losses, resulting from a depreciating rupee, also curbed the carmaker’s profit growth. Revenues fell 8.9% to 105.9bn rupees, with JLR accounting for about 40% of the earnings. — Internet

Study finds there may be an “obesity paradox” in diabetes

NEW YORK, 10 Aug — Obesity and diabetes may not be the double whammy people expect, with an analysis of previous studies surprisingly finding that overweight and obese people who get diagnosed with the blood sugar disorder tend to live longer than leaner peers.

The findings, which appeared in the Journal of the American Medical Association, were based on data from five earlier studies that tracked people over time to identify risk factors for heart disease.

Study leader Mercedes Carnethon of the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University in Chicago said this sort of “obesity paradox” had been observed before in chronic diseases such as heart disease and kidney failure—but it doesn’t mean gaining weight is a good way to improve your prognosis if you get the disease. In fact, it’s probably not that extra pounds are protective, but lean people who get diabetes are somehow predisposed to worse health. “Perhaps those individuals are somehow genetically loaded to develop diabetes and have higher mortality,” she said. “A normal-weight person who has diabetes has an extremely high mortality rate.”

More than 2,600 participants developed type 2 diabetes during the studies, and 12 percent of them had a normal weight when they got the diagnosis. The death rate was 1.5 percent per year among overweight and obese people, compared to 2.8 percent per year among their trimmer peers. After accounting for several risk factors for heart disease, including age, blood pressure, high cholesterol and smoking, lean people were more than twice as likely to die at any given point as heavier people. The same held true for deaths caused by heart disease, which is linked to obesity.

“It was a little bit unexpected to see that,” said Carnethon. One potential limitation of the study is that the researchers couldn’t always account for how much people smoked, which might explain part of the results. It’s also possible that a few people might have been diagnosed with diabetes outside of the studies and been told to slim down by their own doctor before they were seen by the study researchers. That could also have contributed to the findings, although Carnethon said the effect would be small.

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Google to pay hefty fine for violating Apple users’ privacy

SAN FRANCISCO, 10 Aug — Google has agreed to pay a record 22.5-million-US- dollar civil penalty to settle charges that it bypassed Apple users’ privacy settings to track their online activities, the US Federal Trade Commission (FTC) announced on Thursday.

The settlement is part of the FTC’s ongoing efforts to make sure companies live up to the privacy promises they make to consumers, and is the largest penalty the government agency has ever obtained for a violation of a Commission order, the FTC said in a statement. The FTC also requires Google to disable all the tracking software it had said it would not place on consumers’ computers. The charges and the fine by the FTC came after reports in February that Google made an end run around a privacy setting in Apple’s Safari browser, the default browser for iPhone, iPad, iPod and Macintosh users, in order to track users’ online activities.

It was found by a graduate student at Stanford University and first reported by The Wall Street Journal.

Google has said the tracking was inadvertent and caused no harm to Safari users. But the FTC believed that the Internet search giant violated a deal it reached with federal regulators last October, in which the FTC “bars the company from future privacy misrepresentations.”

“The record setting penalty in this matter sends a clear message to all companies under FTC jurisdiction,” said Jon Leibowitz, Chairman of the FTC, in a statement.

“No matter how big or small, all companies must abide by FTC orders against them and keep their privacy promises to consumers, or they will end up paying many times what it would have cost to comply in the first place.” — Xinhua

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**HP braces for huge loss after $8 billion EDS writedown**

In a sign that Whitman’s efforts to trim costs and bolster the company’s prospects were succeeding, HP on Wednesday raised its quarterly outlook for profit, after excluding one-time items such as the good-will writedown. It did not provide reasons.

HP’s stock rose 2.4 percent to end at $19.41 after the increase in the company’s outlook relieved investors, who had been expecting another bad quarter with global IT spending on the wane. “Everybody was expecting them to miss the quarter. Now they said they are going to beat their forecast. That’s why the stock is up,” said Shaw Wu, an analyst with Sterne Agee. But analysts cautioned that it is premature to say that HP’s darkest days have passed, especially because the company did not explain why it raised its outlook for profit, excluding items.

“There are a lot of unanswered questions,” said Stifel Nicolaus analyst Aaron Rakers. “It’s hard for me to get too terribly positive on it.” HP said it decided to take the $8 billion non-cash charge in its fiscal third quarter ended on 31 July following a review of the company’s cost structure and its stock price, market conditions and the services division’s financial performance.

“When indicators of potential impairment are identified, companies are required to conduct a review of the carrying amounts of goodwill and other long-lived assets to determine if an impairment exists,” HP said in a statement. Analysts said that charge confirmed what has long been widely known by investors: HP paid too much for EDS, one of the pioneers of the outsourcing of technology services.—Reuters

**Tsunami debris latest addition to ocean pollution**

**VANCOUVER, 10 Aug** — A US environmental group tracking the debris from last year’s Japan tsunami said the floating garbage only highlights the increasing severity of ocean pollution. A California-based Ocean Voyages Institute said they spotted a large quantity of debris off the coasts of Oregon and Washington State while sailing up from San Francisco in their research vessel Kaisat, which dropped anchor in the Vancouver suburb city of Richmond on Wednesday.

Institute founder Mary Crowley told media the vessel’s crew documented small pieces of a dock and many debris, which are “Are we going to take this from Japan tomorrow? In March, 2011. The Japanese debris, including four big piers and myriad containers afloat in the Pacific, could take a toll on shipping safety. Over the years, the Kaisat crew has documented in regular expeditions the ‘Great Pacific Garbage Patch,’ where millions of bits of plastic were brought together by winds and currents, forging a roughly 14-million-square-km swirling vortex between Hawaii and California, known as a “gyre.” “Everyday, all over the Pacific basin, debris is going into the ocean,” she said. “We do feel with any kind of emergency that there should be debris cleanup.”

“I don’t know if it’s possible to clean up all of it...how tragic is it to be destroying our ocean eco-system before we ever understand it.” Crowley said the institute is working with US coastguards to study the debris and improve safety measures by informing them of the whereabouts of large debris pieces. Crowley suggests the governments pay fisherman to collect plastic and build a factory ship in the ocean to recycle the plastic into fuel and energy.—Xinhua

**Hong Kong tests babies over Japanese milk formula**

**HONG KONG, 10 Aug** — Hong Kong on Thursday will test babies who have consumed Japanese-made infant formulas found to have insufficient levels of iodine, after the products were ordered off the city’s shelves. Officials found the Wakodo and Morinaga brands lacked enough iodine, and warned they could have “adverse health effects” on babies’ thyroid glands and led to hypothyroidism. "We urge parents to take their babies to the 10 government-designated health centres for blood tests,” a spokesman at the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department told AFP, adding that around 2,000 babies could be affected.

The government ordered the two products to be removed from shop shelves, following the finding of a random test on 14 milk brands. The banned products, which are for babies aged up to nine months, were found to contain less than one-third of the World Health Organization’s recommended levels of iodine, an essential nutrient for infant development. “This may affect the functioning of the thyroid gland,” the Centre for Food Safety said in a statement. “If the thyroid gland’s normal functions are significantly affected, there may be potential impact on the brain development of infants.”

The government said it would continue to test other brands. Japanese-made baby formula accounts for about three percent of the total milk brands distributed in Hong Kong. Their popularity slumped after the nuclear disaster in Japan last year sparked fears of radiation poisoning. The producers of Wakodo and Morinaga said the products were not intended for sale in Hong Kong, which had different requirements for iodine content than Japan. “We presume that local importers...are marketing it there,” Morinaga spokeswoman Natsumi Takahashi told AFP in Japan.

**Two killed, two missing in S Africa’s heavy snow, rain falls**

**JOHANNESBURG, 10 Aug** — At least two people died and two others were missing on Wednesday as heavy snow and rain battered South Africa’s southeast leaving some areas without electricity, media reports said.

A homeless man in his 50s was found dead in a cardboard box near a nature reserve in Westville town, SAPA news agency said.

In Eastern Cape a three-year-old girl was killed when the walls of her home crumbled after torrential rains. A man went missing after floodwaters swept his car off a low-lying bridge. A paramedic whose ambulance veered off a bridge into river on Tuesday was also still missing a day later.

The snowfall forced the closure of parts of the highway linking Johannesburg and Durban, Africa’s busiest port, for several hours, while rain services in that part of the country were also cancelled. The heavy snow and rain played also havoc with power transmission equipment, plunging parts of the region into the dark.

The country’s meteorological department forecast that the weather would improve from Thursday.—Reuters

**Plane uses ice runway to evacuate American from Antarctic outpost**

**NEW YORK, 10 Aug** — An Australian aircraft has made a rare mid-winter emergency flight to Antarctica involving landing on an ice runway to evacuate a member of the US government expedition in apparent need of urgent surgery, US authorities said on Wednesday.

The US National Science Foundation said the medical evacuation was due to end a little after 2 am EDT (0700 GMT) on Thursday when a A319 Airbus from Australia’s Antarctic research program was due to land with the American patient in Christchurch, New Zealand. The Airbus had already completed the most perilous part of its journey when it touched down on an ice runway or landing strip known as Pegasus near McMurdo Station, one of three year-round research outposts of the National Science Foundation runs in Antarctica.

Flights to Antarctica are usually only made in the summer, but the NSF said the patient — an American member of one of its projects “may require immediate corrective surgery.”

Antarctica is currently emerging from its six-month-long night. There is now a period of twilight at midnight that may have assisted pilots in landing on the ice runway.—Reuters
Township WVO U Myat Khaing gives cash assistance to 2013 academic year at its office on 21 July. Member of international problems should religious and human rights applying different approaches. And it can be assessed that schools were burnt down in Sittway, Maungtaw and religion, racism putting rage, hatred and vengeance in order were restored.

Kyaukpyu and Yanbye were placed under curfew with the announcement of Section-144 on 8 June and peace and law and order were restored. Similarly, Sittway, Thandwe, monasteries continued unabated, Maungtaw and as they can.

A 16-member investigation team was formed with priority is now being given to public affairs and transparency necessary preparations to deter the incidents from spreading situations under control immediately. Likewise, they made necessary requests, guidance and criticisms as regards the incident in Rakhine State to the public through Myanma Radio and Television on 10 June, saying that we are in the condition that all of us including religious organizations, religious leaders and political parties have to take control of the situations carefully in unison. The President pointed out the situation from all angles with vision.

He said, “The situation could deteriorate and could be extended beyond the Rakhine State if we are terrorizing and killing each other with such sectarianism, endless hatred, the desire of vengeance and ancestry. There are also other reasons like external stimulations. I would like you all to realize how seriously it would damage stability, democratization process and national development of our country in transition period,” the President sincerely appealed to the people to consider what is right and what is wrong rationally, revealing his concern over the future of the country and the people.

The President went into to details saying, “Our government would take legal actions against the cases which have already happened. At the same time, we would take systematic measures under existing laws and regulations to make sure such phenomena and incidents do not happen again. I would like to request all to realize every aspect of the situation with considerable magnanimity as we would focus on bringing back justice for the sufferers in the incidents. I promise our government would attach great importance to the rule of law.”

The President himself expressed his sympathy for them and promised a return to normalcy with reconstruction of housings, peaceful livings and reestablishment of their safe villages. He also guaranteed that the victims would be taken in care of both the government and the people regardless of race or religion.

He also assured the legal actions against terrorists, calling for patience and compassion. The minister cordially discussed matters for recovery in the long run as well as urgent requirements of food and shelter. He felt the goodwill, equality and the humanitarian that the government and officials at various levels ensured as equal as the sufferers.

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Directives given to local companies to take leading roles …

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proscribes that the investor must hire national entrepreneurs or company or organizations for the tasks that need specific skills. It is directed to give local companies the leading roles in Dawei Special Economic Zone and Myanmar citizens must be employed in the posts, except that of scholars, skilled workers and supervisors. U Pyithu Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann asked whether the withdrawal of Max Myanmar Company could impact on the interest of the country and the people and whether any Myanmar company will replace it. The deputy minister answered that Max Myanmar has yet to withdraw all of its investments. It is planning to replace it with local companies, as the Taninthayi Region government demanded some land to establish industrial zone for local people, the Italian-Thai Company has returned 50.50 square kilometers from 204.5 square kilometers after negotiations in Thailand. Italian-Thai Company has been invited to counteinue discussing it.

There is plan to amend the provisions included in the Framework Agreement for more profit of Myanmar side. The involvement of local companies is currently suspended. It would be resumed after Italian-Thai agreed the signing of new Framework Agreement.

The Speaker said the Dawei Deep Sea Port is an important project. He tasked the Economic and Investment Committees to take necessary measures in cooperation with respective commission upon explanation of the deputy minister.

Daw U Le Win Sone of Tawbyon Township, 2005, asked social protection for women who has resigned UN Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and Dr Daw Aye Myint of Shwedagon Township on measures for minor care, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe answered that, regarding the first question, Myanmar signed UNCEDAW on 22-7, 1997. Myanmar National Committee for Women’s Affairs was formed for wider women empowerment measures.

To prevent trafficking in persons, the Anti-trafficking in Persons Law was enacted on 13, September, 2005. Besides, national-level guides for remuneration of trafficked persons and their families have been drawn and plans have been made to distribute the guide books to the people.

Regarding the second question, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement signed the The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) on 16, July, 1991 and has been implementing the provisions included in the convention. In accordance with the provisions of the convention, the national committee, the work committee on rights of children and regional/district/township CRC committees have been established. Besides, in 1993, the Child Law was enacted and the Rules and Regulations related to the Child Law was adopted in 2006. The Child Law was being re-drawn to meet international standards. As From June, 2012, the policy to be able to give experts are working to rewrite the law which includes the education, health and nutrition of the under-8 children and socio-economy, environmental conservation and poverty alleviation.

At the discussion session, U Aung Than of Thein Oo and U Tin Cho of Than Lwin Constituency discussed the proposal submitted by U Aung Oo of Hinthada constituency during the 18-day session on adoption of the migration policy on the life security of Myanmar migrant workers in foreign countries.

Their discussion called on the authorities concerned for adopting the migration policy with guarantee of social security to the migrant workers.

While the country is going to be a member of the ASEAN Community, priority should be placed on the issue of migrant workers in the ASEAN region and it also called for adoption of migrant workers issue as a regional issue when Myanmar has to discuss the issue of Myanmar migrant workers during the time of successive governments. However, there happened some hindrances due to some reasons. There is no Myanmar embassy in some countries where Myanmar migrant workers are working. The ministry has ordered, however, that Myanmar embassies to work for the safe and security of Myanmar migrant workers. Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Shein said that Ministry of Finance and Revenue is working together with private banks to help Myanmar migrant workers to safely transfer their money to the homeland.

Afterwards, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Oo said that the Union Attorney-General’s Office is implementing the conventions and treaties.

U Aung Oo of Hinthada constituency seconded the proposal.

At the discussion, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Oo said that the Union Attorney-General’s Office is implementing the conventions and treaties. He proposed the proposal said migrant workers issues depend on the conditions of countries which sends the workers and countries which accepts the workers.

Myanmar is currently a country which sends workers. What Myanmar migrant workers are demanding is the rights they deserve and the expectation of their families. Therefore, it is suitable that the issue should be discussed at the Pyithu Hluttaw where representatives of the people are gathered than outside the Pyithu Hluttaw. He believed that his discussion would be helpful for drawing the Labour Migration Policy which is necessary for Myanmar which has migrant workers issues.

The Hluttaw put the proposal on record and decided to proceed the work in coordination with ministries concerned.

At the proposal submitting session, U Thein Thet of Pyithu Hluttaw submitted a proposal calling on respective Union-level bodies which are organized in accordance with the State Constitution to adopt laws which had been enacted by the Pyithu Hluttaw within 90 days after the President signed and declared them on the duration set by the Pyithu Hluttaw.

At report submitting session, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Judiciary and Legal Affairs Committee Thura U Aung Ko presented the report of the committee.

The Hluttaw asked the representatives who want to discuss the report as the report would be approved at the 26th session of the Pyithu Hluttaw.

At the informing the Pyithu Hluttaw session, the Hluttaw informed the representatives that it received the Bill Revoking the State Crops Marketing Board Act from Amyotha Hluttaw on 7 August and distributed the copies of the bill to the representatives.

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During today meeting, three questions were raised, one proposal discussed and one proposal and one report informed the representatives that it
Myanmar’s toll fees are...

(from page 10) or 1.29 percent that broke the rules. So, toll fees collection system is in full swings.

Regarding the question of Moe Myint of Tanintharyi Constituency No. 7 on "there is a plan to upgrade Tanintharyi River-crossing bridge" and "he would like to know the construction of river-crossing bridge linking Thamoke village and Lawlawn village on Union Road", he replied: The 1360-ft-long Tanintharyi River-crossing bridge is located on Myeik-Tanintharyi-Bokpyin-Kawthoung road in Tanintharyi Region. Its lower structure is RC post and upper structure, bailey type. It was commissioned into service on 12 November, 2006. It can withstand 23 tons of loads. At present, there is no plan to upgrade it. It will be upgraded, based on allotted State’s fund.

Steering clear of the Thamok River on Yangon-Dawei-Myaik-Upon Road, 25-mile-long Bod-Daw-Kabin Road has been put into service. Besides, the three bridges—Pyay-Bin Bridges with 185-feet length, Alechaung Bridge with 80-foot length and Daw Bridge with 50-foot length—in low maintenance on Dan-Rabin Road are under transition into concrete ones and whose ten miles and six furlongs under upgrading with the fund of 2012-2013 fiscal year. Upon completion, road passers would have easy access to Myeik without using the route the Thamok River. Therefore, there was no plan to construct the Thamok River crossing Bridge yet.

Concerning the query on there is any plan to construct Nansan-Monggo motor road that would be 19 long miles and four furlongs in Nansan Township in Loilem District, presented by U Sai Kyaw Zaw Thaw from No. 2 Constituency in Shan State, the deputy minister answered that the road with 19 miles and 4 furlongs long is on a list to maintain for withstand, which is to be implemented by Shan State government. Therefore, the road would be carried out with the funds K 534,155 million of the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

According to the plan of the 2012-2013 fiscal year, four miles and four furlongs length earth road section of the road would be upgraded to be hard one, and two miles of four-mile and four-furlong gravel road section would be done far-marking work. The rest of the road along the means of funds to be allocated.

The deputy minister replied to the proposal on "there is any plan to construct Nansan-Monggo motor road that would be 19 long miles and four furlongs in Nansan Township in Loilem District, presented by the MNA Thaw Mon of No. 8 Bago Region Constituency. Hesaid that the rural road project planning group of the Department of Rural Settlement and Housing Development under the Ministry of Construction is carrying out the town plan of the region after making field trips. The group is at present in the concept plan and its related report.

Under the plan on the ongoing views between the department and Cologne University of Germany, there has collected the indicators of 56 towns in which there were done over 0.1 million in population network system.

The rural project planning of Pyay in Bago Region would have been started in the opening season of the year 2012 in cooperation with respective organizations.

After Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee Dr Kyaw Hkay Hkaw tabled the report out the reports sent by the committee on the job prospects and proficiency development made by the Hluttaw representatives, the Hluttaw representatives, the Hluttaw representatives agreed with it.

The Hluttaw decided to prove the bill. The report of Union Civil Services Board Dr Kyaw Hkay Hkaw tabled the bill on State services personnel’s slow growth concept to be under discussion. One of the Hluttaw representatives gave an agreement on it.

Cash and kind donated to locals in Rakhine State

Yangon, 10 Aug.—In the memory of late grandparents and parents, family of Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township donated 50 bags of rice and 20 viss of paste food, U Ye Naing Aung (State Commissioner-Daw Kyi Kyi Wai of Shan State General Administration Department K 500,006, Myanmar Engineering Society K 405,000 and nine bales of clothes, and two boxes of pencils, Daw Cho, Cho and family of Lanmadaw Township K 400,000, Seepwar Pankhin of Nyanmar Township K 500,000 and three mosquito-nets, Daw Htay Kyi of Thuwunna Township K 300,000 and one bale of clothes, Maung Htun Win, Maung Htun Win, Myut Nwe Htaw (from England) K 10000 and two boxes of clothes, Ma Htaw, Myanmar Ado (State Commissioner—of Tanintharyi Region), in the memory of late grandparents and parents.

NATIONAL POLICY

National Health Committee’s first meeting held

Nav Pyi Taw, 10 Aug.—The meeting (1/2012) of the national health committee was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Health, here, at 9 am today.

Chairman of National Health Committee Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thein Khin addressed the meeting. He said that the ministry was making strenuous efforts in carrying out health care services at rural health centres (branch), rural health department, township hospital, district hospital, People’s Hospitals in states and states, central-level general and specialist hospitals at the four corners of the country. He added that this was the national health committee is constituted at Union level to achieve success in health development sector, matters related to form health committees at regional and state level for improvement of health sector and be put into discussion.

Concerning implementation of necessary tasks to develop State’s economy as much as they can, the President has given instructions to hold national-level talks on health sector following the discussions on respective sectors at each and every ministry, which needs to be participated by the guidelines of the President, the health ministry needs to make discussions about drawing sector-wide policies and rules and regulations, programmes for implementing short-term and long-term plans and development of health sector and opportunities for meet-ups with respective branch directors at the first meeting of the national health committee.

Also present at the meeting were Vice-Chairman of National Health Committee Union Minister for Labour and Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, members of the committee deputy ministers, Nay Pyi Taw Council members and chairman of social organizations, social ministers of region and state governments, directors-general of the health ministry and officials concerned.

Turkey Red Cross donates foodstuffs for locals of Rakhine State

Nav Pyi Taw, 10 Aug.—International organizations donated foodstuffs for locals of Rakhine State who lost their homes and possessions due to various reasons occurred in Rakhine State.

Tatmadaw aircraft carried foodstuffs and kitchen utensils from Yangon to Sittway donated by Red Cross of Turkey. Tatmadawmen from Sittway battalion, members of state fire brigade and officials from state Relief and Resettlement Department accepted the relief aids at Sittway Airport and promoted to One State government yesterday.
Inter-Basic Education School volleyball tourney wraps up

PATHEIN, 10 Aug—The final match of the Ayeyawady Region Sports and Physical Education Department Head’s Cup Inter-Township U-15 Basic Education Student Volleyball Tournament of Pathein District was held at Koethein Gymnasium in Pathein on 29 July.

Assistant Director U Aung Aung of Region SPED presented cash award K 50,000 and individual medals to players of Pathein BEHS No 2, District Education Officer U Kyin Thaung presented cash award K 100,000 and medals to the players from Pathein BEHS No 5, Region Education Officer (Admin) U Ye Myint presented cash K 200,000 and medals to players from Thabaung BEHS and Deputy Director U Soe Nyunt of Region SPED presented best player awards to the respective players.

Ayeawady Region Minister for Development Affairs U Kyaw Win Naing gave trophy to Thabaung BEHS.

Fertilizer provided to farmers of Shwedagon Township

SHWEDAGON, 10 Aug—A ceremony to hand over fertilizers to farmers who grow Palethwe hybrid monsoon paddy for 2012-2013 season was held at the hall of General Administration Department in Shwedagon Township of Pyay District in Bago Region on 15 July. Bago Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Tin Soe handed over bags of fertilizers to farmers.

Aung Soe of Nwamayan Village-tract, Director of Irrigation Department and Kyemon Administration Department, Head of Kawa Township Immigration and Township Administration Department U Thet Zaw Oo to U Myo Win of Nwamayan Village-tract.

Ayeawady River exceeds danger level of Kyangin

KYANGIN, 10 Aug—Ayeawady River is relentlessly raising its water level as of last week of July. In the afternoon of 3 August, the water level reached 72 feet of danger level.

Kyangin Township is set its danger level at 69.10 feet in August this year. This year, constant heavy rains in some areas of Upper Myanmar and Ayeyawady Region affected the raising of water level of Ayeawady River in Kyangin.

Local authorities, personnel of Township Irrigation Department and other departments, members of Fire Brigade formed four groups as water sentries at the outposts along the bank of Ayeawady River.

Accident on the road

YANGON, 10 Aug—A car caused upside down in front of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development at the junction of Bo Aung Kyaw and Bogyoke Aung San streets in Botahtaung Township at about 9 am on 4 August.

A Canter with number plate 4A— driven by Hein Lin Tun from the west to the east on Bogyoke Aung San Street carrying purified water containers hit the lamp-post in the middle of the road due to out of control.

The lamp-post was broken at its central part and damaged. Aung Aung and Aung Kyaw Kyaw in the front room of the car were injured to their faces, arms and legs. Driver Hein Lin Tun sustained severe injuries. Officials rushed him to Yagon General Hospital.

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Basic administrative mechanism reform course conducted in Kawthoung

KAWTHOUNG, 10 Aug—Organized by Kawthoung District General Administration Department, the basic administrative mechanism reform course was opened at Hanthawady Hall of the department on 30 July.

On the occasion, Deputy Commissioner U Myint Than of District GAD made a speech. Staff Officer of District GADU Hlaing Myo Thant and Township Administrator U Percy gave lectures to the trainees.

The training course was attended by two deputy heads of township GADs, 30 clerks from ward and township administrative offices and one Khamaukkyi Sub-Township Administrator,总计33. —Myanma Alin

Prizes awarded in Myanmar Artist Painting Competition

YANGON, 10 Aug—Myanmar Traditional Artists and Artisans Association (Central) and Camel Art Foundation jointly organized the Myanmar Artist Painting Competition at its office on the eastern wing of Bogyoke Aung San Market in Yangon on 26 July morning.

On behalf of the Association, Vice-Chairman Sra New spoke words of thanks.

Danger of narcotic drugs talked

YANGON, 10 Aug—Organized by Volunteer Drug Supervisory Association of Yangon Region Social Welfare Department, a talk on danger of narcotic drugs was held at the hall of Hsegyigon Village-tract, Ayemyitta Ward in Education School in Mingala Kandaw Monastic Hall of Hsuhtoopan Thiri Department, a talk on danger of floods.

Joint In-charge of BEHS. Affairs U Kyaw Win Naing gave lectures on youth and narcotic drugs.

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**Libyan assembly votes Mohammed Magarief as president**

as its president on Thursday as the old opposition movement’s newly elected congress began its rule. Magarief, leader of the National Front party, will head the 200-member congress, which will name a prime minister, pass laws and steer Libya to full parliamentary elections after a new constitution is drafted next year.

Magarief, seen as a moderate Islamist, is effectively Libya’s acting head of state, but the true extent of his powers is yet to be determined. A former diplomat who had lived in exile since the 1980s, Magarief was a leading figure in Libya’s oldest opposition movement — the National Front for the Salvation of Libya — which made several attempts to end the Muammar Gaddafi’s rule.

Magarief’s National Front Party is an offshoot of the old opposition movement and it won three of the seven July polls for the national assembly — Libya’s first free vote in a generation.

I’m very happy,” said Magarief, “because it is a big responsibility,” he told reporters. As part of the compromise, Magarief won 113 votes versus independent Ali Zidan who secured 85 votes. He is expected to head the state for at least a year after which he will step down, paving the way for full elections in the future.

“This is democracy,” is what we have dreamed of,” Zidan told Reuters. The assembly was also set to pick two deputies for Magarief, who had been seen as a leader contender for the top job. “He is a political personality and everybody knows him,” said Othman Sassi, a former official of the National Transitional Council.

“He has very good experience to lead congress and the Libyan democratic state,” — Reuters

**Typhoon Haikui affects 130,000 in E China province**

Jiangxi Province as a result of heavy rains, received 220 mm of rain, which was hit hard by the typhoon in Jiangsu Province.

The city of Jinglezhen, which was hit hard by typhoon Haikui, local authorities said Friday. Typhoon-triggered torrential rainfall has battered the province, forcing the relocation of 13,359 people after the typhoon made landfall early Wednesday morning in east China’s Zhejiang Province, according to the provincial flood control and drought relief headquarters.

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**Roche seeks more info on Roche cancer pill**

London, 10 Aug — Britain’s healthcare cost agency said on Friday it needed more information from Roche before it could decide whether to recommend the Swiss group’s new melanoma pill Zelboraf for use on the state health service.

The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) said on Friday it had previously rejected the drug in a preliminary ruling in June. While Roche has submitted additional analysis on the cost effectiveness of the drug since then, NICE said it needed further clarification.

The drug, also known as vemurafenib, was approved in Europe in February and has been hailed as a prime example of personalised medicine since it is designed to treat melanoma patients with a particular genetic mutation. It costs 1,750 pounds ($2,756) per month, although Roche has offered a discount, details of which are commercially confidential.

The snub for Zelboraf marks the latest in a series of clashes between Roche and NICE over cancer medicines, including a rejection of its $6 billion-per-year seller Avastin NICE, whose decisions are closely watched in other countries, has also angered other drugmakers, although it has many supporters among doctors and patients who say the snubs are necessary to keep drug prices down.

A logo of Swiss pharmaceutical company Roche is pictured in front of a company’s building in Rotkreuz, on 13 April, 2012. — Reuters

**NASCAs’ Morpheus lander in fiery crash at Cape Canaveral**

Cape Canaveral, 10 Aug — A small NASAs’ Morpheus lander being tested for missions to the moon and other destinations beyond Earth crashed and burned after veering off course during a trial run at the Kennedy Space Center Thursday, officials with the US space agency said.

There were no injuries after the prototype, known as Morpheus, burst into flames near the runway following a test run used by NASAs’ space shuttles. The insect-like vehicle, designed and built by engineers at NASAs’ Johnson Space Center in Houston, had made several flights attached to a crane before Thursday’s attempted free-flight.

Morphes engines, which burn liquid oxygen and methane, appeared to ignite as planned, lifting the 1,750-pound (794 kg) vehicle into the air. But a few seconds later, Morpheus rolled over on its side and plummeted to the ground. NASA video showed the vehicle engulfed in flames and then rocked by a spectacular explosion, presumably due to the fuel tanks rupturing.

“Failures such as these were anticipated prior to the test, and are part of the development process for any complex spaceflight hardware,” NASA said in a statement.

An investigation is under way, the statement added. Project Morpheus began in partnership with privately owned Armadillo Aerospace, which is developing re-useable, autonomous vehicles that take off and land vertically. NASA, which has spent about $7 million on the project over the past 2-1/2 years, is interested in developing technologies that could be used to fly cargo to the moon and other future missions beyond Earth orbit.

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“The Morpheus lander is kind of our poster child. It’s one of our first attempts to do these kinds of projects,” former project manager Matt Ondler said in an interview with Reuters last year. “Instead of building some elaborate test structure, you go to Home Depot and build something very quickly that gets you 80 percent of the answer and allows you to keep moving forward,” he said.

Morphes arrived at Florida’s seaside space center in July for three months of tests, including automated landings in a moon landscape, complete with craters and boulders.

The lander was designed to deliver about 1,100 pounds (500 kg) of cargo to the moon, NASA said on its Project Morpheus website. Technologies being developed include a propulsion system that uses liquid oxygen and methane — green fuels that could be used to fly cargo to the moon and other future missions beyond Earth orbit.

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**Tropical Storm Ernesto weakens over land, kills three**

Mexico City, 10 Aug — Tropical Storm Ernesto weakened as it traveled inland from the Gulf of Mexico on Thursday, but it sent wind gusts and showers across the state of Veracruz, home to some of Mexico’s busiest ports and oil installations.

The storm, with maximum sustained winds of 40 mph, made landfall in the early afternoon close to the port city of Coatzacoalcos. Ernesto was heading west over southern Mexico at a speed of about 14 mph, the US National Hurricane Centre in Miami said in its 11 pm EDT (0300 GMT) advisory. The hurricane centre said it expects further weakening as Ernesto moves over mountainous terrain on Friday. However, torrential rain and flooding was expected and authorities reported three deaths.

Officials from state-run company Petex said there were no reports of disruptions to facilities in the region, which include the Minatitlan refinery, producing 185,000 barrels of crude per day. The refinery, along with the Minatitlan crude storage tank and the nearby Puerto Escondido oil terminal will be shut down indefinitely as the refinery switches to diesel fuel.

**Vemurafenib for melanoma: NICE snubbed by Roche**

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American Airlines pilots reject tentative contract

WASHINGTON, 10 Aug — Pilots at AMR Corp’s American Airlines rejected a tentative contract from the carrier by a wide margin on Wednesday, leaving a major issue unresolved with the bankrupt airline’s most powerful employee group. Failure to reach a consensual labour deal would be a blow to American’s efforts to develop a stand-alone reorganization plan, which relies on slashing debt and labour costs to return to profitability. The development comes as the third-largest US carrier has begun to review potential mergers, including a deal with US Airways Group, to determine whether merging with rival will generate more recoveries for American’s creditors than going it alone.

American Airlines and two other key labour groups have already declared their support for US Airways’ plans to merge with the larger rival. The groups each have a seat on American’s nine-member unsecured creditors committee and have a say in how American restructures in bankruptcy. Pilots could face stricter terms should the judge overseeing American’s bankruptcy case now allow the carrier to end its current contract with the pilots union.

“We are disappointed with the outcome of today’s voting results,” said, as ratification of the pilot tentative agreement would have been an important step forward in our restructuring,” American Airlines spokesman Bruce Hicks said in a statement. He added the company must now await a ruling that will implement the changes necessary to move forward with restructuring. “Bankruptcy rules give companies the right to abandon collective bargaining agreements and impose their own terms unilaterally.”

Oil flow from Iraq-Turkey oil pipeline to resume: minister

ISTANBUL, 10 Aug — The oil flow from the Turkish-Iraqi pipeline will resume on Wednesday following a blast that damaged the pipeline, Turkey’s Energy Minister Taner Yildiz, pictured in May 2012, said. — Internet

Japan McDonald’s recalls flawed giveaway glasses

TOKYO, 10 Aug — McDonald’s in Japan said on Wednesday it was recalling giveaway glass tumblers after 78 people reported being injured by the Olympic-themed freebies. The fast food giant said it had received 130 complaints after handing out the tumblers to purchasers of “Value Sets”, saying by the Anatolia news agency on Wednesday. A blast Monday hit the Kirkuk-Ceyhan pipeline in Mardin province close to Turkey’s border with Syria, with Kurdish rebels suspected of being behind the attack.

American Airlines aircraft stand on the tarmac at Los Angeles International Airport in Los Angeles on 20 April, 2012. — Reuters

Threatened shark species turning up in US restaurants

The menus of US restaurants where shark fin soup can sell for as much as $100 per bowl. Others included smooth hammerheads, school sharks and spiny dogfish, all listed as vulnerable and endangered species such as bull and copper sharks.” This is further proof that shark fin soup here in the United States, not just in Asia, is contributing to the global decline in sharks,” said Liz Karan, of the Pew Environment Group, a foundation that supported the study.

“Shark species must be protected from overfishing,” said Karan, manager of Pew’s global shark conservation program, “and any international trade in these vulnerable and endangered species must be tightly regulated.” The study marks the first time that DNA testing has been used to ascertain the different kinds of sharks used to make shark fin soup in the United States on a large nationwide scale.

Samples were collected in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Atlanta, Georgia; Boston, Chicago, Denver, Colorado; Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Houston; Las Vegas; Los Angeles; New York; Orlando, Florida; San Francisco; Seattle, and Washington. — Internet
Woman swallows butter knife

A 30-year-old Atlanta woman is OK after accidentally swallowing a butter knife, doctors said. The woman was apparently demonstrating to a friend that she no longer had a gag reflex because of her history with bulimia, the New York Daily News reported. During her exhibition, she laughed and accidentally swallowed the knife, New England Journal of Medicine said. She was rushed to the hospital where doctors performed a surgery to remove the knife from her body. Drs Aida Venado and Sarah Prebil said doctors were able to remove the knife without damaging the woman’s throat or stomach.

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A cow which was not in the mood ambled to the top story of a Siberian apartment building to escape a bull which was, and had to be led back down by firefighters, authorities said. The cow was discovered bellowing on the top of a stairwell in the five-story building in the village of Lesogorsk last month, with the probable cause of the cow’s distress an amorous bull at the bottom. “The bull was very loving and had paid excessive attention to the cow during the summer grazing,” the Irkutsk regional branch of Russia’s Emergency Situations Ministry said in a statement. “Trying to escape from him, the cow ran into the building and climbed up to the fifth storey,” it said. It took firefighters about three minutes to get the cow downstairs by ropes of its horns and pulling, according to the statement, which suggested members of the crowd that gathered should have done the job themselves. “When we arrived there were dozens of people outside the building. There were members of the local administration, police and many bystanders,” it quoted fire station shift chief Yevgeny Smirnov as saying. “In principle, they could have done without us.”

UK’s BSkyB to launch 24-hour James Bond TV channel

British pay television broadcaster BSkyB will launch a new 24-hour channel dedicated to showing James Bond films on repeat in October to mark the 50th anniversary of the Bond franchise, the company said on July 8. The channel, to be called Sky Movies007, will show 22 original Bond films in high definition from October for a month, beginning with the 1962 Bond film, “Dr No,” said. It added that it will also screen independent titles “Never Say Never Again” and “Casino Royale.” The launch comes after BSkyB bought the rights to the British film franchise from Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios in April, ending rival ITV’s 38-year stronghold on the film’s rights. “We’re delighted that our customers will have the best Bond movie-watching experience ever with Sky Movies — uninterrupted, in HD (high definition), on demand and on the go,” said Sky Movies, Ian Lewis, in a statement.

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Stanley Tucci marries Felicity Blunt

New York, 10 Aug—

Stanley Tucci has married literary agent Felicity Blunt, sister of his “The Devil Wears Prada” co-star Emily. Tucci’s six-time Academy Award-nominated wife, Kate, died of breast cancer in 2009, and Tucci is looking forward to his retirement with his family, according to a source close to Tucci who told the Daily News that he and Blunt are planning a formal wedding in front of friends and family in the near future.

Favreau to direct ‘Jersey Boys’ movie

New York, 10 Aug—

Hollywood filmmaker Jon Favreau is to direct a big-screen version of the Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons stage musical, “Jersey Boys.” The show has been a huge success since it debuted on Broadway in 2005 and in London’s West End in 2008. The official London Theatre Web site said Favreau’s movie version is expected to hit theaters next year, however, no casting has been announced yet.

‘God Forgives’ tops US album chart

Los Angeles, 10 Aug—

Rick Ross’ “God Forgives, I Don’t” is No 1 on the US album chart, Billboard.com reported on Wednesday. Coming in at No 2 on the Billboard 200 is Zac Brown Band’s “Uncaged,” followed by Justin Bieber’s “Believe” at No 3. One Direction’s “Up All Night” is at No 4 and the Bee Gees’ “Number Ones” at No 5. Rounding out the top tier are Nas “Life is Good” at No 6, “Kidz Bop 22” at No 7, Adele’s “21” at No 8, Maroon 5’s “Overexposed” at No 9 and Joss Stone’s “The Soul Sessions, Vol 2” at No 10.

Bob Hoskins retires from acting

British actor Bob Hoskins

London, 10 Aug—

British’s Bob Hoskins announced on Wednesday he is suffering from Parkinson’s disease and is retiring from acting at the age of 69. Hoskins has starred in dozens of films, including “Snow White and the Huntsman,” “Mrs Henderson Presents,” “Neverland,” “Thunderball.”

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DeNiro, Pfeiffer begin shooting ‘Malavita’

Beverly Hills, 10 Aug—

French director Luc Besson began principal photography on Wednesday on “Malavita,” a film starring Robert DeNiro and Michelle Pfeiffer, producers said. Filming commenced in Normandy, France, and will continue at La Cité du Cinema where the new Studios de Paris are located. Additional shooting will take place in New York.

Besson adapted the film from the novel of the same title by Tonino Benacquista. It tells the story of the Manzoni, a notorious organized crime family relocated to Normandy under the witness protection program, a synopsis said. The movie is set for a 2013 release.

Actor Stanley Tucci and his fiancé Felicity Blunt

Favreau

Actor Jon Favreau

Jon Favreau performs during the 2011 BET Awards at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles on June 26, 2011. —Intruder

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Director of Sky Movies, Ian Pfeiffer, producers said. “Malavita,” a film starring Robert DeNiro as one of the most powerful Italian-American families. The film is set for a 2013 release.

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Chen Ruolin wins women’s 10m platform gold at London Olympic Games

London, 10 Aug — Chen Ruolin collected a high 422.30 points for the title of women’s 10m platform divering at the London Olympic Games on Thursday. Her 10m0th gold medal China won from all the summer Olympic Games it participated in.

Brittany Broben of Australia took the silver medal at 366.50 and Pang Pendelea of the Philiphines won the bronze medal at 359.20. Points.

Another Chinese diver He Yadan made two double twos and finished only 9th in the 5m dive final.

Ivanovic crashes out of WTA • Montreal

Montreal, 10 Aug — Former world number one Ana Ivanovic suffered her first ever double bagel loss, crashing out of the WTA Montreal tournament after losing 6-0, 6-0 to Roberta Vinc. Vinci on Thursday needed just 44 minutes to oust the 11th seeded Ivanovic, who had three game points in the match but never converted. Ivanovic had game point serving at 0-4 in the first set and two more serving 0-2 in the second.

“I really struggled to find my rhythm out there,” the Serb said. “It came as a surprise a little bit because I was practising really well. “I was struggling to find my feet and get two consecutive balls in the court. Against players like Roberta who don’t make many errors, it’s always going to be tough to win like that. “When you’re red 0-6, 0-6, 6-0, the panic starts to set in. I forced a little bit. It was bad already without that. It was really tough for me out there.”

Vinci didn’t expect such an easy victory. She came from behind to beat Yanina Wickmayer in the first round. “It’s not easy to win 6-6-0-6-0 against a great player like Ana,” Vinci said. “I was working on my patience with a lot of discipline. It’s just never so easy like that. “I was trying to keep her at a lot of times, and it was strange to play her when she was playing like this.” In other matches, Serb Jelena Jankovic fell playing like this.”

In other matches, Serb Jelena Jankovic fell behind to beat Yanina Wickmayer in the first round. “It’s not really, really tough for me out there. “I forced a little bit. It was bad already without that. It was really, really tough for me out there.”

Jankovic suffered her first ever double bagel loss, crashing out the 11th seeded Ivanovic, who had three game points in the women’s Olympic final in London. As hundreds of supporters wearing Japan soccer shirts, faces still painted traditional red and white, rolled out of bars around 6 am local time, an impromptu party broke out on Tokyo’s iconic Shibuya “scramble” crossroads.

“Gold, silver – it doesn’t matter. Japan were the best team,” 32-year-old chef Kensaku Arata told Reuters as revelers danced in front of police and early commuters. Japan’s “Nadeshiko” team, named after a frilly pink flower, won last year’s World Cup. Having knocked the mighty US in penalties in the Frankfurt final, they were unlikely to topple their powerful opponents again in Thursday’s Olympic showdown.

Soccer: Japan’s “steel carnations” win hearts in defeat

KIAWASH ISLAND, South Carolina, Aug 9 — Sune Agassi selected for US Open Court of Champions

New York, 10 Aug — Andre Agassi will be inducted into the US Open Court of Champions.

Agassi will be inducted in Arthur Ashe Stadium before the men’s final on 9 September.

The 42-year-old Agassi won the US Open twice. In 1994, he became the first unseeded player in the Open era to capture the title. He won again in 1999, part of his eight career Grand Slam championships.

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Rudisha wins Olympic 800m in world record time

London, 10 Aug — David Rudisha did what no one else, Usain Bolt included, has been able to: set a world record at the London Olympic track. Rudisha had told his rivals in the 800m to be ready for a world record, and he delivered on his word, winning Thursday’s final in 1 minute, 49.01 seconds, one-hundredth of a second more than the world record he set in 2010. After crossing the finish, he flung up both his arms to celebrate, then draped himself in a Kenyan flag and posed for photographs near the timing clock with “NEW WC” on it. He has been the dominant800-meter runner for the last three years, setting the world record three times and losing just once since 2009. This, though, topped all that.

“It’s something special to break the world record in the Olympics,” Rudisha said. Sebastian Coe, a middle-distance running great and head of the London organizing committee, wasn’t in much doubt. “That was simply an unbelievable performance,” Coe said. “David Rudisha showed supreme physical and mental confidence to run like that in an Olympic final. Instead of just doing enough to win the race, he wanted to do something extraordinary and go for the world record as well. Rudisha’s run will go down in history as one of the greatest Olympic victories.”

Kenya’s David Lekuta Rudisha reacts after winning the men’s 800m- meter final in the Olympic Stadium at the 2012 Summer Olympics, on 9 Aug, 2012. — Reuters

The Japan team wave and bow to the crowd after losing their women’s soccer final gold medal match against the US at Wembley Stadium during the London 2012 Olympic Games on 9 Aug, 2012. — Reuters

The Japanese national team’s Sume Asakura (centre) celebrates winning the women’s soccer final of the Olympic Games against the US at Wembley Stadium on 9 August, 2012. — Reuters

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London, 10 Aug—Seb Coe tonight hailed a "simply unbelievable" display from Kenya's David Rudisha who broke his own world record to claim Olympic gold in the 800m.

Rudisha, 23, stormed through the first lap in 49.28 seconds and powered to a stunning victory in one minute 40.91 seconds, taking 0.71 off his previous record as all eight finalists set record times.

Eighteen-year-old Nijel Amos of Botswana claimed silver in a world junior record of 1:41.73, ahead of 17-year-old Kenyan Timothy Kimut, with Britain's Andrew Osagie taking 0.71 off his personal best despite finishing eighth. Amazingly, Osagie's time of 1:43.77 would have won gold at the last three Olympic Games, while it also took him fourth on the British all-time list behind Coe, Steve Cram and Peter Elliott. "That was simply an unbelievable performance," London 2012 chairman and former Olympic 800m silver medallist Lord Coe said. "David Rudisha showed supreme physical and mental confidence to run like that in an Olympic final."

Rudisha's run will go down as one of the truly great Olympic performances. His victory, and the record he set, underlined the belief he has in his own ability. The new world record of 1:40.91 in the men’s 800m Final on Day 13 of the London 2012 Olympic Games at the Olympic Stadium, shows Rudisha's run will go down as one of the truly great Olympic performances. His victory, and the record he set, underlined the belief he has in his own ability.

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Brilliant Bolt completes sprint double
London, 10 Aug—Usain Bolt tonight secured the legendary status he craved by becoming the first man ever to win the Olympic Games sprint double sprint twice in succession. While millions would already consider Bolt a legend for winning his triple gold in Beijing and defending his 100m title at London 2012 last Sunday, the Jamaican insisted he also had to retain his 200m title to achieve such status.

And the 25-year-old did precisely that with another imperious performance, leading a Jamaican clean-sweep ahead of 100m silver medallist Yohan Blake and defending his 100m title at London 2012 last Sunday. The Jamaican insisted he also had to retain his 200m title to achieve such status.

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Sanitation carried out in urban of Monghsat
Monghsat, 10 Aug—Service men of local battalions, members of Myanmar Police Force, Fir Brigade and War Veterans Organization collectively participated in sanitation in Monghsat of Shan State.

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NLM-ner Joke
The less you know, the more you make
"Salary Theorem" states that "Engineers and Scientists can never earn as much as Business Executives and Sales People.

This theorem can now be supported by a mathematical equation based on the following two postulates:

As every engineer knows: Power = Work / Time. Since:
Knowledge = Power
Time = Money
It follows that:
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Thus, as Knowledge approaches zero, Money approaches infinity, regardless of the amount of work done.

Conclusion:
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### 10-man Molf trounces Education 5-2 in first group match

- The team of Education opened the scoring on a goal in the 13th minute by its striker, but Pyai Pyo Aung of the MoI answered back to equalize at 21st minute and Aye Min Phyo scored one more and sent the sides into halftime tied 2-1.
- In the second halftime, the team of MoI got off to a remarkable start, controlling possession and creating chances and Captain Wai Pyar Soe kicked the ball to the back of the net at 51st minute. A striker of the team of MoI scored a goal at 55th minute and 82nd minute respectively and the game ended in 5-2. —NLM

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