True patriotism

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To improve socio-economic status of farmers, firm commitment sine qua non for development of agricultural sector

Vice-President U Nyan Tun visits high-yield hybrid rice plantations

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Tun attended a ceremony to complete planting Palethwe high-yield hybrid rice on the 440-acre at the Village of Alyinlo in Maezaligon Village-tract in Pyinmana Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area today.

At the ceremony, dawn meal was offered to Sayadaws and Members of the Sangha from Nay Pyi Taw Council Area at the briefing hall of the 440-model rice field. During the ceremony, the congregation led by Vice-President U Nyan Tun received the Five Precepts from Sayadaw of Maha Ledi San Monastery in Pyinamana Ganda Vacaka Panditta Bhaddanta Eindra Vudha and donated offerings to them.

After the ceremony, the Vice-President visited the model rice field and viewed compound fertilizer, herbicides and rice strains including Palethwe rice, Basmati rice and ZH rice strain and groundnuts, sunflower seeds, sesame seeds, hybrid corn and beans and pulses. The Vice-President presented clothes to female transplanters who completed the planting in the model farmland.

He also viewed the turbine installed at the 10-KW hydro power plant which supplies power to 20 households in the village. Vice-President U Nyan Tun and party visited the 100-acre Basmati rice plantation at Teyigon Village in Zabuthiri Township by KMA Co Ltd. Myanmar has about 50 million acres of farmland and 13 million acres are under rice in the rainy season. As part of efforts for boosting per acre yield for food security in the country and doubling income of farmers, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has been trying to grow good quality strains of seeds and to apply modern farming methods, said U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation, in his report to the Vice-President.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-President U Nyan Tun said that the government would step up its efforts for development of rural areas and poverty alleviation in the second phase of reform.

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Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw receives MP of Prosperous Justice Party of Indonesia and party

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint received MP Dr Hidayat Nur Wahid of Prosperous Justice Party of Indonesia and party at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex here at 4 pm today.

Also present on the occasion together with the Speaker were chairmen of Amyotha Hluttaw committees, secretaries and members, officials of the Hluttaw Office.

At the meeting, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint clarified measures being taken by the government as regards the recent incidents in Rakhine State to the visiting delegation led by MP Dr Hidayat Nur Wahid who expressed his thanks for the clarification and blessed the brethren of Buddhists and Muslims in Rakhine State.

After the meeting, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and party had a documentary photo taken together with the visiting delegation led by MP Dr Hidayat Nur Wahid of Prosperous Justice Party of Indonesia.
Be serious about traffic rules for road safety

With a series of changes going through in the country plus a significant economic growth, there is a growing number of vehicles that have become a part of life. So, it is required to take measures for safety of commuters and pedestrians whose lives have been put in danger by traffic accidents.

Now, roads inside and outside cities have been upgraded to better facilities for swift and smooth transportation, and there are frequent road accidents owing to some drivers’ violation of traffic rules, reckless driving and driving under the influence.

In particular, drivers of passenger buses and ferry buses have to drive carefully in order to avert possible accidents. In this context, bus drivers should be really serious about traffic rules such as trying to overtake each other, taking too long at bus stops and using wrong roads or lanes to overtake other buses.

Pedestrians are something involved in road accidents as they fail to take zebra crossing, walking on roads rather than on pavements and crossing roads showing a total disregard of traffic rules. Each year, road accidents are largely due to reckless driving and so also are negligence of some pedestrians and mechanical problems.

Those responsible including members of the Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee are to try their best to cope with traffic jams and congestions which are a common sight in addition to giving a good knowledge of traffic rules and consequences of road accidents to drivers and road-users.

Therefore, those who make their daily appearance on roads should know well and follow traffic rules for road safety which has turned out to be an uphill battle.
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Ecuador’s leader says open to talks with Britain on Assange

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People take part in an anti-terror exercise at the Seoul Station in Seoul, South Korea, on 21 Aug, 2012. South Korean military, civilians and government missions participated in the anti-terror exercise, part of the South Korea-US joint military exercise, code-named “Ulchi Freedom Guardian”.

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Staff in the embassy were evacuated to an area nearby about Hammarskjold’s Road in the eastern part of Stockholm city.

A suspicious package found outside the embassy on Tuesday evening due to a bomb threat. (DN)

Ecuador’s leader said Assange as he was in the building for nine weeks, was welcome to stay there “indefinitely,” but also said he was open to discussions. “Despite that rude, impertinent and disrespectful remark we’re still open to dialogue,” Correa told reporters in the capital Quito. “We don’t expect an apology, but of course we expect Britain to retract the extremely serious mistake they made when they issued the threat that they could violate our diplomatic mission to arrest Mr Julian Assange.”Foreign diplomats from across Latin America broadly backed Quito’s position as the government rolled regional support at a series of high-level meetings in Ecuador over the weekend. Correa says he shared Assange’s fears that from Sweden he could be further extradited to the United States and face charges there. His WikiLeaks website published a barrage of secret army documents and diplomatic cables in 2010 that exposed Washington’s power-brokering around the world. Correa has portrayed the saga as a struggle between a small country and “imperialist” powers, the United States and Britain.

Local analysts say that playing up the “colonial” angle helps burnish Correa’s anti-US credentials and could lift his ratings. It also plays well with the vote-winning socialist President Hugo Chavez, the biggest critic of Washington in the region. Correa, a 49-year-old economist, has become popular with many Ecuadorians by building hospitals and schools, and for programmes of cloth handouts for the poor. He is well placed to win re-election next year if — as widely expected — he runs.

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The IAEA has failed in a series of high-profile meetings with Iran since January to make it end its stonewalling of the agency’s inquiries.

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange speaks to the media outside the Ecuador embassy in Stockholm on 19 Aug, 2012. — Reuters

US economic confidence remains at low level

WASHINGTON, 22 Aug — Americans continue to harbor a broadly negative view of current US economic conditions and economic outlook for the future. The latest economic prospects, according to a Gallup poll released on Tuesday. The Gallup Economic Confidence Index stood at -28 for the week ending on 19 August, basically unchanged from the previous week, the poll said. Gallup reached the conclusion based on the result from a random sampling of more than 3,000 adults, with 2 percentage points in the margin of error. Americans’ economic confidence has been low for most of the summer so far, with weekly averages hovering within a range between -23 and -29 since 11 June. Prior to that, Americans had been somewhat more optimistic, with a weekly average of -16 in late May represented the highest confidence reading of the year.

Gallup’s Economic Confidence Index consists of two measures one assessing current economic conditions and another assessing the nation’s economic outlook. Americans’ assessment of current economic conditions worsened to -30 last week, down two digits from the previous week, with 43 percent of respondents considering the economy to be poor and 37 percent rating it excellent or good.

Sixty percent of Americans believe the economy is getting worse, compared with 35 percent who said it is getting better, yielding an economic outlook rating of -25, a slight improvement from the previous week. With the first of the weekly reports, presidential nominating conventions to begin next week, voters’ views of the economy will take on increasingly political importance.

Samaras had been expected to lobby for Greece to be given two more years to get its budget deficit below three percent of GDP — currently scheduled for end-2014 — but he did not say how much more time he wanted. The deficit was 9.3 percent of GDP in 2011. Samaras said Greece, which has been bailed out twice, was making progress on the tough reforms that creditors have demanded but acknowledged much had gone wrong in the process. “We will soon have a smaller, healthier and significantly more efficient public service,” he said. “We are making progress, we are reducing the overall number of public servants and I have decided to hire only one person for every 10 public civil servants.” — Reuters
Skype adds photo sharing in latest iOS update

SAN FRANCISCO, 22 Aug — Skype announced on Tuesday that it’s adding photo-sharing capabilities to its iPhone and iPad apps, as well as improve the app’s performance.

Photo sharing lets users to send pictures from your iOS device directly to other Skype users. According to the company’s official blog, files of all sizes are accepted without needing to worry about reaching email size limits or paying pricey texting fees. Skype has also made changes to make the app to run more smoothly. “We’ve made the app less battery hungry when running in the background, so you’ll now be able to answer Skype calls throughout the day when they come in,” Skype said.

“As, and you’ll be able to keep Skype open, you can respond to or send IMs to friends and colleagues all day long.” The company said it has also tried to make the app and contact list load even faster. The latest update — which supports any version of the iPad, as well as the iPhone 3G/3GS, the iPhone 4/4S and the second- and third-generation iPod Touch — is now available in the App Store.

BONUS: 10 Skype Chat Tricks for Power Users

1. Change the Font and Text Size

Skype’s default text size for chat is teeny. However, you can easily make it larger — and even change the type of font used. Go to the Tools menu at the top of your Skype screen and select Options. On the left-hand side menu, click on IM & SMS, then IM appearance. Now hit the Change font button and you can customize to your preference.

2. Change How a Contact’s Name Is Displayed

You can adjust how someone’s name appears on Skype, a handy tool if you want to differentiate between contacts with the same or similar names.

In the Contacts view, simply click on the person whose name you want to change. This will open a new window to the right with his name at the top. Hover over his name and you’ll see a little notepad and paper icon appear.

3. Hide the Typing Indicator

When in a Skype Chat with someone, you can see when the other person is typing (a moving pencil appears) and also when they are deleting (the pencil starts rubbing out).

If you’d rather people did not see your entries and deletions before you message them, you can turn off this option. Go to Tools > Options > IM & SMS >IM settings, then click on Show advanced options. Now just uncheck the Show when I am typing option.

4. Set Up Keyword Notifications

You can manage the Windows tray notifications and other alerts you receive when signed into Skype through the Tools, Options, Notifications/Alerts menus. But what’s really cool is that you can set up keyword notifications for IM conversations.

When in a chat window, click on the Conversation menu, then select Notification settings. You can then enter the keywords you’d like to set up notification for.

5. Quickly Edit Your Last Message

If you notice a typo in a message the moment after you send it, it’s very simple to edit. Just hit the Up arrow and the message will appear back in the edit box. Make the changes you need to and hit Send message to resend the edited version.

6. Edit or Remove Recent Messages

Alternatively, if you notice a typo in a message a few IMs later, you can still edit it, but this way you’ll have to right-click on the message to do so.

You can also delete messages in the same way. However, when you do edit a message, a little pencil icon appears next to it to indicate the change.

7. Stop Animated Emoticons

If animated emoticons really annoy you, stop the animation and just view static icons. To set this up, head to Tools > Options > IM & SMS > IM appearance. Here you can decide whether you’d like the Enter key to send your IM or to insert a line break.

8. Display Multiple Chat Windows

The common Skype emoticons can be accessed by clicking on the smiley at the top of the compose message box, but there are tons more you can use. Here are some of our favorites. See below for how to generate them (from left to right.)

- (wfh) (bug) (drunk) (rock) (poolparty) (rain) (headbang) (fubar) (swear) (talk) (e) (o) (—) (mp) (skype)

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Alternatively, if you’d like this swapped over permanently, you can easily make that change. Go to Tools > Options > IM & SMS > IM settings > Show advanced options. Here you can decide whether you’d like the Enter key to send your IM or to insert a line break.

9. Create Line Breaks

By default in Skype Chat, if you press the Enter key, whatever you have typed will send as a message. If you want to create a line break, hold down the Shift key then press Enter.

10. Use Some Hidden Emoticons

Endangered whales invade California coastal waters

SANTA CRUZ, Calif, 22 Aug — Grab your camera and binoculars: There’s rarely been a better time to go whale-watching off the California coast.

Tourists from around the world have been flocking to Monterey Bay to catch a glimpse of the massive marine mammals, including impressive numbers of blue whales, the largest animals on earth.

Longtime observers say they’ve seen a sharp increase in endangered blue and humpback whales feeding near California shores, where they spend the spring and summer before heading to their winter breeding grounds off Mexico and Central America.

“It’s phenomenal that these humongous creatures are out there and we just get to go out on a boat and go out and watch them,” said Cruz resident Susan Stuart

after a recent whale-watching cruise.

What’s bringing the whales so close to shore? A bumper harvest of their favorite food, tiny, shrimplike krill.

Strong northwest winds have been pushing up cold, nutrient-rich waters from the ocean bottom — a phenomenon known as upwelling. That has fueled blooms of phytoplankton that have led to an explosion of krill, the main food source of blue and humpback whales.

“The season overall has been pretty exceptional and we’re not done,” said Nancy Black, a marine biologist with Monterey Bay Whale Watch, which offers bay cruises twice daily.
Stocks fell on Tuesday after the benchmark index faced technical resistance and traders cashed in recent gains.

The S&P 500 index hit 1,426.68, its highest intraday rise since May 2008. Volume has been light, as expected in August, and only three of the past 12 sessions have seen moves of 0.25 percent or more by the S&P. “It’s not uncommon that you run into some resistance at new highs,” said Jim Paulsen, chief investment officer at Wells Capital Management in Minneapolis. “Traders sort of play for a while to see which way the market is ultimately going to resolve itself.”

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The US economy is showing signs of picking up again,” said Wells Capital’s Paulsen. Still, he said major indexes will likely stall until the end of the month. He sees equities “teetering around this high until September, then we decide if the market is indeed making a move higher or if it’s going to fail.”

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Tobacco ad blitz as New Zealand plans branding ban

BATS New Zealand general manager Steve Rush said plain packaging infringed on his company’s intellectual property and set a dangerous precedent that could eventually spread to other products such as alcohol. “The branding on our packs has been created over many years and it belongs to us... the government shouldn’t be able to just take that away,” he said, declining to reveal the budget for the campaign.

Rush said there was no proof that plain packaging reduced smoking and it could backfire by fueling an illegal market in tobacco products and forcing down prices. “It’s unsound policy and potentially counter-productive,” he added.

Rush refused to rule out legal action if the plan went ahead. However, tobacco companies adopted the same tactic in Australia and were defeated last week in a landmark ruling. Health Minister Tony Ryall did not believe BAT would sway public opinion. “I don’t know why they’re wasting their money,” he said.

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Summer lightening kills three in Ukraine

KAIV, 22 Aug—Three people were killed when summer lightening struck a bus stop near a village in southern Ukraine, authorities said on Monday.

Two males and a female were killed on Sunday at the bus stop near Krauamoежskoe village in the eastern Crimean peninsula after lightening hit.

Lightening struck and killed at least eight Ukrainians so far this year, while around 10 people were injured. Lightening, which frequently occurs during rainy summers, kills an average of two people annually in Ukraine and often causes fire, especially in the rural areas.

According to local experts, people’s poor awareness of protecting themselves from lightening strikes is the main cause of the deaths.—Xinhua

Indonesian quake death toll rises to six

JAKARTA, 22 Aug—The death toll from a strong earthquake that struck central Indonesia at the weekend has risen to six, an official said on Tuesday.

After rescuers reached villages that had been cut off by a landslide.

“Six people have died, including a nine-year-old boy, and four are injured. More than 400 homes are now damaged,” National Disaster Mitigation Agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho told AFP.

A child walks past a house damaged by a strong earthquake in Tana village on the eastern Indonesian island of Sulawesi on 19 August. The death toll from the earthquake that struck central Indonesia at the weekend has risen to six, an official said on Tuesday, after rescuers reached villages that had been cut off by a landslide.

TRAFFIC warns over 500 rhinos could perish this year

NAIROBI, 22 Aug—Global wildlife monitoring network TRAFFIC warned on Tuesday that 515 rhinos could perish by the end of the year if no action is taken to stem the illicit trade in rhino horns.

In its latest report, the agency said that with a total of 281 animals killed as of July, there was a “predicted loss of 515 by year end if current poaching rates continue.”

South Africa, home to about three quarters of Africa’s 20,000 or so white rhinos and 4,800 critically endangered black rhinos, has in recent years witnessed an unprecedented spike in sophisticated, violent, and organized rhino-related criminal activities.

Last year 448 rhinos were killed compared to 13 animals in 2007.

South Africa has lately scaled up its fight against illegal poaching and trade in rhino horns, arresting 176 suspects so far this year, more than the 165 arrested in the 12 months of 2010.

Photo illustration shows a Qantas Boeing 747 taking off from the Sydney International Airport. Qantas Airways said on Tuesday it had suspended two pilots after they were reportedly involved in a heated argument in the cockpit of their Boeing 747 at Dallas airport.

Qantas pilots suspended after cockpit row

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The Sydney Morning Herald said the captain and second officer on the 747-400 due to make a long-haul flight to Brisbane last week were told they could not fly if they were dissatisfied with take-off calculations they needed to use.

The airline and second officer have been withheld from service pending an investigation, a Qantas spokesman told AFP, without providing further details.

But Qantas said the flight was delayed by severe weather, not because of any altercation.

“Qantas flight QF8 from Dallas Fort Worth to Brisbane on 14 August was delayed overnight in a result of severe thunderstorms in the Dallas area,” the spokesman said.

The flight subsequently left on 15 August, reportedly after replacement pilots were brought in.

The Herald said the original pilots were close to hitting their 20-hour duty limits because of earlier weather delays, and that Qantas managers heard of their argument after bringing in the relief crew.

The incident comes just weeks after a Qantas pilot was suspended pending an investigation after she failed an alcohol test.

The pilot was removed from a passenger flight due to travel from Sydney to Brisbane just minutes before take-off over concerns she had been drinking.

Qantas has a strong reputation for safety, with the Australian flag-carrier never experiencing a fatal crash in the jet age.

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In this 19 Aug, 2012 photo, residents and journalists inspect a house that was damaged after a magnitude 6.3 earthquake struck in Sigie, Sulawesi Island, Indonesia.

The death toll rose to six on 20 Aug, 2012, from a powerful weekend earthquake in Indonesia as rescuers reached mountainous villages that had been cut off by landslides, officials said. At least 43 others were injured, including eight in critical condition.

Indonesia sits on the Pacific “Ring of Fire” where continental plates collide, causing frequent seismic and volcanic activity.

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“TRAFFIC warns over 500 rhinos could perish this year as demand for rhino horns continues to increase, fuelling the trade in the black market for rhino horns, a new TRAFFIC report has found.”

A rhino grazes in the savanna at the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, Kenya. Global wildlife monitoring network TRAFFIC warned on Tuesday that 515 rhinos could perish by the end of the year if no action is taken to stem the illicit trade in rhino horns.

Americans tune out Afghan war as fighting rages on

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To improve the socio-economy life of farmers, it is necessary to make a firm commitment to development of the agricultural sector as the population of farmers living in rural areas makes up about 70 per cent of the country’s population, he added.

As Myanmar possesses fertile land, favourable weather for crops and also is rich in water resources, efforts should be made not only for food security in the country but also for exporting food to support the world’s food security, he said.

He stressed the need for changing the mindset of the people in an attempt to boost the rice production of the country and urged to envision a future of food sufficiency in the time of prosperity.

The Vice-President called for changing the traditional fields to definite hectares and for construction of roads to transport agricultural produce, to be able to use agricultural machinery and to get definite statistics.

As a second phase of reforms, farmers should grow high-yield quality strains of seeds as the country is working hard to be able to harvest 60, 70 baskets of rice per acre while other neighbouring countries produce about 200 baskets per acre, he said.

Farmers have rights to grow any marketable crops but they are urged to grow quality seeds to be able to enjoy the advantage of growing quality seeds, he said.

He stressed the importance of the mechanized farming as a fourth phase of farming reforms to solve the problem of labour shortages in the farmland.

Mechanized farming would decrease the costs by a half and minimize the loss and wastages and produce quality crops, he said.

He also said that measures are being taken to organize cooperatives of farmers through cooperative sector and private sector efforts to be able to distribute good quality seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, costs for plantation and inputs and to decrease the costs for distribution.

Besides, establishing cooperatives of farmers is necessary to run the micro-credit schemes and using agricultural machinery effectively, he added.

He also called on farmers for doing livestock breeding while growing crops to earn extra income.

Afterwards, the Vice-President visited the 100-acre field of Palethwe Basmati rice and Union Minister U Myint Hlaing and officials conducted him around the field.

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Japan, Myanmar Judo players conduct joint training

YANGON, 22 Aug—Mr Hiromune Kudo (100 Kg) and Mr Keisuke Itsubo (60 Kg), under the arrangement of Myanmar Judo Federation and Tokai University, will conduct joint training with selected Myanmar Judo players at Judo Training Camp in U Wisara Street here for a month from 14 August to 13 September.

Likewise, three male and two female judo players made joint training with selected Myanmar Judo players from 23 to 30 June.

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Knowledge on traffic rules imparted

NAY Pyi Taw, 22 Aug—Talks on traffic rules were given by Police Capt of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police at the office of All Private Buses Line Control Committee (downtown) in the compound of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Bawgathiri Buses Terminal on 20 August.

The police captain discussed about traffic rules to be followed by drivers, bus conductors, motorcyclists, pedestrians, the causes of traffic accidents, traffic incidents with those present. This was followed by the question and answer section.

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Vice-President U Nyan Tun donates offeritories to Sayadaw.

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have to pay income taxes only when they make profits. If they make loss, they did not need to pay taxes.

Ministry for Immigration and Population U Kyaw Kyaw Win replied to the questions of two representatives.

With respect to the question of U Ko Gyi of Aungmyethazan Constituency on “if there is a control measure for illegal immigrants from populous countries into Myanmar”, the deputy minister replied that Myanmar controls the foreigners who are in Myanmar under Foreigners Registration Act and Bylaws. On November 11, 1964, Myanmar designated 23 regions as control areas for illegal immigrants.

Regarding the question of Daw Le Le Win Swe of Tamway Constituency on “how citizen, associate citizen and naturalized citizen are designated”, the deputy minister replied: Under the Myanmar Citizenship Law (1982), Central Committee holds the meeting to decide citizen, associate citizen and naturalized citizen. This year, the Central Committee held the meeting for two times. And the central committee continues holding meetings.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint replied to the construction questions of two representatives. With respect to the question of U Kyaw Khing Win of Meisei Constituency on “whether Union government has a plan to allow more funds for better roads in Kayah State” and “whether 11 road sections to be implemented by State Government are to be handed over to State Governmentally after they have been repaired by the Central government”, the deputy minister replied:

As eight roads are being built by Union government with fund of K 1,014,699 million and 11 roads, by the Ministry of Construction, with the State government’s fund of K 7,740 million, it is needed to handed over to State government. With respect to the question of U Tin Hlaing of Kayah Constituency on “what is the situation of progress of feasibility study on Monywa-Yagyi-Kalaw road by foreign companies or experts” and “how the Ministry of Construction will carry out in 2012-2013 before India starts it” the deputy minister said: according to the survey, current axis can be used if retaining system and conduit system are repaired. It needs to find new axis for some places. Before India starts upgrading, Public Works will carry out road works between mile post Nos.06.00 and 75.0 in 2012-2013. At the bill submitting session, Pyithu Hla Htaw Economic and Trade Development Committee, Secretary U Khin Maung Oo submitted Myanmar Citizens Investment Bill, circulated to the bill committee’s reports.

The day on which the bill to be discussed will be announced later. Those wishing to discuss it are to register their names along with para, sub-para and contents” they want to amend by 26 August.

At the discussion session, 12 representatives discussed the proposal submitted by Dr Chan Nyein of Kanbalu Constituency on 1 August on “Compilation of history, culture, literature and customs of Myanmar national races”. Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win said that to avoid disagreements on the compilation of all national races’ culture and tradition and customs, it needs to be carried not only by departments but also by other scholars, heads of national races, National Races Literature and Culture groups and other experts. In so doing, it needs to compile fullhistory, literature, culture, traditions and customs along with photos. It needs to have a volume 1, 2 and 3. The work is enormous and needs a lot of time, funds and human resources. So, it needs to form National Level Commission in which members from Ministry of Culture, Department of Information, Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Education are formed. Formation of the commission will be presented to the President Office by Ministry of Culture.

The meeting came to an end at 4 pm, and 23rd session will go on at 10 am tomorrow. —MNA

Meetings for development of socio-economic status of people held

YANGON, 22 Aug — The meetings on measures for rapid development of socio-economic status of the people in Tanintharyi Region, Mon and Kayin States were held at Dawei, Mawlamyine and Hpa-an from 19 to 21 August, with the attendance of Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and for Forestry U Win Tun.

Opening of 17th South East Asian Junior Men’s Volleyball Championship 2012 held

YANGON, 22 Aug — The opening of the 17th South East Asian Junior Men’s Volleyball Championship 2012 under the supervision of Myanmar Volleyball Federation was held at Thuwunna Stadium this afternoon.

Chairman of the 17th South East Asian Junior Men’s Volleyball Championship 2012 Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General U Thaung Htik of Sports and Physical Education Department, the secretary-general of Myanmar Women’s Sports Federation, officials and enthusiasts attended the ceremony.

The Chairman of the 17th South East Asian Junior Men’s Volleyball Championship 2012 delivered an address.

New Zealand team won Myanmar team 3-2 in Pre Round. On 23 August, New Zealand team will play against Myanmar (A) team as the first match, Thailand and Myanmar (B) team as the second match and Vietnamese team as the third match at the same stadium. —MNA

Flood warning for Sittoung, Shwegyin rivers

Nay Pyi Taw, 22 Aug — The water level of Sittoung River at Madauk has exceeded its danger level about 29 days starting from 24 July. According to the 12.30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk has exceeded by 114 cm (about 3.7 feet) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level during the next three days.

The water level of Shwegyin River at Shwegyin has exceeded its danger level about three days starting from 19 August 2012. According to the 12.30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Shwegyin River at Shwegyin has exceeded by 17 cm (about 7 inches) above its danger level.

It may fall below its danger level during the next 24 hours commencing this noon, announced by Meteorology and Hydrology Department —MNA

People in Rakhine State provided with cash and clothes

YANGON, 22 Aug — A ceremony to provide cash, clothes the people who lost their houses and property in recent situation in Rakhine State was held at Danyawady Monastery on U Htungbo Road, Bahan Township, here, on 18 August.

At the ceremony, students from MPA course No. 9 (conducted by the applied economy department of Yangon Institute of Economics donated K 200,000 and 11 bales of clothes. Secretary of Rakhine State Rescue Committee U Kyaw Myint Aung accepted the donations and gave certificate of honours to them. —MNA
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Two men killed in electrocution accident

Over 4200 rice field in Yekyi Township flooded

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Mothers benefit from Nutrition activities

Political party applies for establishing party
Greek secret service to investigate wildfires

Athena, 22 Aug — Greece’s secret service will join investigations into an unusually large number of wildfires across the country to see if arson has been involved, an official said on Tuesday. As Public Order Minister Nikos Dendias announced the decision, more than 200 firefighters were raging out of control in Greece, including one that ravaged the eastern Aegean island of Chios for four days. Dendias said in many cases authorities have “indications, if not proof,” that the fires were lit intentionally, including blazes on Chios and the western resort island of Zakynthos. On Sunday, authorities in the central Aegean island of Andros arrested two French tourists on suspicion of starting a forest fire. A prosecutor said he had told investigators that an injured later succumbed to his injuries. A man who was wounded in the attack in the morning, could not recover from his injuries and died later in the hospital, said Muhammad Nawaz, a senior doctor in Quetta hospital told AFP. There was no claim of responsibility for the attack but the province, which borders Iran and Afghanistan, suffers from Taliban and local rebel attacks. It is also a flashpoint for sectarian violence involving Sunni and Shiite Muslims that has left thousands of people dead since the late 1980s.

US drone kills five militants in northwest Pakistan

Islamabad, 22 Aug — An unmanned American aircraft fired missiles at a vehicle in a Pakistani tribal area bordering Afghanistan on Tuesday, killing five suspected militants and injuring two, Pakistani intelligence officials said. The strike was part of a spike in American drone attacks, which have drawn official Pakistani criticism in the past. The spurt of drone action threatens to add tensions to relations between the two allies, just as they appeared to be improving. The latest drone strike came near Shana Khor village in North Waziristan, two official said. They said the area of the drone attack is dominated by anti-US militant commander Hafiz Gul Bahadar. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief reporters. Bahadar’s group is known for frequent attacks on US troops in Afghanistan, but generally it does not carry out operations inside Pakistan. Several recent drone strikes have killed militants affiliated with Bahadar’s group. Tuesday’s was the third drone attack in North Waziristan within three days. On Sunday, drone-fired missiles killed 10 suspected militants in two attacks hours apart.

Balkans heat wave fuels forest fires in Bosnia

Banja Luka, 22 Aug — Authorities on Tuesday declared a state of emergency around a town in Bosnia’s northeast and a tourist area was evacuated in the country’s south as a heat wave fuelled wildfires across the Balkans and left people suffering from heat exhaustion. Bratunac Mayor Nedelko Mladjenovic declared the emergency as he said wildfires from several directions were threatening his town. Around 50 residents are helping firefighters and forest rangers fight a blaze creeping towards the suburb of Slapsnica, and the town’s civil protection agency has asked for help from the army and residents. In the country’s south, firefighters are battling four blazes around the town of Konjic and townsfolk and tourists have begun evacuating houses near Boracko Lake as the blaze creeping towards the suburb of Slapasnica, and the residents are helping firefighters and forest rangers fight a forest fire. A prosecutor planned to decide later Tuesday whether to press charges against them. In Chios, firefighters were battling two major fronts in central and southern areas. Whipped on by gale-force winds, the blazes have wiped out large tracts of forest, olive groves and plantations of mastic trees whose resin production is a mainstay of the island’s economy. About 360 firefighters, soldiers and volunteers were being assisted by two water-dropping planes and seven helicopters, the fire brigade said.

China to formulate new five-year anti-corruption plan

Beijing, 22 Aug — China will implement a five-year plan for eliminating corruption after the upcoming national congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), top official He Guoqiang said on Tuesday. He, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the CPC, expressed readiness to improve anti-corruption efforts, describing the improvements as a “dynamic and long-term strategic project.” The 18th CPC National Congress will find new ways to prevent corruption both now and in the future, said He, who is also head of the CPC Central Commission for Discipline Inspection. The spirit of the 18th CPC National Congress should be fully implemented in the formation of the next five-year plan to combat corruption, He said.

Ancient tomb threatened by soil looters

Changsha, 22 Aug — Chinese archaeologists said a 2,100-year-old tomb famous as the final resting place of a perfectly preserved female body is being threatened by residents’ rampant soil looting as local residents believed that good “feng shui” there produced “holy soil.” Mawangdui, a small hill in the eastern suburbs of Changsha, capital of central Hunan Province, is home to the grand tombs of the Marquis of Dai during the Han Dynasty (202BC-220AD), as well as his wife and son. In recent years, local residents have taken soil from the site to use for planting flowers or making marinated eggs, as they believe the site’s good “feng shui” has produced a superior soil, said Li Jianming, curator of the Hunan Provincial Museum. Sometimes, the tomb’s good feng shui creates better soil,” Li said. Most artifacts unearthed from the tombs are currently exhibited in the museum, but Li said the many holes left by those taking away soil have posed a threat to the tomb’s external structures. The Mawangdui site grabbed international attention when researches found a female corpse that showed no signs of decay when her coffin was opened in the 1970s. An autopsies determined that the woman, identified as Lady Dai, died of a heart attack in her 50s. Thousands of well-preserved artifacts uncovered from the tombs, including a very thin T-shaped silk painting, have also contributed to the fame of the site. Hunan’s archaeological authorities said Mawangdui is co-managed by the provincial museum and a nursing home, but it has no security guards or permits, except two elderly ticket sellers and some volunteers sent by the hospital. “We recomme no fund or government subsidies, and our efforts can not stop the diggers’ constant visits,” said a hospital employee. —Xinhua

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**Fighting in Lebanese city for second night, seven killed**

**Reporting from Tripoli, 22 Aug** — Seven people have been killed in Lebanon’s northern city of Tripoli as clashes between Sunni and Alawites escalated Monday, over the war in Syria, continued for a second night, security and medical sources said. Around 100 people have also been wounded since the fighting erupted on Monday evening, they said.

Gunmen in the Sunni district of Bab al-Tabbouneh and their Alawite rivals in Jebel Mohsen have exchanged gun and grenade fire, despite mediation by Lebanese troops deployed in the port city, residents said. Two of the dead men were identified as residents of Jebel Mohsen, and all inhabited mainly by Alawites which overlooks the predominantly Sunni area below, where five people were killed, medical sources said.

The area is one of Lebanon’s most volatile sectarian fault lines, and chronic Sunni-Alawite tensions in Tripoli have been heightened by the 17-month-old, mainly Sunni, uprising in Syria against President Bashar al-Assad, an Alawite. Clashes in the city killed 15 people in early June.

An army statement said soldiers had raided buildings used by gunmen and “retaliated swiftly against sources of gunfire.” It said five soldiers were wounded on Monday evening and five, including an officer, were wounded in a grenade lobbed at an army post.

In addition, dozens of civilians and fighters were wounded in Bab al-Tabbouneh and in Jebel Mohsen, residents and medics said.

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**Rainstorms batter southern China, killing two**

**BEIJING, 22 Aug** — Rainstorms have battered several southern Chinese provinces this week, toppling homes and killing a woman and her granddaughter in Hunan Province. The woman, 49, was buried together with the child in the rubble of their home that was washed away by flash floods in Shimen county on Monday night, the provincial flood relief headquarters in Hunan said in a press release on Tuesday.

Incomplete figures showed torrential rain destroyed 166 homes and forced more than 800 people to evacuate in the county, which has a population of 673,500. The downpour also destroyed roads, swallowed 14 reservoirs, destroyed power supplies and caused landslides in many areas in the northwest of Hunan, the document said. Meanwhile, flood prevention authorities in the southern Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region also warned of floods on Tuesday on two swelling tributaries of the Pearl River, the country’s third-longest waterway after the Yangtze and the Yellow River.

Water levels in the Yujiang and Zuojiang rivers had topped their alarm lines as a result of floods in the upper reaches, the regional flood prevention and drought control headquarters said. At 8 pm, the water level in Zuojiang was 1.07 metres above the danger line, while that of Yujiang River was alarming 41.2 metres higher than the alarm level at one hydrological station near the regional capital, Nanning.

The local government has warned citizens to be on guard against dangers and called for round-the-clock monitoring of embankments. Rainstorm also wreaked havoc in many parts of the central Hubei Province on Monday and Tuesday.

A thunderstorm also delayed 70 flights and canceled 16 others at a major airport in Guangzhou, capital of southern China’s Guangdong Province.

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**Dominica, US net ton of cocaine**

**STANTO DOMINGO, 22 Aug** — The Dominican and the United States authorities seized a ton of cocaine and arrested four Colombians on Monday, the Dominican officials said.

The joint Operation Aruba and Hamilton was carried out in conjunction with Dominican Navy, the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), US Coast Guard and US Customs and Borders Protection agency, Dominica National Drug Control Bureau (DNCD) announced on Tuesday.

“We are working together with the DEA on the information found of the four Colombians’ hiding possession, which is used to locate the people who were going to receive the 49 packages, each containing 25 packets,” said the DNCD.

The Colombians were transferring cocaine to the United States by a speed boat when they were arrested and taken to Puerto Rico, according to the statement.

Officials from both countries are now searching for the traffickers’ Dominican accomplices, said the DNCD. The operation netted the largest single-catch of cocaine since last March, when 1,202.5 kg cocaine was confiscated in the town of Juan Dolio, 45 km east of the Dominican capital of Santo Domingo. — Xinhua

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**About 24 arrested in Houston in major drug bust**

**HOUSTON, 22 Aug** — About 24 people were arrested on Tuesday after agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in Houston, the largest city in the US state of Texas, raided about 60 homes for growing marijuana.

According to local TV channel KTXC13 reports, the raids, which started early Tuesday morning and lasted all day, were conducted in the counties such as Harris, Fort Bend and Montgomery.

The raided homes were believed to be part of a marijuana growing operation.

Investigators said that the marijuana growing in a house in the Woodlands and 40 others across the area was linked to a Vietnamese organized crime ring.

“This Vietnamese organization, they do that, they look for homes in a very unsuspecting neighborhood and they move in. They rent the house, maintain a very low key. Sometimes they befriended the neighbours and they set up shop and try not to make any commotion,” Houston DEA Special Agent Thomas Hinojosa was quoted as saying.

The marijuana found in one home reportedly was worth about 6 million US dollars, and investigators described the marijuana that the homes were growing as “very strong, potent, very dangerous.” — Xinhua

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**Body of late Ethiopian Prime Minister arrives home**

**Addis Ababa, 22 Aug** — Body of the late Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi arrived at Bole International Airport in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia’s capital on late Tuesday.

Families and relatives of the late prime minister, senior government officials, Ethiopian citizens and diplomats have been waiting for the arrival of the body of the late Prime Minister at the airport and around.

Meles Zenawi passed away last night due to sudden infection, state TV reported on Tuesday.

Meles had been recovering at hospital abroad, but passed away due to a sudden infection last night, Bereket Simon, Ethiopian Minister of the Government Communication Affairs Office, told reporters on Tuesday here in Addis Ababa.

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**Nine killed, 68 injured in blast in southeast Turkey, PKK denies responsibility**

**ANKARA, 22 Aug** — At least nine people, including four children, were killed by a remote-controlled car bomb in southeastern Turkey, Turkish officials said on Tuesday, while the banned Kurdish Workers’ Party (PKK) denied responsibility for the blast. A total of 68 people were injured in the blast near a police station in southeastern Turkish province of Gaziantep on Monday night, four of them in critical condition, Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Besir Atalay told reporters on Tuesday.

Most of the others suffered slight injuries caused by shattered glass, said Atalay, adding that Monday’s blast set several vehicles ablaze. “The vehicle used in the attack was a stolen one. It was brought to the site of the blast by a tow truck, with a high amount of explosives on board,” Atalay said. “We made significant progress in finding those responsible for the blast,” he said. The blast came amid an escalation of clashes between the Turkish security forces and the PKK. In the last two months, the PKK has intensified its attacks including kidnappings, assassinations and attacks in the western parts of the country and targeting civilians in different parts of the country.

However, the PKK denied carrying out the bombing attack in a statement published by the pro-Kurdish Firat News Agency. “Our forces have nothing to do with this attack. We do not attack civilians,” the PKK said in the statement. The PKK, listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey and most of the international community, took up arms in 1984 in an attempt to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey.

Since then, over 40,000 people have been killed in conflicts involving the group. — Xinhua

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Autopsy finds no alcohol or illegal drugs in NFL star Seau

LOUISIANA, 22 August—Former San Diego Chargers football star Junior Seau had no alcohol or illegal drugs in his system when he killed himself earlier this year, according to a final autopsy report released by medical examiners on Monday.

Seau, a 20-year National Football League veteran and fan favourite widely regarded as one of the best defensive players of his generation, shot himself in the chest on 2 May at his home in Southern California. He left no suicide note.

Though preliminary findings by the San Diego County Medical Examiner’s Office confirmed that Seau had committed suicide, the 16-page report provides more comprehensive results and includes toxicology and other scientific tests. The toxicology studies found therapeutic levels of a prescription sleep aid and a pain reliever in Seau’s system but “no alcohol, common drugs of abuse or other medications.”

Seau’s death at the age of 43 came during heightened scrutiny of the effects of repeated blows to the head in football, ice hockey and other contact sports and the potential for such injuries to contribute to depression and other health problems in players.

The report said brain tissue from Seau was sent following the autopsy to the National Institutes of Health for analysis at the request of his family. It does not describe any evidence of brain damage or abnormalities.

Britain and Ireland tuning into Netflix

LONDON, 22 August—Netflix announced on Monday that one million people in Britain and Ireland signed up for the film and TV show streaming Internet service in the seven months after its debut there.

California-based Netflix boasted that it was the fastest adoption rate it has seen in any territory, by far surpassing the seven million users the company filed with the US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

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GM to recall nearly 250,000 SUVs for potential fire hazard

CHICAGO, 22 August—General Motors (GM) will recall 249,260 sport utility vehicles as an electric short issue in the driver’s door could cause overheating and fire, according to a company filing with the US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

The recall notice, reported on 15 August to the NHTSA and now published on the government agency’s website, applies to 2006 models of the Chevrolet Trailblazer EXT and GMC Envoy XL, and 2006-2007 models of the Chevrolet Trailblazer, GMC Envoy, Buick Rainier, SAAB 9-7x, and Isuzu Ascender vehicles.

NHTSA said the recall only affects the above cars that were originally sold or currently registered in Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and the District of Columbia. —Xinhua
Topless babysitter found in parking lot

Melbourne police said officers responded to a report of a child left alone near a motel about an hour Thursday at the River Palm Hotel. After speaking to the child, who was playing video games with hotel staff, they searched the property and found babysitter Stacey Kerres, 47, lying topless in the parking lot near the room where the boy was staying with his mother, Florida Today reported Tuesday.

The boy told police his mother had gone to the casino and Kerres has frequently been called upon to watch him.

Police said Kerres had trouble speaking and was unable to tell them where the child was. Kerres was charged with child neglect and is due in court 18 Sept.

The case has been referred to the Department of Children and Families.

Nicole Kidman to be honoured by NY Film Festival

New York, 22 Aug— Nicole Kidman is being honored by the New York Film Festival in a gala tribute.

The Film Society of Lincoln Centre announced on Tuesday that Kidman will be celebrated at the 50th-annual New York Film Festival. The festival will also honour its longtime director Richard Pena in a second gala.

The film “The Paperboy” has been added to the festival’s slate. It’s directed by Lee Daniels and stars Kidman, Zac Efron, John Cusack and Matthew McConaughey.

Pena is also programming director of the film society. He is stepping down from Lincoln Centre this year following his 25th festival. The gala for Kidman will take place on 3 Oct, with the Pena event following on 10 Oct. The festival runs 28 Sept through 14 Oct.—Internet

Avril Lavigne to marry Nickelback frontman

Avril Lavigne and 37-year-old rocker became engaged earlier this month after dating for six months. The magazine says Lavigne was introduced to Kroeger in February when they met to co-write a song for Lavigne’s upcoming album.

It will be the first marriage for Kroeger and the second for Lavigne. She filed for divorce in 2009 from Sum 41 frontman Deryck Whibley after three years of marriage. Lavigne surged to fame with her 2002 album “Let’s Go.” Kroeger has served as lead vocalist and guitarist for Nickelback since the band formed in 1995.—Internet

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Lab tech found drunk with monkeys loose

Kerres, 47, lying topless in the room.

Six-time Grammy winner Taylor Swift will perform at the 2012 MTV Video Music Awards next month. But she won’t be the only gold winner in the room.

The US Women’s Gymnastics team — known as the Fierce Five — will be presenters at the 6 Sept show. Gabby Douglas, McKayla Maroney, Alexandra Raisman, Kyla Ross and Jordyn Wieber won the women’s team gold medal at the Olympics this month and have been on whirlwind tour ever since that included the couches of Jay Leno and David Letterman. Douglas, Maroney and Raisman also won individual medals.

Miley Cyrus, rapper Wiz

Swift performed at VMAs, US gymnasts to present

Swift performed a new song from her coming fourth studio album at the awards show. “It’s such a different song than anything I’ve ever put out before,” she says in a video promo for the awards. Swift’s first single from her forthcoming album “Red” was nominated for an Oscar.—Internet

Avril Lavigne

Avril Lavigne, refuses to come off the roof, and was found drunk and partially clothed in the Georgia Health Sciences University Lab Animal Services Technician locker room on 20 Aug while two monkeys were loose and unsupervised in the locked Animal Services Lab, WJBTV, Augusta, Ga., reported on Tuesday.

Mitchell was charged with public drunkenness by GHSU police officers and turned over to the Richmond County Sheriff’s Office. A school representative said the monkeys were not harmed.

“No animals were harmed during the incident, but the university takes the allegations very seriously. GHSU does not condone behavior that conflicts with the research, education and clinical missions of the university and employees are expected to conduct themselves, at all times, with integrity and respect,” the representative said in a statement.

Mariah Carey lobbies for Lenny Kravitz in “Idol” judge search

Mariah Carey lobbies for Lenny Kravitz in “Idol” judge search further than her twitter account.

As headlines suggested that Minaj’s “Idol” recruitment was a done deal, Carey - who signed on as a judge for the singing competition in July - offered her own candidate for the spot: Lenny Kravitz.

Carey took to Twitter on Monday to post a picture of herself and “Let Love Rule” singer Kravitz with the plea, “@AmericanIdol What’s going on? need the info!! What about this combo? : ) if we going on? need the info!! What about this combo? : ) if we could ever get him to do it!!” Carey followed the departure of judges Jennifer Lopez and Steven Tyler.

As TheWrap reported previously, Carey will be paid $17 million to judge the show — the same amount that Lopez was seeking before parting ways with the show.

Dick Van Dyke to get SAG achievement honour

Los Angeles, 22 Aug— Actor-comedian Dick Van Dyke is to receive a Hollywood life achievement award for his career and humanitarian accomplishments, the actors guild said on Tuesday.

The 86-year-old “beloved actor, singer, writer and comedian” will receive the Screen Actors Guild Life Achievement Award at the 19th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards 27 Jan, the SAG-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists performers union said.

SAG and AFTRA merged on 30 March. The event will air live on TNT and TBS.

The annual award, which predates the first Screen Actors Guild Awards by 33 years, goes to an actor “for outstanding achievement in fostering the finest ideals of the acting profession.”

Van Dyke — who was born Richard Wayne Van DiSanto in West Plains, Mo. and grew up in Danville, Ill. — has also received five Emmys, one Tony Award and a Grammy.—Internet

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Chelsea recruit Hazard promises better to come

**LONDON, 22 Aug—** Eden Hazard insists there is more to come after his sparkling Premier League debut—but is adamant he has no concerns about handling the physical nature of English football. The Chelsea playmaker, 21, wasted no time making his mark following his £32 million summer move from Lille, setting up two goals inside seven minutes of his side’s league opener at Wigan.

Hazard’s contribution ensured Roberto Di Matteo’s side got off to a winning start and they will attempt to build on that success when Reading visit Stamford Bridge on Wednesday.

His eye-catching efforts also made him the target for some heavy challenges, but the Belgium international was quick to dismiss the attention he received. He said: “I already had a taste of these kind of tackles in the Community Shield.”

“I was kicked twice in the first half against Wigan but, in France, it was already like that for me.”

“I wasn’t the most fouled player in the match, I wasn’t counting them.”

Hazard, Juan Mata and Oscar are expected to contest the positions in support of the main striker Fernando Torres and the Belgian believes it will take time to properly bed in.—Internet

Late PGA season good vibes a habit for Dustin Johnson

**NEW YORK, 22 Aug—** Dustin Johnson has made a habit of thriving in the later part of the PGA Tour season, good reason for him to be excited about his title defence at this week’s Barclays tournament in Farmingdale, New York. The long-hitting American is the only player in the elite 125-strong field assembled at Bethpage State Park to have won FedEx Cup playoff events in each of the last two years and is eager to play well. I’ve had a lot of success the last few years in the playoffs, and hopefully I can continue that this year.”

Two years ago, Johnson won the third playoff event, the BMW Championship, before winning up fifth in the final FedEx Cup standings. Two months ago, a rain-soaked Plainfield Country Club in Edison, New Jersey, he triumphed by two shots at The Barclays, which was cut to 54 holes because of hurricane force internet...

International Sports

**Anne Keothavong suffers defeat in Texas Open first round**

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**TEXAS, 22 Aug—** Anne Keothavong lost on a final set tie-break to New Zealand’s Marina Erakovic in the Texas Open first round.

The British number two was beaten 6-1, 7-6 (11-9) by the world number 54. Keothavong is ranked 80 in the world, the doubles against Elizabeth Lumpkin and Yasmim Schnack. They beat the Americans 6-2, 6-10 to reach the second round. Emily Webley-Smith was beaten by Croatian qualifier Mirjana Lucic 6-1, 6-2. Britain’s number 11 was given a lucky call-up as a lucky loser following Angelique Kerber’s withdrawal with a shoulder injury but was comprehensively beaten by the world number 97.

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Van Garderen leads USA Pro Challenge stage win

**MT CREESTED BUTTE, 22 Aug—** American Tejay van Garderen pushed ahead in the final 300-mile uphill climb to capture the second stage and overall lead at the USA Pro Challenge on Tuesday.

Van Garderen, who finished fifth in last month’s Tour de France, captured his first win of the season after completing the 159.3-kilometre ride from Montrose to Mt Crested Butte in three hours, 52 minutes and 24 seconds.

“I wasn’t confident I was going to win, but I was confident I was going to try,” said Van Garderen, who made his final surge to the ski resort finish suddenly as the early leaders faltered.

Fellow American Christian Vande Velde finished second in the stage in the same time as Van Garderen while Russia’s Ivan Rynov was third, trailing by six seconds.

Van Garderen, who began the day 17th overall, moved into the race lead with the same overall time as Vande Velde but is the race leader based on his stage win. Rynov moved into third overall while defending champion Levi Leipheimer of the United States is fourth overall after placing fourth in the stage and trails by eight seconds.

Wednesday’s third stage of the seven-day race is a 210.1-kilometre ride from Gunnison to Aspen, Colorado, that features two climbs approaching 4,000 meters, the highest elevation in the second-year race.

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Spurs sign Adebayor from Manchester City

**LONDON, 22 Aug—** Tottenham Hotspur have signed striker Emmanuel Adebayor from Premier League rivals Arsenal on a five-year deal, the London club said on Tuesday.

The Togo international scored 18 goals in 37 appearances for Spurs last season on loan at White Hart Lane. The clubs were reported by British media to have agreed a deal last month for the 28-year-old, who had been earning about £170,000 pounds a week at City.

No financial details of the transfer fee were available but media reports put its value at five million pounds.

Adebayor joined Tottenham’s north London rivals Arsenal from Monaco in early 2006 and moved to City in 2009 in the first wave of big-money signings by the Manchester club’s Qatari owners.

But he fell out of favour when Roberto Mancini replaced Mark Hughes as City manager. He had a loan spell at Real Madrid in early 2011 before joining Tottenham for the 2011-12 campaign.

“I am pleased to be signing for Spurs on a permanent basis after finally agreeing my departure with Manchester City,” Adebayor told the club website (www.tottenhamhotspur.com).

“I have taken longer than expected but I am delighted to be back at Tottenham. I really enjoyed my time here last season and I am hoping we can achieve great things together again.”

Dutch defender Buttner moves to Old Trafford

**BRENT HOLTZMAN OF AD ALMIRAH (L) fights for the ball with Alexander Buttner (R) of Vitesse Arnhem in 2011.**

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**Brett Holzman of Ad Almira (L) fights for the ball with Alexander Buttner (R) of Vitesse Arnhem in 2011.**

Internet signing in a week following that of striker Robin van Persie from Arsenal, added: “Joining Manchester United is one of the best days of my life. It’s something we’ve been watching for a while now. He’s given us really exciting options in that position.”

Buttner, who becomes Manchester United’s second Dutch national does leave Eithad Stadium, it is understood City will step up their interest in Swanssea forward Scott Sinclair.

Johnson joined City from Middlesbrough in February 2010 and has scored 15 goals in 97 games.

But 43 of those appearances have come as a substitute and boss Roberto Mancini is open to the idea of letting him move on.

“Adam can have a future here but you should also understand when you are 23 or 24 years old, you want to play,” the Italian said.

If you are at a top team, you can’t always do that, so if the wants to, he has to leave. If we can find a good solution, maybe it is better.”

“But if that happens I will be so sorry because Adam is a good guy. He is a different player to the other strikers and wingers and maybe he could be important for us.”

Johnson started England’s victory over Italy last Wednesday but did not feature in City’s 3-2 win against Southampton on Sunday.

Sunderland were understood to be the leading contenders to recruit Johnson before Tottenharm and Liverpaul made their interest known.—Internet
Baltimore, 22 Aug — A freight train derailed on early Tuesday while crossing an overpass west of Baltimore, spilling tons of coal on top of two 19-year-old women who were sitting on the bridge and killing them, police said. The accident also crushed nearby cars and damaged telecommunications lines in the area, affecting data connections as far away as Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where a pretrial hearing for five men accused of plotting the 11 September attacks was delayed by a day as a result.

The derailed occurred just after midnight as a CSX Corp train was headed east through Ellicott City, about 12 miles west of Baltimore, Howard County Police said in a statement. Police discovered the dead women during their early-morning investigation of the accident, the cause of which remains unknown. The National Transportation Safety Board has taken over the investigation.

The two women, identified as Ellicott City residents Elizabeth Nass and Rose Mayr, apparently were sitting on a ledge of the bridge over Ellicott City’s Main Street when the derailment occurred, police said. The police statement said the women had their backs to the train when it passed a few feet from them. “For an unknown reason, the train derailed, causing open cars filled with coal to tip over,” the statement said. “Both NASA and Mayr were buried under the coal as it dumped from the train cars.”

Train derailment kills two women in Maryland, delays 9/11 hearing

Jerusalem, 22 Aug — The Israeli prime minister’s national security adviser met with an influential rabbi to persuade him to support a military strike on Iran’s nuclear sites, a party official said on Tuesday. Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, the Shas Party’s 92-year-old spiritual leader, met with national security adviser Yaakov Amidror last week, the official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief reporters. He said he did not know the rabbi’s response because the talks were private.

The meeting comes at a time of public debate about the possibility of an Israeli attack against Iran to stop its nuclear programme. Israel and the West suspect Iran is aiming to build nuclear weapons. Iran insists the programme is for peaceful purposes.

Israeli leaders have been indicating impatience over Western diplomatic and economic moves to deter Iran, though some analysts believe the implied Israeli saber-rattling is a bluff to increase pressure on Tehran. Iranian leaders have rejected Israel’s hints, threatening punishing retaliation. Israeli leaders have consulted with Yosef about weighty military decisions and other issues in the past, seeking his support and past, seeking his past and present support.
Auto mobiles industries in industrial zones will have to pay income taxes only when they make profits

Regarding the question of U Tin Shan of Taninthayi Region Constituency No(8) about if there is any plan to turn hi-speed passenger vessel back and between Yangon and Myik through Ministry of Transport or certain organizations or private companies, the deputy minister replied that it is planned to operate such transport service in future for inland water transport. Permit would be given upon application an organization or a private company, but Inland Water Transport Department has no plan to operate hi-speed water transport between Yangon and Myik.

Regarding the question of U Aung Nyein of Magway Region Constituency No(2) about charging transformer in those villages. Deputy Minister for Transport U Han Sein replied that currently there was no plan to do, explaining the procedures in practice.

Thein Hlaing of Sagaing Region Constituency No(8) about if there is plan to telecast fifth regular session live, the deputy minister replied that Myanmar has already got ASEAN’s agreements to switch off the Analogue system in 2015. So, Plans are under way to shift from analogue to digital system. It will be implemented at a time when people would have access to 15 channels.

U Myint Soe of Pyaybyewe constituency raised the questions on “whether there is a plan to lay down the policy of importing one-ton Left Hand Drive Light trucks” and “whether there is a plan to give exemptions on trade taxes and income taxes of auto mobile industries in industrial zones as of 2012-2013 financial year”.

With respect to the first question, Deputy Minister for Industry U Myo Aung replied that Industrial Development Committee would allow the import of either Left Hand Drive or Right Hand Drive auto mobiles in order that standard auto mobiles can be manufactured.

Regarding the second question, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Shein replied that those industries would (See page 8).

Will sericulture become contributor to Chin State’s economy?

Regarding the question of U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency on “if there is a plan to telecast programme and discussions at fourth regular session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw, live through Myanmar Radio & Television (MRTV)”. He said that, Sky Net TV channel that is making joint venture with MRTV has been broadcasting the programme and discussions live since fourth regular sessions of First Hluttaw held in 4 July. MRTV and MIChannel also broadcast breaking news. At present, MRTV’s broadcasting system is analogue system. It can telecast only one channel. And it needs to spend a lot of time and money on the construction of a new network. So, MRTV is not in a position to broadcast Hluttaw sessions live as there is no any plan to extend new channel at present.

With respect to the question of U Thein Nyunt on “if there is plans to telecast fifth regular session live”, the deputy minister replied that auto mobiles can be manufactured.

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