True patriotism

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* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Farmers should run other business to generate more income without relying on agricultural sector only

Only when all the people work hard, can the nation keep abreast of other developing countries.

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President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein cordially greets those present at ceremony to provide agricultural loans and cash to farmers from flooded areas in Ayeyawady Region. — MNA

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DIL Container Vehicle Yard and Container Station commissioned

Bowel cancer may be caused by E coli stomach bug

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Flood warning of Sittoung River

NA Pyi Taw, 24 Aug — To meet with flood victims in Ayeyawady and Bago regions, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, accompanied by General Hla Htay Win of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries and for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint, Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and for Labour U Aung Kyi, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thein Khin and departmental heads, left here by Tatmadaw special aircraft this morning and arrived in Yangon at 9 am.

The President was welcomed by Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Thein, region ministers and officials.

At the briefing hall of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) Project near Nyaungdon of Ayeyawady Region, the President was welcomed by Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung, Speaker of Region Hluttaw U Hsan Hsint, Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Thein, region ministers and officials.

The President and party proceeded to Zayatkwin high yield cultivation station in Zayatkwin Village in Kyaungon Township and attended the ceremony to present agricultural loans to farmers from flood-hit farms in Ayeyawady Region.

It was also attended by the Region Chief Minister, the Region Hluttaw Speaker, the commander, the Deputy Speaker of the Region Hluttaw, the region ministers, the chief justice of the region, the advocate-general of the region, the auditor-general of the region, Hluttaw representatives, departmental (See page 8)
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**Killer mosquitoes**

World Mosquito Day falls on 20 August, but it is less known in Myanmar in which malaria is one of the major killers. Malaria, mosquito-borne infectious disease, kills more than 850,000 of the world’s population every year.

Mosquitoes currently infect 250 million people with malaria every year, most of whom are children under the age of five. Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever (DHF) is also the top killer of children in the country, which is most common in monsoon.

Medications, mosquito eradication, and the prevention of bites are methods in use to prevent malaria. Malaria is more common in rural areas than in cities, which is in contrast to dengue fever where urban areas present the greater risk.

Malaria campaigns were conducted in some places in the country with the financial assistance of The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, providing medical treatment to infected patients. But, prevention is better than cure in the long run. Mosquito nets help keep mosquitoes away from people and significantly reduce infection rates and transmission of malaria. Insecticide-treated nets (ITNs) are estimated to be twice effective as untreated nets and offer greater than 70% protection compared with no net.

Apart from prevention of mosquito bites, community participation and health education strategies promoting awareness of malaria are required to bring down the transmission rates of malaria. The World Health Organization, to prevent against mosquito-borne diseases, recommends an integrated vector control programme consisting of five elements: (1) advocacy, social, mobilization and legislation to ensure that public health bodies and communities are strengthened; (2) collaboration between the health and other sectors (public and private); (3) an integrated approach to disease control to maximize use of resources, (4) evidence-based decision making to ensure any interventions are targeted appropriately and (5) capacity-building to ensure an adequate response to the local situation.

All in all, it is required to raise the public awareness of the danger of malaria to avoid premature deaths. In addition, malaria must be fought as part of rural development and poverty alleviation scheme as it is commonly associated with poverty and major hindrance to economic development.

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**UCSB Chairman arrives back from Japan after visiting Training Institutions for Civil Service Officials**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 24 Aug—**

Deputy Health Minister Dr Win Myint on 19 August inspected rural health care services in PyinOoLwin Township of Mandalay Region.

On 20 August morning, the deputy minister inspected rural health services in Mingun station hospital and Taungyo rural health center in Sagaing. And Myanmar delegation, accompanied by the Myanmar Ambassador, visited the Japan Productivity Center and Tokyo Metropolitan Government’s Personnel Cooperation at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 1:30 pm today.

Present at the meeting together with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker were Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee Chairman U Ti Khun Myat, representatives from Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw.

At the meeting, they discussed matters related to paying visit to US parliament by Myanmar Hluttaw representatives.—MNA

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**Sped director-general meets members of Myanmar athletes**

**Tangon, 24 Aug—**

Myanmar Olympic Committee Secretary General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department inspected the tentative athletes who are under training for achieving success in the 27th SEA Games to be hosted in the Myanmar at sports training camps here this morning.

The director-general viewed the training of Myanmar martial arts and shooting of tentatively athletes in Dagon Myothit (North). Then, he went to Thowanna Youth Training
Taliban behind a quarter of Afghan “insider” attacks: general

WASHINGTON, 24 Aug — The US general leading NATO forces in Afghanistan acknowledged on Thursday that the Taliban could be traced to more “insider attacks” against Western troops than previously acknowledged, accounting for about a quarter of the cases. The increasing number of killings of NATO soldiers by Afghan security forces, or those impersonating them, has eroded trust between Western forces and their Afghan allies and threatened to complicate plans for a transition to Afghan security within two years.

Last week, the Pentagon, citing NATO data, said only about 11 percent of so-called “insider attacks” by Afghans against NATO troops are due to Taliban infiltration, with the rest caused by other motives, such as personal greed.

However, US General John Allen, the top US general in Afghanistan, acknowledged on Thursday that about 25 percent of the attacks had been committed by so-called “insider attackers” impersonating Georgian and French leaders.

But Marine General John Allen said the figure was actually closer to 25 percent. “Our view is it’s about 25 percent,” Allen said. “If it’s just pure Taliban infiltration, that is one number. If you add to that impersonation, the potential that someone is pulling the trigger because the Taliban have coerced the family members, that’s a different number.”

Allen’s NATO-led force later issued a clarification, suggesting that Allen’s data and the 11 percent figure did not contradict each other, however it did not provide a year-by-year breakdown. It added Allen was referring to data going back to 2007. The lower figure released last week looked only at insider attacks that occurred so far in 2012, NATO said in a statement distributed by the Pentagon.

There have been 32 insider attacks so far this year involving 36 shooting incidents. Of these, 23 have led to 40 coalition deaths, with 25 of them Americans. Many of the attacks have been claimed by the Taliban as evidence of insurgent reach and infiltration. Allen declined comment on Afghan claims that foreign spies were the biggest culprits. In a video briefing from Kabul, Allen said he wanted to see the intelligence for himself and that while Afghan President Hamid Karzai’s office that foreign spies were behind most of the attacks, including those from “neighbouring countries.”

“I am looking forward to Afghanistan providing us with the intelligence that permits them to come to that conclusion,” Allen said, adding he “would add that into our analysis.”

Allen said he could not provide his opinion about the claims until he saw that intelligence. But his comments did not appear to endorse the Afghan government’s view. Allen insisted the attacks defined as "at least for all these attacks are very complex."

Allen said he did not believe the so-called insider attacks should prompt American forces to pull back in their contact with Afghan civilians. "We do expect that "NATO commanders have largely played down the thread of infiltration, blaming most of the shootings on stress or personal differences between the soldiers and their Afghan advisers that ended at the point of a gun, a frequent simple explanation, saying “at least for for these attacks are very complex."”

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Merkel and Hollande unite in tough message for Greece

BRUSSELS, 24 Aug — Angela Merkel and Francois Hollande presented a united front towards Greece on Thursday, telling Athens it should not expect any let-up in its bailout agreement unless it sticks to tough reform targets. The German and French leaders met in Brussels to fine-tune their agreement unless it sticks to tough reform targets. The German and French leaders met in Brussels to fine-tune their agreement.
Dinosaur footprint found at NASA facility

GREENSBORO, 24 Aug — A look underfoot has found a dinosaur footprint at a NASA facility in Maryland, which mostly looks outward toward the planets and stars, a researcher says.

Dinosaur hunter Ray Stanford has found the footprint of a large spiny dinosaur called a nodosaur in the space agency’s own back yard at its Goddard Space Flight Centre campus, LiveScience reported on Wednesday. Stanford, an amateur paleontologist, informed Goddard officials on 17 Aug of the location of the 12-inch-wide footprint showing four toes.

NASA officials have not disclosed the exact location of the footprint on the facility’s grounds, out of concern someone might damage or try to remove the fossilized evidence of the nodosaur, a lumbering armored beast covered with bony projections.

Stanford called the location where the dinosaur roamed millennia ago during the Cretaceous period “poetic.”

“Space scientists may walk along here, and they’re walking exactly where this huge, bumbling heavy-armed dinosaur walked, maybe 110 (million) to 112 million years ago,” Stanford told Goddard officials.—Internet

Facebook updates iPhone app to speed it up

MENLO PARK, 24 Aug — What’s the worst insult you can throw at a fast-moving company like Facebook? Call its software app slow and poky.

On Thursday, Facebook Inc. addressed users who had gripes with its app for iPhones and iPads with the launch of a faster version. Rather than throw a slew of new features, the company said it rebuilt the application from scratch to make it speedier and less clunky.

In recent demonstration at the company’s Menlo Park, Calif., headquarters, the new iPhone app opened up twice as fast as the older version. Photos and comments also load faster. Users can now “like” comments on photos, which wasn’t possible with the previous mobile app.

Mick Johnson, mobile product manager at Facebook, said programmers removed some lesser-used features, such as a way to view the app panoramically, to help speed it up.

The mobile arena presents Facebook with its biggest challenge — and its biggest opportunity. That’s where its user base is growing the most.—Internet

Robot to take ‘self-awareness’ test

NEW HAVEN, 24 Aug — A robot developed by scientists at Yale University in Connecticut soon pass a landmark test by recognizing itself in a mirror, the researchers say.

Such a feat would be considered evidence of self-awareness and represent an advance toward robots that can think for themselves, they said.

The robot, dubbed Nico, will take the test in coming months, Justin Hart, the doctoral student leading the research, told BBC News.

“It is a spatial reasoning task for the robot to understand that its arm is on it, not on the other side of the mirror,” he said.

While Nico has been programmed to recognize a reflection of its arm, Hart explained it still has to pass the “full mirrortest,” developed in 1970 and considered the classic test of self-awareness. The test is more usually performed on an animal that is allowed time to get used to the mirror and is then anesthetized while an odorless dye is applied to its face. The creature’s subsequent reaction to its reflection is deemed a measure of its self-awareness determined by whether the animal inspects the mark on its own body or reactions as if it is only on the “mirror” animal but not on itself.

Only a few non-human species — including some primates, elephants and dolphins — have managed to pass the mirror “self-awareness” test, the researchers said.—Internet

Rat that doesn’t gnaw discovered in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 24 Aug — A unique species of near-toothless rat that lives off earthworms and doesn’t chew or gnaw has been seen in Indonesia.

The shrew-like animal with a long, pointed nose was described online in this week’s British journal Biology Letters. Paucidentomys vermidax, which translates loosely to “few-toothed rat” and “worm-eater,” is the only known species that does not have molars and instead has bicuspid upper incisors.

Two rats were found in the mountainous rain forest of southern Sulawesi Island last year on Mount Latimojong and 100 kilometers (62 miles) northwest on Mount Gandanglewata.

Since it lacks cheek teeth, the rat has to eat earthworms and slices them with its incisors before spitting out the pieces and then chewing bites down whole, co-author Anang Achmadi from Indonesia’s Museum Zoologicum Bogoriense said on Thursday.

The researchers said the discovery is important because it shows how rodents, which are known for biting and chewing, were forced to evolve to survive in Sulawesi’s environment.

“What defines rodents is their capacity to gnaw with their ever-growing incisors, which are worn down to form chisels,” said co-author Kevin Rowe, senior curator of mammals at Museum Victoria in Melbourne, Australia. “It’s a remarkable evolution that a trait that’s been so successful (and) has allowed rodents to chew into everything from seeds to felling trees to eating our garbage and chewing their way into our house, this species has given up on that capacity in the pursuit of its lifestyle, which appears to include eating earthworms.”

The new rat demonstrates the island’s unique biodiversity despite human pressure from deforestation, mining and agriculture, Achmadi said.—Internet

New NASA video captures drama of Mars landing

In this frame of a high definition stop motion video taken during the NASA rover’s landing and provided by the space agency on 23 Aug, 2012.—Internet

This undated photo released by Museum Victoria shows a Paucidentomys vermidax, a new species of rat, that was found in the forests of southern Sulawesi Island, Indonesia, in 2011.—Internet

Verizon to give Windows Phone a second chance later this year

Verizon officials have not announced a second chance for the Nokia Lumia 900 Windows Phone. It seems clear that the carrier has backed away from the company, instead opting for a new Nokia Oyj phone with Windows 8 software this year, marking the first time it has released a Windows device since May 2011, a person with knowledge of the matter said.

Microsoft and Nokia are holding a Press conference on 5 Sept in New York to discuss Nokia’s Lumia brand of Windows phones. While Verizon isn’t expected to be part of that event, the carrier intends to roll out a Nokia phone later, said the person, who asked not to be named because the plans are private.

That would give Nokia a new beachhead at the top US carrier, building on its longstanding relationship with No 2 AT&T (T) Inc. at Verizon is looking to lessen its dependence on Apple Inc’s iPhone and devices running Google Inc’s (GOOG.O) Android software, which dominate the smartphone market. For Microsoft and Nokia, meanwhile, the move would bolster efforts to regain market share. The Nokia phone would also provide fresh ammunition against the latest iPhone, which people familiar with the matter expect to be introduced on 12 Sept. “Nokia has had a difficult time breaking in to the US market,” said Charlie Wolf, a Needham & Co analyst in New York who has a neutral rating on the shares.

“Landing on the Verizon network is a positive development. It doesn’t solve the problem, but it is a big step in the right direction.”

Brenda Raney, a spokeswoman for Basking Ridge, New Jersey-based Verizon Wireless (VZ), declined to comment, as did Erica Fields at Redmond, Washington-based Microsoft. Christopher Hollis, a US spokesman for Espoo, Finland-based Nokia, also declined to comment.—Internet
Bowel cancer may be caused by E coli stomach bug

WASHINGTON, 24 Aug—Thirty minutes of daily exercise provide an equally effective loss of weight and body mass as 60 minutes, researchers at the University of Copenhagen have shown.

For thirteen weeks, a research team at the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences followed 60 healthy—Danish men in their efforts to get into better shape.

Half of the men were set to exercise for a whole hour and one third of an hour daily about 30 mins to get into shape.

On average, the men who exercised 30 minutes a day lost 3.6 kilo in three months, compared to just one in five of those that had taken from healthy people.

Tests have shown the bug to be much more common in bowel cancer patients than in healthy people.

According to the journal Science, Two-thirds of the 21 samples that were taken from bowel cancer patients contained the bug, compared to just one in five of those that had taken from healthy people.

Participants exercising 30 minutes per day burned more calories than those who exercised for a whole hour only lost 2.7 kg.

The reduction in body mass was about 4 kg for both groups, reports Mads Rosenkilde, PhD student, Department of Biomedical Sciences.

Moreover, 30 minutes of exercise training provide an extra bonus.

The men who exercised the most lost too little relative to what they burned by running, biking or rowing.

30 minutes of concentrated exercise give equally good results on the scale, explained Mads Rosenkilde.

The project suggests a twin study had involvement in the development of colon cancer than previously thought,” the paper quoted Liverpool University’s Dr Barry Campbell, a co-author of the study, as saying.

Tests on mice and people, carried out in the UK and US, have pointed to the bug being a strong suspect in bowel cancer.

The concern surrounds a version that sticks well to the inside of the lower bowel, or colon, and contains genes that make a toxin which cause the type of damage to DNA typically seen in cancer.

Tests have shown the bug to be much more common in bowel cancer patients than in healthy people.

Experiments have also shown that mice which had been inoculated with the bug, were at very high odds of developing bowel cancer— as long as the E coli carried the poison-making “pks” genes.

The research suggests that E. coli has a much wider role than previously thought where a vaccine is concerned, with evidence pointing to the bug being the third most diagnosed in women after breast cancer, and one of the five most common of the disease in women after breast cancer, and one of the five most common in men, the Daily Mail reported.

Measles cases ‘almost double’ after outbreaks

LODZ, 24 Aug—E coli bacteria could be one of the reasons behind bowel cancer, scientists have revealed.

The breakthrough has raised the prospect of a vaccine against the disease, which takes around 16,000 lives a year and is the second most common form of the disease in women after breast cancer.

Measles is on the rise

WASHINGTON, 24 Aug—Measles cases 'almost double' as government said.—Xinhua

Japan to provide 180.6 b yen subsidies for reconstruction

TOKYO, 24 Aug—The Japanese Reconstruction Agency announced on Friday a figure of 180.6 billion yen (about 2.3 billion US dollars) subsidies will be allocated to local governments to promote reconstruction form last year’s earthquake and tsunami.

Four earthquake and tsunami hit prefectures and other 56 municipal governments in five prefectures will share the subsidies.

It is the third subsidies supply from the Japanese government since May for helping earthquake victims to rebuild their lives. According to the Reconstruction Agency, about 180.6 billion yen will be used to relocate residences to safer places from earthquake and tsunami hit areas, and around 45 billion yen will be used for damaged fishery facilities reconstruction.—Xinhua

Measles cases ‘almost double’ after outbreaks

The figure has risen from 497 to 964, the Health Protection Agency said.

There are currently significant measles outbreaks in Merseyside and Sussex.

The agency is urging parents to ensure children are up to date with their measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccinations before the school begins.

Complications can include meningitis and encephalitis - inflammation of the lining of the brain.

Rarer disorders of the eye, heart and nervous system can also develop.

Rubella, known as German measles, has also increased, with 57 cases reported between January and June in England and Wales—more than the annual totals for each of the previous nine years.

It is usually a mild infection. But if a woman becomes infected in early pregnancy, it can cause birth defects.

Indian apparel units copy Toyota model to beat order slump

KOLKATA, 24 Aug—Indian apparel manufacturing units have been forced to copy the “lean manufacturing mechanism” pioneered by automobile giant Toyota to beat the European order slump, an industry source said on Friday.

The reason is because European apparel importers have reduced the order-to-delivery time from 12 to 15 weeks to 7 to 8 weeks in order to avoid creation of inventory.

They are also getting rid of migrant laborers and are using local workers to deliver orders at the shortest possible time.

These initiatives have enabled textiles units to increase efficiency at the shop level from 45 percent to 60 percent and maintain margins in tough times.

"Lean" is a production practice that considers expenditure of resources for every activity that adds to value for the customer to be wasteful, and thus any goal other than the creation of value for the end customer to be wasteful, and thus a target for elimination.

Gautam Nair, owner of Matrix Clothing, said: “We have already opted for this type of production, which has improved our efficiency and eliminated wastage.”

India’s apparel exports to European Union declined 48.1 percent in April and May to 670 million US dollars compared to 1.3 billion US dollars in the corresponding period last financial year. The EU accounts for about 49 percent of India’s apparel exports.

Interestingly, T-shirts, one of the most popular exporting items, is losing ground in Europe and the United States.—Xinhua

Gold price opens higher in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 24 Aug—The gold price in Hong Kong went up 72 HK dollars to open at 15,490 HK dollars per tael on Friday, according to the Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange Society.

The price is equivalent to 1,675.59 US dollars a troy ounce, up 7.79 US dollars at the latest exchange rate of one US dollar against 7.76 HK dollars.—Xinhua

China yuan strengthens to 6.3305 against USD on Friday

BEIJING, 24 Aug—The Chinese currency Renminbi, or yuan, strengthened by 11 basis points to 6.3305 against the US dollar on Friday, according to the China Foreign Exchange Trading System.

In China’s foreign exchange spot market, the yuan is allowed to rise or fall by 1 percent from the central parity rate each trading day.

The central parity rate of the yuan against the US dollar is based on a weighted average of prices before the opening of the market each business day.—Xinhua

Dollar trades at mid-78-yen level in early Tokyo market

TOKYO, 24 Aug—The US dollar traded at the mid-78-yen level on early Friday morning in Tokyo.

At 9 am, the dollar fetched 78.59-64 yen compared with 78.45- 55 yen in New York and 78.59-60 yen in Tokyo at 5 pm on Thursday.

The euro was quoted at 1.2559-2561 US dollars and 98.70-72 yen against 1.2559-2569 US dollars and 98.57-67 yen in New York and 1.2556-2557 US dollars and 98.48-72 yen in Tokyo late Thursday afternoon.—Xinhua

Hong Kong stocks close down 1.13 pct by midday

HONG KONG, 24 Aug—Hong Kong stocks moved down 228.16 points, or 1.13 percent to close Friday’s morning session at 19,904.08 points.—Xinhua
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S African residents asked to look out for renegade hippo

CAPE TOWN, 24 Aug — Residents in South Africa’s city of Cape Town have been asked to keep a look-out for a renegade young hippopotamus which is popping up in gardens and roads after moving into a suburban lake. City officials are hoping the two-year-old calf will return back to its pod after appearing in an unfenced reserve following the theft of part of the boundary fence in the neighbouring water body where it lived.

“The night before last he was in peoples’ gardens, obviously there were people out,” Julia Wood, manager of Biodiversity Management told AFP. “And then last night somebody picked him up on one of the roads.” The city will monitor the animal for two weeks but is considering capturing it if necessary.

“The only thing that saved them was the fact that’s what she would do.” Other boaters, alerted by screams, to swim. “It doesn’t surprise me at all,” Landry said. “I know it would do that.”

Airbuses suffer cockpit power failure, await fixes

NEWARK, 24 Aug — As United Flight 731 climbed out of Newark with 107 people aboard, the pilot and first officer were startled to find that the cockpit radios were dead. They had no way to communicate with air traffic controllers or detect other planes around them in the New York City area’s crowded airspace.

“I made a comment to the captain about steering clear of New York City, not wanting to get shot down by US AirF fighters,” first officer Douglas Cochran later told investigators. He wasn’t joking: “We both felt an extreme urgency to get this aircraft on the ground as soon as possible.”

Within minutes, Cochran and the captain had turned around and safely landed the Denver-bound Airbus A320 at the Newark airport. Cochran later told investigators that weather might have been the only thing that saved them from a crash.

The January 2008 emergency was far from the first such multiple electrical failure in what is known as the Airbus A320 family of aircraft, and it wasn’t the last, according to records reviewed by The Associated Press. More than 50 episodes involving the planes, which first entered service more than two decades ago, have been reported.

And it could be another few years before the last of the thousands of narrow-body, twin-engine jets in use in the US and overseas are modified to counteract the problem. The Federal Aviation Administration issued an order in 2010 giving US airlines four years to make the fixes. The FAA’s European counterpart did the same thing in 2009. While no accidents have been blamed on the problem, the pilots union in the US wanted the FAA to give airlines just two years to comply, but the FAA rejected that largely because of cost. A Boeing and Airbus engineering consultant Douglas Moss said the FAA should have acted a lot more quickly. “These things cost money and the industry is in bad shape, so you have the economics thrown into it.”

ZTE H1 profit tumbles 68 pct

BEIJING, 24 Aug — China’s second-largest telecommunications equipment maker ZTE Corp— saw its net profit for the first half of 2012 plunge 68.17 percent year-on-year to 245 million yuan (38.67 million US dollars). The global economic downturn and fluctuations in exchange rates were the reasons for the drop, ZTE said on Wednesday, in a statement filed with the Hong Kong and Shenzhen stock exchanges. Operating revenues for the Hong Kong and Shenzhen-listed company increased 15.21 percent from a year earlier to reach 42.64 billion yuan, the company said. Earnings per share stood at 0.07 yuan in the first six months of 2012. ZTE’s bleak results underlined weak growth in the telecommunications sector. Last month, China’s largest telecommunications equipment maker Huawei reported an increase of just 5.1 percent in sales revenues, with an operating profit of 8.79 billion yuan in the first half of this year. The share price of ZTE slid 0.17 percent to close at 11.32 HK dollars in Hong Kong, on Wednesday, and dipped 0.53 percent to 11.2 yuan in Shenzhen.

Resident of Ecuador killed in Tungurahua volcano eruption

Quito, (Ecuador), 24 Aug—Ecuadoran authorities say 110 families have been forced from their homes by the vicinity of the Tungurahua volcano, which has been spewing molten rock, ash and lava since the weekend.

Spokeswoman Mercedes Taife of Ecuador’s Geophysics Institute says a column of vapor and ash up to 2.5 kilometres (4 kilometres) high has continued to rise from the crater and carry ash and steam across the region. The volcano, which has been erupting since 1999 in July and August of 2006 eruptions of Tungurahua killed at least four people, left two missing and forced the evacuation of thousands. Internet

A woman works with her livestock in a field near the Tungurahua volcano, which is erupting ash and steam, as seen from Huambo, Ecuador, on 21 Aug, 2012—INTERNET

Cruise line agrees to buy Maine lobsters

PORTLAND, 24 Aug — A second cruise ship line has agreed to buy lobsters from local suppliers when one of its ships visits Maine in September and October, US Rep. Chellie Pingree said Wednesday. Celebrity Cruises has agreed to purchase about 3,900 pounds of lobster when the Celebrity Summit visits the city of Portland and Pinegrid said. The 965-foot ship carries more than 2,000 passengers.

Officials said last week that Holland America Line agreed to purchase locally caught lobsters for its cruise ships when they visit Bar Harbour several times this season.

The cruise line purchases are good news for Maine’s lobster industry, which has been suffering under rock-bottom prices this summer because of a strong harvest that has resulted in an oversupply of lobsters. Although the purchases represent just a tiny amount of the catch, they could spur other cruise lines to follow suit and raise awareness about Maine lobsters among cruise ship passengers, said Dane Somers, executive director of the Maine Lobster Promotion Council. Lobster dealers in Maine have been in discussions with other cruise ship companies to see if they’ll also buy local product when they visit Maine, he said. “Cruise lines are in a competitive industry. They’re all competing and trying to give their passengers something extra,” Somers said.

“If they can offer passengers fresh Maine lobsters literally off the dock in the summer, that’s a treat,” he said. “I don’t think their passengers will ever forget that.”

September and October represent the busiest time of the cruise ship season in Maine. About 120 ships are scheduled to stop in Bar Harbour this year, with an additional 60 or so visiting Portland. Cruise lines already buy large amounts of frozen lobster products, from processors in both Canada and Maine. Somers said, but cruises companies usually negotiate long-term contracts far in advance for their food purchases and rarely make purchases while their ships are on route, he said.

That hasn’t deterred Pingree from writing a letter to the heads of every cruise ship company visiting Portland this year, suggesting they buy live Maine lobster while in the state.

In announcing Celebrity Cruises’ decision to buy lobster while in Maine, Pingree said she has also heard from another major cruise ship company that’s in talks with local lobster suppliers. “It’s a little too early to announce more purchases but we have some good prospects and at least one company is talking specifics with suppliers and has asked for some sample product, she said in a statement.—INTERNET

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Mass couple dies trying to rescue dog from lake

WESTFIELD, 24 Aug — A Massachusetts couple boating on a lake drowned after jumping into the water to rescue their dog, who survived. Police say the couple made a desperate dash jumped into Hampton Ponds in Westfield on Monday night, prompting 64-year-old Donald Cuy to follow his pet into the lake. Police told The Westfield News that he became distressed and his wife, 61-year-old Patricia Cuy, tried to rescue him.

Their daughter, Miranda Landry, told The Boston Globe that her mother jumped into the water despite not being able to swim. “It doesn’t surprise me at all,” Landry said. “I know that’s what she would do.” Other boaters, alerted by screams, helped pull the couple from the water. Efforts by rescue personnel failed to revive them, and both were pronounced dead at hospitals.

The dog survived and was taken to the municipal animal shelter. The couple received the West Highland white terrier as a gift from Daniel Cuy’s sister six weeks ago to replace a beloved dog that died a year ago, Landry and a neighbour told The Globe.—INTERNET

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Residents in South Africa’s city of Cape Town have been asked to keep a look-out for a renegade young hippopotamus which is popping up in gardens and roads after moving into a suburban lake.—INTERNET

A United Airbus A320 passenger plane takes off at Newark Liberty International airport on 11 Aug, 2012. In Newark, NJ, airline pilots who fly certain Airbus jets that first came into service more than two decades ago have reported over 50 episodes of multiple electrical failures in the cockpit.—INTERNET

The January 2008 emergency was far from the first such multiple electrical failure in what is known as the Airbus A320 family of aircraft, and it wasn’t the last, according to records reviewed by The Associated Press. More than 50 episodes involving the planes, which first entered service more than two decades ago, have been reported.

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**British police arrest man in hacking probe**

**INTERNET**

London, 24 Aug — British police on Thursday arrested a man as part of their ongoing phone-hacking investigation into alleged breaches of privacy.

The 44-year-old was arrested in Suffolk, eastern England, for suspected offences under the Computer Misuse Act and Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act, a statement from a source at London’s Metropolitan Police said.

London’s Metropolitan Police. He was later released on bail to return to a London police station on a date in November.

Heathrow. A suspected stowaway was found dead on board a British Airways flight that landed at London’s Heathrow Airport from Cape Town on Thursday, the airline said.

The body of an unidentified man was found in the landing gear bay of a Boeing 747, British Airways said, adding that it was investigating how the “very rare and sad event” had taken place.

“We are liaising with the South African authorities and Cape Town airport after a body was found in the landing gear bay of one of our aircraft,” it said in a statement.

“Our thoughts are with the individual’s family,” London’s Metropolitan Police said there was an ongoing investigation to discover the man’s identity.

He was not a passenger or a member of the air crew,” a police spokesman told AFP, “His death is being treated as non-suspicious.”

The Airports Company South Africa (ACSA) said a man had scaled the perimeter fence at Cape Town International at around 8:40 pm (1840 GMT) on Wednesday.

“The airport immediately responded and as a security patrol officer attempted to apprehend the man he ran in the direction of a British Airways aircraft already in its holding pattern ready for take-off,” it said in a statement.

“For safety reasons the security officer could not approach the aircraft.” Searches of the airfield and runway failed to uncover the missing man.

“This morning reports from London’s Heathrow airport confirmed that a stowaway was found on board a British Airways aircraft. The person was found dead,” said ACSA, saying it viewed the matter in the “utmost serious light” with a full investigation to be done.

“Security concerns and unauthorised access to airports premises and aircraft are a very serious concern to us,” he said. No details on the stowaway’s nationality or age were available.

**Clashes between security forces and Kurd rebels kill nine**

**INTERNET**

Istanbul, 24 Aug — Fresh violence between Turkish security forces and Kurdish rebels in the restive southeastern left at least nine dead on Thursday, eyewitnesses told AFP. Clashes erupted when Kurdish rebels attempted to set up ID controls in some areas of Semdinli town in the Hakkari Province near the Iraqi border, prompting security forces to launch an offensive backed by helicopters, witnesses said.

Nineteen bodies were seen in the streets during the ongoing clashes, they added. It was not immediately clear if the bodies were of rebels or security forces.

The latest violence comes after clashes erupted on Wednesday night when rebels ambushed a military convoy in Semdinli triggering fighting that left 21 people dead, 16 of whom were Kurdish rebels, Eyewitnesses said rebels and security forces were using heavy guns in the fighting.

Semdinli is the scene of frequent clashes between Turkish security forces and members of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers’ Party (PKK). Turkish officials and media tie the surge in recent attacks to the conflict raging in neighbouring Syria.

**Collapse of costly NE China bridge kills three**

Harbin, 24 Aug — The ramp of a multimillion-dollar bridge in northeast China collapsed on early Friday morning, sending four trucks falling 30 metres to the ground, killing three people and injuring five.

The ramp, about 3.5 km from the main body of the Yangmingshan Bridge, tilted to one side and crashed onto the ground at 5:30 am, said San Qiangde, deputy head of the construction committee of Harbin City, Heilongjiang Province. The injured have been hospitalized.

Xinhua reporters saw trucks crashed upside-down on the ground. Patches of blood and window shards were scattered around.

It is at least the sixth major bridge collapse across the country since July last year, following one in Beijing and another in the eastern city of Hanzhou. Shoddy construction and over-loading have been blamed.

The Yangmingshan Bridge was only opened to traffic in November. With a total length of 15.42 km, spanning the Songhua River in Harbin, the eight-lane bridge was claimed to be the longest in north China.

Local media reported that its construction cost 1.88 billion yuan (296 million US dollars). Built by the China Railway First Group Co Ltd, it was the third bridge erected across the Songhua River in the past four years.

**Train collision injures dozens in NE China**

Harbin, 24 Aug — At least 24 people were injured when two passenger trains collided at a railway station in northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province on Thursday, local authorities said.

The accident happened at around 5:24 pm at Jiamusi railway station, a spokesman with the railway bureau in the provincial capital Harbin confirmed.

“Four Furnaces”

Beijing, 24 Aug — Although many Chinese believe the “Four Furnaces” of Chongqing, Nanchang, Wuhan and Nanjing are the country’s hottest cities, meteorological authorities have debunked the popular belief after comparing temperatures in cities nationwide.

Zhang Canjie, a researcher at the National Meteorological Centre, said an analysis of the last 31 years of meteorological data from China’s provincial capitals and municipalities has revealed that the country’s hottest cities are actually Chongqing, Nanchang, Hangzhou and Fuzhou, with the latter two taking the place of Wuhan and Nanjing. The NMC analyzed the number of hot days and consecutive hot days in different cities, as well as the average high and low temperatures during the summer season. A heat index that combines air temperatures and relative humidity to determine the temperature perceived by humans was also used.—Xinhua

Meteorologists debunk China’s “Four Furnaces”

Photo taken on 24 Aug, 2012 shows the collapsed section of the Yangmingshan bridge in Harbin, capital of northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province. Four trucks fell off to the ground after a section of the Yangmingshan bridge collapsed in Harbin on early Friday morning, killing three people and injuring five others. The 15.4-km-long bridge was opened to traffic in November. The collapsed part, which measures 100 meters in length, fell from a height of 30 metres. Xinhua
Farmers should run other business to generate...

Speaking on the occasion, President U Thein Sein said that they were there to provide assistance to flood-hit victims. This year, he said that many states and regions were hit by floods due to heavy rains and overflow of rivers. He noted that as natural disaster cannot be hindered, it is necessary to make strenuous efforts for overcoming it. He disclosed that his inspection tour is aimed at rendering cash assistance for buying quality strains of paddy to the local farmers who lost paddy farms in floods and at providing assistance to the flood victims for their basic needs, education and health sectors. He urged the local farmers to manage timely cultivation of crops based on their experiences to serve the interests of the region and the people when water subsided. If they cannot grow paddy due to late cultivation of paddy, they have to seek any ways to earn other incomes, he said.

President U Thein Sein presents K 10 million for flood victims of Ayeyawady Region through Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung. MNA

Nowadays, he said that the agricultural sector is the most important for the State. All the people are to make concerted efforts for ensuring food sufficiency of the increasing population without satisfying the present food sufficiency, he said. He noted that there are some losses in the agricultural sector, the income of the State will decline. The President stressed the need to build the industrial country in the long run for development and prosperity of the future State. However, he added that the nation is to rely on agricultural sector before the stage of industrialized nation. Applying conventional methods will never achieve success in development of agriculture sector. Thus, he said that it is necessary to apply five significant points such as morale, farm structure, strains of paddy, cultivation method and mechanized farming. As the agricultural sector is the most reliable one of the State, the reform of agricultural sector must be realized compulsorily, he said.

The government is striving for increasing individual income and household income for the people, he said. Emphasis is being placed on establishment of factories and workshops for creation of many job opportunities for the people, he added. However, he noted that the government invites foreign investments due to facing requirements of technology, investment and human resources. At present, he said that as investors arrive the country, the government commences implementation of the projects.

Nowadays, the President said that farmers should run other business to generate more income without relying on agricultural sector only. For example, he said that they must cultivate banana, papaya, etc while breeding chicken, pig and duck on a manageable scale. Only when they work hard, will they enjoy fruits of works. In consequence, standards of their economic, education and health sector will be higher. In fact, he said that jobs can be seen in the society. They need high morale to actually work hard. Therefore, he urged all the people to try their best in their works. Only when all the people work hard, can the nation keep abreast of other developing countries. In conclusion, the President urged the farmers to systematically make earnest efforts after understanding that their farmlands can grant long-term benefits and to maintain the farmlands to be handed down to the new generations.

Next, the President presented K 404.7 million cash assistance for 80958 baskets of quality paddy strains to be grown on the subsided farmlands and K 10 million for flood victims to the Region Chief Minister.

After that, farmer U Aung Tun Myint of Hpaungdaung Village of Kyaukpyaw Township spoke words of thanks.

After the ceremony, the President cordially greeted those present and went back to Yangon in the afternoon.

MNA

Work Committee for holding the 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts meets

NA MYIT TAW, 24 Aug — A work coordination meeting of the work committee for holding the 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts took place at the meeting of the Ministry of Culture, here, this afternoon, with an address by Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin.

She said that it needs to get more improvement in the performing arts of the coming competition after reviewing pros and cons of the previous competition, following the advices of proficient persons. Afterwards, the chairman and secretaries of the committee and officials concerned respectively presented their understandings, the implemented tasks and tasks to be carried, members of panel of judges, rules of the competition, and representatives of regions and states, matters related to successfully holding the 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition.

MNA

Talks for Myanmar and Vietnamese entrepreneurs

YANGON, 24 Aug — The talks between Vietnamese entrepreneurs led by Deputy Director Mr Nguyen Van Tuan of Vietnamese Trader’s Association and Myanmar entrepreneurs for bilateral cooperation in business and trade sectors will be held at the head office of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry on 28 August.

Those wishing Myanmar entrepreneurs to attend the talks may enlist not later than 27 August to the office of UMFCCI. MNA
SWRR Ministry empowers...

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The ministry has set up 65 homes for the aged to take care of the elderly. In addition, it takes measures like upgrading and assisting of homes for the aged, and offers home health care delivery in cooperation with local social organizations. In addition, health care services are provided forming elderly rural development and elderly assistance organizations.

It has been adopted policies to protect the rights of persons with disabilities, to reduce and bring to an end discrimination against persons for disabilities, to enhance their integrity and capability, and to improve their socio-economic life.

Law for assisting the families of disabled service personnel and deceased or fallen service personnel has been enacted and measures are under way to formulate bylaws. Pension, service awards, children allowances, compensation, medical treatment and stipends are provided to families of fallen and deceased service personnel.

Member of Bill Committee U Thein Tun Oo submitted report of the committee on Anti-corruption Bill sent back by Amyotha Hluttaw with approval. MPs willing to discuss the bill are to register by 28 August, announced the Hluttaw.

U Aung Tun Tha of MraukU Constituency, U Kamal Mon Kawn of Sampaubum Constituency and U Khan Maung Thaung of Pinlaung Constituency discussed the proposal of Dr Chan Nyein of Kanbalu Constituency submitted at 19th day session about compiling of encyclopedia of histories, cultures, literatures and customs of Myanmar national races.

Section 334 of the Constitution. The Speaker in response sent message to the President who in turn sent a reply message. In the final section of the President’s message, he said that as the two agencies are independent agencies under the constitution, it is up to them to choose whatever political line struggle MPs have waited with patience till 21 August to see the responses of the Speaker. They began to worry whether the Speaker has turned a blind eye to their proposal or there is a certain organization or person influencing over the Hluttaw as the Speaker took no specific actions after 21 August. In addition, MPs waited in vain to attend the Hluttaw session yesterday though the session was scheduled to start at 10:00 am, which implied no respect to MPs. So, MPs should have the right to clear understanding how the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker viewed the genuine wishes of the MPs in response to messages of the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker dated 14-8-2012 and reply messages of the President dated 20-8-2012.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann said that the proposal of MP U Win Than is sensible one. As a Hluttaw Speaker, it is impossible to neglect and turn a blind eye to collective legal demands and assignments of people’s representatives.

The Speaker said his concentration focuses on minimizing the impacts of the case and the most acceptable solution for all in consideration of the integrity of legislative, executive and judicial and branches causing least harms.

The Speaker said that there is no any organization or personality that influences the Hluttaw as assumed by U Win Than and MPs. As Amyotha Hluttaw has initiated actions for enabling MPs to serve the interests of the people with integrity and uprightness, MPs of Pyithu Hluttaw are to wait for their turn for a while, requested the Speaker.

The Speaker defended against the accusation against him that he had no respect to Hluttaw, saying that he does respect to Hluttaw and always protects the integrity of Hluttaw. He made his excuses for his late arrival at yesterday’s Hluttaw session that he had to go to President Office yesterday together with the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker and officials concerned as the office invited him for discussing the case of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union. He was late as the discussion took a long time, explained the Speaker. He promised that he would have same respect for time in future as he now respects the Hluttaw and MPs in order not to mean an insult to the Hluttaw and MPs in working for greater integrity of Hluttaw and ensuring the responsibilities and powers of Hluttaw.

Today’s session came to an end at 12:30 pm and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will be held at 10 am on 27 August.

Bill Committee member U Thein Tun Oo submits reports of the bill committee.—MNA

Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win replied that the proposal specially suited to the country and national people. But it is a formidably and time-consuming task. It is required to form a national commission to put the proposal into operation and measures would be taken for successful realization of the proposal in coordination with the upper level of the hierarchy.

The Hluttaw approved the proposal and put it on record. It decided that it is required to carry out related works by a national commission constituted with related organizations, personalities and scholars within an appropriate time framework.

U Win Than of Thaubaung Constituency submitted an urgent proposal in which he said that MPs had asked the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker to blame the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union for its verdict to definition of Union level under 8-2012

President U Thein Sein being welcomed by Ayeayawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung, Region Hluttaw Speaker U Hsan Sint and officials concerned. (News on page 1) —MNA

DIL Container Vehicle Yard and Container Station commissioned

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe inspects DIL Container Vehicle Yard and Container Station.—MNA

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Health Department opens …

Secretary U Myint Tun of Amyotha Hluttaw Citizen’s fundamental Rights, Democracy and Human Rights Commission submitting a proposal.

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There are one 50-bedded township hospital, five Station Hospitals, 10 rural health care centers and 34 rural health care centers (branch) in Yayagyo Township. Health Department will open station hospital, rural health care centers and rural health care centers (branch) after drafting the fifth five-year short-term National Plan. So, the 50-bedded People’s Hospital will be upgraded into 100-bedded one in the 2013-2014 financial year.

Afterwards, member of Amyotha Hluttaw Public Account Committee Daw Yi Yi Myint submitted the committee’s report. Hluttaw announced that those wishing to discuss the report are to register their names. After that, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Citizens, Fundamental Rights, Democracy and Human Rights Dr Aye Maung and Secretary U Myint Tun read out the committee’s report.

Then, U Zaw Myint Pe of Mandalay Region Constituency No. 5 submitted the important proposal on “impeachment of Chairman and eight members of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union in accord with the Constitution” Professor Dr Mya Oo of Bago Region Constituency No. 9 discussed to approve it. Hluttaw took vote to discuss it by mean of standing up. Hluttaw decided to discuss it as more than one third of eligible voters voted it. The representatives who want to discuss it are to register their names.

The meeting came to an end at 12.10 pm, and the 34th day session will go on at 10 am on 28 August. At today’s session, four questions raised and replied, two reports submitted and one new proposal submitted.—MNA

Coordination meeting for reusing of agricultural flooded lands held

NAV PT TAW, 24 Aug—

A coordination meeting for reusing of agricultural flooded lands in Kayin State was held at region government office on 21 August, with the attendance of Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min.

The state chief minister met farmers in Kawmawut village-tract in Hpa-an and presented paddy strains.

After that, the state chief minister, the minister for social affairs and officials drove stake at the extension of two lecture hall in Hpa-an University on 22 August.

The state chief minister made address at the coordination meeting for assisting flood victims, rebuilding of roads and bridges and reopening of schools, held at the state government office.

In meeting with flood farmers in Guayang, Kandi, Thayettaw, Yoemahar and Kyargalay villages, he fulfilled the requirements.

After delivering address at the ceremony for providing farmers whose farms were flooded in Yekawgyi village-tract in Kawkareik Township with paddy strains, the state chief minister together with deputy speaker of the state U Mann Hla Myaing, the state minister for agriculture and Livestock and the state agricultural manager gave sweet encouragements to farmers, and provided with paddy strains.—MNA

Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min provides paddy strains to a farmer.

Leaves replaces plastic bags at Hsipin Market in Kawlin

KAWLIN, 24 Aug—Inn Kyemon leaves has replaced the plastic bags at the Hsipin Market in Kawlin, Sagaing Region, encouraging environmental conservation and side-effects from plastic bags.

Torrential rain triggers landslide on Kengtung-Tachilek Road

KENGUTUNG, 24 Aug—

Torrential caused landslides on 18 August, disrupting traffic on Kengtung-Tachilek Road.

The road was blocked at 16 points on it between the Mile Post 378/7 and 390/2 en route to the road in Mongphyat District in Shan State (East). The blockage on the road have been cleared as from 2 am on 20 August and the traffic returned to normalcy.

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District News

WVM donates 497 rice bags to flood victims in Pathin

PATHEIN, 24 Aug—

World Vision Myanmar (Pathein Office) provided flood victims sheltering at 21 relief camps in Pathein with 497 rice bags on 16 and 17 August.

Rice bags worth about K 7,757,100 were distributed to the flood victims to 1205 households.

Besides, the office worked together with local people to place 2000 sand bags to prevent flood on the road linking Htawtaung Village and Anagon Village in Htanantang Village-tract.

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Pakistan summons US diplomat over drone strikes

ISLAMABAD, 24 Aug — Pakistan on Thursday summoned a senior American diplomat and conveyed protest against the recent drone strikes in the country’s North Waziristan tribal region, Pakistani Foreign Ministry said. A series of US drone attacks bombed North Waziristan over the past few days, killing suspected militants, killing at least 14 people.

The attacks came as Pakistan has been celebrating the festival of Eid al-Fitr. “A senior US diplomat was summoned by the Pakistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and was informed that the drone attacks were unlawful, against international law and a violation of Pakistan’s sovereignty,” the Foreign Ministry said. The United States has ignored Pakistan’s calls for a halt to drone strikes, which Islamabad says are counterproductive in the war on terror and spark anti-American sentiments. But Washington insists that the attacks are the key to eliminating al-Qaeda remnants and Taliban.

The CIA says that militants are using North Waziristan as the launching pad for cross-border attacks on foreign and Afghan forces in Afghanistan. Americans are urging Pakistan to launch a major operation against the militants in North Waziristan, but Islamabad has so far unwilling to go after the militants there. Section of Pakistan military community reportedly said that the military may launch a targeted offensive in the region shortly.—Xinhua

China announces second rare earth export quota for 2012

BEIJING, 24 Aug — The Ministry of Commerce (MOC) on Wednesday announced the second batch of rare earth export quota for this year, totaling 9,770 tonnes. The latest quota, including 8,537 tonnes of light rare earth metals and 1,233 tonnes of medium and heavy rare earth metals, brings the full-year export quota to 30,996 tons, an increase of 7.2 percent from last year, according to data from the MOC.

The second quota will be granted to 24 companies, including the Baogang Group, the country’s largest light rare earth producer, and the China Rare Earth Corporation, according to an online statement from the MOC. On 27 December last year, the ministry announced the country’s first batch of rare earth export quota, totaling 10,546 tonnes for 11 qualified companies. The quota was later expanded by 10,680 tonnes. Rare earth metals are vital for manufacturing an array of high-tech products, including cell phones, wind turbines, electric car batteries and magnets. China supplies more than 90 percent of the world’s rare earth metals, but its reserves only account for about one-third of the world’s total. The mining of rare earth metals has caused severe environmental damage in several parts of China.

Wildfire slowed in California, still threatens homes

SACRAMENTO, 24 Aug — Firefighters made progress in blocking a raging wildfire from barreling down a rugged canyon toward a community at the doorstep of a national park on Thursday, but the blaze threatened more than 900 homes and buildings. The so-called Ponderosa fire was burning down a steep, rocky canyon that is described as a “mini Grand Canyon” just five miles from the rural town of Mineral, home to fewer than 200 people on the edge of Lassen National Volcanic Park. “Things change but it’s looking good,” said Jim DiDio, a spokesperson for the Tehama County Fire Department.

We still have an evacuation warning in effect for that little town. It is still at risk.

All told, more than 3,000 people have been forced to flee their homes in the rural California counties of Tehama and Shasta, about 125 miles north of the state capital, Sacramento, although evacuation orders have been lifted by Shingletown and several other areas. The Ponderosa fire is one of dozens burning across drought-parched states in the US West in an unusually fierce fire year, including a blaze that destroyed dozens of homes this week in Washington state and another that threatened a town in southern California. In Mineral, where residents faced an evacuation order, authorities told them to have their most precious possessions packed in cars and ready to go at a moment’s notice as flames roared on the side of Highway 36, the main route into town.

Firefighters have been forced to work by hand to halt the fire inside the walls of the canyon that funnels into Mineral. Crews also bulldozed a trench to serve as a last line of defense between the fire and the town, and DiDio said it appeared firefighters would be able to keep the flames at bay. The nearly 28,000-acre (11,331-hectare) blaze was 57 percent contained as of Thursday morning, and had destroyed 84 structures including 64 homes, fire officials said. —Reuters

Iran expands nuclear capacity underground: sources

VIENNA, 24 Aug — Iran has installed many more uranium enrichment machines in an underground bunker, diplomatic sources said on Thursday, potentially paving the way for a significant expansion of its enrichment capability. But its refusal to curb its nuclear enrichment programme has prompted tough Western sanctions and has heightened speculation that Israel may attack its atomic sites.

In a possible sign of further Iranian defiance in the face of such pressure, several sources said Iran had put in place additional enrichment centrifuges in its Fordow facility, buried deep inside a mountain to protect it against enemy strikes. One source suggested hundreds of machines had been installed. In another development likely to worry the West, they said satellite imagery indicated Iran had covered a building at a military site which UN inspectors want to visit with a brightly-coloured, tent-like structure.

Western diplomats have said they believe Iran is cleaning the Parchin site to remove any evidence of illicit nuclear activity at a place where the UN nuclear watchdog suspects it has conducted tests that had a military dimension. Covering the building in question — which is believed to house a steel chamber for explosives experiments — may allow Iran to carry out sanitization or other work there which would not be seen via satellite pictures.

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Saturday, 25 August, 2012

Ma Xuanian, a doctor of the Second Hospital of Tsinghua University in Beijing, capital of China, diagnoses a patient at Zoongamnan Township in Gunnan Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, northwest China’s Gansu Province, on 23 Aug, 2012. A volunteer group composed of doctors from Beijing, capital of China, arrived at the township on Wednesday, offering medical service for farmers and herdsmen of Tibetan ethnic group.—Xinhu
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MV POSITIVE PIONEER VOY NO (66)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV POSITIVE PIONEER VOY NO (66) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.8.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.L.T.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
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MV PHUONG NAM 69 VOY NO (-)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV PHUONG NAM 69 VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.8.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W (2) where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
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Consignees of cargo carried on MV SANG THAI EAGLE VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.8.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W (1) where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV BIENDONG TRADER VOY NO (1234)
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S Korean aid group visits flood-stricken DPRK
SEOUL, 24 Aug — Representatives of a South Korean civic group travelled to the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) on Friday to discuss flood aid with its counterparts north of the border.
Four officials of the Korean NGO Council for Cooperation with North Korea (KNCC), an association of 51 private aid groups, are scheduled to meet with officials from the DPRK’s National Reconciliation Council in the border city of Kaesong.
The meeting, proposed by the KNCC earlier this month, will involve consultations over providing relief aid to the DPRK where floods reportedly killed 160 people and left 400 missing.
The aid group has said it plans to send relief goods before the Chuseok holidays on September 1-2.

Taipei develops soft rice for the elderly
TAIWAN, 24 Aug — Taiwanese researchers said Thursday they have developed a strain of rice that cooks particularly soft for elderly people to meet the needs of a rapidly greying society.
The new strain was developed by the Miaoli District Agricultural Research And Extension Station in central Taiwan after a decade-long process and was expected to hit the market next year, they said. “We’ve developed the rice with the elderly customers in mind to make the rice taste very soft and a little sweet. It also gives a stable yield and can be stored for a long time,” said researcher Chang Su-jeong.
People aged 65 and over account for 10.7 percent of Taiwan’s 23 million population, the latest census showed, above the 7.6 percent level at which a society is defined as “aging” by the World Health Organization.

14th International Circus Festival opens in Cuba
HAVANA, 24 Aug — Performers from 20 countries vied for top honors, including the best clown, at the 14th International Circus Festival that began on Thursday in Cuba.
The festival, titled Ciruba 2012, was inaugurated on Wednesday night at Havana’s Karl Marx Theater, a gala featuring artists from host country Cuba as well as Argentina, Canada and Russia.
Competitions started on Thursday for awards in the categories of best male and female performers, most popular performers, and for the first time ever, best new artist.
The festival enters a climax when the 5th Erdwin Fernandez International Clown Competition takes place in Havana on 23-26 August. The competition was named after one of Cuba’s most beloved entertainers, Erdwin Fernandez (1928-1997) who was best known for playing the clown called Trompoloco or Crazy Top, referring to the spinning toy.
So the couple donned the wedding planner from Grand powered packs Thursday to zipping down a California velvet and denim pants, coats, inspired collection include brand explained. represents the current French collection by Gérard Darel in a and model Elisa Sednaoui was pilot, titled “The Fosters,” is a series pilot from ABC Family says it green-


Elisa Sednaoui, new face of Gérard Darel

Elisa Sednaoui was chosen to be the face of the new Fall/Winter 2012-2013 collection by Gérard Darel in a campaign shot by Angelo Pennetta. “Chosen for her personality, charms, elegance and modernity, Elisa Sednaoui represents the current French woman, who is open to the world and to the others,” the brand explained.

ABC Family orders Jennifer Lopez-produced TV pilot

ABC Family says it green-lighted a series pilot from Jennifer Lopez’s production company about a lesbian couple and their diverse family. ABC Family said ABC Thursday on the comedy-drama pilot, titled “The Fosters,” is about two women raising a “21st century,” multi-ethnic mix of foster and biological kids. Lopez will be executive producer for the hour-long project. Casting was not announced. Her company, Nuyorican, is in development on other TV series, including “Taming Ben Taylor,” a romantic comedy starring the actress-singer, and “Sweet Little 15,” a Mexican girl’s coming-of-age story.

Liberty Ross at film debut without husband

Hollywood premiere of director John Hillcoat’s Prohibition-era gangster film “Lawless” without her husband.

Ross, 34, was also not wearing a wedding band at the Wednesday night red carpet ArcLight Cinematheque, screening, televised TV entertainment news Web site

Morgan Spurlock joins CNN

NEW YORK, 24 Aug—Morgan Spurlock will host and produce the new CNN series “Inside Man,” which will air April 2013 alongside CNN’s new series with Anthony Bourdain.

The “SuperSize Me” director will look at gun lovers, marijuana growers, migrant farm workers, and end-of-life caregivers and other little-seen people. It arrives as CNN tries to emerge from a serious ratings fall.

The show will be produced by Warrior Poets, Spurlock’s New York-based production company with producing partner Jeremy Chilnick.

“Morgan Spurlock’s name has become synonymous with creative and thought-provoking documentary story-telling,” said Mark Whitaker, CNN Worldwide executive vice president and managing editor. “Like Anthony Bourdain’s eponymous brand’s feature-length documentary “Man vs. Food,” Spurlock’s next projects are bound to make waves in their respective fields.”

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BB King does intimate show in Miss ‘homecoming’

Indiana, 24 August…A crescent moon hung over the Mississippi Delta as a legendary bluesman crept onto the stage. He sat in a folding chair, grabbed a guitar, and introduced each member of his band. Then, as if it was needed, he introduced himself.

“I guess you can look at me and tell I’m the man. My name in the BB King at 86. BB King may be gray and shaggy than he used to be, but there’s no questioning his ability to

Authors remove 3 million bees from NYC home

Police, the New York Post reported. “There were more bees in this driveway than there are people in Queen,“ police, New York City Beekeeper’s Association, who helped remove the bees, told the Post.

Cote told Yahoo News he did not know the fate of the bees, he just assisted in their removal.

CBS Local New York reports the bees’ owner was beekeeper in China before becoming a restaurant owner in New York City. The bees had been in a 20- by 20-foot space, according to CBS.

“I keep the bees like a dog or a pet,” he told the Post. CBS’s police bee expert Detective Anthony Planakis said it was too many bees for such a small space. “Picture 45 dogs in one apartment,” he said. “It’s cruelty to the bees.”

The stacks of hives were discovered by a real estate agent who was inspecting the house as the owner was putting it up for sale, the Post reports.

Neighbors said they had become fed up with all the buzz because of the insects, and that the bees have, at times, attacked in swarms, according to CBS. Beekeeping is legal in the city, however hives are supposed to be registered with the Health Department. Failure to register is punishable by a fine of up to $2,000 per hive.

So the owner in this case could be facing a pretty big $90,000 penalty.

And that might sting a little bit.

Hairspray’ producers Zadan, Meron to run Oscars

LOS ANGELES, 24 Aug—The producing team that helped to create such musicals as “Chicago” and “Hairspray” is overseeing the next Academy Awards ceremony.

Zadan and Meron were executive producers on 2002’s “Chicago,” which won six Academy Awards, including best picture. They also were producers on the 2007 hits “Hairspray” and “The Bucket List” and last year’s best picture winner “Footloose.” Zadan also produced the 1984 original “Footloose.”

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a cotton gin where he worked as teenager while growing up in the impoverished delta.

King was born in Leflore County but spent time in several cities, including Indianola, Kilmichael and Lexington. He was honored earlier this week in Kilmichael with a marker on the Mississippi Blues Trail, which memorializes and markets Mississippi as the birthplace of the blues. The 32nd annual BB King Homecoming was Indiana’s turn to celebrate. The crowd was young and old, from as far Britain, or from just down the street.

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Osasuna land Ghana midfielder Annan on loan

MADRID, 24 Aug— Osasuna have signed Ghana midfielder Anthony Annan on loan from Schalke 04 for the season, the Spanish club said on Thursday.

“He has a lot of experience, from being an international with his country and from the European competitions he has played in,” Osasuna sports director Angel Martin Gonzalez said at the player’s presentation on Thursday.

Annan, 26, spent last season on loan with Vitesse Arnhem.

Osasuna opened their La Liga campaign with a 2-0 defeat at promoted Deportivo Coruna last weekend and host Barcelona in their next match on Sunday.

Liverpool scrape win, Newcastle hold Greeks

LONDON, 24 Aug— Liverpool scraped a 1-0 win over Hearts while a Newcastle side shorn of several top stars faced sweltering heat to hold Greek side Atonomos to a 1-1 draw in their Europa League play-off round first-legs on Thursday.

Liverpool needed an own goal from Andy Webster with 12 minutes remaining at Tynecastle to see off Hearts in the absence of several first teamers, including England forward Andy Carroll — persistently linked with a return to Newcastle.

Carroll, nursing a sore hamstring, was not even on the bench as coach Brendan Rodgers fielded Fabio Borini and Raheem Sterling in attack.

The Reds also left out Steven Gerrard, Luis Suarez, Martin Skrtel and Glen Johnson with Manchester City to visit in the league on Sunday.

Newcastle were playing in Europe for the first time in five years but coach Alan Pardew made nine changes from the side which beat Tottenham in their opening Premier League match at the weekend to give fringe players some game time.

The new faces included Adam Campbell, a second half substitute who became the Magpies’ youngest European debutant at 17 years and 236 days — 64 days younger than former favourite Andy Carroll when he played in Palermo in 2006.

Another getting a rare game was former first choice keeper Steve Harper, who at 40 is the oldest player in European competition.

Before Ryan Taylor fired home a 93rd minute stoppage time goal to give Newcastle a good chance of reaching the group stages, the thirteen men he had at his disposal were 12 months younger than the players who hosted their Europa League play-off Round first leg football match.

Japan’s Yamanaka, Igarashi to defend boxing titles

TOKYO, 24 Aug— Japan’s World Boxing Council bantamweight champion Shinsuke Yamanaka and flyweight champion Toshiyuki Igarashi will both defend their titles in November, organizers said on Thursday.

The bouts will be fought in Sendai on 3 November as a charity event for the disaster caused by a huge 9.0-magnitude earthquake and tsunami on 11 March, 2011. The tsunami killed thousands of people and crippled the cooling systems at the Fukushima nuclear plant, causing meltdowns in three of its reactors.

Yamanaka, 29, will take on former WBC super flyweight champion Tomas Rojas of Mexico, 32, who is ranked seventh in the category.

It will be Yamanaka’s second defence of the title he won in November last year. He has 16 wins, including 11 KOs and two draws, while Rojas has 39 wins, including 26 KOs, against 13 defeats and one draw.

“I’m going to pile up points and try to knock him out in the latter half,” said Yamanaka.

Igarashi, 28, will fight Nestor Narvaez of Argentina, 30, and ranked ninth in the WBC, who has 19 wins, including nine KOs, two defeats, one null and void “for my first defence of the title but I’m not going to try to defend it. I’m going to fight as a challenger as I did last time,” said Igarashi, who has 16 wins, including 10 KOs, against one defeat and a draw.

Barca fight back to take control of Super Cup

Barcelona’s Xavi (L) celebrates after scoring a goal past Real Madrid’s Sami Khedira during their Spanish Super Cup first leg soccer match at Nou Camp stadium in Barcelona on 23 August, 2012. — REUTERs

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Twenty killed in heavy rains in India

NEW DELHI, 24 Aug — At least 20 people were killed and over 20,000 displaced in heavy rains that have lashed the northern Indian state of Rajasthan since Tuesday night, in what is claimed to be the heaviest rainfall in over 30 years, a senior police official said on Thursday.

“So far 20 people are confirmed dead in the incessant rains that have flooded the state, including capital Jaipur. The death toll is likely to go up even though the flood waters have now started receding. More than 20,000 people are forced to leave their homes because of flooding,” he said, on condition of anonymity.

Local TV channels reported that schools have been closed and rail and transport links have been disrupted in Jaipur, popularly known as the Pink City, in the wake of the rainfall, and beamed footage of people leaving their homes in large numbers.

Many foreign and domestic tourists have been stranded in Jaipur, a popular tourist attraction, some 250 kms from the Indian capital, the reports said.

Meanwhile, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has assured of extending all possible help to the state in the wake of the natural calamity. — Xinhua

Nuke agency forms special Iran team

VIENA, 24 Aug — The UN nuclear agency is forming a special Iran team, drawing together sleuths in weapons technology, intelligence analysis, radiation and other fields of expertise as it seeks to add muscle to a probe of suspicions that Teheran worked secretly on atomic arms, diplomats tell The Associated Press.

Creating a unit focused on only one country is an unusual move for the International Atomic Energy Agency, reflecting the priority the UN nuclear watchdog is attaching to Iran amid fears that it is moving closer to the ability to make nuclear weapons. It also indicates frustration by top agency officials over Iran’s refusal to cooperate with the IAEA, spokesman Gabriele GalBIgnani said. "I have not heard of such a thing, and I cannot comment," the IAEA spokeswoman Gill Tudor described the plan as "an internal adjustment to meet the operational needs of the Safeguards Department," which works to prevent nuclear proliferation. Dunon, deputy speaker of the Israeli Knesset and a member of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahus Likud party, told the AP in a phone interview on Thursday that Israel was "preparing for all scenarios." He also was dismissive of the agency’s new Iran squad. — Internet

Condolence for Ms. MARINAH BINTI MOHAMED

We are sad for the news of Ms. MARINAH BINTI MOHAMED untimely passing. Mother of Mr. Khalilur Anuar, who is Physical Trainer of Yangon United FC. We send our sincere condolences and May Ms. MARINAH BINTI MOHAMED Rest in Peace.

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**Nav Pyi Taw, 24 Aug—Pyithu Hluttaw session continued for 33rd day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 404 MPs.

Three questions were answered, one report submitted, one proposal discussed and one urgent proposal put forward at today’s session.

Regarding the question of U Myint Tha Dagon Myothit (East) Constituency about legal and measures for instilling discipline to betel-chewers in spitting, Nay Pyi Taw Council Member U Kan Chan replied that Nay Pyi Taw Development Affairs Committee has enacted articles 32 and 58 of environmental conservation and sanitation rules and actions will be taken against those who break the rules. Firstly, public education programme will be conducted for a certain period and legal actions will be taken against reckless spitting of betel-chewers after the set period. Yangon City Development Committee and Mandalay City Development Committee enforce the same rules. In addition, region and state governments are to formulate the rules in rewriting the development affairs law.

Regarding the question of U Tha Win of Yankin Constituency about the State’s measures to look after mothers and children, orphans, children of fallen service personnel, the aged and persons with disabilities as prescribed in Section 32 of the constitution, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe replied that Social Welfare Department conducts vocational courses, education on gender equality, reproductive health and HIV/AIDS empowering mothers and women. The ministry has opened centres, training schools and shelter for women in need of protection and taking care of them in cooperation with local and foreign NGOs and UN agencies. In addition, it has opened five child care centres for protection of children, working for physical, intellectual and moral development of orphans and children with social problems. In addition, it allows adoption of orphans enabling them enjoy normal family life. (See page 9)