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True patriotism

* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.

* 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

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein gives guidances at ceremony to provide agricultural loans and cash to farmers from flooded areas in Ayeyawady Region.
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NAY 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 Thet 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 Hsan Oo, 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 Kyaunggon 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

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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

Flood warning of Sittoung River

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—According to the 9.30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo is observed as 9 cm (about 4 inches) below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next 24 hours commencing this noon, announced by Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—*MNA*

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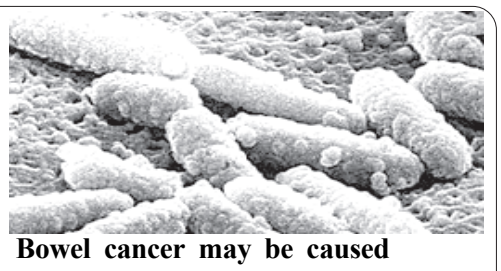

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Killer mosquitoes

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.

Anti-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.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein receives US guests

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug— Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein received a delegation led by Dr Karl Jackson, Director of Johns Hopking University from the United States of America and Representative of Japan Bank for International 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*

Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein receives Dr Karl Jackson, Director of Johns Hopking University and Representative of Japan Bank for International Cooperation.—MNA

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

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug— After paying a goodwill and working visit to Training Institutions for Civil Service Officials, Company related to Green Productivity, Organizations related to Human Resources Development of Japan at the invitation of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, the Myanmar delegation led by U Kyaw Thu, Chairman of the Union Civil Services Board (UCSB), arrived back here by air via Bangkok this evening.

On 20 August 2012, the Myanmar delegation, accompanied by Ambassador U Khin Maung Tin, paid a visit on the ORIX Environmental Management Corporation and the National Institute of Public Administration in SAITAMA. During the visit, Chairman U Kyaw Thu held discussions with authorities on matters of civil service training, the types of programmes designed and facilities, further enhancing bilateral relation and cooperation, Green Productivity Project and environmental issues between UCSB of Myanmar and Japan.

On 21 August 2012, the Myanmar delegation, accompanied by the Myanmar Ambassador, visited the Japan Productivity Center and Tokyo Metropolitan Government's Personnel Committee in Tokyo. During the visit, the Chairman held discussions on matters concerning with improving productivity in various areas through research study, seminars and trainings in human resources development and the role and importance of local government system.

On 22 August 2012, the Chairman visited Kansai Economic Federation (Kankeiren) in Osaka, held discussions with Mr. Akihiko TAKASHIMA, Chairman of International Committee, on the matters of cooperation in the economic and industrial development and human resources development between the UCSB and Kankeiren. Members of the delegation, Deputy Director-General U Kyaw Soe of the UCSB and Assistant Director Daw Nan Phyu Phyu Pwint of the Civil Service Selection and Training Department, also arrived back together with the Chairman.—*MNA*

SPED director-general meets members of Myanmar athletes

YANGON, 24 Aug— Myanmar Olympics Committee General Secretary Director-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 Thuwunna Youth Training Camp where he met with managers/coaches and athletes from boxing and sepak takaraw and viewed the training of Myanmar Archery of coaches and athletes in Tamway Township.—*MNA*

Dy Health Minister inspects health care services in PyinOoLwin, Sagaing

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug— Deputy Health Minister Dr Win Myint on 19 August inspected rural health care services in Pyinsa rural health center, Wetwin station hospital and Nyaunggon rural health center in PyinOoLwin Township of Mandalay Region.

On 20 August morning, the deputy minister inspected rural health services in Mingun station hospital and Taungyoe rural health center in Sagaing and met with health staff.

In meeting with the health staff, the deputy minister said that 70 percent of Myanmar's population is living in rural area. The health staffs are needed to carry out health care services by making field trips in rural areas, to fulfill necessities of health care services and to coordinate the tasks in cooperation with regional officials and officials from Health Department, said the deputy minister.

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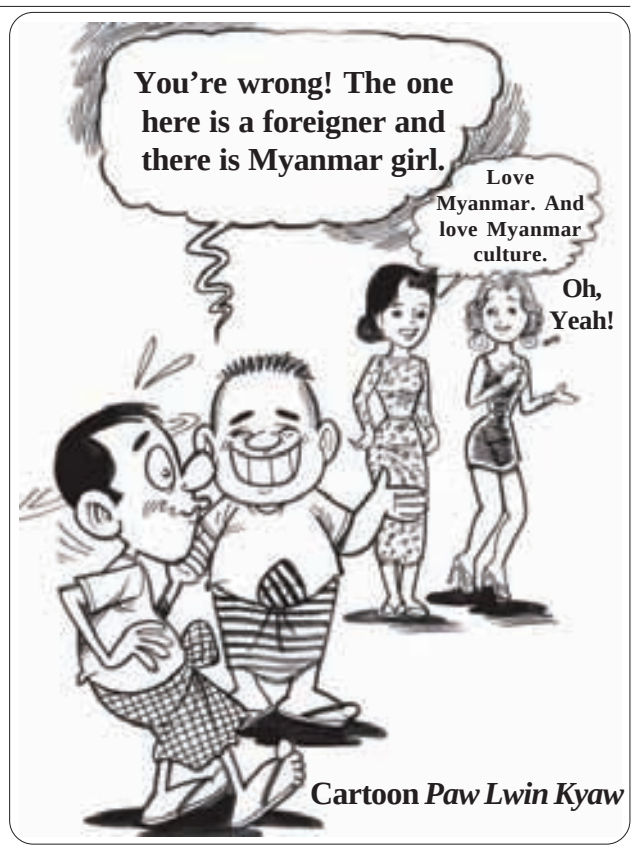

Cartoon *Paw Lwin Kyaw*

Taleban behind a quarter of Afghan "insider" attacks: general

WASHINGTON, 24 Aug — The US general leading NATO forces in Afghanistan acknowledged on Thursday that the Taleban 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, have eroded trust between Western forces and their Afghan allies and threaten 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 Taleban infiltration, with the rest caused by other motives, such as personal grudges.

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 Taleban infiltration, that is one number. If you add to that impersonation, the potential that someone is pulling the trigger because the Taleban 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 said 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 shooters that have led to 40 coalition deaths, with 25 of them Americans. Some 69 coalition troops have been wounded. That is a sharp increase from 2011, when, during the whole year, 35 coalition troops were killed in such attacks, 24 of whom were US troops.

Many of the attacks have been claimed by the Taleban 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, he said he wanted to see the intelligence supporting remarks by Afghan President Hamid Karzai's office that foreign spies were behind most of the attacks, including those from "neighbouring countries." I'm looking forward to Afghanistan providing us with the intelligence that permits them to come to that conclusion," Allen said, adding he "could add that into our analysis."

US General John Allen, commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) forces in Afghanistan. REUTERS

Allen said he could not provide his opinion about the claim until he saw that intelligence. But his comments did not appear to endorse the Afghan government's view. Allen insisted the attacks defied simple explanation, saying "the reason for these attacks are very complex."

Allen said he did not believe the spate of insider attacks should prompt American forces to pull back in their contact with Afghans "at this juncture."NATO commanders have largely played down the threat of infiltration, blaming most of the shootings on stress or personal differences between Afghans and their Western advisers that ended at the point of a gun, a frequent occurrence in Afghanistan. The Pentagon announced last week it was expanding counterintelligence staff in Afghanistan and the Afghan government said on Wednesday it would re-examine the files of 350,000 of its soldiers and police to help curb rogue shootings of NATO personnels.

Reuters

Cambodia's Norodom Ranariddh Party changes name, sets to merge with Funcinpec

PHNOM PENH, 24 Aug — The Norodom Ranariddh Party on Friday changed its name to the Nationalist Party and elected its secretary-general Sao Rany as the president to replace Prince Norodom Ranariddh, who announced to quit politics earlier this month.

The change was made during the party's general assembly, which was attended by some 200 core members of the party. Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Sao Rany said the Nationalist Party will merge with the royalist party Funcinpec on 25August in order to reunite the royalists ahead of the general election in July next year. Keo Puth Rasmey, president of Funcinpec, said that the reunification will end the rifts among the royalists and Sihanoukists.

"We hope the merger will make the royalists stronger in the general elections next year," he told reporters. The two parties won 2 seats each in the 123-parliamentary seats in the elections in July 2008.The Funcinpec party was founded in 1981 by retired king Norodom Sihanouk. Currently, it is the only coalition party of the ruling Cambodian People's Party of Prime Minister Hun Sen.The change of the Norodom Ranariddh Party to the Nationalist Party and the merger follow the announcement of Prince Norodom Ranariddh to quit politics on 10 August.

The prince's departure was made after the failure of his attempt to reunite the royalist parties — the Norodom Ranariddh Party and the Funcinpec. As a result, there was an internal rift among his party's top leaders. Prince Nanariddh is the son of former King Norodom Sihanouk and is the elder brother of the present King Norodom Sihamoni. He became the first prime minister in 1993 and the president of the National Assembly in 1998.— *Xinhua*

Merkel and Hollande unite in tough message for Greece

BERLIN, 24 Aug — Angela Merkel and Francois Hollande presented a united front towards Greece on Thursday, telling Athens it should not expect leeway on its bailout agreement unless it sticks to tough reform targets. The German and French leaders met in Berlin to fine-tune their message to Prime Minister Antonis Samaras, who begins a charm offensive in Berlin and Paris this week in the hope of persuading Europe's big powers that Greece deserves patience.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel (2nd L) talks with France's President Francois Hollande before a meeting at the Chancellery in Berlin, on 23 Aug, 2012. — REUTERS

Merkel stuck to her policy of deferring to a report due in September on Athens' progress by the "troika" of international lenders before discussing flexibility on the bailout terms, but said it was vital "that we all stay true to our commitments". "But we will, and I will, encourage Greece to continue on its path to reform, which has demanded a lot of the Greek people," she told reporters before a dinner with Hollande set to be dominated by Greece. "We want, I want, Greece to be in the euro zone, it's a desire we have expressed since the start of the crisis. It's up to the Greeks to make the effort that is essential for that goal to be met," said France's Socialist president, standing alongside Merkel.

German sources who attended the working dinner later told *Reuters* the two leaders had vowed to work "together and with resolve" to overcome the euro zone crisis and had also agreed that "credibility" was the key to rescuing Greece. A source close to the French presidency said the two leaders had wanted to have a "straightforward" talk on a host of hot-button topics, from the euro zone to Syria. Hollande plans to visit Spain on 31 August and Italy in early September, the source said. Both countries have seen their borrowing costs shoot up this summer amid market fears that the euro zone may start to unravel.

Samaras has given interviews to German media stressing that while Athens may seek more time to meet its fiscal targets, it is not asking for more money. But German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble and others seemed unconvinced. "More time is not a solution to the problems," Schaeuble said, addressing Samaras' hopes that his country might be given four years instead of two to push through painful economic reforms, to alleviate the impact on the Greek people. Schaeuble said more time could also mean "more money" and Europe's help for Greece had already "gone to the limits of what is economically viable".

From the sidelines, Dutch Finance Minister Jan Kees De Jager — a staunch ally of Berlin — urged Germany to "stick with its strict position" and giving Greece more time would not help.—*Reuters*

Storm Isaac moves near Puerto Rico, with Haiti in its path

MIAMI, 24 Aug — Tropical Storm Isaac unleashed heavy rain and winds off Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands as it moved across the Caribbean on Thursday and could strengthen into a hurricane before tearing across the Dominican Republic and Haiti. Isaac also posed a threat to Florida, where it is forecast to pass near the state's Gulf Coast on Monday as the Republican National Convention starts in Tampa.Authorities have not ruled out the possibility of postponing or relocating the Republican convention if the storm takes direct aim at Tampa.

A member of the Emergency Operation Centre (COE) monitors his computers before the arrival of Tropical Storm Isaac in Santo Domingo, on 23 Aug, 2012. REUTERS

But Craig Fugate, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said the convention was not his biggest concern, at least for now. "People are spending a lot of time talking about that," Fugate said of the convention. "I wish they'd be talking about making sure people in the (Florida) Keys are getting ready and that people in southwest Florida are getting ready," he told CNN. The storm could also affect US energy interests in the Gulf of Mexico, with analysts at Weather Insight, a Thomson Reuters company, giving it a 50 percent probability of moving into the heart of the oil and gas production region.

After passing through the Caribbean, Isaac is forecast to -strengthen again near Florida on Monday to a Category 1 hurricane, the lowest on the five-step Saffir-Simpson scale, but with an unclear path. Some computer models show the storm's track swinging farther west into the Gulf of Mexico." Significant uncertainty remains about the threat Isaac poses to Florida and other portions of the Gulf Coast," the US National Hurricane Centre said.It said Isaac was centred about 190 miles south-southwest of San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Thursday evening and was moving westward at 16 miles per hour.The storm had top sustained winds of 45 mph.

Reuters

Pakistani people collect their belongings after floodwaters inundated their house following heavy rains in Aza Kheil, near northwest Pakistan's Nowshera, on 23 Aug, 2012. At least 32 people were killed as downpours and floods hit the country's northwestern, eastern and northern regions over the past 24 hours, local media reported on Thursday. — XINHUA

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Dinosaur footprint found at NASA facility

GREENBELT, 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.

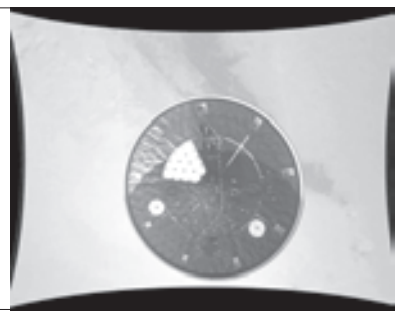
An artists' impression of Edmontonia, a part of the nodosaur family from the Late Cretaceous Period.
INTERNET

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 big, bungling heavy-armored dinosaur walked, maybe 110 (million) to 112 million years ago," Stanford told Goddard officials.—*Internet*

New NASA video captures drama of Mars landing



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

PASADENA, 24 Aug—Viewers can now relive the drama of the Curiosity rover's landing on Mars with a new NASA video detailing the final moments of touchdown.

The space agency on Thursday posted the video on its website embedded with audio from mission control. It starts with the heat shield falling away. The ground grows larger in view as Curiosity is lowered by cables inside an ancient Martian crater. "Touchdown confirmed" is heard followed by cheers. Curiosity is the first spacecraft to record a landing on another planet. The six-wheel rover arrived on 5 Aug to begin a two-year mission to examine whether the Martian environment was hospitable for microbial life.

NASA previously released a low-quality video of Curiosity's landing. The latest video is higher quality, but it's incomplete and missing several frames.

Internet

Facebook updates iPhone app to speed it up

MENLOP PARK, 24 Aug—What's the worst insult you can throw at a fast-moving company like Facebook? Call its iPhone 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 add a slew of new features, the company said it rebuilt the application from scratch to make it speedier and less clunky.

In a recent demonstration at the company's Menlo Park, Calif., headquarters, the new iPhone app opened about 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 horizontally, 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*

This photo provided by Facebook shows a screenshot from its newest mobile application which launched on 23 Aug, 2012.
INTERNET

Robot to take 'self-awareness' test

NEW HAVEN, 24 Aug—A robot developed by scientists at Yale University in Connecticut could 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 said, it still has to pass the "full mirror test," 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 reacts 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 snout 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 rodent out of more than 2,200 known species that does not have molars and instead has bicuspid upper incisors, it said.

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 Gandangdewata.

Since it lacks cheek teeth, the rat sucks in earthworms and slices them with its incisors before spitting out the pieces and then slurping 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."

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

The new rat demonstrates the island's unique biodiversity despite human threats from illegal logging and mining, Achmadi said.

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Verizon to give Windows Phone a second chance later this year

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NEW YORK, 24 Aug—Verizon Wireless plans to sell a new Nokia Oyj phone with Microsoft Corp (MSFT)'s 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.

Verizon is looking to lessen its dependence on Apple Inc's iPhone and devices running Google Inc. (GOOG)'s 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.

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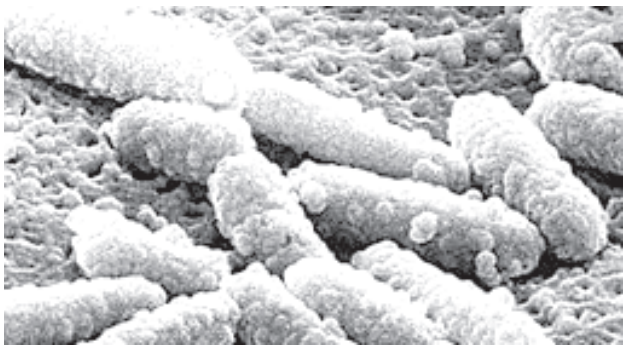
Bowel cancer may be caused by E coli stomach bug



LONDON, 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, and the third most diagnosed in men, the *Daily Mail* reported.

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 usually seen in cancer.

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 been taken from 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 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.

"It is important to build on these findings to understand why this type of bacteria, containing the pks genes, is present in some people and not in others," he said.—*Internet*

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

30 mins of daily exercise enough to get into shape

Everybody should make exercise daily about 30 mins to get into shape.
INTERNET

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 heavy – but healthy – Danish men in their efforts to get into better shape.

Half of the men were set to exercise for an hour a day, wearing a heart-rate monitor and calorie counter, while the second group only had to sweat for 30 minutes. Research results show that 30 minutes of exercise hard enough to produce a sweat is enough to turn the tide on an unhealthy body mass index.

On average, the men who exercised 30 minutes a day lost 3.6 kilo in three months, while 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.

Participants exercising 30 minutes per day burned more calories than they should relative to the training programme we set for them. In fact we can see that exercising for a whole hour instead of a half does not provide any additional loss in either body weight or fat. The men who exercised the most lost too little relative to the energy they burned by running, biking or rowing. 30 minutes of concentrated exercise give equally good results on the scale, explained Mads Rosenkilde.

Mads Rosenkilde postulates that some of the explanation for the surprising results is that 30 minutes of exercise is so doable that participants in the study had the desire and energy for even more physical activity after their daily exercise session.

In addition, the study group that spent 60 minutes on the treadmill probably ate more, and therefore lost slightly less weight than anticipated.

Their results have just been published in the *American Journal of Physiology*.—*Internet*

Measles cases 'almost double' after outbreaks

LONDON, 24 Aug—There have been almost twice the number of measles cases in England and Wales in the first six months of this year compared with the same period last year, official figures show.

Measles is on the rise

The figure had 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.

Measles can cause serious illness and can, in some cases, be fatal.

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.

Latest data on immunisations across England shows uptake rates of 93% for the first MMR jab and 87% for the second.

In Wales, the figures are 95% and 88%.

The first dose of the MMR vaccine should ideally be given to children between 12 to 13 months of age.

They are given the second dose before they start school, usually between three and five years of age, although it can be given three months after the first.

Internet

Japan to provide 180.6 b yen subsidies for reconstruction

TOKYO, 24 Aug— The Japanese Reconstruction Agency announced on Friday a total 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's the third subsidies supply from the Japanese government since May for helping earthquake victims to rebuild their lives. According to the Reconstruction Agency, about 59.2 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*

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 98.68-72 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*

110 families evacuated in Ecuador eruption

QUITO, (Ecuador), 24 Aug—Ecuadorean authorities say 110 families have been evacuated from the vicinity of the Tungurahua volcano, which has been spewing molten rock, ash and lava since the weekend.

Spokeswoman Mercedes Taipe of Ecuador's Geophysics Institute says a column of vapor and ash up to 2.5 miles (4 kilometres) high has characterized the moderate-to-strong eruption. She said on Tuesday that a half-dozen villages are being showered in ash. She had no immediate estimate on economic damage to local farming.

The 16,48-foot (5,023-metre) volcano 84 miles (135 kilometres) southeast of Quito has been active 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 Huambalo, Ecuador, on 21 Aug , 2012.—INTERNET

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

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 renagade 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 lives.

"The night before last he was in peoples' gardens, obviously there were lots of 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 capture or darting if he does not leave Zeekoevlei, which is in the densely populated Cape Flats area. "The public is advised to be particularly cautious, as hippos are known to be extremely dangerous wild animals," the city said in a statement, urging residents and users of the lake not to approach the animal or stop it.

"This could lead to dangerous encounters and may potentially prolong the capture operation by influencing the animal's behaviour. Motorists in the area of Zeekoevlei should be cautious." The animal is believed to have followed a female hippo who gave birth. *—Internet*

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 small dog named Sadie jumped into Hampton Ponds in Westfield on Monday night, prompting 64-year-old Donald Cyr to follow his pet into the lake. Police told *The Westfield News* that he became distressed and his wife, 61-year-old Patricia Cyr, 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 Cyr's sister six weeks ago to replace a beloved dog that died a year ago, Landry and a neighbour told *The Globe.—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 on Wednesday. Celebrity Cruises has agreed to purchase about 3,800 pounds of lobster when the Celebrity Summit visits Bar Harbour and Portland, Pingree 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. 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 Harbor 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 cruise companies usually negotiate long-term contracts far in advance for their food purchases and rarely make purchases while their ships are en 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*

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.

Xinhua

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 screens that display crucial navigational information were blank or unreadable and 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 USAF 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 clear weather might have been the only thing that saved them from a crash.

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 went into 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. Aviation safety 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.

Internet

British police arrest man in hacking probe

British police on Thursday arrested a man as part of their ongoing phone-hacking investigation into alleged breaches of privacy.
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, said a statement from London's Metropolitan Police. He was later released on bail to return to a London police station on a date in November.

The man is the 10th person to be arrested under Operation Tuleta, a police probe into alleged computer hacking and privacy breaches.

The investigation is being carried out in tandem with inquiries into the phone-hacking scandal at Rupert Murdoch's News of the World tabloid.

Thursday's arrest was not directly linked to any news organization or the activities of journalists, Scotland Yard said.

Tuleta is one of three inquiries sparked by the scandal at the News of the World, which Murdoch closed in July 2011 when it emerged it had hacked the voicemails of hundreds of people including a murdered schoolgirl.

British police launched an investigation into hacking in January 2011. They have also arrested 24 people under Operation Meeting, the core probe into voicemail hacking, and 43 under Operation Elveden, which is investigating journalists' alleged bribery of public officials.

Internet

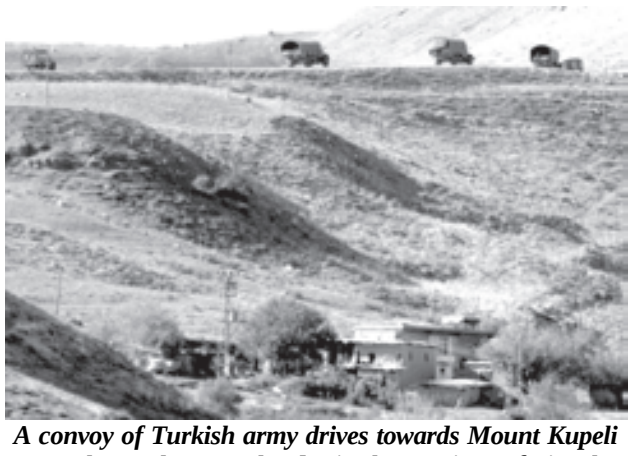
Clashes between security forces and Kurd rebels kill nine

ISTANBUL, 24 Aug—Fresh violence between Turkish security forces and Kurdish rebels in the restive southeast 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.

Nine 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. Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan had threatened military intervention if Kurdish rebels set up bases in the neighbouring country. The conflict with the PKK, considered a terrorist organization by Turkey and much of the international community, has claimed some 45,000 lives over nearly three decades.— *Internet*



A convoy of Turkish army drives towards Mount Kupeli near the Turkey-Iraq border in the province of Sirnak, southeast Turkey, in 2007.— INTERNET

'Stowaway' found dead at Heathrow on Cape Town flight

LONDON, 24 Aug — 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 takeoff," 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.

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A British Airways plane prepares to land at 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.
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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 Yangmingtan Bridge, tilted to one side and crashed onto the ground at 5:30 am, said Sun Qingde, 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 Hangzhou. Shoddy construction and over-loading have been blamed.

The Yangmingtan 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.

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Photo taken on 24 Aug, 2012 shows the collapsed section of the Yangmingtan bridge in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province. Four trucks fell off to the ground after a section of the Yangmingtan bridge collapsed in Harbin on early Friday morning, killing three people and injuring five others. The 15.4-kilometre-long bridge was opened to traffic last November. The collapsed part, which measures 100 meters in length, fell from a height of 30 metres.
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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 with *Xinhua* late Thursday night.

He said most of the injured were ready to get off the train, but fell under the impact of collision.

The official said most of them suffered slight injuries and were allowed to go home after treatment.

As of midnight, five people were still under medical observation.

Xinhua

Meteorologists debunk China's "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 Cunjie, 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*

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officials, farmers from eight flood-hit townships and other 18 townships, totalling 676.

The President cordially greeted the attendees.

The Region Chief Minister reported on flooding at Pathein, Kangyidaunt, Thabaung, Kyaunggon, Yekyi,Kyonpyaw, Pantanaw and Danubyu townships due to heavy rains, opening of 219 relief camps, provision of rice, foodstuff and money and progress of rehabilitation.

Union Minister U Myint Hlaing explained endeavours of the new government for poverty alleviation and social economic development including improvement of agricultural sector in a short period, especially for securing quick win in agricultural sector, and participation of local people in practising good agricultural patterns.

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 pea due to late cultivation of paddy, they have to seek any ways to earn other incomes, he said.

President U Thein Sein hands over K 404.7 million for 80958 baskets of quality paddy strains to be recultivated at flooded farmlands to Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung.

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

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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 needs 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 Hsupadaung Village of Kyaunggon Township spoke words of thanks.

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

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***President U Thein Sein cordially greets those attending disbursement of agricultural loans in Ayeyawady Region.*—MNA**

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

NAY PYI 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 under-takings, 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.

Deputy Ministers Daw Sanda Khin, Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, U Chan Maung, U Kyaw Lwin and U Aye Kyu contributed cash for the competitions of regions and states through the representatives.

The meeting came to an end with concluding remark by Deputy Minister Daw Sanda Khin.

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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.

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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 Kamai Mon Kawn of Sumprabum Constituency and U Khun Maung Thaung of Pinlaung Constituency discussed the proposal of Dr Chan Nyein of Kanbalu Constituency submitted at 19th day session about **compiling of encyclopaedia of histories, cultures, literatures and customs of Myanmar national races**.

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 formidable 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 Thabaung 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 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.

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

Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Kamai Mon Kawn of Sumprabum Constituency participating in discussion.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Aung Tun Tha of MraukU Constituency taking part in discussion.

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DIL Container Vehicle Yard and Container Station commissioned

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

YANGON, 24 Aug—International Container Vehicle Yard and Container Station of Dagon Seikkan International Logistics Co Ltd (DIL) was opened at DIL Container Vehicle Yard and Container Station on Shweli Road of Dagon Seikkan Township, here, on 22 August.

Chairman of Dagon Seikkan International Logistics Co Ltd (DIL) Dr Kyaw Nyunt Lwin presented K 5 million for flood victims of Yangon Region to Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe.

The Region Chief Minister, Region Minister for Development Affairs U Aung Khin and Chairman of DIL Dr Kyaw Nyunt Lwin formally opened the container yard and visited there.

The 80-acre land of container yard can accommodate 800 container vehicles and over 5000 containers to be provided with 24-hour services.

In the afternoon, the Region Chief Minister looked into bank erosions at Twantay canal in Hsapachaung Kyaungsu Ward of Dalla Township and Seikkyikyun Cacpe in Seikkyi-khanaungto Township.

The Region Chief Minister and party met with local people and instructed them to take preventive measures against landslide and bank erosion along the river.—*MNA*

Health Department opens …

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

(from page 16)

There are one 50-bedded township hospital, five Station Hospitals, 10 rural health care centers and 34 rural health care centers (branch) in Yaysagyo 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*

Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Zaw Myint Pe of Mandalay Region Constituency No. 5 submits an important proposal.—MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw Representative Dr Khin Maung Lay from Bago Region Constituency No. 8 raising question.
MNA

Coordination meeting for reusing of agricultural flooded lands held

NAY PYI 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 Kawhmutar 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 Gyaing, Gyondo, Kanni, Thayettaw, Yoemahar and Kyargalay villages, he fulfilled the requirements.

After delivering address at the ceremony for providing farmers whose farms were flooded in Yekyawgyi 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.
MNA

School children in Taikkyi Township fed on nutrition

TAIKKYI, 24 Aug— As part of the Nutrition Week programmes, donors have feed on nutritious food to school children at basic education primary schools in Taikkyi Township in Yangon Region every Tuesday.

On 12 August, donors Dr Kyaw Hsan Aung fed the 104 school children from Kyigon Village Basic Education Primary School in Taikkyi Township on milk and donor U Saw Hla and farmers 83 school children from the Bamar Gongyindan Village Basic Education Primary School on milk.

Similarly, each school child from the schools got an egg each donated by CP company.

The school children from schools in the township would be fed on eggs and milk every Tuesday for 27 week.

Myanma Alin

Leaves replaces plastic bags at Hsipin Market in Kawlin

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

Local people from villages near Kawlin collected the leaves from the forests and have sold them to over 800 groceries at the market, earning extra incomes.

A pack of around 20 leaves costs K 200.

The shopkeepers and customers have been cooperating with the local development affairs department to keep the market to be clear of litters and to keep it clean.

Myanma Alin

Torrential rain triggers landslides on Kengtung-Tachilek Road

KENGTUNG, 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 on 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 nolmacy.

Kyemon

WVM donates 497 rice bags to flood victims in Pathein

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 houeholds.

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

Kyemon

District News

Mawlamyinegyun Township MCWA donates books, stationery, cash to school children

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 24 Aug—Mawlamyinegyun Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association provided exercise books, stationery and cash to school children in Mawla-myinegyun Township for the 2012-2013 academic year on 9 August.

During the ceremony held at the No. 1 Basic Education High School in Mawlamyinegyun, Daw Than Than Aye, Secretary of the township MCWA, handed over the exercise books, stationary and cash assistance to the students through Daw Nyunt Nyunt Yi, Ex-Assistanct Director of the No. 1 Basic Education Department.—*Myanma Alin*

US in discussion with Japan to beef up missile shield in Asia

WASHINGTON, 24 Aug — The United States is in discussion with Japan about expanding its missile shield in the Asia-Pacific region, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Martin Dempsey said on Thursday.

In a Pentagon Press briefing with visiting Japanese Self Defence Forces Chief of the Joint Staff Shigeru Iwasaki, Dempsey said he discussed with Iwasaki about deploying another early-warning radar to Japan to bolster missile shield in Asia. "On the issue of Missile Defence in general, we are very closely partnered with the Japanese partners," said Dempsey, noting the US side already has one X-band radar in northern Japan.

"No decisions have been taken to expand that capability, but it's certainly a topic of conversation because missile defence is important to both of our nations," added Dempsey. *The Wall Street Journal* reported earlier in the day that the US side is planning a "major expansion" of missile defence in Asia, a move said to contain threats from the other country, but the paper quoted officials as saying it could also be used to counter China's military.

China has made clear its military is defencive in nature, and called on the US side not to excite tensions in the region.State Department Spokeswoman Victoria Nuland, when asked about the plan during her regular briefing on Thursday, said missile shields are "defencive systems," and the Asia systems are designed against the threat countries, and "they are not directed at China," noting the US side has discussed with China on the system's intent through military and political channels.

Xinhua

Ma Xiaonian, a doctor of the Second Hospital of Tsinghua University in Beijing, capital of China, diagnoses a patient at Zuogaimanma Township in Gannan 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.— XINHUA

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 officials 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, spokesman 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 had been lifted by Wednesday afternoon from 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 defence 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*

A firefighting helicopter reloads its supply of retardant before heading out to make a drop on the Ponderosa Fire near Paynes Creek, Calif, on 22 Aug, 2012. REUTERS

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 in three separate attacks, killing at least 14 people.

The attacks came as Pakistanis had been celebrating the festival of Eid al-Fitr. "A senior US diplomat was called to the Pakistani Ministry of Foreign Affairs and was informed that the drone strikes 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 eliminate al-Qaeda remnants and Taleban.

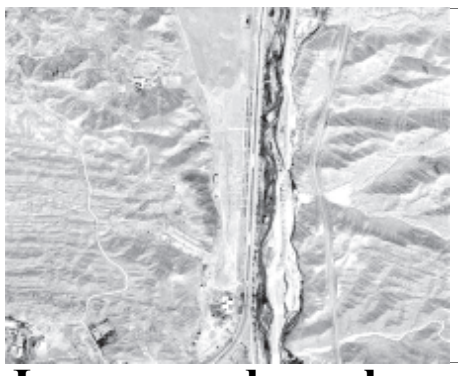
The CIA says that militants are using North Waziristan as the launching pad for cross-border attacks on foreign and Afghan forces in Afghanistan. Americans are urging Pakistan to launch a major operation against the militants in North Waziristan but Islamabad has so far unwilling to go after the militants there. Section of Pakistani media recently reported 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 2.7 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 Minmetals 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 missiles. 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.

Xinhua



A section of the Parchin military facility in Iran is pictured in this 22 Aug, 2012. 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 work the West fears is ultimately aimed at making nuclear bombs. Iran denies allegations it is seeking a nuclear weapons 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 cleansing 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.

Reuters

Ecuador's Correa see no end to Assange impasse with UK

QUITO, 24 Aug — Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa doubts Britain and Sweden will change their tough stance on WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, especially since they are negotiating with a small, poor country like his. Ecuador's leftist leader told *Reuters* in an interview on Thursday that he remained open to talks over the fate of the former computer hacker, who has been holed up at the Ecuadorean Embassy in London for more than two months.

Britain says it is determined to extradite Assange to Sweden, where he is wanted for questioning over allegations of rape and sexual assault. Correa says he shares Assange's fears that he could then be sent to the United States to face charges over WikiLeaks' 2010 publication of secret US cables. "We have always had faith in dialogue. You never lose hope," said Correa, who granted asylum to the 41-year-old Australian last week. "But ... I'm a bit skeptical that Britain, Sweden or the United States will change their position, since they are not used to doing so, and even less so when they are in talks with a 'Third World country' like Ecuador," he said. "We've always been underestimated, but we still have hope."

Reuters

Ecuador's President Rafael Correa gestures during an interview in Loja on 17 Aug, 2012. REUTERS

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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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 their counterparts north of the border.

Four officials of the Korea NGO Council for Cooperation with North Korea (KNCCK), 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 KNCCK earlier this month, will involve consultations over providing relief aid to the DPRK where floods reportedly killed 169 people and left 400 missing. The aid group has said it plans to send relief goods before the Chuseok holidays on 29 September - 1 October.—*Xinhua*

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Seoul court rules Apple infringed two Samsung patents

SEOUL, 24 Aug — Apple Inc has infringed on two of Samsung Electronics Co's patents and it has been fined $35,400 by a South Korean court, the court ruled on Friday.

The South Korean ruling comes as the two firms are locked in a bruising global patent battle that could reshape a fast-evolving mobile market. There will be a separate ruling on an Apple suit against Samsung within 30 minutes.

Reuters

People wait on a street in front of an Apple store as they await sales of the new iPad in the Apple store in Munich on 16 March, 2012.
REUTERS

Taipei develops soft rice for the elderly

TAIPEI, 24 Aug — Taiwanese researchers said on 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 Taipei after a decade-long process and was expected to hit the market next year, they said. "We've developed the rice with the elderly consumers 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-jeing.

People aged 65 and over account for 10.7 percent of Taipei's 23 million population, the latest census showed, above the 7.0 percent level at which a society is defined as "ageing" by the World Health Organization.—*Internet*

HI woman just misses record half-ton marlin catch

In this 18 Aug, 2012 photo provided by Jody Bright, Molly Palmer stands with her husband Shawn Palmer near her catch— a 12-foot marlin that took more than four hours to get on her team's boat, weighing it at more than a half-ton—a would-be world record, in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.
INTERNET

HONOLULU, 24 Aug—A 5-foot-9-inch woman tournament fishing in Hawaii waters fought a 12-foot marlin more than four hours before getting it on her team's boat and weighing it at more than a half-ton — a would-be world record. But 28-year-old Molly Palmer is missing out on the glory and thousands in tournament prize money for one pesky reason: Her team's honor code.

Cheating would have been easy and tempting. The Big Island Invitational Marlin Tournament runs in part on an honor system and Palmer, her captain and crewmates put up roughly $9,000 to enter last week. But the Kailua-Kona angler said it wasn't a question of whether or not to cheat — her team just wanted to reel in the big catch. So they disqualified themselves and Palmer's crewmates helped pull the monstrous fish aboard.

"The question was only can I land the fish or not," Palmer told *The Associated Press.* "I didn't come here to set world records. I didn't even really come here to win money. I came here to catch fish and that's just what we were there to do."—*Internet*

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 Circuba 2012, was inaugurated on Wednesday night at Havana's Karl Marx Theater, with 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 a clown called Trompoloco or Crazy Top, referring to the spinning toy.—*Xinhua*

Calif couple marries while hovering over beach

Here comes the bride, all dressed in a jet pack that's zipping down a California beach.

Amanda Volf and Grant Engler donned water-powered packs Thursday to be married in Newport Beach.

The 25-year-old former wedding planner from Grand Rapids, Mich, says she wanted a unique ceremony. So the couple donned the $90,000 contraptions on their backs, along with a wetsuit for the groom and white board shorts and a rash-guard shirt for the bride.

The jetpacks from Jetlev Southwest helped the couple hover a few feet above the water, to the cheers of their wedding guests.

Everything went smoothly — except for a kayaker who capsized during the newlyweds' first dance on the water.

Authorities remove 3 million bees from NYC home

Many of the hives before they were removed from the 111th Street home in Queens.

Authorities in New York City have raided a Queens home where a man was keeping about 3 million bees.

The bees, in 45 hives in a driveway, were carefully removed from the 111th Street house by beekeepers and police, the *New York Post* reports. "There were more bees in this driveway than there are people in Queens," Andrew Cote of the 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 a beekeeper in China before becoming a restaurant owner in New York City. The bees were in a 20-by-20-foot space, according to CBS.

"I keep the bees like a dog or a pet," he told the *Post*.

But NY 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.

Neighbours 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.

News Album

ABC Family orders Jennifer Lopez-produced TV pilot

LOS ANGELES, 24 Aug—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 on Thursday 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 an 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.

Lopez, who recently exited "American Idol" as a judge, also is developing films through her company.

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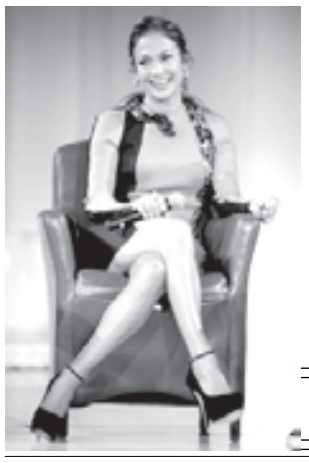
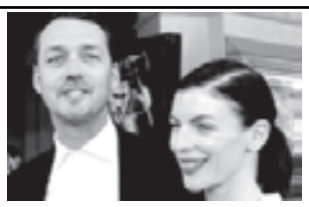


Singer Jennifer Lopez

Liberty Ross at film debut without husband



British filmmaker Rupert Sanders (L) and actress Liberty Ross (R)

LOS ANGELES, 24 Aug—English model-actress Liberty Ross appeared at the 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 Cinemas screening, tabloid TV entertainment news Web site HollyScoop reported.

Ross' director-husband Rupert Sanders, 41, was shown in photos published by gossip magazine *Us Weekly* last month cheating on Ross with 22-year-old actress Kristen Stewart, prompting Stewart to issue a public apology.

Stewart and Ross were both in Sanders' fantasy film "Snow White and the Huntsman," which was released in the United States 1 June .

In the film, Stewart played Snow White. Ross played Queen Eleanor, Snow White's mother.

Internet

Morgan Spurlock joins CNN

NEW YORK, 24 Aug—Morgan Spurlock will host and produce the new CNN series "Inside Man," which will air in 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 lull.

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 new CNN series, 'Inside Man' will carry the distinctive stamp of its host while taking viewers on colourful and informative journeys into fascinating corners of American society."

Director, writer and producer Morgan Spurlock

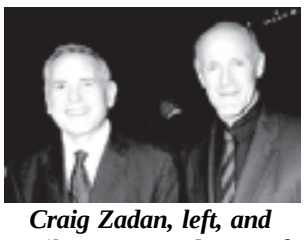
Spurlock came to prominence with 2004's Oscar-nominated "Super Size Me." He moved into television with the FX series "30 Days." He also executive produced the documentary series "A Day in the Life" on Hulu and the Yahoo spinoff of his feature-length documentary "Mansome."

Internet

'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. Academy management announced on Thursday that Craig Zadan and Neil Meron will produce the 85th annual Oscars that will air live on 24 Feb ABC.

Zadan and Meron were executive producers on 2002's "Chicago," which won six Oscars including best picture. They also were producers on the 2007 hits "Hairspray" and "The Bucket List" and last year's remake of "Footloose." Zadan also produced the 1984 original "Footloose."



Craig Zadan, left, and Neil Meron, producers of the film "Hairspray"

Among Zadan and Meron's TV credits are the series "Smash," ''A Raisin in the Sun" and the upcoming "Steel Magnolias."

On Broadway, Zadan and Meron's work includes Tony Award-winning revivals of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" and "Promises, Promises."

Internet

Elisa Sednaoui, new face of Gérard Darel

PARIS, 24 Aug—Actress and model 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, charm, elegance and modernity, Elisa Sednaoui represents the current French woman, who is open to the world and to the others," the brand explained.

Items of the 1970s-inspired collection include velvet and denim pants, coats, tops, trenchcoats and sweaters in luxe materials like leather, thick wool, shearling and silk georgette.

Elisa Sednaoui starred in Bus Palladium and Love Lasts Three Years. As a model, she featured in Chanel's Spring 2011 eyewear campaign and has collaborated with Roberto Cavalli for the brand's eponymous fragrance.—*Internet*

Elisa Sednaoui, new face of Gérard Darel

BB King does intimate show in Miss 'homecoming'

INDIANOLA, 24 Aug—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 old man. My name is BB King." At 86, King may be grayer and slower than he used to be, but there's no questioning his ability to please fans. King performed for about an hour on Wednesday night on an outdoor stage at the BB King Museum and Delta Interpretive Centre in Indianola, built on the site of a cotton gin where he worked as teenager while growing up in the impoverished delta.

An 86-year-old BB King

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 Indianola's turn to celebrate. The crowd was young and old, from as far Britain, or from just down the street.

Internet

"Candy Store" roles offered to Brad Pitt, Christoph Waltz

Cast member Brad Pitt

LOS ANGELES, 24 Aug—Stephen Gaghan is set to direct from his own script the crime thriller "Candy Store," which has been set up at Lionsgate, an individual with knowledge of the project told *TheWrap*.

An offer is out to Brad Pitt for the role of Mark Swain, although the filmmakers are said to be interested in a long line of actors should that deal not come to fruition, including Christian Bale, Ben Affleck, Matt Damon and Bradley Cooper.

An offer is also out to the actor Christoph Waltz, who co-starred with Pitt in Quentin Tarantino's "Inglourious Basterds," for the role of Black Zenga.

The story follows an elite, highly trained deep-cover operative who loses everything, ultimately disappearing into Brooklyn, where he must start again. He washes up as a beat cop, only to discover the global organization he was dedicated to fighting is also operating in his new backyard.—*Internet*

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.

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.

Reuters

Ghana's Annan Anthony (L) controls the ball during their African Cup of Nations Group D soccer match against Guinea at Franceville stadium on 1 February, 2012. —REUTERS

Liverpool scrape win, Newcastle hold Greeks

LONDON, 24 Aug— Liverpool scraped a 1-0 win over Hearts while a Newcastle side shorn of several familiar faces survived sweltering heat to hold Greek side Atromitos 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 37 was handed a start with Dutch international Tim Krul giving way.

Harper was unable to keep a clean sheet as German striker Denis Epstein gave the hosts the lead on 24 minutes before Ryan Taylor fired home a free kick in first half stoppage time to give Newcastle a good chance of reaching the group stage with the home leg to come.—*Internet*

Liverpool's Italian forward Fabio Borini (C) eyes his shot as it rebounds off the post during the UEFA Europa League Qualifying Play-Off Round first leg football match.
INTERNET

Harrington in control at Bethpage, Woods edges

NEW YORK, 24 Aug— Tiger Woods overshadowed playing partner Rory McIlroy while Padraig Harrington stole the limelight by taking overall command in Thursday's opening round of the Barclays tournament in Farmingdale, New York.

Wielding a red-hot putter, Irishman Harrington covered his final nine holes in a blistering six-under-par 29 to card a seven-under 64 in the first of the PGA Tour's four lucrative FedExCup playoff events.

In pursuit of his first victory on the US circuit since the 2008 PGA Championship, three-times major winner Harrington piled up eight birdies and a lone bogey to finish a stroke in front of Americans Nick Watney and Brian Harman.

Spaniard Sergio Garcia, who ended a four-year title drought on the PGA Tour by winning the rain-delayed Wyndham Championship on Monday, was among a group of four on 66 while FedExCup points leader Woods opened with a 68 and McIlroy a 69.

Harrington, who also has one eye this week on earning a late call-up for the European Ryder Cup team, was delighted with his putting on the challenging, 7,468-yard Bethpage Black layout.

"I've been playing well for quite a while, but this is the best I've putted, the best I've struck my putts, the best I've rolled the ball for a long period of time," the 40-year-old Irishman told reporters after taking only 26 putts.

Harrington conceded he had learned a valuable lesson about the scoring possibilities at a venue which has staged two US Opens from his American playing partner Troy Matteson, who eagled the fourth hole.

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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 Narvaes of Argentina, 30, and ranked ninth in the WBC, who has 19 wins, including nine KOs, two defeats, one null and void.

"It will be 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.

Internet

Shinsuke Yamanaka of Japan (right) punches Cristian Esquivel of Mexico during their WBC bantamweight title fight in Tokyo in 2011.—INTERNET

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

BARCELONA, 24 Aug— Pedro, Lionel Messi and Xavi scored for holders Barcelona who came back to beat Real Madrid 3-2 at home in the Spanish Super Cup first leg on Thursday.

La Liga champions Real struck first when Cristiano Ronaldo headed home in the 55th minute, only for Pedro to break away and level a minute later.

Andres Iniesta was brought down for a penalty, which Messi converted in the 70th minute, and he then went on a mazy run to set up his Spain team mate Xavi for the third in the 78th. Angel Di Maria pounced on an error from Barca goalkeeper Victor Valdes to grab a second for Real late on that kept them in touch for Wednesday's return leg at the Bernabeu.

"In the end the result is tighter than we would have wanted considering the chances we created," Pedro told Spanish television. "We are pleased and now we have to play a good game there if we want to win the title."

Reuters

Liu Xiang speaks out over Olympic injury row

HONG KONG, 24 Aug— Chinese 110m hurdler Liu Xiang has said he felt healthy before his spectacular exit from the London Olympics, after reports that his injury was known to authorities before the race but hushed up.

Liu, in his first major interview since he devastated Chinese fans by crashing out of the Games with a ruptured Achilles tendon, told state broadcaster CCTV that he "felt healthy standing on the starting line".

The interview came amid controversy over Liu, a national hero who took gold in Athens in 2004 but hobbled out of the stadium for a second successive Games after also staging an early exit from the 2008 edition at home in Beijing.

It was broadcast late Thursday, after speculation online and in Chinese media that authorities in China knew before the race began that Liu was seriously injured and was unlikely to complete it.

"Standing on the line, I felt I was a healthy Liu Xiang. Actually I was having problems on my foot at the time, but I felt I could run fast," said Liu. "(But) when I tried the first hurdle, I felt like I was lashed by a whip."

Hong Kong's *South China Morning Post* on Friday quoted an unnamed senior CCTV editor as saying the broadcaster knew Liu was injured when he arrived in London and was prevented by propaganda authorities from revealing the information.

Internet

China's Liu Xiang falls and injures himself in the men's 110m hurdles heats during the London 2012 Olympic Games on 7 August, 2012 in London.
INTERNET

International Sports

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

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* Food Trip (Episode-4) (Part-1)
* News
* "Myanmar International Frontier" Myanmar-Israel Bilateral Cooperations
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* Myanmar Movie ''Glass Marble''

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(25-8-2012) (Saturday)

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw

7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:40 am
3. Nice & Sweet Song

7:55 am
4. Documentary

8:00 am
5. Selected Songs For 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2012) (Classical Song) (Higher Education) (Level Men & Women)

8:25 am
6. Island of Dhamma (3)

11:10 am
7. Musical Programme

11:25 am
8. Game For Children

1:40 pm
9. Dance of National Races

2:40 pm
10. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

4:05 pm
11. Cultural Dances

4:35 pm
12. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Myanmar)

5:20 pm
13. Beautiful "ASEAN"

5:30 pm
14. Game For Children

6:20 pm
15. Celebraity and Dinner

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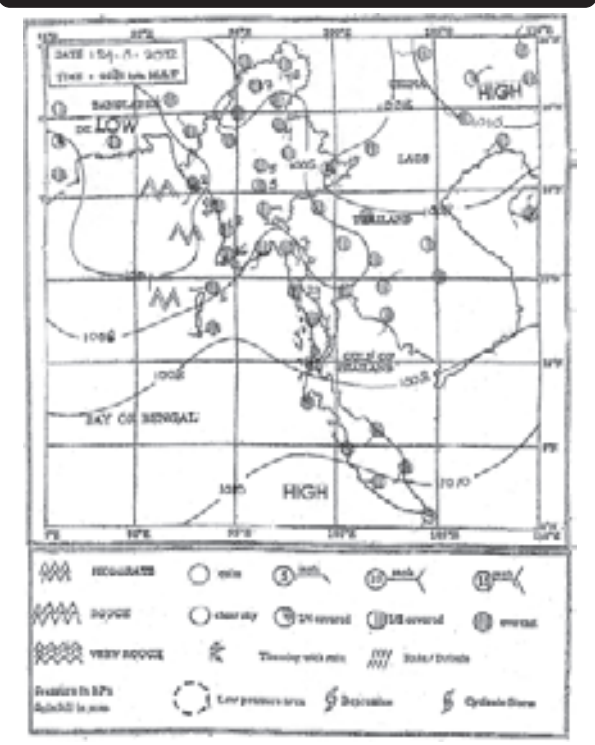
16. News
17. Cartoon Series
18. TV Drama Series
19. Gitadagale Phwinfbaohn

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 25th August, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	29/84	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
2	Kayah	28/82	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
3	Kayin	29/84	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
4	Chin	23/73	17/63	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	31/88	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	38/100	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
7	Taninthayi	31/88	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
8	Bago	30/86	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	33/91	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	36/97	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
12	Yangon	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	25/77	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	31/88	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	28/82	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	30/86	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	33/91	24/75	One or two rain or thundershower	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	23/73	One or two rain or thundershower	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	36/97	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershower	(80%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today	During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Ayeyawady Region, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Sagaing Region and Kayah State, scattered in Magway and Yangon Regions, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Regions, Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Mon States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Mandalay Region and isolated heavy falls in Kachin and Rakhine States. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Putao (5.75) inches, MraukU (4.02) inches, Pyinmana (2.83) inches, Kawkareik (2.60) inches and Myingyan (1.58) inches.
Bay Inference	Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.
State of the Sea	Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.
Outlook for sub-sequent two days	Moderate monsoon.

Twenty killed in heavy rains in N 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.

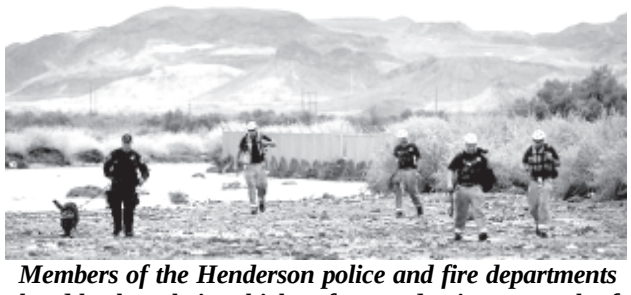
The death toll is likely to go up even though the flood waters have now started receding. More than 20,000 people are forced to leave their homes because of flooding," he said, on condition of anonymity.

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 taking shelters on rooftops to avoid being caught flood waters.

***Indian residents wade through floodwaters in Jawahar Nagar colony in Jaipur.* — INTERNET**

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*

Nevada teen missing after Southwest flooding



***Members of the Henderson police and fire departments head back to their vehicles after conducting a search of the Duck Creek Channel for 17-year-old Green Valley High School student William Mootz in Henderson, Nev on 22 Aug, 2012.*— INTERNET**

LAS VEGAS, 24 Aug — A teen was swept away in a drainage wash in the Las Vegas area and remained missing, and two people were rescued from a van stranded in high water in suburban Phoenix after heavy rains in the Southwest flooded ditches and roads. Family and friends gathered on Thursday in Henderson, southeast of the Las Vegas Strip, to look for a 17-year-old boy who disappeared after falling into a flood channel the day before. The wash had filled quickly after a Wednesday morning downpour.

William Mootz was hanging out with friends when he somehow fell into the Pittman Wash, which meanders past a shopping mall and his high school, police said. The teen apparently didn't intend to get in. "I think they were just going out there to look at the raging water in the washes," Henderson police spokesman Keith Paul said. Family members say the incoming high school senior is a strong swimmer and has emergency preparedness experience.

More than a dozen Henderson police officers walked up and down the wash with guidance from city public works employees who know how water typically flows down the channel. In all, about 100 volunteers were helping 40 police, firefighters and city employees look for Mootz. They cleared an estimated 15 tons of dirt and debris from a more than mile-long, concrete-lined portion of the wash before turning their attention to a wider, muddy marsh farther downstream. Rainwater in the wash ultimately drains into Lake Mead.

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department was helping the effort with a helicopter. The chopper was being used to fly searchers into otherwise inaccessible parts of the mucky wetland. "More than anything else, it's the use of the Metro Police helicopter that's very helpful in searching a large area quickly," Paul said. In the Phoenix area, flooded roads led to a dramatic rescue on Thursday morning. A driver and her disabled passenger had to be pulled from a medical transport van that was stranded after the driver tried to navigate a flooded Scottsdale wash.— *Internet*

Nuke agency forms special Iran team

VIENNA, 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 IAEA experts who are trying to follow up on suspicions that Teheran was — or is — secretly working on an arms programme.

Iran says such allegations are based on evidence fabricated by the United States and Israel and insists its nuclear programme is meant only for making reactor fuel, medical isotopes and peaceful research. But it refuses to give up uranium enrichment, which can produce both reactor fuel and the core of nuclear warheads, despite offers of fuel from abroad. And its stonewalling of the IAEA probe has increased concerns that it has something to hide.The agency's move comes at a crucial time. With both the agency and international diplomatic efforts stalemated in attempts to engage the Islamic Republic on its nuclear programme, fears are growing that tensions could spill over into armed conflict.

Asked for reaction on the IAEA plans, Ali Asghar Soltanieh, Iran's envoy to the IAEA, said: "I have not heard of such a thing, and I cannot comment." 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. Danny Danon, deputy speaker of the Israeli Knesset and a member of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's 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. Khairul Annur, who is Physical Trainer of Yangon United FC. We send our sincere condolence and May Ms. MARINAH BINTI MOHAMED Rest in Peace.

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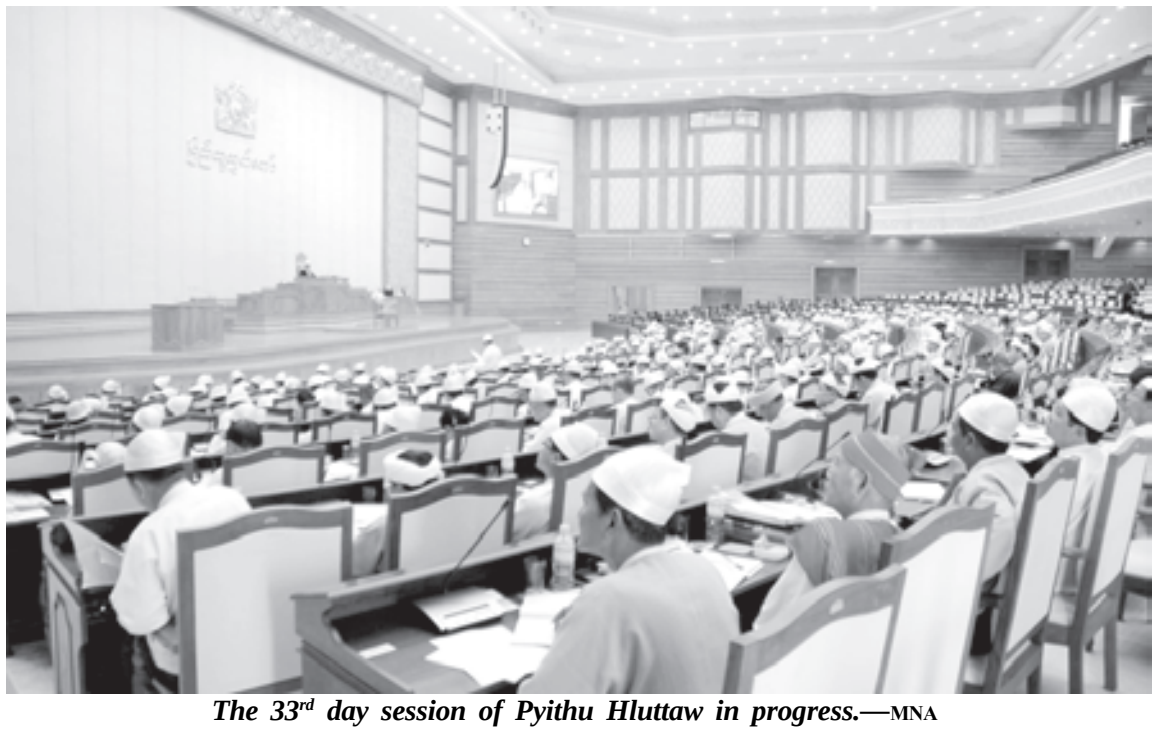
NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—Pyithu Hluttaw session continued for 33rd day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 404 MPs.

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 Thu of Dagon Myothit (East) Constituency about **legal and measures for instilling discipline to betel-chewers in spitting,** Nay Pyi Taw Council Member U Kan Chun 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 to empower 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.



The 33rd day session of Pyithu Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

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.

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Health Department opens station hospital, rural health care centers and rural health care centers (branch) after drafting fifth five-year short-term National Plan

Amyotha Hluttaw representatives seen at 33rd day session.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—Amyotha Hluttaw Session continued for 33rd Day, at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10.05 am today, attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 210 MPs.

At the session, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin replied to the health questions raised by four representatives.

With respect to the question of U Kyaw Kyaw of Rakhine State Constituency No.2 on **"if there is a plan to upgrade Pyarte rural health care center into station hospital"**, the deputy minister said: there are one 25-bed township hospital, on 16-bed station hospital, six rural health care centers, 26 rural health care centers (branch) in MraukU Township. Plans are under way to open 16-bed station hospital in Pyarte village, MraukU Township in the coming 2013-2014 financial year.

Regarding the question of U Tin Win of Magway Region Constituency No.8 on **"whether there is a plan to open 16-bed station hospital in Kyaukpadaung village, Aunglan Township",** the deputy minister replied:

There are one 50-bed Township hospital, four 16-bed station hospitals, seven rural health care centers and 28 rural health care centers (branch) in Aunglan Township. Arrangements are being made to open a station hospital in Kyaukpadaung village, Aunglan Township in the coming 2013-2014 financial year.

Regarding the question of Dr Khin Maung Lay of Bago Region Constituency No.8 on **"whether there is a plan to upgrade rural health care center into station hospital in Kankyin village of Paukkaung Township"**, the deputy minister said: There are one 25-bed township hospital, one 16-bed station hospital, five rural health care centers and 21 rural health care centers (branch) in Paukkaung Township. A station hospital will be opened there in the 2013-2014 financial year.

With respect to the question of U Aung Than of Magway Region Constituency No.10 on **"there is a plan to upgrade the 50-bed People's Hospital to 100-bed one",** the deputy minister replied:

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Application forms for matriculation exam (2013) available

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug—Application forms for matriculation exam to be held in 2013 are available at Myanmar Examination Board Office as of 3 September. Green-coloured application forms and identity card are designated for combination subjects Nos.1,5, 6, 7 and 8, and pink-coloured forms and identity card, for combination subjects Nos.2,3 and 4.

For the external candidates, stamps for exam fees are available at respective Township Education Officer Offices. They are to submit their applications forms at respective Township Education Officer Office from 3 to 28 September, 2012 after the stamps are put up at the left top corner of the application forms. For the exam fees of the candidates from Basic Education High Schools, schools (branch) and affiliated schools, school heads are to submit the candidates' application forms along with the stamps to MEB office from 1 September to 12 October, 2012.

Those who fail to submit the application forms are not entitled to sit for the exam. Except for combined subjects described on the application forms and identity cards, the candidates will not entitle to other subjects. Application forms and stamps are available at Office No.52, MEB (headquarter) in Nay Pyi Taw and MEB (Zwegabin Hall) in Hline University, Hline Township, Yangon.—*MNA*

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