President U Thein Sein receives UN Under-Secretary-General

Nay Pyi Taw, 27 Aug—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a delegation led by UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Population Fund (UNFPA) Dr Babatunde Osotimehin at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here at 2.50 pm today.

Also present at the call together with the President were Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and departmental heads. The UN delegation was accompanied by UNFPA Resident Representative to Myanmar Mr Mohamed Abdel-Ahad.

The meeting focused on cooperation of UNFPA for compilation of census in Myanmar in 2014, birth spacing and maternal health matters, measures being taken by Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation and Maternal and Child Welfare Association in cooperation with INGOs and NGOs for success of reproductive health and birth spacing educative measures, training competent doctors and nurses for effective birth spacing and reproductive health measures, cooperation for youth policy and comprehensive health tasks in Myanmar and strides for achievement of Millennium Development Goals.—MNA
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**Singapore to have two more universities**

**SINGAPORE, 27 Aug** — Singapore is aiming to raise the proportion of local youths admitted to universities to 40 percent by 2020 by increasing the number of national universities to six from the current four, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said on Sunday.

Lee said in his National Day Rally speech that the Singapore Institute of Technology, which was established by the government in 2006, will offer more places. The SIM University, a private institution which currently runs part-time courses, will offer full-time courses, too.

The part-time students at these two institutions will also get more funding support. The government will build on the strength and branding of the Singapore Institute of Technology and the SIM University, with an emphasis on degrees in applied sciences, he said. This will open up 3,500 more full-time places per year by 2020, in addition to the current 13,000 university places. This means that 40 percent of Singapore students will be able to go to universities.

“Last year, I tasked Lawrence Wong to study this issue, and he concluded that we should create more university places,” he said. Wong is the senior minister of state for education. He said education is Singapore’s most important long-term investment in its people and it is a key response to the changing world.

Lee said the government will play a more active role and invest substantial resources in preschool education, but will not nationalize the pre-school sector. Experts have warned against over teaching at the pre-school stage, he added.

Lee also said that the Singapore government will increase social spending, but Singaporeans should get ready for higher taxes as the spending inevitably increases.—Xinhua

**Police hunt reported lion near Essex seaside resort**

**LONDON, 27 Aug** — Essex police on Monday deployed firearms officers and a helicopter as they launched a lion hunt following reports of a cat-like beast roaming in a field near the seaside resort of Clacton.

“The large cat, believed to have killed a sheep and a dog, was seen in fields and the police last night,” he said. The police said there is no indication the violence is spiraling out of control in the area to set up a security perimeter. The outlawed organization Kurdistan Workers’ Party (PKK) has claimed responsibility for similar attacks in the past between the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk and Turkey’s Mediterranean port city of Ceyhan.

The PKK, listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the United States and the European Union, took up arms in 1984 in an attempt to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey. Since then, over 40,000 people have been killed in conflicts involving the group.

**United Airlines to fly Shanghai with Boeing 787**

**BEIJING, 27 Aug** — United Airlines announced on Sunday that it will operate daily flights between Los Angeles and Shanghai with Boeing 787 Dreamliner planes for the first time.

The airline, a major US passenger carrier, will start the service from 31 March, 2013. It will also operate several other flights with the 787 from 2013, including flights between Denver and Tokyo, Los Angeles and Tokyo, as well as between Houston and Lagos, Nigeria.

Greg Hart, the airline’s Senior Vice President of Network, said the 787 was the right aircraft for the routes because of its passenger-friendly amenities and sound operating economics.

The company has ordered a total of 55 Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft and will use them in more routes in the future, Hart said. The first flight of a Boeing 787 to Chinese Mainland was from Tokyo to Beijing, operated by Japan Airlines in May 2012.—Xinhua

**Chinese icebreaker continues Arctic voyage on high-latitude seaway**

**ARSAHO, XINJING, 27 Aug** — A Chinese icebreaker continued its Arctic voyage on Sunday while sailing along a high-latitude seaway, the first by a Chinese vessel in the Arctic Ocean. The icebreaker Xuelong, or “Snow Dragon,” started to head northward from the west of Svalbard, an archipelago in the Arctic, and reached the edge of ice sea 81 degrees north latitude on Friday.

There are, till now, two sea routes through the Arctic: the Northwest Passage and the Northeast Passage, both connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Whether and when the high-latitude route could be used depend on the melting pace of the sea ice in the region. The Xuelong has completed its first trip through the Northeast seaway after channeling through five marginal seas of the Arctic from 22 July to 2 August the Chukchi Sea, the East Siberian Sea, the Laptev Sea, the Kala Sea and the Barents Sea.—Xinhua

**Fire shuts down Iraq-Turkey oil pipeline**

**ISTANBUL, 27 Aug** — A blaze kit on Monday a Turkey-bound Iraqi oil pipeline on Monday in the southeastern Turkish province of Sirnak, shutting down the tube that carries about a quarter of Iraq’s oil export, local media reported. Turkish officials said efforts were underway to put out the fire which broke out on early Monday on a section of the 960-km Kirkuk-Yumurtalik pipeline.

The semi-official Anatolia news agency reported that the cause of the fire was not immediately known and that Turkish troops were deployed in the area to set up a security perimeter. The outlawed organization Kurdistan Workers’ Party (PKK) has claimed responsibility for similar attacks in the past between the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk and Turkey’s Mediterranean port city of Ceyhan.

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**Under China’s watch, Macau won’t return to “Gangster’s Paradise”**

MACAU, 27 Aug — Three major, gun-wielding heavyweights, and a high-profile police swoop have raised concerns that Macau, the world’s casino capital, may be backsliding to the bad old days of the late-1990s. And that’s even before ex-triad boss “Broken Tooth” ends a 15-year jail sentence in December. All this at a time when China’s economy, the world’s second-biggest, is growing more slowly--hinting at possible jolt gambling revenue and possibly making junket operators, who collect gambling debts in exchange for commission from casinos, more aggressive. But on the former Portuguese colony’s narrow, bustling streets and inside the glitzy, fortress-size casinos, there’s little indication the violence is spiraling out of control in the only place where Chinese nationals can legally cash in their money. Much has changed in the past 15 years in Macau, a special administrative region on China’s southern coast. The seedy gambling enclave was plugged by open gang warfare. Bombs went off in the streets and holdups broke out in broad daylight.

In 1999, Macau seceded from Portugal to China and, now, Las Vegas tycoons including Sheldon Adelson and Steve Wynn have helped transform the territory into a multi-billion dollar goldmine, a magnet for high-rollers and global investors. Gaming revenue last year was $33.5 billion, more than five times that of Las Vegas. The key is security forces, political analysts, lawyers and academics, is that China is in control. “Number one: the Chinese government will not tolerate it (rising violence). Number two: if you look at the structure of the VIP room operation in Macau, it’s a completely different story from 1998,” said Davis Feng, a director of the Institute for the Study of Commercial Gaming at the University of Macau.—Reuters

**Tourists sit on a bronze lion statue in London’s Trafalgar Square.**

**INTERNET**

**Passengers arrive at the Beijing West Railway Station in downtown Beijing, capital of China, on 26 Aug, 2012. The railway station witnessed a travel peak in this weekend, as many students returned to their universities and colleges with the conclusion of the summer vacation.—Xinhua**
Scientists looking for site for giant solar telescope

BEIJING, 27 Aug—Chinese scientists are looking for a site for a giant solar telescope which will be the world’s largest in the next two decades with data helping to understand solar activities. The Chinese Giant Solar Telescope (CGST), or one of the “next-generation ground-based solar telescopes,” will lead a field of solar observation in 20 years. Its construction is approved and starts in 2016, according to Prof Deng Yuanyong, director of the National Astronomical Observatories (NAO) under the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS).

The national project with a budget of about 90 million US dollars was proposed by the entire solar community of China. It aims to build a very large infrared and optical solar telescope, with the spatial resolution expected to be equivalent to an 8-meter-diameter telescope and light-gathering power equivalent to a 5-meter full-aperture telescope, Deng told Xinhua at the International Astronomical Union (IAU)’s 28th General Assembly, which started in Beijing on 21 August and will last two weeks. The world’s largest ground-based solar telescope currently in use is the 1.0-meter solar telescope of Sweden, with solar telescopes of 1.5-meter and 1.6-meter soon to be launched by Germany and the United States, respectively.

China Exclusive: Scientists looking for site for giant solar telescope.—Xinhua

Toyota launches seventh generation Camry

NEW DELHI, 27 Aug—Auto giant Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) on Friday launched the seventh generation of its luxury sedan Camry, priced at Rs.23.80 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi). The car, which was being imported as a complete built unit (CBU), will now be assembled at the company’s second plant located near Bidadi in Karnataka.

The new Camry is currently being manufactured in 10 plants across the globe and TKM will be the 11th home. The local production of new Camry of global standards will mark an important milestone in the history of TKM, said Hiroshi Nakagawa, managing director, TKM.

The new vehicle is powered by a 2.5-litre petrol dual VVT-i engine that can generate a maximum power of 181PS and the rate of 6,000 rpm. The engine is coupled with a six-speed automatic transmission with sequential shift feature.

Internet

New online portal launched for astronomical heritage protection

BEIJING, 27 Aug—A new web portal dedicated to protecting astronomical heritage sites has been launched during the 28th General Assembly of the International Astronomical Union (IAU). The site, at www.astronomyheritage.net, is the latest achievement in the collaborative work between IAU and UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization), according to Hide Nakagawa, chair of the IAU’s Astronomy and World Heritage Working Group.

Collaboration between IAU and UNESCO started four years ago. The site will work as a publicly accessible database, discussion forum and document repository on astronomical heritage sites from around the world, said Ruggles, emeritus professor of archaeoastronomy with the University of Leicester, in Britain.

“Approximately, 40 sites have been included in the site,” Ruggles said, “some are already on the UNESCO’s World Heritage List, not usually for their astronomical significance, some are on national tentative lists and some are not at all on any list. It’s a mixture.” He said that a lot of valuable astronomical heritages haven’t been recognized.

Up until three years ago, there was only one site that was inscribed on the World Heritage List for its astronomical associations. Called Strewn Geodetic Arc, it starts in Norway and extends through 10 countries down to the Black Sea. “It is a survey network set up in the 19th century trying to measure the shape of the earth.” Ruggles said, “now it’s not a predominantly astronomical site, but involves the use of astronomy for geodesy.”—Xinhua
Samsung shares fall 7%, market value down $12 b

SEOUL, 27 Aug—Shares of Samsung Electronics on Monday tumbled by over 7 percent, wiping USD 12 billion off its market value following the defeat to Apple Inc in one of the biggest patent cases in decades.

On Friday, a US jury found that the South Korean electronics giant had copied various important features of Apple’s hugely popular iPhone and iPad for its phones and tablets, thus awarding Apple USD 1.05 billion in damages.

The patent war, termed as one of the biggest in history, is also the most closely followed and watched patent trials in years.

Following the defeat in the patent war, shares on Samsung, the world’s biggest technology firm in terms of revenue, tumbled by as much as 7.5 percent on Monday losing USD 12 billion in the process.

Asian shares too trudged low early Monday as Apple’s victory in the patent war sent Samsung and its affiliates into a tailspin. Meanwhile, the South Korean giant is reportedly planning to appeal the decision to a higher court.

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**Godrej Security Solutions aims at Rs 800 cr turnover in FY13**

THIRUCHIRAPPALLI (TN), 27 Aug—Godrej Security Solutions is targeting a turnover of Rs 800 crore this year, a senior executive of the company said.

GSS is the flagship segment of the 115-year-old Godrej & Boyce manufacturing company.

“This prime segment of Godrej has been maintaining a 30 percent year-on-year growth over the last few years. GSS is targeting a turnover of over Rs 800 crore this year against Rs 610 crore in FY12,” Godrej Security Solutions (GSS) AVP and Head Sales Pushtkar Gokhale said.

Gokhale was here to launch new products that included wireless alarm systems and video door phones in co-ordination with Vembu Sons — dealer that has been selling Godrej products for the last 70 years.

“Last fiscal, sales from institutional business were about Rs 500 crore, while retail business contributed about Rs 100 crore,” he added.

GSS expects export business, which has been growing at 40 percent year-on-year, to grow to Rs 60 crore this year from Rs 40 crore, Gokhale said.

The company exports to 55 countries, including Middle East, Africa, USA, Europe, apart from SAARC countries.

The company is also in the process of locating new venues for expansion of manufacturing capacity besides its Vikhroli facility in Mumbai.

Recently, GSS obtained ‘certification of quality’ from the American and the European agencies and expects more countries to evince interest in Godrej’s products.

**MELBOURNE, 27 Aug—** Ladies, you might want to give those expensive moisturisers and painful botox injections a miss as face yoga might be the simplest and fun way to get rid of wrinkles, experts have claimed.

Like regular yoga, the moves in face yoga are named. The Marilyn, bumblebee or lion are all designed to turn back the ageing clock and reduce wrinkles.

Women are increasingly turning to YouTube, books such as The Yoga Face and now an iPhone application for fresher-looking faces, The Daily Telegraph reported.

Josie Goldberg, a health nutritionist from the Gold Coast said that face yoga was a fun activity with great benefits.

**NEW DELHI, 27 Aug—** Drink green tea to quit this nicotine urge, say Chinese researchers — and this is a finding that medical professionals in Kerala have reacted positively to.

A recent study titled ‘A Revolutionary Approach for the Cessation of Smoking’, published in Science China Life Sciences, peer-reviewed open-access journal, cites researchers.

In a recent clinical trial, the SOLITAIRE Flow Restoration Device, approved by the US Food and Drug Administration this March, outperformed the standard treatment.

SOLITAIRE is an entirely new generation of devices designed to remove blood clots from blocked brain arteries.

It has a self-expanding, stent-like design, and once inserted into a blocked artery using a thin catheter tube, it compresses and traps the clot.

The clot is then removed by withdrawing the device, reopening the blocked blood vessel, the British journal The Lancet reports.

“This new device is significantly changing the way we can treat ischemic stroke (caused by blockage of an artery to the brain),” said Jeffrey L. Saver, director of the University of California Los Angeles Stroke Centre and a professor of neurology at the David Geffen School of Medicine.

“We are going from our first generation of clot-removing procedures, which were only moderately good in reopening target arteries, to now having a highly effective tool,” added Saver, who led the study, according to a California statement.

Results of the study showed that the device opened blocked vessels without causing symptomatic bleeding in or around the brain in 61 percent of patients.

The standard FDA-approved mechanical device, a corkscrew-type clot remover called the MERCI Retriever, was ineffective in 24 percent of cases. The use of SOLITAIRE also led to better survival three months after a stroke.

There was a 17.2 percent mortality rate with the new device, compared with a 38.2 percent rate with the older one.

About 87 percent of all strokes are caused by blood clots blocking a blood vessel supplying the brain.

The stroke treatment that has received the most study is an FDA-approved clot-busting drug known as tissue plasminogen activator, but this drug must be given within four-and-a-half hours of the onset of stroke symptoms, and even more quickly in older patients.

When clot-busting drugs cannot be used or are ineffective, the clot can sometimes be mechanically removed during, or beyond, the four-and-a-half-hour window.

The current study, however, did not compare mechanical clot removal to drug treatment.
**Sri Lanka arrests 98 Australia-bound boatpeople**

COLOMBO, 27 Aug — Sri Lanka’s navy on Saturday detained 98 would-be asylum-seekers making for Australia, an official said, the largest group since Canberra tightened restrictions on boatpeople headed to its shores. They were travelling in two fishing trawlers along the northwestern and eastern coasts of Sri Lanka, a navy spokesman said, adding that one boat carried 77 people while the other had 21. “They were handed over to the police for further action,” the spokesman said.

Sri Lankan authorities say they have arrested nearly 1,000 people who have tried to leave for Australia illegally this year. Australia’s parliament last week passed a law to transfer asylum-seekers arriving by boat to holding centres on Pacific islands before considering their application for refugee status. Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard’s administration has struggled to cope with record influx of boatpeople this year, many originally from Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Iran and Iraq who make their way to Australia via Asia.

**Powerful typhoon lashes Japan’s Okinawa island**

TOKYO, 27 Aug — More than 75,000 households lacked power on Monday after a powerful typhoon lashed the southern Japanese island of Okinawa, injuring four people but doing less damage than feared before moving off to sea.

Weather officials had warned that Typhoon Etau would be the strongest to hit the region in several years, but its gusts weren’t as powerful as predicted. Disaster authorities reported no major damage as of early Monday aside from the black-outs. Roughly 75,000 house-holds were without power on Okinawa and the nearby Amami islands as heavy rain and winds continued on Monday. Many schools and government offices were closed because of the blackouts. Much of the public transportation system including buses, shipping and airlines — had also not yet been restored, officials said.

The centre of the slowing moving storm, the 15th of the season, passed over the island late Sunday and was moving northwest into the East China Sea on Monday. It could affect coastal areas of South Korea by Tuesday, weather officials said.

As the typhoon approached Okinawa on Sunday, the Japan Meteorological Agency said wind speeds near the centre of the typhoon were about 180 kilometers per hour (112 miles per hour), with gusts reaching 252 kph (155 mph), possibly equaling or surpassing past records for the area. But public broadcaster NHK reported that the gusts measured on the island of Amami, north of Okinawa, reached just 140 kph (87mph).

Okinawa disaster authorities said four people were hurt. More than half of the 50,000 US troops based in Japan are stationed in Okinawa.

**France’s Hollande says Greece must remain in euro**

PARIS, 27 Aug — French President Francois Hollande praised the Greek people on Saturday for making painful preparations to avert fiscal crisis. On Friday, Merkel met with Samaras, for his part, noted continued pressure within the financial markets amid concerns that Athens might not hold to its reform plans — and risk dropping out of the common currency.

“Some continue to speculate by saying that Greece won’t pull through, that it can’t stay in the euro zone,” Samaras said. “I’m here today to say that will not happen — it will stay in the euro zone.”

**Key Pakistani Taleban figure killed in Afghanistan**

KABUL, 27 Aug — A NATO airstrike in eastern Afghanistan killed a senior commander of the Pakistani Taleban who had close ties with al-Qaeda, dealing a blow to the militants who operate on both sides of the countries’ porous border. Mullah Daudullah was killed on Friday in Afghanistan’s eastern Kunar Province, which lies just across the border from the Pakistani tribal area of Bajaur, the military alliance said. He was the Pakistani Taleban leader in Bajaur, and NATO said on Saturday that Daudullah also was responsible for the movement of fighters and weapons across the frontier as well as attacks against Afghan and coalition forces in Afghanistan.

Eleven other militants were also killed in the airstrike in Kunar’s Shigil district, about 15 kilometres (9 miles) from the Pakistani border, including Daudullah’s deputy, identified only as Shakir, the coalition said.

**French’s President François Hollande, left, welcomes Greece’s Prime Minister Antonis Samaras at the Ellysium Palace, Paris, on 25 Aug. 2012.** — Internet
In every community and country, children are the most important natural resource. They must be at the very heart of “development”. Their well-being, capabilities, knowledge and energy will determine the future of villages, cities and nations around the world. As educators everywhere know, healthy child’s vitality, inquisitiveness and readiness for new experiences can be unbounded.

In the past few decades, many countries have succeeded in reducing child mortality threats to our children and young people’s health. Overall, children now live longer, are better nourished, have more up-to-date immunizations and are healthier than in the past. In many cases, however, ill health still prevents children from acquiring new knowledge and skills and from growing into productive, capable citizens who can help their communities grow and prosper. To achieve their potential, schoolchildren must participate fully in educational activities. To do this, they must be healthy, attentive and emotionally secure.

In almost every community, the school is a setting where many people learn and work, care for and respect each other. It is a setting where students and staff spend a great deal of their time. It is a setting where education and health programmes can have their greatest impact because they influence students at such important stages in their lives: childhood and adolescence.

In 1995, WHO launched the Global School Health Initiative to mobilize and strengthen efforts to promote health through schools at the local, national and international levels. Since 1998, Myanmar has implemented the health promoting school programme with the support of WHO. All schools are covered with health promoting school programme by the year 2006.

**WHO’s concept of the Health Promoting School**

WHO defines a “Health-Promoting School” as a school that is constantly strengthening its capacity to be a healthy setting for living, learning and working. Health-Promoting Schools are characterized by the “comprehensive approach” to health promotion—a quality recognized as essential for effectiveness by the 1996 Declaration on Health Education and Promotion.

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**Aim and Strategies of Myanmar School Health Programme**

**Aim**

To promote the health standards of the entire student youth, the skills and knowledge needed for adopting a healthy lifestyle.

**Strategies**

The following strategies were developed based on the health objective of national social objectives, the national health policy, national population policy, UN MDG goals and the primary health care approach aiming towards a successful implementation of the school health programme.

1. Conducting refresher training for teachers on the development of health promoting school to promote health standards of the entire student youth, the skills and knowledge needed for adopting a healthy lifestyle at all levels.

2. Enhancing better quality and coverage of school health care by providing sufficient manpower and supplies.

3. Establishing school health committees at different levels for monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to ensure successful implementation.

4. Conducting research on the impact of school health programme to promote existing school health activities.

5. Promoting cooperation and coordination mechanisms with Ministry of Education and other related departments.

6. Organising resources for national school health programme through the involvement of local and international NGOs and international organizations.

7. Health care services are being provided at all levels in Myanmar. The basic health services include school health services and activities, which are rendered comprehensively for school children. School health services, which serve to develop and improve basic health needs and correct health behaviour of the new generation student youth, is an essential and important national investment.

8. School Health Section of Department of Health is responsible for planning and implementation of school health programme in Myanmar. This division is headed by a Deputy Director supported by a team of technical staff.

**State-Region Directors are responsible for school health programme activities at the respective States and Regions.**

The most operational unit for rendering comprehensive health care is given by Township Health Unit. At present 80 townships out of 330 in Myanmar has organized with a medical officer (the team leader), one assistant medical officer, one dental surgeon, one school health nurse, one dental nurse, one children officer or school medical social worker, and some other clerical staff.

In those townships without the school health team, maternal and child health officers or township medical officers take charge of the school health services. In rural area the health assistant who are the team leaders of the rural health center are assigned to carry out school health activities in their respective jurisdictions.

Myanmar School-based STH control programme are gaining momentum with active involvement of related health projects such as School Health Project, Nutrition project, Maternal and Child Health Project and Lymphatic Filariasis elimination programme and Ministry of Education as well as WHO and UNICEF. School and year adolescent health and development strategic plan (2009-2023) was developed to address the priority issues affecting the health of young people in Myanmar.

For student Adolescents and Youths, the School-based Healthy Living and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education Programme (SHAPE) has been implemented in collaboration with the National AIDS Programme and School and Adolescent Health Project under the Department of Health, Department of Education Planning and Training and UNICEF since 1998 to 1999. Based on SHAPE, National Life skills Curriculum was also introduced in 1998 and has now expanded nationwide. Programmes on HIV education in schools has been conducted by the School and Youth Health Project in collaboration with National AIDS Programme.

2012 School Health Week Activities

With the objective to enhance health promoting school activities, the Ministry of Health, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education launched the School Health Week of 2012 in the 2nd week of August. The following activities were also carried out in all basic education schools of the country from August 6 to August 11.

- (1) School Environmental Sanitation
- (2) School Medical Examination and Treatment
- (3) Prevention Communicable and non- communicable Disease
- (4) School Health Education
- (5) School Nutrition Promotion and Food Safety

Building support for a Health-Promoting School: A role for everyone

Schools can help promote the health of staff, families and community members as well as the health of students. Much is known today about the relationship between education and health. People everywhere can use this knowledge to help create Health-Promoting Schools. Education and health workers, teachers, students, parents and community members should work together to implement effective health promoting school programmes.
Pyidaungsu Hluttaw invited…

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At the session to put on record, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw put the measures taken with the agreement of Union government for correcting the demarcation of districts, townships and villages in some regions and states on record.

The measures included six village-tracts in Mawlamyine Township have been abolished and upgraded to a ward, the Village of Seiknanton in Nay Pyi Taw Pobhathiri Township has been renamed as Aungzabu Ward, Swnamarra Sub-township in Lashe Township, Sagaing Region, was expanded, the Village of Kyiataungkan in Nay Pyi Taw Pobhathiri Township has been upgraded to six wards, Falam District in Chin State has been re-established as Haka District and Falam District, Sami Sub-township in Palewa Township, Chin State, has been expanded and re-established and Kaingung Village-tract in Yekyi Township in Ayeyawady Region has been renamed as Myaungng Village-tract.

At the session to discuss a proposal, 23 representatives discussed the proposal submitted by U Myint Soe of Pyawbwe Constituency which asked Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to urge the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union to issue declaration that it made the decision wrongly as its decision over the connotation of committees, commission and organizations formed by respective Hluttaw as Union level organizations is not in conformity with provisions of the constitution was made without authority to make the decision according to the Constitution and Constitutional Tribunal Law and the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union made the decision wrongly and against the provisions prescribed in the existing laws. Regarding the proposal, Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Thein Soe presented that the proposal submitted by U Myint Soe should not be approved as it was not in conformity with the constitution. The proposal submitted by U Myint Soe was put to the vote and it was passed by 447 votes in favour, 168 votes against the proposal, with 4 abstentions.

Today’s meeting ended 4.20 pm, and Hluttaw will inform the representatives of the date and time for the 12th day meeting. —MNA

Elimination of forced labour in Taninthayi Region clarified

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug—Elimination of forced labour in Taninthayi Region was clarified at the City Hall of Dawei on 24 August with an address by Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko.

In his address, Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko said that being a member of ILO, Myanmar has signed the agreement on practicing the 19 provisions of ILO; that the country practiced the 29 provisions of forced labour 4 March 1995; that as the country practiced the 29 provisions of forced labour in Taninthayi Region was clarified at the City Hall of Dawei on 24 August with an address by Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko.

He continued to say that the 101st meeting of International Labour Conference held in June 2012 had relaxed the crucial points out of sanctions against Myanmar. In stepping up efforts for elimination of forced labour in the interest of the State and people, the active participation of the ILO is instrumental, he disclosed.

Next, Director-General of Labour Department U Myo Aung made further clarifications and the ILO Liaison Officer Steve Marshall discussed the elimination of forced labour and Chief Justice U Win Myint of Region High Court made suggestions over the discussions. —MNA

Union Minister visits members of the Sangha undergoing medical treatment at Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed)

Nay Pyi Taw, 27 Aug—Union Minister at the President Office Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Thein Nyunt together with Nay Pyi Taw council members U Than Htay and U Myo Nyunt and secretary of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee visited Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed) this morning. He presented cash assistance to 12 members of the Sangha of Taungthon Zaytawun Pariyatti Sarthinta in Loe Township who sustained injuries due to road accident occurred at Milepost No. 17/6 between Seikphutaung and Letphaungtaung Villages of eastern Pyinmana hilly region on 25 August.

The Union Minister and party also helped the members of the Sangha to receive free medical treatment and arranged meals and services for them. —MNA

Myanmar juniors sweep Thailand to clinch volleyball glory

YANGON, 27 Aug—Myanmar junior volleyball team (A) brought down the curtain of 27th South East Asian Men’s Volleyball Tournament at Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna, here, this evening, sweeping to victory over Thai peers 25-20.

The final showdown of the new-gen event was attended by General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik, General Secretary of Myanmar Women’s Sports Federation Daw L Khun Yi, officials and volleyball fans.

Indonesian young players outplayed Vietnam to clinch third prize of the game with 3-0 (25-21, 25-22, and 25-15).

The director-general and officials presented first, second and third prizes and individual awards. —MNA

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Myanmar Region Cooperative Union holds AGM

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug—Ayeyawady Region Cooperative Union Ltd held the Annual General Meeting for 2011-2012 fiscal year at its hall on 22 August morning.

Deputy Director of Cooperative Department of Ayeyawady Region U Cho Tun made a speech. The meeting approved the report of Board of Directors, financial statement, audit report and profit-sharing accounts and passed six matters in the meeting.

Myanmar A team react after securing final victory in 27th South East Asian Men’s Volley Tournament.

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Bay Bulletin
**School Health Week activity launched in Insein Township**

Insein Township of Yangon North District on 24 August afternoon. Wellwisher Chairman of the School Board of Trustees U Bo Kyi (De Bo Thammani-Taungdwingyi) explained the purpose of donations after presenting books and chest drawers. Headmistress Daw Khin Thein Win spoke words of thanks and gave a certificate of honour to the wellwisher. Later, 114 students were served with refreshment.

**Rail transportation resumes on Pathein-Yeki railroad section**

**Pathein, 27 Aug—** Up and down trains along Pathein-Hinthada railroad were temporarily suspended recently due to floods. As of 24 August, the running of trains resumed along the route. Some railroad sections were inundated on Pathein-Hinthada railroad due to heavy rains and floods. On 23 August, the flood subsided from the railroad sections in Pathein and Yeki townships. Atl 15 amon 24 August, 187-up local train resumes its running to Yeki station. 186-down train departs its trip from Yeki station at 1 pm and arrives at Pathein station at 7 pm. However, trains are still not to run along Pathein-Hinthada railroad due to the fact that the railroad section between Yeki and Zaya Thala stations are now flooded.

**New bus lines to be run soon in Yangon**

**Yangon, 27 Aug—** With a view to ensuring smooth transport of the people, Yangon Region All Private Bus-line Control Committee plans to run over 90 more buses soon. The new buses will take places of old buses of No. 31st, 57th and 36th bus lines. Moreover, the committee will extend number of buses in No. 224th, 226th, 86th and 258th bus lines. In addition, a new bus line No. 40th will be run along the same route of No. 62nd (West) Township to Pathein. Moreover, the committee will extend number of buses in No. 224th, 226th, 86th and 258th bus lines.

**Talks about IT for faculty members, students in Monywa UCS**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 27 Aug—** The ITTE Seminar was held at the Zayar Thiri hall in University of Computer Studies (Monywa) on 10 August. Two Japanese lecturers shared knowledge to the faculty members, students and staff who are interested in computer technology, totaling about 900. The seminar was jointly organized by Sagaing Region Computer Professionals Association and Sagaing Region Computer Industrialists Association. The seminar was aimed at enabling the faculty members and students to understand knowledge about IT exams and to raise their capabilities for realizing the subjects being conducted by the University.

**Landslide leaves damage of five houses in Letpadan Township**

**Letpadan, 27 Aug—** Landslide occurred in Nyaunggon Village of Myinkawa Village-tract of Letpadan Township in Thayawady District of Bago Region on 23 August noon. In the event, 22 people from five households became homeless.

**Myanma Alin**
Militants from Afghanistan attack Pakistan

KHIJ, 27 Aug — Dozens of militants from Afghanistan attacked an anti-Taleban militia post in northwest Pakistan for the third day on Sunday, sparking fighting that killed one soldier and 20 militants, a Pakistani official said. In addition to the dead, four soldiers and four militants were wounded in Sunday’s attack in the Bajur tribal area, said Ihsanullah Aham Wazir, a local government administrator.

Pakistan has criticized Afghan and US-led coalition forces for not doing enough to stop the rising number of cross-border attacks by Pakistani Taleban militants holed up in the Afghan provinces of Kunar and Nuristan, across the border from Bajur.

That criticism could soften after the coalition killed a senior Pakistan Taleban commander in an airstrike on Friday. Mullah Dadullah, who was considered one of the most dangerous insurgent groups fighting in Afghanistan, took up arms against humanity that will never be forgiven,” vowing to continue the battle.

In this 5 Aug, 2012 file photo, a Pakistani Taleban militant holds a rocket-propelled grenade at the Taleban stronghold of Shawal, in Pakistani tribal region of Waziristan, Pakistan. Internet

Israel stops activists from entering West Bank

AMMAN, 27 Aug — Israeli authorities refused entry on Sunday to about 100 pro-Palestinian activists, including three Americans, attempting to cross overland to the West Bank from Jordan, according to their leader. French organizer Olivia Zemor of the “Welcome to Palestine” campaign said Israeli authorities asked no questions and stamped “entry denied” into the passports without an explanation. Israels Defence Ministry denounced the protesters as “provocateurs and known troublemakers.”

Earlier, Zemor told reporters in the Jordanian capital, Amman, that the group aimed to deliver one ton of school supplies to Palestinian children in refugee camps in Bethlehem. In a statement late Sunday, Israel condemned its right to deny them entry. “There are no restrictions whatsoever on bringing in school supplies,” the statement said. “If these activists sincerely wanted to bring in school supplies, they had no communications to do so. There are no shortages of school supplies in the West Bank.”

Israel, which controls the Allenby Bridge land crossing, has previously blocked similar protests at its airport near Tel Aviv and the Allenby Bridge land crossing. Zemor said the activists want Israel to grant freedom of movement to the Palestinians and their visitors. Some also demand the lifting of an Israeli blockade on Gaza. She said the group, ranging in age from 10 to 80, was peaceful and unarmed.

Hurricane warnings issued for New Orleans, Gulf Coast as Isaac churns off Florida

NEW ORLEANS, 27 Aug — The storm that killed as many as six people in Haiti and forced the delay of the start of the Republican National Convention in Tampa is on track to hit the Gulf Coast and possibly New Orleans, forecasters said on late Sunday. Tropical Storm Isaac, with sustained winds of 60 mph, lashed the Florida Keys and is expected to intensify, gaining strength as it moves into the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico, and make landfall on Tuesday as a Category 3 hurricane.

The projected track and timing is eerily similar to Hurricane Katrina, which devastated New Orleans and Gulf Coast in late August 2005. Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal declared a state of emergency and ordered voluntary evacuations of more than a dozen parishes. Governors in Alabama and Mississippi did, too. “If we are in the same area, if we are in the same town, if we are in the same neighborhood, if we are in the same hospital, we have to be prepared,” New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu told CNN on Sunday. “The storm is somewhat uncertain. Out of an abundance of caution we will begin to take these precautions as quickly as we can.”

Landrieu added: “We are much, much better prepared structurally than before.”

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Six killed in car-bomb explosion in Colombia

BOGOTA, 27 Aug — Six people were killed on Sunday in the south of Colombia in a car-bomb explosion, which authorities believe were done by the rebel Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC).

Two children were among the dead, the local authorities said, pointing fingers to FARC guerrillas. Colombian Defence Minister Juan Carlos Pinzon condemned the attack as “an attack against humanity that will never be forgiven,” vowing to capture the criminals and bring them to justice.

The attack occurred in Vista Hermosa, Caqueta Province, where FARC has a strong presence. Local residents have lately suffered a series of attacks on power infrastructure. Local media reported that the bomb was planted in a taxi before it was detonated accidentally by a passenger.

Officials: Kidney for Ohio transplant put in trash

TOLEDO, 27 Aug — A health commissioner says a nurse accidentally disposed of a kidney from a living donor at an Ohio hospital that later replaced its kidney transplant programme. The University of Toledo Medical Centre suspended the programme after the botched transplant earlier this month. The Blade newspaper reported on Friday a kidney donated by a man to his older sister was thrown away with medical waste in what medical experts describe as a rare accident. The Toledo-Lucas County health commissioner confirms a nurse disposed of the kidney.

A hospital official has said doctors tried unsuccessfully for at least two hours to resuscitate the organ in an attempt to make it usable. The hospital blamed “human error” and suspended two operating room nurses. It’s unclear what happened to the intended kidney recipient.—Internet

Grizzly bear kills hiker in Denali National Park

ANCHORAGE, 27 Aug — A hiker in Alaska’s Denali National Park photographed a grizzly bear for at least eight minutes before the bear mauled and killed him in the first fatal attack in the park’s history, officials said on Saturday. Investigations have recovered the camera and looked at the photographs, which show the bear grazing and not acting aggressively before the attack, Denali Park Superintendent Paul Anderson said. The hiker was backpacking alone along the Toklat River Valley on Friday afternoon when he came within 50 yards of the bear, far closer than the quarter-mile of separation required by park rules, officials said.

“The show the bear grazing in the willows, not acting aggressive in any form or manner during that period of time,” Anderson said.

Investigators have identified the man but won’t release his name until they’ve notified his family. They said he’s a US citizen but declined to release any other information about him. Rangers were hoping to recover his remains later Saturday after ensuring the scene was safe. Several other bears have been seen in the area, officials learned of the attack after hikers stumbled upon an abandoned backpack along the river about three miles from last nights Friday afternoon. The hikers also spotted torn clothing and blood. They immediately hiked back and alerted staff and requested the park. Rangers in a helicopter spotted a large male grizzly bear sitting on the hiker’s remains, which they called a “food cache” in the underbrush about 100 to 150 yards from the site of the attack on Friday. A state trooper shot and killed the bear on Saturday, and investigators will examine its stomach contents and use other tests to confirm it’s the animal that killed the hiker.

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Venezuela struggles with refinery blaze after deadly blast

Paraguaná, 27 Aug — Venezuela’s firefights struggled on Saturday to control an explosion at a refinery in the country’s south that killed 41 people, according to the Interior Ministry. Officials said that the explosion had sent huge clouds of thick black smoke into the air, causing some nearby homes to be evacuated. Officials were still trying to determine the cause of the explosion, which ripped through the refinery and caused a massive fire. The explosion killed 41 people, including 24 firefighters, who were killed by the explosion. At least 15 civilians were also killed, bringing the total number of deaths to 56. On Sunday, the death toll rose to 62, with at least 15 civilians still missing.

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South Korean telecoms equipment provider, Samsung, in comparison, saw its revenues jump 38 percent to 78.2 (1.4 trillion US dollars) in 2011-12 from 57.2 billion (1,040 million US dollars) in the previous fiscal year. It had a market share of 47.7 percent and was at the world’s fourth spot behind Nokia, Samsung and Apple.

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Security and medical officials also reported four Iraqis soldiers, including a colonel, were wounded in a gun attack on their patrol near the town of Duhukayah, north of Baghdad, on Friday evening. The unrest takes to 246 the number of people killed in attacks nationwide this month, according to an AFP tally based on reports from security and medical officials. Violence in Iraq is markedly lower than its peak in 2006 and 2007, but attacks remain common, especially in Baghdad and Mosul. — Internet

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An Iranian helicopter of the Revolutionary Guards crashed in western Iran near the Iraqi border killing four Guards on Saturday, the force's website Sepahnews reported.

It did not specify the type of aircraft, saying only that the helicopter suffered "technical failure" while on a mission in Sardasht border area, which is populated by Iran's Kurdish minority. In mid-2011, Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards carried out major offensives against rebels of the Party of Free Life of Kurdistan (PJAK).

PJAK rebels have clashed repeatedly with Iranian forces, drawing retaliatory bombing of their rear bases in mountainous districts of Iraqi Kurdistan across the border. — Internet

Checkpoint attack kills Ivory Coast soldier, five assailants

A soldier and five assailants were killed on Saturday when a military checkpoint came under attack in southern Ivory Coast, a military source said, in the latest of a series of anti-army assaults.

The attack took place near the town of Grand-Laoué, 140 kilometres (85 miles) west of the economic capital Abidjan. "A checkpoint of the Republican Force (army) was attacked late morning at Irobo by men in a pick-up. A soldier was killed, another was injured and transferred to Abidjan. Five attackers were killed," the source told AFP.

Witnesses said locals were holed up in their homes after the violence.

A string of recent attacks targeting the army has sparked a sharp rise in tension more than a year after the post-electoral crisis of December 2010 to April 2011 claimed 3,000 lives.

The government of President Alassane Ouattara has blamed supporters of former president Laurent Gbagbo whose refusal to accept the election result led to the crisis. Earlier this month, armed men attacked an army base, a prison and police stations near Abidjan.

Other attacks in recent weeks have targeted army posts and a border crossing with Liberia. On 18 August, armed men also attacked Gbagbo's party headquarters in a raid that Gbagbo loyalists blamed on Ouattara supporters.

Tiger escapes, kills keeper in German zoo

BERLIN, 27 Aug — A tiger escaped its enclosure at Cologne Zoo in western Germany on Saturday and killed a female keeper before being shot dead by the zoo's director, police said.

The tiger slipped through a passage between the enclosure and an adjacent storage building, where it fatally attacked the 43-year-old keeper, said police spokesman Stefan Kirchner. "It appears the gate wasn't properly shut," Kirchner told The Associated Press.

The zoo was evacuated and a SWAT team was called in, police said.

But before it arrived the zoo's director managed to kill the tiger by climbing onto the storage building and shooting it through a skylight using a high-caliber rifle.

Kirchner said it was unlikely that members of the public had witnessed the incident.

"This is the darkest day of my life," the zoo's director, Theo Pagel, was quoted as saying by Cologne newspaper Express.

The paper said on its website that the Siberian tiger was a 4-year-old male called Altai that came to Cologne Zoo from an animal park in England.

In November it fathered three cubs with a 7-year-old Siberian tiger called Hanya, according to the zoo's website. Police said the zoo reopened after Saturday's incident, which occurred around noon (1000 GMT; 5 am EDT).

However, a planned late-night opening of the zoo has been canceled. Cologne Zoo is one of the oldest in Germany.

It was founded in 1860 and houses some 10,000 animals comprising more than 700 different species.

In this 2 March, 2012 file picture Siberian tigers (Panthera tigris altaica) "Altai" left, and "Hanya" in their enclosure in the Cologne Zoo. Altai escaped its enclosure at Cologne Zoo in western Germany on Saturday and killed a female keeper before being shot dead by the zoo's director, police said.— Internet

Drive Safely

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Real Madrid’s Gonzalo Higuain (L) and Getafe’s Alexis Sanchez fight for the ball during their Spanish first division soccer match at the Coliseum Alfonso Perez stadium in Getafe, near Madrid, on 26 Aug, 2012.—**Reuters**

**Real crash to shock defeat at neighbours Getafe**

**MADRID, 27 Aug—** Real Madrid’s troubled start to the season continued when the champions squandered the lead and slumped to a shock 2-1 defeat at city rivals Getafe on Sunday to slip five points behind La Liga leaders Barcelona.

The rare domestic reverse for Jose Mourinho’s side, who were held to a 1-1 draw at home to Valencia last weekend, ended in a 24-match unbeaten run in the league, their longest in 15 years. They looked comfortably in control when Gonzalo Higuain fired them ahead from close range in the 27th minute at the Coliseum in Madrid.

But their failure to capitalise on long periods of possession ultimately cost them and lowly Getafe levelled eight minutes after half-time when Juan Valera nodded past Iker Casillas from a free-kick. Higuain went from bad to worse for the visitors 15 minutes from time when substitute Adrian Colunga set up Abdelaziz Barrada to smash the ball high into the net and secure a famous victory.

Real’s misery was compounded when defender Fabio Coentrao was sent from the bench for protesting late on and will be suspended for next weekend’s trip to Granada.—**Reuters**

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Real Madrid’s Kaká (R) takes the ball away from Los Angeles Galaxy’s Juninho during the first half of their World Football Challenge international friendly soccer match in Carson, California on 2 Aug, 2012.—**Reuters**

**Watney storms from behind to win Barclays**

**NEW YORK, 28 Aug—** American Nick Watney triumphed in The Barclays tournament, closing with a two-under 69 to capture the opening event in the FedEx Cup playoffs.

Watney, who began the final round two shots back, finished at 10-under 274 to claim the title by three strokes at the Bethpage course, as overnight leader Sergio Garcia faded with a four-over par 75 to tie for third.

“I’ve been working hard,” said Watney. “I’m very pleased how I drove the ball down the stretch. Any time you win it’s great for your confidence. I’m so thrilled and very proud of this week.”

The win moves Watney into first place in the PGA Tour’s playoff points race with more FedEx Cup events to play.

Like Watney, Brandt Snedeker is trying to land a spot on the US Ryder Cup team. He shot a one-under 70 and took second at seven-under 206.

“I’m just happy how I’m playing,” said Federer. “I already reached my goal for the season because becoming world number one and getting Wimbledon again and getting a medal for Switzerland.”

“It’s been incredible.”

Murray, who lost to Federer in the Wimbledon final but beat the Swiss weeks later at the same venue to win gold at the London Olympics, is also in action on Monday against Russian Alex Bogomolov Jr Despite his golden summer, Murray said he was not about to slack off.

**Double champion Farah eases to victory**

**LONDON, 27 Aug—** Sleep-deprived double Olympic champion Mo Farah was almost caught napping during the two-mile race at a Diamond League meeting in Birmingham, England on Sunday before easing to victory of the sellout crowd.

There was relief for American sprinter Tyson Gay who safely negotiated his first competitive 200 metres for two years and compatriot Carmelita Jeter beat Jamaica’s Olympic 100m champion Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce for the second time in four days.

Britain’s Farah, whose wife gave birth to twin girls on Friday, had to produce his trademark turn of speed on the final lap of the distance race when Italian Daniele Meucci suddenly attacked on the outside.

With a wigged replica of Farah in his celebratory ‘Mobot’ pose overlooking the track, the London Games 10,000 and 5,000 metres champion kicked and pulled away from the field on the homestretch, sending the London stadium wild, to win in eight minutes 27 seconds. Meucci was second in 8:28.28.—**Reuters**

**Kiwi Ko becomes youngest LPGA winner at 15**

**COQUITLAM, 27 Aug—** New Zealand’s Lydia Ko became the youngest champion in the history of the LPGA Tour by firing a five-under-par 67 to capture the Canadian Women’s Open by three strokes. South Korean-born Ko finished the 72 holes on 13-under-par 273 at the Vancouver Golf Club course to beat Park Inbee by three shots.

“I just came to make the cut and play the best,” said Ko, 15. “I won’t stop and I’m going to get the trophy, and it’s amazing.”

The fifth amateur winner, Ko is also the first since Jo Anne Carner captured the Burbine’s Invitational in 1947.

Ko is 16 months younger than Lexi Thompson, who held the previous age record at 16 years, eight months. Thompson set the mark when she won the Navistar Classic last year.

Ko was born 11 days after Tiger Woods won his first Masters in 1997. She finished five strokes ahead of South Koreans Choi Na-yeon, Shin Ji-yai and Chella Choi, who finished in a tie for third place at eight-under 280.—**Internet**
The New Light of Myanmar
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Sunday, packing winds of up to 252 kilometres (157 miles) per hour, the Japanese meteorological agency said.

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A woman flying from Las Vegas on Southwest this spring says she was confronted by an airline employee for showing too much cleavage. In another recent case, an American Airlines pilot lectured a passenger because her T-shirt bore a four-letter expletive. She was allowed to keep flying after draping a shawl over the T-shirt that mocked federal security agents and included the words, "Terrorists gonna kill us.

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In other passengers, American and Delta are with their rights to make the passengers change shirts even if messages are political, says Joe Larsen, a First Amendment lawyer from Houston who has defended many media companies. The First Amendment prohibits government from limiting a person’s free-speech rights, but it does’t apply to rules set by private companies, Larsen says.

He notes that government security screeners didn’t challenge Guha; private Delta employees did. In short, since airlines and their government’s plates are private property and not a public space like the courthouse steps, creators tend to what to wear. — Internet

Large tortoise found in Taungdwingyi Township

TAUNGDWINGYI, 27 Aug — A large tortoise was found from the compound of Mr. San Lin, Daw Khin Nyunt of Thathangyi Village of Taungdwingyi Village-tract in Taungdwingyi Township in Magway Region on 26 August morning. Son Maung Bo Khang found it. The tortoise has 26 inches and nine inches cover, four inches legs and two inches head. The tortoise will be donated to Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Garden.

Weather forecast for 28th August, 2012

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