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Permission granted to resign from the post of Union Ministers

Under Section 235, Sub-section (b) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 68 Sub-section (a) of the Union Government Law, the following Union Ministers have been permitted to resign from their posts:

1. U Khin Maung Myint  Ministry of Construction
2. U Zaw Min  Ministry of Electric Power No.1

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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Permission granted to resign from the post of Union Auditor-General

Under Section 245, Sub-section (b) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 16, Sub-section (a) of the Union Auditor-General Law, Union Auditor-General U Lun Maung has been permitted to resign from his post.

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President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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Deputy Minister reshuffled

Under Section 234, Sub-section (a) and Sub-section (d) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 16, Sub-section (b), Paragraph (9) of the Union Government Law, Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win has been appointed at the Ministry of Religious Affairs as deputy minister.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives UN Under-Secretary-General

NA Pyi Taw, 28 Aug—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received a delegation led by UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Dr Babatunde Osotimehin at the Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in the Hluttaw complex here at 8.30 am today.

At the meeting, they cordially discussed matters on reproductive health and birth-spacing awareness, maternal and child care activities and taking the 2014-census in Myanmar.

Also present at the call together with Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann were chairmen from the Pyithu Hluttaw committees and officials from the Hluttaw Office.

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CAG pulls up ONGC for not placing emphasis on exploration activity

Shanghai could lose Drogba, Anelka

Abraham crowned new world super middleweight champion

Myanmar players sharpen their skills with former USA basketball players

Yangon, 28 Aug—Three former basketball stars including the assistant director from WNBA and NBA, the world famous basketball matches, showed their basketball skills to Myanmar selected basketball women’s and men’s teams at Kyakka Gas Basketball Ground in Bahan Township, here, this morning. The group including Charlotte Bobcats basketball team General Manager Richard Cho, Los Angeles Lakers assistant coach and Former NBA Player Daruin Han, former Women’s National Basketball Association player Allison Feaster and former NBA player Marty Conlon gave trainings to Myanmar selected basketball teams and conducted sports workshops.—MNA

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Our Three Main National Causes

* Non-disintegration of the Union
* Non-disintegration of National Solidarity
* Perpetuation of Sovereignty

200-year-old ‘monster larva’ mystery solved

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Our main focus

Nowadays, the main focus of the developing countries around the world is the development itself. Their various means for development include the adoption and implementation of action plans, advice from international experts, efforts to gain capital and technology and fulfill the requirements through inviting foreign loans and investments, and capital accumulation.

In fact, it is a general concept that adequate amount of capital is important for national development. Accordingly, capital accumulation is of vital importance for national development. The role of international aids is especially important in accumulating capital.

A nation will become a global level well-rounded developed country only if it enjoys continuous progress based on firm economic foundation. Development will be followed by rapid rise in multiple sectors including health, education and social fields. But this development must be centred on the people for all inclusiveness.

In the global drive for development, Japan, South Korea, Chinese Taipei and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China have become renowned Asian Tigers or Asian Dragons at the end of 20th century and the early part of 21st century. Moreover, China and India are among the biggest and fastest growing emerging markets serving as engines of global economic growth.

An analysis of their development shows that these emerging markets or Asian Tigers or Asian Dragons have different backgrounds, cultures, and national developments and unique natural environments. But the similar fact is that they have developed economies or very fast developing economies on account of their various kinds of crop such as paddy, corn, pea, edible oil crops, sugar cane, and raw rubber, said the Union Minister.

Cooperation tasks lead to lucrative agro-business based on research, experiment and exchange knowledge.

The Union Minister inspected vegetable plantation and Palethwe hybrid paddy strain at former educational farm (500) acres in Koeiwa-Thabyegon, groundnut farm (10) acres near Taegyigon Village, Kabuthiri Township, and Palethwe hybrid paddy strain (Basmati), Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

He viewed implementation of mechanized farming at Palethwe hybrid paddy strain field (440) acres at Abylinlo Village in Maesalgone Village tract.

The Union Minister looked into Palethwe hybrid paddy strain (100) acres at Yezin Agriculture of University and progress of the paddy field at Yezin Agriculture Research Department.

Media men from Republic of Korea in meeting with officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw.

Korean media delegation meets officials of ministries in Nay Pyi Taw

Union A&I Minister, Vietnamese agriculturists view progress of plantation

Nay Pyi Taw, 28 Aug—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing held discussion with a five-member delegation led by Dr Mai Van Quyen, (Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board) and Dr Phan Van Du (Deputy General Director of the Crop Production Southern Vietnam).

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Myanmar Teams to take part in 6th Asia Junior Sports event

Yangon, 28 Aug—A Myanmar youth sports team comprising 19 members including managers and coaches from Myanmar Judo Federation and Myanmar Badminton Federation led by Vice-President U Aye Kyi of Myanmar Judo Federation left here by air yesterday evening for Japan to compete 6th Asia Junior Sports Tournament 2012 to be held in Japan from 28 August to 3 September. They were sent off at Yangon International Airport by executives and officials from Myanmar Judo Federation and Badminton Federation.


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Similarly, they met officials of Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and had discussions.

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Dialogue on Water-Food-Energy Security

30 Aug

Yangon, 28 Aug—Irrigation Department will hold the Dialogue on Water-Food-Energy Security as a Major Contributing Constituent for Sustainable National Development in cooperation with Myanmar Water Resources Partnership (Interim) at International Business Centre, here, on 30 August.

At the ceremony, resource personnel will be read out the papers and those interested may enlist to participate in discussion dialing 01-578202 and 09-54-25552.—MNA

CCTV cameras are in operation for security.

The security will have to take care of these cameras.

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Latest poll shows most Americans still expect Obama to win reelection

TAMPA, 28 Aug.—As the Republican National Convention (RNC) which will nominate Mitt Romney as the party’s presidential nominee, opened in a low-key ceremony on Monday, a latest poll showed that most Americans expect that President Barack Obama will win the race in November.

Fifty-eight Americans expect Obama to win the reelection on 6 November, up 2 percent from last survey in May, while 36 percent say Romney will win, unchanged from May, according to the USA Today/Gallup poll conducted on 22-22 August.

This reflects that, despite the past three-month hard campaigning, Romney, the former Massachusetts governor, has generally failed to increase his support among American voters. Obama’s supporters are much more optimistic than Republicans about their candidate’s chances, with 80 percent of Democrats predicting an Obama win, compared to 60 percent of Republicans expecting Romney to win.

Although the presidential race between Obama and Romney has generally been a tight one, Americans by a fairly wide margin expect Obama to win, probably because he is the incumbent, Gallup said. An in-depth analysis of the implications of this poll, Gallup said that it can go either way for both candidates. For the Republicans, they thought that the candidate is the underdog could motivate them to campaign for Romney and get out and vote, or could be discouraging and end up suppressing their vote. Similarly, Democrats’ confidence that their candidate will win could encourage them to get out and vote to make sure that there is a reality, or could cause complacency and lower support percentage, the Gallup said.

The Republican Party officially kicked off the RNC in Tampa, Florida, on Monday, in a low-key short ceremony, as the first-day agenda has been canceled due to the threat of Tropical Storm Isaac. Romney, together with his runningmate House Representative Paul Ryan, is expected to be officially nominated as the Republican presidential nominee on Tuesday night by about 5,000 RNC delegates, formally setting up the race with the Democratic Party’s Obama-Biden ticket.

Sydney to host G20 finance meeting in 2014

SYDNEY, 28 Aug.—Australia will host the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors’ meeting in 2014, Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Treasurer Wayne Swan announced on Tuesday. In a joint media release with their Brazilian counterparts, Gillard and Brazil’s Finance Minister Guido Mantega, the two leaders said that the G20 meeting will take place in Cairns, Queensland, in May 2014, in the context of the G20 Finance Ministers’ meeting. The G20 leaders’ meeting is scheduled for the third week of September, in the tropical coastal city.

Swan said the meeting will attract up to 2,000 delegates and support staff, including international media, putting Sydney in the international spotlight. “Along with the G20 Finance Ministers’ meeting that will take place in Cairns, this meeting will do important preparatory work for the G20 Leaders’ Meeting to be held in Brisbane,” Swan said. “This will be a complex event to organize and the Commonwealth will be working closely with the NSW (New South Wales) Government to deliver a successful meeting.”

According to the Treasurer, members of the G20 account for 85 percent of global GDP, 80 percent of global trade, and most of Australia’s major trading and investment partners. The G20 brings together leaders, finance ministers and central bank governors from major developed and advanced economies to address critical economic and financial challenges facing the world.

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Egypt’s foreign policy will base on balanced relations: president spokesman

CAIRO, 28 Aug.—Egypt’s foreign policy will base on balanced relations in a way that guarantees Egyptian interests and security, President Mohamed Morsi’s spokesman Yasser Ali said on Sunday in a press conference. Morsi’s orientation to Africa, Gulf countries, China, Iran is a step in the way to such balanced foreign relations,” Ali added.

Ali asserted that Egypt’s security can be achieved by reinforcing relations with African states, Islamic states, and the economic and political powers in the world. “Morsi’s foreign visits began with China on 28 August, then a visit to the USA (which will be followed by this press conference). Morsi will pay a state visit to China on Tuesday in a bid to enhance the bilateral relations between the two countries. Morsi’s visit to China has a political aspect including finding a solution to the Syrian crisis, and an economic aspect including increasing the Chinese investments in Egypt,” he said. The spokesman.

ASEAN wants more investment, tourists from China

SIEM REAP (Cambodia), 28 Aug — The bilateral relationship between the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and China is very good and the regional bloc wants to see more investment and tourists from China, ASEAN Secretary-General Surin Pitutawan said here on Monday. “The ASEAN relation with China has been very productive and both sides certainly take the relationship very seriously,” Surin said in an interview with Xinhua on the sidelines of the 44th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting.

He added that China has helped ASEAN a lot in infrastructure development in ASEAN’s process to build an economic community by 2015. Surin said China is the largest market for ASEAN and the country is certainly a growth engine for ASEAN as it has been the growth engine for the rest of the world.

The ASEAN secretary general said that all these agreements are not only ratified, but also implemented, rules, laws and regulations.

ASEAN will be able to accelerate our efforts in order to make sure that all these agreements are not only ratified, but also implemented,” he said. He expressed confidence that ASEAN would continue to build the ASEAN Economic Community, and help from dialogue partners. He said the upcoming ASEAN Economic Community would mark 600 million people and would be more attractive to the world in terms of trade and investment.

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Pirates kidnap 24 in gunfire off Togo coast

LAGOS, 28 Aug.—Pirates attacked an oil tanker Tuesday off the coast of Togo, taking control of its bridge and kidnapping 24 sailors before escaping amid an exchange of gunfire with a naval patrol boat, an anti-piracy organization said.

It wasn’t immediately clear if anyone was injured in the attack on the Greek-owned oil tanker, which had been anchored about 17 nautical miles (31 miles) away from Lome, Togo’s capital. The pirates took control of the vessel quickly, though an alarm from the ship alerted the Togolese navy, said Noel Chong, an official with the International Maritime Bureau.

The navy boat trailed the tanker and sailors exchanged gunfire with the pirates before the tanker escaped, Chong said.

A naval spokesman could not be immediately reached for comment Tuesday.

Tuesday’s attack is just the latest to target West Africa’s Gulf of Guinea, which follows the continent’s southward migration of pirates from Southeast Asia.

Six of the 19 attacks recorded in the region so far this year occurred in the last month.

Australia’s largest rebel group with about 9,000 members. Although it suffered serious defeats in fightings with government troops from 1994 to 2009, it has recently increased hit-and-run attacks, especially on oil and mining facilities.

Colombian president confirms contact with Rebel FARC

BOGOTA, 28 Aug.—Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos confirmed on Monday that his government has contacted in Cuba with leaders of the rebel Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) as a first step to start peace talks.

In a televised address, Santos said government and rebel representatives have conducted “exploratory talks” in Havana and signed an agreement to initiate peace talks 5 October in Oslo, Norway, hoping to end the decade-long conflict between the two sides.

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IBM to roll out new mainframes despite shrinking market

IBMs new mainframes include updates to the z10 and z13, allowing them to compete on a more equal footing with Intel’s x86-based servers. The new machines also feature enhanced virtualization capabilities, allowing them to be used as part of a cloud infrastructure.

China’s ZTE aims to double smartphone, tablet shipments

ZTE has announced plans to double its smartphone and tablet shipments in 2012, as the company looks to capitalize on the growing mobile phone market in China. The company expects to ship 10 million smartphones this year, up from 5 million in 2011.

ZTE’s target is in line with the overall growth of the Chinese smartphone market, which is expected to increase by 50% this year. The company is also looking to expand its tablet business, planning to ship 2 million tablets in 2012.

Prehistoric tiny bugs found trapped in amber

Scientists have discovered three new species of ancient insects that were preserved in amber, providing new insights into the evolution of insects. The find includes the oldest known实例 of the deep-water shrimp Cerataspis, which was believed to be extinct until now.

The amber traps were found in New York and Montana, and contain fossils of a new species of insect, the Cerataspis monstrosa. The discovery is significant because it provides evidence of a previously unknown type of insect, and shows that ancient ecosystems were more diverse than previously thought.

Samsung to announce android-powered Galaxy S camera this week

Samsung is expected to announce a new Android-powered Galaxy S camera at the Consumer Electronics Show in January. The camera is rumored to come with a 16-megapixel sensor, and run on Android 4.0 (Ice Cream Sandwich).

The camera is also expected to include a Google Play marketplace, so you can run any apps that are compatible with the older OS. It will be available in September.

Polarnoid also unveiled an Android-powered camera at the Consumer Electronics Show in January, but it has yet to get an official release date.

200-year-old ‘monster larva’ mystery solved

Scientists have finally identified the ‘monster larva’ that was discovered in amber last year. The larva, which was believed to be a new species of insect, was found in a piece of amber in the United States.

The larva is actually a baby version of a deep-water shrimp called Cerataspis. The discovery provides new insights into the evolution of deep-water shrimps, and shows that they were more diverse than previously thought.

Researchers believe that the larva was found in amber because it was alive at the time of the amber trap. The larva was found in a piece of amber that was 100 million years old, and was found in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

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Circumcision plagues outweigh risks: Pediatricians

CHICAGO, 28 Aug—The nation’s most influential pediatricians group says the health benefits of circumcision in newborn boys outweigh any risks and insurance companies should pay for it. In its latest policy statement on circumcision, a procedure that has been declining nationwide, the American Academy of Pediatrics moves closer to an endorsement but says the decision should be up to parents.

“It’s not a decision all-done,” said co-author Dr Andrew Freedman. “There’s not a one-size-fits-all answer.” But from a medical standpoint, circumcision’s benefits in reducing risk of disease outweigh its small risks, said Freedman, a pediatric urologist in Los Angeles. Recent research bolstering evidence that circumcision reduces chances of infection with HIV and other sexually spread diseases, urinary tract infections and penis cancer influenced the academy to update their 13-year-old guidelines.

Their old stance said potential medical benefits were not strong enough to warrant recommending routinely circumcision newborn boys. The new one says, “The benefits of newborn male circumcision justify access to this procedure for those families who choose it.” The academy also says pain relief is stronger than a sugar-coated pacifier is essential, usually an injection to numb the area.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2007 first recommended that the national health services recommended routine circumcision of newborn male babies. But many other developed countries, including Britain, France, Sweden, and Australia, do not endorse the practice.

Social worker Shannon Coyne poses for a portrait with her 11-month-old son in Philadelphia. Coyne and her husband decided against circumcision for their son. —Internet

Dormant virus might make you diabetic

BERLIN, 28 Aug—Most people infected with cytomegalovirus (CMV) carry it for a lifetime without any ill effects, but should the dormant virus become active, because of a weakened immune system, it could make you a diabetic.

New research by Leiden University Medical Centre and University of Tubingen Medical Schools in Germany shows that CMV infection is a significant risk factor for the type 2 diabetes in the elderly. Obesity, inactivity and aging are known to be tied to insulin resistance, one of the first signs of diabetes.

However, only a third of those with insulin resistance go on the develop type 2 diabetes, according to the Leiden and Tubingen statement.

So what marks these people as different? Why do their pancreas’ fail? Genetic and environmental factors are thought to play a part but so does something else.

People with type 2 diabetes usually have raised levels of biological markers for inflammation such as elevated C reactive protein (CRP) and larger numbers of activated blood cells, the CRP, synthesised by the liver, is usually a marker of inflammation, which is how the immune system respond to an infection or a disease. Chronic infections, including CMV, can “stress” the immune system and when researchers from Leiden Tubingen Universities compared glucose regulation with antibodies to CMV in over 500 participants of the Leiden 85-plus Study, they found that having CMV was associated with type 2 diabetes. —Internet

Japan cuts economic assessment as global slowdown bites

TOKYO, 28 Aug—Japan’s government cut its assessment for the export-reliant economy for the first time in nearly a year as slowing global growth weighed on exports, clouding recovery prospects and adding pressure on the central bank for further stimulus.

Devaluation in the United States and China, on top of Europe’s debt crisis, caused the downturn, the government said Tuesday, adding warning that further global slowdown and sharp market swings posed risks to the world’s third-largest economy. The first such downgrade since October 2011 matches the assessment of private-sector analysts, but is somewhat bleaker than the view of the Bank of Japan (BOJ), which has said the economy is starting to pick up moderately.

“Looking at both domestic demand and overseas economies, I don’t expect the economy to slide back into a recession but I cannot say it will stage a recovery either,” said Yasuo Yamamoto, senior economist at Mizuho Research Institute in Tokyo, adding that Japan may enter a soft-patch in the third quarter. The government assessment underscores policymakers’ concern that fresh stimulus measures could be needed, as exports may struggle to recover before the effect of the economy of spending on rebounding from last year’s earthquake begins to fade. “The economy is moderately recovering helped by reconstruction demand, while some weak movements were seen recently,” the Cabinet Office said in its monthly report. In the previous month’s report, the government also said the economy was recovering moderately on reconstruction demand but merely noted that there were difficulties. —Internet

Psoriasis therapy may reduce heart attacks

LOS ANGELES, 28 Aug—A treatment for psoriasis was associated with a significantly reduced risk for heart attack compared with other forms of treatment, US researchers say.

Dr Jashin J Wu, director of dermatology research at Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Centre, said tumour necrosis factor inhibitors are used as treatment for psoriasis to block the inflammatory response of the disease.

Wu and colleagues at the medical centre conducted a prospective study, using patient files, with at least three diagnosis codes for psoriasis or psoriatic arthritis, without previous heart attacks, from January 2004 to November 2010.

Of the 8,845 patients included in the study, 57.4 percent were not treated with any systemic therapy or phototherapy (topical treatment group). 18.9 percent received a tumor necrosis factor inhibitor for at least two consecutive months (tumour necrosis factor inhibitor treatment group) and 23.7 percent were treated with oral systemic agents or phototherapy (oral/phototherapy treatment group).

The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has pulled up the State-owned Oil & Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) for not placing desired emphasis on discovering oil and gas and being tardy in monetising its discoveries.

New Delhi, 28 Aug—The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has pulled up the State-owned Oil & Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) for not placing desired emphasis on discovering oil and gas and being tardy in monetising its discoveries, the report on Hydrocarbon Exploration Efforts of ONGC, which was tabled in Parliament on Tuesday, expressed concern at the company’s lack of adequate efforts and results in new fields and wanted the Oil Ministry to reset annual targets set out in MoU that the firm signs with the Government.

“ONGC did not place the desired emphasis on its exploration activities. Coupled with low priority on exploration the company’s efforts of ONGC have not achieved the targets set out in MoU for exploration. The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has pulled up the State-owned Oil & Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) for not placing desired emphasis on discovering oil and gas and being tardy in monetising its discoveries which contributed to low production,” CAG said.

“While external benchmarking of performance was not done, nationally ONGC had among the lowest efficiency in drilling compared to private as well as central public sector enterprise (Oil India Ltd) which led to non-achievement of work commitments and payment of liquidated damages,” it said. —Internet
Two traffic accidents leave 47 dead in China

BEIJING, 28 Aug — A double-decker bus rammed into a tanker loaded with highly flammable methanol on a northern Chinese highway, causing both vehicles to burst into flames in one of two serious accidents that left 47 dead over the weekend. The official Xinhua News Agency said 39 people were on the long-distance sleeper bus when it crashed and three died. It said the survivors were hospitalized, but didn’t describe their condition.

The tanker had just returned to the highway after a rest stop when it was apparently rear-ended by a bus at around 2:40 am close to the city of Yan’an in Shaanxi Province, the official China News website said. The bus had left Hohhot in Inner Mongolia and was headed south to Xi’an city, it said. Xinhua photos showed the charred metal skeleton of the bus rammed up against the back of the tanker.

An official with the local Communist Party propaganda bureau in Yan’an confirmed that the crash occurred but was unable to give details and was unsure of the death toll. In the second accident, 11 people were killed and another was seriously hurt when a van crashed into a truck on Sunday afternoon in southwest China’s Sichuan Province. Xinhua reported. Rain safety is a serious problem in China. According to Xinhua, poorly maintained roads and bad driving habits result in about 70,000 deaths and 300,000 injuries a year. — Internet

Iranians overjoyed by hosting NAM summit

TEHERAN, 28 Aug — “Welcome to Teheran for the 16th NAM summit...” Banners and posters are hanging along the streets across Iran’s capital of Teheran, reminding passers-by that a big event is going on in one of the largest cities in the region. Iran will host the 16th summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) this week. With local TV channel circulating the developments of the event, which is divided into three stages — senior officials meeting on 26-27 August, ministerial level meeting on 28-29 August, and the summit from 30 to 31 August — even teenagers playing in the streets of Teheran know something special is taking place here.

The Iranian government has geared up security in the capital, especially around the convention centres and hotels where foreign guests stay, with the number of checkpoints increased and policemen patrolling along major roads in downtown area. But for most residents in Teheran, the summit is something which makes them proud and overjoyed. A 61-year-old retired man even mistook the crowds around the Teheran Grand Hotel, where many foreign journalists covering the summit are staying, for the celebration of a big “holiday.” “There is a five-day holiday here, I think,” the man said merrily to Xinhua, pointing to a grocery run by his younger friend. “But don’t worry, all shops will still be opening. You can buy things as you want,” he said.

Realizing that most representatives to this summit come from developing countries, some Iranian citizens said they hoped the meeting would help resolve or alleviate major problems the world is facing, such as the Syrian crisis and the Iranian nuclear issue. — Xinhua

Three children die, father missing in loch tragedy

GALLOCH, 28 Aug — A search is continuing on Tuesday for the body of a father believed to have died when his canoe capsized in a sea loch, in an accident that claimed the lives of his two young sons and a girl aged five. Ewen Beaton, 32, was one of two adults in the boat with four children when it overturned in Loch Galloch, near Ullapool in the Scottish Highlands on Sunday.

His sons, Jamie, two, and Ewen, five, were rescued by helicopter and airlifted to hospital, but died on Sunday night. On Monday, a third child, Gracie Mackay, died in the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Glasgow. Her father, 35, and sister, 8, was managed to swim to shore and raise the alarm.

Beaton’s family issued a statement through police, saying: “We are utterly devastated by what has happened and the loss of our beautiful little boys. We appreciate all that has and is being done by emergency services to find their adoring father, Ewen.

“It is too difficult to say anything more at this time and we would appreciate our family being left in peace to grieve our terrible loss.”

Stornoway Coastguard was alerted to the incident at around 4.15pm on Sunday after Gracie’s father and her sister, named locally as Garry Mackay and Callie, made it to the shoreline. — Internet

China adds 76 in mobile phone users in first seven months

BEIJING, 28 Aug — China added 75.78 million mobile phone users during the first seven months of 2012, including 55.34 million 3G subscribers, official data showed on Monday. However, the number of fixed-line users fell 1.91 million during the same period, according to a statement by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology.

The telecommunication industry reported 6.1 billion yuan (96.93 billion US dollars) in primary business revenues in the January-July period, up 9.2 percent from a year earlier, the statement said. Revenues from mobile telecommunication rose 11.3 percent year on year during the first seven months, accounting for 73.04 percent of the total, up 1.4 percentage points from a year earlier, while the rest of revenues came from fixed-line businesses, according to the statement. — Xinhua

NATO: 202 Afghan bases closed, more to come

KARUL, 28 Aug — NATO has closed more than 200 bases in Afghanistan and transferred nearly 300 others to local forces, a concrete step toward its 2014 target of handing over security responsibility, NATO officers said on Sunday. All 202 closed facilities were small, ranging from chairs to large generators.

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Over 1 million vie for 20,000 car plates in Beijing

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False alarm triggers Australia’s Brisbane Airport evacuation

BRISBANE, 27 Aug — Flights at Brisbane Airport in Australia’s Queensland are expected to be delayed after a false alarm sparked a mass evacuation at the airport, local media reported on Monday.

The fire alarms at the airport went off before 8.30 am local time on Monday and all passengers and staff at the airport were evacuated, the Australian Associated Press (AAP) reported.

A spokeswoman for Brisbane Airport Corporation told AAP that it was a false alarm. “We are having to rescreen everyone,” she said. “It’s not clear at this stage but there may be flight delays.” The company is investigating the cause of the false alarm, the spokeswoman said. — Xinhua
**A Way to Happiness — Contentment**

He who is content is indeed a rich man, for the way to peace and happiness is to develop contentment. Even when we are trying to make a living to satisfy the basic necessities of life, one needs satisfaction and contentment to be happy. Not allowing “Lobha” (greed or desire for more than one can obtain) to get out of control. If one can accept and live within our means there will be contentment and a certain degree of happiness. However desire is often unlimited and if we allow greed to proceed unchecked, there will always be desire for more and there will never be satisfaction, contentment or happiness. But it does not mean that we must be satisfied without any effort to do better - i.e. lack of ambition, but only that we must try to be content with what one has been able to achieve, when one has tried his or her best. People must make a living and cannot be entirely free from greed and his desire to make a good living can vary according to circumstances. However this greed should be within reasonable limits and not exceed this limit. If we can control excessive desire and to be content with what can be obtained, there will be happiness. The ability to adapt to the existing situation and to be content with what one can have. If everyone can develop this habit, they will be able to find contentment and happiness.

Greed rises in want of satisfaction. The evil of greed is hard to remove. People should quench this fire whenever and wherever they appear by correctly judging as to what can give true satisfaction. Greed is like a fever. If you get this fever you will be tormented by sleeplessness. Greed and desires are endless. It is like a man, who drinks seawater; he gets no satisfaction and his thirst only increases. To satisfy greed and desire, people will struggle and fight with each other, king against king, vassal against vassal, parent against child, brother against brother, sister against sister, friend against friend, they will fight and even kill each other to satisfy their greed and desire. This is because people will often ruin their lives in the attempt to satisfy desires. They will steal and cheat and commit adultery and then being caught will suffer from the disgrace of it and its punishment. This is because people are not contented with what they have. To be content is something which is incomparable. In this life there is nothing we can exchange with contentment.

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**Books, publications donated to village library**

**Zigon, 28 Aug** — A ceremony to donate books and publications to Mayin library was held in Mayin West Village of Mayin Village-tract in Zigon Township of Thayawady District in Bago Region on 22 August morning.

On the occasion, Village-tract Administrator U Tin Ohn makes speech, and Staff Officer Daw San Kyaw of District Information and Public Relations Department gave lecture with the title “Only when literature meets high standard, can people step on high standard.”

**Ayeawady Region Cooperative Union holds AGM**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 28 Aug** — Ayeawady Region Cooperative Union held the Annual General Meeting for 2011-2012 fiscal year at its hall on 22 August morning.

Deputy Director of Cooperative Department of Ayeawady 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. —Myanma Alin

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**Personal and household goods donated to flood victims in Kyaukme**

**Kyaukme, 28 Aug** — People of Kyaukme Township collectively donated rice, edible oil, salt, personal goods and household goods worth over K 4 million and K 2.9 million amounting to about K 7 million to flood victims of Lashio.

On 25 August, on behalf of the wellwishers, youth of Theravada Buddhist Association of Kyaukme town, Added Parahita Youth Group presented donations to the victims in Lashio. They donated relief aids to people from 485 households from Wards 1 and 7 of Lashio.

**Fingerlings released to paddy fields in Thongwa**

**Yangon, 28 Aug** — Thongwa Township Fisheries Department held the ceremony to release fingerlings into paddy field of U Than Soe, on 23 August with the aim of developing fishing production, ensuring sufficiency of fish consumption and undertaking poverty alleviation and rural development.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Kyaw Thaung, Head of Township Fisheries Department U Zaw Than and members of Township Agricultural Coordination Committee, departmental officials, members of social organizations, Village Administrator and farmers released fingerlings into the paddy fields and Phayalay Creek.

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**Heads of Township**

Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Mar Mar Oo donated 645 books on various subjects and wellwishers, furniture and 500 books to the library.

Myanmar Libraries Foundation donated K 1 million and the local people over K 800,000 for construction of the library building. —Myanma Alin

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**Information for anti-human trafficking**

Nowadays, the government is accelerating its tasks in taking preventive measures against trafficking in person. In so doing, telephone numbers are announced as the connections with authorities concerned for enabling the people to actively participate in taking the anti-human trafficking measures.

These telephone numbers are 067-41555 and 067-412666 in Nay Pyi Taw, 09-4955566 in Muse, 09-49555777 in Mandalay and 09-49555988 and 09-49556999 in Yangon.
Answers to Hluttaw should…

Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Dr Lin Aung answered queries raised by two Hluttaw representatives. U Kyi Myint of Latha Constituency asked how much unsecured loan was disbursed with 15 percent interest for small and medium enterprises. The deputy minister answered that 24.14 percent of loans disbursed by private banks to farming, manufacturing, trading, transportation, construction and service industries went to the manufacturing sector.

Daw Tin Nwe Oo of Dagon Myothit (North) Constituency asked about opening stamp sale booths by Internal Revenue Department near various courts. The deputy minister answered that stamps could be bought easily at Internal Revenue Department offices of the townships where the courts exist. The demand could not meet for the moment following the changes in tax rates, but it would be distributed sufficiently.

As Daw Tin Nwe Oo suggested officials to observe delays and difficulties in buying stamps, the deputy minister responded with the promise to improve the sale of stamps. The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker said the answers of ministries in Hluttaw are public. If the promise is not fulfilled, the Hluttaw would take actions. It would strengthen the rule of law.

The answer of the respective ministry regarding the stamp was generalized. The answer should not be generalized and the inappropriate systems and ways should be changed as soon as possible. Rules, rules and regulations, orders and directives should be reviewed and pragmatic measures should be taken. The Hluttaw representatives are to raise questions, presenting evidences, and those who answer the questions should answer clearly with respect for the people. The Government’s Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee monitored the answers and report the Hluttaw of the failures to fulfill the promise.

The receipt of Bill revoking Land Acquisition (Mines) Act approved and sent by Aungphyu Hluttaw on 21 August was notified. The Bill Committee will have to scrutinize the bill and submit it to the Hluttaw with the report. The Hluttaw representatives are willing to discuss the bill are to submit their name list not later than 31 August.

A total of 12 Hluttaw representatives discussed the proposal to cure eye patients in central Myanmar and arid regions in special programmes submitted by U Aung Thaung of Taungtha Constituency. Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin said ophthalmology departments of the Health Department and anti-trachoma and blindness projects are providing necessary treatment for eye patients from all walks of life. Courses were provided to community health staff, members of social organization and volunteers to prevent blindness. Educatice talks are aired in Myanmar Radio and Television. As the Ministry of Health is providing necessary treatment for eye patients, the proposal should be put on record.

As there was no one against the proposal, it was approved.

Today’s session concluded at 3.30 pm and the 35th day session takes place tomorrow.—MNA

Meeting to review telecommunications bill (draft) held

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Minister U Thein Tun addresses meeting to review telecommunica
tions bill (draft). MNA

Myanmar citizen Aung Myat (a) Kham Hon temporarily extradited to People’s Republic of China to help pass judgement on Sai Naw Kham

NAY PHTAW, 28 Aug.—The temporary extradition of Myanmar citizen Aung Myat (a) Kham Hon who is in custody at Kengtung Jail awaiting verdict under a local law to the Ministry of Public Security of the People’s Republic of China took place at the office of the Deputy Head of Shan State Police Force at 4 am today. The Deputy Head of Shan State Police Force (Kengtung) Police Lt-Col Kyaw Tun and Director-General Mr Uu Yuejin of Drugs Control Department under the Ministry of Public Security of the PRC handed over and accepted the culprit.

Sai Naw Kham who was the prime suspect in the killing of 13 Chinese sailors in the Thai territorial waters on 5 October 2011 was arrested in Laos on 25 April 2012. He was handed over to the PRC by Laos on 10 May 2012. As Aung Myat (a) Kham Hon was the mastermind behind the crime committed by the Sai Naw Kham group, he was temporarily handed over to the Ministry of Public Security of the PRC under Section 28 of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Law Chapter 6 of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to help pass judgement on Sai Naw Kham, and he would be sent back to Myanmar after the final judgement.

Myanmar disabled athletes leave for England to compete in London Paralympic Games 2012

YANGON, 28 Aug.—A seven-member Myanmar disabled athletes team led by President Maj-Gen Nay Lin of Myanmar Disabled Athletes Federation left here by air yesterday evening for England to participate in London Paralympic Games 2012 to be held in London of England from 24 August to 11 September. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials from Myanmar Disabled Athletes Federation and Commander-in-Chief Office (Army).

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Stipend granted for offspring of war veterans

NATTALIN, 28 Aug.—Myanmar War Veterans Organization and Nattalin Township War Veterans Organization held a ceremony to grant stipends for offspring of war veterans at the office of Township War Veterans Organizing Committee in Nattalin Township, Bago Region, at 9 am on 24 August.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Zaw Lwin and Chairman of Township War Veterans Organization WO II Kyan Tun (Rtd) delivered addresses and presented K1.2 million to 61 students.

Yamethin MCWA holds low-cost cookery contest

YAMETHIN, 28 Aug.—Yamethin Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association held the low-cost cookery contest as part of nourishment week activities at its office, here, on 24 August.

Chairperson of District MCW Supervisory Committee Daw Htar Htar Win, Chairperson of Township MCWA Daw Yi Yi Thaung and members in-charge of MCWA Dr Myint Myint Maw viewed low-cost cooking utensils and materials.

In the contest, Wah Toe May group won the first prize, Khyi Myoh Ma group the second and Aung Myay the third.

Chairpersons of district and township MCWAs and members fed refreshments to pre-primary students.

Myanmar disabled athletes leave for England to compete in London Paralympic Games 2012

NAY PHTAW, 28 Aug.—Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun highlighted the need to transform into Competition Business Model, establishing local and foreign partnerships and inviting foreign investments, at meeting to review telecommunications bill (draft).

The law and rules should have no loopholes as multinational organizations and corporations would learn the laws and rules before investing Myanmar, the Union Minister said.

While reforms are being taken in communications industry, the firm legislation is needed, he underscored.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister, Director-General of Communications Directorate, Managing Director of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications, departmental heads, and representatives of respective ministries.—MNA

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Income tax levy aimed…

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So, there is no any plan to provide the township with a modern fire engine. In the 2014-2015 financial year, which is the fifth five-year short-term projects period, plans are underway to build one building and staff quarters. According to the 30-year plan, arrangements are being made to equip it with one fire engine and light fire engine in order that it can be upgraded into Unit-3 level one in the 2016-2017 financial year.

After that, member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee Dr Myat Nyana Soe read out the Bill Committee’s report on amended Basic Education Bill (2012) sent back by the Pyithu Hluttaw with its amendments, and proposal. Hluttaw decided to discuss the bill and announced that those wishing to discuss it are to register their names. After that, member of Amyotha Hluttaw International Relations Committee Col Maung Maung Htoo read out the committee’s report. Those wishing to discuss it are to register their names. Sixteen representatives discussed the proposal on “impeachment of the chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal in connection with the breach of the provisions of the Constitution and the failures to discharge the vested duties” submitted by U Zaw Myint Pe of Mandalay Constitution No.5. Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal U Thein Soe discussed facts about the proposal.

Fingerlings released into paddy fields

Yangon, 28 Aug—Fingerling releasing ceremony into paddy field was held at U San Tun’s paddy field, Southern Ward, Kungyangon Township, here, on 23 August morning. At the ceremony, Township Administrator Kyaw Zeyar Linn, Head of Township Fisheries Department U Thein Han and township level officials and local farmers released 80000 fingerlings into the paddy field.—Myawna Alin

Library and Information Centre of Pyithu Hluttaw Social Development Committee opened

Nay Pyi Taw, 28 Aug—The opening ceremony of Library and Information Centre of Pyithu Hluttaw Social Development Committee was held at the Pyithu Hluttaw committee building (I-4) here this morning.

It was formally opened by Chairman of the committee U Maung Maung Swe and Executive Director of United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Dr Babatunde Osotimehin. The opening ceremony was also attended by the secretary and members of the Social Development Committee, the Asia and Pacific regional director of UNFPA and the UNFPA resident representative to Myanmar Chairman U Maung Maung Swe and the UNFPA executive director extended greetings.

They discussed matters related to population density and reproductive health.

Roads and bridges inspected at Yangon and Bago Regions

Nay Pyi Taw, 28 Aug—Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin inspected the construction site of Selaykyi-Khanuango suspension bridge on 25 August.

The total length of the Selaykyi-Khanuango suspension bridge will have 480 feet long and 11 feet and three inches wide main bridge.

Workshop on development of region level mines sector in Kayin State

Nay Pyi Taw, 28 Aug—Workshop on development of region level mines sector, quality promotion for foreign export and market penetration took place at the meeting hall of Kayin State government office on 25 August noon.

It was attended by Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htuk, Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min, State Hluttaw Speaker U Saw Aung Kyaw Min, Deputy Speaker U Mann Hla Myaing, state ministers, Hluttaw representatives State Chief Justice U Saw San Lin and judges, departmental officials, entrepreneurs and in charges from 37 companies.

On the occasion, Union Minister U Thein Htuk said that mineral deposits were spotted in Kayin State, the Ministry of Mines is granting permits to operate mining works in accord with laws, rules, regulations and principles of the ministry, efforts are being made to establish plant, mineral refineries. The Union Minister went on to say that local entrepreneurs are needed to take advanced technology, investments and consultancies in cooperation with foreign entrepreneurs, the ministry would render necessary assistance for private sector, plans are under way to establish an industrialized country in order to undertake socio-economic development of local people.

Those present participated in discussion for development of region level mines sector, quality promotion for foreign export and market penetration.

Fingerlings released into paddy fields

Three former basketball stars from WNBA and NBA demonstrate basketball skills to Myanmar selected basketball teams. (News on page 1) — MNA
Cherry FM holds third anniversary

Cherry FM that broadcasts good radio programmes to townships of Shan and Kayah states marked the third anniversary celebration in Pindaya of Dana Self-Administrative zone on 15 August noon.

The ceremony comprised distribution of gifts to local people, entertainment of songs, offering of meals to members of the Sangha in the monastery of Saikhaung Village of Hshiseng Township and donation of 3000 oil lamps at Sulaman Pagoda in Taunggyi.

Programmes of Cherry FM are being aired to Shan and Kayah states through 89.8 and 105.9 MHz of 15 August 2009.

Requests for songs and birthdays and information from various regions can contact Taunggyi Branch, Tel: 081-22181.

Workshop on durability of library held

The workshop on durability of self-reliant libraries was held at Yangon U Library in Magyiwin Village of Tafton Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, on 22 August afternoon.

Bags of rice supplies to flood victims of Hlegu

Due to heavy rains and flows of torrent water, Yangon-Mandalay Highway was inundated in the section of Yangon Region.

Road sections from milepost No.1/2 to 2/2 were flooded and four wards of Hlegu Township inundated.

The people from the flood houses and animals have been evacuated to safety. Township authorities, red cross and fire brigade members will distribute bags of rice and utensils to the floodvictims.

Male wild elephant dies in Chaungtha protected forest

A male wild elephant died at Yaysan Hill in Chaungbinchauung creek at Chaungtha protected forest in Nwetkhaung Sub-township of Pathein Township.

Staff of Forest Department on 26 August, Ngwetkhaung Police Station investigates the offender under Wildlife Protection Law section 37 (a).—Kyemon

Landslides on Kengtung-Tachileik Road

Due to heavy rains in Mongphyat District of Shan State (East), landslides occurred in 16 places between mile post No.378/7 and 390/3 on Kengtung-Tachileik Road on 18 August.

The Deputy Commissioner of Mongphyat District General Administration Department and members, officials of Public Works and Environment, paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda this afternoon.

Nourishment Week activities held in Shwepeitya Township

The activities of Nourishment Week in August were undertaken at the hall of Shwepeitya Township People’s Hospital in Yangon North District on 24 August morning, with an address by Chairman of Township Health Committee Township Administrator U Aung Moe Oo.

Khaing explained works for health of children and expectant mothers.

Next, the chairman of Health Committee and members, Chairman of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Soe Moe and executives, members of social organizations gave vitamin A tablets and anti-tape worm to children under five. Moreover, they presented medicines to 36 expectant mothers.

Twined branches of coconut plant in significant view

Two branches of the coconut plant are thriving as twined branches in a photo taken on 25 August.
Russian helicopter reaches 8,600-meter high altitude

MOSCOW, 28 Aug—A Russian-made Mi-38 helicopter climbed up to an altitude as high as 8,600 meters on Monday, its maker Russian Helicopters said. The new Mi-38 transportation and passenger helicopter, with a four-man crew, has climbed over 8,600 meters during the 14th World Helicopter Championships in the Moscow region, setting the record for helicopters weighing 10-20 tonnes.

The previous record of 8,500 meters was also set by a Russia crew. Crews from 10 foreign countries, including Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Britain, China, Germany, Poland, Ukraine, France and Switzerland, have participated in the Championships in the Moscow region, setting the record for helicopters weighing 10-20 tonnes.

The Mi-38 helicopter is a multirole helicopter. Depending on modification, the multirole helicopter could also be equipped with Russian- or Canadian-made engines.

Indian Tata Steel to mine iron ore in Arctic Canada

KOLKATA, 28 Aug—India’s Tata Steel will mine iron ore in Arctic Canada, a top company official said on Tuesday. Tata Steel managing director BM Nerurkar said the feasibility study for the iron ore projects in Arctic Canada would be ready by October and it would be prepared in the next couple of months. The two projects — LabMag and Kemag — are crucial for Tata Steel’s Europe’s raw material security. At present, Tata Steel’s European operations do not enjoy the benefit of a captive iron ore source.

The Canadian taconite (a form of magnetite ore) projects are being developed by Tata Steel Minerals Canada Ltd (TSMC). It is a 80:20 joint venture between Tata Steel and Canada-listed New Millennium Iron Corporation (NML). TSMC, which is developing iron ore deposits in Quebec and Newfoundland and Labrador in Canada, has undertaken the feasibility study, in collaboration with NML.

The LabMag and Kemag iron ore deposits are part of the 150-km-long Millennium Iron Range in northern Canada. Nerurkar said the beneficiation of the taconite deposits in the proposed projects would not be a problem, but the logistics of bringing the beneficiated ore to the designated eastern Canadian port was an issue of fiscal and infrastructural importance.

The proven and probable estimated reserves of the LabMag and Kemag projects put together is 5.6 billion tonnes. TSMC is also pursuing another iron ore project, aimed to feed Tata Steel, in Canada. Called the direct shipping ore (DSO) project, it involves mining, crushing, screening, washing, shipping the sinter fines and pellets fines to Tata Steel’s European steel-making facilities.

Two charged in death of NY girl, 5, found in trash

NIAGARA FALLS, 28 Aug—Two teenagers were arrested on Monday in connection with the death of a 5-year-old girl who vanished from her great-grandmother’s house and whose body was found dumped in a garbage can. Authorities said the arrests came after one of the teens went to police on Monday morning and led them to a garbage can containing a trash bag holding the body of Isabella Tenant, authorities said. He told them he had helped a friend dispose of it after the friend had killed her. They said Isabella’s family had called police earlier Monday to say she was missing from her great-grandmother’s home in Niagara Falls, where she’d been staying overnight. Isabella’s great-grandmother said she had last seen her on Sunday night with 16-year-old Tyler Best, who led them to her body, which he said he helped Freeman hide. Authorities said it appeared Freeman had killed the girl without weapons being involved.

We were not able to reach Freeman for a comment on Monday. There was no list of home phone number forthem, and no information about attorneys was available. Freeman and Best were scheduled to be arraigned on Tuesday. At a news conference on Monday afternoon, police Chief Detective William Thompson said there were signs of injuries but no indication of sexual abuse. “It is a terrible crime,” he said. —Internet
Toddler almost crushed by car

A young girl has escaped serious injury after she fell off the back of a motorbike and narrowly missed being hit by a moving car in east China.

The moment was captured by traffic surveillance cameras in Jinhua, according to state television CCTV.

The video, which has been broadcast on CCTV, showed the motorbike being driven between two lanes before stopping at the traffic lights.

Two children are seen on the back of the motorcycle. But as the lights change, the girl, wearing a white dress and reported to be two years old, fell off the footrest of the motorbike and rolled towards the rear wheel of a car.

The vehicle was slowly moving after the light turned green. The woman driving the motorbike leapt off and rushed to pick up the child, the video showed.

State TV said the girl only suffered slight bruising.

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Luxury hotel for dogs set to open in New York

Hollywood, 28 Aug—US actress Betty White, 90, doesn’t owe her longevety to healthy eating habits because hot dogs and Red Vines are among her favourite foods.

The comedic actress said she feels “good and well” and feels lucky to still be working at her age.

“There’s no spare time, so I’ve got all the time. I think that forces you to stay well. To be 90 ... and still be working at her age, that’s what I have expected. I’m the luckiest broad,” she told People magazine.

“I should follow better eating health rules,” the “Hot in Cleveland” star said. “But hot dogs and Red Vines and pop tarts and hot fudge are my favourite foods.” Red Vines are California-produced red licorice.

While White may not actively hit the gym, she said she still gets enough exercise.

“I have a two-story house and a very bad memory,” she joked. “I trust and don’t push the stairs all the time.”

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Snoooh of ‘Jersey Shore’ delivers baby boy

New York, 28 Aug—“Jersey Shore” star Nicole “Snooki” Polizzi early on Sunday gave birth to her first child, a boy.

The reality TV star and her fiance, Jionni LaValle, welcomed 6-pound, 5-ounce LorenzoDominic LaValle into the world at just before 3am Sunday at St Barnabas Hospital.

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Robber Rocker Plant says his ‘big voice’ is back

New York, 28 Aug—Robert Plant has got his “big voice” back again.

The former Led Zeppelin singer has been concentrating on softer projects, such as his “Raising Sand” album with Alison Krauss, and his Band of Joy group, but after a recent concert in London, reality was back slapped into him fully.

He said: “That was the great thing about the adventures with Alison, and singing with Patty [Griffin, his partner] and [Band of Joy guitarist] Buddy Miller, that I started singing differently.”

“Somebody said to me in London when we played the Forum recently, ‘You had your big voice back.’”

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2NE1 makes a surprise announcement

LOS ANGELES, 28 Aug—“This is our first time saying this... Our (New Evolution global concert) tour is confirmed in Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore!” announced Korean girl group 2NE1’s leader CL during live Facebook chat on Wednesday.

However, 2NE1 members CL, Minzy, Dara and Bom, who were previously in Singapore for the Mnet Asian Music Awards last year, did not reveal exactly when their Singapore stop will be happening.

Aside from the announcement about the additional stop, adding China to their New Evolution global concert tour during the live chat at Facebook headquarters in California, the quartet also shared some highlights of their first stop of the tour in New Jersey which saw fans crying fans.

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Rain’s ‘2RB: Return to Base’ to open in 13 cities in North America

Seoul, 28 Aug—Beginning on 24 August, the jet pilot movie action will move to theaters in L.A., San Diego, Seattle, Dallas, Atlanta, Washington DC, Philadelphia, New York, New Jersey, Honolulu, Toronto and Vancouver. The movie will also screen in Chicago beginning on 31 August.

After opening in North America, the movie will expand to other continents with 30 countries already set to screen the movie.

The movie stars Rain, Kim Sung Soo, Shin Se Kyung, Yoo Joon Sang and more and premium in Korea on 14 August.—Internet
Shanghai could lose Drogba, Anelka

Shanghai, 28 Aug—Former Chelsea striker Didier Drogba and Nicolas Anelka could be sold by China’s Shanghai Shenhua due to an escalating equity stake row among shareholders, local media reported.

Chairman Zhu Jun, who holds a 28.5 percent stake, would only pay his share of the club’s daily costs if his demands for greater control were not met, according to the China Daily.

Zhu currently controls the Chinese Super League club along with five state-owned enterprises after becoming a shareholder in 2007. The agreement was that if he invested $23.6 million over two years, his stake would increase to more than 70 percent, the newspaper reported.

The Oriental Sports Daily reported that Zhu had ploughed more than $94 million into the club in the past five-and-a-half years, while the state-owned companies had spent nothing. The transfer of shares stated in 2009 and again last year, a source told the Oriental.

Patchy putting underpins Tiger’s puzzling year

The Tiger Woods model is a surprisingly healthy nine of 19 chances against the 29-year-old Russian veteran, as he closed with scores before struggling with his putting.

Shanghai Shenhua’s striker Didier Drogba hugs teammate Nicolas Anelka (R) after scoring against Hangzhou green town at the Shanghai Hongkou Stadium in Shanghai, on 4 Aug, 2012. —Reuters

Europe Ryder Cup team captain Jose Maria Olazabal of Spain (L) and Nicolas Colsaerts of Belgium pose with the trophy after the team announced news conference for the 2013 Ryder Cup at the Gleneagles Hotel, Scotland on 27 Aug, 2012.—Reuters

Foulkes and Colsaerts get Ryder Cup wildcard picks

“Every one of you pretty much guessed Ian was going to be there. That was not a difficult pick because he has a great Ryder Cup record and he’s playing well,” Olazabal told a news conference at Gleneagles, Scotland.

“My attitude and his spirit in the Ryder Cup has always been great and he is a player that likes to be in that environment.”

Abraham crowned new world super middleweight champion

Abraham, 32, who defeated his IBF middleweight title 10 times between 2005 and 2011 to win the world championship at one point in the first set. He wobbled a bit in the opening 12 minutes.

The 29-year-old, one of the longest hitters on the tour, will become the first Belgian to play in the Ryder Cup.—Reuters

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**Day** | **Time** | **Region** | **Temperature (°C/°F)** | **Forecast** | **Probability (%)**
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Sunday, 28th August, 2012 | 7:00 am | Mandalay | 28/82 | Isolated rain or thundershower | 100%
| | | Lower Sagaing | 28/82 | Isolated rain or thundershower | 100%
| | | Upper Sagaing | 24/75 | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers | 100%
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Sven: Gerrard must quit Liverpool

Steven Gerrard has been urged to quit Liverpool by former England boss Sven Goran Eriksson.

“Without them a Champions League place is very far away. I don’t begrudge a good guy like Steven winning the league. But maybe he needs to change clubs if he wants to have that title.”

Eriksson added that his advice for Gerrard has nothing to do with any animosity towards the Anfield club. “Both my dad and I have been Liverpool fans since the club’s heyday in the 1980s,” he said, “but the Liverpool we see today are far from the top level.”

Flood warning for the Sittoung River

The water level of the Sittoung River at Toungoo has exceeded its danger level starting from 6.30pm on 24 August 2012, according to the 12.30 hr M.S.T observation today, it has exceeded by 7 cm (about 3 inches) above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level during the next 24 hrs commencing this noon, announced by Meteorology and Hydrology Department. —MNA