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Self-study

Myanmar people have valued education since ancient times. Thanks to the monastic education system, Myanmar’s literacy rate was higher than those of Asia and Pacific region. Myanmar education system puts more emphasis on lessons learnt from teaching and parrot-learning method rather than self-study practices. Today youths are paying more attention to tuition and guides and largely relying on spoon-feeding. To promote education system, we need to shift from ordinary education to the self-study learning.

In this context, the course syllabus should not place too much emphasis on teacher-centered approach but on student-centered approach. Interaction between teachers and students is also crucial.

The students have to pay too much time for tuition, courses and guides, neglecting the self-study. The essence of education is to get self-study practices. We need to cultivate our new generation to get self-study practices.

For instance, how can we solve an unseen problem if we have no own ideas and thinking power? Youths are future leaders of the country. Only when they have own thinking power, can they solve problems they face. We need to instill such practices into them since young. We need to cultivate our new generation to get self-study practices.
Iranian, Egyptian presidents talk about NAM objectives, regional developments

TEHERAN, 31 Aug—Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi held talks here on Thursday about the objectives of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and regional developments, the semi-official Mehr news agency reported. Quoting Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for Arab and African Affairs Hossein Amir Abdollahian, Mehr said the two presidents held talks in a “friendly atmosphere” and reviewed the objectives of the NAM and their concerns. The Islamic republic officially announced the NAM rotating presidency from Egypt on Thursday. At the opening ceremony of the NAM summit in Teheran, Morsi, who arrived here on Thursday morning, handed over NAM’s rotating presidency to his Iranian counterpart. During the meeting, the Iranian president congratulated Morsi for his victory in Egypt’s presidential election and Morsi described Iran’s presidency over the NAM as an “opportunity” move, saying, “Our dialogue does not mean the end of the diplomatic dialogue.”

JERUSALEM, 31 Aug—Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Thursday he would speak about the dangers of Iran’s nuclear programme in an address next month to the UN General Assembly in New York. “It was not immediately known if Netanyahu would meet US President Barack Obama during his 27-30 September visit. The two leaders last met in March at the White House. In a statement, Netanyahu said that at the assembly’s annual general debate he would “tell the nations of the world in a clear and direct voice the truth about the terror regime of Iran which represents the greatest threat to world peace.” Recent rhetoric by Israeli leaders cautioning that time is running out to stop what they say is an Iranian quest for nuclear weapons has raised international concerns over possible Israeli military action. The United States has imposed economic sanctions and international sanctions more time to work. Israel is widely assumed to be the only nuclear-armed power in the Middle East, and Iran insists its atomic work is solely for peaceful purposes, which Teheran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei reiterated at a conference on Thursday. Israel strongly condemned Khamenei’s “strategic” criticism of the Jewish state uttered at the same meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement, in which it called Israelis “genocidal Zionists” in how they treat the Palestinians.

Chinese president reaffirms support to Europe in addressing debt crisis

BEIJING, 31 Aug—Chinese President Hu Jintao said on Thursday that China firmly supports Europe’s efforts to overcome the debt crisis and the important role that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and other institutions play in resolving European debt issues. Hu made the remarks while meeting with visiting German Chancellor Angela Merkel in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

In regards to the European debt crisis, Hu said Europe’s early financial recovery is conducive to the stability and recovery of the world economy and to China’s economic growth. He said China is ready to maintain communication and coordination with the international community to jointly prevent risks, safeguard the stability of the global financial system and promote sustainable recovery and growth in the world economy.

Merkel said many uncertain factors currently exist in the world economy, as the eurozone is faced with difficulties. The calm, appropriate response of China and the confidence and support it places on the euro and the European economy are especially precious to Europe. She also said the eurolzone nations are confident and determined to properly address the debt problem and further advance European integration.

Foreign giant plan 20.8 b USD investments in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 31 Aug—A senior Indonesian official said Thursday that investments totaling 200 trillion rupiah (about 20.8 billion US dollars) were already in pipeline, helped spur the country’s economic growth, local media reported on Friday. The Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM) BKPM chairman Chatib Basri said those investments would come from a major of foreign companies including L’Oreal of France, Lotte of South Korea and the

Chinese President Hu Jintao (R) shakes hands with German Chancellor Angela Merkel in Beijing, capital of China, on 30 Aug, 2012.—Xinhua

German hopes to increase trade, investment and economic cooperation with Europe and China, said Merkel, who also expressed opposition to trade and investment protectionism. Merkel is in Beijing to attend the second round of China-Germany government consultation. Hu congratulated the success of the China-Germany government consultation, saying China is ready to work with Germany to practically implement the results achieved in both high-level meetings and the second round of government consultation.—Xinhua

Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu attends the weekly cabinet meeting in Jerusalem on 26 Aug, 2012.—Reuters

Isaac’s remnants bring headaches but also relief to drought

NEW ORLEANS, 31 Aug—The remnants of Hurricane Isaac continue to cause headaches on Friday, bringing heavy rainfall and the threat of flash flooding to the lower Mississippi Valley as Gulf Coast residents get ready to start their cleanup efforts. The first hurricane to hit the United States this year will be remembered for striking New Orleans on the anniversary of 2005’s deadly Hurricane Katrina, the first successful test of the city’s pricey new flood defences. New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu concluded that the ring of levees was “outta date” and that the city needed more investment. The state’s top weather forecast, known as “the wizard of gulf”, said Isaac can still trigger tornadoes in Mississippi and Louisiana. The National Hurricane Centre said — among the final acts of a storm that punched above its weight in terms of impact and often confounded forecasters.

One bright spot: rain that is expected to reach the central US Midwest over the weekend, a godsend to farmers suffering from the worst drought in more than 50 years, even if too late for many of this season’s crops. Isaac caused widespread flooding and property damage in the US Gulf Coast region, mostly because of its unexpectedly heavy and persistent rainfall. The system lingered near New Orleans for the best part of two days, sometimes moving as slowly as five miles an hour (8km per hour) — “Most of them blow through and are over with. This one is just hanging around too long,” George Dubas, a New Orleans tour guide, said during the deluge. The storm caused anywhere from $700 million to $2 billion in insured onshore losses, disaster modeler AIR Worldwide said on late Thursday.—Reuters

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IAEA says Iran has doubled underground potential nuclear capacity

VIENNA, 31 Aug—Iran has expanded its underground potential capacity to refine uranium in an underground site by doubling its centrifuges from 1,064 to 2,140, an International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) report said on Thursday.

According to the latest quarterly report on Iran’s disputed nuclear programme, Iran continues its uranium enrichment and hides the 2,140 centrifuges in Fordow facility, of which 696 were operating. The report also said the nuclear facilities were buried deep inside a mountain for better protection against military strikes. According to the report, Teheran has increased its high-level uranium 44kg since May, to a total of 189 kg at present. The UN nuclear watchdog urged Iran to immediately open Parchin Military Base to UN inspectors in a move designed to “strengthen confidence in Iran’s compliance with its international obligations.” The West worries about Teheran’s nuclear ambitions, accusing Iran of developing nuclear weapons in cover of peaceful purpose, which has been denied by Iran.

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San Francisco, 31 Aug—Amazon.com Inc’s new Kindle Fire will have mapping services via a tie-up with Nokia Oyj, according to two people familiar with the situation, filling a gap in the tablet’s capabilities while snubbing Google Inc’s popular service.

The world’s largest Internet retailer, which says its nine-month-old Kindle Fire now accounts for one in five US tablet sales, has teamed up with Nokia on mapping, the two people told Reuters. Amazon will release at least one new version of the Kindle Fire next quarter, Amazon will also add location capabilities to the new Kindle Fire, which requires either a GPS chip or a process known as Wi-Fi triangulation, the people said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak ahead of Thursday’s launch event. Mapping services, which are popular features on tablets, typically include street maps, information about local businesses and sometimes traffic status. They can also support navigation instructions and third-party applications that depend on location information, such as travel services.

Location capabilities mark the location of tablet and smart phone users. Google Inc’s Nexus 7 tablet, which competes directly with the Kindle Fire, comes with GPS receiver chips to support location and mapping functions.

The first Kindle Fire launched last year at $199 half the price of the entry-level Apple Inc iPad, helping it rapidly gain consumer acceptance. On Thursday, Amazon said its Kindle Fires had completely sold out. Analysts say the 7-inch device helps drive sales of digital media such as ebooks and music, which in turn propels core retail growth for the company.

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Amazon teams with Nokia, snubs Google for maps

Students walk out of a showroom at the headquarters of Samsung Electronics in Seoul on 28 October, 2011. REUTERS

Samsung triumphs over Apple in Japan patent case

Tokyo, 31 Aug—A Tokyo court ruled on Friday that Samsung Electronics’ mobile devices did not violate an Apple Inc patent involved in synching mobile devices and computers, awarding the South Korean maker a victory a week after it lost a bruising landmark patent case in the United States.

In rejecting Apple’s suit, Tokyo District Court Judge Tatsuya Shoji said Samsung’s products did not infringe on the US firm’s technological scope.

A US federal jury found last week that Apple did not infringe on any of Samsung’s patents, while the South Korean firm had copied key features of iPhone.

The same jury awarded Apple $1.05 billion in damages and it is now seeking speedy bans on the sale of eight Samsung phones in the US market.

“We welcome the court’s decision, which confirmed our long-held position that our products do not infringe Apple’s intellectual property,” Samsung said in a statement following the verdict from the Tokyo court.

A representative for Apple in Japan declined to comment.

In Seoul, Samsung shares were up 0.7 percent in a flat US market. A spokesman for NTT DoCoMo Inc declined to comment, while a KDDI Corp spokeswoman said she did not see any major impact from the decision. Both Japanese mobile carriers sell the popular Samsung Galaxy series.

Shares in NTT Doocomo last traded down 1.8 percent at a 2-week low, while KDDI was down 1.2 percent. Shares in local rival Softbank Corp, the first Japanese carrier to sell the iPhone and which doesn’t sell the Samsung Galaxy line, were down 1.1 percent.—Reuters

Genome of mysterious extinct human reveals brown-eyed girl

Leipzig, 31 Aug—The genome of a recently discovered branch of extinct humans known as the Denisovans that once interbred with us has been sequenced, scientists said on 30 August.

Genetic analysis of the fossil revealed it apparently belonged to a little girl with dark skin, brown hair and brown eyes, researchers said. All in all, the scientists discovered about 100,000 recent changes in our genome that occurred after the split from the Denisovans. A number of these changes influence genes linked with brain function and nervous system development, giving rise to speculation that we may think differently from the Denisovans. Other changes are linked with the skin, eyes and teeth.

“This research will help [in determining how it was that modern human populations came to expand] dramatically in size as well as cultural complexity, whilearchaic humans eventually dwindled in numbers and became physically extinct,” said researcher Svante Pääbo at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany.

Future research may turn up other groups of extinct humans in Asia “in addition to Neanderthals and Denisovans,” Pääbo told LiveScience.

Although our species comprises the only humans burbling left alive, our planet was once home to a variety of other human species. The Neanderthals were apparently our closest relatives, and the last of the other human lineages to vanish.

However, scientists recently revealed another group of extinct humans once lived at the same time as us. DNA from fossils unearthed in Denisova Cave and Sungir in Siberia in 2008 revealed a lineage unlike us and closely related to Neanderthals. The precise age of the Denisovan material remains uncertain anywhere from 30,000 to 80,000 years of age. The first Kindle Fire launched last year at $199 half the price of the entry-level Apple Inc iPad, helping it rapidly gain consumer acceptance. On Thursday, Amazon said its Kindle Fires had completely sold out. Analysts say the 7-inch device helps drive sales of digital media such as ebooks and music, which in turn propels core retail growth for the company.

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Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos holds up the new Kindle Fire at a news conference during the launch of Amazon’s new tablets in New York, on 28 September, 2011. REUTERS

Sony CEO says Vita gaming sales near expectations

Berlin, 31 Aug—Sony Chief Executive Kazuo Hirai told a US Federal jury on Thursday that its new gaming device Vita was mostly selling in line with its expectations, though in some places it was off the pace.

Vita hit the stores earlier this year, the latest in a line of mobile gaming gadgets in the spirit of Nintendo’s Game Boy and Atari’s Lynx, but some analysts have questioned whether there is room for such a device in a market increasingly dominated by games played on smartphones and tablets.

“Worldwide, the Vita is pretty much along where we would expect it to be, maybe trending behind in certain territories,” Hirai told Reuters on the sidelines of IFA, Europe’s biggest consumer electronics show, held in Berlin.

He declined to disclose where sales were lagging.

When he took the helm at Sony in April, Hirai vowed to revive the fortunes of the company, maker of the Walkman music player and PlayStation games console, after years of competition from foreign rivals had broken its dominance in consumer electronics.

Part of the plan is betting Sony’s future on mobile devices such as the Aperia smartphone, gaming and digital imaging, while developing new businesses, including a medical unit.

Sony has high hopes for its PlayStation Mobile gaming service, in which Vita plays a key role, and which will be launched later this year along with a range of new games.—Reuters

Hanoi, 31 Aug—A new species of fish with a penis on its head has been discovered in Vietnam. But it’s not what you’re picturing — actually it’s probably worse. This penis includes a rod and a jagged hook used for grabbing the female during sex.

The fish, Phallostethus cuulong, was discovered by researchers in Vietnam’s Mekong Delta, the newest member of the Phallostethidae family, a group of fish with small, skinny, nearly transparent bodies that live in Southeast Asia, and which are distinguished by the location of their sex organs.

The more technical name for the male fish’s penis is the priapum, a complex, muscular organ that looks like it’s attached to the fish’s chin. The priapum includes the urogenital opening and the anus, as well as a bonny rod and a sawlike hook, used to clench onto the female during mating, the researchers said.

The female fish’s genital opening is also located at her throat. The hook may sound sinister but it seems to serve a practical function. For most fish, fertilization takes place outside the female’s body, but for the Phallostethus cuulong and the rest of the family, the eggs are fertilized inside. Hooking on to his mate during sex probably ensures that the male fish will have more success in fertilizing her.

The fish, though bizarre in its penis placement, is not the only organism with a scary sex organ. During sex, the hermaphroditic sea slug, Siphipheron quadripinonius, playing the male role will stab its partner with a syringelike penile appendage and inject prostate fluids into the body. Equipped with large hooks at its base and several tiny spines, the sea slug penis latches onto the female reproductive system.
Hookah smoking as bad as cigarettes for lungs

**Jerusalem, 31 Aug**—Hookah can cause as much harm to lung function and respiratory system as cigarette smoking, a new study has claimed. Hookah is thought to be “less dangerous” than cigarettes because it forces the smoke to go through water before it reaches the lungs. Most physicians believe it filters out the harmful toxins.

But researchers from Iran, headed by Dr Mohammad Hossein Boskabady found that water pipe smoking and deep inhalation cigarette smoking had the same effects on respiratory system, *The Jerusalem Post* reported.

“Our findings reveal that there were profound effects of water pipe smoking on lung function values, which were similar to the effects observed in deep inhalation cigarette smokers,” researchers were quoted as saying by the paper.

The study compared lung function and respiratory symptoms among water pipe smokers, deep- or normal-inhalation cigarette smokers, and non-smokers.

Three groups of smokers, including 57 water pipe smokers, 30 deep inhalation cigarette smokers and 51 normal inhalation cigarette smokers were identified and studied.

Australian scientists said they had successfully implanted a “world first” bionic eye prototype, describing it as a major breakthrough for the visually impaired.

Bionic Vision Australia (BVA), a government-funded science consortium, said it had surgically installed an “early prototype” robotic eye in a woman with hereditary retinitis pigmentosa.

Ashworth’s retina and contains 24 electrodes which send electrical impulses to stimulate her eye’s nerve cells.

Researchers switched on the device in their laboratory last month after Ashworth had fully recovered from surgery and she said it was an incredible experience.

“I didn’t know what to expect, but all of a sudden, I could see a little flash — it was amazing,” she said in a statement.

“Every time there was stimulation there was a different shape that appeared in front of my eye.”

Penny Allen, the surgeon who implanted the device, described it as a “world first.”

Ashworth’s device only works when it is connected inside the lab and BVA chairman David Penington said it would be used to explore how images were “built” by the brain and eye.

Feedback from the device will be fed into a “vision processor” allowing doctors to determine exactly what Ashworth sees when her retina is subjected to various levels of stimulation.

“The team is looking for consistency of shapes, brightness, size and location of flashes to determine how the brain interprets this information,” explained Rob Shepherd, director of the Bionics Institute which was also involved in the breakthrough.

“The next big step will be when we commence implants of the full devices,” he said.

India’s Q1 GDP growth plunges to 5.5%; slowest in 3 years

**New Delhi, 31 Aug**—Showing persistent sluggishness, economy grew by 5.5 percent in the April-June quarter this fiscal due to poor performance of manufacturing, mining and farm sectors.

The gross domestic product (GDP) had expanded by 8 percent in the April-June quarter of 2011-12.

During the quarter ended 30 June, the manufacturing sector grew marginally by 0.2 percent, against 7.3 percent growth in the same period of 2011-12, according to the official data released today.

Mining and quarrying sector recorded a growth of 0.1 percent during the quarter under review, as against a contraction of 0.2 percent in Q1 of 2011-12.

Farm production expanded by 2.9 percent in the first quarter against 3.7 percent in the same period last year.

The trade, transport and communications segment also witnessed lower pace of growth at 4 percent compared to 13.8 percent expansion in the same quarter-year ago period.

The growth rate of electricity, gas and water supply also dived to 6.3 percent in Q1, from 8 percent in the corresponding period last fiscal.

However, the growth in the construction sector was robust at 10.9 percent during Q1 of 2012-13, as against 3.5 percent in the year-ago period.

Growth rate of services sector, including insurance and real estate, also improved to 10.8 percent in the first quarter, from 9.4 percent recorded in April-June quarter last fiscal.

Economic growth in the January-March quarter was at nine-year low of 5.3 percent, as the provisional estimate released earlier.

US stocks close lower with S&P below 1,400

**New York, 31 Aug**—US stocks closed lower on Thursday with the Standard & Poor’s 500 dropping below 1,400, ahead of the central bank’s Jackson Hole meeting.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 106.77 points, or 0.81 percent, to 13,000.71. It was in negative territory Thursday.

The Standard & Poor’s 500 was down 11.01 points, or 0.78 percent, to 1,399.48 and the Nasdaq Composite Index tumbled 32.48 points, or 1.05 percent, to 3,048.71.

The CBOE Volatility Index, widely known as the best gauge of market fear, climbed to near 18.

Investors remained cautious on Thursday before Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke gives a speech on Friday at the Fed’s annual meeting in Jackson Hole.

On the economic front, the Labor Department said the number of people initially applying for unemployment benefits was unchanged at 374,000 last week. The figure did nothing to calm concerns about the job market among investors, who had been expecting a slight rise.

Also adding to the concerns, German unemployment rose for a fifth consecutive month, increasing by 9,000 to 2.9 million. The jobless rate remained unchanged at 6.8 percent.

Meanwhile, Italy sold 3.2 billion euros ($4.8 billion US dollars) in five and 10-year notes, with the 10-year paper pricing yield at 4.82 percent.

The sale indicated a high level of investor confidence in the region.

For other markets, US crude prices fell on Thursday for a second consecutive day as concerns over Hurricane Isaac faded.

Light, sweet crude for October delivery lost 87 cents, or 0.91 percent, to settle at $89.62 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. But in London, Brent crude for October delivery edged up 11 cents, or 0.10 percent to close at 112.65 dollars a barrel.

The US dollar rose against most major currencies in late New York trading on Thursday as the European debt crisis again worried investors and weakened on the euro. The dollar index rose 0.149% to 81.713.

New phlebovirus detected in Missouri

**Boston, 31 Aug**—The first phlebovirus found to cause illness in humans in the Western Hemisphere was discovered due to two severely sick farmers, US researchers say.

Two men from Missouri independently went to a medical facility with fever, fatigue, diarrhea, a decrease of platelets in blood and a decrease in the number of white blood cells in the blood, which places individuals at increased risk of infection.

Both farmers had been bitten by ticks five to seven days before the onset of illness. Ehrlichia chaffeensis are pathogens naturally transmitted between animals and humans. The researchers said the lone star tick was suspected as the causal agent.

Electron microscopy revealed viruses consistent with members of the Bunyaviridae — a family of negative-stranded segmented viruses.

Next-generation sequencing and analysis identified the viruses as novel members of the phlebovirus family — which is novel in the Americas — as the cause of the illness, the researchers said.
31 injured in
gas station
blast in Cuba
HAVANA, 31 Aug —
Thirty-one people were
injured in a gas station
blast on late Tuesday in
Santiago de Cuba, the second
largest city of Cuba, with five of
them in critical condition, state-run
media said on Wednesday.
Daily Sierra Maestra
reported that a truck crashed
into a gas pump at a station
located in the south of the
city, tipping it over and
spilling fuel that apparently
was ignited when a driver
started his motorbike,
sparking a fire at about 7:30
pm local time (00:30 GMT).
Though parts of the
gas station were completely
charred, television images
showed that firefighters were
able to extinguish the flames
before the fire spread to
adjacent buildings. The
injured were immediately
taken to emergency rooms
and later transferred to the
specialized burn care unit at a
local hospital. — Xinhua

Firemen called
to rescue cow
stuck up a tree
LONDON, 31 Aug —
A cow had to be rescued by fire
services in northern England
after it tumbled down a 30
metre river embankment and
got stuck in a tree.
Fire crews in Cumbria
were surprised to receive a
call to rescue the cow, which
had toppled 10 metres down
a slope of the River Leith
before a tree broke its fall.
The bruised bovine was
discovered after its farmer
noticed one of its cows was
missing. The animal was
sedated by a vet before being
winched out of the tree by
firemen using specialist
equipment. “Firecrews had
to wear body armour in case
a stray cow was kicked out at
them,” said a spokesman for
Cumbria Fire and Rescue
Service. “They checked the
cow over and it seemed
reasonably happy and
relatively unscathed,” he
said.— Internet

Iraq takes delivery of final batch of
US tanks
BAGHDAD, 31 Aug —
Iraq’s military took delivery
of nine American M1A1 Abrams
tanks, the last in an
order of 140 that it has
received over the past two
years, the US embassy in
Baghdad said in a statement
on Wednesday.
The tanks, which were
displayed at a demonstration exercise at a
military training complex
south east of the capital, are
part of Baghdad’s efforts to
build up its military, which
US and Iraqi officials admit
cannot secure the country’s
borders, airspace or
maritime waters.
The Iraqi Army
officially took possession of
nine M1A1 tanks at Besmaya
Combat Training Centre,
Iraq, on 27 August,” the
statement said. The 140
tanks cost a total of $860
million, $804 million of which
was paid by Iraq with the
remainder of the cost borne by
the US, according to
Commander Guy Ross, a
spokesman for the Office of
Security Cooperation-Iraq,
part of the US Embassy.
Iraq received the first
batch of tanks, which it
ordered in March 2009, in
August 2010.
The tanks’ capabilities and
their operators’ training
were put on display at the
Besmaya complex on
Wednesday, the statement
said.
“This exercise clearly
illustrates the growing
capabilities of the Iraqi
Army,” said OIC
commander Lieutenant
General Robert Caslen.
Iraqi Army chief of staff
Lieutenant General Babaker
Zebari has persistently said
that the country’s military
will not be able to fully
defend itself until 2020, though
US and Iraqi officials insist
the armed forces and police
are capable of maintaining
internal security.
Baghdad has made $12
billion worth of military
acquisitions from the US,
which provides Iraq with
armed forces pulled out of
Iraq in December, notably
including the purchase of 36 F-16 warplanes.

People watch water gushing out from Liujiaxia
Hydropower Station on the Yellow River during a
flood peak adjustment operation, northwest China’s
Gansu Province, on 28 Aug, 2012. Liujiaxia Dam, a
major hydroelectric dam in Gansu Province, has been
discharging flood waters for one month, after its water
level crossed over the alarm levels as a result of heavy
rains on the upstream region of the Yellow River. The
dam is discharging water with an average flow of 2,000-
2,500 cubic metres per second now, much fewer than
3,500 cubic metres per second at the beginning period of
the flood peak adjustment.— Xinhua

Recovery efforts continue at a blast site near central
Pakistan’s Derawar Ghazi Khan early Wednesday
morning, reported local Urdu TV channel
 Dunya. — Xinhua

Nine dead, 44 trapped after China colliery
blast
CHENGDU, 31 Aug — Nine
miners have been confirmed
dead and 44 others are still
trapped underground after a gas
blast occurred in a coal mine on
Wednesday afternoon in the
southwestern province of Sichuan,
local government said in the
early hours of Thursday morning.
A total of 210 miners were
working underground at the Xiaojianguan Coal Mine in Panzhihua
city when the blast occurred at around 6 pm, sources with the rescue
departments and the city government said. As of midnight, 70 people
had been lifted out of the mine and were rushed to seven hospitals in
Panzhihua. But one miner died at hospital, according to the sources.
Six of 30 workers trapped underground have been confirmed
death.
Rescue work involving more than 70 people is underway. A work team led by
Yang Dongliang, director of the State Administration of Work Safety (SAWS),
is on the way to the mine to oversee the rescue work. The coal mine is owned by
Zhengjin Industry and Trade Co. Ltd in Panzhihua, some 750 km southwest of
the provincial capital Chengdu. Sources said the owner of the mine has been
put under police custody for investigation. — Xinhua

Six of 50 workers trapped underground after a gas blast
in a coal mine in Panzhihua city, in the southwestern
province of Sichuan, China, have been confirmed
dead, according to local government sources.

Restart date unclear for Venezuela refinery hit
by blast
CARACAS, 31 Aug — A
restart to production at
Venezuela’s largest oil
refinery, closed since
Saturday by the world’s
deadliest refinery accident in
fifteen years, could take
another two to three
days, officials said, although an
exact date was unknown.
Energy Minister Rafael
Ramirez said in televised
comments on Wednesday
that fires at the Amuay
refinery, where 48 people
died, had been finally
extinguished and workers
were moving ahead with
preparations to restart
production.
The “gradual” process
could possibly take “two
or three days”, Ramirez said,
although officials at the
refinery told local media a
timetable for a restart was
cannot be determined while
parts of the facility continued
to burn.
“While the cooling
efforts continue, we can’t
know an exact date,” said an
official from state oil
corporation PDVSA, which
runs the 645,000 barrels per
day refinery. Meantime,
authorities will continue to
investigate what may have
calculated the gas leak that led
to the blast.
In addition to those
dead or injured, the pre-dawn
explosion destroyed
hundreds of nearby homes.
The accident was the
most deadly for the global oil
industry in recent years,
nearing the toll of a 1997 fire
at India’s Visakhapatnam
refinery, which killed 56.
Ahead of presidential
elections in October,
opponents of President Hugo
Chavez have seized upon the
blast to criticize what they
say is poor upkeep of facilities
in the oil industry, the motor
of Venezuela’s economy.
Before Saturday’s blast,
the country’s refineries
routinely suffered lesser
accidents and numerous
unplanned outages.

US designates 128 more
counties as drought disaster
areas
WASHINGTON, 31 Aug —
The US Department of
Agriculture (USDA) on
Wednesday designated 128
additional counties in
 fourteen states as primary
drought disaster areas due
to damage and losses caused
by drought and excessive heat.
During the 2012 crop year,
1,892 counties had been
designated as disaster
areas—1,820 due to drought,
said US Agricultural
Secretary Tom Vilsack in
a statement, adding that it made
them eligible for assistance
like low interest emergency
loans.
Sixty-three percent of
the nation’s hay acreage and
72 percent of the cattle
acreage are in an area
experiencing drought, said
Vilsack, quoting the US
Drought Monitor. These
fresh figures indicate
drought condition is
worsening moderately.
However, the severe
drought disasters sweeping
from California to upstate
New York have still caused
significant crop damage
to most crops including corn,
soybeans, pastures and
rangeland.
To assist producers
constantly, the USDA
announced a two-month
extension for emergency
grants on about 3.8 million
acres of conservation land,
said Vilsack. Earlier this
summer, the USDA had cut
interest of emergency loans
to 2.25 percent from 3.75
percent.
In addition, the
department also negotiated
crop insurance companies
to provide a 30-
day grace period for farmers
on insurance premiums in
2012.
While the worst drought in a
half century had caused
shortfalls in farming
production, it would not
have a detrimental impact on
the income of farm sector,
as shortages was raising
crop prices and insurance
payments would offset crop
damages, the department said
on Tuesday in a report.
Net farm income in the
United States was forecast
to be 122.2 billion US dollars
this year, up 3.7 percent from
a revised 117.9-billion-dollar
in 2011, according to the
report.

Drought in the United States
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Reinsurance. What’s that?

(as a sequel to “An Introduction To Insurance.” 3.8.12)

Reinsurance has not yet become a household word in Myanmar. It would take decades to be so. Even in the most developed nations like the USA and Europe, reinsurance is not a household word. In the US, where the private insurance industry is one of the largest in the world, reinsurance still remains a technical term, exclusively concerned with underwriters and having nothing to do with insuring public. Why do insurers re-insure their risks? The simplest and most unmistakable answer is more or less the same as that to the question of why people insure. People insure their lives, properties, and liabilities, because they want to remain in their current financial position and social status. In extreme cases they want to be protected from financial ruin, even if something untoward happens to them unexpectedly.

Underwriters cede a part of their large loss exposures to reinsurers with a view to avoiding at best severe financial losses or at worst bankruptcy. In that regard many people including underwriters are concerned with the risks of neighboring insurer, the owner of a house insured against fire will never wish the house of his neighbor to be on fire because he does not wish the same to be placed needs to be selected. The 4 forms enable the underwriters to conclude a treaty with the reinsurer.

The facultative-obligatory method is made up of the facultative, treaty and facultative–treaty forms. As that form permits the ceding office to retain a far higher percentage of the risks or losses it takes, it is the method of choice for insurance companies usually underwriting extraordinary hazardous risks by some insurers who are not from the ceding companies usually make use of. As the proportional excess of loss treaty is the conventional method in use, it needs no further explanation.

The facultative-treaty method is made up of the facultative method of contract and the treaty method of contract. As the proportional excess of loss treaty is the conventional method in use, it needs no further explanation.

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Applying of writs against decisions of Union level...

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U Kyaw Naing Hay of Inwa Constituency, U Thein Nyunt of Thinganmyo Constituency, Daw Khin Su Htay of Pale Constituency, U Tun Aung Kyaw of Ponmyaung Constituency and U Khin Maung Win of Lammadaw Constituency discussed the proposal of Thura U Aung Ko of Kanpetlet Constituency submitted on 13 August to amend and cancel some orders in writ application.

Judge of Supreme Court of the Union U Soe Nyunt replied that the authority to issue writ dominates ordinary legal provisions. Though it is prescribed that the verdict of court concerned is the final decree under the ordinary law, the decree of the court can be changed with the writ. However, the writ cannot be applied against such decrees. It would be against the constitution if it is allowed to apply writ over the decrees of such organizations. The Supreme Court of the Union in paragraph 44 (a) of writ application procedure prohibits application of writ over the decrees and actions of Union-level organizations which are vested with power to issue final decision by the constitution. It is not sensible to revoke provisions in paragraph 44 (b) of writ application procedure.

The writ issued by the Supreme Court of the Union is the order to manage courts at lower levels. It is not allowed to file writ against verdicts and decisions made by the Supreme Court of the Union. Under those circumstances, it would not be required to cancel paragraph 44 (a), (b) and (c) of writ application procedures. As there is no provision against hearing of writ cases alone in the constitution and paragraph 47 of the writ application procedures meets the international provisions, it would not be required to amend the paragraph.

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No. 38/2012
14th Waxing of Wagaung, 1374 ME
31 August 2012
Proposal granted to Shan State Kokant Democratic Party to form political party

Ist hereby announced that Shan State Kokant Democratic Party with its headquarters in Kyishan Street, Tonchan Ward-1, Laukkai Township, Shan State has been granted permission to be registered as a political party under the Section-9 of the Political Parties Registration Law on 31 August 2012.

The Registration No of the party is 60.

By order,
(Win Ko)
Member
Union Election Commission

Myanma Rice and Paddy Cultivation and Export Coordination Meeting held

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—The Myanma Rice and Paddy Coordination Meeting was held at the Ministry of Commerce, here this afternoon.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing said that plans are under way to seek the possible problems while transporting the goods. He also said departmental persons and organizations would keep watch eye on necessity of people while moving towards development country. Only when the farm products are earned good incomes, the farmers are found of their farms than those others. We should take consideration on smooth transportation as well as yielding of paddy strains when we want to plant the rice mills. Taxes on edible crops are reduced now instead of paying 14 percent; Taxes on trade of fertilizer, pesticide and farm equipment are given exception. Rice is allowed to export to foreign countries as usual. The paddy strains which produced starting from October are bid as reserved rice. Efforts are being made to find out the ways that will be beneficial for farmers and to export paddy strains to foreign countries. The market is open for farm products and if need, we purchased farm products from foreign countries when consumer demands are highly required. Improvement of supply chain concerning paddy industry will be allowed freely, discussed the union minister. Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint said in his speech that the paddy will be produced 1281.88 million baskets as per acre yield will be 78.81 baskets in planting over 16.26 million monsoon paddy across the nation in 2012-2013. The monsoon paddy has grown over 13.37 million till 30th August, 2012, completed over 82.84 million. The short reserved paddy strain stored up to 403976 with full capacity in order to replace loss of paddy on account of flood. As the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation are trying to penetrate foreign market, the good quality paddy strains will be grown more and more with the use of modern planting technology in cooperation with entrepreneurs and respective companies. Basmati paddy strain is ready to distribute to farmers. Modern rice mills are taken part in vital role for producing more rice instead of using old ones. Not only the grains are produced as vermicelli, rice noodle, rice oil but paddy husk will be useful in generating electric power. The by products will turn into paddy based industry so as to earn good incomes, taking the place of paddy market on the globe. In 2015, the farmers will be cheerful by trying to farm paddy market in local and on the globe in cooperation with official concerned and responsible persons. As Myanmar is agro-based country, we should pay attention on agro business, if not, they will be migrant workers. The world is always changing because of climate change and developed countries such as USA, India, Japan and China as well as neighbouring Vietnam, Thailand, the Philippines and Indonesia would face natural disasters. We have experienced in helping Ayeyawady Region, the paddy pot while the Nargis destroyed it in the past. We should cooperate with each other while we are trying to improve agro business with added momentum, gaining the knowledge from the meeting, said the union minister.

Union Minister for Border Affairs and Myanmar Economic Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay being welcomed by Malaysian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr. Ahmad Faisal bin Muhamad at reception to mark 55th National Day and 79th Armed Forces Day, held at Sedona Hotel on 31st August.—MNA

Vaccination injected to animals in Ayeyawady Region

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—A veterinarian team led by Deputy Director-General Dr Aung Gyi of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department made field trips to eight townships of Ayeyawady Region from 23 to 29 August to be able to provide health care of buffalos and cows in the flood-hit areas.

The team gave vaccinations to 2464 buffalos and cows in Kyaunggum Township, 802 in Kanggyiudant Township, 165 in Yekli Township, 587 in Athok Township, 179 in Ngaunghainggyoung Township, 577 in Thabaung Township, 85 in Pathethin Township, totaling 4859, 829 pigs, 140 goats, six horses and six dogs.—Myanmar Alin
Mohti Moemi gold mine being shaped into town

YAMETHIN, 31 Aug—Mohti Moemi Gold Mine Region in Yamethin Township is being built as a new mining town. The group of companies is implementing the short-term and long-term plans for emergence of the internationally standard mining region.

Outstanding students honoured in Pyapon

PYAPON, 31 Aug—A ceremony to honour outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination with flying colours for 2012 was held by Pyapon Township Alinyaung Educational Service Committee at Nyein Chan Mingala hall at No 15 on Shwenatkha Pagoda Street in Pyapon on 25 August. At the ceremony, Chairman of AESC U Aung Win (reporter Aung Win) and officials gave speeches. Dean of Myanmar Department of West Yangon and officials gave speeches.

Workshop to transform to mechanized farming held in Shwennyang

SHWENYANG, 31 Aug—With a view to increasing social life of rural people and developing agricultural produce, a workshop on transforming to mechanized farming was held at No 85 tractor station in Agricultural Mechanization Department on 26 August.

Fingerlings released into paddy fields

PYAPON, 31 Aug—A fingerling—releasing ceremony into 200.02 acres of paddy plot owned by 20 farmers was held at Chaungbyya Village-tract in Dedeye Township on 21 August.

Reparining of inundated roads completed in Pathein District

PATEIN, 31 Aug—Due to heavy rains and swollen of water from river, flood hit Pathein, Kangyidaunt, Thabaung, Kyaungpyaw, Yekyi and Kyaunggon townships as of 1 August. Moreover, floods eroded roads. Inundation occurred at mileposts No 4/1 and 10/1 on Pathein-Shwemyintin-Wayaung Road, at mileposts No 0/0 and 0/5 on Pathein-Shwemyintin-Thabaung Road, Pathein-Kyaunggon-Pantanaw Road, Dahka-Emme Road, Pathein-Shwemyintin-Thabaung Road, Pathein-Yangon being undertaken by Public Works.

Taxation talks given to students in Yanbye

YANBYE, 31 Aug—Organized by Yanbye Township Internal Revenue Department of Rakhine State held a talk on facts about taxation at Mahu Pyinnya Kyaw Hall of Basic Education High School in Yanbye on 17 August. At first, Township Education Officer U Tun Minu lectured facts about taxation.

Workshop on development of ICT held

TOUNGOO, 31 Aug—A workshop on development of Information and Communication Technology was held at the hall of University of Computer Studies in Toungoo on 24 August morning.

BEMS branch inaugurated in Mahlaing

MAHLAING, 31 Aug—A ceremony to inaugurate Basic Education Middle School Branch was held in Kan Village (Natsingon) of Mahlaing Township, Mandalay Region, on 22 August.

FOOTBALL COMPETED: Thaungy season football tournament of Kyimonpyina Township Basic Education High School No 3 was held for 2012-2013 academic year at the school sports ground on 23 August. Photo shows player students actively participate in the football tournament.

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"We face some difficulties on oppositions. But, we are easing the problems. We need good services to be able to serve the interests of the State and the people. In addition, we need more loyal workers for new plans," said a member of the company.
Venezuelan refinery blast kills 42, injures 132, with eight still missing

only 20 of the 132 injured remained in the hospital as of 28 August, Ortega said. In addition, some 280 people from 77 families had been treated for shock, and others underwent psychological or received some type of social assistance from the Public Prosecutor’s Office, she said. Last Saturday, a gas leak at Amuay fuel processing plant ignited and sparked fires at three fuel storage tanks which were finally extinguished on Wednesday. Amuay fuel processing plant, in the country’s northwest Falcon state, is one of three processing plants at the Paraguana Refinery Complex (CRP), the second largest in the world.

The blast destroyed or damaged some 500 homes and businesses around the complex, the authorities said. Ortega said she had deployed a team of seven investigators to look into the explosion but had nothing to announce so far. Meanwhile, Rafael Ramirez, energy minister and president of Venezuela’s state-owned oil company PDVSA which is in charge of the CRP, said Amuay fuel processing plant could resume operations in three days. In an interview with Venezolana de Television, Ramirez said operations would “certainly restart” by Sunday. Ramirez also revealed that some 500 workers and volunteers were taking part in repairing homes damaged by the blast, while firefighters were continuing to cool down the three fuel tanks.

Police hunt for gunman after Sydney shooting

Police are hunting for a gunman who left two men dead in Sydney’s west, the seventh deadly attack in Australia this year.

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Police detained today two men in Sydney's north west when two men inside with multiple gunshot wounds.

Police said they had hided in the factory’s gates when two suicide bombers attacked the workers coming out after ending their work shift. It has been proven the deadliest attack on a military site in Pakistan’s history. The terrorists attacked the Pakistan Ordnance Factories (POF), which is responsible for conventional weapons production.

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Britain revokes London Metropolitan University’s license to sponsor intl students

London, 31 Aug — UK Border Agency (UKBA) said on Thursday that it has revoked London Metropolitan University’s license to sponsor students from outside the European Union (EU). Its students from outside the EU, whose number now exceeds 2,000 at the university, are no longer allowed to study there. Though the decision may mean that those students have to find another sponsor in 60 days or may be deported, UKBA said, “London Metropolitan University students who are already in the UK with a current, valid UK visa do not need to do anything immediately.”

UKBA said that a government-led taskforce is being created to support those affected genuine students to find another institution where they can continue their studies in the country. Immigration Minister Damian Green said the university had failed in three particular areas. More than a quarter of the 101 students sampled were studying at the university when they did not have permission to stay in the country. A “significant proportion” of checked files found “no proper evidence” that the mandatory English levels had been reached.

In addition, the university didn’t know whether its students are turning up for their course and whether they are using a student visa to enter the country for work. “Our absolute priority is to our students, both current and prospective, and the university will meet all its obligations to them,” said Malcolm Grizzles, vice-chancellor of London Metropolitan University. Higher education is an important export industry in Britain, bringing in 12.5 billion pounds (19.8 billion US dollars) every year, according to National Union of Students (NUS).

S Korea, US wrap up joint annual drill

Seoul, 31 Aug — South Korean and US forces wrapped up a joint annual exercise aimed at enhancing defence readiness against potential security threats, the Combined Forces Command (CFC) said on Friday. The computer-assisted simulation exercise, dubbed Ulchi Freedom Guardian (UFG), was focused on combined planning, military intelligence, logistics and command and control operations, according to the CFC. Launched on 20 August, the drill, which officials said was defensive in nature, mobilized more than 56,000 South Korean and 30,700 US troops for operations at various sites nationwide. “The exercise was based on realistic scenarios that enabled us to provide valuable training on our essential tasks and ensured we are fully prepared to defend the Republic of Korea,” Gen James D Thurman, commander of the US forces stationed here, said in a statement.

Observers from seven countries including Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom participated in the drill to ensure it abided by the Armistice Agreement that halted the 1950-53 Korean War.

No explosives found after threatening message grounds flight

Beijing, 31 Aug — Airport police said they found no trace of explosives on a plane that was forced to change its route on Thursday night after the airline that owns it received a threatening message.

Shenzhen Airline said the company received an anonymous threatening phone call after flight ZH9706 took off from Xiangyang in central China’s Hubei Province for Shenzhen in south China’s Guangdong Province. The flight landed at Wuhan Tianhe International Airport in central China’s city of Wuhan at 11:24 pm out of concerns for passenger safety, airport operators confirmed. Police conducted a thorough inspection but found no dangerous items on the aircraft or in the passengers’ belongings.

All the 71 passengers delayed by the incident have boarded a new flight, which departed from Shenzhen at 10:46 am on Friday, the airport said. The incident is the second to occur this week, with an Air China flight from Beijing to New York being forced to return to Beijing over a threatening message on Wednesday evening. However, no abnormalities were detected on the flight, which left for New York for the second time hours later.

Pentagon threatens legal action over bin Laden book

Washington, 31 Aug — The Pentagon warned on Thursday that it was considering legal action against a former US Navy SEAL for material breach of non-disclosure agreements with his first-hand account of the raid that killed Osama bin Laden.

In a letter obtained by Reuters, and subsequently released by the Pentagon, the Pentagon’s top attorney said the Department of Defence was also considering legal action against anyone “acting in concert” with the author.

It hinted that the book’s royalties might be subject to court’s consideration.

A general view of the opening ceremony of 14th Non-aligned Movement (NAM) summit is seen in this picture taken in Teheran, Iran, on 30 Aug., 2012. — Xinhua

A policeman walks in front of the compound where al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden was killed in Abbottabad on 3 May, 2011. — Reuters

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Rescued Chinese fishermen return home from S Korea

Seoul, 31 Aug — A group of fishermen rescued after two Chinese fishing boats capsized off the southern island of Jeju in the wake of Typhoon Bolaven earlier this week was set to return home on Friday, according to Chinese consulate officials in Jeju.

Of 18 crewmen from the wrecked fishing ships, 16 people will leave for Shanghai at 1:30 pm (local time) via China Eastern Airlines flight MU 503. The other two will temporarily stay in South Korea. They were saved after the two boats ran aground in waters off Jeju on early Tuesday as Typhoon Bolaven, the strongest to hit South Korea in almost a decade. Rescue workers pulled 12 people to safety, and six swam ashore.

The confirmed death toll from the incident stood at nine as of Friday morning, and six were still missing, spokesman Ko Chang-koon of the Seoul Metropolitan Fire and Rescue Service said.

ASEAN demands China to release ship that capsized off S Korea

SEsbok, 31 Aug — An international organization of 10 Southeast Asian nations has urged China to release two capsized fishing vessels that capsized off South Korea in the wake of a typhoon on Saturday.

The group, known as the Asian and Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), has urged China to release the two vessels and all 18 crew members who had become stranded since the vessel sank on Thursday.

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Afghans among 54 rescued from asylum boat

Indonesian island of Java. Alerted by Australia, Indonesia sent out a rescue team but 10 hours later abandoned the search. Australian authorities took it up again, and by late Thursday said 55 people had been pulled from the water. Australian authorities revised the number of survivors down to 54 after learning one of those recovered was dead. They were handed over to Indonesian rescue teams and would be taken to the port of Medan.

But hopes were diminishing of finding anyone else alive after two days in the water. “We have a window of opportunity — people can survive in the sea for up to 36, maybe 48 hours,” Australian Home Affairs Minister Jason Clare told reporters. Indonesian and Australian rescuers said they would not abandon the search. “The standard search period for us is seven days,” Gigah Prakoso, a spokesman for Indonesia’s National Search and Rescue Agency (Basarnas), told AFP. “We’re now focusing efforts on evacuating the survivors. There are three Indonesian boats so far taking part in the rescue — one Basarnas boat, one navy ship and one marine police boat.”

Three merchant ships and two Australian aircraft were also scouring the area, AMSA said.

Rescuers race to save trapped miners after deadly blast

Swiss acupuncturist charged in 16 HIV infections

GENEVA, 31 Aug. — A self-styled healer has been indicted by a Swiss court on charges that he intentionally infected 16 people with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, in cases going back more than a decade, authorities said on Thursday.

The unidentified man was indicted by a five-judge panel in Bern-Mittelland regional court on charges of intentionally spreading human disease and causing serious bodily harm, offenses that carry maximum penalties of five to 10 years respectively, said the regional prosecutor’s office in Bern, the Swiss capital.

The office said in a statement that most of the victims attended a music school that the man operated. A spokesman for the prosecutor, Christof Scheurer, said the man also practiced as an unlicensed, self-styled acupuncturist — a trade which he is believed to have used between 2001 and 2005 as a pretext to prick and infect some of his victims with blood that was infected with AIDS. HIV is transmitted through bodily fluids such as blood, semen or breast milk.

The police investigation concluded that the man had used various pretenses to prick his victims, but it remained unclear exactly what objects he had used.

In other cases, the investigation found, the self-described healer — who is not HIV-positive — had served his victims drinks that made them pass out so he could infect them. “The defendant denies everything that is alleged,” the prosecutor’s statement added. The cases apparently came to light when Bern hospital Inselpital began to investigate similar complaints of infections in connection with a so-called healer.

Prosecutors say the probe, which was launched after one alleged victim filed a criminal complaint in early 2005, has finally been completed, but that it took years because of a number of difficulties ranging from the use of genetic testing to identifying victims while adhering to protections for patient privacy.

Proceedings against a second suspect in the case have been permanently closed, the statement said, because his involvement could not be confirmed.
Two years have passed since lightning tore down a 62-foot Jesus statue in Southwest Ohio, which will be replaced by a new 51-foot statue by late July.

The statue nicknamed "Touchdown Jesus" was built at the Solid Rock Church near Interstate 75. The name was given because of the way Christ was depicted with his arms raised in the air. Another nickname "Big Butter Jesus" was given because of the statue's creamy color.

It was hit by lightning in June 2010.

Eddie Van Halen has surgery for digestive disease

NEW YORK, 31 Aug—Eddie Van Halen has undergone emergent surgery to treat diverticulitis, a natural disease and is canceling his tour in Japan to recover.

His representative said on Thursday that the guitarist had a "severe bout of diverticulitis," a painful condition that involves the formation of pouches on the outside of the colon. He is expected to recover in four to six months.

The rep added that the 57-year-old will not require more surgeries to treat the disease.

The musician had plans to tour Japan in November and will reschedule the dates for next year.

LeAnn Rimes sues two women over recorded phone call

LOS ANGELES, 31 Aug—LeAnn Rimes has sued two women for allegedly taping a phone conversation with her and posted edited snippets online.

The country singer's lawsuit filed in Los Angeles seeks damages of more than $25,000 against Kimberly Smiley and her daughter Lexi, who are described in the case as supporters of the ex-wife of LeAnn Rimes' husband Eddie Cibrian. The suit claims Rimes did not know she was being taped and posted snippets online.

LeAnn Rimes to perform on weekends through September.—Internet

HBO to air Rolling Stones documentary on 15 November

NEW YORK, 31 Aug—From Keith Richards' tell-all book to assorted concert documentaries, fans of the Rolling Stones may feel they've learned it all about their favourite band.

Not so fast. "Crossfire Hurricane," a new documentary about the British supergroup's rise to prominence, will premiere on HBO on 15 November. And there will be plenty of dirt. Mick, Keith and the rest of the gang, from their teenage years to their apex of fame. Packed clubs, drug use, and there as a symbol. The new statue will be constructed with fire-resistant material.

Coroner: Sage Stallone died from heart condition

LOS ANGELES, 31 Aug—Sylvester Stallone's son Sage died at age 36 from natural causes due to a heart condition, coroner's officials said on Thursday.

Sage Stallone's death on 13 July was attributed to a condition that causes blockage of the arteries, and no other factors were involved. It has been classified as "sudden death," the coroner said.

Sylvester Stallone's publicist described it as "devastated and grieving." Stallone's son had recently returned to the United States from New Zealand to attend the funeral of his father, who died in July.

Actor Steve Franken dead at 80

New York, 31 Aug—Character actor Steve Franken, best known for his work on TV’s “The Many Loves of Dolores Gillis,” has died of cancer in Los Angeles, his family said. He was 80.

Franken’s wife, Jean, confirmed his death on 24 August to The New York Times. The type of cancer he suffered was not specified.


He was a frequent guest on TV shows such as "Bewitched," "Love, American Style," "Mission: Impossible" and "Seminole."
Liverpool, Inter into Europa League group stages

LONDON, 31 Aug—European heavyweights Liverpool and Inter Milan qualified for the Europa League group stage after coming through their respective play-off ties on Thursday.

Luis Suarez’s goal sent Liverpool into the knock-out phase with a 1-1 draw against Scottish Premier League side Hearts. Brendan Rodgers’ team had a 1-0 advantage from last week’s first-leg Tynecastle win, but despite dominating for long periods at Anfield, they failed to put the visitors out of reach. David Tempton looked set to make them pay for their wastefulness when his weak shot was allowed into the net by Pepe Reina with six minutes left.

But four minutes later Suarez burst away down the left and managed to find the net from close-range. At the San Siro, Inter made life complicated for themselves with the 33rd minute sending off of Luca Castellazzu.

Unheralded Romanian visitors Vaslui converted the subsequent penalty to take a shock lead. Inter’s Rodrigo Palacio9 levelled but Vaslui regained the advantage only for Fredy Guarin to grab an injury time equaliser to put the Serie A giants through 4-2 on aggregate, Liverpool have Premier League company in the knockout stages as Newcastle edged Greek side AEK Athens 1-0 at St James’ Park, the goal coming from substitute Haris Vuckic, to qualify 2-1 and join compatriots Tottenham Hotspur in Friday’s draw in Monaco.

Last season’s Europa League runners-up Athletic Bilbao were held 3-3 in Finland by HJK but coasted through with a 9-3 aggregate win.

Liverpool’s Uruguayan forward Luis Suarez (L) goes around Hearts’ Jamie MacDonald (C) during the UEFA Europa League play-off second leg football match at Anfield in Liverpool, north-west England.

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China’s Chen ditches retirement plans

BEIJING, 31 Aug—China’s Olympic champion Chen Yibing has made an abrupt U-turn on his decision to retire from gymnastics after a surprise defeat in the men’s rings competition earlier this month.

Chen, favourite to retain his Beijing title in the strongest event, was beaten by Brazil’s Arthur Zanetti, in a stunning upset which triggered howls of protest from Chinese officials.

But Chen, sounding more conciliatory than after his galling London setback, has now decided to continue competing—perhaps even until he is 32, the China Daily reported.

“I won’t retire because of what I went through in London,” said the 27-year-old Tianjin native, who helped China defend their all-around team gold. “I’ve invested myself in gymnastics for more than 20 years. I can’t just give it up.”

In Chinese coaches and officials fumed at the Brazilian’s score, although Chen himself sounded more philosophical almost a month on from London.

“The referees’ judgment was disappointing,” he said. “But I saw all the spectators, my coach and even some opponents applaud to encourage me and I felt so relieved. ‘I will for sure take part in next year’s world championships and the Nationals,” added the four-times world champion.

“The 2017 National Games will be held in Tianjin. I might also compete in my home city then. I just want to have a good rest now.” Chen will have knee surgery in October before resuming full training.—Reuters

Roddick says retire will see US Open

NEW YORK, 31 Aug—Hard-serving Andy Roddick, the last American male to win a grand slam tournament, will retire after the US Open, the former world number one said on Thursday. Roddick, who turned 32 on Thursday, made the announcement at a news conference ahead of his match against Australian Bernard Tomic inside Arthur Ashe Stadium on Friday night.

“I just feel like it’s time,” he said. “I don’t know that I’m healthy enough or committed enough to go another year.”

“I’ve always wanted to, in perfect world, finish at this event. I have a lot of family and friends here. I’ve thought all year that I would know when I got to this tournament. ‘When I was playing my first round, I knew.’ Roddick, who beat fellow American Rhyme Williams 6-1, 6-4, 6-4 in the opening round, is seeded 20th at the US Open, the last of the year’s four grand slam tournaments. He said his decision to call it quits after 13 years as a professional, “has been a process, certainly not days.”

“Certain parts of the year I’ve thought about it, he said. “Just with the way my body feels. With the way that I’m able to compete now, I don’t know that it’s good enough.”

“I don’t know that I’ve ever been someone who’s interested in existing on tour, I have a lot of other interests and a lot of other things that excite me.”—Reuters

SUBARU Serena Williams battles into third round

NEW YORK, 31 Aug—American Serena Williams survived a bad day on the courts as she beat Spain’s Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez to claim a place in the third round of the US Open on Thursday.

The Wimbledon and Olympic champion, an overwhelming favourite for the title, needed 82 minutes to dig out a 6-2, 6-4 victory over 30-year-old Martinez Sanchez.

Williams began well enough, winning 12 straight points as she led 4-1 but struggled thereafter, double-faulting six times and making a host of simple mistakes.—Reuters

Saviola linked with Malaga after leaving Benfica

MADRID, 31 Aug—Argentine forward Javier Saviola parted company with Benfica on Thursday, amid reports in the local media that the 30-year-old is poised to join Spanish club Malaga.

“Benfica and the player Javier Saviola have reached an agreement on the termination of his contract,” read a statement from the club, which did not provide further information.

Saviola’s contract had been due to expire at the end of the 2012-13 season. A former Barcelona and Juventus player, Saviola joined Benfica from Real Madrid in June 2009 for a fee of five million euros ($6.25 million).—Reuters

Back problem gone Tiger plays down poor weekend form

NORTON, 31 Aug—Tiger Woods says he has shaken off his back problems and is confident his recent poor form will not affect his future success.

“My slide was partly off my back problems and is healthy enough or committed enough to go another year. Feels. With the way that I’m able to compete now, I don’t know that it’s good enough.”— Reuters

Woods, who beat fellow American Andy Murray 9-7 on Friday, has not made it to the final of any of the four major tournaments. He said his slide was partly off his back problems and is healthy enough or committed enough to go another year.

“I don’t know that I’ve been as successful during his second round at Bethpage Black.”—Reuters

“The back is good,” world number three Woods told reporters on Thursday while preparing for Friday’s opening round of the PGA Championship. “It was nice to have the treatment there and then have a Monday off. ‘It since this tournament starts a little bit later, so I’ve got another day to kind of get some more treatment at home,” he said of the unusual on Friday schedule. “Yesterday, if it great. I hit it really well, and had no issues at all.”

Woods said he is fit for the smooth passing style forward might be an awkward fit for the smooth passing style forwards might be an awkward fit for the smooth passing style. Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers wants the Reds to use.

“I do see it as a chance to get used to it as a striker’s career at Upton Park.”—Reuters

Liverpool’s Carroll joins West Ham on loan

LONDON, 31 Aug—Liverpool striker Andy Carroll, who has been deemed surplus to requirements just 18 months later and Allardyce hopes to revitalise the striker’s career at Upton Park.

Newcastle, and the forward could make his debut in Saturday’s Premier League clash against Fulham at Upton Park.

Carroll’s future at Anfield has been in doubt since Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers admitted the England forward might be an awkward fit for the smooth passing style the Reds want to use.

West Ham and Carroll’s former club Newcastle both made approaches for the 23-year-old several weeks ago and, after Liverpool failed to secure a better offer, it is the Hammers who have won the race for his signature.

The deal is likely to bring an end to Carroll’s disappointing spell with the Reds as he has agreed an option to sign him on a permanent basis for an undisclosed fee at the end of this season.

It is a major coup for newly-promoted West Ham and boss Sam Allardyce, who briefly worked with Carroll at Newcastle.

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Tiger Woods of the U.S.

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**Focus Myanmar TV Programme**

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- News
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- Park Royal Yangon Bridal Show 2012
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2. Song on Fullmoon Day of Wukhannya (Myitta A Kaidon Nay) 8:10 am
3. Documentary 8:25 am
4. Nine Precepts administered 11:10 am
5. Musical Programme 11:15 am
6. Game for Children 11:30 am
7. Round Up Of The Week’s TV Local News 2:30 pm
8. Selected Songs For 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2012) (Odzles & Mone Classical) (Amateur First Division Level, Women) 4:00 pm
9. Dhamma Sakka Sutta Reading Competitions (4th Prize Winner) (Thasun) (8-E-H-S-1) 4:25 pm
10. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - First Year (Chemistry) 4:55 pm
11. Beautiful “Asun” 5:45 pm
13. Myitta Suttan Sermon by Siddha Sayawd 8:00 pm
14. News 8:25 pm
15. Cartoon Series 11:15 am
16. TV Drama Series

**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**

**Weather forecast for 1st September, 2012**

**Rampant Federer strools into US Open third round**

**New York, 31 Aug — World number one Roger Federer put on another evening exhibition at Flushing Meadows on Thursday as he brushed aside Germany’s Bjorn Phau 6-2, 6-3, 6-2 to reach the third round of the US Open. The five-times champion smashed 15 aces and 44 winners in all as he followed up his confident first-round win with another immaculate display, wrapping up victory in just 90 minutes. “I enjoyed it a lot, it was a great match for me,” Federer told the packed crowd inside the cavernous Arthur Ashe Court.

“I always enjoy it when I have the chance to come out here at night and make it a match for you guys.” In the last game of the match, Phau had the temerity to hit a mercilessly backhand pass of a Federer smash, and the Swiss agreed had been the shot of the match. “I had some incredible shot-making,” Federer said. That backhand was ridiculous really.

“When it’s against you, you don’t really enjoy it but I was leading so it was OK. It was a lot of fun.”

World number 83 Phau was once renowned as the fastest player on the Tour but, at 32, his speed is on the wane and Federer had him on the stretch from the start. The Swiss broke in the fourth game to establish control and never loosened his grip on the match as he cruised through to a bout with Fernando Verdasco of Spain.

Federer has won all four of his meetings with Verdasco but knows better than to underestimate him when they play on Saturday.

**Bourdy leads European Masters**

**France, 31 Aug — France’s Gregory Bourdy held the early lead in the European Masters after carding an eight-under-par first round of 63 here on Thursday.**

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Bourdy climbed to the top of the leaderboard on the back of five birdies on his inward nine holes.

“It was a great day, I don’t think I’ve ever played better,” said Bourdy, who is aiming to pick up his first Tour win since 2009 and the Hong Kong Open.

“This course isn’t the most difficult, but it’s not the easiest either because you have to hit the ball very straight, and I managed to do that today. “I only missed one shot all day, but still managed to save par. My attitude was very good; I was very positive and that’s why I finished very well!”

He holds a two-stroke lead over England’s Oliver Fisher and Sweden’s Fredrik Andersson Hed, who share second six-under-par 65 at Crans-sur-Sierre in the Swiss Alps.

There was a five-way tie for fourth for five under between Welshman Rhys Davies, England’s Robert Coles, India’s Anirban Lahiri, Scott Barr of Australia and England’s David Howell.

Only two members of Europe’s Ryder Cup team — Paul Lawrie and Peter Hanson — are competing here this week.

Scot Lawrie, aiming to add this to his win last weekend in the Johnnie Walker Championship at Glenagles, shot a two-under-par 69, as did Sweden’s Hanson, who recovered well after bogeying three of the first nine holes.

Andy Zhang, the 14-year-old Chinese amateur, ended his first round with a one-over-par 72.

**Poster girl for women’s boxing is now Bollywood muse**

**Mumbai, 31 Aug — India’s latest Olympic hero is hoping that a Bollywood movie on her life isn’t just about the sweat, tears and grime. Mary Kom, five-time women’s boxing world champion, won a bronze medal at the London Olympics, and her exploits will now be captured on the big screen. “I hope they show some romance in the film,” the 29-year-old told Reuters in a phone interview. “That’s also important, right?”

The mother of two is married to Onler Kom, who is also her manager, and hopes director Osmang Kumar depicts that part of her life in the film as well.

“They will show my struggle and how difficult it was, but I don’t know who will play me — that is up to them,” she said.

Bollywood isn’t really known for its sports films, but movies such as “Lagaa” is a historical epic revolving around a cricket match that was nominated for a foreign-language Oscar in 2002 and “Chak De India”, centred around the Indian women’s hockey team, have found box-office success.

This year, film-maker Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra is working on “Bhaag Milkha Bhaag”, a biopic on Milkha Singh, one of India’s greatest track athletes — Reuters**
Factory equipped with international standard safety system against smokes, sewage and other wastes

Representatives attending 37th day session of Amyotha Hluttaw. MNA

NAV PTY TAW, 31 Aug—Amyotha Hluttaw session continued for 37th day, at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10 am today, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 206 MPs.

At the meeting, Deputy Minister for Defence Commodore Aung Thaw replied to the question of U Tin Maung Myint of Taninthayi Region Constituency No.3 on “arrangements made for the compensation of houses and farmlands of local people in the factory area; environmental degradation and smokes and wastes that can pose a danger to local people and the benefits for the State and local people after the establishment of factory.”

He said that Union Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited (UMEHL) has planned to relocate 94 houses that is located in the compound of the factory, at Pozarrin Oil Palm farm on the roadside of Langlong-Kyaunkinaw.

Plants are under way to carry out compensation for the plants, coordination between respective Region government, Township Administration and village townsenders for reconstruction of houses, upgrade and reconstruction of schools. In addition, tarred road and concrete bridges will be built on Nyinmaw-Sithye-Laythonkhan-Gawin village road as some roads is located in the factory area. UMEHL will give new plots and pay compensation for the plants based on their life span.

The factory is equipped with international standard safety system against smokes, sewage and other wastes. Production of finished goods with the use of crude oil rather than importation of finished petroleum products will contribute to economic development of the country. Estimated investment amount for that project is USD 2521. It is China’s huge investment. Oil fuel energy is strategic items. It can facilitate the State’s defence sector and get the benefit of mechanical and technology transfer.

After that, one representative discussed the Amyotha Hluttaw Commerce Committee’s report. Hluttaw decided to take necessary actions on committee’s decision after the report is recomplied in cooperation with Hluttaw representatives.

Afterwards, Secretary of Amyotha Hluttaw Mines and Resources Committee U Hla Swe submitted the proposal on urging the Union government to implement the measures that can benefit the local people and increase the country’s earnings after a Union-level Commission comprising officials from respective ministries and other scholars is formed so as to enable mines sector development, smooth running of works and environmental conservation. A representative approved it. Hluttaw announced that the proposal is approved.

Afterwards, a representative approved the proposal submitted by U Ohn Tin of Rakhine State Constituency No.10 on urging the Union government to supervise and control the fishing of offshore fishing ships in onshore fishing areas in the Myanmar coastal regions.

Hluttaw approved it and those representatives who want to discuss are to submit their names. The meeting came to an end at 11 am and the 38th day session will continue on 3 September. At today’s session, one question answered, one report discussed, one proposal approved and one proposal submitted.—MNA

Earthquake jolts

NAV PTY TAW, 31 Aug—A severe earthquake of magnitude (7.9) Ritcher Scale with its epicentre outside Myanmar (Philippine Islands Region) about (2100) miles southeast of Kaba Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (19 hrs) (22 min) (12 sec) MST today, announced Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA

Fingerlings released into paddy fields in Momauk

MOMAUK, 31 Aug—Under the supervision of Bhamo District Fisheries Department of Kachin State, fingerling releasing ceremony was held at paddy field No. 173 in Momauk Township on 24 August.

At the ceremony, Deputy Commissioner U Teza Aung of Bhamo District General Administration Department, Momauk Township Administrator U Nyan Hlaing, Head of District Fisheries Department Daw Nyunt May, Chairperson of District Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Aye Mya Mya Khaing, Chairperson of Township Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Swe Zin Win, members of social organizations and departmental officials released fingerlings into the paddy field. So far, Momauk Township has set over 200,000 fingerlings on free at Nammauk Creek.

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Celta take South Korea striker
Park on loan from Arsenal

MADEIN, 31 Aug—Celta Vigo have agreed to sign South Korea striker Park Chu-young on loan from Arsenal for the season, the promoted Spanish club said in a statement on Friday.

The 27-year-old made six appearances for Arsenal last season, scoring once, after joining from AS Monaco last year.

Park played in the 2006 and 2010 World Cups and helped his country to a bronze medal at the London Olympics, where he scored two goals.

Celta have lost their opening two matches on their season, scoring once, after joining from AS Monaco last year.

Roddick says will retire after US Open

Back problem gone Tiger plays down poor weekend form

MYANMAR, 31 Aug—Lee Westwood says he will retire after US Open, after a weekend of poor form at the US Open, with Tiger Woods playing down the ‘problem’ with his back.

Citi and JPMorgan Chase are emerging as the lead investment banks fordone—Reuters

De Jong leaves Man City;
Berbatov close to decision

LONDON, 31 Aug—Nigel de Jong became the first high-profile move of an expected frantic final day of the European transfer window on Friday.

The Dutch midfielder left Premier League champions Manchester City for Serie A side AC Milan for an undisclosed fee.

Bulgaria international Dimitar Berbatov remains poised for a move from Manchester United to Fulham, although United manager Alex Ferguson created a stir at a press conference when he suggested the striker could return to Tottenham Hotspur.—Reuters

Mobile Clinic launched in Nyaunglebin

NYAUNGLEBIN, 31 Aug—A ceremony to launch Mobile Clinic was held in conjunction with the health educative talks in Yebyukan Village of Nyaunglebin Township in Bago Region on 22 August.

Head of Township Health Department Dr Khin Zaw and Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Moe Moe Aye gave health educative talks. Next, they donated refreshments and medicines to the older persons and provided free health care services to 105 people.

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