President U Thein Sein received a delegation led by Honourable Murray McCully, Foreign Affairs Minister of the New Zealand, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this morning.

President U Thein Sein said that exchange of visits by the heads from both countries would promote amity and cooperation between the two countries. He strongly believed that the visit to Myanmar would boost amity and cooperation. Myanmar would make continued cooperation with New Zealand in education, health and livestock breeding sectors, he added.

The New Zealand Foreign Minister pledged that New Zealand would continue to support Myanmar’s reform processes, especially for the development of agricultural sector. He saw the challenges Myanmar government is facing during his visit to Rakhine State. He also reaffirmed that New Zealand would make cooperation with Myanmar on overcoming those challenges.

Both sides held talks on providing assistance to victims in Rakhine State by the government, U.N agencies and donor countries, food, accommodation and security, reconstruction of schools, hospitals and clinics, needs for farm development and fishery industry, other countries’ donation for construction of schools including Indonesia, technology needs for milch cow and meat cow breeding and New Zealand’s investment.

The New Zealand Foreign Minister said that milch cow breeding experts from New Zealand would come to Myanmar soon. New Zealand would establish model breeding camp in Myanmar for transfer of milch cow breeding technology. It was also attended by Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Thane and U Ohn Myint, departmental heads, New Zealand Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Anthony Lynch and party.

The Myanmar selected Taekwondo team bagged two gold, one silver and four bronze medals in the 11th International Taekwondo Open Championship that was held in Indonesia from 27 to 30 June and secured the second prize in the aged 19-29 inter-club event. The victorious team led by Secretary U Zaw Win of Myanmar Taekwondo Federation of the Ministry of Sports arrived back at Yangon International Airport at 8 am on 2 June. They were welcomed back at the airport by vice-presidents and responsible persons of the federation.

Thaw Zin Han and Thet Myat Noe Wai won one gold in the mixed double event, Yamin Kay Khaing and Thet Myat Noe Wai and Chaw Kalyar Win, one gold in the women’s inter-club Taekwondo dancing event.

Thaw Zin Han secured one bronze in the men’s single dancing and Yamin Kay Khaing and Thet Myat Noe Wai, one bronze each in the women’s single dancing event. Naing Dway Shein grabbed one bronze in the men’s Flyweight attack event and May Sanda Kyaw Win one silver in the women’s Featherweight attack event.

The Taekwondo clubs from 25 countries participated in the championship. After the competition, four Taekwondo dancing players and coach U Thet Shein will take a one-month joint training together with Indonesian players in Indonesia.

Myanmar selected Taekwondo athletes seen with winning awards.
New Zealand FM visits relief camps in Sittway

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July — Among scenically attractive areas in Myanmar, every Myanmar knows Myitson as a beautiful place in the northern part of Myanmar where Maykha and Malikha rivers flow together and become Ayeyawady River.

Although Myitson was not allowed to reach due to various reasons a couple of years ago, now it can be reached smoothly and securely through a wide concrete road.

The confluence where Maykha and Malikha join together is a place, 28-mile from Myitkyina, capital of Kachin State. It is accessible from Myitkyinaby car, motorbike or passenger vehicle daily.

Shortly after leaving from Myitkyina, a 28-mile long journey to Kyenklayan village starts passing through on the concrete road that ends in the village. The end of the concrete road to Tanphe village is six-mile long gravel road. From Tanphe to Myitson, there is a one-mile long tarred road. It takes over one hour from Myitkyina to Myitson.

Kachin traditional restaurants at Myitson offer delicious meals together with a superb panorama of the beauty of the confluence. Visitors can take a boat trip along the two rivers to enjoy a breathtaking view of the confluence. A local from a Kachin traditional restaurant says “visitors from various parts of the country including nearby places come and visit here for recreation. Situations regarding Myitson project and regional insecurity brought the confluence to a standstill, making arrivals of visitors stopped a few years ago. Now, the visitors pack Myitson like before. As road transport is better than ever before, Myitson gets crowded again and sees more arrivals of visitors. I would like to invite all come and visit Myitson”.

Myitson area where the confluence of Maykha and Malikha forms the River Ayeyawady, lifeblood of Myanmar, has returned to normalcy, providing a secure and smooth transport for all visitors to have a chance of gaining regional knowledge.

Kyemon-Thet Naing
(PyinOoLwin)

Thefts of motorbikes exposed while suspects under interrogation

TOUNGGO, 4 July — Further investigation into a theft of motorbike which was stolen from the compound of Relax restaurant in Toungoo on 28 June led the police to expose thefts of 11 more motorbikes occurred in Toungoo of Bago Region.

No (1) police station was informed by two men of Nahaungpyaing village in Toungoo that their locked motorbike was stolen while they were at the restaurant at about 11 pm on 27 June. According to police investigation, Zin Min Latt (a) Tatee, 23, of Kyaydaw village was arrested together with the stolen motorbike at a place on Yangon-Mandalay Highway near Kyaydaw and Htanmon villages after being suspected of the theft.

He was held in police custody for questioning and thefts of 11 more motorbikes were exposed under interrogation. Police confiscated 12 all motorbikes as evidence. No (1) police station filed lawsuits against the suspect and Hla Htoo, 33, who was accused of acting as a broker for stolen motorbikes.

Kyemon-Kyaw Swa
(Toungoo)
North Korea’s First Vice Foreign Minister Kim Kye Gwan (L) shakes hands with Russian Ambassador to North Korea Alexander Timonin before leaving Pyongyang for Russia on 2 July, 2013.—Kyodo News

Head of Japan’s biggest business lobby wants end to divided Diet

Tokyo, 4 July—The leader of Japan’s biggest business lobby expressed hope on Thursday that the upcoming upper house election will put an end to the divided Diet, thus facilitating implementation of policies.

“The biggest task our country faces is placing the economy, which has started moving upward, on a full-fledged growth path,” Hiromasa Yonekura, leader of the Japan Business Federation, known as Keidanren, said in a statement as campaigning for the 21 July election started earlier in the day. Yonekura called for swiftly promoting free trade negotiations including the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade talks, easing regulations and implementing fiscal and social security reforms.

“To do so, political stability is essential,” he said. “I strongly hope that an environment will be created to carry out policies swiftly and steadily.”

While the ruling bloc of the Liberal Democratic Party and its junior coalition partner, the New Komeito party, control the powerful House of Representatives, the opposition camp is dominant in the upper house. Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry Chairman Tadashi Okamura said the election should centre on policy debate and that it is crucial to implement growth strategies that spread the economic recovery to small- and medium-sized companies as well as the country’s regions.—Kyodo News

Ecuador seeks London’s help over embassy bugging

QUITO/LONDON, 4 July—Ecuador said on Wednesday it would seek the help of the British government to determine who put a hidden microphone in the South American nation’s London Embassy, where WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is holed up.

Foreign Minister Ricardo Patino Patino said a microphone was found inside the office of the ambassador to the United Kingdom, Ana Alban, while he visited the embassy to meet with WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange on 16 June.

Assange, who was granted asylum by Ecuador last year, lives and works in a different room within the embassy.

“After this discovery, the government of Ecuador will request the collaboration of the British government in investigating this issue to discover who is implicated in this operation,” Patino told a news conference in Quito.

Earlier in the day, the Foreign Office in London declined immediate comment on the allegation and Prime Minister David Cameron’s spokesman said he did not comment on security issues.

Patino added that Ecuadorian authorities “have reason to believe that the bugging was being carried out by the company, the Surveillance Group Limited,... one of the biggest private investigation and surveillance companies in the United Kingdom,” he said. The Surveillance Group did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

Ecuador’s protection of Assange has strained relations with Britain. The Foreign Office said after a meeting between British Foreign Secretary William Hague and Patino on 17 June that no substantive progress had been made to break the legal and diplomatic deadlock.

Ecuador’s Foreign Minister Ricardo Patino shows a picture of a hidden spy microphone uncovered at the office of Ana Alban, the Ecuadorian ambassador to the United Kingdom, during a news conference in Quito, on 3 July, 2013.—Reuters

Three rangers injured in bombing in restive S Thailand

BANGKOK, 4 July—Three Thai paramilitary rangers were injured Thursday in a bomb explosion in restive southern province of Narathiwat, Thai News Agency reported.

Police said a nine-man ranger team, on a routine security patrol in Narathiwat’s Chanae district, was caught in an ambush using a homemade bomb detonated with a mobile phone signal. The three wounded were rushed to a nearby hospital.

Army soldiers take their positions in front of protestors who are against Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi, near the Republican Guard headquarters in Cairo on 3 July, 2013.—Reuters

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Security cameras are seen near the main entrance of the European Union Council building in Brussels on 5 July, 2013.—Reuters

British spies shared vast quantities of personal data with the US National Security Agency under a project codenamed “Tempora”. The EU’s executive Commission “is seeking to assess whether Tempora could fall under EU law” and be a violation of EU law, an EU source said, on condition of anonymity.

Britain’s activities may fall foul of the EU’s Data Protection Directive, which sets strict rules on data privacy. If the Commission considered Britain to have broken EU law, then it could start a so-called infringement procedure, the source said.
**Yahoo acquires email management app Xobni**

San Francisco, 4 July —Yahoo Inc acquired email and address book management app Xobni, the Internet company’s third acquisition in as many days as it seeks to revamp its online products and boost its Web traffic.

Yahoo said it will integrate Xobni’s technology into its communications products, including the mobile and PC versions of its email and instant messaging services. Yahoo did not disclose the financial terms of the deal, which the technology blog AllThingsD pegged at $30 million to $40 million. Yahoo said that 31 Xobni employees will be joining Yahoo, including Chief Executive Officer Jeff Bonforte, who previously worked at Yahoo.

The deal is the latest in a string of acquisitions by Yahoo since Marissa Mayer became chief executive a year ago, vowing to boost traffic to Yahoo’s online services and to revive the company’s stagnant revenue growth. Yahoo, which has roughly 11,000 employees, has acquired more than a dozen small, Web startups during the past year, focusing particularly on adding technology and services designed for smartphones and tablets.

On Tuesday Yahoo acquired Qwibi, a mobile app that creates mini-movies using email that a consumer’s collection of photos and videos. And on Monday, Yahoo acquired Bignoggins Productions, a mobile app to help players of fantasy sports teams. Last month, Yahoo closed its $1.1 billion acquisition of blogging service Tumblr, the largest deal by Mayer. Yahoo’s shares finished Wednesday’s regular trading session up 2.4 percent at $25.59.—Reuters

**Spain telecoms regulator sees more pain for operators in 2013**

Madrid, 4 July —Earnings are falling for Spanish telecoms operators this year as recession drags on and competition heats up, with mobile broadband the only area of growth, the head of Spain’s telecoms watchdog said. Trends seen last year, which resulted in total revenue for the sector falling 7.2 percent to 35.2 billion euros ($45.9 billion), have continued into 2013, Bernardo Lorenzo said at a presentation on Wednesday of the regulator’s 2012 report.

“Mobile broadband continues to be the only service with growing revenues,” Lorenzo, president of the Telecommunications Market Commission (CMT), said. While the rest of the sector has been badly hit by Spain’s economic crisis and 27 percent unemployment rate, mobile broadband recorded a 29 percent rise in total revenue to 2.5 billion euros, last year.

More than 352,000 people signed up for new fixed broadband connections last year, but the sector’s total revenue dropped by 4.6 percent to 3.7 billion euros, the regulator said.

Mobile is set for an another tough year, with Orange, Yoigo (owned by Telefónica) and virtual operators, which rent network capacity from established operators, catching up with market leaders Teléfonica and Vodafone who are losing clients. Mobile revenue dropped 16 percent in 2012 and 5.5 billion euros as consumers cut spending, switched to cheaper deals or ditched their mobiles altogether.

Last year was the first time that the number of cellphone lines in Spain shrank, dropping by 1.9 million connections. Internet-based instant messaging services like WhatsApp, which are free after a small initial payment, are proving even more of a challenge for operators this year, Lorenzo said, as clients shun more expensive text messages.—Reuters

**Scientists create human liver from stem cells**

London, 4 July —Scientists have for the first time created a functional human liver from stem cells derived from skin and blood and say their success points to a future where much-needed livers and other transplant organs could be made in a laboratory.

While it may take another 10 years before lab-grown livers could be used to treat patients, the Japanese scientists say they now have important proof of concept that paves the way for more ambitious organ-growing experiments. “The promise of an off-the-shelf liver seems much closer than one could hope even a year ago,” said Dusko Illic, a stem cell expert at King’s College London, who was not directly involved in the research but praised its success.

He said however that while the technique looks “very promising” and represents a huge step forward, “there is much unknown and it will take years before it could be applied in regenerative medicine.”

Researchers around the world have been studying stem cells from various more for more than a decade, hoping to capitalize on their ability to transform into a wide variety of other kinds of cell to treat a range of health conditions.

There are two main forms of stem cells - embryonic stem cells, which are harvested from embryos, and reprogrammed “induced pluripotent stem cells” (iPS cells), often taken from skin or blood. Countries across the world have a critical shortage of donor organs for treating patients with liver, kidney, heart and other organ failure.

Scientists are keenly aware of the need to find other ways of obtaining organs for transplant.—Reuters

**Renevable energy to be competitive with fossil fuels by 2020**

Geneva, 4 July —Advanced biofuels, biomethane and electric vehicles could out-compete conventional transport options like gasoline by 2020 if support policies are enhanced and expanded, said a report released on the occasion of the annual meeting of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), said the signs are encouraging, but continued research and development, funded by both public and private sources, remains essential.

Continued investments in recharging stations for electric cars and refueling stations for biomethane vehicles are also important, it said. But policy changes and short-sighted reactions to budgetary constraints could undermine important achievements to ready the transport sector for a sustainable energy future, it said.

IRENA’s Director-General Adnan Amin said that delaying or rolling back support and infrastructural investment for these renewable technologies at this stage would endanger the progress made towards aspirational targets for future.

Renewable energy use is low in the transport sector, accounting for only 2.5 percent of energy consumption for all types of transport, and 3.3 percent for road transport. Conventional biofuels have suffered due to price volatility of their feedstocks, which are closely tied to food crops.—Reuters
China to grow 7.6 percent in second half; risks up

SHANGHAI, 4 July —China’s economy is expected to grow 7.6 percent in the second half of 2013, but risks of bad local government loans, slowing growth of central government revenue, diminished export competitiveness and industrial capacity are growing, the official China Securities Journal reported on Thursday.

Economists have been cutting their forecasts for the world’s second-largest economy following a string of weak data recently, with some predicting the government will not be able to meet its full-year target of 7.5 percent.

China’s economy expanded 7.8 percent last year, the slowest pace in 13 years.

At the same time, Chinese markets are struggling to recover from a crunch in the country’s financial markets that saw short-term money rates spike to record highs and stock markets swoon in recent weeks.

Investors feared that the increase in rates, set off by the central bank when it refrained from injecting liquidity in recent weeks, meant Beijing was preparing to tighten monetary policy to seize control of its shadow banking sector, which some fear is misallocating capital to speculative ventures such as real estate.

The report, which was authored by an economic research unit at the State Information Centre, said that China’s economic growth model remained fundamentally stable.

EU commissioner welcomes EP vote on “Tobin Tax”

BRUSSELS, 4 July —EU commissioner for customs and taxation Algirdas Semeta welcomed the European Parliament (EP) vote on the financial transaction tax (FTT), “I warmly welcome the Parliament’s vote in favour of the FTT under enhanced cooperation, which 11 member states have requested,” Semeta said in a statement following the EP’s vote in favour of the FTT proposal.

“We’ve had a clear signal that popular and political support for the FTT is still strong,” he said, adding that the FTT, also known as the “Tobin tax,” can contribute to “fair taxation, a cohesive single market and a more ambitious convergence on the FTT”.

The commissioner urged all the 11 member states to press ahead in reaching quick agreement and “converge on the FTT to be implemented, while also protecting the spirit and purpose of this tax.”

He promised that the European Commission will continue to support negotiations in every way possible, to facilitate a swift and ambitious compromise on the FTT.

The “Tobin tax,” named after Nobel-prize winning US economist James Tobin, was first proposed by the economist in 1972 as a way of reducing financial market volatility.

The European Commission proposed an imposition of a 0.1 percent tax on trades in shares and bonds, and a 0.01 percent tax on derivatives trading. The proceeds could go towards the central EU budget.

HIV undetectable in two patients after bone marrow transplant

WASHINGTON, 4 July — Two HIV positive patients who underwent bone marrow transplants no longer have detectable virus in their blood cells, even after stopping anti-retroviral therapy for months, US researchers reported on Wednesday.

Timothy Henrich and Daniel Kuritzkes, physician-researchers at the Boston Brigham and Women’s Hospital said the two have shown no signs of HIV after they were off anti-retroviral therapy for 15 weeks and seven weeks, respectively.

“While these results are exciting, they do not yet indicate that the men have been cured of HIV,” said Henrich in a statement. “Long-term follow up of at least one year will be required to understand the full impact of a bone marrow transplant on HIV persistence,” said Henrich.

Last summer, Henrich and Kuritzkes announced that the virus was easily detected in blood lymphocytes of both men prior to their transplants and became undetectable by eight months post-transplant.

However, at the time, the men remained on anti-retroviral therapy. The two were off anti-retroviral therapy this spring and continued to have no detectable HIV virus in their blood, the researcher said, adding that the men are frequently monitored and they have expanded on their prior findings by further examining large volumes of cells, plasma and tissue.

The research, which was published in the journal Occupational and Environmental Medicine, showed that the link between long-term night shift work and increased breast cancer risk is not confined to nurses as previous research has indicated.

In the study, researchers from Queen’s University and British Columbia Cancer Agency studied 1314 women with breast cancer and 1179 women of the same age but without a new Canadian study.

The participants had come from various occupational backgrounds, and were asked about their shift work patterns over their entire work history. Hospital records were used to determine tumour type as well.

The researchers found no evidence that those who had worked nights for up to 14 years or between 15 and 29 years had any increased risk of developing breast cancer. But those who had worked nights for 30 or more years were twice as likely to have developed the disease.

The suggested link between breast cancer and shift work has been linked to melatonin. However, sleep disturbances, upset body rhythms, vitamin D or lifestyle differences may also play their part, according to the researchers.
Portuguese prime minister tries to defuse crisis

LISBON, 4 July—Portugal’s prime minister and his junior coalition partner in the government attempted on Wednesday to cool tempers in a political crisis that could derail Lisbon’s efforts to emerge from its international bailout.

Prime Minister Pedro Passos Coelho said his government would survive the crisis created by the resignations of Foreign Minister Paulo Portas and his finance minister this week, which have threatened to deprive it of a majority in parliament “I am confident that we will be able to overcome this difficulty,” Passos Coelho told journalists after a meeting of European leaders to discuss youth unemployment in Berlin. Portas’s rightist CDS-PP party met all day on Wednesday and decided their leader would talk to the prime minister in an attempt to find a way out of their dispute, the worst political rift since Portugal received a bailout in 2011.

I killed, 15 injured as two-story building collapses near Mumbai

MUMBAI, 4 July—One person was killed and 15 injured as a two-story building collapsed in Thane District near Mumbai on Thursday morning.

According to local police, the building housed a garment factory, and the accident happened around 1 am local time.

Rescue team rushed to the site and operation is on. Still many people were reportedly trapped under the debris.

Locals said that ongoing illegal construction to add a third floor to the old structure may be the cause of the building collapse.

This is the third building collapse in Thane in less than three weeks. On 22 June, seven people were killed when an abandoned four-story building collapsed in Mumba of Thane District.

Parents want kids to study English from early age


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Tokyo, 4 July—More and more parents are interested in having their children start studying English even before they turn 1, with an eye on giving them an advantage in their future careers.

At S&S International School, an English school for infants in Yokohama, 2-year-olds were fluently pronouncing the English word “car” as a native English instructor showed them chemical symbols.

In the education programme targeting children aged up to about 5, teachers get the young children to read English words repeatedly and help them strengthen their writing skills and acquire the ability to think in English.

About 30 percent of those enrolled in the programme attend it in place of kindergartens or nursery schools, studying about four hours a day.

The programme covers a wide range of challenging and complicated subjects for children such as Darwin’s theory of evolution, Egyptian civilization, fractions and DNA.

Kazuko Nakamura, who manages the programme, said, “The purpose of mastering English is to acquire the means of absorbing knowledge.”

“The subjects may be difficult for the children, but we help them understand the subjects through English if only a little and grow the bud of their curiosity,” she said. Such English programmes for infants have become popular with parents apparently seeing it as crucial for their children to master English at a time when companies are increasingly placing significant emphasis on English skills when they hire new graduates or promote their employees.—KYodo News

German finance minister says Turkey is not part of Europe

DUESSELDORF, 4 July—German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble said on Wednesday that Turkey should not join the European Union as it was not part of Europe, bluntly underlining Berlin’s opposition to the long-running membership bid.

Germany pressured the 28-member bloc to delay a new round of membership talks last week, in response to Ankara’s crackdown on anti-government protesters.

Brussels postponed the discussions for at least four months, but said the path to Turkey’s membership was still open.

“We should not accept Turkey as a full member ... Turkey is not part of Europe,” Schaeuble said at an election rally by his and Chancellor Angela Merkel’s Christian Democrat (CDU) party in the western German city of Duesseldorf.

Germany and France have always had concerns about allowing a largely Muslim country of 76 million people into the bloc, fearing that Turkey’s cultural differences and its size will make it too difficult to integrate.

Merkel’s critics have accused her of making a show of her opposition to Turkey’s membership to curry favour with conservative voters before elections, scheduled for September.

Turkey became an associate of the bloc in the 1960s but accession talks launched in 2005 got bogged down in a dispute over the divided island of Cyprus, an EU member, and opposition from Paris and Berlin.

China urges more efficient uses of fiscal funds

BEIJING, 4 July—The State Council, China’s cabinet, on Wednesday called for using fiscal funds more efficiently, focusing on stabilizing economic growth, adjusting the economic structure and improving people’s well-being.

The country will increase financial input to areas such as the renovation of dilapidated neighbourhoods, energy conservation and environmental protection, improvements in public services, urban infrastructure construction and boosting consumption, according to a statement released after a State Council meeting, chaired by Premier Li Keqiang.

It also vowed to ensure the proper use of poverty alleviation funds and social security funds. The meeting came after several audits reported issues by the country’s top auditor last week, exposed problems in the enforcement of the central budget for 2012 and other fiscal expenditures.

Participants at the meeting urged that efforts be made to rectify these problems, re-trieve embezzled money and prevent further fund misuse.

The State Council urged both central government agencies and local governments to tighten their belts by further cutting spending on receptions, vehicles and overseas trips.

Police and residents gather near the scene of fire in Ballard Pier Estate Exchange building, Mumbai, India, on 3 July, 2013. The big fire, which broke out on Wednesday morning in a government building in south Mumbai, is under control.—Xinhua
New school building handed over to Education Ministry

Mandalay, 4 July—A ceremony to hand over a school building to the Ministry of Education was held in Patheingyi Township in Mandalay Region on 2 July. The new school building named Pan Gabar in Basic Education Middle School (branch) in Dahattaw named Pansagaing Township in Mandalay Region.

Bago Region judicial officers take oath

Bago, 4 July—The oath-taking ceremony of judges and judicial officers in Bago Region took place in Bago Region High Court on 3 July. Chief Justice of Bago Region High Court U Maung Maung Shwe delivered an address. The judges and judicial officials then took oath in the presence of the chief justice.

Illegal logs seized in Singu

Singu, 4 July—Illegally extracted woods were seized on a motorboat in Ayeyawady River in Kyidawgon village in Singu Township of Mandalay Region on 28 June. Forest Department of Singu Township in MMAL-433

Vessel itineraries start in Chindwin River

Kalay, 4 July—Vessel itineraries in Chindwin River have started earlier than expected as Chindwin river’s water level reached the necessary height early this monsoon, reconnecting village in the township was transferred to the ministry by donors.

Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint delivered a speech at the ceremony. The ceremony was also attended by Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Win Hlaing, donor Mr John Rodney Dowie (steven) from Canada, Patheingyi Township Region Hluttaw Representatives, Mandalay District Deputy Commissioner U Zaw Tin Moe, district and township level departmental personnel, invited guests, the headmistress, teachers, members of School Board of Trustees, villagers, students and members of social organizations.

The new school building has the length of 120 feet, the width of 30 feet and the height of 12 feet. The estimated cost of the construction was more than K 50 million. Mr John has already donated 20 school buildings in Mandalay Region.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)

Inter-village road completed in Yamethin Township

Yamethin, 4 July—The construction of Set Toe Gyi-Pyaitha-Inhaung earthen road in Yamethin Township has been completed. The road has the length of eight miles and six furlongs.

Teak saplings planted in Maukme

Maukme, 4 July—Township Women’s Affairs Organization planted teak saplings in Basic Education High School yard on 2 July in a tree planting ceremony in commemoration of Myanmar Women’s Day. —MMAL-Sai Myo Thant (IPRD)

K 337 million allotted to Mohynin Township for construction of schools

Yamethin, 4 July—The Union government has allotted K 337 million on construction of basic education schools in Mohynin Township in 2013-2014 academic year. In Mohynin Township, K 72 million will be spent on construction of school building at Okkyin BEHS branch, K 21.6 million at Nyaungbintha BEPS, K 36 million on Thetin BEPS, K 43.20 million at Yuwathin BEPS, K 21.80 million at Hopin BEPS, K 14.40 million at Nalatan BEPS and K 168 million at steel structure of District Education office.

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3R’s

Reducing, reusing and recycling—the 3R’s—are the ways consumers can minimize the volume of waste they generate. Reducing, reusing and recycling can help reduce humanity’s environmental footprint, carbon dioxide emissions and energy use. The 3R’s are basic tenets of modern environmentalism.

Reducing is the most effective of the 3R’s. It means reducing our consumption or buying less. Using steel wares instead of plastic utensils, consuming less electricity are all examples of ways we can reduce in our own life. Composting, using jars to store beverages or leftover food, and trading or selling used DVDs rather than throwing them out are all examples of ways people can reuse. Reusing the second most effective of the three Rs; like reducing, it avoids creating waste rather than trying to recycle it once its already there.

Recycling has numerous environmental benefits. It saves energy, conserves natural resources, limits pollution and supports several sectors of the economy. Recycling extracts valuable materials from items that might otherwise be considered trash and turns them into new products. As a consumer, we can also help recycling by purchasing products made from recycled materials, such as toilet paper.

The 3R’s of reduce, reuse and recycle have been considered to be a base of environmental awareness and a way of promoting ecological balance through conscious behavior and choices. These patterns of behavior and consumer choices will lead to savings in materials and energy which will benefit environment. We need to disseminate knowledge on 3R’s programme to people.

Development tasks for Indawgyi Region under implementation

MOYNTIN, 4 July—All round development of Indawgyi Region in Mohnin Township would be carried out as it lagged behind in development due to poor transport and geographical location, said Kachin State Finance and Revenue Minister U Nyunt yesterday.

“We will upgrade Hopin-Indawgyi motor road (40 miles) and construct motor road and bridges which cross the villages from the east side of the lake. The state government has already been allocated budget by the Union government. Works are being undertaken for construction of 33 KV power grids to supply electricity to the local people. Plans are underway to extend farmland reclamation and establishment of hotel zones to create job opportunities for local people,” he added.

For development of Indawgyi Region, it is needed to effectively take action against illegal timber extraction, gold mining and fishing in line with the law to be able to conserve natural heritage of the lake, continued the state minister who is also the State Hluttaw representative from Mohnin Constituency.

29th ASEAN University Network Board of Trustees Meeting opens

YANGON, 4 July—The opening of 29th ASEAN University Network Board of Trustees Meeting hosted by Myanmar took place at Diamond Jubilee Hall of the University of Yangon this morning, with an address by Deputy Minister for Education Dr Myo Myint.

The deputy minister said that Myanmar was striving for taking part in three pillars of ASEAN University Network—to promote cooperation and unity between scholars from ASEAN countries, to develop human resources of educated persons and to further distribution of information in the educated community of ASEAN countries so that they can participate in ASEAN Economic Community 2015. Education sector of Myanmar has been carrying out reforms for all round development of people-centered political, economic and social sectors, he added.

Higher education sector reforms of Myanmar would be beneficial by participating in the work procedures of ASEAN University Network by management experts and students from Myanmar universities and by exchanging experience and knowledge between scholars from ASEAN countries, he said.

Deputy Secretary General Ms. Apon Kanvong of Higher Education Commission of Thailand reaffirmed that education is crucial for development of ASEAN countries as an ASEAN Community would be implemented in 2015, adding the role of higher education as important one for further cementing relations and development of human resources and education sectors. She also expressed that prosperity and development of ASEAN will last forever.

Yoma Bank (Muse) receives extortion letter

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—A motorcyclist presented a letter of extortion to a receptionist of Yoma Bank, No. 2/3 in Taung Wardon Union Highway in Muse, Shan State (North) at 11 am yesterday.

The letter entitled the Restoration Council of Shan State and Shan State Army-South (RSSC/SSA) that it needs to contact Ph. 18788213392 so as to extend K 10 million, not later than 14 July. The bank opened a file at respective police station—MNA

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing awards outstanding students of servicemen in matriculation exam

N A Y  P Y I  T A W, 4 July—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the prize presentation for outstanding students of servicemen for 2012-2013 academic year, at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, this afternoon.

At first, the Senior General made an opening speech. He then presented the first prize to Mingaladon BEHS No 1 with 68.24 per cent, the second prize to No 3 Education School with 53.85 per cent and the third to Nay Pyi Taw BEHS with 35.71 per cent.

After that, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services presented prizes and certificates to six-distinction winning students and the winner in the State level essay contest on milk feeding.

Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the Senior General, presented prizes and certificates to six-distinction winners respectively.

Department of Public Services Capacity Assessment Committee for the complaints handling of the ministries.

Union FM receives New Zealand counterpart

N A Y  P Y I  T A W, 4 July—A delegation led by New Zealand Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Murray McCully enjoyed a lunch hosted by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin at Kumudra Hotel, here, this noon.

They exchanged views on further strengthening relations and cooperation between the two countries.

M N A

Marijuana seized from singer-cum-actor Ye Tike

B A G O, 4 July—Narcotic drugs were seized from singer-cum-actor Ye Tike at Kyaukdaga Township of Bago Region at 3 pm today.

Acting on a tip-off from the owner of Luxmee teashop, Bago Region police inspector Hla Myint Oo from Kyaukdaga Township Police Station and members found singer-cum-actor Ye Tike, aged 30 at Luxmee teashop on Dagon Min motor road. The police searched him and seized a China-made Kenbo motorcycle, a small box with marijuana leaves, a blue jeans jacket and K 200,000 from him. The police station has filed a lawsuit against him in connection with the case.

Reporter Nay Lin (Nyaunglebin)

Publication of the actions of...

(from page 16) Department will issue three types of licenses—L license to above-ground petroleum storage tanks, L license to above-ground petroleum storage tank, and M license to above-ground petroleum storage station, all of which are allowed for storage of both petrol and diesel.

A supervisory committee for import and distribution of petroleum products will submit its recommendation to the management committee of the Ministry of Energy if a fuel shop with a licence to store fuel oil granted by the Ministry of Mines is found meeting basic requirements of a fuel shop by the investigation team. If it is not equipped with set standards, private entrepreneurs concerned will be informed to follow the suggestions. The recommended shops are to be subjected to scrutiny by the management committee and they will be granted licenses to sell and distribute fuel oil.

But, a new fuel shop will need the green light given by respective state/region government to acquire a license if the opening of a fuel shop incurs objection.

6. A total of 907 old and new fuel shops and three new fuel warehouses across the country have been granted licenses in accord with rules and regulations up to 19 June 2013. In Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, eight private-owned fuel shops where old and new half and half are being kept open. Office works are under way to issue licenses to three fuel shops owned by Myawady Trading Limited, U Khin Maung Win and Max Energy Co., Ltd in Zabuthiri Township and Zeyathiri Township.

7. Thus, any private companies and organizations that want to run fuel filling stations across the country including Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, can apply to the Ministry of Energy for fuel filling stations licenses along with related documents.

8. It is here announced that complaint letters can be sent to Public Services Capacity Assessment Committee for the complaints handling of the ministries.

New Light of Myanmar
Donation of 6000 Buddha images for Buddhists in rural areas

YANGON, 4 July — A Buddha image donation ceremony was held at Htidadyon prayer hall in the precinct of Shwedagon Pagoda on 2 July morning. A total of 6000 Buddha images were donated to be kept far and wide of the country including border regions.

After the consecration ceremony, wellwishers U Myo Aung, chairman of SAMESKY company, and family offered provisions to members of the Sangha. Next, wellwishers U Myo Aung and family handed over 6000 Buddha images to be kept in Shan State (North), Nay Pyi Taw, Bago, Yenanyoung, Tatkon, Waw and Sagaing through responsible persons. Kyemon-Thayet Suu Myint

Rural people earn surplus income by selling natural fertilizers

MEIKTILA, 4 July— Merchants purchase natural fertilizers from local people from Kyiittinggon, Ywapa, Hsannyeikshay, Pyunkamma, Kyeekan, Hnankan and Minhla villages in Thatzi Township of Mandalay Region. The local people can earn increased income for their families.

The merchants tour the villages by trawlgary to buy waste of cows. Sales of waste of cows is based on pieces. Now, edible oil crops, groundnut, green gram and chilli are being nurtured in the farmlands in the rainy season, so the farmers do not need to use waste of cows. That is why they sell the waste of cow to be able to earn surplus income. At present, the villages are bustling and hustling with trawlgaries. The waste of cow is purchased and then crushed. After cleaning, the waste is to be packaged into the three-basket-capacity bags. One bag of natural fertilizer can be sold at K 1000 in Shan State. Natural fertilizers are used in cultivation of potato, cabbage, radish and other crops, said a buyer of natural fertilizer Kyemon-Myo Min (Thatzi)

Chamnye Trading Cooperative Ltd holds annual general meeting

MANDALAY, 4 July— Chamnye Trading Cooperative Co Ltd held the annual general meeting for 2012-2013 financial year at its office at the corner of 22nd and 86th streets in Mandalay yesterday morning. Present on the occasion were Chairman of Township Selection Supervisory Commission Staff Officer of Township Cooperative Department U Kyaw Hsan Lin and heads of department U Nyunt Swe, Daw Khin Lay Ngwe, Daw Mya Mya Aye and Daw Khin Swe Myint, Chairman of the society U Ba Kyi and members, accountant/in-charge U Tun Hla Aung and staff, auditor U Mya Than and party.

Chairman of the society U Ba Kyi made a speech. Executive U Aung Than read the executive committee report, Accountant U Tun Hla Aung, the financial report and secretary U Aung Thein, the fund allotment report. The approvals for the reports were sought from the members of the society.

Next, officials presented K 300,000 to member Maung Hein Teza Tun who won three distinctions in the matriculation examination in 2012-2013 academic year. In the second session, Chairman of the election commission U Kyaw Hsan Lin made a speech, and Head of department U Nyunt Swe, the disciplines for election. The meeting elected U Ba Kyi as chairman and two members, U Mya Than as auditor and one member. Later, the new chairman gave concluding remarks.

Vigorous efforts made in tug-of-war

YANGON, 4 July— Organized by Mandalay Region Sports and Physical Education Department, the Mandalay Region Invitational Men’s and Women’s Tug-of-War Contest was held at Aungmyet Mandalar Gymnasium in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay Region on 2 July morning. Chanayethazan, Aungmyethazan, Mahaaungmye and Chammythazhi townships participated in the men’s event while Labour (B) team, Pyigyidagun, Chammythazhi and Labour (A) competed in the women’s event. Kyemon-Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Sunday, 14th July, 2013

School Environment Day

Let all basic education schools participate in activity

Ministry of Education

Gift for primary students in Natmauk Tsp

NATMAUK, 4 July— A ceremony to donate stationery to the students of No.169 Basic Education Primary School for 2013-2014 academic year was held at the school in Htanpingon Village, Natmauk Township, Magway Region on 1 July. At the ceremony, Headmistress Daw Ohnma Swegawas speech and under the patronage of mother Daw Tin Mya, Daw Khin San Myint family donated 70 dozens of exercise book, 30 dozens of pencil, 10 dozens of pen and 10 dozens of ruler to 56 students. Kyemon-Pu Ti Bwa (Natmauk)

Economic activities

HRD

Yuzana Garden City’s public book corner catches public interest

YANGON, 4 July— Public book corners, a knowledge pot, are to be commissioned into service at many public places in the country one after another as part of the public service media.

A new public book corner was opened at the bus-stop of Yuzana Garden City’s public place. More public book corners would be put into service at more public places.

National Sports

Vigorous efforts made in tug-of-war

Photo shows athletes making vigorious efforts in tug-of-war contest.
Tokyo, 4 July—Official campaigning started on Thursday for an upper house election later this month that will be a key test of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s leadership over the past seven months. Political party leaders hit the streets, calling for votes’ support in the 21 July House of Councillors election.

Abe, who heads the Liberal Democratic Party, began his campaign trail in Fukushima Prefecture, an area badly hit by the March 2011 earthquake, tsunami and nuclear crisis.

“We cannot proceed with reconstruction as well as economic revival if the Diet remains divided. I want to end it,” Abe said in a stump speech, referring to the dominance of opposition parties in the upper house.

Tokyo, 4 July—The Nuclear Regulation Authority decided on Wednesday to allow Japan’s only two reactors currently online to continue operating after new safety requirements for nuclear plants are introduced next Monday, as it sees no serious problems with them at the moment.

While all the 50 commercial reactors in Japan will be obliged to meet the new nuclear standards from next week if they want to operate, the Nos 3 and 4 reactors at Kansai Electric Power Co’s Oi plant will operate until sometime in September, when they will be taken offline for mandatory routine checks.

In a report that evaluated the current status of the reactors in Fukushima Prefecture in light of the new regulations, the NRA said that as of the end of June “We think facilities and the way things are managed will not create serious safety problems immediately.”

Jakarta, 4 July—The governments of Indonesia and South Korea on Thursday signed an agreement on bureaucratic reform and establishment of E-Gov, a move which is expected to help boost the investment climate in the Southeast Asia’s largest economy.

The signing was witnessed by Indonesian Vice President Boediono at the presidential office.

“Bureaucratic reform is a precondition for the progress of a nation,” Boediono said.

Poor bureaucratic remains one of the bottlenecks for investment in the country.

“The key to keeping moving ahead sustainably is to re-form the way we run the government,” said Boediono.

Under the agreement, Indonesia and South Korea agreed to collaborate on public administration which stressed the importance of creating a more transparent, innovative, and accountable government, said Azwar Abubakar, minister for bureaucratic reform.

Indonesia has got two credit rating upgrades to investment grade recently from rating agencies Moody’s and Fitch, prompting global fund managers to allocate more funds to the country.

“Hopefully with this signing, the effort to reform bureaucracy in Indonesia can be speeded up,” said Yoo Jeong-bok, minister of security and public administration of South Korea.

“So, Indonesia and South Korea can jointly benefit from it in the future,” he said. According to United Nations surveys on E-Government development and electronic participation indices in 2010 and 2012, South Korea was ranked first out of 192 UN member countries.

8 leftist rebels killed in clash in Sorsogon, Philippines

MANILA, 4 July—Eight suspected members of the leftist New People’s Army (NPA) were killed in an encounter with government troops in northern Philippine Province of Sorsogon on Thursday morning, the military said.

Armed Forces spokesman Chief Lt Col Ramon Zagala said a firefight ensued between the 31st Infantry Battalion and some 20 leftist rebels in Upper Calmuyao village, Jiban town.

The clash lasted for about 35 minutes and resulted to eight casualties from the NPA side including two females. The soldiers recovered five M16 rifles and one improvised explosive device.

Prior to the encounter, residents in the village reported the presence and extortion activities of the rebels, Zagala said, adding that pursuit operation has been ongoing against the other rebels.

There was no reported casualty from the government side. The NPA, an armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines-National Democratic Front, has been waging war against the government for over four decades.—Xinhua

Jakarta, 4 July—Indonesian authorities agreed on Wednesday to impose one week of emergency response in Bener Meriah regency, area mostly affected by the recent major earthquake in the country’s westernmost Province of Aceh.

The government allocated 40 billion rupiah (about 3.6 million dollars) to finance activities aimed at helping and delivering relief aids to the victims, a senior official said here on Wednesday. “The emergency response takes into effect today until 9 July in Bener Meriah regency. It is extendable, depends on the situation developed on the fields,” National Disaster Mitigation Agency (BNPB) Spokesperson Sutopo Purwo Nugroho told a Press conference in BNPB office here.

As of Wednesday, the BNPB recorded 24 people perished from the earthquake, 14 in Bener Meriah regency and 10 in nearby regency of Aceh Tengah.

The 6.2 magnitude earthquake that occurred on Tuesday was followed by at least 15 aftershocks. Sutopo added. Hundreds of people were injured and hundreds of houses collapsed in the disaster, he added.

Together with search and rescue teams, officials from health, social, and public works minister have been departed to the province’s capital city of Banda Aceh to coordinate delivery of relief aids to the victims.—Xinhua

Indonesia imposes week emergency response period in Aceh earthquake

Photo shows a J-15, China’s first generation multi-purpose carrier-borne fighter jet, taking off from the deck of the Liaoning, China’s first aircraft carrier, on 29 June, 2013.—Xinhua

Cambodian army is neutral in upcoming polls

PHNOM PENH, 4 July —The Royal Cambodian Armed Forces (RCAF) is neutral during the forthcoming general election, but military personnel will cast their ballots for the party they like, deputy prime minister and defence minister Gen Tea Banh said on Wednesday.

“The RCAF statute clearly states that this body is neutral, not biased towards any political party,” he told reporters. “But for individuals, they have the same right as common citizens to vote for the party they like.”

Meanwhile, the minister appealed to armed forces to strengthen security and public order during the election campaign period and on the election day in order to ensure a free, fair and peaceful election.

Cambodia is set to hold a general election for the 123-seat parliament on 28 July. The one-month election campaign kicked off last Thursday. Lt Gen Kirt Chantharith, spokesman for the National Police, said last Wednesday that about 70,000 security personnel would be deployed on the polling day. Eight political parties will contest the election.

Three major parties are the ruling Cambodian People’s Party of Prime Minister Hun Sen, the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party led by self-exiled Sam Rainsy, and the royalist Funcinpec Party headed by Princess Norodom Arun Rasmey, the youngest daughter of late King Father Norodom Shihanouk. Sam Rainsy, Hun Sen’s main rival, fled the country in late 2009 before Cambodian court sentenced him to 11 years in prison in absentia.—Xinhua

Residents and rescue teams search for victims in Ketol, Aceh Tengah, Indonesia, on 2 July, 2013.—Xinhua

Photo shows a J-15, China’s first generation multi-purpose carrier-borne fighter jet, taking off from the deck of the Liaoning, China’s first aircraft carrier, on 29 June, 2013.—Xinhua
CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV SEA SUNNY VOY NO (-)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV SEA SUNNY VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 5.7.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(3) where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

SHIPPI NG AGENCY DEPARTMENT MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: SANG THAI SHIPPING CO LTD
Phone No: 256924/256914

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SHIPPI NG AGENCY DEPARTMENT MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S HANJIN SHIPPING LINE
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ENERGY
(INVITATION FOR OPENED TENDER)
Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United States Dollars and Myanmar Kyats.

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-Tender Closing Date & Time - 31-7-20th , 1300 Hrs

Tender Document shall be available during office hours Commencing from 1st July 2013 at the Material Planning Department, Myanna Oil and Gas Enterprise, No (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.
Myanna Oil and Gas Enterprise
Ph: +95 67 -411097/411206

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Yangon City Electricity Supply Board
Invitation of proposal 2for Generation and Distribution of Electricity Supply to Industrial Zones.
1. Local and Foreign Investors who interested in Genera-

tion and Distribution of Electricity Supply to 15 Number of Industrial Zones in Yangon Region are invited to submit the proposal.
2. The Proposal shall be submitted not later than 12:00

noon on 31st July 2013.
3. For detailed information related to the captioned subject please contact the Industrial Zone Committee's Office and the following office.

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Yangon City Electricity Supply Board
Ministry of Electric Power
No (197/199), Lower Kyaemywine Road,
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Cuba unveils changes to party Central Committee

HAVANA, 4 July—Cuba unveiled major changes to the make-up of the ruling Cuban Communist Party (CCP)’s Central Committee, with 11 new faces in and five others removed, senior Communist officials said Thursday.

The changes, announced during a party plenary ses-

sion, removed senior Com-

mittee members from the make-up of the ruling Com-

mittee.

The announcement comes as the ACN said.

Cuban leader Raul Castro said: “The first national party conference agreed that the members of party com-

mittees at all levels must present their resignation to

their posts when they consider the reasons they were elected do not exist anymore, and this does not constitute a reproachful attitude,” ac-

cording to the ACN.

“This door leads in, this door leads out, without representing any demerit,” Castro was quoted as saying, urging members to be more energetic in carry-

ing out their responsibilities.

Alarcón, 76, who served as president of the parliament until February, had been on the committee for about two decades. Considered as a long-time political ally of

former President Fidel Cas-

tro, Alarcón used to repre-

sent Cuba in dealing with the United States for many years.—Xinhua
Helen Mirren’s next film, an Indian restaurant drama

MUMBAI, 4 July — Oscar-winning actress Helen Mirren has been cast in an upcoming Steven Spielberg and Oprah Winfrey co-production, which revolves around an Indian family that opens an Indian restaurant in southern France.

Based on the bestselling book by Richard Morais, the DreamWorks Studios’ drama is titled The Hundred-Foot Journey. It also features US actor Manish Dayal. Penned by Steve Knight and directed by Lasse Hallstrom, the film will also be co-produced by Juliet Blake apart from Spielberg and Winfrey.

The movie surrounds around the story of an Indian family, which moves to southern France and opens an Indian restaurant a hundred feet across the street from a Michelin-starred French restaurant and a culinary battle ensues between the two that ultimately tests the power of family, loyalty and love.

Production will begin on the film in September in France and India, and it will be released in US theatres in August next year.—PTI

Naomi Campbell back on runway after mugging incident

PARIS, 4 July—English supermodel Naomi Campbell returned to the runway for the first time since she was attacked and robbed on a street last December.

Campbell, 43, looked fit as a fiddle when she opened the show for an Italian fashion brand at the Paris Fashion Week here on June 30, 2013. She garnered attention in a sheer bejewelled basque, which showed off her long legs. She paid a tribute to creative director Donatella Versace’s late brother Giani.

“I’m so happy to be here in Paris tonight to walk for Donatella. We’ve known each other over 25 years now. Straight away I felt like part of the family, everybody was so warm and supportive. And of course there was Gianni,” contactmusic.com quoted Campbell as saying.

“Apart from being one of the most inspirational and respected of designers of all time, he was like a brother to me...always there in good and bad times the memory will never fade. So as you can tell this is an emotional evening for me. It really is a great privilege to be here,” she added. Campbell hadn’t walked for the brand in 15 years and thus, was greeted by cheers from the sur-

James Cameron sued by British artist Roger Dean

LOS ANGELES, 4 July—The director claims that his screenwriter, while another plaintiff also filed copyright lawsuit against the 58-year-old director.

Roger Dean has accused Cameron of “wilful and deliberate copying, dissemination and exploitation” of his imagery and claims that his complaint states: “The similarities of such work are substantial, continuing, and direct so as to rule out any accidental copying or similarity in scenes common to the genre.”

This is one of the latest legal hurdles for Cameron. In 2011, Cameron was hit with a $2.5 billion copyright lawsuit by a sci-fi screenwriter, while another plaintiff also filed copyright infringement papers against the 58-year-old director. —PTI

Be less trusting, suggests Paris Hilton

LOS ANGELES, 4 July—Socialite Paris Hilton said she doesn’t trust people outside her family as she is afraid they are after her for something.

The 32-year-old claims she has lost faith in human nature ever since she was targeted by the thief Bling Ring gang in 2008, who repeatedly let themselves into her home while she was out, and was later confronted by a knife-wielding stalker in August 2010 as he tried to break into her mansion, reports contactmusic.com.

“I fear someone coming up behind me or out of the crowd,” the Sunday Times newspaper quoted her as saying.

Also when asked what she would tell her younger self, she admitted: “Be less trusting. There are people close to you who will use you up. Now I don’t trust many outside my family. I suspect they are after something from me.”

While Hilton has been permanently shaken by the events, she insists she won’t change house.

“I hate being here alone, but now we have lasers and pressure-pad alarms and full-time armed guards. And I will not be driven out of my home by these events,” she said. —PTI
SPORTS

Murray and Del Potro hang tough, Djokovic imperious

London, 4 July—Andy Murray’s predicted stroll to the Wimbledon final became a hazardous obstacle course on Wednesday as he was forced to claw back a two-set deficit against Fernandez Verdasco to join top seed Novak Djokovic in the semi-finals on Friday. Tower of Jerzy Janowicz, Poland’s del Potro may need extra to plan, would have been between Roger Federer and Rafa Nadal. The youngest of the eight quarter-finalist will now set his sights on Murray, hoping to wreck the second seed’s hopes of becoming Britain’s first men’s Wimbledon champion since Fred Perry in 1936. “Right now I’m the most happy person in the world,” said the 22-year-old Janowicz, who launched 30 aces past Kubot to surpass the feat of compatriot Wojtek Fibak who lost four grand slam quarter-finals. “I hope Andy will feel some kind of pressure. I’m sure he will feel some kind of pressure because Britain is waiting for the English champion in Wim- bledon.” Murray, who is actually Scottish, is used to handling the pressure of being his country’s only realistic grand slam hope and delivered a US Open title last year after losing his first Wimbledon final to Federer. When the draw opened up after a first week of shocks and injuries, Murray’s path to the final looked an enticing one. But final results are rarely that simple. There were a few wobbles against Mikhail Youzhny in the fourth round and he endured a full-blown crisis against unseeded Spanish left-hander Verdasco who blazed away with his serve and forehand to move two sets ahead. Murray won the third with ease but twice had to fend off break points in the fourth before leveling the match in an electrifying atmosphere on Centre Court.—Reuters

Former Liverpool defender Aurelio in Gremio exit

Rio de Janeiro, 4 July—For two years in a row, the final minutes at the Greenbrier Classic have been lucky for golfers. The38-year-old former Lyon and Brazilian international midfielder Juninho quit the New York Red Bulls, just six months after joining the Major League Soccer club. The 38-year-old confirmed his departure on Facebook, citing differences with coach Mike Petke as a major reason for the decision. “I wasn’t playing at the level I know I can and my relationship with the coach made things even more difficult,” Juninho said. “I decided it was in everybody’s interests to leave now. As far as my future is concerned, I still have to think about it. As soon as I make a decision I will make it known.” Juninho, a renowned free-kick specialist who was a key member of the Lyon

Cavendish collects 24th Tour stage win

Maribor, (Slovenia), 4 July—Mark Cavendish’s love affair with the Tour de France continued as he crossed the finish line in Limoux to claim his 24th stage victory. The Englishman, who collected his 24th Tour stage win, is now 10 shy of Belgian Eddy Merckx’s record. Wednesday’s victory was not the hardest as Cavendish, who “changed teams because (he) wanted to do well on the Tour de France,” benefitted from a perfectly-oiled team machine. “To be fair today the sprint wasn’t too difficult for me. I didn’t do anything but a few strokes out of a playoff for the title eventually won by American Scott Stallings. Twelve months ago, Murray again squan- dered a one-shot lead on the back nine as he closed with a 73 to win up joint seventh. “That’s the difference,” the former US Open champ told reporters on Wednesday while preparing for Thursday’s opening round at The Greenbrier’s Old White Course. “Any time a player wins, they’re playing quality golf for the first time a player wins, they’re playing quality golf for the first time lucky at this week’s edition of the Greenbrier Classic have been lucky for golfers. The

Simpson aims for third time lucky at the Greenbrier

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Vladivostok, 4 July—The international community should work together to combat cyber crimes and move faster on information security regulations, a senior Chinese official said on Thursday.

Meng Jianzhu, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, made the remarks in a keynote speech at an international meeting of high-ranking security officials in Vladivostok.

Meng, also secretary of the Commission for Political and Legal Affairs of the CPC Central Committee, said maintaining internet and information security is an important part of national security. All nations should enhance cooperation and bear the responsibilities together in the face of cyber security threats and challenges, he said.

He urged the international community to jointly and actively combat all kinds of cyber crimes, speed up the formulation of international norms on information security, and oppose conflicts in the cyber space.

On the sidelines of the conference, Meng also exchanged views with representatives from the BRICS nations on internet and information security regulations.

In separate meetings with Nikolai Patrushev, secretary of the Security Council of Russia, and US Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano, they discussed the implementation of the consensus reached between Chinese President Xi Jinping and his US and Russian counterparts.

According to local media, the NSW Labor operation is under pressure following the airing of allegations of corrupt behaviour by ministers and other members at the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), amid long-standing concerns about the entrenched power of factions.

The NSW ICAC has been investigating the property dealings of former powerbroker Eddie Obeid and former minister Ian Macdonald, who have both been expelled from the party.

Kevin Rudd has also asked all other state and territory ALP branches to consider changing their rules in line with NSW Labour to head off any issues in those jurisdictions.

And accordingly, property developers will be banned from standing as state ALP election candidates unless they divest off any issues in those jurisdictons.

Kevin Rudd told reporters in Canberra that the allegations being heard by ICAC in Sydney wereappings, had damaged Labour’s standing and must never be repeated.

“I regard this as a necessary set of reforms,” he said in Canberra on Thursday. “I also reserve to myself the right to make a further request in the future should further reforms be necessary.”

For blind campers, a first chance to swim and canoe

Brockport, (New York), 4 July — On her first attempt ever at the long jump, the applause came before 16-year-old Dah Ku even broke a stride. Follow the clapping sounds, “Dah Ku,” cried Marielhi Rosado, Ku’s counselor at Camp Abilities, a developmental sports camp for the blind, visually impaired and deaf-blind at the College at Brockport, State University of New York, who is visually impaired, followed the noise from Rosado’s hands and ran 14 strides down the track before abruptly stopping. A false start later, she jumped six feet.

Rosado, an undergraduate studying orientation and mobility for the blind at Florida State University, teared up and clapped in celebration. This is only her first full day at camp and she’s coming along so much.” Rosado said of Ku, whose family moved from Thailand to Utica, New York, two years ago and who speaks limited English.

“Dah Ku” is her pet name in the Burmese language and means “jump” in English. Ku is one of 205 Camp Abilities participants from 23 states who came to Brockport for an eight-day camp aimed at building confidence and independence in children who are blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind.

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**Printing and Publishing Enterprise Bill approved**

**U Thein Nyunt of Thingyangyun Constituency making remarks.**

Nay Pyi Taw, 4 July—Printing and Publishing Enterprise Bill submitted by the Ministry of Information with amendments was approved at today’s Pyithu Hluttaw session.

“As fourth pillar, media play a crucial role in the democratization processes. It needs to protect these media and their freedom by laws. This law can protect publishers,” U Thein Nyunt of Thingyangyun Constituency said.

“It can be said that in fact, that bill is in urgent need. It is also essential for smooth functioning of publishing enterprises. That bill would bring benefits to people, printers and publishers,” said U Khin Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency.

With regard to the question on preventive measure against youth’s glue sniffing and drafting of laws by respective ministry, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint replied that according to the research findings, dissemination of knowledge through the school syllabus can inspire youth’s inquisitive mind, thereby causing the problem much bigger. Priority should be given to preventive measures against it.

And the Ministry of Health should draft necessary notifications in cooperation with respective ministries, he added.

Regarding the question, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann called for sending of message to the President, informing respective government of it and all collaboration as being a national duty.

The meeting came to an end at 1 pm and the 8th day session continues tomorrow. **MNA**

**Undeveloped land plots from companies to be allotted to investors**

With regard to the complaint and proposal asking to permit local businessmen to sell petrol in order to open a filling station, the first and fundamental requirement for running a legal filling station is to have easy access to petrol, and to reduce and fight against unlicensed distribution, storage and sale of petroleum and unlicensed roadside filling stations, an announcement along with contact address and telephone numbers was made.

U Khaing Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency answering queries. **MNA**

U Thein Nyunt of Thingyangyun Constituency making remarks. **MNA**

According to type of petroleum storage, the Ministry of Energy, upon its approval, an inspection team comprised of the five village-tracts in Mingaladon Township of Yangon Region Constituency No.12 submitted the proposal to allot the unimplemented land plots to local and foreign investors from various companies that could really develop their projects on the lands. U Thein Naing of Sagaing Region Constituency No.8 seconded it. The Hluttaw decided to discuss it.

The Hluttaw session ended in the afternoon and the 8th day session continues tomorrow. **MNA**

Actions of Ministry of Energy in response to the proposal asking to permit local businessmen to sell petroleum as currently operating permit is only granted to big companies within Nay Pyi Taw Council Area; and asking to announce officially the requirements for running a legal filling station if such filling stations are to be permitted

1. With regard to the suggestion, with the aim of promoting private sector participation in national economy and liberalizing the import and sale of petroleum in line with market economy, the Privatization Commission had privatized 261 State-owned filling stations to 36 private companies and those petrol stations were allowed to operate as of 10 June, 2010.

2. Giving consideration to the requirement to open new petrol stations in places like towns/new towns, intersections and roads and toll gates across the country where there is no petrol station so that the public can have easy access to petrol, and to reduce and fight against unlicensed distribution, storage and sale of petroleum and unlicensed roadside filling stations, an announcement along with contact address and telephone numbers was made in 8-3-2010, 20-10-2011 and 21-10-2011 issues of dailies and the 8th day session continues tomorrow.

3. The procedure is—the applications are then sent to the supervisory committee on import, storage and distribution of petrochemicals under the Energy Ministry formed with the aim of systematically supervising import, storage and distribution of petrol and petrochemicals of the private sector. The committee scrutinizes the applications and puts forward to the management committee of the Ministry of Energy. Upon its approval, an inspection team comprised of technician officials from Myanmar Petrochemicals Enterprise and Mining Department is dispatched to check on the ground.

4. To run a filling station, the first and fundamental requirement is petroleum storage permit of the Mining Department without which petroleum distribution permit cannot be applied for. The application for petroleum storage permit must be accompanied by the detailed design of the storage tank; the layout of the filling station; letters of the region/state government, township administrator’s office, Settlement and Land Records Department, Development Affairs Department, and the Fire Services Department concerned confirming that they have no reason to reject the permit application of the applicant. According to type of petroleum storage, the Mining Department...

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