President U Thein Sein receives business delegation led by President of US-ASEAN Business Council

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a business delegation led by President of US-ASEAN Business Council Mr. Alexander Feldman at the hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 11 am today.

The President was accompanied by Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Thane, U Than Htay, U Win Myint and Dr Kan Zaw and departmental heads. Also present at the call together with the President of US-ASEAN Business Council were chairman, executive directors and officials of AIG China, AT&T, Baker & Mckenzie, Unocal Myanmar Offshore, Chevron, CAT, Cisco, Conoco Philips, Deloitte & Touche, General Electric, General Motors, IBM, KPMG, McLarty Associates, Metlife, Merck, Oracle, P & G, RMA, VISA, Citi, River West Capital and TE Connectivity companies.

At the meeting, the President said that US-ASEAN Business Council served as an important organization for US-ASEAN relations; that his new government was conducting politically and economically sweeping reforms at the same time; that only peace and stability could bring development of national economy and economic development could lead the nation to advancing a democracy; that Myanmar needed the support of US-ASEAN Business Council for its economic development.

He continued that the aim of having the country’s poverty rate by 16 per cent in 2015 was in progress; and that cooperation in technology and investment that the country needed could bring mutual interest as Myanmar possess tremendous economic potentials with a wealth of natural resources and adequate manpower and its strategic location for South Asia and Southeast Asia offers a huge market for global investors.

The President pointed out the requirements in information and communication technology and telecommunication sectors, making an offer to cooperate with local operators as the country has a target of ensuring 80 per cent of its total population to have access to mobile services by 2015.

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Interviews for new job seekers on 10-11 July

Of 237 job seekers who had come back home from Malaysia, about 217 workers—164 males and 53 females—have been employed by the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security from 19 June to 4 July.

New job interviews would be conducted by local companies and industries at the Workers’ Proficiency Training School under the Labour Department at No. 298 in Myananda Street in Ward 13, Yankin Township, Yangon, at 9 am on 10-11 July.

For those wishing to work in their respective states/regions, contact Region/State/District/ Township Labour Departments in States/Regions.

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (8-7-2013)

Bhamo 3.07 inches
Namhsam 2.67 inches
Kungyangon 2.52 inches
Kayan 1.93 inches
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Milk for schools in Mandalay Region kicks off

Nay Pyi Taw, 8 July — A ceremony to introduce the “School Milk Program” to basic education schools in Mandalay Region was held at Aung San Hall of Basic Education High School No (30) in Mandalay on 5 July, attended by Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint and officials.

It was learnt that a total of 45,000 primary students—10,000 in Nay Pyi Taw and 17,500 each in Yangon and Mandalay—would be provided with milk five days a week for three years in succession.

The recently-launched program will cover 79 schools in 28 Townships of Mandalay Region. Under the leadership of the Ministry of Livestock Breeding and Fisheries, the program is sponsored by a Sweden-based Tetra Laval company. Dutch Mill (Diary Plus) is responsible to produce milk for children and MK Group of Companies for distribution.

As a first phase, children of 22 schools in Mandalay district were provided with milk on 5 July and the second phase will be implemented at the end of July in other districts in the region. The third phase of the program will cover the remaining districts in August.

The Sweden-based Tetra Laval expressed the views to the School Milk Program that it would be of great benefit not only to the children but also to the whole society. If national health standard improved thanks to the program, there would be some reduction in unwanted health care costs. Moreover, the increased milk consumption could contribute towards development of dairy products manufacturing sector.

Free milk for schools could bring improvement in school activities, making kids happy at school. It could thereby contribute to the poverty alleviation scheme.

Better smooth and secure transport facilitates travels in Kayah State

Nay Pyi Taw, 8 July — Kayah State with the favourable topography and pleasant climate patterns is a quiet and peaceful region as the population density in the state is low. Due to a lack of regional peace and stability in the past, it caused travel disruption to Kayah State. Now, it can be easily accessible from every part of the country as resumption of peace and stability and better transportation was realized. During the 2012-2013 fiscal year before the rainy season, Public Works carried out road works on Bawlake-Prhuho road section between mile post Nos (15296) and (17266) on Toungoo-Mawchi-Loikaw road as landslides occurred on the road section due to heavy rainfall in previous years, posing a threat to the traffic of goods and passengers on it.

It took two months to complete reconstruction of retaining wall. The first phase included construction of a 121 feet long and 6 feet high double gravel retaining wall that guarantee to last for next 30 years. If the travel disruption occurred on the road section, the situation would bring road transport to get to Loikaw, Bawlake, Pasawng, Mawchi, Meisei and Ywathit to a standstill. That’s why, the government carried out timely construction of the retaining wall.

Kyaukpyuadaung happy as lakes restore rainwater

Kyaukpyuadaung, 8 July — As there had been below average rainfall last year, some villages in Kyaukpyuadaung Township of Mandalay Region experienced potable water shortage when drinking lakes and dams were dry in last summer.

But quick response to water stress developed by carrying out underground water tapping and necessary maintenance for lakes under the plans led by the ministry concerned and the region government. As result, local people will be able to enjoy fruitful results of efforts made in previous year as lakes that had seen repair works are restoring rainwater.

As the region government performed dredging of Chaungmagyi Lake at Latpanthi village, 3.5 miles west of Kyaukpyuadaung Township, with the use of heavy machinery, the lake has restored rainwater since 26 May this year.

“People of 20 villages have to rely on the lake for drinking water. What concerns us was lack of water in the lake due to drought in previous year. But workers arrived here and carried out dredging of lake under the plan of the region government. The whole village appreciated the region government’s effort”, says U Bo Hein of the village.

The repair works for the lake in the village were carried out in April and May last year under the plan of the region government. The lake has an area of 140 acres and can store 38 million gallons of water, it is learnt. — Kyemon-Ko Nay (Kyaukpyuadaung)

Regional Development

New retaining wall under construction in Myinmu Township

Myinmu, 8 July — As of 1 July, construction of a 120 feet long, 13 feet wide and 12 feet high gravel retaining wall and a concrete stairway started spending K 14.9 million on it on Kannar street in Myinmu Township.

“Construction works has started after clearing the designated place littered with rubbish and rubbles as of 1 July. We have not taken a rest for a while. We have to work late every day”, says a mason.

Two young men charged with vandalism

Yangon, 8 July — Two young men were taken into police custody in connection with a crime of destroying public property for no good reason in Hline Township, here, on 3 July.

Hline police station said that Naing Phyo Aung, 28, and Pyae Phyo Aung, 24, were arrested and taken to the police station by a security team stationed on the bank of Inya Lake on Pyay Road in Hline Township as they vandalized rubbish bins and iron stands of Parks and Playground Department (Yangon North District) of Yangon City Development Committee at about 11.45 pm on that day. The bins worth K 125,000 were damaged as they kicked and smashed them.

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Death toll in hotel collapse in S India rises to 11

NEW DELHI, 8 July — At least 11 people have been killed and 14 others injured in a three-storied hotel collapse in the city of Secunderabad in the southern Indian State of Andhra Pradesh Monday, a senior police official said.

The death toll is likely to go up as many people are still trapped under the debris of the 80-year-old Iranian City Light hotel which collapsed at 6:30 a.m. (local time) in the town near state capital Hyderabad, he said, on condition of anonymity.

Some 11 people were killed and all the injured have been admitted to a nearby hospital. While 10 people have been brought out alive from the debris, several others are still feared trapped, “the official added.

Local TV channels showed footage of rescuers bringing out dead bodies as well as survivors from the rubble of the building whose owner has been issued notices on safety by civic authorities.

Building collapses are common in India because of poor construction materials. Some nine people were killed in two separate building collapses in Mumbai while in April, more than 74 people perished in another building collapse on the outskirts of India’s financial capital.

Sentences for cyber crime and snooping to be tougher across EU

STRASBOURG, (France), 8 July— EU lawmakers agreed on Thursday to toughen criminal penalties across the European Union for cyber attacks, especially those that include harming critical national infrastructure and hijacking computers to steal sensitive data. The 28 EU member states currently have a patchwork of varying tariffs for cyber crime.

The decision mandates national maximum sentences of at least two years in prison for attempting to illegally access information systems. The maximum penalty for attacks against infrastructure such as power plants, transport, or government networks will be set at five years or more, higher than the current tariff in most member states. The decision also increases the penalties for illegally intercepting communications for producing and selling tools to do this.

Cyber criminals often infect computers to form armies of zombie PCs known as “botnets” by sending spam emails containing malicious links and attachments, and by infecting legitimate websites with computer viruses. Some botnet creators rent or sell infected machines on underground markets to other cyber criminals looking to engage in a wide variety of activities including credit card theft and attacks on government websites.

Obama says US is not aligned with any Egyptian party

ANKARA, 8 July— Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan discussed an ongoing political turmoil in Egypt with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon following the ouster of president Mohamed Morsi by the military, said a statement issued by the Premier’s Press Centre on Sunday.

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He also stressed the importance of staying away from all kinds of violence, clashes and incitement and restoring civil administration as soon as possible through elections. The prime minister earlier said military coups are “unacceptable” and elected governments must be changed via the ballot box, not by other means, including force, referring to the recent coup in Egypt.

Erdogan called on both sides to act with common sense and to exercise restraint and calm. The Egyptian military on Wednesday ousted President Mohamed Morsi for his alleged “maladministration” in his first year of rule. His supporters are still in the streets protesting the military coup against him, and have clashed with the army and the opponents.

David presidential retreat, convened a secure conference call with members of his national security team to discuss events in Egypt days after a military ouster of elected President Mohamed Morsi and his Muslim Brotherhood-led government.

“President condemned the ongoing violence across Egypt and expressed concern over the continued political polarization. He reiterated that the United States is not aligned with, and does not support, any particular Egyptian political group or group,” a White House statement said.

The Obama administration had grown skeptical of Morsi’s ability to lead Egypt. While the United States has expressed concern about the military takeover, it has not condemned it nor called it a coup, prompting speculation that the United States tacitly supports it.

Obama has ordered a review to determine whether annual US assistance of $1.5 billion, most of which goes to the Egyptian military, should be cut off as required by law if a country’s military ousted a democratically elected leader.—REUTERS

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WANGHONGSHAN, 8 July — Dollar Media Corp (LMCA.O) Chairman John Malone, who has bought and sold cable and media companies for decades, might be the most popular billionaire roaming the Sun Valley Resort as deal making returns to the spotlight at the annual gathering of media and tech moguls.

Known as “the King of Cable,” the 72-year-old is one of the 300 or so executives expected to attend the conference that runs Tuesday through Friday in Idaho. The gathering, hosted by Allen & Co, a New York-based investment bank, has a history of launching landmark media deals such as Comcast’s acquisition of NBCUniversal in 2009, but has been quieter in recent years.

The guests, who shed their suits for khakis and fleece vests for the week in Sun Valley, attend lectures on politics, business and other subjects, which are closed to the press.

Fossils of carnivorous dinosaur found in Nagasaki

FUJIKI, (Japan), 8 July — Two fossilized tooth fragments from a prehistoric carnivore were found in a layer of ground about 84 million years old on the Nagasaki Peninsula in southwestern Japan, a dinosaur museum in Fuku and an education board in Nagasaki said on Monday. They presumably come from a large dinosaur more than 7 metres long, although it is difficult to identify the species from the tooth fragments, said Fukui Prefectural Dinosaur Museum and the education board.

One of the fossils, measuring 35.4 millimetres high and 11.2 mm thick, forms roughly half of an estimated 6 centimetre-long tooth from the root, they said. It is one of the largest fossils of a carnivorous dinosaur’s tooth found so far in Japan. The other fossil measures 34.2 mm high and 13.6 mm wide. Saw-like protrusions, confirmed through cleaning and appraiser works since 2012, showed they were the teeth of a carnivore, they said.

Kazunori Miyata, chief researcher at the museum, discovered the fossils in July 2011 in the Mitozou layer on the west coast of the Nagasaki Peninsula. The discovery in Nagasaki Prefecture extends the known range of carnivorous dinosaurs to 13 prefectures in Japan — from what is now Iwate Prefecture in the northeast to Kagoshima Prefecture in the southwest.

The layer “is valuable as fossils of many species have been found,” Miyata said, referring to those of plant-eating dinosaurs, flying reptiles, alligators and turtles. The new fossils will be displayed in Nagasaki from Tuesday to 28 July, at the museum in the central Japan prefecture, and for up to 14 October, and at the Nagasaki Science Museum on a permanent basis from 17 October.

Carlos Slim looks on before he gives a speech at Mexico’s school of engineers during an event to mark the 50th anniversary of his engineering degree, in Mexico City on 28 May, 2013. — Reuters

App developer Shazam gets $40 million backing from tycoon Carlos Slim

LONDON, 8 July — Smartphone app developer Shazam has found an unlikely ally in the form of Carlos Slim, one of the world’s richest men, who is investing $40 million to back the development of the start-up best known for helping music fans identify catchy songs.

The move is surprising for 73-year-old Slim, who built his company America Movil in a more staid sector, namely the highly regulated telecommunications and TV business in Latin America. Before Shazam, Slim has only forays into Europe were to plough 4.8 billion euros ($6.1 billion) into stakes in Dutch operator KPN and Telekom Austria, on which he is nursing huge paper losses after their shares declined sharply in the past year.

Slim, the world’s top billionaire by Forbes magazine with a net worth of $73 billion, was brought in by one of Shazam’s venture capital owners, Silicon Valley fund Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers. British-based Shazam will use the funds to accelerate its expansion into television, where its recognition software can tune into an advertisement’s soundtrack then link viewers directly to the brand’s website.

It wants to expand the offer in Britain and the rest of Western Europe and Latin America. “Within 18 months we expect TV will significantly outperform the music side (of the business) and that’s part of this investment,” Andrew Fisher, executive chairman of Shazam, said in an interview.

Internet big boys take aim at Singapore’s ‘regressive’ new rules

SINGAPORE, 8 July — Singapore’s move to tighten regulation of news sites could spark a fire from bloggers and human rights groups, has attracted criticism from an unexpected quarter: Google.

Dubbed Internet firms with a big presence in the city-state who say the new rules will hurt the industry, Web giants Facebook Inc, eBay Inc, Google Inc and Yahoo! Inc have said the revised rules “have negatively impacted Singapore’s global image as an open and business-friendly country”.

The comments, made in a letter to Singapore’s minister of communications and information by the Asia Internet Coalition, an industry body, are the first sign that Singapore’s success in wooing major players to its shores is not assured.

Google, eBay, Facebook and Yahoo all have a major presence in the city-state. Google said separately it was concerned about the long-term implications of the regulations — especially for local internet entrepreneurs who said it now faced greater uncertainty and legal risk.

In late May Singapore said websites that regularly report on Singapore’s events would have to be licensed and list up to 50,000 unique visitors from Singapore each month. Websites affected by the new licensing regime would have to put up a $50,000 (S$39,300) performance bond as well as take down within 24 hours any stories that authorities deemed objectionable. “Singapore aims to be the future, but this regulation looks a lot like the past,” Google’s Ann Lavin, director of public policy and government affairs, Southeast Asia, told Reuters.

New Light of Myanmar
**BUSINESS**

Myanmar preparing to export sesame to EU market

**YANGON, 8 July**—Myanmar is preparing to export sesame to European market as it has shown interests in Myanmar’s sesame exports, following lifting of economic sanctions imposed on the Southeast Asian countries. Myanmar is exporting 110,000-120,000 tons of sesame to foreign markets. About 70 percent of sesame export go to China, 30 percent to South Korea and Japan. The price of sesame was increased from K 90,000 in the start of sesame season to K 140,000-150,000.

One ton of Myanmar’s sesame exports fetched USD 16000 in the previous year. According to Vice-Chairman of sesame and pulses and beans association U Sai Ba Nyan, this year’s sesame price is USD 2200 per one ton of sesame.

**Kalay, 8 July**—Indian firm Birla Co Ltd has offered Sagaing Region government for establishment of a cement factory near Indalay village in Kalay Township in upper Sagaing Region. According to Kalay’s Region Blattaw Representative U Khin Maung Than, the proposal would be accepted if the region government, the Union government and the local people approved it and the implementation of the project would start in 2014. The company will undertake administration and operation of the factory which will be run by Myanmar engineers and labour. It could generate some 800 jobs for local people. Birla Co Ltd’s officials will meet the local people to elaborate on environmental impacts of the project and the company’s corporate social responsibilities.

The company invited regional cabinet members to India and had a discussion there. The factory will be equipped with machines made in Denmark and employ British technology for 30-megawatt coal-fired electric power plant which will supply five megawatt electricity to the surrounding villages under the scheme of the region government.

The plant will be built on 79-acre land east of Indalay village and the estimated investment of the company in the plant is USD 100 million. It would provide cement to upper Chindwin region, Kabaw plain, Chin State and Magway Region.

**MMAL-Shwe Htoo**

**Mini book corners at public places in Lewe Township**

Local people reading at mini book corner in Lewe...

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**HRD**

**Companies in a rush for SEA Games sponsorship**

**YANGON, 8 July**—Local and foreign companies are considering the sponsorship of SEA Games in Myanmar as the event nears.

“Currently, Kanbawza group has sealed USD 1 million sponsorship deal to become a main sponsor. MAI, Kanbawza Bank and Air KBZ become platinum sponsors. More sponsors will be announced soon. There are host of companies reaching us to sponsor the event,” CEO Mr Chaiyan of JK group, a SEA Games marketing company.

Dentsu Sport Asia Pte Ltd and JK Group Consultant Management were XXVII SEA Games’ official marketing firms. SEA Games sponsorship deals are categorized into platinum, gold and silver. The sponsors will be able to use SEA Games logos and mascots for commercial purposes and designated zones in SEA Games venues.

Local companies will get the precedence if two applicants have the same business interests.

“We hope one company of the same field wins sponsorship deal, another one has no chance to sponsor. So the potential sponsors should contact as soon as possible,” Daw Nu Nu Yi, an official in charge of sponsorship deals, said.

**MMAL-Shwe Htoo**

**Educative talks on traffic rules held**

**Pyaywwe, 8 July**—An educative talk on the dangers of drug, human trafficking and traffic rules was organized in No. 1 Basic Education High School in Pyaywwe on 5 July morning.

It was attended by the commander of No. 8 Police Battalion group, the commander of township police force, officials of Nay Pyi Taw Anti-Drug special squad, members of township traffic rules enforcement supervisory committee, and the headmistress, teachers and students of No. 1 BEHS, totalling 2002.

Police Col Aung Myat Moe of the police battalion group, Police Major Than Htay of Pyaywwe police force, and officials of Nay Pyi Taw anti-narcotics special squad and traffic rules enforcement supervisory committee gave educative talks on drugs, human trafficking and traffic rules. —MMAL-440
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1. The Committee for Implementing the Investigation Report on Latpadaungtaung Mining Project has formed the confiscated land scrutiny team, the environmental conservation team, the socio-economy implementation team and the religious building reconstruction team with the suggestions of the Investigation Commission in order to effectively implement the investigation report. In order to more effectively carry out the assigned tasks, deputy committee leaders Saginga region ministers made a field trip to villages and formed rural development groups with righteous and respected persons on 3-5-2013 to fulfill the needs of local people and to undertake rural development activities in 33 villages in the environs of the project area after making discussions with villagers.

2. The committee members led by the Union minister at the President Office (Dept-6) made a trip to the project area twice a week and leaders of the four teams met with rural development groups weekly and fulfilled the requirements. The fulfillments are as follows:-

(a) The land confiscated were in scrutiny whether the confiscation of land for the project was beyond the required amount or not and gave back the remaining land to local people.

(1) The project area is 6965.54 acres as 902.24 acres are extracted from the confiscated land of 7867.78 acres. Out of 902.24 acres, 293.25 acres were given back to farmers, 62.99 acres were belonged to Pathin-Monya motor road and river water pumping canal area and 546 acres were belonged to environmental conservation area. As 283.69 acres are being shared to local people, 223.23 acres have already been shared to 134 farmers accounting for 79 percent.

(2) As to compensation, confiscated lands were compensated under the 1894 land confiscation law at the rate of K 552,000 per acre of sesame, K 540,000 per acre of Pigeon pea, and K 525,000 per acre of sunflower. At present, confiscated lands are compensated in accordance with market value in comparison with projects in other regions making investigation on the ground. One acre of land (holdings) was compensated K 500,000, one acre of land (not holdings), K 700,000, one acre of farmland was compensated K 1 million, one acre of rain watered paddy farmland K 1.2 million and one acre of double cropping irrigated farmland K 1.5 million. So far, altogether 993 farmers have received K 2798,782 million in compensation for 2715.91 acres, accounting for 42 percent.

(3) In the compensation process, there were disputes over land ownership and objections over compensation. The land dispute examining committee led by the head of Region Land Records Department has been settling the cases, and so far, 309 letters of complaint out of 374 have been addressed and 65 letters of complaint are in the process of being handled.

(4) Compensation has been increased for perennial crops, and so far, altogether 301 farmers have received K 85,602 million in compensation. The increased compensation rates are as follows:-

(5) Under the rural development programme, wells are being compensated, and arrangements have been made to compensate 100 farmers from Shwehele, Wethmay-Kantaw, Zeedaw and Phaungka (a) villages K 25,221 million for 161 wells.

(6) Virgin and fallow lands in the environs of the project are being reclaimed for land substitution. Altogether 1906 acres of virgin and fallow lands in Phowintaung forest reserve about six miles west of the project were found to be uncultivatable as they are mainly literate. Instead, 145 acres of virgin and fallow lands near Boksu village about 17 miles from Salingyi were found, and of them, five acres are under land preparation. Upon completion, grapes and dragon fruits will be grown there. Moreover, with the arrangement of the authorities concerned, 35 farmers from confiscated 26 villages on 16-6-2013 made a study trip to Meiktila, Yamethin, Tatkon and Nay Pyi Taw where they observed agriculture and livestock breeding activities.

(7) According to reports of village development groups, heavy machinery and 835 gallons of fuel had been provided for availability of water for agriculture purpose.

(b) The environmental conservation team implemented the tasks of ensuring sustainable development while carrying out copper mining project in accord with the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment report and by formulating environmental management project and occupational health and safety measures project.

(i) In implementing the project, EIA and SIA works are being carried out in cooperation with Australia-based Knight Piemold Pty Ltd in accord with international standards and Construction Environmental and Safety Management System (CESMS) had been

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drafted. Works will be continued to acquire three internationally-recognized ISO certificates in cooperation with Societe Generale de Surveillance. Moreover, works which are agreed with Environmental and Social Impact Assessment-EISIA will be done at the same time while project is in progress.

(ii) The project area was divided into three zones for greening and ensuring environmental conservation. A total of 25280 plants had been grown at the dump sites in Sabateaung and Kyasintaung in zone (1), 860 on both sides of the road near DonTaw village, 500 near Kankan village and four baskets of pulses and beans had been scattered for soil restoration on the banks of dump sites. A total of 200 plants had been planted within a 100-foot radius of zone (2). Arrangements are being made to plant 22000 tissues of eucalyptus and scatter 30000 Maaze seeds at Wathmae-Kantaw nursery, 30000 tissues of eucalyptus and 20000 tree saplings at Hoede-Zeetaw Wath village this rainy season. Plans are underway to plant trees under contour line at vacant hillocks in zone (3).

(iii) A total of 1000 saplings had been planted in the area of 160 acres in the sanctuary area. Plans are underway to set 32.09 acres for providing new habitat for golden deer and more 861 plants had been gowned for greening of Shwethamin sanctuary. Chain Link fencing works are underway to keep golden deer in an area of two acres at NatChattaung.

(iv) The environmental conservation committee had made field trips to villages for 19 times to hold discussions on people-centered environmental conservation and ensuring the Rule of Law and listen to the voice of local people.

(c) The socioeconomic implementation committee coordinated with Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited, Wenbao Company and the Ministry of Mines for the sake of the economic interest of the State in implementing the copper mining project.

(1) A work coordination meeting of the Ministry of Mines, Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited, Myanmar Wenbao Company Limited, the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, the Attorney-General of the Union and experts was held on 24 June 2013 and a contract was drawn in accord with the suggestions of those present. The draft contract with the remarks of the Attorney-General Office was submitted to the Investment Commission on 8 July 2013. When ongoing works are done in accord with sales and regulations, transparent disclosure of information regarding the contract will be made.

(2) As a drive for Corporate Social Responsibility, K 1361.4 million had been allocated for the villages in the project area for 2013-2014 fiscal year. Health sector includes construction of a station hospital and sports ground, health care service and availability of water. Education sector includes construction of libraries and provisions of publications and furniture for the libraries in 30 villages and construction of primary schools. Social sector includes village electrification process and repair works for village roads. Moreover, two fire trucks and 15 sets of computers and 20 sewing-machines had been presented to the new villages.

(3) At houses in newly settled villages, deputy ministers and regional ministers coordinated with representatives of village development groups and took measures for extension of kitchen at houses of under-five-member families and for building affiliated parts of the houses of over-five-member families (24 families) according to their convenience at their houses. So far, nine houses in Sede new village, six houses in Zidaw new village, 29 houses in Wat-hme new village, 42 houses in Kandaw new village totaling 86. At the villages, wooden lamp post were replaced with concrete ones and new transistor radio and IEC is distributed to all the houses.

(4) Under the program of the Ministry of Education, work on construction and maintenance work was carried out in Kundawgyi Basic Education Primary School, Wadan Basic Education Primary School, Aungchang Basic Education Primary School, Kyauphyukyawya post-primary school and Phaungak post-primary school (north) and Htantsawgyi Village Basic Education Primary School.

(5) Under the program of the Ministry of Health, plans are underway to establish a station hospital and to assign doctors, nurses and to provide medicines to rural health branches in accord with the organizational set up of the health care services.

(6) As it is found that the water in the well in Kangon Village in DonDaw Village-tract is not suitable to drink, Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd have sunk a 4-inch tube-well and built a tank with a capacity of 5000 gallons and Myanmar-Yanxi installed tube-well and built a tank with a capacity of 5000 gallons and Myanmar-Yanxi installed two water purifier at the cost of USD 7000 in the eastern part of the village. In response to this, union has presented to the new villages.

Police arrest suspect in terror attacks in Buddhist temple in eastern India

New Delhi, 8 July

Indian authorities said on Monday they have detained a suspect in the multiple terror attacks that rocked a world famous Buddhist temple in the eastern state of Bihar on Sunday, injuring at least five people, including two Tibetan monks. Investigators have also released the closed circuit television footage of the blasts and said they are analyzing the images of 48 hours in the run up to the series of eight blasts inside the Mahabodhi temple in Bodhgaya town, some 130 km from state capital Patna. “We have detained a suspect and are questioning him. We are also analyzing the CCTV footage of the temple. We may release sketches of the suspect,” a police official said, on condition of anonymity. In fact, the first blast took place inside the Mahabodhi temple at 5.30 am local time on Sunday and was followed by seven successive explosions in the next 30 minutes. While four explosions took place inside the temple, the other four happened outside; another two live bombs were detected and defused. “It was a terror attack. The National Investigation Agency (anti-terror probe agency) has been sent to investigate the blasts,” Indian Home Secretary Amitabh Goel had said in the national capital. However, there was no damage to the temple or its 1,500-year-old main shrine. “I have seen the inside of the Mahabodhi shrine and it is not affected. The blasts took place outside the main shrine, including where there is a Japanese temple housing a big statue of the Buddha,” Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said, after visiting the spot on Sunday. — Xinhua

Anti-government militants attend a surrender ceremony in Balkh Province in northern of Afghanistan on 7 July, 2013. Seven anti-government militants laid down their arms and joined the government-backed peace process in Balkh Province on Sunday. — Xinhua
Myanmar clarifies Iran on recent riots, resettlement

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—The third Myanmar-Iran Deputy Foreign Ministers’ meeting was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here, on 3 July. During the meeting, promotion of bilateral ties between the two countries and progress of mutual cooperation in economic sectors, energy, hydropower, cultural and educational sectors were discussed. Besides, Deputy Foreign Minister U Zin Yaw clarified the recent riots that erupted in the country and undertakings for resettlement by the Union government.

The Iranian delegation was led by Dr. Seyed Abbas Araghi, Iranian Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs for Asia and Pacific of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The Iranian delegation met with the deputy energy minister, the deputy electric power minister and the deputy education minister. The discussions focused on bilateral cooperation between the two countries. On 4 July, the Iranian delegation also held discussions on bilateral cooperation with Union Minister for Religious Affairs U Hsan Sint and Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin.—MNA

New Light of Myanmar
Tuesday, 9 July, 2013
International convention on business ethics

It is obvious that positive changes the reforms of Myanmar have been bringing and the fruits our people are enjoying can be even witnessed by the international community. But that is not enough for our reforms. The country will work hard on laying sound foundations and favorable political environment that are essential for long-term development.

In fact, the main objective of the reforms undertaken by the government in office during the last two years has been the creation of a better future for prosperity. It has started with the most fundamental aspect of the reforms or in other words ‘political reforms’ by introducing constitutional governance and new governance institution. Here, most of government institutions must be adapted, while there will be addition of some new institutions.

The present administration is also in the process of helping institutions such as the legislature, the judiciary, political parties and the media to play effective roles and perform well in the governance system of checks and balances. Moreover, public administrative reform is under way for better public services.

On account of these reforms the government is on the path towards setting up a more transparent and inclusive political process. We understand that changing the political system alone is not sufficient for a successful democratization process. So the government will have to let the political culture and values grow within the relevant stakeholders and our citizenry as a whole so that we can foster our democracy well.

In its economic liberalization process, the government has ended the former system of establishing economic relations with a small number of countries and started undertaking the measures that will allow us to have closer cooperation with the entire global business community. And in dealing with the international community Myanmar will be abiding by the international convention on business ethics and environment.

Record of meeting between Union Information Minister U Aung Kyi and Myanmar Press Council (Temporary)

Wai Yan Maung

Printing and Publishing Bill which has been approved by Pyithu Hluttaw on 4 July 2013 has drawn criticisms. It is found that what Union Minister U Aung Kyi told the Press Council (temporary) in the criticisms levelled at the bill are different from the facts that the Union Minister told the Press Council (Temporary) during the meeting. That’s why, I, as a person who has kept records of the meeting between the Union Minister and the council, want to disclose all the facts.

The meeting between Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi and five-member delegation of Myanmar Press Council (Temporary) including the chairman and secretary of the council at the Printing and Publishing Enterprise in Yangon on 8 May was the only one between the Union Information Minister and Myanmar Press Council in 2013. There was no official meeting between the Union Minister and the press council (temporary) apart from that one and the communication has been through the officers of the ministry.

The following is the translation of the speech of the Union Minister who always does as what he has said in his meeting with the representatives of the Myanmar Press Council (Temporary).

“I’m grateful that you all are here. First and foremost, I’m really sorry that the printing and publishing draft law was publicized without prior agreement with the Press Council. I know that I’d lose some of my reputation for that. But, I just have done what I should do.

The second point is we’ve systematically put forward the bill in line with the Section 77 Rules which says that a Union level agency is empowered to put forward proposal to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw accepted the bill and assigned the Pyithu Hluttaw to consider it as the initial stage. Then the Pyithu Hluttaw has summoned the officials of our ministry twice for questions after the bill was sent to it and we responded to their questions. The Bill Committee submitted their amendments to the bill to Pyithu Hluttaw on 7 July. There are the handouts of their amendments, given to Saya U Khin Maung Aye. They are what the Bill Committee has informed the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives. I hope we can discuss based on those points.

After the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives have been informed, the committee has appointed a date for the regular session of them and it’s said the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives have proposed for further discussion.

Meanwhile, the Bill Committee will remain in operation until the seventh regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw concludes. I believe this is an excellent opportunity for us. We can discuss the draft law with the press council (temporary) before it could be submitted to the Hluttaw. We have the chance to submit the bill to the Bill Committee anytime before the next Hluttaw session. Some say in news that the discussion will be postponed, or dropped. None of them is true.

It is still ongoing and that’s why we are holding discussion. If there does exist suspension or postponement we can’t hold the discussion. Therefore, the present situation is a good one for us. I’m very glad to meet and talk about the bill. Now, I’ve escaped from the sense of guilt and anxiety. The executive board can make amendments to the bill where the need arises.

I won’t be hesitant to accept anything that meets international norms. This is my initial discussion. The second point is the Press Council can continue drafting its own press law. We have made some suggestions about their press law but we haven’t received any responses from them until February.

The press law should encompass the organizational structure and authority of press council, journalists, and the right to information, and whatever in compliance with international norms. The rights and protection of journalists can be embodied in those and the complaint mechanism as well. They have many things they want to cover. You know, a lot of countries have printing and publishing law apart from the press council and media law. But the press law and the media law are different. We’ve at first requested the council to cover something of printing and publishing in their draft, but for some reasons, they were not mentioned. Then, there came some misunderstanding and trouble when we take actions in line with the Procedure of Section 77 of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rules.

Here, I’d like to stress that there is nothing the government is doing for its own interests. In fact, it is working for the future of our country, for the welfare of the citizens. We’ll do anything good for our country and citizens. We don’t know how long we’ll be in positions of power. I myself have let the things go. I’d like to have things done as properly—proper freedom, proper protection and in compliance with proper procedure.

As the printing and publishing draft law has been submitted, the Press Council can write anything they consider necessary in its draft press law like protection of journalist, access to information and anything concerned with journalism. We welcome the amendments of the Press Council to our printing and publishing draft law. You can also formulate your draft to your satisfaction. We’d recommend your bill to the Bill Committee. We’d support and put it forward. We won’t get the rights of our journalists threatened anyhow and the only requirement is to formulate your draft to the international norms. I guarantee it hundred per cent. That’s more, we won’t let any threat to the freedom of expression. So, formulate the press law in a way you satisfy.

We’d like to lend a helping hand as much as possible.

We know that there have been some difficulties in drafting process. Though, we’d like to help, we haven’t gotten the chance. I’d like to express sincerely, deeper cooperation for development of our country and our media world.

Note: The Information Ministry has recommended and submitted the amendments of the Press Council (Temporary) to printing and publishing draft law on 8 May as the two parties have agreed and also sent the copies to press council (temporary) and printers and publishers associations. The July 5 issue of Kyemon Daily quoted a responsible person from the Bill Committee as saying the bill committee has taken the amendments of the Press Council (Temporary) into consideration. (To be continued)
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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attends opening of four nations invitational friendly football tournament

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—The opening of Myanmar, Thailand, India and Singapore invitational friendly football tournament took place at Zeyathiri Tatmadaw Stadium, here, this evening, attended by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

Chairman of Tatmadaw Sports and Physical Education Management Committee Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo cut the ribbon to open the football tournament and greeted the captains of football teams.

Then, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Supreme Commander of Royal Thai Armed Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn greeted the players from Myanmar and Thai players.

Myanmar Tatmadaw football team beat Thai Tatmadaw football team 1-0.

The opening of friendly football tourney was attended by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and wife, the Supreme Commander of Royal Thai Armed Forces and wife, the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and wife, senior military officers from the Office of Commander-in-Chief and their wives, senior military officers of Royal Thai Armed Forces, members of WVO, invited guests and locals.

The invitational football tournament will last till 14 July for promoting amity among servicemen from regional countries and turning out outstanding footballers.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann meets President of US-ASEAN Business Council and party

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann received a delegation led by President Mr. Alexander Feldman of the US-ASEAN Business Council at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, this evening.

They had a cordial discussion on investment and economic cooperation between Myanmar and the US.

Also present at the call together with Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann were Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Chairmen U Maung Maung Thein, U Thein Zaw, U Thein Swe, U Hla Myint Oo, U T Khan Myat, U Htay Myint and the committee secretaries, the committee and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

Union FM meets Indian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received His Excellency Mr. Ranjan Mathai, Foreign Secretary of External Affairs of India.

Union Minister receives Malaysian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Maung Maung Myint received Malaysian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Ahmad Faisal Muhamad at his office, here this morning.

During the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on measures to be carried out for 100,000 workers who haven’t got official documents out of 300,000 workers in Malaysia to become legal workers.

Malaysian government’s closely assistance in security of Myanmar workers and sending workers to Malaysia soon after the current situation had returned to normalcy.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann holds talks with President Mr. Alexander Feldman of the US-ASEAN Business Council.
**Education Colleges meet in soccer friendly**

*Mandalay Region on 6 July—* A friendly match between Meiktila Education College Women’s Football Team and Monywa Education College Women’s Football Team played at the former’s sports ground, here, yesterday and the principals and trainee teachers of each Education Collage enjoyed the match. Monywa Education College beat Meiktila Education College with a 3-0 result. **Kyemon-579**

**9th new generation painting and sculpture show held in Mandalay**

*Mandalay, 8 July—* 9th Art Show of the New generation students from National Culture and Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Fine Arts Department was held in Mandalay on 6 July. Kyaw Than Tun presented permit of art show to an official. Then, Deputy Minister for Culture U Than Swe formally opened the show and looked round the painting and sculpture works. A total of 87 paintings and 15 sculptures were displayed at the art show. **Kyemon-Kyaw Min Thaw (Mandalay)**

**One killed in car accident in Insein Tsp**

*Yangon, 8 July—* A head-on collision between a TE Container and a motorbike killed an identified man on Phowgan morning. On behalf of Painting and Sculpture Department, Professor/Dean U Tin Maung Lwin reported on the presentation of the art show and Head of Region Information and Public Relations Department U Kyaw Than Tun presented permit of art show to an official. Then, Deputy Minister for Culture U Than Swe formally opened the show and looked round the painting and sculpture works. A total of 87 paintings and 15 sculptures were displayed at the art show. **Kyemon-Kyaw Min Thaw (Mandalay)**

**Self-reliant bridge inaugurated in Meiktila Tsp**

*Meiktila, 8 July—* Kyiphyu Myitta self-reliant concrete bridge, linking South and North Pyithaya Wards in Meiktila Township, was opened yesterday. Meiktila Township Administrator U Myo Hlaing, Meiktila Township Development Affairs Committee Deputy Senior Engineer U Aung Myo Thwin and Bridge Construction Committee Chairman U Kyaw Zeya cut the ribbon to open the bridge. **Deputy District Commissioner U Tin Maung Soe unveiled the stone inscription and officials sprinkled scented water on the stone inscription. Then, a committee member presented K 100,000 to U Tin Than for his technological assistance. The bridge is 30 ft long and 16 ft wide, and the pedestrian way on either side is 22 ft long and 3 ft wide. It was built at a cost of 7.5 million contributed by local people of the two wards and Myatnoepiti social organization.** **Kyemonon-759**

**Anti-dengue fever campaign carried out in Lanmadaw**

*Yangon, 8 July—* Spraying for preventive measures against dengue fever was carried out in ward-5 in Lanmadaw Township of Yangon Region on 6 July. Sanitation and spraying, talks on health knowledge and demonstration were undertaken every Saturday in Lanmadaw. Talks on health knowledge were shared at the ward administrator’s office and preventive measures against dengue fever were demonstrated on Hledan Street. It was attended by Lanmadaw Township Administrator U Kyaw Zin and officials, Township MCWA chairperson Daw Nilar Myaing and local people. **Kyemon-Maung Say Aung**

**Crime Reduction**

*Criminal knowledge shared in Nyaunglebin*

*Yangon, 8 July—* The talks on crime reduction and elimination of gambling organized by Nyaunglebin Township Police Force of Bago Region was held at the hall of Basic Education Primary School in Hospital Ward of Myoma 3 in Nyaunglebin Township yesterday. Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Tin Aung explained ways to crime reduction and recruitment, Station Head Police Captain Thet Lwin common criminal cases, and leader of surveillance squad IP Win Hlut Aung awareness for attempts of crime brokers and cooperation between the people and members of police force. Myoma Ward 3 administrator U Khin Swe Thaung spoke words of thanks. Policemen distributed pamphlets on crime reduction to those present. Also present on the occasion were the secretary of Township Writers Association, local authorities and people. **Kyemon-684**

**Haul of opium seized in Waingmaw**

*Waingmaw, 8 July—* Peace and stability has been restored in Kachin State after holding peace talks between Union Peace-making Work Committee and KIO/KIA. The commander of Kachin State Police Force has adopted plans for effective implementation of anti-narcotics drug scheme. Under the management of the commander of Kachin State Police Force, Police Inspector Kyaw Win, SIP Myo Win Naing and police members from Myoma Police Station together with witnesses searched the house of U Da Shi Tu (51 years), son of U La Htaw Naw, Farmer in Ward-3 in Wahshuang Village of Waingmaw Township. They seized two packets of opium weighing 131.53 grams worth K 470,295. The drug possessor was charged under the law at Myoma police station by SIP Win Ko Ko. The officials investigated U Da Shi Tu who confesses that he purchased the drugs from a Chinese woman from the road to Sadon Sub-Township. The case is under investigation to arrest the drug-related persons. **Kyemon-Mor Kyaw (Myitkyina)**

**Police talk combating crime**

*Yangon, 8 July—* The talks on combating child sex abuse was held at the office of Ward 94 administrator in Yazaana Garden City of Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township in Yangon Region at 8 am on 6 July. The Deputy Commander of Township Police Force and Head of the station explained that police is on the patrol at anytime for security of the people. They urged the people should inform the police force of suspected activities. If the police and the people joined hand in hand, the criminal cases would be exposed as quickly as possible. The people should look after the children for their activities and give advice to the children not to believe anything easily. **Kyemon-512**
Japan PM Abe seeks personal redemption in upper house election

Tokyo, 8 July—Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is a man with a mission: to erase the bitter stain of defeat and attain personal political redemption after suffering a crushing defeat that led to his resignation six years ago. “I guess history is a turn of fortune’s wheel. The LDP suffered a crushing defeat that led to his resignation six years ago,” Abe’s close ally Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told a news conference last week as the official campaign commenced.

“We must resolve the split in parliament through this upper house election. By doing so, Prime Minister Abe can finally get his revenge from the defeat of six years ago.” —Reuters

Cambodia marks 5th anniversary of Preah Vihear temple status on World Heritage List

Phnom Penh, 8 July—Cambodia celebrated the fifth anniversary of the inscription of the 11th century Preah Vihear temple on the UNESCO’s prestigious World Heritage List on Sunday evening. Around 10,000 Cambodians filled the capital’s Olympic Stadium for traditional art performances and concert hosted by Deputy Prime Minister and Cabinet Minister Sok An and simulcast on all local television channels. The celebration was to promote awareness of the temple to Cambodian young generations and to show the country’s pride that the temple gained the world heritage status, Sok An said.

“Preah Vihear temple is the emblem of Cambodia’s pride and is part of the whole humanity heritage,” he told the rally. Preah Vihear, a Hindu temple, is located on the top of a 525-meter cliff in the Dangrek Mountains, about 500 km northwest of Phnom Penh, capital of Cambodia.

The temple had been a flashpoint of sporadic armed clashes between Cambodian and Thai troops between July 2008 and May 2011. The Hague-based International Court of Justice (ICJ) awarded Cambodia the temple and its vicinity on 15 June, 1962, but Thailand claimed the ownership of 4.6 square kilometers of scrub next to the temple in 2008, triggering deadly armed conflicts.

Cambodia said in 2011 that during armed clashes, about 414 mortar and artillery shells had fallen on the temple and caused serious damage to the temple. The country brought the case of the disputed land of 4.6 square kilometers to the ICJ in April 2011 and the court is expected to issue a decision on whether Cambodia or Thailand will own the land by the end of this year. According to the Preah Vihear provincial tourism department, the temple has attracted some 5,240 foreign visitors during the first six months of this year, up 56 percent if compared with the same period last year. The department’s deputy chief, You Sovan, said that tourist growth to the temple was thanks to the temple’s outstanding universal value and good security.

Summer heat leaves 1 dead, 740 taken to hospital across Japan

Tokyo, 8 July—Temperatures rose above 35 C in many parts of Japan on Sunday, resulting in the death of one man and at least 740 people being taken to hospital due to apparent heatstroke, according to a Kyodo News survey. In the city of Shikokuchuo in Ehime Prefecture, a 50-year-old man was taken to hospital and later confirmed dead, apparently due to heatstroke.

A high-pressure system over the Pacific Ocean brought southerly winds, raising temperatures from the Kyushu region in southwestern Japan to Hokkaido in the north. Three people also died and three people, including two children, went missing in water-related accidents across the country. Temperatures topped 35 C at 27 observation points across the archipelago, with the temperature in Owase in Mie Prefecture, central Japan, hitting 37.0 C, the Japan Meteorological Agency said. The mercury rose above 35 C for the first time this summer in the Tokyo metropolitan area on Sunday, with the temperature in the central Otemachi District climbing to 35.4 C, it added.

Japan interested in fostering ties with Iran

Teheran, 8 July—Japanese Ambassador to Iran Koji Haneda said on Sunday that his country is interested in fostering ties with the Islamic republic, official Japan News agency reported. Haneda said so on the sidelines of a forum on investment opportunities underway in Iran’s northwestern city of Tabriz.

As a result of anti-Iran sanctions imposed by the United States and other Western countries, the volume of Teheran-Tokyo trade transactions has declined during the past years, the Japanese envoy said, adding that, however, mutual trade and Japan’s oil imports from Iran are continuing.

The fourth International Forum on Investment Opportunities of Iran’s East Azerbaijan Province opened in Tabriz on Saturday. Some 400 domestic and foreign investors from 35 countries are participating in the two-day event. Exchange of technical and commercial experiences, as well as promotion of investment potentials are among the main objectives of the event.

Photo taken on 7 July, 2013 shows the flooded road in Wuchang District of Wuhan, capital of central China’s Hubei Province. Wuhan was hit by the heaviest rainfall in five years from Saturday to Sunday. The local meteorological centre has issued red alert for rainfall for many times in sequence.
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Consignees of cargo carried on MV GSS YANGON VOY NO (1324) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 9.7.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T 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.
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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: MS CHINA SHIPPING (MALAYSIA) SDN BHD
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

Indian officials in Afghanistan to discuss equipment supplies
New Delhi, 8 July — India has sent civilian and military officials to Afghani stan to discuss equipment supplies and cooperation in this area, after Afghan Presi dent Hamid Karzai asked In dia to supply lethal weapons, reported Press Trust of India on Sunday.
“As a follow-up to Prime Minister’s discussions with President Karzai, a joint Defence Ministry and MEA (Ministry of External Af fairs) delegation consisting of civilian and military of ficials is in Kabul to discuss all as pects regarding equipment supplies and is looking to enhance cooperation in this area,” the report quoted official sources as saying in New Delhi.—Xinhua

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ENERGY
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE
(INVI TATION FOR OPENED TENDER)
(2/2013)

Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United States Dollars and Myanmar Kyats.
Sr.No  Tender No  Description  Qty  Remark
(1)  IIFB-011(2013-2014)  HP Design Jet 44” Plotter with Direct Jet  (1) Lot  US $ 10,000
(2)  IIFB-012(2013-2014)  1500 Series Well Head Assay  (1) Lot  US $ 12,000
(3)  IIFB-013(2013-2014)  900 Series Well Head Assay  (1) Lot  US $ 15,000
(4)  IIFB-014(2013-2014)  600 Series Well Head Assay  (1) Lot  US $ 18,000
(5)  IIFB-015(2013-2014)  Casings Lines (Steel Wire Ropes)  (1) Lot  US $ 20,000
(6)  IIFB-016(2013-2014)  Cement Additives  (2) Items  US $ 25,000

(7)  IIFB-017(2013-2014)  Electrical Spares for USS Oil Well Rig  (8) Items  US $ 30,000
(8)  IIFB-018(2013-2014)  20”LSAW API 5 L X-46 3 LPE  (48285) MTR  US $ 35,000
Steel Line Pipe
(9)  IIFB-019(2013-2014)  14”ERW API 5 L X-46 3 LPE  (53110) MTR  US $ 40,000
Steel Line Pipe
(10) IIFB-020(2013-2014)  10”ERW API 5 L X-42 3 LPE  (32190) MTR  US $ 45,000
Steel Line Pipe
(11) DMPPL-006(2013-2014) Barite Powder  (5,000) MT  Kyat
(12) DMPPL-007(2013-2014) (a) 1 1/2” Dia Manila Rope  (50) Coils  Kyat
(b) 1 1/4” Dia Manila Rope  (55) Coils  Kyat
(13) DMPPL-008(2013-2014) Electrode, Head Shrinkable Sleeve and Closure Plates  (1) Lot  Kyat
(14) DMPPL-009(2013-2014) Air Conditioner (1.5) HP  (11) Sets  Kyat
(Split Type)
(15) DMPPL-010(2013-2014) Geological Mud testing Equipment  (4) Items  Kyat
-Tender Closing Date & Time - 5-8-2013, 1300 Hrs

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 8th July 2013 at the Material Planning Department, Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, No (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.
Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise
Ph: +95 67 -411097411206

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV GUNKUL 1 VOY NO (-)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV GUNKUL 1 VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 8.7.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of N.E.A/M.I.P.L where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: KULNATEE CO LTD
Phone No: 256924/256914

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV GOLDEN FAN VOY NO (6)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV GOLDEN FAN VOY NO (6) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 8.7.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: SEALS CO LTD
Phone No: 256924/256914

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV HAN SPIRIT VOY NO (-)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV HAN SPIRIT VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7.7.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.L.T.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: MS HANHARA SHIPPING CO LTD
Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV DA FU VOY NO (-)
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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: MS COSCO SHIPPING CO LTD
Phone No: 256916/256919/256921
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For Ligman Lighting Company Limited,
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Rolling Stones deliver biggest bang in nostalgic London show

LONDON, 8 July—The Rolling Stones blasted through the past into the present on Saturday with a rip-roaring show in London’s Hyde Park that paid homage to their last concert here 44 years ago.

Frontman Mick Jagger strutted, hollowed and belted his way through a two-hour set that gave a nod to founding member Brian Jones, whose death in 1969 turned their last appearance at the royal park into a tribute.

“Anybody out there who was here in 1969?” Jagger called out to applause from a sea of grey hair after opening with “Start Me Up” and “It’s only Rock and Roll”.

“Well welcome back, it’s nice to see you again.”

Jones had already left the Stones the last time Jagger, guitarist Keith Richards and drummer Charlie Watts played the park at a gig meant to introduce his replacement, Mick Taylor.

Guitarist Ronnie Wood joined in 1975. But two days before their appearance, the 27-year-old Jones drowned in his swimming pool under the influence of drugs and alcohol, turning that concert into a commemoration.

Now the band with an average age of 69 stormed through the classics from “Brown Sugar” and “Honky Tonk Woman” to “Jumpin’ Jack Flash” and “Sympathy for the Devil” — with rubber-lipped Jagger strumming the guitar for the latest single “Doom and Gloom”.

The Stones bounded across the stage and along a catwalk stretching into the sea of 65,000 fans gathered on a sultry summer evening in 21st century central London, sipping beer.

The unmistakable aroma of marijuana wafted in the air.

The night belonged to the reconciliation of past and present for a crowd of old and young steeped in Stones lore, watching the band on stage with images of past concerts occasion-ally flashing past on big screens rising up behind the band.

Jagger donned a white smock-like outfit similar to the one he wore in 1969, played the harmonica and quoted a piece of poetry. The references to Jones and the old days were unmistakable even if his name was never mentioned.

Drummer Charlie Watts, Mick Jagger and Keith Richards (R) of the Rolling Stones perform at the British Summer Time Festival in Hyde Park in London on 6 July, 2013.—REUTERS

When Huma Qureshi was apprehensive to shoot sans make-up

MUMBAI, 8 July—Actress Huma Qureshi has said she was initially apprehensive about giving her nod for a no-make-up look in short film Sujata.

Sujata is one of the short films from Anurag Kashyap’s collection Shorts, which is directed by Shlok Sharma.

“Shlok wanted me without make-up in the film, as it is a hard-hitting story and needed that look,” said the actress.

Huma said she finally decided to go de-glam for the character.

Scripted by Annie Zaidi, Sujata is a 10-minute short film about the protagonist played by Huma, who takes on her childhood tormentor.

The film created waves at the 10th Indian Film Festival of Los Angeles. The film is slated to release on 12 July.—PTI

Nicole Scherzinger finds break-up unpleasant

LOS ANGELES, 8 July—Singer Nicole Scherzinger, who broke up with Formula One driver Lewis Hamilton recently, feels splits are unpleasant.

Hamilton, 28, and Scherzinger, 35, dated on and off for five years, but they split because they couldn’t spend enough time with each other, as the driver is based in Switzerland, while the singer is settled in the US.

And Scherzinger opened up for the first time about the split during the auditions of The X Factor in Cardiff, reports contactmusic.com.

After watching an aspirant performing an emotional song, the singer said that “it pulled on my heartstrings” and then empathised with the teary tune’s lyrics about the end of a relationship. She said: “It sucks doesn’t it? Really sucks.”—PTI

Justin Timberlake’s new music video banned on YouTube

LOS ANGELES, 8 July—Singer-songwriter-actor Justin Timberlake’s new music video Tunnel Vision has been banned by YouTube after it was deemed too explicit.

The Mirrors hitmaker’s latest video features topless models performing a series of provocative dance moves.

The 32-year-old, who is married to actress Jessica Biel, wasn’t worried about the controversy and promoted the song on Twitter, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

“Check out the new video for Tunnel Vision and be ready, it’s explicit,” Timberlake posted on Twitter.

The arty video is the third release from Timberlake’s best-selling album The 20/20 Experience.

Singer Nicole Scherzinger and Formula One driver Lewis Hamilton have split again.
Murray beats Djokovic to end Britain’s 77-year wait

LONDON, 8 July—Andy Murray beat Novak Djokovic 6-4, 7-5, 6-4 on Sunday to become the first Briton to win the Wimbledon men’s singles title since 1936.

Murray, the second seed, broke top seed Djokovic twice in the first set on a baking Centre Court and held serve to love to clinch it in exactly an hour.

Djokovic regrouped quickly, however, and led 4-1 in the second set before Murray roared back, breaking the rattled top seed twice to take it 7-5.

Murray led 2-0 in the third set with Djokovic looking beaten but the Serb hit back to win the next four games.

Murray responded to break serve twice and served for the match at 5-4. He led 40-0 but Djokovic saved all three championship points before Murray clinched victory at the fourth attempt after three hours nine minutes when the Serb hit a backhand error.

“Murray was a typical Murray player,” said Djokovic, who was making his sixth final appearance at Wimbledon. “He was in control, he never made any mistakes. I started well, then I was very tight for a bit. I started to miss my shots and pushed Murray to the limit. On the other hand, Murray was at a different level. He is a great hitter. He’s the best in the world.”

For Murray, a backhand, sparkling wild celebrations swept around the court.

“That was one of the toughest moments, today was unbelievably tough match,” Murray said in a courtside interview after lifting the trophy. “I don’t know how I came through the final three points, I’m so glad to do it.”

“I have played Novak many times and when everyone finishes playing, he will go down as one of the fighters,” the Scot added. “He did the same today and that is what made it tough. I understand how much everyone wanted to see this match, in this final.” — Reuters

US international Altidore set for Sunderland move

LONDON, 8 July—United States international Jozy Altidore is set to join Sunderland from AZ Alkmaar after the two clubs reached agreement over a transfer, the Dutch side said on their website (www.az.nl) on Saturday.

The 23-year-old, who scored 38 goals in two seasons for AZ, must still agree personal terms and pass a medical. No details of the transfer fee for the striker were given, AZ added.

The move marks a return to the English Premier League for the burly forward, who managed just a loan spell at Hull City in the 2009/10 season.

Altidore moved from New York Red Bulls to Villarreal in 2008 and had loan spells at Xerez, Hull and Turkish club Bursaspor before signing a four-year deal with AZ in 2011.

He has 13 goals and 55 caps for the United States.
Swede Blixt wins Greenbrier title by two shots

American Wagner, two ahead overnight in his bid for a fourth PGA Tour victory, dropped three shots after the turn as he struggled for accuracy off the tee on the way to a 73 and a four-way tie for second place.

Also finishing at 11-under were Wagner’s compatriot and playing partner Jimmy Walker (71), and Australians Steven Bowditch (68) and Matt Jones (68).

Blixt, who had missed eight cuts in 16 starts on the 2013 PGA Tour before this week with a best finish of joint 11th at the Crowne Plaza Invitational in May, choked back the tears as he reflected on his come-from-behind win.

“This year has been kind of a bad year for me so to pull it off, I can’t believe it,” the emotional Swede, who earned an automatic place at next year’s Masters with his triumph, told Golf Channel.

“I am really happy. Just to be able to play Augusta (National) so many dreams come true.”

“It’s just one week and the whole year kind of turns around,” added Blixt, who clinched his maiden PGA Tour title by one shot at last year’s Frys.com Open.

The final round was interrupted by a weather delay of just over three hours as thunder rumbled and lightning cracked overhead and a Monday finish appeared to be on the cards when the action finally resumed in the late afternoon.

Wagner eventually teed off in the last pairing shortly after 5:00 pm ET (2100 GMT) under leaden skies and light drizzle and he three-putted for bogey at the par-four second for his overnight lead to be cut to one at 13 under.

However, Walker followed suit when he three-putted from well below the hole at the par-three third to hand Wagner a two-stroke advantage.—Reuters

Air Mauritius launches direct flight to Beijing

BEIJING, 8 July — Air Mauritius launched a direct flight route to Beijing on Sunday, aiming to further promote business and travel ties between China and Mauritius. Andre Viljoen, CEO of Air Mauritius, said the direct flight will open a new channel for promoting bilateral ties and help Mauritius better share in the economic opportunities provided by China’s rapid development.

Operated by an Airbus A340, the weekly flight, Flight MK687, will depart from Mauritius at 1:40 pm (local time) every Saturday and arrive in Beijing at 5:45 am (Beijing Time) on Sunday.

The return flight, Flight MK687, will depart from Beijing at 12:45 am (Beijing Time) on Monday and arrive in Mauritius at 08:45 am (local time) the same day.

It is the company’s third non-stop flight route to China after the Mauritius-Shanghai and Mauritius-Hong Kong routes, according to Air Mauritius. Air Mauritius launched the first direct to Shanghai in 2011 and the number of Chinese travellers to Mauritius reached over 20,000 in 2012, said the company.

Runaway train devastates small town in Quebec

LAC-MEGANTIC, Quebec), 8 July — The only warning to the Lac-Megantic residents had of the coming disaster was the louder-than-usual rumble of a train — a runaway locomotive laden with crude oil, that would jump the tracks, explode and burn down the centre of town.

“I heard a rattle, louder than usual, so I went out on the balcony and I saw the train going at extremely high speed,” said Ghislain Bisson, 52, who was watching late-night television as the train approached.

“That, I saw it. It just left the track and headed right for the building.” —The explosion occurred. I woke up my girlfriend and said, ‘we have to leave, we’re going to die here.”

Much is still unknown about the cause of the disaster that struck this small Quebec town, perched on the edge of a blue lake ringed by forests of pine and birch and close to the border with the US state of Maine. The company that owns the train said the brakes somehow became disengaged as it was parked at a siding on a hill. There was no driver aboard when the train barreled into Lac-Megantic shortly after 1 am (0500 GMT) on Saturday.

Earthquake strikes Indonesia’s Java

JAKARTA, 8 July — A 5.9-magnitude earthquake jolted off Indonesia’s most densely-populated island of Java on Monday morning, the Indonesian Meteorological, Geological and Geophysical Agency (BMKG) reported, but there have been no immediate reports of casualties or damage. The quake struck at 9:13 am Jakarta Time (0213 GMT) on Monday. The epicentre was 112 km southeast of Malang Regency, East Java with a depth of 10 km from the surface. BMKG said there was no potential for tsunami.

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) put the magnitude at 5.8 with a depth of 77.3 km. Indonesia sits on the so-called Pacific “Ring of Fire” where several tectonic plates meet, making it vulnerable to frequent earthquakes.
Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham inspects rehabilitation tasks in Myebon, Pauktaw Townships

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw urged to push settling land grabbing issues

Union Minister U Aye Myint presents gifts donated by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham to a victim — MNA

N A Y  P Y I  T A W , 8 July—Chairman of Central Committee for Implementation of Peace and Stability and Development in Rakhine State, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham accompanied by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko and U Aye Myint, State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, the Western Command commander, the deputy ministers, diplomats and departmental officials left Sittway by Tatmadaw Helicopter and arrived in Myebon Township this morning. Then, the Vice-President and party inspected eight-room quarters for 44 households and clinics in Katha Hwetwa relief camp in Myebon and greeted family members and staff. Next, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko and U Aye Myint provided them with rice and instant noodle packets. Afterwards, the Vice-President and party visited Taungpaw relief camp housing 3844 people of 715 households and met the in-charge of the camp. The Vice-President coordinated matters related to health, education and socioeconomic conditions. After inspecting the clinic, temporary primary school and water tanks in the camp, the Vice-President met the victims and the Union ministers presented relief items to them. Similarly, the diplomatic corps led by the Indonesian ambassador to Myanmar visited the relief camps where they met the victims and asked what they wanted to know.

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In Yangon and Ayeyawady regions have been handed over to regional governments. In seven townships in Nay Pyi Taw, Council Area, K 1385.103 million as compensation for land and crops and K 4586.175 million as cost for building bridges and housings have been spent under the State budget so far, he said.

He also reported Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on need for resolving the complaints lodged by farmers in regions and states as the region and state governments and union ministries concerned did not take sufficient actions against the land grabbing issues.


Regarding the bills sent from the President with his remarks to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, findings and remarks of the joint bill committee were clarified during today meeting.

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