President U Thein Sein attends harvest ceremony of 440-acre Palethwe hybrid paddy plantation

Nay Pyi Taw, 28 July — President U Thein Sein attended the harvest ceremony of 440-acre Palethwe hybrid paddy plantation at Ahlyinlo Village in Pyinmana Township, here, this morning.

It was also attended by the Union ministers, deputy ministers, officials of international agencies in agriculture sector, the region/state ministers for agriculture, agriculturists, local people and guests.

First, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing extended greetings, saying that the thriving 440-acre plantation was a fruitful result from pragmatic efforts for realization of guidance given by the President.

Nay Myo Thiha

Foreign companies start feasibility studies in Myanmar’s oil, gas sector

While Myanmar opens door for investors to boost its economic growth, local and foreign investments have been rapidly increased in respective sectors, especially in oil and gas sectors in which tenders are being invited for foreign companies to take part in the country’s offshore oil and natural gas exploration and production.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

**Foreign visitors allowed to be paid in local currency to discover Myanmar’s rich cultural heritage in National Museum (Yangon)**

**Yangon, 28 July** — With the aim of exploring historical heritages of cultural importance and promoting nationalistic fervor of the entire people by developing the public awareness of heritage conservation, National Museum (Yangon) of the Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library under the Ministry of Culture is being kept open on Pyay Road.

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**New road sections contributes to smooth transport in rural region**

**Yedashe, 28 July** — Thanks to emergence of a new tarred road, Leikto road section, built by Public Works in Yedashe Township in Bago Region, local people are able to travel from one place to another at any time. An official of Yedashe Township Public Works said that the 11 mile and seven furlongs long road section linked Kayinchaung village at mile post No (191/5) on Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Yedashe Township and with Leikto Township in Kayin State. So far tarmacking of three miles and two furlongs of the road section had been completed and five miles and three furlongs long gravel road had been built on it. Upon completion of a Sittoung river crossing bridge on the road section linking between Kyweraingpyin village and Kayinchaung village, there will be no traffic obstacle between villages on the east bank and west bank of Sittoung River.

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**Seizure of stimulant tablets, heroin in Mogaung, Lashio Townships**

**Lashio, 28 July** — A tip-off led Mogaung police to arrest two men bringing stimulant tablets and heroin together with them at 8th Mile junction in Mogaung Township in Kachin State on 21 July.

While conducting a search of a vehicle, Pajero, they discovered 10692 stimulant tablets that weigh 1.0692 kilos and 5.5 grams of heroin from Aik Saw (a) Kyaw Myint and Ma Sauk Hsiu Chan on board the vehicle.

In order to capture other suspects who are believed to be involved in the case, Lashio police in cooperation with Lashio anti-narcotic squad (special) launched a search of the houses of Swan See Chan and his wife Ma Aye Mya at Hokhama village and Maing Yaw village in Lashio Township. They found 489 grams of raw opium, K 1.3 million, a handset and 3308 stimulant tablets from the two suspects and Lauk Pa, brother of Swan See Chan.

**Kyemon-Zaw Lwin (Lashio)**

**Tourism**

**Myawady, 28 July** — According to Myanmar-Thailand Border Crossing Agreement, Tachilek-Mae Sai, Myawady-Mae Sot and Kawthoung-Ranong are officially designated as entries and exits at the border between the two countries. As a drive to provide better service to tourists crossing the Myanmar-Thai border at the three gates, Thai nationals and foreign visitors with passports and entry visas will be allowed to visit Myanmar as of August. In accord with the Order No (7/2013) dated 15-12013 issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, visitors will be allowed to visit any places except restricted areas under security reason and to depart from any official exits, it is learnt.

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**The best time to grow a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.**
**New Light of Myanmar**

**WORLD**

**KUWAIT, 28 July—Liberals and candidates from some of Kuwait’s more marginalized tribes have won seats in a parliament which may prove more cooperative with ruling family members after opposition Islamists and populists boycotted the election. Saturday’s election was the sixth since 2006 in the major oil producer where political upheaval and bureaucracy have held up the vast majority of initiatives in a $305 billion ($105 billion) economic development plan announced in 2010. Kuwait has the most open political system in the Gulf Arab region but parliamentarians have been repeatedly dissuaded over procedural disputes or for challenging the government in which members of the ruling Al-Sabah family hold top posts. The US ally has seen street protests in the past two years, including over changes to the voting procedures, but its generous welfare system and relative tolerance of dissent have helped to shield it from more serious Arab Spring-style unrest.**

**WASHINGTON, 28 July—**Conrad Black was released from prison on Monday, 29 July, 2013 after a three-year gesture of clemency. The former media mogul was granted parole by President Barack Obama. Black was convicted in 2007 of conspiring to defraud creditors and lying to the bankruptcy court about his wealth. He was serving a 15-year sentence after pleading guilty to charges of racketeering and fraud. President Obama said his clemency decision was meant to show that the US government is committed to a fair and just system of justice. **Reuters**

**Dozens shot dead, US tells Egypt to pull ‘back from the brink’**

**CAIRO, 28 July—**The United States urged Arab ally Egypt to pull “back from the brink” after security forces killed dozens of supporters of deposed Islamist President Mohamed Mursi and opened a dangerous new phase in the army’s confrontation with his Muslim Brotherhood. Thousands of Brotherhood supporters were hunted down in a vigil at a Cairo mosque on Sunday, vowing to stand their ground despite a threat by the authorities to disperse them “soon.” Saturday’s bloodshed, following huge rival rallies, plunged the Arab world’s most populous country deeper into turmoil following two turbulent years of transition to democracy. 

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**Islamists and members of the Egyptian community in Jordan shout slogans against Egyptian security forces and the ousting of Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi during a demonstration in Amman on 27 July, 2013. (Reuters)**

**Nearly 1,200 convicts escape from prison in Libya’s Benghazi**

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**Photo taken on 27 July, 2013, shows South Korean soldiers at a ceremony in Seoul marking the 60th anniversary of the signing of the armistice agreement that halted the three-year Korean War. (Kyodo News)**

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**Xinhua**

**Obama calls Korean War a victory, reaffirms Asia security commitment**

**WASHINGTON, 28 July—Conrad Black, the 60th anniversary of an armistice that effectively ended the Korean War, US President Barack Obama said on Saturday the three-year war was a victory for his country and South Korea. “Here, today, we can say with confidence that the 1950-1953 war was no tie. Korea was a victory,” Obama said in a speech at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on the National Mall. “When 50 million South Koreans live in freedom — a vibrant democracy, one of the world’s most dynamic economies, in stark contrast to the repression and poverty of the North — that’s a victory; that’s your legacy,” he said. Obama reaffirmed US commitment to the US-South Korean alliance and ensuring security in the Asia-Pacific with Washington’s strategic and military rebalancing toward the region. “When our allies across the Asia Pacific know — as we have proven in Korea for 60 straight years — that the United States will remain a force for peace and security and prosperity — that’s a victory; that’s your legacy,” he said. The president spent most of his speech in hailing the service of American veterans. Obama did not refer to the North Korean nuclear and missile issues. “Veterans of the Korean War — in the spring of your youth you learned how short and precarious life can be,” he said. “And because of you, millions of people can keep on living it, in freedom and in peace.” The 1950-1953 war had North Korean and Chinese troops on one side against the US-led United Nations and South Korean forces. The conflict ended in a truce, not a formal peace treaty, leaving the Korean Peninsula technically in a state of war and divided at the 38th parallel.**

**Kyodo News**

**A voter looks for her name to find her voting station during elections in District 3 Khafijan, Kuwait City on 27 July, 2013.**—**REUTERS**

**Liberals, smaller tribes win seats in Kuwait vote after opposition boycott**

**Monday, 29 July, 2013**
Siemens CEO to leave following profit warning

MUNICH, 28 July—Siemens Chief Executive Peter Loescher is to leave the company, four years before the end of his contract, after the German engineering group this week issued its second profit warning this year. Siemens said in a statement late on Saturday that at a meeting on 31 July, the supervisory board would pass the decision on Loescher’s early departure.

“In addition, it will decide on the appointment of a member of the management board when Loescher joined in 2007, had his eye on Loescher’s job, though the two have repeatedly said they worked well together. Late last year, when questioned about the rumours, the CFO said the two complemented each other like “light and dark”. When Loescher became CEO six years ago as the first company outsider to take the helm at Siemens, he was presented as a hero who would lead Siemens out of a massive bribery scandal that had tarnished its image and its finances. But after tackling that task, Loescher started losing credibility as he repeatedly misjudged demand development in its main markets. A bellwether of Germany’s economy whose products range from gas turbines to fast trains and its finances. But after starting to comment over the past year that Kaeser, who was already on Siemens’ management board when Loescher joined in 2007, had his eye on Loescher’s job, though the two have repeatedly said they worked well together. Late last year, when questioned about the rumours, the CFO said the two complemented each other like “light and dark”.

Famed hacker Barnaby Jack dies a week before hacking convention

BOSTON, 28 July — Barnaby Jack, a celebrated computer hacker who forced bank ATMs to spit out cash and sparked safety improvements in medical devices, died in San Francisco, a week before he was due to make a high-profile presentation at a hacking conference. The New Zealand-born Jack, 35, was found dead on Thursday evening by “a loved one” at an apartment in San Francisco’s Nob Hill neighbourhood, according to a police spokesman. He would not say what caused Jack’s death but said police had ruled out foul play.

The San Francisco Medical Examiner’s Office said it was conducting an autopsy, although it could be a month before the cause of death is determined. Jack was one of the world’s most prominent “white hat” hackers — those who use their technical skills to find security holes before criminals can exploit them. His genius was finding bugs in the tiny computers embedded in equipment, such as medical devices and cash machines. He often received standing ovations at conferences for his creativity and showmanship while his research forced equipment makers to fix bugs in their software. Jack had planned to demonstrate his techniques to hack into pacemakers and implanted defibrillators at the Black Hat hackers convention in Las Vegas next Thursday. He told Reuters last week that he could kill a man from 30 feet away by hacking an implanted heart device.

“He was passionate about finding security bugs before the bad guys,” said longtime security industry executive Stuart McClure, who gave Jack one of his first speaking engagements and also had worked with him at Intel Corp’s McAfee, a computer security company. “He was one of those people who was put on this earth to find vulnerabilities that can be exploited in a malicious way to hurt people,” McClure said. — Reuters

Russia’s M-18M cargo spaceship ends mission

MOSCOW, 28 July — An unmanned Russian cargo spaceship has disintegrated into the Pacific Ocean after re-supplying the International Space Station, the space agency Roscosmos said on Friday.

“At 03:53 Moscow Time (Thursday 2353 GMT) the engine of the Progress M-18M was ignited and after a 210-second impulse the craft left orbit,” Roscosmos said.

Fragments of the space freighter, which was loaded with trash from the ISS, sank in the Pacific Ocean, approximately 4,000 km from New Zealand’s capital Wellington.

China signs world-leading astronomical project

BEIJING, 28 July—The National Astronomical Observatories of China (NAOC) signed the Thirty Metre Telescope (TMT) Master Agreement on Friday, a global project that will explore mysteries of the Universe by using next-generation telescopes. At a signing ceremony in Hawaii, where the telescope will be constructed in April 2014, China jointly signed the agreement with other international parties, including the United States, Canada, Japan and India, marking a major step forward in the creation of a revolutionary astronomical facility.

“China is excited to be an active partner of such a world-leading facility, which represents a quantum leap for our community. With yet another major step taken, we look forward to many decades of solving the mysteries of the cosmos from Mauna Kea,” said Yan Jun, the NAOC director general.

The next-generation astronomical observatory is scheduled to begin scientific operations in 2022 on Mauna Kea, Hawaii. “TMT is a unique and vibrant collaboration among universities in the US with institutions in Canada, China, India and Japan. Uniting these various parties under a master agreement stands as a significant accomplishment for TMT as a scientific endeavor with global reach,” said a TMT project statement.

“The signing of this master agreement marks a major milestone in the official commitment to and formalization of this global collaboration, ensuring that the TMT project is on schedule and progressing smoothly,” said Henry Yang, chair of the TMT Collaboration Board.

“We have been working towards this moment for a long time and this is a special day for astronomers’ next-generation observatory,” Yang said. The master agreement brings together the TMT partners for the purpose of developing, designing, financing, constructing, commissioning, operating and decommissioning a next-generation, 30-meter class astronomical observatory, said the statement.

The document establishes a formal agreement amongst the international parties defining the project goals, establishing a government and decision-making body and defining member party rights, obligations and benefits, it said.

Renesas plans to close major chip plant in Japan

TOKYO, 28 July—Japan’s Renesas Electronics Corp plans to close a system LSI chip plant in northern Japan that makes chips for Nintendo Co Ltd’s Wii game consoles and other consumer electronics, after failing to find a buyer for the facility, sources familiar with the matter said on Saturday.

The state-of-the-art Tsuoka plant’s 1,000 employees will be offered reassignments or voluntary redundancy, the sources said, as Renesas restruc-tures to focus on making microcontrollers for automotive electronics, where it holds the top global market share. The sources had no estimate for the cost of the shutdown, expected to take place over the next two to three years. A Renesas spokesman declined to comment.

Several of Japan’s chip makers, like the game console and consumer electronics makers they have supplied, as consumers start using their smartphones and tablets to play games and take photographs, instead of dedicated devices. Some, however, have benefited from the smartphone boom, including NAND memory chip maker Toshiba Corp and image sensor chip maker Sony Corp, although Sony’s consumer electronics operations are struggling.

Renesas had been in talks to sell the Tsuoka plant to Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co, although the sources said the two companies could not reach an agreement. The sources gave no reason for the failed talks, although Japan’s system LSI manu-facturers have struggled to compete with Taiwan’s chip foundries, which produce chips for design firms such as Qualcomm Inc and have invested aggressively in new technologies. — Reuters
Publicis says to make major corporate announcement

PARIS, 28 July—French advertising group Publicis said it plans to make a “major corporate announcement” on Sunday, after a media report on Friday said it was in merger talks with larger rival Omnicom. The companies confirmed the report on Saturday and said an announcement will be held at 8.00 am ET on Sunday at Publicis headquarters in Paris, the company said in an email on Saturday.

Reuters

EU, China resolve solar dispute — their biggest trade row by far

BRUSSELS/BEIJING, 28 July—China and the European Union defused their biggest trade dispute by far on Saturday with a deal to regulate Chinese solar panel imports and avoid a wider war in goods from wine to steel. After six weeks of talks, the EU’s trade chief and his Chinese counterpart sealed the deal on the telephone, setting a minimum price for panels from China near spot market prices.

European solar panel makers accuse Beijing of benefiting from huge state subsidies, allowing them to dump about 21 billion euros ($28 billion) worth of below-cost solar panels in Europe last year, putting European firms out of business. Other European industries that have accused China of dumping have added import duties of about 1 billion euros a year. Europe planned to impose hefty tariffs from 6 August but, wary of offending China’s leaders and losing business in the world’s No 2 economy, a majority of EU governments - led by Germany - opposed the plan, which led to the compromise deal.

A media briefing

EU's trade chief Karel De Gucht said. “I am satisfied with the result. The EU has benefited from China’s offer,” he said.

Reuters

Australia demands action in fight against Hepatitis

SYDNEY, 28 July—Australian researchers and health officials are demanding action on the occasion of World Hepatitis Day, which falls on 28 July, as social and cultural stigma continue to impact treatment outcomes. Some 400,000 Australians are living with hepatitis, despite recent studies indicating that cure rates for Hep-C now exceed 75 percent across the country.

Sydney Morning Herald

US FDA proposes food companies verify safety of imports

WASHINGTON, 28 July—The US Food and Drug Administration proposed rules on Friday that would require food companies to verify that the products they import meet certain safety standards. The rules are the latest in a series proposed under the Food Safety Modernization Act, which was signed in 2011 and represents the most sweeping food safety reform in more than 70 years.

More than 3,000 people in the United States each year from food-borne illnesses, according to federal data. One in six are sickened and 100,000 hospitalized from illness tied to pathogens such as salmonella, E Coli and listeria.

Under the proposals, companies would be required to identify hazards associated with each food that might be reasonably likely to occur. They would have to keep records, which would be subject to audits. The audits would be carried out by private firms accredited by an FDA-sanctioned body such as a government. “We are very confident that, if we are able to implement this over time, we certainly will reduce the burden of illness,” Michael Taylor, the FDA’s deputy commissioner for foods and veterinary medicine, said in an interview. “We don’t think it’s going to be too great.”

But we know that these conscientious preventive measures work.” The purpose of new law is “to move the FDA into preventative mode when dealing with food-borne illness from the reactive mode in which it has operated historically.”

Once fully enacted, the law will give the agency increased powers to inspect facilities and enforce compliance with safety standards. The United States imports about 15 percent of its total food supply from overseas.

For some sectors, such as seafood, fruits and vegetables, and spices, the imports are much higher. For fiscal 2013, the biggest agricultural exporters to the United States are forecast to be Canada and Mexico, according to the US Department of Agriculture. China, Brazil, Indonesia and Thailand are other major suppliers. The FDA said it will continue to conduct border inspections and will increase inspections.

Reuters

Weedkillers tied to depression in farmers

NEW YORK, 28 July—Farmers who used weedkillers were more than twice as likely to be treated for depression than farmers who didn’t use the chemicals in a new study from France.

The use of pesticides has also been linked to Parkinson’s disease among farmers.

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Reuters

Ford recalls 33,021 C-Max hybrid cars due to roof issue

CHICAGO, 28 July—Ford Motor Co (F.N) said it was recalling 33,021 C-Max hybrid cars because a roof component did not meet most requirements for protecting against head injuries.

The vehicles were built between 19 Jan, 2012, and 26 June, 2013, in Michigan. Only vehicles without the optional panoramic glass roof are included in the recall.

Ford said it would install plastic energy-absorbing material under the roof on both sides of the vehicle to correct the problem. No accidents or injuries have been attributed to the issue, the company said. Tests by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the company uncovered the roof safety issue.

Reuters
**WORLD**

**Two dead in attack on Turkish centre in Somali capital**

**MOGADISHU, 28 July** —Two people were killed and several injured after gunmen stormed Turkish centre in the Somali capital Mogadishu on Saturday, witnesses and police said.

The Turkish centre is used by staff of Turkey’s Red Crescent and Embassy staff in Mogadishu. “Two people including a guard died and several others were wounded in attack on the Turkish centre,” police officer Ali Yare told Xinhua. Reports indicate that Turkish nationals may be included in the casualties.

The attack is the second in few hours in Mogadishu after bomb planted inside a government vehicle went off at a junction in the north of the city.

Somali government has strongly condemned the attack which comes as the rebel group of Al Shabaab vowed to increase their attacks during the Holy month of Ramadan.

“I condemn in the strongest possible terms, the bomb explosion that have taken place today near the Turkish Embassy in Mogadishu,” tweeted the Somali Foreign Minister, Fawzia Yousuf Adam. Al Shabaab-linked, Al Shabaab has claimed responsibility for the attacks on the Turkish centre in Mogadishu.

“Mogahiddeen forces in Mogadishu have just carried out an operation targeting a group of Turkish diplomats in Hodan district, the militant group said on its twitter feed. The radical group accused Turkey of supporting Somali government and of opposing the establishment of Sharia law in Somalia.**

**Libya PM says to reshuffle cabinet to face “urgent situation” after protests**

**TRIPOLI, 28 July** — Libya’s Prime Minister Ali Zeidan said on Saturday he would reshuffle his cabinet after protesters stormed the offices of the Muslim Brotherhood and a liberal political party to denounce the killing of a prominent critic of the Brotherhood.

“We are about to make a cabinet reshuffle and decrease the number of ministries to ensure a better performance to face the urgent situation,” Zeidan told a news conference.

Hundreds of Libyans took to the streets overnight to denounce the killing of political activist Abdelsalam al-Mosmary in Benghazi on Friday. The demonstrations later turned violent.

**Mandela remains in hospital for 50 days**

**CAPE TOWN, 28 July** —Ailing former South African President Nelson Mandela continued to be responsive to treatment on his 50th day in hospital, the country’s Presidency said on Saturday.

Mandela’s condition remains critical but stable, the Presidency said.

Mandela spent his 50th day in hospital where he is receiving treatment for a recurring lung infection.

“We appreciate that he (Mandela) has been in hospital for 50 days already, but we must take solace that he is being attended to by the most formidable and competent medical teams that we could put together, so he is under good care,” presidential spokesperson Mac Maharaj said through the South African Broadcasting Corporation.

“He is responsive and we should take heart from that,” Maharaj said.

Mandela was rushed to a Pretoria hospital on 8 June. This is his fourth and longest hospital stay since December last year.

The Nobel Peace Prize laureate has been suffering from a recurring lung infection, which is the result of tuberculosis developed when he was imprisoned during the apartheid period. South African President Jacob Zuma visited Mandela on Monday morning and assured Mandela of “love and support of all South Africans.”

Zuma urged people to keep their prayers for Mandela.

Since Mandela spent his 95th birthday on 18 July in hospital, the South African government began to release the official update about Mandela’s health condition.

Mandela’s grandson said last week that his grandfather “is gaining strength every day.”

**Israel to approve prisoner deal in push to revive Palestinian talks**

**JERUSALEM, 28 July** — Israeli was expected on Sunday to approve releasing more than 100 Arab prisoners as a step to renew stalled peace talks with the Palestinians ahead of plans to convene negotiators in Washington later this week.

Ministers will vote on the move at the cabinet’s weekly session, as well as proposed legislation to require a public referendum or vote on any peace agreement reached involving a withdrawal from land Israel captured in a 1967 war.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was expected to win support even from pro-settler hardliners for the prisoner release, seen as critical to relaunching negotiations stalled since 2010, by sidestepping formal negotiations stalled for the prisoner release, freezing withdrawals and (settlement) freezes as preconditions for entering in negotiations,” the Israeli leader wrote. —Reuters

**“Unprecedentedly heavy rains” lash western Japan**

**TOKYO, 28 July** — Parts of western Japan were disabled from predawn hours Sunday morning, prompting the Japanese weather agency to warn that “some areas are seeing unprecedentedly heavy rains” and call for utmost caution against floods and mudslides.

While issuing the warning for Yamaguchi and Shimane prefectures in the Chugoku region, where heavy rain is forecast until the evening, the Japan Meteorological Agency also said thunderstorms may hit the Tohoku region in the northeast through the night.

**Veteran American singer Peter Cetera speaks about peace during the World Peace Concert in Hiroshima, western Japan, on 27 July, 2013. — KYODO NEWS**

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Myanmar-Thai border trade promotion seminar organized

TACHILEK, 28 July— An open seminar on strengthening Myanmar-Thailand friendship and trade was organized in Zannonakha hotel in Tachilek on 26 July.

In-charge of Tachilek border trade camp Director of Trade and Consumer Affairs Department U Thein Tun Oo, departmental personnel, border traders in Tachilek, Vice-Chairman of Tachilek Border Traders Association U Htay Aung, merchants, businessmen, and Thai merchants and businessmen U Thein Tun, Vice-Chairman of Tachilek Border Trade Camp Director of Tachilek on 26 July.

NATURAL DISASTER

S Okkalapa flooded without heavy rain

YANGON, 28 July— Two wards in South Okkalapa Township were flooded without considerable amount of rainfall.

Road, houses and shops were inundated due to the narrowed sluice gate and its damaged facility, according to U Tun Shwe who lives in Pyinnya street of No (4) ward.

The retaining wall of the wards need urgent repair. MMAL-Thant Maung (Yankin)

Kayah state government to spend K 48 mln on repair of landmark lake

LOIKAW, 28 July— Kayah State Government would use K 48 million for repair of landmark Htihaunglar Lake in Loikaw in Kayah State.

The repair works which include dredging and earth works have started since 12 May. The State Irrigation Department which is undertaking the repair works said that the estimated cost of the repair works is K 48 million.

The establishment of the lake dates back to 1962 and it is one of the most famous lakes in the state.—MMAL-Kye Myint Naing

Tanya Myint Naing

Sunday, 28 July— Anti-Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever measures were carried out in Myo-hla village-tract in Yanethin Township in Mandalay Region on 26 July.

Health department, support groups, volunteers, members of Lin Let Kyal Health Care Charity Group participated in sterilization and sanitation measures.

Myo-hla village-tract includes Theegon village, TadaU village, Hnetpyawdaw village (Myo-hlaung) and Myo-hla village and the whole village-tract has more than 900 households.

Talks on drug abuse given at Mandalay BEHS-22

MANDALAY, 28 July— No (2) Basic Education Department under the Ministry of Education and Mandalay Region Anti-Narcotics Association organized an educative talk on drug abuse to high school, middle school and primary school students in the region at No (22) Basic Education High School on 25 July.

Speakers gave talks on the danger of cigarettes, life skills, illnesses related to drugs and legislations against drugs.

He said the drug abuse has penetrated into the youths and students, urging them to cooperate in the more effective anti-narcotics efforts. Townselders discussed security issues and the police commander made clarifications. MMAL-Ko Gyi Kyaw

Pyinmana Township police force meet townolders

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—Pyinmana township police sought advices from townolders on crime reduction in the area on 21 July.

At the meeting at Pyinmana Township Police Station in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Acting Commander of Pyinmana Township Police Force Police Major Than Myint gave a speech, requesting tips-offs if there arise any suspicion.

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X-ray equipment donated to Insein Hospital in Yangon Region.

YANGON, 28 July— Wellwishers donated equipment to radiology department in Insein Hospital in Yangon Region on 24 July.

The ceremony was attended by medical superintendent Dr Aung San, doctors, nurses and wellwishers.

Medical superintendent Dr Aung San, radiologist Dr Yi Yi Htay and pediatrician Dr Naing Oo spoke words of thanks for donating the necessary equipment. U Aung Kyaw Myint and wife Daw San San Win of Mayangon Township donated one Toshiba X-ray set worth K 34 million; gynecologist Dr Kyin Kyin San and pediatrician Dr Khin Myo Htway of Royal Asia Hospital, a Korean X-ray set worth K 18.8 million; U Nay Win and daughter Dr Aye Aye Khang, an imaging machine worth K 18.7 million; Daw Aye Kyi of Phukkkan ward in Insein Township, a dental X-ray machine worth K 3.5 million and one automatic film cleaner worth K 5 million; U Kyaw Lin and wife Daw Than Than Swe, K 1 million; and other wellwishers, K 4 million.

The donations were accepted by the medical superintendent and the specialists. MMAL-Myint Oo (Insein)

Educative talks on drug abuses to basic education students in Mandalay Region in progress.
Mosquitoes and dengue fever

Together with annual monsoon rains comes the dengue fever threatening especially children and early teens every year of this time. The cause of the fever is dengue virus carried by several species of mosquito within the genus Aedes, principally A. aegypti. Aedes searches for food, which is blood, in day time.

A mosquito first lands on your skin and sticks its proboscis into you, and pumps out saliva that prevents your blood from clotting. The virus it carries enters human body together with its saliva. The virus binds to and enters white blood cells, and reproduces inside the cells while they move throughout the body. The infection is caused in this way. But only the females bite us, and the infection is caused only when the mosquito is carrying the dengue virus. In fact the virus spread from one person to another through the virus carrying mosquitoes. The best thing is to send a child to hospital as soon as symptoms of infection are found. All must be aware that treating him with other antibiotics is dangerous even for life.

The most basic way is to protect your children from mosquito bites. Keep your children in mosquito nets when they sleep in day or night. Since many mosquitoes breed in standing water, source reduction can be as simple as emptying water from containers around the home. This is something that homeowners can accomplish. For example, homeowners can eliminate mosquito breeding grounds by removing unused plastic pools, old tires, or buckets; by clearing clogged gutters and repairing leaks around faucets; by covering water containers with lids, regularly draining puddles, swampy areas, and tree stumps.

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A Chinese delegation led by General Fan Changlong, Vice Chairman of the Central Military Commission-CMC of the People’s Liberation Army (PLA) of the People’s Republic of China paid a goodwill visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in last week of July. During the visit, the Chinese general and delegation cordially held talks with President U Thein Sein, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on 23 July.

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President U Thein Sein presents gifts for staff to an official at 440-acre Paletwe hybrid paddy plantation at Ahlyinlo Village in Pyinmana Township. MNA

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Roundtable discussion on judicial affairs

YANGON, 28 July—Myanmar judges discussed judicial laws with a visiting German delegation led by Judge Torsten Frank Koschinka at Sedona Hotel, here, on 25 July. A total of 30 judicial officers of Supreme Court of the Union and judges of district and township courts in Yangon Region were on the occasion, organized by Germany-based Friedrich- Naumann Foundation for Freedom.—MNA

Manaung Shwegu Pagoda in Myinmu Township needs urgent repair

YANGON, 28 July—Riverbank erosion and forming of sandbanks can be seen in creeks and rivers in Myanmar. Manaung Shwegu Pagoda built by Kinwun Mingyi Maha Minhla Kyaw Swa at Muwa village in Myinmu Township in Sagaing Region is under the possible danger of collapse threatened by erosion, it is learnt.

Local people gave voices their concerns that a prayer hall, a stone inscription, a wooden retaining wall built last year was also damaged.

Kyeemon-Shwe Htoo

Mohinvin, 28 July—Locals in Kachin State voiced their concerns over the resumption of Myitsone Project that the President had officially suspended during his reign.

CPIYN Company has sent invitations to the media men from Kachin State to observe the construction site of Myitsone Hydropower Project. According to the agenda of the invitation card, it was to start excursion on 23 July, make field study on 24 July morning and conclude the journey in the afternoon.

“I reject to continue this project not only as a Kachin national but also a resident of Myitkyina, I am thoughtful that local people will not support to continue this project in the term of next government,” said Dr Tu Ja, one of the Kachin leaders residing in Myitkyina.

The beauty of Myitsone, which is the confluence of Mayka and Malika rivers was the heritage of nature and should be preserved by the next generations, said the environmentalist.

Drug Addict Treatment and Rehabilitation Course concludes

TACHILEK, 28 July—The Drug Addict Treatment and Rehabilitation Course concluded at Pansali Village in Monghe Village-tract of Tachilek Township, Shan State (East), on 27 July morning.

At first, Deputy Commissioner U Thaung Tin Htoo of Tachilek District General Administration Department made an opening address.

Additional Head of Shan State (East) Social Welfare Department Daw Khin Khin Myint explained social welfare tasks and voluntary works.

Manager U Moe Oo of Tachilek Rehabilitation Camp briefed all attendees on duties and functions of the camp.

Administrator U Ye Maung Zin and executives of Township General Administration Department gave completion certificates and gifts to the trainees.

Also present on the occasion were district and township level departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people, including 31 trainees.

Kyeemon-Myint Mo Htoo (Tachilek)

Schoolchildren fed milk in Mawlamyinegyun

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 28 July—White Heart Group fed milk to students of Shwepyiaye Monastic Education School in Mawlamyinegyun of Labutta District in Ayeyawady Region at the hall of the school on 26 July afternoon.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Htay Maung explained monthly feeding of milk to the students. Head of Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Tun Zaw Win explained nutrition opening address.

Wellwishers Chairman of White Heart Group/U Khin Maung Zin and executives of Township General Administration Department gave completion certificates and gifts to the trainees.

Kyeemon-U Myint Mo Htoo

ANA to increase capacity on two Asian routes

YANGON, 28 July—All Nippon Airways (ANA), Japan’s largest airline group, is to increase capacity on two of its Asian routes. It will increase the number of flights it operates between Tokyo-Narita, and Yangon airport in Myanmar, to seven flights per week, from three. As a result, there will be a daily service on this route from September 30th, 2013. In addition, seat capacity for the route will be increased by replacing the B737-700ER aircraft with the B787-300ER.

ANA will also be increasing seat capacity for flights between Tokyo-Narita, and Chengdu, China, from October 1st, 2013. Both Myanmar and Chengdu are destinations where strong economic growth is expected. By expanding capacity on both these routes, ANA aims to capitalize on the projected increase in demand for both direct and indirect flights between Japan and Asia and between North America and Asia.

ANA was among the first airlines to launch direct services between Japan and Myanmar, a country referred to as ‘the last frontier in Asia’. By increasing capacity on this route ANA will help to establish stronger links with Myanmar and build closer ties between both countries. Tickets sales and reservations for the increased flights will begin on July 25th, 2013.

ANA is the eighth largest airline in the world by revenues (2011) and the largest in Japan by passenger numbers (2012). Founded in 1952, ANA flies today to 31 international destinations and 50 domestic cities with a fleet of 232 aircraft serving a network of 175 routes. ANA has 14,000 employees. In 2012, it carried 45 million passengers and generated revenues of $15.8 bn.

ANA has been a core member of Star Alliance since 1999 and has joint-ventures with United Airlines on trans-Pacific and Asia routes and with Lufthansa, Swiss International Airlines and Austrian Airlines on Japan-Europe routes. Its Frequent Flyer Program, ANA Mileage Club, has more than 24 million members.

ANA was voted Airline of the Year for 2013 by Air Transport World Magazines, and was awarded five stars by the world’s leading Airline and Airport review site, SKYTRAX. ANA is the launch customer and biggest operator of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner.

Zagawah
Philippine military completes world’s longest peace mural

MANILA, 28 July— The Philippine military on Saturday unveiled the allegedly longest peace mural in the world along a major thoroughfare in Metro Manila.

Dubbed as “Lakbay Para sa Kapayapaan sa EDsa (Travel for Peace on EDsa)”, the mural project spans 3,770 metres along Epifanio delos Santos Avenue (EDsa) in Quezon City, Metro Manila.

Lieutenant Colonel Ramon Zagal, public affairs office chief of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), said the peace mural is a joint project among the AFP, Metro Manila Development Authority, Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process, Asia America Initiative (AAI), and Dolphins Love Freedom Network (DLFN).

Speaking of the four-decade-long insurgency and the increasing clamor for internal peace and security, AFP Chief of Staff General Emmanuel Bautista said that the solution of the armed conflict lies in the Filipino practice of Bayanihan (a trait of cooperation).

“This project is about breaking barriers that prevent us from moving forward. I was convinced of this when I saw soldiers painting alongside children of rebels,” artist Sano said during the inauguration.

The project, which started on 26 May, aims to promote peace as well as to beat the present record of one-kilometre-long mural painting in Chile.

India Army to soon get its first drone aircraft

NEW DELHI, 28 July— The Indian Army will soon receive its first micro-light, pilot-less target aircraft, Lakshiya-1, which has been produced by the state-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) months ahead of schedule, a top official said on Saturday.

Singapore’s foreign minister to visit India

SINGAPORE, 28 July— Singapore’s Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Law K Shanmugam will visit the Nalanda University archaeological complex and meet with officials of the university.

He will also call on the Chief Minister of Bihar, Nitish Kumar, on Tuesday. In New Delhi, the minister will meet his Indian counterpart, Minister of External Affairs Salman Khurshid, as well as National Security Advisor Shivshankar Menon.

5.0-magnitude quake hits Kepulauan Tanjimbar, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 28 July— An earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale jolted Kepulauan Tanjimbar, Indonesia at 22:18:31 GMT on Saturday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 34.50 km, was initially determined to be at 6.7882 degrees south latitude and 131.8179 degrees east longitude.

Over 50 tonnes of crude oil spill in eastern Thailand

BANGKOK, 28 July— A leak occurred in a pipeline along the eastern seaboard of Thailand on Saturday and spilled 50-70 tonnes of crude oil into the sea.

The pipeline, operated by PTT Global Chemical Plc (PTTGC), located about 20 kilometers south-east of Map Ta Phut sea-port in the eastern Province of Rayong, the Bangkok Post reported.

Crude oil from an Ornami tanker moored offshore was being transferred to the pipeline for delivery to a PTTGC refinery at Map Ta Phut, said the report.

Anon Sirisaengtaksin, chief executive of PTTGC, said the company immediately shut off the pipeline valve to prevent further spills and cooperated with the Royal Thai Navy and the Marine Department to contain the damage.

“All the crude had been eradicated an hour after the accident,” he said.

He said the company would continue to monitor conditions in the Gulf of Thailand and make sure that tourists and fishermen who live nearby would not be affected.

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87 women sick after thunderstorm cuts short Tokyo pop concert

TOkyo, 28 July— Eighty-seven women complained of feeling unwell and 41 were subsequently taken to hospital after a Saturday afternoon concert by male pop group NEWS was aborted midway due to a thunderstorm.

NEWS were hyperventilating, the department said. NEWS were taken to hospital after a Saturday afternoon concert was abandoned midway due to a thunderstorm.

45 minutes because of the storm, Tokyo Fire Department records showed.

“We are somewhat concerned about their health,” the Tokyo Fire Department said.

In New Delhi, the minister will also extend an invitation to the Mozambican president to participate in the two countries’ “Thai-African Initiative”, aiming to enhance partnership between Asia and Africa.

Aung San Suu Kyi will also meet the Mozambique Parliament Speaker to discuss ways and means to promote bilateral cooperation between the parliaments of the two countries.

Yingluck will also preside over the signing ceremony of bilateral agreements in the areas of technical cooperation, visa exemption for diplomatic and official passport holders, tourism, trade and economic cooperation, civil aviation, food security, trade and investment in agricultural products and commodities, among others.

On Monday, the two leaders will attend and deliver remarks at a business forum, which will be attended by major Thai and Mozambican entrepreneurs.

The Thai premier will later leave Mozambique for Tanzania and Uganda respectively.
Kenya searches missing aircraft with three passengers

Nairobi, 28 July—The Kenyan government said on Friday that search and rescue efforts have been intensified for the aircraft which went missing in Nyeri, central Kenya, the previous day.

Government spokesman Mathui Kariuki told a news conference in Nairobi that the a Cessna type 206, registration number 5Y-BUG disappeared from the radar on Thursday evening.

“The government would like to announce the disappearance of a Cessna type 206, registration number 5Y-BUG,” he told journalists in Nairobi, adding that aircraft was travelling from Nandi in Turkana (northwest Kenya) on Thursday at 16:00 hours and was set to land at Wilson Airport at 17:25 hours.

Officials in Nairobi said the rescue efforts have been mounted in the expansive Aberdare Forest where its last signal was traced.

Tourist spending in Spain rises by 6.6 pct in 1H

Madrid, 28 July—The amount of money spent by foreign tourists in Spain rose by 6.6 percent in the first half of the year when compared with the same period of 2012, according to data released on Friday by the Spanish Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism.

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The tourist sector is very important for Spain, which is the second most important tourist destinations in terms of receipts and the fourth most important in the world in terms of visitor numbers according to data of 2012 by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).

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New Michael J Fox show highlights humour in Parkinson’s fight

LOS ANGELES, 28 July — Actor Michael J Fox said he aimed to bring laughs and a dose of reality about day-to-day living with Parkinson’s disease to a new NBC comedy loosely based on his life, his first lead role in a television show in 13 years. In the upcoming “The Michael J Fox Show,” the actor plays a father with Parkinson’s who returns to work as a local newscaster on an NBC TV station in New York. To his surprise, his fictional family reacts with relief that he will be getting out of the house.

The show draws from Fox’s own experience to generate laughs and give viewers a sense of every-day life with Parkinson’s, a nerve disorder that causes tremors. In one scene, gun-toting police show up at his character’s home after his shaky hands accidently dial 911. “The reality of Parkinson’s is that sometimes it’s frustrating, sometimes it’s funny,” Fox, 52, said on Saturday at the semi-annual Television Critics Association Press tour. The show will not veer into dark humour, he said, because he did not see his disease that way.

“There’s nothing horrible on the surface about someone with shaky hands,” he said. “There’s nothing horrible about someone in their life saying, ‘God, I’m really tired of this shaky hand thing’ and me saying, ‘Me, too.’”

That’s our reality,” The show, which debuts on 26 September, is a high-profile bet by Comcast-owned NBC to lift its prime-time ratings. For the TV season that ended in May, NBC finished last in total viewers and third among the four big broadcasters in the advertiser-prized 18- to 49-year-old range, according to Nielsen.

The Canadian-born Fox won over audiences in the 1980s for his role as conservative Alex P. Keaton on NBC sitcom “Family Ties,” and as teen adventurer McFly in the “Back to the Future” movies. He later starred in the ABC political comedy “Spin City,” but semi-retired from acting in 2000 as his Parkinson’s symptoms worsened and he focused his efforts on research for a cure.—Reuters

Pierce Brosnan comforts Nigella Lawson

LONDON, 28 July — Actor Pierce Brosnan was spotted comforting celebrity chef Nigella Lawson in a restaurant, where they were reportedly having a good time together.

Lawson has been going through a rough time ever since her husband Charles Saatchi gripped round her throat.

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NBC plans Hillary Clinton miniseries, part of TV event strategy

LOS ANGELES, 28 July — NBC plans to air a four-hour miniseries starring Diane Lane as former US Secretary of State and first lady Hillary Clinton, part of the broadcast TV network’s strategy to improve its ratings by luring viewers to one-time event programming. The part of Bill Clinton has not been cast, NBC Entertainment Chairman Bob Greenblatt said Saturday at a meeting of the Television Critics Association. The miniseries about the once, and possibly future, presidential candidate will “recount Clinton’s life as a wife, mother, politician and cabinet member” from 1998 to the present, an NBC statement said.

Titled “Hillary,” it will start with Clinton living in the White House while her husband is serving his second term. The series will likely air before candidates start jumping into the next US presidential race in the spring or summer of 2015, Greenblatt said, responding to a question about whether the network would face demands for equal time from opponents. Hillary Clinton is not involved in the series, he said, and the script has yet to be written.

Nick Merrill, a spokesman for Hillary Clinton, declined to comment. The Clinton project and other miniseries are part of Comcast-owned NBC’s effort to lift its prime-time ratings and draw live audiences to one-time events, a defence against later viewing on digital video recorders that makes programs less valuable to advertisers.—Reuters

Man tries to steal Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie’s iPad

LOS ANGELES, 28 July — A man, who attempted to steal actors Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie’s iPad containing their personal data, has been arrested.

The couple was enjoying some family time when an unidentified man was caught red-handed in their SUV trying to steal the iPad, which was labelled ‘Family’. Local authorities arrested him at the scene, reports dailymail.co.uk.

The incident occurred when the couple’s eldest son Maddox, 11, went paintballing at the Hollywood Sports Paintball Park in Bellflower, California.

While Maddox — who has siblings Vivienne and Knox, four, Shiloh, seven, Zahara, eight, and Pax, nine, was racing around the park, the thief tried to get away with the family’s shared gadget.—PTI

Cameron Diaz eyeing Robert Pattinson?

LOS ANGELES, 28 July — Actress Cameron Diaz reportedly finds Robert Pattinson hot! She is even said to have accepted a wine-tasting invite to spend some time with the Twilight star.

“Cameron thinks Rob is really hot and is up for making a play for him. The fact that he’s 27 doesn’t bother her,” thesun.co.uk quoted a source as saying. Diaz is 40. She hasn’t worked with Pattinson yet, but the two have known each other for a while. “She has known him for a while, but decided to keep a respectful distance while he was in that relationship with Kristen Stewart,” he said.

Diaz recently received an invite from actress Reese Witherspoon for wine-tasting at her residence, and ever since she got to know that Pattinson would be present there too, she is said to have quickly made up her mind to attend it.—PTI
Isner, Anderson to meet in Atlanta Open Final

AJAX defeat AZ to grab Dutch Super Cup

Dortmund stun Bayern 4-2 to lift German Supercup 2013

Cibulkova storms past Cirstea to reach Stanford final

‘Oh baby’, Canadian Open wide open after Mahan withdrawal

LOS ANGELES, 28 July — The two top seeds American John Isner and South African Kevin Anderson will meet in the Atlanta Open final after securing semi-final victories on Saturday. Isner beat former world number one Lleyton Hewitt of Australia 6-4, 4-6, 6-7(6) while Anderson was too good for American Ryan Harrison 6-3, 7-6(3).

The top-seeded Isner fired 21 aces on the way to beating Hewitt in a cracking match, giving him a chance at shedding his Atlanta bridesmaid’s tag having been runner up twice previously. The big serving American is seeking a seventh career ATP crown in the $US469,300 hard-court event...Hewitt looked set to complete an upset when holding triple break point in the seventh game of the third set but Isner fought back before winning it 7-5 in a tiebreak...The six-foot-10 (2.08m) American moved to 24-6 in tiebreaks this year, the best on the ATP Tour.

Anderson needed just 91 minutes to beat the unseeded 21-year-old Harrison, riding a 91-percent conversion rate on first service points won and saving all five break point opportunities Harrison earned, Harrison had two set points on his serve in the second set but could not close out, allowing Anderson to take the tie-break 7-3. The six-foot-eight (2.03m) Anderson will be chasing his third career ATP crown in his sixth final appearance having won in Johannesburg in 2011 and at Delray Beach in 2012. He has been runner up twice already this year in Sydney and Casablanca.—Reuters

The Hague, 28 July— Ajax captured the first trophy of the season by beating AZ Alkmaar 3-2 after extra time in the Dutch Super Cup, called the Johan Cruyff Schaal, on Saturday on Amsterdam.

Reigning Dutch champions Ajax dominated the first half against Cup winners AZ, without creating major chances. Although new signing Borjan Krkic, who arrived on loan from FC Barcelona, created some danger as right winger.

In the second half Jo-hann Berg Guudmundsson handed AZ the lead and his Icelandic compatriot Aron Johannsson surprisingly doubled the score. Ajax bounced back through a free-kick by Christian Eriksen, deflected by AZ defender Jeffrey Gouweneluwe, and another Icelandic player, Kolbeinn Sigthorsson made it 2-2.

Extra time was needed for a decision in the traditional opening of the Dutch season, since 1991. Ajax captain Siem de Jong led Ajax to victory with a header in the 103rd minute. Ajax won the Dutch Super Cup for the fifth time in history and for the first time since 2007.

“I think in the end we deserved the victory,” Ajax coach Frank de Boer said afterwards. “This match cost a lot of energy this early in the season. Lucky for us we did not suffer injuries.”

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BERLIN, 28 July— Borussia Dortmund lift German Supercup 2013 as they defeated Pep Guardiola’s men 4-2 in an entertaining and fast paced clash, at outsold Signal Iduna Park on Saturday. A brace by Dutchman Arjen Robben was not enough as Borussia Dortmund wrapped up a 4-2 win with a flurry of goals at the second half to inflict Guardiola’s first loss after five matches.

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STANFORD, (Californi-a), 28 July—Third seed Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia powered past Romanian Sorana Cirstea 6-4, 6-0 to make her first final at the Bank of the West Classic. In her sixth appearance on the campus of Stanford University, the world number 25 got through a rough patch at the start of the first set and then battered the fifth-seeded Cirstea with powerful groundstrokes and returns.

Cibulkova managed to hold to 5-3 after a marathon eighth game in which she fought off four break points and the momentum clearly shifted as she reeled off seven out of the next eight games. “I started really well and the level was quite high from both of us, but that game changed everything,” Cirstea said of the eighth game. “After she won that game she stepped up and my level dropped a level. She played better than me.

The 23-year-old Cibulkova had few problems in the second set as she made a strategic shift by moving her position on the return of serve and cutting off the Romanian’s favoured serves out wide. Cirstea grew wild and all the Slovak had to do was play steady and keep the ball deep in order to win the match. “I tried to distract her on the serve and tried to make her think more,” said Cibulkova, who has won two WTA titles, the second of which was at Carlsbad last year.

Entering her eighth career final at Stanford, she is hoping her heavy schedule — she will play every week on the US hardcourt circuit until the US Open — will not tire her out too much before the grand slam begins on 26 August.—Reuter-s

SNAFFORD, (Onterrio), 28 July—Brandt Snedeker will take a one shot cushion into the final round of the Canadian Open after leading Hunter Mahan walked away from a potential $1 million payday on Saturday to be home for the birth of his child. A wild day of rain delays, spectacular charges and a dazzling nine-under 63 from Snedeker at Glen Abbey Golf Course were all overshadowed by Mahan’s hurried exit that threw the tournament wide open.

Mahan, a five-time winner on the PGA Tour, had held a two shot overnight lead but while warming up on the driving range received word that his wife Kandi had gone into labour. One of the hottest players on PGA Tour after having played in the final group at both last week’s British Open and before that the US Open, Mahan did not hesitate to give up his shot at the $1 million winner’s purse, rushing back to Dallas for the birth of his first child. “On the seventh tee I looked up and I didn’t see Hunter’s name on the leaderboard and I looked at my caddie, and go, ‘What’s goin’ on?’” Snedeker told reporters.

“He goes, ‘I think Hunter had to leave because Kandi went into labour.’ “ Hunter was going to be hard to catch because he was playing so good.

Reuters
E China chemical plant fire extinguished

JINAN, 28 July—The fire that raged at a chemical plant in east China's Shan-dong Province for about 11 hours was put out on Sunday morning. No casualties or toxic gas leaks have been reported, local authorities said.

The fire started at 4:45 pm on Saturday in the Luxi Chemical Plant in Li-aocheng City. It was extinguished by 3:36 am on Sunday, fire fighters said. After monitoring of air quality, local environmental protection authorities said the accident did not cause any toxic gas leakage.

The fire-fighting foam and water used to extinguish the fire were directed into a pool inside the plant for environmental emergency disposal, and environmental protection authorities are testing for toxic chemicals.

The Montjuic venue affords a one-meter springboard, a three-meter springboard on which He won five golds between 2001 and 2009, with Wu, champion in Saturday's three-meter springboard synchro with Shi Tingmao, triumphing in Shanghai two years ago. He said it is too early to talk about taking over as the dominant force in her events.

The photos with the caption "Myanmar Movie" include scenes from various films and documentaries that are being aired on local television, reflecting the rich cinematic heritage of Myanmar. The images also promote the diverse local culture and stories, showcasing elements of daily life, traditional costumes, and unique landscapes.

As a summary, the page captures a mix of current events, cultural insights, and daily happenings, offering a snapshot of contemporary Myanmar.
Biography of H.E. Mr John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons, UK Parliament

H.E. Mr John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons of the UK Parliament, was born on 19 January, 1963 in Edgward, Middlesex in Britain. He graduated with a First Class Honours degree in Government from the University of Essex in 1985. Mr. Bercow was elected as the National Chairman of the Federation of Conservative Students (FCS) from 1986-1987, as a member of Lambeth Borough from 1986-90, as deputy opposition leader of the Lambeth Borough Council from 1987-89 and as a member of the Trade & Industry Select Committee from 1998-99. He was appointed as frontbench spokesman for Education and Employment in 1999 (1999-2000), and then a frontbench spokesman for Home Affairs in 2000 (2000-2001). He served as Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury from 2001-2002, as Shadow Minister for Work and Pensions in 2002, as a Shadow Secretary of State for International Development from 2003-2004, as a member of the International Development Select Committee from 2004-2009 and as a member of parliament speaker’s committee from 2005-2009. Mr. Bercow was first elected to Parliament in 1997 and has become a MP of the UK parliament. He has been the Speaker of the House of Commons since 2009. He is married with two sons and one daughter. He has supported human rights, rights of women, equality for lesbian, gay and homosexual people and services for children and young people with speech, language and communications needs. He has a long-standing interest in Sudan, Somali and Myanmar. A delegation led by Mr Bercow will pay a goodwill visit to Myanmar in the near future at the invitation of the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw.

New dredgers arrive from China

Yangon, 28 July—Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung this morning inspected the dredgers and supporting vessels that arrived from China at Sule Jetty No (6) and Nanthida Port. Director-General U Tun Lwin Oo of Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems and officials reported on conditions for dredging to the Union minister.

The Union Minister called for systematic use of the vessels, conservation of watercourse and work safety for the staff.

The contract for purchasing 19 dredgers and supportive vessels was signed between CATIC Co of China and DWRIRS under the Ministry of Transport on 13 December 2010. The fourteen dredgers and supportive vessels arrived in Yangon on 20 July and the remaining dredgers, vessels and spare parts will be arrived in the third week of August.

The newly-arrived dredgers and supportive vessels will be used for conservation of water course in Ayeyawady and Chindwin Rivers. In doing so, suitable dredgers will be used depending on nature of the task. Water course control towers will be built for effectively dredging.

YANGON, 28 July—Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung views the newly-arrived dredgers at Sule Jetty No (6). —MNA

Free health care provided to workers, people in Hmaubwy

Yangon, 28 July—Specialists from Social Security Board under the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security and those of Good Share for Human of the Republic of Korea provided free health care services and donated medicines to workers and local people.

General U Yu Lwin Aung of Social Security Board viewed free health care services for the workers and local people.

U Aung Khin Soe presents credentials to Indian President

Nay Pyi Taw, 28 July—U Aung Khin Soe, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of India, presented his Credentials to Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, President of the Republic of India, on 17 July 2013 in New Delhi.

Workshop on hosting ASEAN meetings concludes

Yangon, 28 July—The concluding of workshop on holding ASEAN meetings took place at Wunziminyazayar Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here this afternoon. At the ceremony, Director-General (Retd) U Aung Bwa of ASEAN Affairs Department made a speech and presented completion certificates to the trainees.

The workshop was held from 25 to 28 July at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the aim of enhancing capacity of 37 officers from 28 ministries that will take responsibility in ASEAN meetings in 2014. At the workshop, knowledge about ASEAN, ASEAN diplomatic affairs, meeting agendas and management on political and security community, economic community and social and cultural community, ASEAN agreement and announcements and theoretical paper writing were lectured.

Party of PM Hun Sen wins Cambodian election

Phnom Penh, 28 July —The Cambodian People’s Party (CPP) of long-serving Prime Minister Hun Sen won Sunday’s election, taking 68 seats to the main opposition party’s 55, the government spokesman said, announcing a much-reduced majority for the ruling party.

Khieu Kanharith, who is also information minister, gave the figures on his Facebook page and said it was the final count. The National Election Committee (NEC) has not published figures but was expected to give a partial count later in the day.

Sam Rainsy, leader of the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP), said earlier his party had won the election but then withdrew the statement. No explanation was given.

Backed by compliant media and with superior resources, the CPP was confident of victory, but analysts had said the recent merger of the two main opposition parties plus the return from exile of Sam Rainsy could lead to a reduction in its majority.

If the figures given by Khieu Kanharith are confirmed, they would represent a significant gain for the opposition and a setback for Hun Sen, who has served as prime minister since 1985.

The CPP had 90 of the 123 seats in the outgoing parliament and the parties that united to form the CNRP had just 29.

While not formally accepting defeat, Sam Rainsy was conciliatory and called for calm.

“We want to thank all Cambodian people ... regardless of their political affiliation, Cambodians who support all political parties, for their dignified participation in this election, for their contribution to make democracy move forward,” he told a news briefing.

Reuters