National reform leading committee led by the President has been formed separately to direct efforts on reform programme

The President said in his address: *The following are major purposes of meeting between Union ministers, region/state chief ministers and deputy ministers working in each sector and region for the development of the country socio-economic development of the people:*  
*The first 30 months of five-year term of our government is the period we laid foundations for remarkable democratic transitions to create a new democracy. We have created better political environment inside the country, improved international relations and continued dialogue for national reconciliation in this period. We have made a host of changes and relaxations in laws and regulations in economic and social reforms and have started to integrate into the global market. During the second 30 months, we have to give the basic needs of the people higher priority and ensure the socio-economic profits reach them.* We need to give high priority to the people-centered development approach. We have to draft and implement Integrated Action Plan for the remaining 30 months. The need to draft the plan in cooperation so as to cover fundamental needs of the people avoiding overlap of tasks between the Union ministries and region/state governments. The government initiated four reforms—political reforms, economic and social reforms, administration mechanism (See page 8)

**Tasks for socio-economic development**

1. Electricity - to manage electrification at full capacity in Yangon and Mandalay where most of the industries are being run  
   - to raise number of households in all regions and states that consume electricity  
   - to ensure sufficient of drinking water in Yangon and Mandalay  
   - to remarkably increase percent of drinking water sufficient townships in regions and states

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   - to produce and distribute adequate volume of quality crops strains  
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   - to constitute sector-wise work groups for achieving significant development
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**Business**

**Myanmar, Thai companies to join in rubber, oil palm cultivation**

Yangon, 9 Aug—Foreign investors put their investment in 30 plantations while seeking markets. As part of their investments, Myanmar Maha Dhana Company and Thai Holding Pte Ltd of Thailand held a ceremony to agree out the cultivation rubber and oil palm plantations at MICCT Park, here, on 8 August morning. The companies will carry out cultivation of rubber and oil palm plants in Myanmar and its related projects soon.

**Knowledge about taking census shared in Thaton Township**

Thaton, 9 Aug—The talks on census-taking process and role of people in participation of taking census were held at Basic Education Post-Primary School in Taungsun Village and the administrator office in Thaton Township of Mon State 5 August.

Staff of District Information and Public Relations Department explained the role of the people in the process. They performed the mobile library and wall magazines as public service media.

The staff then replied to queries raised by local people for the 2014 census taking process.

The talks were attended by 60 people from Taungsun Village and another talks could attract about 50 local people.

In cooperation with the local people, staff of the District IPRD explained census taking process of Thaton Township.

**Crime**

** Thief from Yebyu arrested in Thakaya**

Yangon, 9 Aug—A squad led by Police Captain Aung Win of No.2 Security Company of Reserved Branch of Yangon Region Police Force, while performing surveillance for crimes, arrested Maung Win (a) Naw Ngaik (a) Ngaik Ngaik, 29 of Kalasu Ward in Yebyu Township of Thakayta Township, while repairing the connection of telephones in villages of Thaton and those of Yangon North Township.

After that, the police members could seize two gold chains, two gold lockets and two mobile phones.

**Illegal two-digit lottery gamblers arrested in Mahlaing**

Mahlaing, 9 Aug—A special crime combating squad led by IP Kyi Shein of Meiktila District together with policemen from Mahlaing Police Station and local authorities searched the house of Ma Yamin (a) Ma Nyunt Khaing at region 6 in Ward 1 of Mahlaing at 12.15 pm on 6 August.

They seized materials used in gambling and K 82300.

On the same day, they also seized documents related to gambling materials and K 27,300 from sales of illegal two-digit lottery at the house of Ma Hsan Hsan, 40 in region 11 of Ward 2, Mahlaing Police Station opened files of lawsuit against gamblers under Section 15(a) and 16(a) of the Gambling Act.

**Accident**

**Telephone technician falls from phone post**

Yamethin, 9 Aug—While repairing the connection of telephones, Technician Grade V of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications Ko Myint Lwin, 46 years old, dropped from the phone post near Technological University at the corner of Khwanyo Street and Yango-n Manda-lay Highway in Thilawa Ward of Yamyathin in Mandalay Region at 11.10 pm on 6 August.

A local rushed him to the hospital in his car. However, the technician died at the hospital at about 2 pm. In the incident, the technician was electrocuted due to ties of power line at the phone post.

According to the opinion of the medical officer, the technician might fall from the post due to electrocution.

**Tourism**

**Ministry of H&T to organize colour photo contest**

Yangon, 9 Aug—the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism is implementing the all-round development projects to promote the hotels and tourism industries in leap and bound.

With the aim of showing off the scenic beauties of regions, the colour photo contest will be held under the title of “Scenic Beauty of Wonderful Myanmar” in conjunction with the ceremony to mark the World Tourism Day in Nay Pyi Taw on 27 September.

Winners can fetch K 500,000 for the first prize, K 300,000 for the second, and K 200,000 for the third. Ten consolation prizes will be award K 100,000 each.

Entries must be sent to U Ohn Myint (Principal) of Tourism Training School, Tel: 01-385017, Yangon Region, and Daw Su Su (Staff Officer) of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, Yangon Region, Tel: 01-375194, not later than 3 pm on 6 September.

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Tokyo, 9 Aug—US Ambassador to Japan John Roos said on Thursday he has “no doubt” in the sincerity of President Barack Obama’s words regarding the possibility of his visiting Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which suffered US atomic bombings in World War II.

“Obviously, there are tremendous demands on the president’s time, and I think that scheduling and everything is up to the president and the White House. But I have no doubt in the sincerity of his words that he would be honoured to do so during his presidency,” Roos said in an interview with Kyodo News and other media when asked if he would advise the president to visit the cities.

In November 2009, Obama said just before his first visit to Japan, “I would be honoured to have the opportunity to visit those cities at some point during my presidency.”

As for the ambassador’s past attendances at ceremonies to commemorate the atomic bombings of the cities in 1945, Roos said, “The president was fully supportive of my going to Hiroshima and Nagasaki.” Roos, whose term will end shortly, attended an annual ceremony in Hiroshima on Tuesday and will go to Nagasaki’s ceremony on Friday. He became the first US ambassador to attend the Hiroshima ceremony in 2010, which fell on the 65th anniversary, and attended the ceremony in Nagasaki last year.

“My personal view is that not only all Americans, but I think everyone in the world should visit Hiroshima and Nagasaki,” Roos said.

“I strongly believe in the president’s goal of eliminating nuclear weapons,” he said, referring to Obama’s speech in Prague in April 2009 in which he expressed his desire to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons.

Roos told a cybersecurity conference in Washington, 9 Aug—The US spy agency contractor Edward Snowden should not be allowed to affect Moscow-Washington ties, a Russian lawmaker said on Thursday.

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**Government to consider removing the expectation of nuclear weapons on the US atomic bombing of the city.** — KYODO NEWS

**Nagasaki urges govt to do more to eliminate nuclear weapons**

NAGASAKI, 9 Aug—Nagasaki Mayor Toshisho Taue criticized the government on Friday for its recent inaction in opposing nuclear weapons and urged it to show leadership as the world’s only atomic-bombed country, as Prime Minister Shinzo Abe vowed to push for the abolition of nuclear weapons on the 68th anniversary of the US bombing of the city.

“I call on the Japanese government to consider once again that Japan is the only country to have suffered a nuclear bombing,” Taue said twice in his latest Peace Declaration delivered at a ceremony in the city’s Peace Park, attended by representatives of 44 countries.

He also said Tokyo’s failure to sign a statement rejecting the use of nuclear weapons under any circumstances at an international meeting in April is “betraying the expectations of global society” and “implies that the government would approve of their use under some circumstances.”

Taue also expressed worries over the resumption of Japan-India negotiations for a nuclear cooperation agreement, saying such cooperation with India, a de facto nuclear power which has not signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, would render “meaningless” the NPT regime and give North Korea “an excuse to justify its nuclear development.”

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**Two British women injured in Zanzibar**

One of the two British teenage victims of an acid attack disembarks from a vehicle at the airport in Zanzibar, on 8 Aug, 2013 in this still image taken from video.

REUTERS

_**Dar es Salaam, 9 Aug—** Men riding a motorbike threw acid at two British teenage girls in Tanzania’s semi-autonomous Zanzibar region, leaving them with facial, chest and back injuries, a senior police official said on Thursday._

The pair, both 18 and from England’s northern city of Manchester according to police in the Indian Ocean archipelago, were flown to Tanzania’s commercial capital Dar es Salaam.

They had been volunteering at a local school in Zanzibar, an island that is popular with international tourists but has suffered a wave of deadly protests last year as supporters of an Islamist group repeatedly clashed with the police.

Britain is concerned about Wednesday’s attack and is “in contact with the Tanzanian authorities”, the Foreign Office said in a statement.—Reuters

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**NSA to cut system administrators by 90 percent to limit data access**

WASHINGTON, 9 Aug—The National Security Agency, hit by disclosures of classified data by former contractor Edward Snowden, said on Thursday it intends to eliminate about 90 percent of its system administrators to reduce the number of people with access to secret information.

Keith Alexander, the director of the NSA, the US spy agency charged with monitoring foreign electronic communications, told a cybersecurity conference in New York City that automating much of the work would improve security.

“What we’re in the process of doing — not fast enough — is reducing our system administrators by about 90 percent,” he said.

The remarks came as the agency is facing scrutiny after Snowden, who had been one of about 1,000 system administrators who help run the agency’s networks, leaked classified details about surveillance programmes to the Press. Before the change, “what we’ve done is we’ve put people in the loop of transferring data, securing networks and doing things that machines are probably better at doing,” Alexander said.

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“No now there are a few global problems requiring face-to-face meetings of the US and Russian leaders than it used to be during the Cold War,” Margelov said.

He added the upcoming so-called “2+2” meeting of the two countries’ defence and foreign ministers due in Washington on Friday could “hopefully” minimize the damage incurred by the US pulling out of next month’s scheduled summit between US President Barack Obama and Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin.

According to Margelov, the value of these summits lie not only in the discussions made but in the very fact that they take place.

“They send signals to the international community that dialogue between two leading powers remains ongoing,” the senator said.

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A view from helicopter of the National Security Agency at Ft Meade, Maryland, on 29 Jan, 2010.—REUTERS
Scientists resurrect 4-billion-year-old fossil protein

Researchers have successfully resurrected a protein from a 4-billion-year-old fossil, using modern techniques to restore its function. The protein, known as thioredoxin, was found in the fossils of a bacterium known as *Archaeabacterium*. The researchers used a combination of DNA sequencing and protein engineering to create a modern version of the protein that is capable of performing the same functions as its ancient counterpart.

The protein was isolated from the fossilized cells and used to create a gene that was then inserted into a contemporary bacterial strain. The bacteria were then grown in a laboratory setting, allowing the protein to be produced in large quantities. The resurrected protein was found to be identical in function and structure to the original fossilized protein, confirming the researchers' hypothesis that it could be successfully resurrected.

This is a significant breakthrough in the field of molecular biology, as it opens up the possibility of resurrecting other long-extinct proteins and enzymes. It also provides insight into the evolution of life on Earth, and the potential for new medical applications in the future.
Investigational vaccine proves protective against malaria

The researchers found that higher dosages of PfSPZ Vaccine were associated with protection against malaria infection. The vaccine protected all six volunteers who received the highest doses from malaria infection. Of the 15 participants who received higher doses, 10 became infected, compared to 16 of 17 participants in the lower dosage group who became infected. Among the 12 participants who received no vaccine, 11 participants became infected after mosquito challenge. In this trial, we showed in principle that sporozoites can be developed into a malaria vaccine that confers high levels of protection,” Robert Seder, chief of the Cellular Immunology Section of the NIAID Vaccine Research Centre and principal investigator for the trial, said in a statement. These trial results are promising first step in generating high-level protection against malaria, and they allow for future studies to optimize the dose, schedule and delivery route of the vaccine, Seder added. ??The researchers said that a number of follow-up studies are planned, including research to evaluate the vaccine’s different dose schedules, possible protection against other Plasmodium strains and the durability of protection. The researchers may also evaluate whether higher doses administered subcutaneously or intradermally provide the same level of protection as that found in this study. —Xinhua

Flu vaccine not tied to pregnancy complications

New York, Aug 9 — Pregnant women who get flu shots are at no greater risk for complications like high blood pressure, urinary tract infection or gestational diabetes, according to a new US study. The results are not surprising in light of previous research, said lead author Dr Elisey Kharbanda of Health Partners Institute for Education and Research in Minneapolis, Minnesota. "Studies of several thousand pregnant women in scientific literature have assessed the safety of using the flu vaccine during pregnancy," Kharbanda told Reuters Health. "These studies have shown no evidence of harm to pregnant women, to the unborn child, or to newborns of vaccinated women." Routine monitoring of adverse events after the US Food and Drug Administration and Centre for Disease Control and Prevention have also not raised safety concerns, she noted. Doctors already recommend that pregnant women get the shot, but not all women agree. Surveys indicate that many women are unsure of the safety of the vaccine despite evidence there are no dangers. During the 2010-2011 US flu season, for example, only about half of pregnant women reported getting a flu vaccine, Kharbanda and her colleagues point out in their report, published in the journal Obstetrics and Gynecology. For the new study, they looked back at data on 740,000 women who had received a flu shot while pregnant, in any trimester, and compared them to 300,000 women who were similar in age, pregnancy start dates and other characteristics but had not received the shot. Vaccinated women were more likely to have health problems, like high blood pressure or diabetes, before becoming pregnant, they found, and more likely to be hospitalized before and after the shot than the other women.—Reuters

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Tokyo, 9 Aug — Mitsui Fudosan Co will open a commercial complex housing roughly 200 shops, chiefly fashion outlets, and restaurants in Shanghai’s Pudong District in 2017, according to the Japanese real estate developer.

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GSK plugs into bioelectronics with $50 million venture fund

London, 9 Aug — GlaxoSmithKline raised its bet on using electrical signals in the body to target diseases on Thursday with the launch of a $50 million strategic venture capi- tal fund. Britain’s biggest drugmaker hopes to have the first medicine that ef- fectively sparks the electro- nic “language” of the body ready for approval by the end of this decade, GSK said the fund’s first investment would be a $5 million stake in SetPoint Medical, a California com- pany working on implant- able devices to treat inflam- matory diseases.

In all, SetPoint has se- cured $27 million in fresh financing. Aside from GSK, it has also received cash from Boston Scientific, the venture capital arm of Cov- idien and existing investors. As reported in April, GSK is also offering a distinctive prize to stimulate innova- tion in the new field, known variously as “bioelectronic- s” or “electroceuticals”. These initiatives represent a long-term gamble on the promise of a novel kind of medicine that uses electric- al impulses rather than the chemicals or biological molecules found in today’s drugs. GSK believes it is ahead of rivals in the area.

By tapping into electro- cal signals that form the lan- guage of the body’s nervous system, scientists hope to address a range of diseases from high blood pressure to breathing problems and, eventually, brain disorders. In the case of SetPoint, the research and development work is focused on new therapies for immune sys- tem disorders like rheuma- toid arthritis and Crohn’s disease. These autoimmune diseases are typically treat- ed with immunosuppressant drugs, while SetPoint uses an implantable pulse generator to stimulate the va- gus nerve, which runs from the head to the abdomen, producing a systemic anti- inflammatory effect.

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New York, 9 Aug — Smartphones powered by Google’s Android soft- ware increased their global market share as iPhones lost ground in the absence of new models being un- lessened by Apple, the Inter- national Data Corporation reported on Wednesday.

Android’s share of the smartphone market grew to 79.3 percent in the second quarter while that of iPhone slipped to 13.2 percent from 16.6 percent in the same three-month period last year, according to IDC figures.

“arriage in the second quarter aligns with the cyclicality of iPhone,” said IDC mobile phone re- search team manager Ray- mond Llamas, referring to the software platform on which the Apple handsets are built without a new product launch since the de- but of the iPhone 5 nearly a year ago. Apple’s market share was vulnerable to product launches from the competition.”

Apple is “well posi- tioned” to recapture market share with the release later this year of a new iPhone and the next-generation iOS mobile operating system, according to Llamas. IDC reported that 187 million Android-powered smart- phones were shipped in the second quarter of the year as compared to 31.2 mil- lion iPhones. Smartphones powered by Microsoft Windows showed the biggest jump, hitting 3.7-percent of the market in a 77.6 percent rise that “re- enforced” the mobile plat- form’s third-place position, according to IDC.

The gain was driven by Nokia, which released new smart- phones and accounted for just shy of 82 percent of the 8.7 million Windows phones shipped worldwide during the quarter. “Last quarter we witnessed Win- dows Phone shipments surpassing BlackBerry and the trend has continued into the second quarter,” said IDC mobility tracker pro- gram manager Ryan Keith. “Nokia has clearly been driving the force behind the Windows Phone plat- form, and we expect that to continue.”

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**Assad shown unharmed after Syria rebels report attack**

Asmara, 9 Aug — Syrian rebels said on Thursday they targeted President Bashar al-Assad’s motorcade heading to a Damascus mosque to mark the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha, but state television showed him unharmed and the government denied he had been attacked. The Tahrir al-Sham rebel brigade, a unit of the Free Syrian Army, said it fired several artillery shells towards Assad’s convoy in the heart of the capital and that at least some hit their target.

If confirmed, the attack would be one of the most direct against Assad in two years of conflict which have pitted mainly Sunni Muslim rebels against the Alawite president. Rebels have targeted Assad’s residences in Damascus and a bombing in the capital last year killed four of his inner circle, but there have been no reports of Assad himself coming under fire.

Video footage distributed by the Tahrir al-Sham rebels showed smoke rising from what it said was the Malki District, where Assad and his close aides have homes. Other activists also reported rocket fire into the area. Syria’s government denied the reports. “The news is wholly untrue,” Information Minister Omran Zoabi said.

Firas al-Bitar, head of the Tahrir al-Sham brigade, said his fighters had carried out reconnaissance of the route of Assad’s motorcade and fired 120 mm artillery towards the president’s convoy early on Thursday.

“The attack rattled the regime, even if Assad was not hit,” he told Reuters from an undisclosed location in the capital. “There were two motorcades, one containing Assad and a decoy. We targeted the correct one.”

Bitar’s brigade operates mainly in the Ghouta region on the eastern outskirts of the capital. Another official in Tahrir al-Sham said Assad’s forces fired rockets and artillery “like rain” on the region in response to the reported attack.

Following the statement, Syrian state television said it had no chance of Steinmeier being offered a seat in a possible coalition government. “The SPD has no suitable candidate,” in talks with Germany’s conservative CDU/CSU. But Steinmeier is expected to avoid this.

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The US delegation was led by Peter Lavoy, acting assistant secretary of defense for Asian and Pacific Affairs, and Hideshi Tokuchi, director of Japan’s Foreign Ministry, American Affairs Bureau in Tokyo, and Tokyo and Washington are not ready to discuss steps to avoid a recurrence of the fatal crash.

The meeting at the director-general level came as Tokyo urged Washington to share information about why the crash happened, and to put preventive measures in place amid local concerns about US military operations in Okinawa, home to the bulk of US bases.

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**Merkozy challengers sow to rein in banks, hike taxes on wealthy**

Social Democratic party (SPD) top candidate Peer Steinbrueck laughs before his speech during an election campaign in Hamburg on 8 Aug, 2013.—Reuters

Hamburg, 9 Aug—Launching the final phase of his long-shot campaign to oust German Chancellor Angela Merkel, leftist challenger Peer Steinbrueck called on Thursday for higher taxes on the wealthy and tighter rules for “gaming” bankers.

Analysts and pollsters see no chance of Steinbrueck’s Social Democrats (SPD) capturing Merkel’s conservatives, who have a 15 point lead in opinion polls six weeks before the 22 September election.

But Steinbrueck is hoping he and his Greens allies, who together are polling around 38 percent, can catch Merkel’s centre-right coalition, currently on 45 percent, or at the very least deny them a parliamentary majority. To do that, he knows he needs to lure back many of the 10 million, mostly ordinary working class voters, who abandoned the SPD since 1998, disillusioned with its pro-business economic policies that squeezed low incomes.

So Steinbrueck, who was finance minister in Merkel’s “grand coalition” government between 2005 and 2009, has latched to the left in the campaign.

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**British warship to visit Gibraltar amid border row with Spain**

London, 9 Aug—A British navy warship will sail to Britain’s overseas territory of Gibraltar in the coming weeks, coinciding with a diplomatic row with neighbouring Spain, although officials said Thursday the trip was a routine and long-planned visit.

A centuries-old conflict over the rock of the British Colony of Gibraltar (back) is seen during sunset from La Linea de la Concepcion, southern Spain on 25 May, 2012.—Reuters

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Farming rights certificates presented to farmers in Pyinmana

Pyinmana, 9 Aug—Farming rights certificates were presented to farmers in Taungtha village-tract in Pyinmana Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area at the Taungtha village-tract administrator office on 6 August afternoon.

Village-tract administrator U Than Tun Aung delivered an address at the ceremony. Deputy head of Township Settlement and Land Records Department elaborated on land ownerships and entitlements of land owners. The village-tract administrator and officials presented certificates to 137 farmers. MMAL-Min Min Latt (Mandalay University)

AP opens Myanmar bureau

Yangon, 9 Aug—New York-based AP News Agency opened its Yangon Bureau at Centre Point Tower in Pabedan Township, Yangon Region, on 6 August.

The agency has become the first western news agency to open its bureau in Myanmar since the opening of bureaus of international news agency has been allowed on 1 April.

AP has more than 300 bureaus in over 100 nations. It is also the winner of 51 media awards. MMAL-Maung Zaw

Anti-Human Trafficking

Myanmar, Thailand meet in anti-human trafficking meeting


A total of 25 representatives attended the meeting.

The meeting focused on human trafficking information sharing and the effective action against human trafficking. MMAL-Zaw Myo Naing

Clean-up follows as flood wanes

Kawkareik, 9 Aug—Clean-up efforts started in lakes and wells in Kawkareik Township in Kayin State as the flood water decreased on 6 August.

Dump water seeped into the lakes and wells were pumped out in seven downtown wards in the township during the flash flood caused after heavy rains on 28-30 July.

The waters were then chlorinated. Under supervision of the district deputy commissioner, the clean-up measures were carried out by ward administrators, members of Township Development Affairs Committee, district/township-level personnel, members of social organizations and townsmen.

MMAL-District IPRD

Heavy rain causes flood in Hsipaw

Hsipaw, 9 Aug—Due to heavy rain for several days since 4 August, water level of river and creek in Hsipaw Township in northern Shan State increased and deluged the township with flood. Some plantations and 20 houses in Namakhaw Village in Hsipaw Township were flooded. Despite no casualty, some livestocks were lost and one house was destroyed in the flood.

MMAL-Sai (Hsipaw)

Meeting on architecture of Kachin State Hluttaw held

Myitkyina, 9 Aug—Kachin State Hluttaw met four winners in design contest for the state Hluttaw building at the state government office in Myitkyina on 5 August.

It was attended by State Hluttaw Speaker U Rawan Jone, Deputy Speaker U Sai Myint Aung, State Finance and Economic Development Minister U Nyunt Aung and Hluttaw representatives. The four winners in the contest participated by eight architects elaborated on each design.

The speaker, the deputy speaker, the minister and the lawmakers raised questions and participated in discussion. The speaker and the deputy speaker presented gifts to the architects. The speaker spoke words of thanks and attended to the needs.

MMAL-District IPRD

Indian Consulate-General organizes painting, essay contests

Mandalay, 9 Aug—Indian Consulate-General in Mandalay organized painting, quiz and essay contests for kids at Indian Villa on Theikpan road in Chammyathazi Township on 4-6 August.

Artists from Mandalay Art Club acted as judges of painting contests. Essay contests were organized in two languages—Myanmar and English. Lecturers of Myanmarars Department of University of Foreign Languages (Mandalay) will judge the essays in the Myanmar and the Consulate-General itself will scrutinize the English essays.

There were more than 600 participants in the contests. Winners will be awarded at Dhammasala Hall on 15 August.

MMAL-Aye Mya (Mann Myay)

Beware of DHF

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National reform leading...

(from page 1)

reforms and private sector reforms—as a strategic scheme in the transition. These reforms reflect desires of the people. The desires of the people are the desires and objectives of the government as well.

To ensure tangible results in political, economic and social reforms among four reforms, the government mechanism needs to perform well. The performance of the private sector is also necessary as 90 percent of the entire economy is under private ownership.

It is natural, according to international experiences of reforms, that the government would face barriers and challenges from inside and outside. Committed to maintaining the good governance and clean government, the government has to retire and transfer some senior government officials including Union ministers, deputy ministers and directors-general and take other actions against them due to poor performance, lack of transparency, lack of responsibility and accountability in dealing with the public, non-compliance with rules and regulations and corruption by some government departments and regional administration bodies over the past 30 months.

The Union ministers and the deputy ministers are cabinet members and ones responsible to translate the objectives and duties of the government into reality through cooperation and coordination. Some personnel still have a strong hand on the authority of the ministry they are responsible and fail to cooperate with other ministries. They are urged to decentralize the authority to regions and states and continue to adopt centralization. I would like to urge you to change your mindset to make your works being implemented by your ministries more effective. Only then, would you become the good civil servants who could best serve the public.

In the second 30 years we would give high priorities to fulfilling the following basic and socio-economic needs of the people:-

- Electricity supply;
- Adequate drinking and irrigation water and small and medium enterprises and industrial development for creating more job opportunities.

These tasks would be carried out by the Union ministers and the region/ state governments for ensuring more profits to the people.

The planning forces for quick win are as follows:-

- Boosting the agricultural industry on which the majority of population rely and poverty reduction by increasing incomes of the farmers;
- Tourism industry as a catalyst for rapid economic development;
- Setting trade and investment targets which are engines for economic development.

The capital investment and technical assistance would make the development of the country and the socio-economic development of the people possible.

The Ministry of Finance, the Central Bank and related organizations need to form special sector-wise and region-wise task forces and make field trips to coordinate banking and micro-financing development and monetary development and stability to ensure foreign and domestic investment flows.

For ensuring smooth and swift flow of not only banking services, trade and investment but also the whole government and private mechanism, the priority is to be given to communications and information technology sector through investments and technological transfer. The President urged the Telecommunications and Information Technology Ministry to take the leading role in realization of e-government within a year for introduction of ASEAN Single Window, in cooperation with all line departments.

It is the lack of capital and technology that has made the country to lag behind in development. Like all developed countries attempt to draw capital and technology for national development inviting foreign investments, Myanmar which is behind other countries in terms of development is striving to attract investment to create jobs for citizens. Infrastructure development efforts are a must as local and foreign investment would increase only when there are enough infrastructures including electric power.

Road, sea, air transport services and infrastructure are to be improved to ensure smoothness in trade and investment and decline in transaction costs for market competitiveness not only in ASEAN Free Trade Area but also in international market.

Human resources development works are to be carried out region-wise and sector-wise at the same time both for the present and the future in response to the intellectual capital demand in respective business models for economic development drive. Special attention is to be placed on sorting out the priorities to ensure effectiveness of the increased expenditure on health care service. The education and health sectors need radical reforms to help the future generation of the next crop of intellects take their place in the market.

It would be difficult to fulfill the socio-economic requirements of the people if the Union ministries and region/state governments still stick to old procedures in undertaking four-point reform plan and above-mentioned prioritized tasks within the remaining 20 months of the term. Grim determination and strenuous endeavours plus collaborative efforts in spirit of coordination and cooperation are a must to reach this goal.

Therefore, the national reform leading committee, led by the President has been formed separately to direct efforts on reform programme instead of tasking the project commission with designing and guiding reform plans in the past.

Union ministries and region/state governments are urged to form delivery unit/task forces and working groups to implement the policies on the ground through cooperation and coordination. In doing so, enough time is to be taken in sketching plans and making decision rather than holding coordination meeting for a day. They are urged to complete the prioritized tasks to bring positive results to the people, cooperating closely with local and foreign academicians, private organizations, and civil society organizations, listening to the wishes and voices of people, in the remaining 30 months.

Union ministers, region/state chief ministers are to give extra attention to improve the effectiveness of delivery units/task forces, which are required to coordinate the works for results sector-wise activities as prioritized tasks and areas for public interests must be sorted out through coordination and... (See page 9)
National reform leading... (from page 8) implemented manpower and huge expenses like allocated budget, foreign loans and assistance rather than implementing the separate action plans of respective Union ministries and region/state governments.

In allocating budget, coordination is to be made to grant increased budget shares for region and states which are obliged to bring about socio-economic development of people on the ground depending on their unique conditions and nature of the work to be done.

The profitability of government enterprises must be reviewed for improvement of government administrative mechanism and enterprises which have plan for corporatization and privatization are to submit their financial plans the coming Financial Commission Meeting in December.

In the national economic development drive, measures must be taken to assure regional security, peace and stability and the rule of law. The region/state governments are to directly command township security forces of Myanmar Police Force as it is important to preemptive measures in controlling the argument and crowd violence learning from the past conflicts. The Home Affairs Ministry is to reinforce the security forces with the police force under its direct control when the township police force alone is not capable of handling the conflict.

Following points must be followed to smooth administrative matters between region/state governments:

1. The region/state governments are to manage, direct, supervise and check the government departments in their municipal areas instead of Union ministries directly controlling them.

2. The region/state governments are to compile civil servants performance evaluation report and submit to Union government and present copies to Union ministries for efficiency of departmental personnel and staff and promotion and transfer in accordance with performance evaluation report;

3. The Education Ministry is not to directly appoint primary education level teachers and such appointments are to be made by region/state governments;

4. The Health Ministry is to continue training nurses and midwives at central level but to make coordination with region/state government in assigning them to their home areas; the region/state governments to appoint medical staff in remote regions through vacancy advertisement in newspapers as the direct appointment by the Health Ministry doesn’t work;

5. The officials who need direct permission of Union ministries, businesses region/state government can permit are to be allowed to local people to engage in, to create jobs for them;

In his advice to Regional/State Chief ministers, he said it needs to view those from Township Development Supporting Committees which are formed with the Township Management Committee and town elders and the Township Development Affairs Committees in order that they can deal with townships’ prioritized work.

The township-level work is a basic level for the development of Region/State. It needs to have exact facts and figures on the ground so as to effectively implement the tasks for individual income, drinking water supply, power supply, unemployment rate, creation of job opportunities, town and village development plans and collecting of facts and figures of sizes of towns and villages and increasing population and the homeless and the farmers without own farmlands. He called for swift implementation of farmland registration and issuance of farmland rights units, bringing about socio-economic development of the farmers.

He said the respective township committees need to invite Hlutaw representatives to their meetings in order to make coordination with them on submitting people’s prioritized needs to the administrative bodies ranging from township levels to the Hluttaw. He continued that special emphasis should be placed on full implementation of people-centered development tasks according to the transparency of government’s administrative mechanism, effective implementation of people’s voices and desires, fight against corruption and bribery, peace and tranquility and regional development.

He said in his conclusion speech that the countries that did not suffer the consequences of economic sanctions had to take 15-20 years to hit their goals. According to report by the Mckinsey Global Institute at the World Economic Forum, the size of Myanmar’s economy could reach 200 billion USD by 2030 if Myanmar doubles its production. He called for implementation of prioritized sectors in every township that can double the production.

Priority should be given to promoting livelihoods of farmers, workers, blue-collar workers and the poor, creation of job opportunities and development of farm sector and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). He urged those present to make all-out efforts for to bring about tangible results in the remaining 30 months of its reign.

Authorities defusing violence following a body of drowned person

Nav Pi Taw, 9 Aug—Police dispersed a crowd of 500 Bengalis while they were investigating a body found at the mouth of Hmsani Creek in Hmsani Ward, Sittway Township, Rakhine State at 8 am today.

The body of drowned person was 55 furlongs from Kawkardi Village, about 10 miles from the town. A fishing boat capsized at the mouth of the sea, three Burmese were washed away, the body was found at the mouth of the Hmsani Creek.

The police opened fire at an all-out effort for to bring about tangible results in the remaining 30 months of its reign.
Workshop on community assistance members for child protection held in NyaungU

NyaungU, 9 Aug.—The workshop on community assistance members for child protection, jointly organized by Committee of the Child Rights and MyanmarRed Cross Society, was held at Anawrahta Hall in NyaungU Township on 6 and 7 August.

Chairman of the Township Committee of the Child Right Township Administrator U Phyo Zaw Nyein made an opening speech.

At the workshop, participants discussed chronological of CRC and Myanmar child law, judicial procedures for juvenile, rights of live and development, abuse, ignorance and exploitation topics on 6 August. The second day workshop continued the workshop on 7 August.

They focused on community-based child protection system, right of accepting the citizenship (ID registration), review on danger, management at various levels, incident of children, solving the current problem and other topics.

The workshop came to an end at 4:45 pm.

The workshop was attended by departmental heads, representatives of social organizations, 10 members of Township Child Right Committee, 45 members of Township Support Committee, and 13 staff of child project.

Kyemon-Ye Thara Aung (NyaungU)

The director of the department explained the outbreak of floods and purpose of donation.

After that, the director handed over seven big bags of feedstuff, 200 small bags and medicines to Township Administrator U Min Maung Maung.

Next, the Township Administrator explained systematic use of feedstuff and medicines for the animals of the flood victims in coordination with the Township Management Committee.—Kyemon-Township IPRD

L&F Ministry donates feedstuff, medicine to flood victims of Bilin Township

Bilin, 9 Aug.—Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries donated feedstuff and animal medicines for animals from flood victim families in Bilin Township of Mon State.

The donation ceremony was held at the hall of Township General Administration Department at 2 pm on 5 August.

Present on the occasion were Mon State Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Myo Nyunt, Director Dr Than Naing Tun of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, heads of Mon State, Thaton District and Bilin Township LBVDs, the township administrator, departmental officials and flood victims.

Kyemon-Than Zaw (Mongphyat)

Cash donated to flood victim farmers in Bilin Township

Bilin, 9 Aug.—A ceremony to donate cash assistance to farmers who faced floods of 29 July was held at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Bilin Township on 7 August morning.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Min Maung Maung explained flooding condition, relief and rescue works and assistance of cash and kind to the victims.

CEC member of Union Solidarity and Development Party U Maung Shein donated K 1 million for farmlands of the flood victim farmers through the township administrator.

Kyemon-Township IPRD
BOJ maintains ultraeasy monetary policy, keeps economic assessment

Tokyo, 9 Aug.—The Bank of Japan on Thursday maintained its ultraloose monetary policy introduced in April and left unchanged its assessment of the national economy that it is “starting to recover moderately,” after upgrading the view for seven consecutive months.

On Japan’s consumer prices that turned higher in June for the first time in one year and two months, the central bank said the size of the year-on-year increase in the index is likely to expand gradually. The BOJ is aiming to achieve an inflation target of 2 percent in about two years.

“Inflation expectations appear to be rising on the whole,” the BOJ said in a statement, revising its previous expression that some indicators suggest a rise in inflation expectations.

In June, the consumer price index excluding fresh food marked a 0.4 percent increase from a year earlier on higher energy prices amid a weaker yen. Some other economic data point to Japan’s economic recovery, with department store sales increasing 7.2 percent in June from a year earlier.

The jobless rate improved to 3.9 percent in Japan, falling below 4 percent for the first time in four years and eight months. But the BOJ apparently refrained from upgrading its economic assessment as a recovery in basic wages remains sluggish despite resilience in consumer spending, while a pickup in corporate investment seemed not strong enough to upgrade the view.

The prospects for overseas economies remained uncertain due to slowing growth in China and other emerging economies as well as possible negative impact stemming from possible tapering of the US Federal Reserve’s quantitative easing measures.

“With regard to the outlook, Japan’s economy is expected to recover moderately on the back of the resilience in domestic demand and the pickup in overseas economies,” the BOJ said.

“Regarding risks, there remains a high degree of uncertainty concerning Japan’s economy, including the possible risk for the European debt problem, developments in emerging and commodity-exporting economies, and the pace of recovery in the US economy,” it said.—Kyodo News

Singapore’s PM raised growth forecast

Singapore, 9 Aug.—Singapore’s Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said on Thursday that the country’s economic growth is expected to be between 2.5 percent and 3.5 percent this year, higher than the previous growth forecast of 1 percent to 3 percent.

In the first half of 2013, the economy grew by 2 percent.

Besides revealing the revised forecast in his national day message, Lee also touched on how the government has been responding to the long-term and short-term challenges that had featured most prominently since the general election in 2011.

The queues for public housing flats, built and sold by the Housing and Development Board, have been cleared and the build-to-order flat prices have stabilized, he said.

In terms of public transport, Lee said more buses have been added and Singapore is trying out free early morning rides into the city on its train network that carries a significant part of the commuters.—Xinhua

ASEAN cooperation important pillar in Vietnam’s foreign policy

Hanoi, 9 Aug.—Vietnam’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs held a ceremony to hoist the flags of Vietnam and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) here on Thursday to mark the 46th founding anniversary of ASEAN and 18th anniversary of Vietnam’s admission to the organization, local Press reported.

Participants to the event included heads of foreign diplomatic missions from ASEAN member countries and heads of the Vietnamese ministries, reported state-run Vietnam News Agency.

Since the first five countries signing the Bangkok Declaration to set up the association in August 1967, ASEAN has now encompassed 10 countries in the Southeast Asian region, enjoying increasing consensus, close connection and strong cooperation for mutual development.

Solidarity and cooperation for mutual development have always been the main trend in ASEAN throughout its 46-year existence, which closely connect its member countries.

Vietnamese Foreign Minister Pham Binh Minh has affirmed that ASEAN solidarity and consensus has been clearly demonstrated, especially when dealing with sensitive issues and priorities during the final stage of the formation of the ASEAN Community by 2015.

During its 18-year journey with the ASEAN after joining the association on 28 July, 1995, Vietnam has actively, positively and responsibly participated in the association’s activities, the reports said.

ASEAN cooperation will be an important pillar in Vietnam’s foreign policy of independence, self-reliance, diversification, multilateralization and active regional and international integration, it added.—Xinhua

Injured passengers receive medical treatment at a hospital in Vietnam’s central Quang Tri Province, on 8 Aug, 2013. A passenger bus carrying 31 people overturned on a bridge and plunged into a river on Thursday afternoon in Cam Lo District of Vietnam’s central Quang Tri Province. 17 people were injured, the Vietnam News Agency reported.—Xinhua

Taipei nuclear power plant may be leaking radioactive water

Taipei, 9 Aug.—Storage pools for spent fuel rods at Taipei’s First Nuclear Power Plant located in the densely populated north of the island may be leaking radioactive water, the island’s government watchdog said Thursday.

The Control Yuan said in a report that the storage pools for plant’s two reactors in Chinsin, New Taipei City, may have been leaking since 2009.

The operator of the facility, Taipei Power Co, has been unable to determine the cause of the leakage, while the Control Yuan said has increased over the years.

The report quoted Chen Yi-pin, Director of the Atomic Energy Council’s Department of Nuclear Regulation, as saying that he could not be sure whether the water is coming from the storage pools, but neither could he rule out such a possibility.

A government spokesman Chai Fu-feng told Kyodo News on Thursday that the water collected in the reservoir next to the storage pools of spent fuel rod pools does not pose any threat as it has been recycled back to the storage pools.

Chai said the water did not come from the storage pools but instead may have come from condensation or water used for cleaning up the facility.

The Control Yuan also censured Taipower in the report for failing to complete the interim dry storage facilities for spent fuel rods at the reactor site of the No. 1 and No 2 nuclear power plants.

Taipower had originally planned to complete the above-ground facilities by 2000 and 2001, respectively.

Taipei has three operational nuclear power plants and six reactors, while a fourth one is still under construction.

Reactor fuel rods need to be replaced with fresh ones every 18 months. Discharged fuel assemblies must be continually cooled in water pools for many years after they are no longer useful for generating electricity.—Kyodo News

Narita Airport accommodates overnight travellers for early flights

Chiba, 9 Aug.—Narita International Airport, which serves Tokyo, has been accommodating an increasing number of travellers staying overnight to catch early morning flights run by budget airlines that inaugurated domestic services a year ago.

Narita International Airport Corp (NAA), the airport operator, used to ban overnight stays by passengers inside the airport for security reasons but started allowing them in designated areas in Terminal 2 this spring and even opened a convenience store in July that remains open 24 hours a day for travellers.

NAA says that as many as 150 passengers stayed overnight at the airport on some days and it expects more people to do so in the future.

In late July, a group of young people travelling on budget airlines were sitting before dawn on benches inside the Terminal 2 building.

“Early morning flights are very convenient because I can make better use of the time on the day I travel,” said a 19-year-old male college student flying to Kagoshima Prefecture in southwestern Japan.

Early morning flights started serving the airport in July to August last year with the launches of Jetstar Japan and AirAsia Japan services. They have flights to Sapporo and other destinations just after the curfew-bound airport opens at 6:00 am.

The airport operator has also lobbed bus companies to increase the number of services from central Tokyo to arrive at the airport by 6:00 am.

For Narita, which is in growing competition with Haneda airport located closer to central Tokyo, budget carriers are seen as the trump card for passenger growth.

Takeshi Arakawa, 57, an NAA executive, said, “In order to become the airport of choice, we want to continue indirectly supporting budget airline travellers.”—Kyodo News

ASEAN cooperation important pillar in Vietnam’s foreign policy
Announcement of Successful Tenderer for Yangon International Airport Project

1. The Department of Civil Aviation had announced eleven prequalified firms selected by the Prequalification Evaluation Committee for the Yangon International Airport Project on 8 February 2013.
2. The Tender Evaluation Committee formed by the Ministry of Transport has evaluated the tenders submitted by seven prequalified firms and recommended to the Tender Selection Committee of the Ministry of Transport on 20 May 2013, a shortlist of four firms based on the results of financial and technical evaluations.
3. The Tender Selection Committee duly considered the financial and technical strengths and other relevant factors of the shortlisted tenderers and has selected the tenderer to implement the Yangon International Airport Project and one other tenderer as back-up candidate.
4. Accordingly, the Tender Selection Committee, Ministry of Transport hereby announce the successful tenderer and back-up tenderer for the Yangon International Airport Project as follows:

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Announcement of Successful Tenderer for Mandalay International Airport Project

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2. The Tender Evaluation Committee formed by the Ministry of Transport has evaluated the tenders submitted by four prequalified firms and recommended to the Tender Selection Committee of the Ministry of Transport on 3 July 2013, a shortlist of two firms based on the results of financial and technical evaluations.
3. The Tender Selection Committee duly considered the financial and technical strengths and other relevant factors of the shortlisted tenderers and has selected the tenderer to implement the Mandalay International Airport Project and one other tenderer as back-up candidate.
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2. The Tender Evaluation Committee formed by the Ministry of Transport has evaluated the tenders submitted by seven prequalified firms and recommended to the Tender Selection Committee of the Ministry of Transport on 25 June 2013, a shortlist of four firms based on the results of financial and technical evaluations.
3. The Tender Selection Committee duly considered the financial and technical strengths and other relevant factors of the shortlisted tenderers and has selected the tenderer to implement the Hanthawaddy International Airport Project and one other tenderer as back-up candidate.
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Sylvester Stallone fights with Bruce Willis, casts Harrison Ford in The Expendables 3

LOS ANGELES, 9 Aug—Action star Sylvester Stallone has slammed his Expendables co-star Bruce Willis via Twitter while announcing that Harrison Ford will be his replacement in the third film.

The film’s head honcho took to Twitter to announce the casting news and to vent his frustrations about the Die Hard actor, reported E! News.

“WILLIS OUT... HARRISON FORD IN!!!! GREAT NEWS !!!!!! Been waiting years for this!!!!!!!” wrote Stallone on the microblogging website.

Willis appeared in the first two Expendables films alongside Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jason Statham and many other actors, but it seems that the two action stars have parted ways following a feud.

Stallone addressed the issue that led to the split in a not so subtle tweet.

“GREEDY AND LAZY... A SURE FOR-MULA FOR CAREER FAIL-URE,” Stallone wrote.

His representative later confirmed that the tweet was indeed made in reference to Willis. Production for The Expendables 3 is slated to begin later this month with Jackie Chan, Wesley Snipes, Nicolas Cage and Milla Jovovich joining the star-studded cast.

The film is expected to hit the big screens on 15 Nov, 2014.

The Warner Bros project will also allow Leonardo to produce alongside his Appian Way partner Jennifer Davisson Killoran.

Leonardo DiCaprio to play a Viking in King Harald

LONDON, 9 Aug—Vacancy screenwriter Mark L Smith has written a film in which Leonardo DiCaprio will be seen playing Viking conqueror Harald Hardra-dra.

The 38-year-old has been put forward to portray Harald Hardrada, the 11th century conqueror hailed by some historians as the last great Viking king, reported Deadline.

Warner Bros has made a pre-emptive acquisition of the project, which would also allow DiCaprio to produce alongside his Appian Way partner Jennifer Da- visson Killoran.

The movie, specula-

tively titled King Harald, is being billed as Braveheart-style story.

Harald ruled Norway for 20 years, but his ruth-

less quest for power led to his exile in Russia before he eventually returned in triumph.

History buff DiCaprio is fascinated by the Vikings and previously wanted to star in a film about Viking warriors that Mel Gibson was supposed direct.

The 2009 film, spear-

headed by The Departed producer Graham King, was expected to be a violent and awe-inspiring story, but never made it to the big screen.—PTI
Murray shocked by Gulbis in Montreal

Montreal, 9 Aug—Andy Murray’s US Open preparations suffered a setback when he was up-set 6-4, 6-3 by an inspired Ernests Gulbis in the third round of the Rogers Cup on Thursday.

Playing just his second match since his Wimbledon triumph, Murray surrendered in less than 90 minutes to the Latvian world number 38, who produced some breathtaking shots on the Montreal hardcourt.

The loss leaves Briton Murray with only the Cincinnati Masters to fine-tune his game before the defence of his US Open title, having enjoyed a long lay-off in the wake of his second grand slam crown.

“The goal is to try and peak at the US Open,” Murray told reporters. “But to do that you need to make sure you prepare yourself well and obviously I would have liked to have done better here.”

Gulbis will now face Canadian Milos Raonic in the quarter-finals.

Rafa Nadal, also back in action for the first time since Wimbledon, was given a tough workout by Poland’s Jerzy Janowicz but survived to win 7-6, 6-4.

Janowicz served for the set and led 3-0 in the second but was unable to capitalise on his chances.

“It was a very good victory against a very difficult opponent,” Nadal told reporters.

“He played a little up and down but I’m pleased with the way I played... It’s a great victory for me.”

Nadal’s next opponent is Australian qualifier Marko Matosevic, who celebrated his 28th birthday with a 7-6(7), 6-7(10), 6-3 victory over Benoit Paire of France.

World number one Novak Djokovic had to come from a set down to beat a精神ised Denis Istomin under the centre court lights.

The Serbian was out of sorts at the beginning of his second match as Istomin went for his shots and found the lines with some scintillating tennis.

Djokovic, however, recovered and produced some of his own magic in the second set before he celebrated a hard fought 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 victory by thrilling the late night crowd with another dancing routine on the centre court, this time wearing a 1970s styled wig.

Djokovic’s quarter-final opponent will be French number one Richard Gasquet, who similarly staged a comeback to send Japan’s Kei Nishikori home.

Canada’s challenge in the tournament reached new heights not seen by the locals in over 20 years when 11th seed Raonic joined his 71st ranked compatriot, wildcard Vasek Pospisil, in the last eight.

Raonic ended Del Potro’s impressive recent run with a 7-5, 6-4 victory while Pospisil chalked up his first ever win over a top 10 player when he held his nerve in a thrilling deciding tiebreak to shock Czech fifth seed Tomas Berdych.

Pospisil had already beaten in-form American John Isner and another Czech in Radek Stepanek to reach the third round.

He will meet another experienced campaigner, Russia’s resurgent former world number three Nikolay Davydenko, in his debut Masters series quarter-final.

Furyk and Scott share Oak Hill lead, Tiger toils

The American, whose debut Masters champion Scott, surged into contention with five consecutive birdies from the par-four fifth on a receptive East Course ripe for plundering but his momentum was halted by a weather delay of 70 minutes due to the threat of lightning.

After returning to the course, Australian Scott also birdied the par-four 14th to briefly snatch the outright lead at six under before bogeying the 16th to rejoin Furyk in a tie at the top.

“It was a dream start after kind of a nervous first couple of holes,” Scott said of his red-hot outward nine of five-under 30. “Probably the best (birdie) run I’ve ever had and I just hit really nice shots and didn’t leave myself too much work.

“And then after playing so well, I was starting to feel it slip coming in on the last three holes. To make one on 18 and get something out of the round that I felt could have been special was a nice feeling, I did play very well today.”

Scott, who led last month’s British Open by a shot with seven holes to play before a run of four straight bogeys dropped him back into a tie for third, remained level with Furyk by sinking a 15-foot par putt on the final hole.

Selling Suarez to Arsenal ‘ludicrous’—Liverpool owner

London, 9 Aug—Liverpool owner John W Henry has ruled out selling unsettled striker Luis Suarez, adding that to let him go to Premier League rivals Arsenal would be “ludicrous”.

Uruguayan Suarez, who scored 29 goals in all competitions last season, is desperate to play in the Champions League and insisting Liverpool stand by what he says was a commitment to let him leave if they failed to qualify.

Arsenal have had two offers for the 26-year-old turned down and Henry made it clear that any further bids from the North London club, or else, where, would be similarly rebuffed.

The American, whose reaction to Arsenal’s second bid was to tweet, “What do you think they’re smoking over there at Emirates?”, said he was “unequivocal” that Suarez would not be leaving.

“We are not going to sell Luis,” Henry, who also owns Major League Base- ball’s Boston Red Sox, told British newspapers. “For all the top clubs it’s extremely important (not to sell to a rival) but especially for Liverpool because we’re not in Europe this year and have not been in the Champions League for a while.

“To sell to a rival for those positions, or one of them, would be ludicrous. Liverpool needs to be playing in Europe. It needs to be playing in the Champions League. That’s what Liverpool football club is about.”

Henry said offers from clubs outside the Premier League would not be considered because there was not enough time before the end of the transfer window on 2 September for manager Brendan Rodgers to replace him.
World’s largest art show “Art Everywhere” launched in London

LONDON, 9 Aug — The world’s largest art show was launched on Thursday in London by the artist who designed the album cover to one of the most famous albums in rock and roll history.

Artist Sir Peter Blake, who designed the instantly recognizable cover to The Beatles’ 1967 album “Sgt Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band”, launched the “Art Everywhere” event in West London this morning.

The “Art Everywhere” event will see huge reproductions of famous paintings and art works chosen by the British public displayed on tens of thousands of advertising hoardings across the country between 12 and 25 August.

Blake launched the event by unveiling a giant reproduction of his painting “The Meeting or Have a Nice Day Mr Hockney” on an outdoor billboard at a shopping centre.

The works chosen for reproduction were selected in a popularity vote by the public. Those works are from paintings held in various national collections in British art galleries.


Vietnamese FM ends visit to Angola with training memo

LUANDA, 9 Aug — Vietnamese Foreign Minister Pham Binh Minh left here on Thursday after a two-day visit to Angola to promote bilateral cooperation.

During the visit, the Vietnamese minister met with his Angolan counterpart Georges Rebelo Chikoti to discuss ways to strengthen political and diplomatic cooperation.

Vietnam wants to convey its experience in education, health, construction and agriculture, especially the production of rice, the Vietnamese minister said. Minh also called for an increase of bilateral trade. During his visit, the two countries signed a memo on vocational training.

Rochester, 9 Aug — He is known as Asia’s version of John Daly but little-known Kiradech Aphibarnrat of Thailand made a name for himself by storming into contention at the PGA Championship on Thursday.

The 24-year-old’s hefty physique and big-hitting, go-for-broke style of play have drawn comparisons to that of Daly and he lived up to the billing, finishing his opening round three shots ahead of world number one Tiger Woods.

Aphibarnrat, who changed his name for good luck and gave up racing Subaru Imprezzas in Thailand has not carried over to the golf course, where he has recorded one victory on the European Tour and two wins on his home Asian Tour.

“It was great golf for me and a good start for my second major,” Aphibarnrat told reporters after carding a two-under-par 68 at sunny Oak Hill Country Club.

But the adrenaline rush was short-lived as he had no nerves while playing in only his second major, where he hopes to improve on his missed cut at last month’s British Open.

“I was going good for me and a good start for my second major,” Aphibarnrat told reporters after carding a two-under-par 68 at sunny Oak Hill Country Club.

Thailand’s Kiradech Aphibarnrat tees off on the 11th hole during the first round of the 2013 PGA Championship golf tournament at Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, New York on 8 Aug, 2013. — Reuters

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With the aim of developing breeding of milk cows in Kachin State to carry out rural development and poverty alleviation, enabling the local people to consume better milk and milk products and increasing income of livestock breeding entrepreneurs, officials of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department bought 59 milk cows from Mandalay Region and distributed eight of them to livestock breeding entrepreneurs in Mohnyin Township on 30 July.

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Union Health Minister attends GMS meeting in Thailand

Sanitation carried in flood-affected urban area of Hlaingbwe

Record rainfall in YeU

Myanmar-China to cooperate in science and technological sector

Rakhine State Ministers reshuffled

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Renaming of Union Ministry

In accord with the agreement of the Seventh Regular Session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and the Government, the Minister of the ASEAN Secretary-General met with the high-ranking officials from Greater Mekong Sub-region countries and WHO’s South East Asia Region and development of health sector with other related ministries.

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Rakhine State Ministers reshuffled

Under Sub-section (f), Section 262 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Sub-section (g), Section 8 of the Region or State Government Law, the following Rakhine State ministers have been reshuffled to the ministries shown against them.

Nay Pyi Taw, 9 Aug.—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann attended a work coordination meeting between the committees and commission members of the Government, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker made an opening speech and responsible personnel reported on the resolution of the previous meeting. The committee chairmen, secretaries and commission members clarified works progress of the committee and commission.

Nay Pyi Taw, 9 Aug.—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin attended the meeting in Thailand.

Nay Pyi Taw, 9 Aug.—Chief Minister of Kayin State U Zaw Min attended a work coordination meeting between the committees and commission members of the Government, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker made an opening speech and responsible personnel reported on the resolution of the previous meeting. The committee chairmen, secretaries and commission members clarified works progress of the committee and commission.

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Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding

Ministry of Forestry and Mines

Ministry of Planning and Economic Development

Ministry of Transport

Ministry of Electric and Industry

Ministry of Development Affairs

Ministry of Social Affairs

Nay Pyi Taw, 9 Aug.—A meeting on science and technological cooperation between the Ministries of Science and Technology of Myanmar and China was held in Yangon this afternoon.

He then presented rice, instant noodle packets and eggs to flood victims at the new school in Kaso Village.

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Record rainfall in YeU

Nay Pyi Taw, 9 Aug.—According to the observation at 9:30 am hrs on 5 August inspected completion of repairing bridge No 3/12 on Hpa-an-Hlaingbwe road damaged in floods in Hlaingbwe Township of Kayin State. The Chief Minister also viewed collective sanitation tasks in Ward B and Myoma Market in Hlaingbwe where the people participated.

0.32 inch more than 5.59 inches was recorded at YeU Station for the month of August. YeU set new record with 5.91 inches exceeding

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Next, they signed an agreement on remote sensing satellite data sharing and cooperation in work programmes between Mandalay Technological University and China Center for Resources Satellite Data and Application (CRESDA) of China.