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**Nay Pyi Taw, 14 Aug**—President U Thein Sein delivered a speech at the ceremony to take heed of the address and make affirmation.

The translation of the President’s speech is as follows:

Auspiciousness to you all!

Today’s ceremony is the swearing-in of deputy ministers at the Union level. The Central Bank vice-governors are also here for they are at the same rank with the deputy ministers.

The oath mainly includes promise to safeguard the constitution, existing laws and the rule of law. They would have to be man of their words by keeping their vow.

I would first like to congratulate them on their appointment as Union-level deputy ministers. I happen to believe more that we would run the government mechanism more effectively with our incoming colleagues. They were appointed to the posts as a token of thanks for their honesty and performance. The ‘promotion’ ever comes together with more duties. The ‘duties’ include their national duty, ministerial duties and personal duties.

The national duty is the duty to protect the nation against disintegration, against the chaos caused by the disintegration of national reconciliation and the loss of the sovereignty. Actually, these are bounden duties of each and every citizen.

The ministerial duty is of the government’s duty. The ministers are operating as separate organs of the government through delegation of the government’s works.

To perform the government services well, one must be informed of the government’s objectives, ambitions and policies. Roughly, we have around 60 million population today. Despite different views of each individual, two common desires of the entire people could be found:

First, they want stability and the rule of law. Another is the socio-economic development. As an elected government, the desires of the people and fulfilling these desires are our objectives.

We must ensure political stability to enforce the rule of law and stability. We must end six-decade-long conflicts with ethnic armed groups. We must stimulate the country’s economy simultaneously to improve education, health and social standards of the people in order to shape their socio-economic development and eradicate the poverty.

Since taking office, we have issued laws that allow party registration, formation of associations, freedom of expression and media freedom in accordance with the constitution. Many people behind the bars received pardons and enjoyed these rights.

At the same time, we have invited ethnic armed groups to peace talks to end the internal conflicts deeply rooted like cancer for years.

We have divided peace negotiations into three levels—the negotiations at the region or state level, the negotiations at the Union government level and the negotiations against disintegration, against the chaos caused by the disintegration of national reconciliation and the loss of the sovereignty. Actually, these are bounden duties of each and every citizen.

President U Thein Sein greets deputy ministers, UCSB members and CBM vice-governors after they had made affirmation.—MNA

**Ceremony of taking heed of President and making affirmation held**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 14 Aug**—A ceremony to take heed of President U Thein Sein’s address and make affirmation was held at the hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 10 am today.

Present on the occasion were President U Thein Sein, Vice-Presidents Dr. Sai Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun, the Chief Justice of the Union, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, the Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, the Chairman of the Union Election Commission, the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Union ministers, the Attorney-General of the Union, the Auditor-General of the Union, the Chairman of Union Civil Services Board, the Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar, members of UCSB and vice-governors of CBM.

At first, the persons assigned duty as deputy ministers, members of UCSB and vice-governors of the CBM took affirmation in the presence of the President.

Next, the President delivered an address.

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**Myanmar Inception Workshop opened**

The workshop will take two days to conclude.

**Accident**

Expectant mother dies in lightning

As the expectant mother was sent to Kawlin People’s Hospital where medical check-up revealed that her male embryo was also dead, Kawlin Township Police Station opened a file of lawsuit over the case.

**Construction**

Overpasses scattered in Yangon Region from 1989 to date

According to the statistics issued by Directorate of Road Administration, there are 21 overpasses in Yangon Region from 1989 to 2013. With regard to the overpasses, Sule Overpass opened 10 December 1989 is 158 feet long and 50 feet wide, Insein Overpass 1245 feet and nine inches long and 34 feet wide opened on 20 January, Minye Kyawswa Overpass, 287 feet long and 41 feet wide on 3 January 1991, Hanthawaddy Overpass 56 feet long and 56 feet wide on 24 February 1991, Bauchtaw Creek Bridge 57 feet and three inches long and 76 feet and nine inches wide on 30 January 1991, Nataung Bridge 131 feet and seven inches long and 77 feet and nine inches wide on 30 June 1991, Panhlaung Overpass 100 feet long and 31 feet wide on 11 November 1991, Kyakkaile Overpass 167 feet long and 41 feet wide on 4 January 1992, Laganin Overpass 81.5 feet long and 72 feet wide on 18 January 1992, Maha Bandoola Bridge 749 feet long and 79.5 feet wide on 26 April 1992, Pyaunghru Overpass 534 feet long and 79.5 feet wide on 9 February 1993, Panosan Overpass 192.5 feet long and 68 feet wide on 6 July 1996, Thamaing Overpass 1086 feet and two inches long and 56 feet wide on 22 March 1997, Luklayyay Overpass 54 feet long and 14 feet and nine inches wide on 12 January 1990, Theingiyay Sghare Bridge nine feet wide on 8 April 1990, Bagaya Overpass 50 feet long and 53 feet wide on 8 April 1990.

**Agriculture**

Reddish earns higher income for farmers in Tatkon Tsp

The farmers use two boxes of reddish seeds per acre. The saplings of reddish are to be supplied water. Some of farmers irrigate the plantations from the wells and some spray them. 10-day saplings are to be fed fertilizer. The farmers must seek labourers to weed the reddish plantations and pay K 2000 per day.

One acre of reddish can fetch K 350,000 to K 400,000. Most of the reddish are transported to Yangon.

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Abe won’t visit Yasukuni Shrine on war anniversary

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M A N A M A , 14 Aug — Bahrain has tightened security ahead of planned protests, including new laws banning demonstrations and the reinstatement of Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman Al-Khalifa’s independence from Britain. The concerted new push for a ‘free and democratic Bahrain’ through mass protest is being driven by the Tamarrod (Rebellion), a loose association of opposition activists who came together in early July, according to social media quoting the group.

Reuters

Bahraini protesters demand tourism returns

The unrest spread between Shi’ite Iran and Sunni Arabia. The protests called for Wednesday are symptomatic of rising tensions in the country. In contrast with previous protests, the pending rallies prompted the government to pass tough new laws banning demonstrations in the capital Manama. Bahrain’s largest opposition group, the Islamic al Wefaq Society, said it was not planning to officially join protests although they supported the right to peaceful demonstrations.

"From what I have been hearing around, I know that it is going to be a peaceful movement but having said that I also expect clashes between the government forces and the protesters," the Wefaq leader, Sheikh Ali Salman, told Reuters.

"I only pray that there are no victims."

"I don’t see where the problem is, why we are not allowed to ask for our demands and needs in peaceful demonstrations," a 24-year-old secretary, who asked not to be named, said.

"The more the government suppresses people, the angrier they will get."

"But a 34-year-old banker, who also asked for anonymity, said such protests are intimidating. "The anti-government societies tried to scare us on February 14 of this year, using the social media to announce their plans and activities but thanks to the forces they were not able to do anything," he said, referring to an earlier call for protests to mark the second anniversary of the 2011 uprisings.

Complaining of discrimination against major- ity Shi’ites in areas such as employment and public services, the opposition is demanding a constitutional monarchy with a government chosen from within a democratically elected parliament.

The Manama government denies any discrimi- nation. Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman Al-Khalifa sternly warned activists on Monday that no protests would be tolerated and anyone inciting them would be prosecuted.

Reuters

Egypt imposes state of emergency after 95 people killed

CAIRO, 14 Aug — At least 95 Egyptians were killed on Wednesday after security forces moved in on protesters demanding the reinstatement of Presi- dent Mohamed Mursi, and the government imposed a state of emergency as unrest swept the most populous Arab nation.

Troops opened fire on demonstrators in violence that brought chaos to areas of the capital and looked certain to further polarize Egypt’s 84 million people between those who backed Mursi and those who opposed his rule.

The state of emergency, starting at 10 a.m. ET on Wednesday, was to last a month.

Members of the Muslim Brotherhood and supporters of ousted Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi throw stones at riot police and army personnel during clashes around the area of Rabaa al-Adawiya mosque, where they are camping, in Cairo on 14 Aug, 2013.— Reuters

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Prominent Arab league and Indonesian officials expressed concern about the crackdown and urged a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

"We deplore the violence and call on all sides to lift the state of emergency as soon as possible and to allow a resumption of the political process," the Arab league's chief, Nabil al-Araby, told state television.

"We call on the Egyptian authorities to end the state of emergency and to lift all restrictions," Indonesian foreign minister Marty Natalegawa said.

Prime Minister Shinde had announced the imposition of the emergency a few hours earlier.

"The situation is very serious and the government has decided to impose the state of emergency," the prime minister, Pranab Mukherjee, said. "This is aimed at maintaining peace and order in the country."

The emergency is a significant shift from the government’s stated position that the Arab world’s most populous nation needed to stay on course towards democracy after the brief rule of Mursi, who was toppled in July by the army.

"We condemn violence of every kind," said a Mursi supporter. "We expect the government to lift the emergency soon."

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Hyperloop crash-proof capsules could travel at speeds up to 1300 kilometres per hour

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 Aug — California billionnaire Elon Musk took the wraps off his vision of a futuristic “Hyperloop” transport system on Monday, proposing to build a solar-powered network of crash-proof capsules that would whisk people from San Francisco to Los Angeles in half an hour.

In a blog post, Musk, the chief executive of electric car maker Tesla Motors Inc described in detail a system that, if successful, would do nothing short of revolutionizing intercity transportation. But first the plan would have to overcome questions about its safety and financing.

The Hyperloop, which Musk previously described as a cross between a Concorde, rail gun and air hockey table, would cost an estimated $6 billion to build and construction would take 7 to 10 years.

Eventually, according to the plan, it would jettison more than 7 million people a year along one of the US West Coast’s busiest traffic corridors. As many as 28 passengers could ride in each pod and the system could even transport vehicles, according to the 57-page design plan.

Musk, who in the past has hinted at the hopes of building such a system, proposed the Hyperloop as an alternative to a $68 billion high-speed rail project that’s a major priority of California Governor Jerry Brown. It would be safer, faster, less expensive and more convenient, Musk said in the blog post. But not everyone is convinced the project is a good idea.

Jim Powell, a co-inventor of the bullet train and director of Maglev 2000, which develops high-speed transport systems using magnetic levitation, said the system would be highly vulnerable to a terrorist attack or accident.

The biggest overall problem is the idea of the low pressure tube from a terrorist standpoint,” he told Reuters after taking an initial look at Musk’s specifications. “All a terrorist needs to do is pull over, toss a net of explosives at it, and then everyone in the tube dies,” he said.

Musk said that since the tube will be low but not zero-pressure, standard air pumps could easily overcome an air leak. He also said the transport pods could handle variable air densities. Musk may also have negated a factor in a few costs. Powell said that since an extensive monitoring system would be needed to keep track of the tube’s pressure, the cost of the project could double Musk’s estimate, coming closer to $12 billion.

Brocade Communications sees demand for storage products rising

New York, 14 Aug — Network equipment maker Brocade Communications Systems Inc (BRCD.O) reported third-quarter results above analysts’ estimates and said demand for its storage products was improving. Brocade expects revenue from its SAN (Storage Area Networking) business to rise 1 to 4 percent in the current quarter compared to the third quarter. The company’s shares rose 18 percent in after-market trading.

“We are seeing a rebound occurring in the broader storage market and believe that the recovery will strengthen for the remainder of this calendar year,” Chief Executive Lloyd Carney said in a statement. Brocade makes hardware and software for connecting corporate storage systems and servers. Its products are used in storage area networks (SANs), which manage storages resources in big companies for easier management and higher utilization. The company’s SAN business accounted for nearly 61 percent of its revenue last year.

“The storage market continues to be softer than it was a year ago, but we are receiving positive indications from our partners that end-user demand is improving,” Carney added. Brocade’s SAN revenue fell 2 percent in the third quarter, while overall revenue, which fell 3 percent to $536.6 million, still beat analysts’ estimates. “The company hasn’t performed as well as expected in the past,” Craig Hallum analyst Rajesh Ghati said. “It has kind of come out and executed against the low bar.” Net income almost tripled to $118.7 million, or 26 cents per share, from $43.3 million, or 9 cents per share, a year earlier.

Yingli and DEK to build solar power research centre

SHIJIAZHUANG, 14 Aug — The solar energy giant Yingli and British company DEK Solar are set to jointly build a research centre in Baoding City, Hebei Province, Yingli announced on Tuesday.

DEK Solar will provide its most advanced research apparatus to a Yingli lab, and the two companies will work on technologies essential to the solar energy industry, according to the agreement. Yingli board chairman Miao Liansheng said his company is pushing the industry out of current adversity through technological innovation. “The solar energy industry is about to recover,” Miao said. “Co-operation on innovation will accelerate the industry’s rejuvenation.”

Chinese solar panel makers suffered great losses due to overcapacity, and a recent trade dispute with the European Union worsened prospects for the profitability of the industry.

Microsoft Windows 8.1 coming to public in October

KOLKATA, 14 Aug — It looks like the final version of Windows 8.1, the updated version of Microsoft’s desktop OS, will be released to the public in October.

According to a report by ZDNet, Microsoft is close to achieving its August target for releasing Windows 8.1 to manufacturing. The report by Mary Jo Foley, who has a good track record when it comes to reporting developments related to Microsoft, cites sources to inform that the Redmond giant will not release the Windows 8.1 update to general public, however, until mid-October.

Both reports mention that the gap period from RTM to release will allow Microsoft to fix bugs and release updates when the OS releases publicly in October. Microsoft had made the preview version of Windows 8.1 available to the public for download in June. As the word ‘preview’ suggests, this build is sort of a final beta and contains some bugs, though Microsoft is constantly re-leasing system updates to patch them. The Windows 8.1 update features a couple of new improvements including a new Start tip that offers Start menu like functionality, desktop wallpaper for Start screen, updated search, automatic app updates, new multitasking experience, a revamped Store, better PC settings and a new version of Internet Explorer, among other changes.

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Carbon ion radiotherapy “safe and effective” for spinal tumours

WASHINGTON, 14 Aug — A specific radiation therapy called carbon ion radiotherapy (CIRT) can control cancer growth and prolong survival in patients with inoperable spinal tumours, according to a study published online Monday in the US journal CANCER.

Researchers from the National Institute of Radiological Sciences in Japan hailed the treatment as “a promising alternative” for patients whose spinal tumours are unable to be surgically removed. In the study, Reiko Imai from the National Institute of Radiological Sciences and her colleagues analyzed the outcomes of 47 patients with medically unresectable spinal sarcomas, excluding sacral tumours, who received treatment with CIRT between 1996 and 2011.

The analysis found tumour growth was controlled for at least five years in 79 percent of patients. It also revealed that 52 percent of patients survived for at least five years with 48 percent of patients surviving that long without experiencing cancer progression. The researchers reported that patients experienced “no fatal toxicities” from the treatment. However, one patient had a skin reaction, seven patients had vertebroplasty, one developed a spinal compression caused by surgical intervention, and one developed a spinal compression.

At the last follow-up appointment, 22 of the 28 patients who were alive could walk without supportive devices. The researchers said the CIRT treatment “appears to be both effective and safe” for those suffering from unresectable spinal sarcoma. “This report is the first one regarding spinal sarcomas treated with carbon ion radiotherapy,” said Imai in a statement. “And our findings offer a treatment alternative to patients with inoperable tumours.” — Reuters

Sudden death during sports more common among men

NEW YORK, 14 Aug — Men who run, cycle or play other recreational sports are 20 times more likely to die from a sudden heart problem than female recreational athletes, according to a new study.

Although it’s been known that sports-related sudden deaths are more common among men, some researchers have believed that’s due to fewer women playing sports in the first place, the lead author of the report said.

“I think our study is the first to demonstrate the low incidence of sudden death among women in the general population is not only related to a lower sport participation,” said Dr Eloi Marjion, who worked on the study at the Paris Cardiovascular Research Centre at Georges Pompidou European Hospital.

He and his colleagues tracked sports-related sudden deaths among adults in France between 2005 and 2010. Those deaths were due to cardiac arrest — when the heart suddenly stops beating, often related to a pre-existing heart condition.

The researchers compared the number of deaths in each sport to the total number of French men and women involved in those activities, based on a 2000 national survey.

There were 775 sports-related sudden deaths during the study period, including 42 among women, on the researchers reported on Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association. That worked out to a rate of one death for every 2 million female sports participants each year, compared to about one death per 100,000 male recreational athletes. — Reuters

Exercise may boost brain health in HIV-infected adults

WASHINGTON, 14 Aug — Regular exercise can give a significant mental boost to people living with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, a disease of the human immune system by infection with no effective cure for the moment, a US study said on Tuesday.

Researchers from the University of California at San Diego reported in the Journal of NeuroVirology that HIV-infected adults who exercise suffered significantly less neurocognitive impairment compared with those who did not. The participants also had better working memory.

In their study, 335 community-dwelling HIV-infected people were asked how much exercise they undertook during the previous 72 hours, and the persons were classified into those who engaged in significant exercise and those who did not. Seven cognitive areas were significantly affected by HIV were tested, including verbal fluency, working memory, speed of information processing, executive function and motor function.

The researchers found that HIV-infected adults who exercise were approximately half as likely to show signs of neurocognitive impairment as compared to those who did not. The participants also had better working memory.

The dollar, Asian shares inch lower on Fed QE expectations

TORONTO, 14 Aug — The dollar surged on the back of profit-taking in Asian trade on Wednesday and Asian shares drifted lower, though moves were small after US retail sales data reinforced expectations that the US Federal Reserve will soon pare its stimulus program.

The dollar bought 98.06 yen, down about 0.2 percent and moving back toward a seven-week low of 95.810 hit last week as investors locked in gains in its sharp rise over the last two days.

“The dollar looks firm on the whole but it is capped by Japanese exporters’ offers. Flows are limited and there’s no follow-through buying in Asia,” said Sara Sakakibara, vice-president of forex at Nomura Securities. Against a basket of major currencies, the dollar XY=DIPv dropped slightly US retail sales excluding cars, gasoline and building materials rose 0.5 percent in July, the largest increase since December, reinforcing expectations the US Federal Reserve could soon cut back quantitative easing. Yields on benchmark US Treasury bonds were down in Asia after rising to their highest in nearly two years on Tuesday, as investors prepared for a tapering of the Fed’s $85 billion-a-month bond buying, perhaps as soon as September.

Atlanta Fed President Dennis Lockhart said it was too early to detail plans for a tapering, but did not rule out the possibility of starting next month. His suggestion it would neither be sudden or drastic boosted sentiment in US stock markets that carried into Asian trade. MS&AD’s broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan JAPAN=MI-API0000PUS was slightly lower, while Japan’s benchmark Nikkei stock average .N225 erased early gains in line with a stronger yen, shedding 0.7 percent. The Korea Composite Stock Price Index (KSPI).KS11 edged up.

European indicators also painted a brighter picture. Germany’s ZEW economic sentiment survey was upbeat and euro zone industrial output rose, while UK house prices increased at their fastest pace in seven years. The US and European data offered evidence of an improving global economy, although they were not enough to provide a clear direction for the market, it will be enough to give it a push,” said Ko Seung-hee, a market analyst at SK Securities in Seoul. — Reuters

Ukraine, China sign document to boost fishery cooperation

KIEV, 14 Aug — Ukraine and China signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to boost cooperation in the field of fishery, the Ukrainian government said on Tuesday.

The document was signed during a meeting attended by officials from the Ukrainian Agrarian Policy and Food Supplies Ministry, China-Ukraine Association for International Projects and China National Corporation for Overseas Economic Cooperation, according to a Press release.

Both sides agreed to implement a joint project on the development of the Sevastopol Marine Fishing Port in southwestern Crimea Peninsula and the construction of fish-processing plants, it said. “Our common task is to ensure the success of the project given the geographic location of Crimea,” Ukraine’s Agrarian Policy and Food Supplies Minister Mykola Pyryazhnyk told reporters after the signing ceremony. China also showed strong interest in cooperation with Ukraine in the sphere of agriculture, in particular the fishery industry, and noted the development perspective of the project. Last year, Ukraine drew more than 800 million US dollars of foreign investment in agricultural projects and it is now seeking to attract about 3 billion dollars in 2013. — Xinhua

New Light of Myanmar
Wildfire threatens two Idaho mountain towns; evacuations ordered

Salmon, (Idaho), 14 Aug—A wildfire nipping at the edges of two Idaho mountain resort towns has destroyed about a dozen homes, prompting authorities to intensify calls to hundreds of residents to heed mandatory orders to evacuate, fire officials said on Tuesday.

It was unclear how many of the 1,000 summer residents of the towns of Pine and Featherville had actually left their homes ahead of the lightning-sparked blaze, which has already charred 99,000 acres and is now the nation’s top firefighting priority.

It is the second time in two years that the towns, about 70 miles east of Boise, have been ordered emptied over fires burning in the Boise National Forest. Officials said some residents may be staying because of a false sense of security fostered by the successful defence of the towns last year. “This is a more serious situation. We might be hopeful about protecting Pine and Featherville again, but it’s a different beast,” fire spokesman David Eaker said. In Boise, longer drought conditions and more extreme fire behaviour. By Tuesday, flames from the so-called Elk Complex fire that erupted last Thursday had engulped a number of houses and structures in a resort development near Pine that has been blocked by downed trees, Eaker said. Another fire official, information officer Ludie Bond, put the number of homes destroyed by the blaze at 12 to 15. Hundreds of firefighters have been assigned to the blaze.

The fire, whose threats are compounded by steep, rugged terrain, low humidity, gusting winds and thick smoke, is the latest to cause substantial property losses through a US summer fire season that experts predict could become one of the worst on record. Wildfires have raced across hundreds of thousands of acres in Idaho in recent weeks amid an uptick in drought conditions, high temperatures and strong winds, pouring thick smoke into mountain valleys, triggering air pollution alerts in several Idaho communities.

“The whole state is a tinderbox,” said Jennifer Smith, spokeswoman for the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise. Pat Christensen, co-owner with his wife of Cyndie’s Featherville Café, is among residents of Featherville who has chosen not to leave. The café is still offering breakfast, despite a loss of power that happened three days ago when the fire damaged dozens of electric lines. “It was real scary for a while but we survived this last year and we will again,” he said.

Meanwhile a fast-moving wildfire that ignited on Tuesday afternoon destroyed at least three houses and forced the evacuation of about 400 homes in two upscale residential developments on the outskirts of Park City, Utah, said Park City Fire District Battalion Chief Steve Zworn.

The cause of the blaze in scrub oak and sagebrush foothills about 40 miles east of Salt Lake City was unknown but there were reports of lightning strikes in the area mid-afternoon when the blaze erupted, Zworn said.

The 400-acre fire was less than 5 percent contained early Tuesday evening. The 2013 fire season has marked the most destructive blaze in Colorado history and has been among the most deadly on record for firefighters, 30 of whom have fallen so far this year. Nineteen special fire crews trained for wildfires were killed on 30 June after being overrun by wildfire on the outskirts of the small Arizona community of Yarnell. The tragedy marked the greatest loss of fire in US wildfire in 80 years.

Reuters

State minister Yamamoto to visit

Russian-held northern islands

Tokyo, 14 Aug—Ichita Yamamoto, state minister in charge of territorial issues, will visit Russian-held islands off the northern prefecture of Hokkaido in September 2013 for discussions with local officials and to inspect infrastructure, a government source said on Wednesday.

Yamamoto will visit Kunashiri and Etorofu islands, belonging to a group of islets claimed by Japan, from 19 to 23 Sept., in the first visit to the islands by an incumbent Japanese minister in eight years, the source said.

He will travel to the islands, known as the Northern Territories in Japan and the Southern Kurils in Russia, along with former Japanese residents under a visa-free programme aimed at promoting exchanges with Russian islanders.

Yamamoto will have discussions with local residents and officials and inspect progress in Russia’s infrastructure development on the islands, the source said.

Japan and Russia will hold working-level consultations in Moscow next Monday involving their deputy foreign ministers on the long-running territorial dispute after the leaders of both countries agreed in April to resume stalled territorial talks in a bid to resolve the issue.

The dispute has prevented the nations from signing a post-World War II peace treaty.

Four islands off Hokkaido — Kunashiri, Etorofu, Shikotan and the Habomai islet group — were seized by the Soviet Union following Japan’s surrender in World War II on 15 Aug, 1945.

Kyodo News

China-Russia joint drill to enter final phase

China-Russia joint anti-terrorist drill Peace Mission-2013 will enter its last phase — simulated combat on Tuesday involving their joint border and control of access areas, joint support for campaign equipment and live-ammunition exercises, Ma said.

The joint maneuvers, scheduled to run from 27 July to 15 Aug, are conducted at the Chebarkul combined training range in Russia’s Ural Mountains.

During the first two phases — troop deployment and battle planning, the troops practised joint reconnaissance, joint block and control of access areas, joint support for campaign equipment and live-ammunition exercises, Ma said.

The troop deployment was aimed at dispatching troops to designated areas and putting in place counter-terrorist deployment, and the battle planning was designed to coordinate campaign attacks and formulate combat plans, he said.

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“The last phase, we will organize field manoeuvres using live fire,” said Ma Xiaoxiang, Chinese assistant director of the drill and deputy director of the Combat Department of the China-Russia joint drill to enter final phase.

Shenyang Military Area Command Headquarters. “Now we are making final preparations for the upcoming two days’ exercises.”

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However, the drills are aimed at dispatching troops to designated areas and putting in place counter-terrorist deployment, and the battle planning was designed to coordinate campaign attacks and formulate combat plans, he said.

China-Russia joint drill to enter final phase

Harbin, 14 Aug—At least two people have been confirmed dead and four others were missing after a flood-triggered mudslide struck a township in northeast China, local authorities said on Wednesday.

The swollen rivers of Banyuan and Langxiang caused on Tuesday morning mountain torrents and mudslide in Langxiang Township, Tieli City of Heilongjiang Province, incurring a widespread blackout and disrupting telecommunications in the township, the authorities said.

The rescue is under way. The provincial water conservancy department said, all big rivers in the province, including the Heilong River, the bound-ary river of China and Russia, saw major flooding due to a week long of heavy downpours.

Official figures showed that the flooding has topped down 28,000 houses, inundated 1.8 million hectares of farmland and damaged harvests in 320,000 hectares of farmland.
New Mandalay Industrial Zone Management Committee formed

Mandalay, 14 Aug—New Mandalay Industrial Zone Management Committee was formed on 10 August at the meeting in Kanaung Hall in Industrial Zone in Mandalay Pyaygyadung Township.

Region Electricity and Industry Minister Dr Myint Kyu delivered an address at the ceremony and explained industrial zone, industrial and regional development. New Chairman U Aung Win Khang spoke words of thanks and new Committee Secretary U Maung Maung Oo elaborated on the formation of the new committee. The new committee was formed with U Aung Win Khang of High Tech Company and Myanmar Elephant Cement, five vice-chairmen, Secretary U Maung Maung of Lwin Industry, three joint secretarries, U Tun Maung of Gold Fish Oil Mill as treasurer, two assistant treasurers, U Nay Win of San Chain Hmi equipment as auditor and three assistant auditors. It was formed with 17 members in total.

The ten-member advisory board was led by U Kyaw Win of Kya Padetha Industry and 35-member executive committee chaired by U Tun Naing Win.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Literary talk organized in Magway

Magway, 14 Aug—A literary talk was organized in Sanyoekyaung Monastic Education School in Kyakan village in Magway Township on 21 August. It was organized by young people groups, Lanyaaykjei Library and Writers Association and Journalists Association.

Chit Naing (Psychology) delivered talks on “The Value of Life”, Nwan Gya Thaing on “2013 from Writer to Readers” and The Aung on “Read Books, Lads!”—MMAL-Magway Win Maung

Educative talks provided to villagers in Myinmu

Myinmu, 14 Aug—Sagaing District eye diseases prevention group led by Dr Tin Maung Thant provided treatment to eye patients of Nyaungyin and Paledan villages in Zabudipa Monastery in Nyaungyin village on 10 August morning.

They also conducted 15 minor surgeries and referred some patients who need major surgery to the hospital.

A total of 535 patients received the eye care.

The team will proceed to Peku village in Myinmu Township on 14 August and Kantaw village in Myinmu Township on 21 August.

MMAL-Ko Ko Naing (Myinmu)

Teaching aid donated to monastic education schools

Yangon, 14 Aug—A ceremony to donate teaching aid to monastic education schools in Yangon Region was held at Myintha MyoU monastic education school at the corner of Thitsa and Po Khaung streets in Ward 14/2 in South Okkalapa Township of Yangon Region on 11 August afternoon.

Chairperson Daw Khading Zaw of Earth Industrial (Myanmar) Co Ltd supplied on purpose of donation. Besesse Corporation, the Sumitomo Warehouse Co Ltd of Japan and Sanday Travel & Tour Co Ltd and Earth Industrial (Myanmar) Co Ltd donated teaching aid worth US$ 147,095 to Chairman of the Yangon Region Monastic Education School Supervisory Committee State Ovdacariya Tawaiki Dhamma Yeiktha Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jo-tikadajha Bhaddanta Dhammasara.

Monastic education schools in Yangon Region were opened in 1993-94 on a self-reliant basis. In 2012-2013, Yangon Region has 196 schools. So far, over 200 schools have been run in the region. Under the arrangement of the Department of Religious Affairs, the schools provide K 36,000 each to the teachers at primary level, K 40,000 to those at middle school level and K 45,000 to those at high school level.—Aung Thura

Torrential rain causes flood in Tahley Sub-Township

Tachilek, 14 Aug—Hilly and downtown areas in Tahley Sub-Township in Tachilek District in eastern Shan State were deluged with flood on 9-10 August after several days of heavy rain.

Nanflin creek in the sub-township became swollen and inundated Tahley-Kengtung road near Baytala village in Nantyaung village-tract in Tahley Sub-Township.

The traffic has been suspended temporarily since 10 August noon as the road was inundated by more than six feet deep.—MMAL-Myanmar Win Maung

Agriculture

Despite lack of rainfall, Myaung farmers start paddy plantations

Myaung, 14 Aug—Farmers in Myaung Township in Sagaing Region have started planting monsoon paddy despite less rainfall.

Some farms are irrigated by the river water pumping stations.

“Less acres of rain-fed farmlands would be put under paddy. Agricultural authorities and departmental personnel are working to cover the reduction with the acreage in farmlands fed by river water pumping station, at least to equal the rate of the previous year,” Township Management Committee Chairman U Aung Lwin said in a township meeting on 6 August.

The committee discussed further options and selection of quality strains suited with the region.

The river water pumping station in Tawingyi village could feed 1200 acres of farmland and a total of 229 acres have been put under monsoon paddy.

Authorities are working to plant more 505 acres in time.—MMAL-Myint Naing Soe (Htihlaingmye)

Disaster

Kengtung, 14 Aug—Due to heavy rain on two successive days on 9-10 August, downtown wards in Kengtung of eastern Shan State were inundated.

A total of 200 houses were affected by the inundation over downtown roads by one foot.

According to surveys at 1 pm yesterday, the water level has decreased significantly.

Departmental personnel, Tatmadawmen, village administrators, Red Cross members, Fire Brigade members and NGOs provided emergency aids which include lunch boxes, instant noodle, water bottle and food to the victims.

MMAL-Maung Maung Naing (Kengtung)
Rush hour management

It is a common scene in Yangon around 3 pm that cab drivers gesture ‘no’ to their demanding customers. Buses stuck on the road. FM traffic report read out the roads that have load of cars, it is where all the names of downtown roads in the country’s most populous city are heard. It is the challenging task for the taxi drivers in Yangon to avoid the long queue of luxury cars that stretch from the gates of private schools. Private schools from kindergartens to university schools are mushrooming in the city. They have no school ferries nor students opt to take none. One car for one student fills the road with luxury cars of the cream of the crops with extra convenient hours to spend on road. It is one of the most simple reasons why the city is facing dreadful traffic jams over a few years. The increase in number of cars in the city is to blame. Yet there are still many other reasons why that does happen. The municipal authorities fail to manage the traffic well. Expanding the road is the answer. Yes. But it takes time and money. These efforts should continue while efforts to ease the traffic jams are initiated. For example, in the private school case, they could issue a directive to require all the schools to arrange school buses and ensure all the students take them.

Here are few questions for the municipal authorities of the commercial city to answer: Do you initiate any traffic management in rush hours? Are you waiting for the point all the roads in the city become wider through time-consuming infrastructural development efforts and automatically heal the headache?

Though the human errors out...

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The Director-General of the Myanmar Radio and Television, Responsible personnel from local and foreign broadcasting media gave talks on development of broadcasting in Myanmar and participants of the conference took part in the discussion.

The conference meant to promote development of human resources, digital technology for broadcasting and presenting new styles of sport news.

The International Conference on Broadcasting Development in Myanmar would help Myanmar create opportunities for expanding links among broadcasting media, for acquiring broadcasting media knowledge and digital technology.

AIBD continues its 39th Annual Gathering, 12th conference on broadcasting development in Myanmar

YANGON, 14 Aug — Jointly organized by Ministry of Information and the Forever Group, 39th Annual Gathering of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development-AIBD and 12th International Conference on Broadcasting Development in Myanmar in progress, —MNA

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Symposium on arbitration held

Union Ministers discuss regional development tasks
Health

Auxiliary midwives under on-job training in Magway

Pakokku, 14 Aug—Trainees from the Auxiliary Midwife Training Course No 1/2013, conducted by Magway Region Government, were assigned duty to join the on-job training at the hall of Pakokku General Hospital on 13 August morning.

Deputy Township Administrator U Kyaw Soe Htin made a speech.

Medical Superintendent Dr Thin Thin Aye presented duty assignments to the trainees for their respective station hospitals, rural health centres.

Kyemon-Aung (Mann Tekkatho)

Traditional medicine short-term course conducted at Myeik Midwifery Training School

Myeik, 14 Aug—Myeik District Traditional Medicine Department and District/Township Maternal and Child Welfare Associations jointly organized the basic traditional medicine short-term course at the hall of the Midwifery Training Course on 13 August morning.

At the training course, Head of Myeik District Traditional Medicine Administrator U Kyaw Soe Htin made a speech.

Medical Superintendent Dr Thin Thin Aye presented duty assignments to the trainees for their respective station hospitals, rural health centres.

Kyemon-Aung (Mann Tekkatho)

Stake driven for construction of three-storey building at Bago University

Bago, 14 Aug—A ceremony to drive stakes for construction of the three-storey building was held at Bago University in Bago on 13 August morning.

Chief Minister U Nyan Win of Bago Region, Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Thet Tun, Region Minister for Social and Education Dr Kyaw Oo and officials were welcomed by Principal of the university Professor Dr Kyi Soe and staff.

At 8 am, the Chief Minister drove stake for the construction of the building.

Also present on the occasion were officials of social organizations of Bago and guests.

The building will be funded by the State and constructed by Autumn Dream Group of Companies assigned duty by the region government.

Kyemon-Min Sit Thu

Informal education activity launched in Mawgun

Mawlamyine, 14 Aug—A ceremony to launch the informal education for 2013-2014 academic year was held at Mawlamyinegyun in Ayeyawady Region on 12 Department Daw Wah Wah and traditional medicine practitioners gave lectures to the trainees on common diseases, basic knowledge about traditional medicine, usage of Myanmar herbal plants, kitchen used traditional herbal plants, personal hygiene and sanitation.

Altogether 57 trainees from the training school attended the three days course.—Kyemon-Myeik District IPRD

RC bridge under construction in Hopin

Hopin, 14 Aug—Hopin Sub-Township Development Affairs Committee built a box culvert which is 20 feet long, 5 feet and three inches wide and three feet high, at Phayagyi Market in North Momya Ward of Hopin in Kachin State in the second week of August.

The construction cost K 1.68 million.

In the past, the pipe culvert on the road was damaged and it blocked water and garbage. Therefore, the new facility was built for proper flow of water, said Junior Engineer-2 U Htay Myint of Sub-Township Development Affairs Committee.

Kyemon-Township IPRD

Drugs, related materials seized

Katha, 14 Aug—Under the leadership of the Commander of Katha District Police Force, SIP Aung Ko Min and party of Indaw Police Station in Indaw Township of Sagaing Region together with witnesses acting on tip-off searched the house of U Maung Lwin in Thanbo Village.

They seized one gram of opium latex, 0.5 gram of opium, K 10000, one opium filter, one ladder and other materials.

Indaw Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against U Maung Lwin under Section 15(1c)/20(1) of Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Kyemon-District IPRD

Say No-To Drug

Knowledge about danger of drugs disseminated

Hsipaw, 14 Aug—Lashio Anti-Drug Special Squad in Shan State (North) is striving for elimination of narcotic drugs.

While discharging main duty, the squad held educative talks. On 13 August, the squad organized an educative talk at the office of Lashio Bus Line Control Committee in Manhsu Bus Terminal in Ward 9 of Lashio.

Chairman of the committee U Khin Maung Thein spoke on the occasion.

Supervisory of the squad Police Captain Ye Naing gave lectures on matters related to narcotic drugs, narcotic drug and psychotropic substances law and rules, penalties, prohibited chemical precursors, abuse of narcotic drugs and danger with the use of projector.

Kyemon-Sai (Hsipaw)
ASEAN ministers hold informal talks on S China Sea, other issues

HUA HIN, (Thailand), 14 Aug—ASEAN foreign ministers began an informal meeting on Wednesday in Thailand in which they are expected to discuss territorial and maritime disputes in the South China Sea and other matters to be taken up with China in a series of upcoming meetings.

Thai officials said the ministers participating in the half-day "retreat" in the beach resort of Hua Hin will discuss preparations for a special meeting to be held in Beijing later this month between themselves and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, organized to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the ASEAN-China "strategic partnership."

They are also expected to discuss a planned meeting of ASEAN and Chinese senior officials in September in China's Suzhou, which will focus on a proposed “code of conduct” to manage disputes among claimant states in the South China Sea.

The results of those consultations will be forwarded to ASEAN-China leaders for discussion at their summit in Brunei in October.

"We also expect concrete development during the leaders' summit in October," Thai Foreign Minister Surapong Tivajrachakit said, noting that China has taken a "quite constructive" position in terms of its willingness to hold talks with ASEAN on forging a code of conduct.

A Thai official said the ASEAN ministers gathered in Hua Hin will also discuss economic, political and cultural cooperation between ASEAN and with China, as well as internal affairs of ASEAN, rather than focusing only on the South China Sea disputes.

The 10-member association of Southeast Asian Nations groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam—have claims in the South China Sea.

Regulators OK plan on safety measures for crippled Fukushima plant

TOKYO, 14 Aug—The Nuclear Regulation Authority on Wednesday approved Tokyo Electric Power Co’s plan on ways to ensure the safety of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant as the utility moves ahead to decommmission the crippled reactors.

The approval of the plan is part of the procedures to tighten regulators’ oversight of the complex, which was hit by a huge earthquake and tsunami on 11 March, 2011, and is still leaking radioactive substances into the outside environment.

"The move will enable us to conduct regulations under a legally based authority, so I believe we can regulate the site more properly," an official of the NRA secretariat told reporters.

NRA Chairman Shunichi Tanaka told the day’s meeting of the NRA commissioners that he wants to reinforce the team in charge of inspecting the plant. The plan refers to safety measures to be taken when removing nuclear fuel from the spent fuel pool of the Nos 1 to 4 units and the melted fuel from the Nos 1 to 3 reactors.

The utility will start extracting in November the fuel inside the spent fuel pool located atop the No. 4 reactor building, which suffered a hydrogen explosion in the early stage of the nuclear crisis. The NRA expected to approve the plan in February at the earliest, but the schedule was pushed back amid a spat of troubles at the Fukushima plant, including a blackout caused by a rat and leakage of radioactive water from underground tanks.

Most recently, the government said around 300 tons of contaminated groundwater could be flowing from the plant into an adjacent sea every day, in the latest revelation of how Japan is still struggling to contain the world’s worst nuclear crisis since the 1986 Chernobyl disaster.

Vietnam, Singapore agree to strengthen military ties

HANOI, 14 Aug—Vietnam and Singapore on Tuesday agreed to strengthen their defence cooperation in the coming time in line with their bilateral socioeconomic ties, reported online newspaper People’s Army.

The agreement came when Deputy Chief of General Staff of the Vietnam People’s Army Lieutenant General Tran Quang Khue met visiting Assistant Chief of General Staff of the Singaporean Infantry Force Col Wong Yue Han in Hanoi.

During the meeting, the two sides also agreed to increase the exchange of delegations at all levels and cooperation in training, English language for staff.

The Singaporean side also pledged to share its experience and create conditions for the Vietnam People’s Army to join the United Nations peacekeeping operations.

Leftist rebels disarm, burn vehicles of Japanese firm in S Philippines

DAVAO CITY, (Philippines), 14 Aug — Leftist rebels on Wednesday attacked anew a multinational firm in southern Philippines, burning several trucks and disarming guards, the military said.

At least 20 New People’s Army guerrillas stormed the compound of Sumitomo Fruits Co (Sumifru) in Bangbang town, Matalam village, in Mindanao’s North Cotabato Province at around 2:15 am local time and overpowered the company guards, according to Captain Severino David, spokesman of the military’s Eastern Mindanao Command.

The guerrillas confiscated four shotguns and handheld radios from the firm security men before fleeing to an unknown direction.

David said the attack could be due to the firm’s sale to the rebels’ revolutionary tax exacted from businesses and politicians. He said police and army troops were now pursuing the NPA rebels.

The 4,000-strong NPA, armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines, is fighting a leftist insurgency in 60 Philippine provinces since 1969.

Indonesian corruption watchdog arrests head of oil regulator

JAKARTA, 14 Aug—Indonesian Anti-Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) arrested Rudi Rubiandini, head of upstream oil and gas regulatory body SKK Migas, on Tuesday night for alleged bribery, local Metro television reported here on Wednesday.

Spokesman for KPK Johan Budi told the television in a live broadcasting that Rubiandini, former deputy minister for energy and mineral resources, was arrested at his house at 22:50 pm on Tuesday when he was allegedly taking a bribe from two officials from a private company. However, Johan declined to reveal the name of the firm.

The KPK seized money in US dollar and scores of documents, he said.

The commission is questioning Rubiandini and will then declare his legal status, according to Johan.

SKK Migas manages oil and gas contracts and projects valued at billions of US dollars.

Indonesia has been struggling to combat seismic corruption with KPK at the front line. A number of officials including lawmakers and active central bank governor have been sent to jail or undergone legal process for corruption charges.

People pass colourful lanterns at a Zen Buddhist temple in Kamakura, Kanagawa Prefecture, northeastern Japan, on 13 Aug, 2013. The lanterns were lit in the “mantokuyo” event to commemorate the dead, particularly ancestors and victims of the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami.

KYODO NEWS

A staff member recommends books to a visitor during the 2013 Shanghai Book Fair in East China’s Shanghai, on 14 Aug, 2013. The seven-day book fair kicked off on Wednesday. —XINHUA

Aircrafts of Breitling Jet Team, a famous European aerobatic team, perform above the Jiayuguan Pass in northwest China’s Gansu Province, on 13 Aug, 2013. The team will give a free performance in Karumay City in northwest China’s Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region during its tour in China. XINHUA
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Jennifer Lawrence “always knew” she would be famous

LOS ANGELES, 14 Aug —With a best actress Oscar win and a hit franchise to her name at age of 22, Jennifer Lawrence has arrived in Hollywood in a big way and the star says she always knew about hitting stardom someday. The actress, who is on the cover of Vogue magazine’s September issue, said she always had an idea about what she wanted and fame was one of those things.

“I’ve never said this before, because there is no way to say it without it being completely misunderstood, but ever since I was really little, I always had a very normal idea of what I wanted: I was going to be a mom, and I was going to be a doctor, and I was going to live in Kentucky. But I always knew that I was going to be famous,” Lawrence told Vogue. “I honestly don’t know how else to describe it. I used to lie in bed and wonder, ‘Am I going to be a local TV person? Am I going to be a motivational speaker?’ It wasn’t a vision. But as it’s kind of happening, you have this buried understanding: of course, she added.

Lawrence is reprising her role as Katniss Everdeen in Catching Fire, the sequel to her hit The Hunger Games. And the actress says she can identify with her character because she has made a similar journey. “When Winter’s Bone was getting nominated, I had only done indies, and suddenly I was introduced to this brand-new world where I didn’t feel like myself. I was in these weird gowns and listening to people talk about things I didn’t understand. And I remember reading that in the book and being like, ‘Oh, my God, I know exactly what this feels like,’” she said.

“I don’t know what it’s like to get ready for your death, but I do know what it’s like to be almost a puppet. And then when I was making the second film, I had become more acquainted with that world, and I think that’s something that Katniss experiences,” she added. The actress will also be seen in David O Russell’s film American Hustle opposite Christian Bale after an Oscar-winning turn in the director’s last film Silver Linings Playbook. “I got to make out with Christian Bale,” she said.

Lindsay Lohan: primed for a comeback that could be her last

LOS ANGELES, 14 Aug —At the premiere of director Paul Schrader’s “The Canyons,” last week in Los Angeles, the film’s star and Hollywood’s favourite troubled actress, Lindsay Lohan, was nowhere to be found among the boozing pool-side crowd.

“We get used to these last-minute situations,” Schrader wryly told the audience. “We know that she wanted to go to the premiere, but there was one of those things. There becomes chaos. It’s exhausting for her.” Lohan’s early success and enviable looks made her one of the most sought-after and enviable looks made her one of the most sought-after and her role as Katniss Everdeen in Catching Fire, the sequel to her hit The Hunger Games. And the actress says she can identify with her character because she

When Priyanka Chopra pulled a fast one on Apoorva Lakhia

MUMBAI, 14 Aug—Priyanka Chopra and Ram Charan Teja may let director Apoorva Lakhia call the shots on the sets of their upcoming film Zanjeer, but off it they decided to take matters in their own hands to pull a prank on him. Recently, a flurry of SMSes went out from Lakhia’s cell phone informing his near and dear ones that he was all set to get married.

Incidentally, the director’s marriage is long pending and the two actors decided to play a prank regarding this. A source from the sets says, “Ram and PC want Apu, as they fondly address him, to get married soon. It also happened to be their favourite topic of discussion. They went snooping into Lakhia’s phone and sent out a very mischievous text message to his phone contacts including his parents.”

Celebrity moms back California anti-paparazzi bill to protect kids

AGRAMENTO, (California), 14 Aug—Hollywood moms Halle Berry and Jennifer Garner continued their campaign to keep paparazzi away from the children of celebrities on Tuesday. Appearing at a legislative hearing in California to urge passage of a bill that would increase state penalties for doing so from a maximum of six months in jail to a maximum of one year, and increase the potential fine for doing so to $10,000, from the current $1,000. “I don’t do a gang of shouting, arguing, lawbreaking photographers who camp out everywhere we are all day every day to

Paparazzi have been a problem for celebrity children, and the bill is an attempt to make things better. “We are all day every day to

Meanwhile, Priyanka Chopra was also in the news earlier this month when she was sighted with a man believed to be her boyfriend. The actress is all set to get married soon, and the couple is said to be very happy together. The couple is said to be very happy together.

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Nadal makes hard court look easy as US Open approaches

CINCINNATI, 14 Aug—For many seasons Rafa Nadal has arrived at the tail end of the tennis schedule with his knees creaking like two rusty gates and bruising the aches and pains that are payment for his action-packed style. But the Spaniard had no complaints as he glided into a new conference on Tuesday ahead of his opening-round match at the Western and Southern Open to discuss what has been a perfect start to the North American hard-court campaign.

Nadal has already counted two hardcourt wins among his eight titles this season with victories at Indian Wells in March and in Montreal last week. With the exception of grass courts and an opening-round slip up at Wimbledon, the Spaniard has impressed on all surfaces this season having added to his grand slam collection at the French Open and capturing four of six Masters Series events. Playing in his first tournament since a shock exit at the All-England Club, Nadal returned to action in Montreal last week and showed he was back to near his best and that his ailing body was ready for the grueling demands of the North American hardcourt campaign.

Less than 24 hours after Saturday’s hard-fought, semi-final win over world number one Novak Djokavic, Nadal, playing with all the conviction and freedom of a man near the peak of his powers, crushed Milos Raonic in front of the Canadian’s home crowd to claim his 25th career Masters title. With eight wins from 11 events, there is speculation that Nadal has finally struck a balance between tournaments and time off that has allowed him to handle the grueling hardship of the aches and pains that two rusty gates and bruising have been causing for much of his opening-round match in Cincinnati. But the muscular Majorca launched off that suggestion saying it was virtually impossible to come up with a foolproof plan simply due to the nature of the sport.—Reuters

Defar returns to centre stage in 5,000m heats

MOSCOW, 14 Aug—Ethiopia’s twice Olympic champion Meseret Defar takes to the track for the first time at these world championships Wednesday. In Wednesday’s 5,000 metres heats after deciding not to run the 10,000 earlier in the week.

Defar, the 2007 world champion, starts as favourite for a second title in the absence of her great rival and compatriot Tirunesh Dibaba, who won the 10,000 crown on Sunday before saying she would not run the shorter distance.

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Wallace joins Inter Milan on loan

Wallace passed a medical at the San Siro on Tuesday and will stay at the Italian Serie A club until June, according to Globesporte.

It has been far from a vintage season for Federer, who has seen his world ranking dip to number five and had title chances at stake. Federer arrives in the United States off a particular rough patch of form, losing in the second round at Wimbledon and then dropping his opening match at his home tournament in Gstaad. However, the Swiss maestro was all business on an unusually chilly Ohio night, running his record against Kohlschreiber to 7-0.

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The Braves will observe a moment of silence on Tuesday night during their second game this week against the Phillies, the team said in a statement. “The Atlanta Braves extend our sincerest and heartfelt condolences to Mr Homer’s family and friends,” the statement read.—Reuters

CINCINNATI, 14 Aug—The Maria Sharapova-Jimmery Connors partnership got off to a rocky start on Tuesday as Sloane Stephens shocked the third ranked Russian 2-6, 7-6(5), 6-3 at the Western and Southern Open. Victoria Azarenka also made a shaky return following a brief injury layoff but recovered to dispose of Canadian Lauren Davis 6-1, 7-6(6) and reach the last 16.

While it is too early to tell if Sharapova and Connors can produce the same kind of success Andy Murray has enjoyed since recruiting Ivan Lendl as his head coach, the first step toward becoming number one Novak Djokovic and then dropping his opening match at his home tournament in Gstaad. However, the Swiss maestro was all business on an unusually chilly Ohio night, running his record against Kohlschreiber to 7-0. Molos Raonic, who became the first Canadian to crack the top 10 of the world rankings after reaching the final in Montreal, struggled at first to adjust to his new status before storming back to take a 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 victory over American Sam Querrey.

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Maria Sharapova of Russia reacts to her play against Sloane Stephens of the US at the women’s Cincinnati Open tennis tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio, on 13 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

Sharapova-Connors combo off to rocky start
Britain weighs legal action against Spain on Gibraltar

**New Light of Myanmar**

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Drivers wait in line to enter the British territory of Gibraltar at its border with Spain in front of the Rock of Gibraltar (rear), a monolithic limestone promontory, in La Linea de Conception, southern Spain on 12 Aug, 2014. **Reuters**

Britain warned Spain on Monday it might take legal action to try to force Madrid to abandon tighter controls at the border with the contested British overseas territory of Gibraltar in what it called an “unprecedented” step against a European ally.

The warning coincided with the departure of a British warship for Gibraltar, played down by the British and Spanish governments as part of a long planned routine exercise but which underscored heightened tensions over the territory.

A spokesman for Prime Minister David Cameron said Britain’s behavior was an “unprecedented step,” adding that the Spanish border checks imposed after Gibraltar created an artificial reef which Spain said blocked its fishing vessels, were “disproportionate” and “politically motivated.”

Tensions over the rocky outpost at the mouth of the Mediterranean to which Spain lays claim have turned into one of the worst rows in years between the two European Union states.

“The prime minister is disappointed by the failure of the Spanish to remove the additional border checks this weekend and we are now considering what legal action is open to us,” Cameron’s spokesman said, arguing they breached EU law.

“This would be an unprecedented step,” he added. Opposition politicians in Spain have accused Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy of using the situation to distract Spaniards from the country’s severe recession and a corruption scandal.

Spain said it would not back down over the border controls which it said were a legal and proportionate step to prevent money laundering and smuggling of tobacco and other products.

If Britain chooses to test whether those restrictions breach EU law on freedom of movement, the case is likely to end up in the European Court of Justice. Judgments can take years, although special cases can be fast-tracked.

“There are some conceivable other international fora where you can discuss the issue but in terms of a proper litigation process the only one would be the European Court of Justice,” said Mats Persson, director of the Open Europe think-tank. The territory, which has a population of 30,000 and relies on tourism, the gambling industry and offshore banking, was ceded to Britain by Spain in the 1713 Treaty of Utrecht.

**Costa Rica voices condolences for death of Dutch prince**

**San Jose, 14 Aug** — The Costa Rican government on Tuesday expressed condolences over the death of Dutch Prince Johan Friso, the younger brother of King Willem-Alexander.

Foreign Minister Enrique Castillo said his government sent “the deepest regret” to the people and government of the Netherlands. After remaining in coma for 18 months, the 44-year-old prince died on Monday of complications resulted from brain damage caused by the lack of oxygen.

In February 2012, the prince was buried by an avalanche when he was skiing outside a track in Austrian Alps.—Xinhua

**Inspired Isinbayeva brings Moscow to life**

**Moscow, 14 Aug** — The world championships finally caught fire on Tuesday as the fans turned up to say farewell to Yelena Isinbayeva, only for the Russian pole vault queen to roll back the years and win an emotional gold medal against all the odds.

Without a global title since being stripped of her 2008 Olympic gold for an attempted fix and pending a retest of her sample, the 31-year-old fed off the energy produced by a finally near-full and rauous Luzhniki Stadium to triumph with a leap of 4.89 metres.

Ever the show-woman, Isinbayeva ended the night with an assault on her own world record, set in her pomp when she won the second of her Olympic titles in Beijing. With chants of “Yelena” ringing in her ears, she fell short, but there was no trace of disappointment from her, the crowd or the organizers who finally got the memorable night they had craved.

There was plenty of drama elsewhere as LaShawn Merritt won the 400 metres as defending world and Olympic champion Kirani James hit the wall on the home straight.

The hundreds of yellow and blue-clad Ukraine fans, who had done their best to bring atmosphere to the stadium during the first few days, also got their reward when Gamu Melnichenko triumphed in the heptathlon. Russia’s Elena Lashmanova won the 20km walk but only just as she stopped with a lap of the track to go thinking the race was over. Robert Harting claimed his third successive discus gold. Ethiopia’s Mohammed Aman won the 800 metres and Milcah Chemos Cheywa took the women’s steeplechase.

**Kumagawa Grand Prix selections**

**Japan, 14 Aug** — The Kumagawa Grand Prix on Thursday produced a number of impressive performances as athletes looked to Tokyo 2020.

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Pyithu Hluttaw approves two reports, Health Ministry clarifies plans for 2013-14 FY

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets Australian guest

**Duties assigned to young staff together with senior officials for avoiding generation gap:**

**Dy Education Minister**

Nay Pyi Taw, 14 Aug—"Duties assignment to young staff together with the senior officials is aimed at avoiding generation gap problem at times when there are promotion, transfer and retirement of the heads and senior officials from the Basic Education Department," said Deputy Minister for Education Dr San Lwin at today’s Amyotha Hluttaw session, regarding the question of U Nu of Yangon Region Constituency No.10 on the measures for the generation gap, promotion, transfer and transparency.

MP U Nu who submitted this proposal said, "I asked those who are well-versed in education should lead the education sector. I am satisfied with deputy minister’s reply.

**Union Auditor-General receives AgCLIR Assessment Team**

Nay Pyi Taw, 14 Aug—Auditor-General of the Union U Thein Htay received the Agriculture, Commercial, Legal, Institutional Reform-AgCLIR Assessment Team led by Project Director Mr Nathan R Kline of the USAID at the Union Auditor-General Office, here, yesterday morning.

The Auditor-General of the Union explained responsibility and authority of the Union Auditor-General duties of region and state auditors-general, reports to the President and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, plans for enhancement of capacity building of the Union Auditor-General Office and uplifting of capability of staff for development of capital market.

Also present at the call were the deputy auditor-general of the Union and officials.

**Noteworthy amounts of rainfall**

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Japanese Ambassador

Nay Pyi Taw, 14 Aug—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Mikio Numata at the hall of Zeyathiri Beikman, here, at 3:30 pm today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief. The Japanese Ambassador was accompanied by Japanese Military Attache to Myanmar Colonel Takeshi Hara.

During the call, both sides cordially discussed further cementing amity and relations between the governments and the Tatmadaws of the two countries based on Asian Spirit.—MNA