Myanmar Interfaith Friendship Group provides humanitarian aid to flood victims

Yangon, 12 Aug—The Myanmar Interfaith Friendship Group on Tuesday provided humanitarian assistance to flood victims in Yangon region, donating rice, cooking oil, copy books and soaps to residents hit by floods following the torrential rains that lasted more than a week in the city.

At the donation ceremony held in YMCA Hall in Yangon, chairman U Sein Win Aung, vice-chairman and the members of MIFG handed over the donations, while a Buddhist association provided two fibre boats worth K1.5 million each.

The branch of MIFG from Yangon East District also donated books on concise information on the four major religions through Dr Thar Nyan, general secretary of MIFG.

Myanmar introduces tourist e-visa on trial basis before official launch on 1 September

By Ye Myint

Yangon, 12 Aug—Myanmar’s Ministry of Immigration and Population started online electronic tourist visa applications on a trial basis on Sunday, inviting user feedback during the test period.

“The e-Visa online system (BETA) is now available for a limited number of tourist visa applications,” said the ministry on its Myanmar e-Visa website.

“It will be available to all tourist visa applicants from 1 September,” the ministry added.

According to the official website, tourists will be able to get e-visa approval within four steps—fill in the secure online visa form, confirm and pay, get approval letter within 5 days and get e-visa stamped upon arrival.

The e-visa application process calls on applicants to enter all the necessary information in the visa form, to verify all the information entered is correct before proceeding to the next step and make the payment with credit card. An acknowledgement email with application reference code will be sent to the applicant’s email, said the ministry.

In order to complete the third step that may take up to five working days, applicants need to print out the e-Visa approval letter which will be received via email once approved and bring it along with the passport to present it upon arrival.

The final step is to present the e-visa approval letter and passport to the immigration officer upon arrival to Myanmar and get the passport stamped.

E-visas cost US$ 50 per applicant, said a responsible person, noting that the online application system is for tourists only.

The ministry’s e-visa application process is powered by Myanmar Ease Net, a Yangon-based IT solution provider.

A foreign visitor at Yangon International Airport’s immigration counter. Myanmar will officially launch an e-visa online system on 1 September, enabling all tourists to get e-visas within five days. —PHOTO: YE MYINT
MMCWA observes International Youth Day

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug — A ceremony to mark the International Youth Day took place for the first time at the head office of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association in Dekkhinathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday.

President of the association Dr Mon Mon Aung launched the ceremony and youth representatives sang a song entitled “We will own future life”.

Youth representatives, school health doctors, officials of the Health Department and regions and states of MCWA and outstanding youths from schools, Red Cross and Scouts discussed nature of youths, impacts of mental health and cooperation among youths, environment and parents.

The ceremony was aimed at enabling youths to have capability to overcome problems and challenges, and to get job opportunities. This year’s motto of the day is “Youth and Mental Health” — MNA

Copybooks, cash for rice donated to flood victims of Yangon Region

YANGON, 12 Aug — The Myanmar-China Friendship Association donated copybooks and cash for rice to be provided to flood victims of Yangon Region, at Wizaya Plaza on U Wisara Road in Yangon on Tuesday morning.

The association donated 300 dozens of copybooks and K64.2 million. — MNA

Workshop on media orientation on Avian and Pandemic Influenza held in Yangon

YANGON, 12 Aug — As part of efforts to prevent outbreaks of different influenza viruses, a second workshop on media orientation on Avian and Pandemic Influenza took place on Monday at Parkroyal Hotel in Yangon funded by USAID, Prevent and Australian AID.

The workshop was aimed at providing knowledge on influenza viruses and releasing “real news” to the public through media.

Daw Wah Wah Han, Country Coordinator of Prevent Project, said information on seasonal diseases was given to doctors, health staff, departmental officials and owners and workers of poultry firms as well as media persons in Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw to prevent the influenza virus subtypes H5N1 and H7N9 in humans and in animals.

She urged locals, media and departmental officials to cooperate to prevent these infectious diseases and that the Ministry of Health already prepared laboratories in Yangon and Mandalay to control these viruses.

— MNA

MMO

United Amara Bank commissions its 32nd branch into service

MYINGYAN, 12 Aug — United Amara Bank opened its 32nd branch in Myingyan of Mandalay Region on Monday.

Myingyan District

Muse to play big role in future: FT

Kyaw The-ein

The 2 August issue of the Financial Times of the United Kingdom stated that Muse in Myanmar and Ruili, the Chinese border town, are China’s busiest border crossing with Myanmar. If all goes according to Beijing’s plans, within the next decade, Muse will be the funnel into a crucial corridor between the world’s biggest trading nation and consumers in Europe and India. To visit Muse is to imagine the economic future that may well accompany the political transition in Myanmar and the inevitable role China is likely to play in it.

It takes 13 hours to reach Muse from Mandalay.

62 air guns handed over to police

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug — A total of 62 air guns have been handed over to police stations following the announcement of the Ministry of Home Affairs that possession of air guns is illegal in Myanmar.

One air gun with steel balls and 61 air guns with plastic bullets were brought to police stations at the respective areas across the country.

Ministry of Home Affairs issued the announcement on 9 August, saying that people who possess air guns must hand them over to nearby police stations as they can kill people at close range.

Meanwhile, police members seized 104 air guns and weapon-related accessories from a home in Tamway Township, Yangon, on 7 August.

The man identified as U Han Htut has been charged under the Arms and Bullets Law 1955 and section 8 of the Export and Import Law 2012, officials said. — MNA

Air guns and bullets handed over to people to police stations in Yangon Region to reduce crime and ensure safety.

MMO

Copybooks, cash for rice donated to flood victims of Yangon Region
Commander-in-Chief appreciates Norway’s constructive relations with Myanmar

NAV PYI TAW, 12 Aug — Ms Ann Ollestad, Norwegian Ambassador to Myanmar, called on Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, here on Tuesday, sources said.

At the call, the Norwegian Ambassador said that her country is eager to help with Myanmar’s transitions, recognizing the important role the Myanmar army plays in the peace processes, reforms and the preservation of natural resources.

Ms Ollestad highlighted the balance between politics and economy in national development, explaining how Telenor, a Norway’s telecommunication company, is making investment in Myanmar’s telecommunication sector. Senior General Min Aung Hlaing expressed his appreciation for Norway’s constructive relations with Myanmar and explained that his country’s foreign policy is to maintain friendly relations with the international community.

The senior general gave her a brief account of the military role in protecting the country from disintegration triggered by differences of opinion and conflicts.

Union Minister inspects organic plantations in capital city

NAV PYI TAW, 12 Aug — Union Minister U Myint Aung went on an inspection tour of organic vegetable plantations in Ottarathiri township in Nay Pyi Taw, which will be observed by representatives to the 36th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF), scheduled to take place from 23 to 25 September in the capital city, sources said.

The union minister told officials to seize opportunities to expand new markets in foreign countries and attract foreign investments in the national agricultural sector.

Only when farmers earn more incomes from the sale of their agriculture produce will the country be able to accomplish its projects of rural development and poverty reduction, he said.

Myanmar will host the 36th AMAF alongside related meetings involving Korea, Japan and China as ASEAN dialogue partners.

Inter-Ministry Football Tournament continues

NAV PYI TAW, 12 Aug — The second round matches of the 7th Inter-Ministry Football Tournament continued at the sports grounds in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday. Rail Transportation beat Construction 2-1 at the sports training ground No 4.

Rail Transportation will play 3rd round matches against the Irrigation team at the sports training ground No 3 and Finance won over Home Affairs 3-2 at the training ground No 4.

Power Electric routed Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement 5-2 at the training ground No 3 and Agriculture and Irrigation played a 1-1 draw with Defence at the training ground No 4.

UMFCCI holds its 23rd annual meeting

YANGON, 12 Aug — The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) held its 23rd annual meeting at the National Theatre on Tuesday afternoon, sources said.

In his address at the meeting, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint said that mobile teams are taking steps to ensure that exports and imports are legal so as to protect consumer rights.

Later, officials honored winners of excellent economic performance recognized by the president. UMFCCI Patron U Aung Ko Win, also Chairman of Kanbawza Bank Ltd, donated 200 million kyats for the ASEAN Business Investment Summit and ASEAN Business Award, which will be held in November in the capital city of Nay Pyi Taw.

The federation is planning for the emergence of an arbitration centre, an employer organization, a Myanmar chamber of commerce law, a Myanmar business forum, a public-private dialogue, a plenary forum and an international finance corporation, with the aim of accelerating the corporate social responsibility.

With business links with 38 foreign countries, the UMFCCI is a leading business group that helps small and medium enterprises grow in the country.

Union Minister for Health Dr Than Aung views round documentary photos on breastfeeding movements of MWAF depicting maternal and child health.—MNA

Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation conducts breastfeeding campaign

NAV PYI TAW, 12 Aug — The Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation on Monday conducted a campaign for World Breastfeeding Week 2014 at its headquarters here.

The theme for this year of event is “Breastfeeding: A Winning Goal—For Life!”

At the ceremony, Union Minister for Health Dr Than Aung urged to carry out educative programmes to “improve breastfeeding practices” and to have a healthy and balanced diet while other countries are focusing on Norway’s constructive relations with Myanmar.

The theme for this year event is “Breastfeeding: A Winning Goal—For Life!”

Globally, the 2014 theme was developed by the United Nations Development Goals (MDGs) for protecting, promoting and supporting breastfeeding.

The goals were developed by the United Nations and other global partners with the goal of reducing extreme poverty and providing people with lives in dignity in every nation by 2015.

A total of 60 percent of the population in Myanmar are women and children. Among them 11.7 percent are under the age of five, according to official figures.

Union Minister for Health Dr Than Aung views round documentary photos on breastfeeding movements of MWAF depicting maternal and child health.—MNA

Patron, President, CEC, EC members of UMFCCI pose a documentary photo all together at 23rd its annual meeting.—PHOTO: THANT ZIN WIN
Vocational courses conclude in Yesagyo Township

YESAGYO, 12 Aug — The Women’s Vocational Training School under the Department of Education and Training of the Ministry of Border Affairs concluded its training course No 26 for basic domestic science and course No 23 for advanced tailoring course at its school in Yesagyo of Magway Region on 8 August.

Township Administrator U Khang Tun presented one sewing machine each to Ma Mon Yi Aung from Hnipasyadaw Village, who stood first in the basic domestic science course, and Ma Zargyi Win of Gwaygon Village in the advanced tailoring course.

Chairperson of the Township Women’s Affairs Organization gave completion certificates to the trainees.

The training courses were conducted to enable local women to get better job opportunities.

MCDC to upgrade Manawramam Park

Mandalay, 12 Aug — The Parks and Playgrounds Department of the Mandalay City Development Committee has announced it plans to upgrade the Manawramam Park of the committee on 62nd Street in Mahamyaing Ward of Mahamyaing Township in Mandalay.

Together with members of the MCDC and heads of the department, Mandalay City Mayor and Mandalay Region Minister for Development Affairs U Aung Moing inspected the park on 7 August.

The head of the Parks and Playgrounds Department explained the plans underway to extend and upgrade the park, with the mayor instructing officials to draw a plan for upgrading the park’s facilities and landscaping work.

School heads, community representatives discuss management of pre-schools

KAWKAREIK, 12 Aug — A coordination meeting between school heads and community representatives took place at the hall of Kawkareik Basic Education High School No 1 in Kayin State on Sunday.

The meeting was jointly organized by the Ministry of Health and UNICEF to improve the management of the schools, with 15 out of 30 local schools chosen by the education department for training from 9 to 12 August. One school head and two pre-school committee members of each pre-school attended the course. Assistant Lecturer Daw Mi Nyo Nyo Shein of Hpa-an Education College, Assistant Supervisor Daw Myinzu Aye of Bago Region West Education Department, one assistant township education officer and one head of school gave lectures to the trainees.

Wakema bus terminal to settle bus lines for smooth transport

WAKEMA, 12 Aug — Wakema Township General Administration Department supervises construction of Shweke Ayeya bus terminal in Ywale Ward of Wakema Township in Ayeyawady Region.

The terminal is located on over 600 acres of land.

With the aim of developing Wakema Township and ensuring smooth transportation for local people, Chairman of Wakema Township Association (Yangon) Lt-Col Arnt Kyaw (Rtd) donated K20 million to the fund for construction of the building in 2012.

Gold price up in second week of August

YANGON, 12 Aug — Zaw Aung, proprietor of Teik Sein Gold Shop, said Monday he is trading gold at K674,000 per tical (about 15.24 grams) for 16 Karat and K634,000 for 15 Karat in Yangon while the world gold price has reached $1,305, increasing about $5 of the last week’s gold price.

He said the country has no informal export and import of gold as there is no difference in prices compared to those of world market, adding many gold trading companies may come out if the country’s stock exchange emerges next year.

The country’s gold price is related to the world gold price but is not stable because of international barriers, Aye Cho, an executive of Yangon Region Gold Entrepreneurs Association, said.

However, the domestic gold price does not follow the global market, especially when local demand is declining with the increase of supply, he said.
**Kishida, Indonesia’s Jokowi agree to boost security, economic ties**

**Jakarta, 12 Aug —**

Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida held talks on Tuesday with Indonesia’s president-elect Joko “Jokowi” Widodo in which they agreed to boost security and economic ties between their two countries.

In the talks, held three weeks after Jokowi was declared the winner of the 9 July presidential election, Kishida handed him a letter from Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who had promised to send Kishida to Jakarta when he called Jokowi up late last month to congratulate him.

Kishida and Jokowi, who is Jakarta’s governor, were believed to have discussed a range of issues, while focusing on investment. During an interview with Kyodo News on Monday, Jokowi signaled that although he will implement measures to restrict foreign investment in some key areas like banking and natural resources, he will attach importance to investment from Japan, especially in areas such as infrastructure development.

More than 1,700 Japanese companies do business in Indonesia. “Japan and Indonesia are important partners, and Japan (has already been) our largest partner,” Jokowi said, citing a data on the two countries’ total trade that has reached US$46 billion.

“We need more cooperation, especially in foreign direct investment, (which is) very important for Indonesia to create jobs, to solve our energy problems, (such as) electricity, as well as to develop infrastructure,” added the Jakarta governor, who is expected to take office as president from 20 October.

Kishida, who arrived in Jakarta late Monday for a two-day visit, is also expected to hold bilateral talks with his Indonesian counterpart Marty Natalegawa later in the afternoon.

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**Singapore, 12 Aug —**

Construction of the new cable car way system in Singapore’s Sentosa Island has been suspended for further reviews over its safety procedures after Sunday’s cable car mishap, Sentosa Development Corporation said on Monday.

The incident happened when an empty cable cabin suddenly fell to the ground while another still hung halfway in the air during a test on its operation system. A technician was trapped in the hanging cabin, and was moved to safety by civil defence in about two hours.

Construction work has been suspended and Sentosa said the work will resume after the Building and Construction Authority completed the investigation.

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**US to bolster air, navy activity in northern Australia**

**Sydney, 12 Aug —**

The United States will bolster its air and navy presence in northern Australia, a source said on Tuesday, under a plan to strengthen defence ties with its regional ally and project more power into the Asia-Pacific, where China’s influence is growing.

US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel and Secretary of State John Kerry are in Sydney to finalize an agreement reached between US President Barack Obama and Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott on the deployment of US marines to Australia for joint exercises and training.

Some 1,150 Marines are stationed in Darwin in Australia’s tropical north under a 2011 agreement that launched Obama’s “pivot” to Asia.

The contingent, primed to respond to regional conflicts and humanitarian crises, will swell to 2,500 by the first quarter of 2015, according to the source.

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**Indian Home Minister: Ready to talk with Maoists and northeast rebels**

**New Delhi, 12 Aug —**

The central government is ready to talk with Maoists and northeast rebels if they give up violence. Indian Home Minister Rajnath Singh said on Monday that left wing extremism is a big challenge for the country but the government will not allow anyone to indulge in violence. If they shun violence, we are ready to talk, he replied to a debate on the working of home ministry in the upper house of parliament Rajya Sabha.

Rajnath also said the home ministry is working help Kashmiri Hindus return to their native land. On the rebels in the northeast states, the minister said: “We are ready to talk with any extremist group under the purview of the constitution. Peace in northeastern states is our priority.”

The home minister added that every Indian citizen will get identity cards within three years to end the problem of illegal migrants.

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**Construction of new cable way system suspended after accident in Singapore’s Sentosa**

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**Japan’s Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida (L) shakes hands with Indonesia’s president-elect Joko “Jokowi” Widodo in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 Aug, 2014. They agreed to enhance bilateral relations in the fields of security and economy.**

**Kyodo News**
Indonesia’s president-elect plans to focus his Cabinet on infrastructure development

JAKARTA, 12 Aug — Indonesian president-elect Joko Widodo, will place his administration’s focus on development of his country’s infrastructure once he takes office, the Jakarta governor popularly known as Jokowi, told Kyodo News in a wide-ranging interview on Monday.

Although Jokowi still faces a challenge from rival Prabowo Subianto, who has disputed the election results in court, Jokowi is confident he will win out and the Election Commission declaration of his election in last month’s voting with him sustained.

Looking ahead to inauguration in October, Jokowi told Kyodo News, Indonesia will be “open for business” under his Cabinet, as long as business is open to helping Indonesia.

“We need to improve our infrastructure. The government must make regulations (so the investment) environment will be more conducive for the private sector to channel more investment into infrastructure development,” he said, adding his top priority will be maritime.

“We need connectivity from island to island. I talked about sea tolls in our (presidential) debate, then double-track (railways), deep seaports (ranging) from Sumatra, Java, Sulawesi to Papua.”

“We must make priorities. We must prioritize industry, manufacturing to create jobs. We need infrastructure. The problem is only because the people think that investment is only for natural resources — exploring natural resources. So, if they know that we prioritize industry, manufacturing, infrastructure, our people will accept it,” he said.

The president-elect also said Indonesia will welcome the advent of the ASEAN Economic Community formally increase economic cooperation.

“I always say that my country, Indonesia, is always open for business. It is not contradictory (with the AEC). If the agreement is already signed, we must prepare our private and state companies, our regulations. It’s technical. I will check one by one because some businesses, some regulations may not be ready yet to implement this agreement. But generally, we don’t have any problem with this agreement. And I’m sure the investors will understand,” he said.

On foreign policy, Jokowi said he plans to accept and build on current President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono’s policy of “maximum diplomacy.”

“This can increase foreign trade and foreign investment,” he added.

In disputes in the South China Sea between some of Indonesia’s partners in ASEC and China, the Jakarta governor said he hopes for an easing of the problem and assured Indonesia is ready to help mediate in any way it can.

Looking ahead to his Cabinet, Jokowi said, “I am willing to take both technocrats and politicians, but I think I’ll take more technocrats, more professionals. But the first important thing is the commitment, strong commitment, the commitment to serve people; the commitment to serve Indonesia. Secondly is strong leadership. Thirdly is that they know about management, how to manage their ministries.”

“Only the best and the brightest will be appointed into my Cabinet, because for me, those are very important. When we choose the wrong persons for the Cabinet, the public trust will decrease. For me, the trust from the people is very important. The first important (thing) is how to make the criteria, how many ministries and how many offices there will be,” he said.

As to national reconciliation after a divisive presidential election, the president-elect said he is unworried.

“Yes, I realize that the campaign had been very partisan and polarizing in nature, but having differences are parts of any modern democracy. But I’m sure that everyone wants the best for our country. And when I checked the people, after the presidential election was finished, the farmers go to their rice fields, the fishermen go to sea and the workers go to their factories. It’s already solved. (The difference) is only among the elites,” he said.

Turning to bilateral relations with Japan, Jokowi said he values the relationship and looks forward to working with both the Japanese government and Japanese business.

“Japan and Indonesia are important partners. And Japan has been our largest partner, especially export partner. The total trade between Indonesia and Japan, in our data, is $46 billion. That means we need more cooperation, especially in FDI, foreign direct investment, (which is) very important for Indonesia, is to create jobs, to solve our energy problems, such as electricity, as well as infrastructure, such as the MRT in Jakarta and maybe seaports also.”

But looking toward a shrinkansen train line on Java, Jokowi was sanguine — private investment is welcome, governmental loans less so.

“We are always looking (to improve) infrastructure and connectivity from city to city, from island to island. Connectivity is very important. In my opinion, if the project (is funded by) investment, it’s okay. But if we use loans, I’d better use the loan for constructing double-track (railways) in Sumatra, in Kalimantan or in Sulawesi, not in Java.”

As to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s new defence policy in Japan, Jokowi was direct.

“I don’t know, but for me soft diplomacy is more important. G-to-G diplomacy, B-to-B diplomacy — business-to-business diplomacy — people-to-people diplomacy, for me, (are) more important.” —Kyodo News

Italian PM calls Modi for early resolution of marines issue

NEW DELHI, 12 Aug — Taking up the arrest of its two marines off the Indian southeast state Kerala’s coast in 2012, Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi rang up his Indian counterpart Modi on Monday evening to resolve the issue.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi told him that the matter is sub judice and that the Indian judicial process should be allowed to take its own course.

An official release issued in Delhi said that during the conversation that took place at the request of the Italian side Modi emphasized that a fair and early resolution was in mutual interest. It said Renzi requested for early resolution of the marines issue.

Modi conveyed that the matter is sub judice before the Supreme Court of India in writ petitions filed by the marines and encouraged the Indian side to allow the judicial process to take its own course.

In this context, he emphasized that Indian judiciary is free, fair and independent and that the government was convinced it will take all aspects into consideration in adjudicating the case. “We hope for a rapid, positive solution,” Renzi told Modi during the conversation, Italian news agency ANSA quoted Renzi’s office as saying.

India has removed the possibility of a death penalty but insisted that the marines would still be prosecuted under the anti- piracy law. Now, they face up to 10 years in jail.

Rome wants the marines to be tried in Italy, claiming the incident took place in international waters. However, New Delhi says it has the right to try the Italians as the victims were Indians on board an Indian fishing boat.

Italy argues that the case sets dangerous and wide-ranging precedents for any country involved in anti-piracy missions overseas. India has said it may also seek international arbitration in the case. —Xinhua

Flood death toll rises to 27 in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 12 Aug — At least 27 people in Cambodia have died and about 14,000 families have been evacuated from homes to higher grounds in floods caused by monsoon rains and rivers overflowing their banks, a senior official said on Tuesday. “Since early this month, floods have claimed 27 lives including 15 children,” Nhim Vanda, 1st vice-president of the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM), told Xinhua over telephone, adding that 12 of the country’s 25 cities and provinces are suffering from flooding.

He said local authorities, in cooperation with the Cambodian Red Cross, have been actively assisting flood-affected families, “I would like to appeal to parents to take care of their children during flooding season in order to prevent them from drowning,” he said. Flooding usually hits Cambodia between August and October. Last year, it killed 168 people and affected other 1.8 million people, according to the NCDM. —Xinhua

Temples are submerged in the overflowing Ganga River in Varanasi, India on 11 Aug, 2014. The Ganga water level has been rising for days due to rains. —Xinhua

Indian fishing boat.
Russia sending aid convoy to Ukraine despite Western warnings of ‘invasion pretext’

BRUSSELS / DONETSK, 12 Aug — President Vladimir Putin said on Monday Russia is sending an aid convoy to eastern Ukraine despite urgent Western warnings against using humanitarian help as a pretext for an invasion.

With Ukraine reporting Russia has massed 45,000 troops on its border, NATO said there was a “high probability” that Moscow could intervene militarily in the country’s east, where Kiev’s forces are closing in on pro-Russian separatists.

Western countries believe that Putin — who has whipped up the passions of Russians with a nationalistic campaign in state-controlled media since annexing Crimea from Ukraine in March — could now send his forces into the east to head off a humiliating rebel defeat. Thousands of people are believed to be short of water, electricity and medical aid due to the fighting, but US President Barack Obama told his Ukrainian counterpart that any Russian intervention without Kiev’s consent would be unacceptable and violate international law.

European Commission President José Manuel Barroso delivered a blunt message directly to Putin in a telephone call on Monday. “President Barroso warned against any unilateral military actions in Ukraine, under any pretext, including humanitarian,” the Commission said in a statement.

The Kremlin, in its own account of the conversation, made clear that Moscow would indeed send help to largely Russian-speaking eastern Ukraine.

“It was noted that the Russian side, in collaboration with representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross, is sending an aid convoy to Ukraine,” the Kremlin statement said, without revealing when the convoy was going. In a cautious response, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said it had submitted a document to Russian and Ukrainian officials on delivering aid. However, the independent agency stressed in a statement that it needed agreement from all parties as well as security guarantees to carry out the operation, as it does not use armed escorts.

“The practical details of this operation need to be clarified before this initiative can move forward,” said Laurent Corbaz, head of ICRC operations for Europe and Central Asia.

According to UN agencies, more than 1,100 people have been killed including government forces, rebels and civilians in the four months since the separatists seized territory in the east and Kiev launched its crackdown.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko came out in support of an aid mission but made clear it had to be an international effort under the aegis of the ICRC, involving the European Union as well as Russia.

He won Obama’s backing when they spoke by phone on Monday.

The White House quoted Obama as saying that any Russian intervention without the Ukrainian government’s agreement would be “unacceptable” and a violation of international law.

Earlier, Kiev said it was in the “final stages” of recapturing the eastern city of Donetsk — the main base of the separatist rebels — in a battle that could mark a turning point in a conflict that has caused the biggest confrontation between Russia and the West since the Cold War.

An industrial metropolis with a pre-war population of nearly 1 million, Donetsk is now, recognizing the threat not just to the United States, but to the civilized world.”

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Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki as they march in support of him in Baghdad on 11 Aug, 2014. — Reuters

Islamic State militants pose threat to civilized world

WASHINGTON, 12 Aug — The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) has posed a threat to the civilized world, US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel said on Monday, days after Washington launched airstrikes against the Islamist fighters in northern Iraq.

Hagel and Australian Defence Minister David Johnston spoke about what their respective countries are doing in Iraq during a joint news conference in Sydney, according to a statement released by the US Defence Department.

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Iraq’s carry a portrait of Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki as they march in support of him in Baghdad on 11 Aug, 2014. — Reuters

Power struggle on Baghdad streets as Maliki replaced but refuses to go

BAGHDAD, 12 Aug — Iraq’s president named a new prime minister to end Nuri al-Maliki’s eight-year rule on Monday, but the veteran leader refused to go after deploying militias and special forces on the streets, creating a dangerous political showdown in Baghdad.

Washington, which helped install Maliki following its 2003 invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein, congratulated Haider al-Abadi, a former Maliki lieutenant who was named president by Fouad Massoum to replace him.

Maliki said in a televised speech the president’s decision to name a replacement for him was a “dangerous violation” of the constitution and, flanked by political allies, he vowed “we will fix the mistake.”

Maliki’s son-in-law, Hussein al-Maliki, called the move “illegal” and said it would be overturned in court. “We will not stay silent,” he said.

Washington delivered a stern warning to Maliki not to “stir the waters” by using force to cling to power. A Shi’ite Muslim Islamist, Maliki is blamed by his erstwhile allies in Washington and Tehran for driving the alienated Sunni minority into a revolt that threatens to destroy the country. Leaders of Iraq’s Sunni and Kurdish communities have demanded he go, and many fellow Shi’ites have turned against him.

US President Barack Obama said the naming of a new prime minister was an important stride for Iraq toward rebuffing Islamic militants, who have overrun large swathes of northern Iraq. — Reuters
Int’l Youth Day on 12 Aug stresses importance of mental health

By Kyaw Thura

A s recommended by the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth in Lisbon in August 1998, the United Nations General Assembly on 17 December 1999 declared 12 August International Youth Day. The theme of International Youth Day 2014 is “Youth and Mental Health.”

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The Ending is Everything

Just as Shakespeare said “All ends well that ends well.” THE ENDING IS EVERYTHING. We all are DRIVING, THRIVING, ARRIVING AND REVIVING all the time for the sake of ENDING WELL.

To have a good ending, hard work alone is not sufficient. We must also have LUCK AND INTELLIGENCE, Intelligence, here, means ASK, meaning Attitude, Skills and Knowledge.

A Good Ending is The Result of A Good Performance; Performance means all the DRIVING, THRIVING, ARRIVINGS AND RE-VIVINGS UNTIL THE VERY END. In simple words, to perform means to do something, such as a piece of work, task or duty. Thus, performance measures the act or process of doing a task, an action, etc. It also means how well or badly you do something; how well or badly something works. Examples are: the country’s economic performance; it was an impressive performance by the French team; the new management techniques aim to improve performance; he criticized the recent performance of the company, according to the Oxford Dictionary.

The Categories of Performance

Performance can be categorized into:

• Bad Performance = Good Performance

• Poor Performance = Acceptable Performance

• High Performance

• Mediocre Performance = Magnificent Performance

• Good Performance = Great Performance

• High Performance = Tremendous Performance

• Superior Performance

• Superb Performance = Extraordinary Performance

• Better Performance = Excellent Performance

The Importance of Planning Performance

In order to have a good ending, we should give top priority to planning the performance according to the Talent & Attitude Strategy, bearing always in mind that:

• We should PLAN OUR WORK AND WORK OUR PLAN,

• Failing to plan is planning to fail,

• Planning without Action is Futile, and Action without Planning can be Fatal,

• Prior Planning Plus Preparations Promote Peak Performance

The Importance of Planning

‘Plan or no plan’ was a typical question. ‘Plan, please’ is the universally accepted slogan of the day. Today, Mr. Everybody is averse to plan-less action; for he has come to realize that, to avoid chaos planning is essential in every activity of economic character. Indeed, planning is part of the life of all of us, it determines our budget and allocates her time; and the businessman similarly budgets his time and resources. In other words also, planning saves endless worry. For example, unregulated traffic would only mean traffic jams and accidents. The most ardent believers in ‘plan-less capitalism’ plan their activities, as modern production and marketing involve much staff work and thinking before actual execution.

Meaning and Purpose of Planning

According to G.D.H. Cole,1 “An Economic Plan is, in its essence, a plan for securing a right distribution of the available resources of production.” Lionel Robbins thinks,2 “To plan means to think, to think means to plan,” and choice is the essence of economic activity.” Barbara Wotton defines3 planning as “the conscious and deliberate choice of economic priorities by some public authority.” “Planning,” says Carl Landauer,4 “may be defined as guidance of economic activities by a communal organ through a scheme which describes in quantitative as well as qualitative terms, the productive process that ought to be undertaken during a designated future period.” Landauet, in further clarification of its meaning, says that “planning means co-ordination through conscious effort, instead of automatic co-ordination which takes place in the market, and that conscious effort has to be made by an organ of society.”

Planning is the process of determining objectives and assessing the ways those objectives can best be achieved.

Planning gives direction, reduces the impact of change, minimizes waste and redundancy, and sets the standards for use in controlling.

Objectives are important to planning because they provide the direction for all management decisions and form the criterion against which actual accomplishments can be measured.

Conclusion

Life can be divided into three phases:

• Childhood

• Youth & Adulthood, and

• Old Age

In children, the child should be nurtured, cultivated and developed physically, mentally and emotionally. In youth & adulthood, the young person should be cultivated and developed mentally, emotionally and economically with appropriate achievement capability. And finally, the man or woman of old age should be developed spiritually with strong sense of serenity and maximum maturity of manhood or womanhood.

From the beginning, hatch a good plan of action; and for the good ending, plan all the way to the end!

Source: Management by Stephen J.Robbins and Mary Coulter

Business Organisation and Management by M.C.Shakla

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Conservation of bio-diversity disseminated to locals in Mohnyin Township

MOHNYIN, 12 Aug — Indawgyi Sanctuary and Fauna & Flora International (FFI) jointly organized talks on conservation of bio-diversity at Natmauk-kan Village, east bank of Indawgyi Lake in Mohnyin Township of Kachin State on 8 August, attended by local people and middle school students. Head of the sanctuary U Htay Win gave lectures on the Indawgyi sanctuary and protection of bio-diversity, U Yeim Khaw of FFI on the effectiveness of forests to combat climate change and U Ko Ko Naing Tun of Indo-Myanmar Conservation (IMC) on sanitation proper disposal of plastic garbage.

According to officials, various species of trees are being planted at Indawgyi Lake. This year, the authorities and Township Forest Department distributed 15,000 saplings to the local people to grow them around Hepu Village and 15,000 around Nantmon Village.

The Indawgyi Sanctuary, which is one of the ASEAN Heritage Parks, has a size of 314.67 square miles with five forest reserves. These forests are home to rare species of animals, butterflies, orchids, insects, fish, water birds and migratory birds, with officials hoping to create an eco-tourism industry there, said a member of the Lovers of Indawgyi Group.

School health activities conducted in Maukmai Township

MAUKMAI, 12 Aug — Health staff and members of the Village Maternal and Child Welfare Association jointly performed school health care services at the Basic Education Primary School in Naungkham Village of Maukmai Township in Shan State on Monday.

They checked personal hygiene, measured the height and weight of 89 students and gave medicines to them free of charge.

Health staff Daw Nang Thida Shein gave talks on health and hygiene for the children.

Fire fighting refresher course kicks off

YAMETHIN, 12 Aug — On Monday, a refresher course for auxiliary fire brigade members kicked off at the hall of Yamethin Township Fire Services Department in Mandalay Region in line with the directives of the Myanmar Fire Brigade. A total of 150 members of the Auxiliary Fire Brigade are attending the four-week course during which they will learn fire fighting techniques and practice emergency drills, said Staff Officer U Tun Naing Oo of the Township Fire Services Department. He urged members of the public to participate in fire prevention measures.

Telenor Myanmar introduces service in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 12 Aug — Telenor Myanmar Company, which has received a permit to provide telecommunication services in Myanmar, introduced its program at the hall of Mandalay University on Monday, attended by Pro-Recto Dr Nu Nu Win, faculty members, staff and students.

The executive officer of Telenor Myanmar Company explained the distribution of Telenor SIM cards and telephone services on the Myanmar market, Internet network and speed, as well as access to the company’s other services.

Chief Executive Officer U Maung Maung Hsan of Epic Media elaborated on Myanmar Wikipedia, which now contains 31,773 articles.
Israelis, Palestinians begin new talks to end Gaza war

GAZA/JERUSALEM, 12 Aug — Israeli and Palestinian negotiators resumed indirect talks mediated by Egypt on Monday to end a month-old Gaza war, Egypt’s state news agency said, after a new 72-hour truce held for a day.

Israeli negotiators flew in and out of Cairo on Monday, an Egyptian official said, but no details were released on the talks.

Hamas is demanding an end to Israeli and Egyptian blockade of the Gaza Strip and opening of a seaport in the enclaves, a project Israel says should be dealt with only in any future talks on a permanent peace agreement with the Palestinians.

A month of war has killed 1,938 Palestinians and 67 Israelis while devastating wide tracts of densely populated Gaza. Egypt’s Foreign Ministry has urged both sides to work towards “a comprehensive and last-ceasefire agreement”.

Gaza hospital officials have said the Palestinian death toll has been mainly civilian since the 8 July launch of Israel’s military campaign to quell Gaza rocket fire.

Police arrest 40 suspected jihadists in Kosovo

PRISTINA, 12 Aug — Kosovo police on Monday said they arrested 40 suspected jihadists for participating in fighting in Syria and Iraq alongside terrorist organizations such as ISIS and Al-Nusra.

“I know of 60 raids, we managed to confiscate material evidence, long and short weapons, explosives, electronic devices, passports, etc,” police spokesperson Baki Kelani told a Press conference.

Syle Hoxha, acting chief prosecutor of Kosovo, said the raids were run without any incident, except in two cases where family members of the suspected tried to prevent the arrests. “In general, even family members of those arrested welcomed the operation,” he said.

Sevdije Morina, from the Special Prosecution unit, said the prosecution is also investigating some imams — Xinhua

Colombia’s rebel leader says peace agreement impossible this year

BOGOTA, 12 Aug — Top leader of Colombia’s largest rebel group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), on Monday dismissed allegations that a peace agreement with the Colombian government would be signed this year.

“I am afraid not (to achieve a peace agreement this year). Of course we all want things to be sorted out as soon as possible, but it does not mean that we take it objectively,” FARC top leader Rodrigo Londoño said in an interview published on the rebel group’s website.

The FARC leader, also known as ‘Timochenko’, said the work the Historical Commission has to carry out based on the conflict reconstruction, which will start on 21 August, will take four months, making the peace agreement impossible within the year.

“The Historical Commission will produce input points about victims for further discussion in the negotiating table. So if we only consider this deadlines, it is easy to conclude that it is not possible for this year,” Timochenko said.

Venezuela deploys troops on border with Colombia to curb smuggling

CARACAS, 12 Aug — Venezuela has deployed 17,000 troops along its border with Colombia to prevent food and oil smuggling, an army official said Monday.

“We have deployed 17,000 troops along the border and these are sufficient to ensure the fight against food smuggling,” said Vladimir Padrino Lopez, head of the Operational Command of the Venezuelan Armed Forces.

Lopez was in Tachira to inaugurate a binational command and control centre to stem the smuggling.

On Saturday, the Venezuelan government announced a cross-border traffic restriction for private vehicles and individuals between the hours of 10 pm and 5 am, and for cargo vehicles from 6 pm. Lopez said the restriction would be valid for 30 days and afterward its impact would be assessed.

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro and his Colombian counterpart Juan Manuel Santos agreed on the measures on 1 August as they met to discuss a joint strategy to combat food and oil smuggling that have affected both nations’ economy.

In the first seven months of this year, 21,000 tons of smuggled food and more than 40 million liters of gasoline have been seized, Lopez said.

Venezuelan authorities have said that around 40 percent of the goods sold at government-subsidized prices in Venezuela are smuggled by ‘mafias’ said to be going to Colombia where the products are sold at higher prices, costing Venezuela 3.7 billion US dollars per year.

Netanyahu had previously called the Human Rights Council a “kangaroo court”.

“Already, with the decision on 23 July to establish the committee, the prime minister and the foreign minister declared that the Human Rights Council had long ago turned into a ‘Colombia rights council’ and a kangaroo court, whose ‘investigations’ are pre-determined,” Foreign Ministry spokesman Yigal Palmor said in a statement.

“If any more proof were needed, the appointment of the chairman of the panel, whose anti-Israel bias and opinions are known to all, proves beyond any doubt that Israel cannot expect justice from this body, whose report has already been written and all that is left is to decide who will sign off on it,” Palmor said.

Israeli Strategic Affairs Minister Yuval Steinitz said in a radio interview on Monday that discovering Gazans’ links with Iran was crucial to a long-term truce and he hoped this could be done by diplomacy rather than force.

Xinhua
Neck manipulation may be associated with stroke

New York, 12 Aug — Blood vessel tears that lead to strokes may be associated with — but not necessarily caused by — treatments involving neck manipulations, researchers say. The blood vessel tears, called ‘cervical artery dissections’ account for about two of every 100 strokes overall, and from eight to 25 of every 100 strokes in young and middle aged adults.

“What happens with the dissection is that there is a tear in one of the layers of the artery wall in the neck that can result in (a) stroke if a blood clot forms,” Dr José Biller told Reuters Health in a phone call. Biller, a neurologist with the Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, was lead author of a joint state- ment on neck manipulation and stroke risk from the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association. The statement was published in Stroke.

Biller said cervical artery dissection is often reported after blunt or penetrating injuries and also in association with a variety of other conditions.

They can occur after a “sudden movement that can hyperextend or rotate the neck that may happen with certain sporting activities, with whiplash or vio- lent coughing or vomiting movements, or with neck manipulation therapy,” Biller said.

Healthcare providers sometimes use neck manipulations, or “cervical manipulative therapy,” to treat musculoskeletal conditions of the neck and upper back. Most are performed by chi- ropractors, but osteopaths and physical therapists use these maneuvers as well.

To assess the associations between neck manipulations and stroke risk, Biller and colleagues focused on four large studies that were mainly associated with strokes involving the arteries of the neck. They found that people with some of these types of strokes were more likely to have had some type of neck manipulation.

But, the authors point out, the studies they looked at couldn’t determine what caused people’s strokes. It’s possible, they say, that people may have sought neck manipulation therapy for symptoms that were really the early stages of stroke.

Biller said patients with these tears often have pain in the back of the neck that may be misinterpreted by both the patient and a healthcare provider.

“Patients may already have begun to have a cervi- cal artery dissection and therefore seek treatment to relieve the neck pain,” Biller and his coau- thors concluded that health practitioners should inform patients of the associations between cervical dissec- tion and cervical manipu- lation therapy before per- forming manipulation of the cervical spine. Keith Overland, immediate past president of the American Chiropractic Association, told Reuters Health he ap- palled the American Heart Association for its effort to address stroke risk. But, he said, somewhere between 22 and 77 percent of the US population has neck pain at some time, and cervical ma- nipulation is one of the safest choices when compared to other treatments such as drugs and surgery.

Dr Justin Satin, a neu- rologist with the Univer- sity of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health in Madison, Wis- consin, told Reuters Health by phone, “As the guideline points out, the data are in- conclusive — my personal opinion is that cervical ma- nipulation is probably one of many different traumas that could provoke or exac- erbate a dissection in some- one who is harbouring one or predisposed.”

“Having said that, the absolute risk is prob- ably low, especially with increased attention to the problem now in the chiro- practic community,” said Satin, who was not in- volved with the study.

“And there’s this cau- sality issue of how do you know for sure the manipu- lation was the cause as op- posed to the idea that the headache and neck pain that brought the patient to the chiropractor was actu- ally the dissection, and the subsequently diagnosed dissection was attributed to the manipulation as op- posed to something else that occurred spontaneously or due to some other trauma that preceded the patient coming in for medical at- tention,” he said.

Tokyo, 12 Aug — Tokyo Electric Power Co plans to spin off its hydropower and renewable energy operations when it adopts a holding compa- ny system in April 2016, company sources said on Tuesday.

The company, known as TEPCO, had intended to have three separate units — specializing in power gen- eration, power transmis- sion and distribution, and retail businesses — un- der the holding company, according to its business turnaround plan released in January. Under the plan, hydropower and renewable energy operations were in- cluded in the power trans- mission and distribution business unit.

But the utility came to believe that it would be important to turn the operations into a separate unit, given the high future growth potential of renew- able energy and hydropow- er that does not emit green- house gases, the sources said. As part of the nation’s utility system reform aimed at encouraging competition by new entries, the govern- ment plans to have ma- jor Japanese utilities split their power generation and distribution operations between around 2018 and 2020.

TEPCO, the operator of the disaster-hit Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, has said it will sep- arate its power generation and distribution operations before other utilities.

Kyodo News

Asian shares extend gains, oil stuck near lows

Sিডনęk, 12 Aug — Asian shares nudged higher on Tuesday, tracking rallies in the United States and Europe as investors seemed to put aside geo- political concerns, at least for the moment.

MSCI’s broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan MIAPO000PU$ added 0.3 percent after jumping 1.5 percent on Monday. Japan’s Topix .TOPIX rose 0.5 percent, while the Nik- kei .N225 firmed 0.3 per- cent.

Singapore’s Straits Times Index .STI added 0.3 percent after the city- state reported annualised economic growth of 0.1 percent in the second quar- ter when analysts had ex- pected a slight contraction. Strength in the financial sector helped offset a fall in Singa- pore manufacturing activ- ity.

There was also prom- ising news on global trade with the Philippines en- joying its fastest export growth in six months in June.

The better mood came even though NATO chief Anders Fogh Rasmussen warned of a “high proba- bility” that Russia, using the guise of a humanitarian mission, could intervene militarily in Ukraine.

Ukraine has also said that, contrary to Russian reports of de-escalating, Russia has massed 45,000 troops on its border.

Investors also moni- tored Iraq, where the Unit- ed States recently began air strikes targeting Islam- ic State fighters marching on the country’s Kurdish capital.

None of this seemed to faze Wall Street, where the Dow DJI rose 0.10 percent on Monday, while the S&P 500 .SPX gained 0.28 percent and the Nas- daq .IXIC rose 0.70 percent.

Eight of the S&P’s 10 primary sector indexes ended higher. Consumer staples stocks posted the highest increases as the sector’s index SPCOMC rose 0.80 percent, while energy and utilities shares dragged.

Shares of Kinder Morgan Inc (KML), the big- gest US pipeline company, jumped 9 percent on news it would put all its publicly traded units under one roof in a $70 billion deal.

Yet there was enough of a safe-haven bid to keep Treasuries underpinned with yields on US 10- year paper US1YT=RR at 2.433 percent, not far from last week’s 14-month lows.

Major currencies were firmed in narrow ranges, with the US dollar index DXY of the TSE in Tokyo on 3 March, 2014 file photo. — Reuters

TEPCO to spin off hydropower, renewable energy operations

Tokyo Electric Power Co’s (TEPCO) stock price jumped 9 percent on news of plans to separate its hydropower and renewable energy operations.

The company, which had intended to have three separate units — specializing in power generation, power transmission and distribution, and retail businesses — under the holding company, according to its business turnaround plan released in January.

The share price rose after the company on Tuesday announced plans to spin off its hydropower and renewable energy operations when it adopts a holding company system in April 2016.

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Leaders of the company’s three main divisions — power generation, power transmission and distribution, and retail businesses — are likely to become CEOs of separate companies.

The company, which has been struggling after admitting to lying about the extent of damage to the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant following the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami, confirmed plans to split its business.

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Cap cloud on top of Mt Fuji

Pyramid caught in Florida is chief suspect in mystery of missing cats

Body found on Mt St Helens likely missing Japanese hiker

Poland to see first solar-energy powered houses

Second night of rioting after killing of black Missouri teen
CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV SHIP MARIN STAR VOY NO (-)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV SHIP MARIN STAR VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 13.8.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(1) where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
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Spanish police breaks people smuggling ring, arrests 72

Weather report

BAY INFERENC: Monsoon moderate over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.
STATE OF THE SEA: Will be moderate in Myanmar waters.
OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Moderate monsoon.

Ministry of Rail Transportation
Myanmar Railways
Invitation to Open Tender

1. Open Tenders are invited for supply of the following items in Euro:

   Sr No. Tender No
   1. 15T4/MR(E) 2014-2015

   - Spare Parts for Automatic Levelling, Lining and Tamping Machine ED/ALL. Tm NO.01&02 (139) Items
   - Spare Parts for Flash Butt Welding Machine (15) Items
   - Spare Parts for Profile Ballast Regulating Machine (39) Items
   - Spare Parts for Power Repower with MOI 16V 170 Engine (31) Items

   Closing Date & Time - Sr No.(1) 11.9.2014 (Thursday) (12:30) Hour.
   - Sr No.(2) 12.9.2014 (Friday) (12:30) Hour.

2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 11.8.2014 during office hours and for further detail please contact: Deputy General Manager, Supply Department, Myanmar Railways. Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botataung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291985, 291994.
**Deepika Padukone not interested in doing cameos anymore**

**Los Angeles, 12 Aug** — Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone, who had done special appearances in films earlier, is not interested in doing cameos any more.

"Is this a question relevant to the event.. I don’t do cameos anymore," Deepika said here at the launch of a song from her upcoming film ‘Finding Fanny’, directed by Homi Adajania, in which actor Ranveer Singh, who she is reportedly dating with, is playing a small role.

The actress had done a special song ‘Love Mera Hit Hit’ in Shah Rukh Khan’s home production film ‘Billa’ (2009) and another one in Rohan Sippy’s ‘Dum Maro Dum’.

Deepika was reportedly seen spending time with Ranveer while the latter was shooting for his next film ‘Dil Dhadakne Do’, directed by Zoya Akhtar, in Turkey and Barcelona.

The film revolves around a dysfunctional family which is on a cruise trip. It features an ensemble cast, including Ranveer Singh, Priyanka Chopra, Farhan Akhtar, Anushka Sharma, Anil Kapoor and Shefali Shah.

"Dil Dhadakne Do" is scheduled to release on 5 June next year.

Ranveer and Deepika will be seen together in Sanjay Leela Bhansali’s much-talked-about film ‘Bajirao Mastani’.

On reports that she has allotted 365 days for shooting ‘Bajirao Mastani’, the actress retorted, “I don’t know where this came from. It is not true. I don’t think I would ever be able to say (that) I will give ‘x’ days for a film. Sometimes (shooting) gets over early (and) at times it takes longer. Our aim as actors is to complete film …make a good film, the number of days does not matter.”—PTI

**US judge orders websites to stop ‘Expendables 3’ film piracy**

**Los Angeles, 12 Aug** — Citing lost box office sales that are “impossible to calculate,” a California federal judge has issued an order to stop the operators of several websites from distributing stolen copies of the upcoming film “The Expendables 3.”

The movie, distributed by Lions Gate Films, is scheduled to be released on Friday, but a pirated DVD-quality copy already had been downloaded more than 2.2 million times as of 1 August, according to court filings.

In granting a preliminary injunction to Lions Gate, US District Court Judge Margaret Morrow said in a ruling in Los Angeles last Friday that the defendants “deprived both Lions Gate and many others of revenue that will be impossible to calculate because there is no way of knowing how many people would have paid to see the film” if it weren’t for the copyright infringement.

Lions Gate sued the operators of six websites that did not respond to requests to remove the film from their content. The operators are listed as John Does in the complaint, as their identities are not yet known.

The sites include LimeTorrents, which the complaint said used the peer-to-peer file-sharing protocol BitTorrent to distribute the film between computer users. Other entities allowed people to download or watch the film directly, according to the complaint.

The judge also ordered an asset freeze on all accounts associated with the sites.

The film is part of a lucrative franchise, with the first two “Expendables” installments grossing more than $575 million worldwide. They feature Hollywood action stars including Sylvester Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Lions Gate said in court filings that all the pirated copies of the film originate from a single, high-quality digital file that had been stolen.—Reuters

**Chris Martin wants to work with Rihanna again**

**Los Angeles, 12 Aug** — Coldplay frontman Chris Martin hopes to work with Rihanna again after teaming up with the ‘Umbrella’ hitmaker for her next album recently.

Martin said he composed new music for Rihanna’s next album but he is not sure whether she has kept it.

“I wasn’t necessarily with (Rihanna in the studio), I was working for her. I don’t think she even asked, I just said, ‘please can I try something?’,” Martin said in a radio interview.

“She has so many amazing people writing for her. It’s like trying to win ‘American Idol’, getting a song on Rihanna’s album. It’s hard. Everybody wants to write songs for her,” Martin said.

Martin previously collaborated with Rihanna for ‘Princess of China’ off Coldplay’s 2011’s ‘Mylo Xyloto’ album.—PTI

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**Mila Kunis selling her Los Angeles home**

**Los Angeles, 12 Aug** — Heavily pregnant actress Mila Kunis is set to put her 5,000-square-foot Mediterranean-style Los Angeles bachelorette pad on the market.

The ‘Ted’ star is hoping to earn nearly USD 4 million from the sale with the help of Million-Dollar Listing LA stars Josh and Matt Altman, reported E! Online.

The 5,000-square foot property is situated on a private cul de sac in the heart of the Hollywood Hills. The house also features five bedrooms and bathrooms, a fireplace, porch, pool and hot tub.

The beautiful compound has been completely done from top to bottom, and includes high ceilings, open floor plan and breathtaking panoramic views from every room.—PTI
Rainstorms to hit Yunnan quake zone

BEIJING, 11 Aug — Strong rains will sweep the quake zone in Yunnan Province from Monday to Tuesday night, bring risks of more flooding and landslides, the National Meteorological Centre (NMC) said on Monday. A 6.5-magnitude quake jolted the southwestern province on 3 August, leaving at least 617 people dead.

Rescuers are racing to drain a barrier lake which threatens residents with flooding. The NMC warned the persisting rain may push up water levels in the lake and urged local authorities to keep on the alert.
LONDON, 12 Aug — English soccer has always been renowned for its pace, power and tough-tackling but new research appears to quantify the idea that current Premier League teams are playing a different game now than as recently as six years ago.

A study conducted by the University of Sunderland and Chris Barnes, the Head of Sports Science at West Bromwich Albion, analysed the physical and technical performance levels of more than 1,000 Premier League players over 23,000 “match observations”.

Over a seven-season period from 2006/07 to 2012/13 the findings showed how the English top flight has transformed its approach from long balls and 4-4-2 formations into a league dominated by passing, possession and high-intensity.

After watching Barcelona enjoy great success with their tiki-taka style, many English clubs have tried to perfect their own versions of possessional play.

Titled, “The Evolution of Physical and Technical Performance Parameters in the English Premier League,” the study showed that players in the 2012/13 season produced 40 percent more passes with a greater success rate than in 2006/07.

Despite that increase, players in the 2012/13 season completed 84 percent of their passes compared to 76 percent in 2006/07.

“We can clearly see the evolution within the game between 2006/07 and 2012/13,” Paul Bradley from the University of Sunderland said. “It is likely that this is a consequence of players developing physically, technically and tactically in their preparation. This now gives professional clubs new benchmarks to be set in terms of typical physical, technical and tactical levels. It will also help with the recruitment of players because clubs can look at their capabilities and work out whether they fit into the hustle and bustle of the English game and the various tactical systems used.”

As the frenetic pace of the Premier League takes its toll on the players it is hoped the research can be used to aid training programmes in the future.

“There is a commonly-held belief that the Premier League has become faster and more physically-demanding over recent years,” Barnes said. “This research provides the first objective evidence to back this up. It identifies the specific areas where the game has developed both physically and technically and thus the findings are of tremendous value to coaches and conditioning staff.”

— Reuters

Manchester City’s manager Manuel Pellegrini (R) stands next to the English Premier League trophy before their English Premier League victory parade in Manchester, northern England, on 12 May, 2014. — Reuters

Is McIlroy’s dominance ushering in a ‘Rory era’?

LIVERPOOL, (Kentucky), 12 Aug — Talk of the ‘Tiger era’ being replaced by a ‘Rory era’ escalated after Rory McIlroy thrust himself into golf’s pantheon of greats by clinching his fourth major title at the 96th PGA Championship on Sunday.

While Tiger Woods ended a disappointing week at Valhalla Golf Club by missing the cut at a major for only the fourth time as a professional, McIlroy won his third consecutive tournament with a dazzling display of shot-making down the closing stretch.

The Northern Irishman overcame a scrappy start to triumph by one stroke after a final-round shootout on a rain-softened layout ended in near darkness, and the superlatives were once again being heaped upon the 25-year-old from Holywood.

“It’s beginning to look like a little Tiger-esque I suppose,” former US Open champion Graeme McDowell said of his fellow Northern Irishman, who has won two majors in just three months.

“I said to the boys at the (British) Open (where McIlroy won last month), I didn’t think we were going to see the new Tiger era, as someone creating their own kind of Tiger-esque era just yet. “I’m not eating my words but I’m certainly starting to chew on them right now, with the WGC (Bridgeston Invitational win) and another major this weekend. When the kid is playing well, he’s pretty tough to live with. Pretty special stuff, yeah.”

McIlroy himself is wary of any hype that golf could now be entering a ‘Rory era’ of individual dominance.

“I try and put all this talk aside every time it comes up,” he said after becoming the youngest player to land four majors, with only Tom Morris Jr., Jack Nicklaus and Woods ahead of him.

“Tiger and Jack are two of the most successful players in our sport of all time. I’m on a nice track at the minute. I’ve still got a long way to go, but to be in their company at this age is very special.”

Whatever McIlroy says, he clearly possesses abundant talent, a strong work ethic and that magical ‘it’ factor which is reserved for very few players.

His ability to blow away fields, as he did in winning the 2011 US Open and the 2012 PGA Championship by eight shots apiece, or to conjure something extra-special when needed, as he did on the back nine at Valhalla, marks him out as a great.

A spectacular eagle at the par-five 10th, followed by birdies at the 13th and 17th, secured him his third major crown in his last nine starts and left his defeated rivals purring in admiration.

“Better than everyone else right now. He’s good, really good,” said Phil Mickelson, who had been part of a thrilling four-way shootout for the title in the final round until McIlroy trumped him by a stroke.

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PGA golfer Rory McIlroy poses with the Wanamaker Trophy after winning the 2014 PGA Championship golf tournament at Valhalla Golf Club. — Reuters

Germany striker Klose retires from national team

BERLIN, 12 Aug — Germany striker Miroslav Klose, who capped a record-breaking career with the national team by winning the World Cup last month, has retired from international football.

Poland-born Klose, who scored twice in the tournament in Brazil to become the competition’s record goal scorer of all time with 16 goals, said on Monday the time was right to end a 13-year career with the German national team.

The forward is the second member of Germany’s World Cup winning team to quit after the tournament following captain Philipp Lahm last month.

“Winning the title in Brazil was a childhood dream come true,” the 36-year-old Lazio striker said in a statement released by the German football association.

“I am happy and proud to have contributed to this big success for German football. For me there could be no better moment to complete the national team chapter.”

Klose is Germany’s second most capped player behind Lothar Matthaus who made the first of his 137 international appearances in 2001 and went on to become the top German scorer of all time with 71 international goals.

He broke Gerd Mueller’s 40-year-old record of 68 goals in June.

Germany’s only outstanding striker in the World Cup squad, Klose was initially benched in the tournament but earned back his starting spot and scored once against Ghana in the group stage and then again in their 7-1 semi-final demolition of hosts Brazil in the semi-final.

The latter goal also meant he overtook former Brazil striker Ronaldo on the World Cup scorers list.

“When I met up with Miro last week he told me he had thought long and hard about it and talked to his family,” Germany coach Joachim Loew said. “I immediately sensed that his decision was irreversible and that I cannot convince him otherwise.”

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