Nay Pyi Taw, 18 Aug—Vice President U Nyan Tun said on Monday at a meeting with stakeholders of the “Myanmar National Community-Driven Development Project,” which aims at developing rural areas, that all stakeholders are required to get involved in drafting development plans and implementing them as it is “impossible for the government to alone achieve rural development and poverty reduction, which are inter-related.”

Speaking at the meeting with private stakeholders and officials in Nay Pyi Taw, he said the government has been carrying out political, economic, administrative and private sector development reforms aimed at stabilizing the state and maintaining the rule of law, but that poverty reduction must be tackled in order to get Myanmar off the list of least developed countries, the vice president said, stressing that the international community recognizes and supports the reforms in Myanmar, proven by an increase in bilateral cooperation in various sectors.

A rural development strategy framework has been drawn by experts and scholars, with the government now pushing for its implementation to speed up the process of sustainable rural development.

According to the vice president, the government believes that implementing development projects in accordance with international standards instead of applying conventional methods will lead to sustainable socioeconomic development of the people. Community-driven rural development projects have been implemented since 2013 with financial and technical assistance from the World Bank, aimed at giving the public opportunities to participate in all stages of the process.

Muse Central Economic Zone to be completed in 2017

Yangon, 18 Aug—Muse Central Economic Zone at the border with China will be completed in 2017, according to a televised speech on Sunday by U Ngwe Soe, the Director of the Muse Central Economic Zone project.

The new economic zone located in the town of Muse, northern Shan State, and across the river from the Chinese border town of Ruili in Yunnan Province, is being implemented with “win-win cooperation by the Regional Development Committee of the Shan State Government and New Star Light Construction Company,” U Ngwe Soe said.

Media accreditation cards for AEM to be issued on 24 August

Nay Pyi Taw, 18 Aug—The 46th ASEAN Economic Ministers’ Meeting (AEM) and related meetings will be held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-1 in Nay Pyi Taw from 25 to 28 August, according to officials.

Media accreditation cards will be issued to local and foreign correspondents who have registered online at Sky Palace Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on 24 August.—MNA

Ceasefire talks turn out “fruitful results”: Ethnic parties

Yangon, 18 Aug—Ceasefire talks from August 15 to17 in Yangon between the Union Peacemaking Working Committee of the government and the Nationwide Ceasefire Coordination Team of ethnic armed groups have turned out fruitful results, according to a joint statement released by 34 ethnic political parties before presenting their suggestions to a tripartite meeting held at Myanmar Peace Centre on Monday.

Among the topics of the talks were equal rights among ethnic people, the rights of self-rule and a future federal system. At the meeting, Vice Chairman U Aung Min of the UPWC said that the event coincided with the third anniversary of the president’s invitation for all-inclusive peace talks which President U Thein Sein said play an important role for ethnic people and for a better future of the country.

UPWC Vice Chairman U Aung Min says he is optimistic that a nationwide ceasefire agreement will be finalized soon as now only details are left for negotiations.—MNA
Waste water management for prevention of water pollution in Myanmar discussed

NAV PI TAW, 18 Aug — Waste water treatment and technologies to monitor the impact of water quality on fish species were discussed at the Environmental Conservation and Forestry Ministry in Nay Pyi Taw on Monday.

Chief Technology Officer of ZWEBE Analytics Pte Ltd Mr. Kwe Htoo Win and Maj-Gen Gun Maw were among the leaders and the use of bio-sensor technology in waste water monitoring to keep track of water quality.—MNA

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He also said that there are only three or four remaining paragraphs to be discussed out of the 122 to be finalized in a nationwide ceasefire agreement.

U Aung Min then invited suggestions from leaders of the NCCT and ethnic political parties.

NCCT leader U Naing Han Thar, deputy leaders Padoh Kwe Htoo Win and Maj-Gen Gun Maw were among the leaders to give speeches at the meeting.

UN special envoy Vijay Nambiar expressed his gratitude to officials for letting him monitor the peace talks supervised by President U Thein Sein, saying he appreciates the “positive results from the talks” due to cooperation of the UPWC and NCCT, which “will help ending the 60-year old internal conflicts”.

Vijay Nambiar also said that he understands there would be some challenges to hold all-inclusive political dialogues in the future, but assured the supports of the UN during the next steps. —MNA

Information Ministry officials to play against Defence Ministry in football finals

NAV PI TAW, 18 Aug — The Ministry of Information cruised into the final of the 7th Inter-Ministry Men’s Football Tournament, with a 1-0 victory over the Ministry of Finance in the semifinal match at the sports ground No 3 of Wunna Theikdi Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw on Monday.

At another sports match at the sports ground, the Ministry of Electric Power played in a semifinal match against the Ministry of Defence. Both teams could not break the deadlock result of a goalless draw till the final whistle. In the penalty decision, the Ministry of Defence won over its opponent 4-2 and will play against the Ministry of Information in the final on 20 August.—MNA

Deputy Home Affairs Minister meets human trafficking victims

YANGON, 18 Aug — Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint—a member of the Anti-Human Trafficking Prevention Central Committee—met 32 human trafficking victims who arrived back from Thailand, China and other neighbouring countries at M-3 Food Centre in Bahan Township of Yangon on Sunday.

The deputy minister presented K100,000 each to the human trafficking victims before seven of them recounted their experiences.

Also present were senior police officers and representatives from World Vision, AAPTIP and Save the Children.—MNA

Social groups donate food to flood victims in Bago

BAGO, 18 Aug — Social organizations have donated food to victims of the recent flood disaster in Bago as many locals are still unable to return to their houses. A total of 2,276 flood victims from 730 households holds in Wards No. 13 and 14 of Bago have found shelter at Shwenathar monastery in Bago, where they have to remain until the floods in Bago’s low-lying areas have receded.

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The low-lying areas in Bago town on average get flooded heavily at least twice per rainy season, locals said. The floods usually last around 4 to 5 days, with locals relying on the local monasteries and temples for food and shelter as the roads are under 4-foot deep water, subsiding only slowly.

Flood victims in low-lying areas of Bago are in hardship after inundation for more than a week.—PHOTO: THANT ZIN WIN

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According to organizer Mr. Chua Buck Cheng, Project Director from Singapore Exhibition Services, Oil & Gas Myanmar 2014 is a vital event for investors who wish to get to know the oil and gas market, creating opportunities for foreign investors to join the energy sector of Myanmar and showcasing the latest foreign products and technologies for local entrepreneurs.

According to information from the Myanmar Investment Commission, foreign investment reached US$14.372 billion in the oil and gas sector last year.—NLM

Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry and Singapore-based company discuss prevention of water pollution and technology to keep track of water quality.—MNA

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The projects are also designed to encourage the public to nurture cooperation with local government authorities and enable lifelong learning for capacity enhancement through transparency, accountability, gender equality and social as well as environmental protection.

The vice president stressed the need for the public to participate in planning, implementing, supervising and assessing the different stages of the development projects. Village-tracks under the project will receive about K24 million per year for three consecutive years for infrastructure development. Although challenges remain for the public as Myanmar experienced centralization for many years, the vice president urged participants of the review meeting to improve the current situation based on their experience. The vice president’s speech was followed by reports from the Union Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development U Ohn Myint and Global Practice Manager Ms. Susan Wong, who discussed measures to be introduced for the implementation of rural development projects and poverty reduction.—MNA

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Real estate development in Muse Central Economic Zone comprises 18 estates, including jade trading facilities, markets, shops, hotels, restaurants and housing complexes.

The conceptual illustration of the completed projects depicts high-rise buildings, malls and modern residential areas. With construction well underway, the economic zone will be established on over 300 acres of land at a cost of K50 billion, according to sources.

Local authorities approved plans for the Muse Central Economic Zone in early 2013, with the development set to boost cross-border trade at the most important crossing between Myanmar and China.—NLM

Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) Speaker tours Mandalay Region to oversee development projects

AMYOTH A HLUTTAW Speaker U Khin Aung Myint (right) inspects development in Mandalay Region as part of efforts to develop socio-economy of the region.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug — Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) U Khin Aung Myint toured Mandalay Region on Sunday, where he inaugurated a bridge and inspected progress made on development projects.

At a ceremony to inaugurate Shwetaunngyi bridge in Yamethin Township, he said transport is one of the most beneficial factors for political, economic and social development, adding that smooth transport will contribute to better flow of commodities and the development of the education and health sectors. The bridge was funded by National Development Gold Mining Company Ltd, with the construction costing K170 million.

During his tour, the Speaker inspected progress on dredging Kyene Lake in Yamethin Township. Upon completion, the lake will store 8,100 acre-feet of water to irrigate 6,249 acres of monsoon paddy and 1,700 acres of summer paddy, officials said.

The Speaker also visited Kyaukse Lake of 125-year-old Pyawbwe Township, where he received reports on plans of re-dredging silt from the lake to increase water-storage capacity.

The dredging of the lake will cost about K16 billion, according to local authorities who hope that upon completion, the lake will irrigate 4,300 acres of monsoon paddy and 910 acres of summer paddy. —MNA

Military delegation returns from visit to Russia

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug — A delegation led by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win arrived back in Myanmar from the Russian Federation on Monday, which the officials had visited from 13 August, following an invitation by the chairman of the Federal Service for Military Technical Cooperation of Russia.

Upon arrival at Domodedovo Airport in Moscow, the delegation was greeted by Myanmar Ambassador to Russia U Tin Yu, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Ye Naing Myo and Head of International Relations Mr Pletnev Igor of the FSMTC of Russia.

The delegation was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Commander Maj-Gen Hsan Oo of Yangon Command and senior military officers before proceeding to Nay Pyi Taw where they were welcomed back by General Hla Htay Win and high ranking military officers.—MNA

Information Minister discusses media reform with press council

YANGON, 18 Aug — A meeting on media reform plans was held on Monday in Yangon, with the Ministry of Information and Myanamar Press Council (Interim) inviting suggestions from international organizations and foreign-based media groups.

At the event titled ‘Media Development Thematic Meeting’ at the Chatrium Hotel, Union Minister for Information U Ye Htut gave a briefing on the reform processes of the media sector, with U Kyaw Min Swe, secretary of the MPC (Interim), presenting a report on the activities of the journalists’ council.

Among the main topics of the two-day meeting are covering news in line with journalistic ethics, the role of socially responsible media, reform processes in TV and public service media, broadcasting channels for ethnic languages, covering elections news, and the impact of laws, rules and regulations on press freedom. The meeting was attended by representatives from UNESCO, BBC Media Action, Myanmar Media Lab, Interns Europe, USAID, DVB Support and EU, as well as the members of MPC (Interim) and officials from the Ministry of Information.—MNA

Union Minister for Information U Ye Htut talks about progress made on media reforms as the government is implementing the Third Wave process.—MNA
Diamond orbs and umbrellas hoisted atop pagoda

CHAUNGU, 18 Aug—Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye and wife Daw Wai Wai Khaing attended the ceremony of hoisting diamond orbs and umbrellas atop Yadana Min O Chantha Pagoda in Amyint Model Village in Chaung U Township in Sagaing Region recently.

Officials offered diamond orbs and umbrellas to members of the Sangha. The Chief Minister and party hoisted diamond orbs and umbrellas atop the pagoda and then offered rice to 27 members of the Sangha who consecrated the pagoda.

CHANDU Township IPRD

Traditional performing arts concert held under auspices of Ministry of Culture

MANDALAY, 18 Aug—The Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture organized a Myanmar traditional performing arts concert at the National Theatre, located at the eastern part of Mandalay moat on Sunday.

Artists of the department performed a variety of traditional songs and dance routines to the more than 900 people in the audience, including 23 foreign tourists, according to officials, adding that a similar concert will be held at the same venue on 30 August.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Myaungmya KBZ Branch donates eye surgical machine to social association

MYAUNGMYA, 18 Aug—Kanbawza Bank Ltd (Myaungmya Branch) donated K50 million to be spent on the purchase of an eye surgical machine to Myaungmya Social Association on Saturday.

“The bank branches contribute to social welfare tasks in respective townships,” said senior general manager U Yan Naing Aung of ICT Section of the bank Ltd. Senior General Manager U Yan Naing Aung and Bank branch in-charge Daw Kaythi Tun presented cash donation to Chairman of the social association U Tin Myint and officials. Aryudana clinic at Myaungmya Pariyatti Swanah Monastery accepts eye patients for performing surgical operations. The eye surgical machine will be used in surgical operations for patients safely.

Aung Min (IPRD)

School council executive committee takes oaths

KANMA, 18 Aug—A ceremony to take oaths by members of the School Council was held on the lawns of Basic Education High School in Kanma of Magway Region on Saturday.

Students sang a song entitled “School Council”.

Headmistress Daw Hse Mi explained the purpose of assigning duty to the students and duty and functions.

The executive committee members of the school council took oaths. The headmistress presented commemorative pens to the leaders of the student teams.

Kyaw Zeya Win (IPRD)
Mandalay Open Chess Tournament wraps up

Thandwe District to collect data on birth and death registration

Independence Day of India marked in Mandalay

Chicken processing factory to commence operation in September
Thai junta boosts spending on defence, education in draft budget

BANGKOK, 18 Aug — The Thai junta leader General Prayuth Chan-ocha, stressing that the military had a “limited time” in power before return to civilian rule, submitted a drafted fiscal 2015 budget on Monday, with defence and education receiving hefty increases.

The military seized power in May after months of street demonstrations which led to the ouster of Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra.

The Ministry of Education was allocated 498.16 billion baht ($15.66 billion) (3.96 billion British pound), a 3.2 percent increase from last year’s budget and 19 percent of technology could help enhance the government in the face of China’s growing maritime assertiveness. Some ASEAN countries are engaged in territorial disputes with China in the South China Sea. At the seminar with the main theme of “security,” Japanese officials will explain how Tokyo’s new defense equipment export policy has replaced a nearly half-century embargo on arms exports, and explain how Japanese vessels and aircraft could boost the security of ASEAN countries. The new rules enable Japanese defense equipment and technology to be exported if they serve the purpose of contributing to international cooperation and Tokyo’s security interests. Japan has to conclude a defense equipment transfer accord with each nation before actually exporting arms to it. After the seminar, Japan plans to discuss signing such an agreement with countries interested in buying Japanese equipment. —Reuters

Japan to hold seminar to pitch defence equipment exports to ASEAN

Tokyo, 18 Aug — The Japanese government plans to hold a seminar in late September attended by officials from ASEAN countries to make a pitch for exports of Japanese defense equipment to those Asian nations, government sources said on Sunday.

It will be the first gathering of Japan and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to hold full-fledged discussions concerning such exports since Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s Cabinet decided in April to ease restrictions on arms exports.

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Malaysia’s opposition steps back from brink in state crisis

KUALA LUMPUR, 18 Aug — Malaysia’s three-party opposition alliance has averted a damaging split by agreeing to support the wife of opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim as the next chief minister of Selangor, an industrial hub that is the country’s richest state.

But while the parties shelved their differences, a weeks-long crisis over control of the state has exposed deep divisions in the alliance that could re-surface to hamper its chance of ousting the government in the next election, analysts say.

The opposition infighting — a boon for Malaysia’s 57-year-old governing coalition — began when the Islamic Party’s leader, Noh Abdullah, refused to support Anwar’s party’s move to sack the current chief minister, who is accused of incompetence and graft.

The top state official, Khalid Ibrahim, refused to accept the sacking and tried to claw back, with the backing of the ruling coalition and support from PAS, which was opposed to Anwar’s wife, Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, becoming chief minister.

Senior opposition figures warned the dispute could split the disparate multi-ethnic alliance, but PAS leaders stepped back from the brink late on Sunday by agreeing to support Wan Azizah.

The “Pakatan” (alliance) party has taken strides towards national power in the last two elections, most recently in May 2013, but have been dogged by divisions between the secular ethic Chinese party, Anwar’s party, and PAS. The Islamist party itself is interested in taking over the top state job, but given its clear support, the majority in the state assembly.

Wan Azizah is widely seen as a proxy for her husband, a former finance minister whose own plans to take over the top state job were stymied by his conviction in March for sodomy, a ruling that rights activists say was politically motivat

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The prime minister’s guarantee came after some opposition MPs voiced their concerns that the ruling party might break the coalition and do not vote for them. Senior CPP lawmaker Cheam Yeap said on Monday that the rumpers, current president Heng Samrin will remain the president, while the current first vice president Nguon Nhel will relinquish that position to the CNRP and become second vice president. —Xinhua
LDP’s No 2 man likely to take new defence legislation post

Tokyo, 18 Aug — Shigeru Ishiba, the ruling Liberal Democratic Party’s No 2 man, is likely to take the new post of minister for defence legislation in a Cabinet reshuffle slated for early September, thereby taking charge of pushing through Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s key security policies, party sources said on Sunday.

“If I receive a formal request, I will accept the offer whatever post it will be,” LDP Secretary General Aishiba told Abe through the prime minister’s aides, according to the sources.

Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida and Takeo Kawamura, former chief Cabinet secretary and currently chairman of the LDP’s Election Strategy Committee, are among possible candidates to succeed Ishiba as LDP secretary general.

In a meeting with Ishiba last month, Abe broached the idea of appointing him as defence legislation minister. Abe wants to tap the former defence minister’s knowledge and expertise in security policy as the gov- ernment steps up legal arrangements to put into effect its landmark decision to allow Japan to exercise the right to collective self-defence, or defending allies under armed attack even when Japan itself is unharmed.

The decision in July to effect the change by reinterpreting Japan’s pacifist Constitution, rather than by amending it, has prompted creation of the new ministerial post.

At the July meeting with Abe, Ishiba asked for time to consider the offer. He is now leaning toward accepting the offer so as not to spark a feud among party members ahead of the LDP’s leadership election in September next year, according to the sources.

Ishiba is regarded as a potential future prime minister as he finished a close second to Abe in the LDP’s last party leader election in September 2012. Many LDP members supporting Ishiba hope the party heavyweight will remain the party secretary general, or think Ishiba should prepare to run in the next LDP presidential election without serving in any Cabinet position.

If Ishiba decides to assume the new ministerial post, he may face difficulties convincing his supporters he did the right thing. Some believe doing so could prevent Ishiba from becoming prime minister because as a Cabinet minister, he would not be able to criticize Abe’s policies. Ishiba could be also asked to concurrently serve as the defence minister, according to the sources.

Abe was earlier expected to carry out the Cabinet reshuffle on 4 September. But the schedule may be moved up a day as it has become clear that Abe will finish by 1 September, his key diplomatic schedule with visiting Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

S Korea, US launch UFG joint military drill

Seoul, 18 Aug — South Korea and the United States on Monday launched the Ulchi Freedom Guardian (UFG) joint military exercise aimed at defending South Korea from possible security threats from the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK).

The computer-assisted simulation exercise, which will run until 29 August, will mobilize about 50,000 South Korean troops and 30,000 US forces, including 3,000 US soldiers operating overseas and coming here for the drill.

This year’s UFG drill will adopt the so-called “tailored deterrence strategy” for the first time, which was introduced in October 2013 to respond to the DPRK’s possible threats of nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

The South Korean military has claimed the drill is annually held and of defensive nature, but the DPRK denounced it as a rehearsal for the northward invasion.

The DPRK’s General Staff of the Korean People’s Army said on Sunday that it will launch preemptive attacks at any time against the joint military exercise, calling it a “rehearsal for a nuclear war.”

South Korea had suggested to the DPRK a week earlier holding the senior-level inter-Korean talks on Tuesday, but the suggested date overlapped with the joint military exercise, making the dialogue actually hard to be held.

The DPRK fired five short-range projectiles into its eastern waters on Thursday, while top DPRK leader Kim Jong Un sent a wreath marking the fifth anniversary of the death of South Korea’s former President Kim Dae-jung on Sunday.

Sankei reporter appears at prosecutors’ office over Park article

Seoul, 18 Aug — The Seoul bureau chief of the mass circulation Japanese daily Sankei Shimbun on Monday, in response to a summons by the Seoul Central District Prosecutors’ Office for suspected defamation of President Park Geun Hye, appeared at the office.

Tatsuya Kato arrived at the office around 11 am. He entered the office with a defence lawyer and a translator.

The questioning was expected to focus on whether an article written by Kato, 48, defamed Park.

The office has issued a travel ban on Kato.

A conservative civic organization filed a defamation suit against the bureau on 9 August for the article, which was carried in the 3 August online edition of the newspaper.

Citing rumors in the stock brokerage industry and a South Korean newspaper, Kato suggested in the article that Park, who is single, was not at the presidential office during a seven-hour period on the day of a ferry disaster in April, and may have been secretly meeting with a recently divorced former aide.

The presidential office has dismissed the rumors and the article.

Sankei Shimbun said in a statement that its report was based on information contained in statements made in South Korea’s National Assembly and a column in a South Korean newspaper.

It is the first time for a Japanese reporter to be questioned by South Korea prosecutors over reporting activities since 1993, when the then bureau chief of Japan’s Fuji Television was arrested by prosecutors on suspicion of receiving classified military intelligence from a Korean naval intelligence officer. He was convicted and deported the following year.
Good infrastructures crucial for development of tourism industry

By Aung Khin

When this writer checked the multifaceted topics taken up at presentations, it was found that there were 40 sessions from 1 to 3 August 2014, with the time frame of one and a half hours on each day. The interesting topics as seen by the writer were: (a) The Economy I and II; (b) Ethnic Issues I, II and III; (c) Reforms and Transition; (d) Media in Transition; (e) Changing relations between Myanmar, United States and China; (f) Civil Society; (g) Society I and II, and other topic assimilation of topics.

A total of 12 topics were presented in (4) separate venues with time slot of one and a half hours on 1 August. The speakers presented 16 topics on 2 August, and (12) topics on 3 August. Total of (40) sessions were realized. It was really interesting and laudable to the organizers as well as the sponsors that could loop in (120) Panel Speakers in the academic events.

The writer of this article has intentionally chosen on the perspective of the “Media and Transition in Myanmar”, which was in the item number (10). It is due to the reason that President U Thein Sein strongly urged ministries and media to build relations based on ethics and mutual respect on 1 August 2014.

Summary of the Panel: The panel has explored the situation facing media during the current transitional period in Myanmar. The panel engaged with both the history of the various media in the country and the current social, economic and legal contexts the media must now navigate. The panel consisted of three research presentations that laid out the current situation facing both urban based media and the regional and ethnic media covering the rural areas, and that they also place the Myanmar media’s transition period in historical and conceptual context. By laying out the current situation and analyzing how Myanmar’s case is similar and different from transitional periods faced by other media systems. The organizers had hoped from the academic conference that journalists, policymakers, and educators might benefit.

Papers presented at the academic conference were as follows:

“Assessing the media reforms in Myanmar: constraints and controls in the new reporting environment” by Jennifer Leehey, PhD, Research Coordinator, and for “Understanding Myanmar’s Development” project, Chiang Mai University.

Summary of presentation: The paper reported on the shifting media-scape in Myanmar in the post-2010 period, focusing especially on the changing regulatory frameworks for print media. Without question, there has been significant liberalization of Myanmar’s private media sector in recent years, following decades of overtly repressive state control. The long-standing Press Scrutiny Board was dismantled in 2012. In 2013, the government granted dozens of new broadcast and publishing licenses to private entities, and privately owned daily newspapers went on sale in Myanmar for the first time; yet the old developments have been hailed by Myanmar-watchers and analysts as critical in the country’s move toward democracy and political reform. However, there is continuing uncertainty about the new legal framework that will replace the 1962 Printers and Publishers’ Registration Law and how far freedom of the press will really extend. The Ministry of Information has proposed legislation that, arguably, replicates key aspects of the old system, much to the dismay of independent journalists’ organizations. At the same time, journalists and editors have feared that the influence arising from the increasing number of new broadcasting, or radio and TV outlets of ethnic minorities and their language. The research paper included the impact of print and online media as well as ethnic radio and TV outlets of the smaller ethnic media such as “Kantawaddy Times” (KT), which is operated by ethnic Kayinni journalists who were previously based in a refugee camp in Mae Hong Son, Thailand. Such cases were compared with larger ethnic media outlets such as the Kayin Information Centre (KIC), run by ethnic Kayin journalists based in Mae Sot.

The comparative study, through surface appearances or face value to deeper conceptualizations or to form a serious idea, would offer the attitude of ethnic minorities and their journals as well as a deeper understanding of the particular challenges facing ethnic media in reforming Myanmar, where the landscape of ethnic media has a different market, funding, and language. (See page 9)
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The next presentation was as follows.

“Media, Human Rights Discourse and Democratic Transition: What Myanmar Can Learn from Other Experiences” was presented by Lisa Brooten, PhD, Associate Professor, College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, USA.

Summary of presentation: The paper has featured an overview of lessons learned from media in transition, with a focus on the use of human rights discourse in transition periods and on those situations most useful to analyze in relation to the current transition period in Myanmar.

Much of the human right discourse was uncritical or not willing to criticize whether right or wrong. Furthermore, it was rather implicit or suggested without being directly expressed. It employs the dominant focus on individual and civil political rights, tacitly or indirectly diverting attention from calls from critical scholars to more fully respect social, economic and cultural rights. It was happening in the groups especially those of minority and otherwise marginalized groups.

In media and communications study, the tension was obvious in the focus on freedom of expression and freedom of the press. It was detriment or disadvantage in a broader understanding of communication rights, especially for those groups marginalized in mainstream media discourse.

This broader concept included the recognition of people’s right to access media as citizens rather than merely as passive recipients of media or most often from state-controlled or commercial media. It meant to move from an “information transmission” model to a “relational model” of media. The purpose of the “relational model” is to provide a declarative method for specifying data and queries. The users directly state what information the database contains and what information they want from it. The intention is to let the database management system software take care of describing data structures for storing the data and retrieval procedures for answering queries.

The paper has provided a comparative overview of media reform efforts in transitional countries, in which calls for media democratization involve contextually and culturally specific visions for a broadened set of communication rights. The exploration of these efforts offers insights into the challenges and opportunities for promoting communication rights and other human rights in Myanmar and other non-western contexts.

The writer of this article has no intention to make assessment and observation on the presentations, but to put forward the academic presentations held in Singapore to the esteemed readers.

There are some burning issues in the Myanmar media circle, which the writer would like to point out without any comments.

On 1 August 2014, U Ye Hut has been appointed as Union Minister of the Ministry of Information, in place of U Aung Kyi.

On the same day of 1 August, President U Thein Sein urged ministries and media to build relations based on ethics and mutual respect. He told the Myanmar Interim Press Council (Interim) in Nay Pyi Taw that the government bodies and the media are required to build good relations on ethics and mutual respects. They exchanged views on cooperation between the administration branch and the media, strengthening the process of handling of ethical problems by the Myanmar Interim Press Council, measures for effective release of information by government ministries, ways to solve ethical problems of journalists through the press council instead of legal action, holding workshop for building trust between government ministries and journalists.

The president admitted that there are weaknesses in releasing information of government ministries and promised to cooperate with the Interim Press Council.

The writer of this article is of the view that the problems cropped up mainly due to the weaknesses and delays in releasing adequate and firm information of the government agencies. As the government is endeavouring to establish e-government network system, the government departments starting from the ministries should expedite in updating the respective websites. When the relevant websites of the government departments are timely updated and functioning well, then the public including the media persons can have access to the information they wish to know.

It may need to mention that all the above information with regard to the summary of presentation of various papers were accessible from anywhere at the Websites of the National University of Singapore.

Misunderstanding between the government bodies and the media is meant to require building good relations on ethics and mutual respect is true and correct. This is the best possible way to address the issue.

With the long term perspective, when the departments dealing with the general public stepped ahead with the online working procedure, the chances of bribery and corruption could be reduced as the “online” system could avoid malpractices.

A well planned e-government strategy can make leap into building more efficient, accountable and transparent government. It can build citizens trust in government, promote economic growth by improving interface with business, and empower citizens to participate in advancing good governance.

The main intention and trust of the writer of this article is to convey some part of the topics spelt out at the “International Myanmar Studies Conference 2014: Singapore” to the esteemed readers. However, the recent change of Union Minister of the Ministry of Information and the meeting of the president with the Press Interim Council prompted the writer to add some perspectives and viewpoint on the ways and means to build trust between the government bodies and the media, to avoid corruption and to lead the path to good governance.

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The Meaning of Objective

Objective means:

• Something that you are trying to achieve
• Goal is its synonym
• It can be your Target

Some examples of Objectives

In Life:

• To follow a diet regime
• To follow an exercise program
• To get a Master’s degree in Business
• To go abroad next year
• To get married soon
• To learn car driving
• To learn swimming
• To go in for a retreat in meditation

In Business:

• To attain a greater Market-share
• To achieve a better Industry-ranking
• To raise Productivity
• To lower Costs in distribution
• To pursue a broader Product Lines
• To build a strong Brand Name
• To become a better Innovator
• To pursue fast business Growth

In Finance:

• To achieve greater Revenue
• To achieve faster Earnings-growth
• To give higher Dividends/bonuses
• To achieve higher Profit margin
• To achieve higher ROI
• To achieve better/stronger Cash Flow
• To achieve a rising Company-Image

The Meaning of Strategy

In business parlance, strategy means:

The Meaning of Strategy

In day-to-day world, Strategy is:

The MEANS TO AN END
HOW TO GET WHAT YOU WANT
THE WAY TO THE GOLDEN CITY

In short, Strategy is the particular way of using and deploying the resources to the best advantage to achieve the set objective. The essence of strategy is:

Illustration

Mission:

To Enhance the 3-B’s:
(Beauty, Brain & Business)

Objective:

To Reduce Weight
(5 lbs a month)

Strategy:

Diet & Exercise

Tactics:

* No Sweet
* No Snack
* No Supper
* No Diet
* Aerobics or Aerobic Exercises

To Prevail
To Dominate
To Triumph
To Win
To Be Victorious
To Emerge as the Victor
in one’s MISSION.

The Meaning of Tactics

Tactic means:

All the day-to-day activities carried out in support of the strategic performance directed at achieving the set objective. A simple example is:

Objective….. To have lunch
Strategy ….. The Choice of the Restaurant
Tactic ….. The Choice of dishes in the menu.

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Russia says agreement reached on aid to Ukraine but not on ceasefire

BERLIN, 18 Aug — Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Monday that all objections to it sending a humanitarian convoy to Ukraine had been resolved but said no progress had been made in Berlin talks toward a ceasefire between government and rebel forces in the east of the country.

“I hope that we made progress, but I believe and doubt where Kiev’s writ will extend,” Lavrov, who was in Berlin on Monday said all objections to it sending a humanitarian convoy to Ukraine had been resolved but said no progress had been made in Berlin talks toward a ceasefire between government and rebel forces in the east of the country.

The four-month-old conflict in Ukraine’s Russ-speaking east has reached a critical phase, with Kiev and Western governments watching nervously to see if Russia will use troops massed along its border to intervene in support of the increasingly besieged pro-Russian rebels.

Russian has repeatedly said it has no plans to invade and Lavrov again denied Moscow is helping the rebels. He defended the military buildup on Russ’s border, saying: “We must be alert ... when several kilometers from our border a real war is underway.”

Reuters

Ukraine says its troops make breakthrough in rebel stronghold

KIEV / DONETSK, 18 Aug — Ukrainian forces have raised their national flag over a police station in the city of Luhansk that was for months under rebel control, Kiev said on Sunday, in what could be a breakthrough in Ukraine’s efforts to crush pro-Moscow separatists.

Following the talks between Russia, Germany, France and Ukraine on Sunday, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said “finally, all questions had been resolved ... related to the Russian initiative to send 300 trucks with humanitarian aid.”

Ukrainian officials said, however, the rebels were fighting a desperate rearguard action to hold on to Luhansk — which is their supply route into neighbouring Russia — and that the flow of weapons and fighters from Russia had accelerated.

The foreign ministers of Ukraine, Russia, France and Germany held a meeting in Berlin on the crisis, with German Foreign Min-ister Frank-Walter Steinmeier saying afterwards they would report back to their leaders and possibly agree on Monday or Tues- day on how to continue talks. “The aim remains to bring about a ceasefire in Ukraine and to prevent fu-ture victims,” Steinmeier said.

“It was a difficult dis-cussion but I believe and I hope that we made progress on some points,” he told reporters.

Russia denies help-ing the rebels and accuses Kiev, backed by the West, of triggering a humanitar-ian crisis through indiscrimin-ate use of force against Russian speakers in east- ern Ukraine who reject the Ukrainian government’s rule.

Andriy Lysenko, a Ukrainian military spokes-man, said government forces fought separatists in Luhansks on Saturday and took control of the Zhovtnevy neighbourhood police station.

“They raised the state flag over it,” Lysenko said.

Separatist officials in Luhansk could not be reached by telephone, and a separatist spokesman in Donetsk, the other rebel strong-hold, said he had no information about Luhansks.

A photograph post-ed on Twitter appeared to show a Ukrainian flag on the front of the police sta-tion, but it could not be inde-pendently verified.

If confirmed, the tak-ing of the police station is significant because Luhansks has for several months been a rebel re-doubt where Kiev’s writ has not run. Separatists still control sections of the bor-der linking Luhansks region to Russia.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko an-nounced another military success, saying his forces had recaptured a railway junction at Yasynuvata, north of Donetsk, which he said had “strategic signifi-cance.”

The four-month-old conflict in Ukraine’s Russ-speaking east has reached a critical phase, with Kiev and Western governments watching nervously to see if Russia will intervene in support of the increasingly besieged rebels. The rebels respond-ed with defiant rhetoric and fighting.

Reuters

UNSG’s Message on World Humanitarian Day

World Humanitarian Day, we renew our committment to life-saving relief efforts, and we remember all those who did serving this noble cause.

Last year, more humanitarian workers were kid-napped, seriously injured or killed than ever before. This is an outrage.

In recent weeks, dozens of humanitarians, includ-ing members of the United Nations family, have lost their lives in South Sudan and Gaza. Too many people have died or suffered from deliberate attacks.

Humanitarian workers and their families are hit hardest by these crimes.

But, they are also felt by millions of others.

Attacks on humanitarian workers hinder the ability of people in desperate need to receive life-saving assis-tance.

Children go unvaccinated. Sick and wounded pa-tients go untreated.

On World Humanitarian Day, we honour the heroic aid workers who rush bravely to help people in need.

We remember their sacrifices, and we recognize the millions of people who count on humanitarian workers for their very survival.

Let us honour the fallen by protecting those who carry on their work and supporting humanitarian relief operations worldwide.

UNICYCYangon

Kurds push to drive militants from Mosul Dam with US air support

DOHUK, 18 Aug — Kurdish fighters pushed to retake Iraq’s largest dam on Sunday in an attempt to re-verse gains by Islamic State insurgents who have over-run much of the country’s north, officials said.

Islamic State militants have seized several towns and oilfields as well as Mos- sul Dam in recent weeks, possibly giving them the ability to flood cities or cut off water and electricity supplies.

 Asked about a Kurdish push to dislodge the mi-litants on Sunday, a Kurdish official said they had not taken the dam itself but had seized “most of the sur-rounding area”.

Islamic State militants have told residents in the area to leave, according to an engineer who works at the site.

The engineer said the militants told them they were planting roadside bombs along roads leading in and out of the facility, possibility in fear of an attack by Kurdish fighters who have been bolstered by US airstrike.

US planes — deployed over Iraq because of the Is-lamic State’s advances for the first time since the US-troop withdrawal in 2011 — had been striking targets near Mosul Dam over the last 24 hours, peshmerga spokesman Halgurd Hik-mat said.

“God willing we will regain control of the dam today,” he said.

US officials said last week the US government was directly supplying weapons to Kurdish pesh-merga fighters.

Witnesses said Kur-dish forces have recaptured the mainly Christian towns of Batmaia and Telasafq, 30 km (18 miles) from Mosul, the closest they have come to the city since Islamic State insurgents drove government forces out in June.

An “independent Kurdish state would ... create a reality, possibly also with the states neigh-boring Iraq,” Steinmeier said in an interview with Germany’s Bild am Sonn-tag newspaper published on Sunday.

Proclaiming a cali-phant straddling parts of Iraq and Syria, Islamic State militants have swept across northern Iraq, push-ing back Kurdish regional forces and driving tens of thousands of Christians and members of the Yazidi re-liigious minority from their homes.

Reuters
National Guard called in after second night of chaos in Ferguson, Missouri

FEUGSON, (Missouri) 18 Aug — Missouri’s govern-er said on Monday he would send the National Guard into the St Louis suburb of Ferguson to re-store calm after authorities forcibly dispersed a crowd protesting last week’s fa-tal shooting of an unarmed black teen by police.

Gov Jay Nixon signed an executive order deploy-ing the US state militia, saying demonstrators had thrown Molotov cocktails and shot at police as well as a civilian, a description of the night’s events diver-ging widely from some eye-witness accounts.

“Tonight, a day of hope, prayers, and peace-ful protests was marred by the violent criminal acts of a small group of individuals, a growing number of indi-viduals, many from outside the community and state, whose actions are putting the residents and business-ees of Ferguson at risk,” Nixon said in a statement on his website.

A midnight curfew was imposed for the sec-ond night in the tense St Louis suburb hit by racial-ly charged demonstrations, violence and looting since Michael Brown, 18, was shot to death on 9 August by white police officer Dar-ren Wilson.

At around dusk on Sunday, hundreds of pro-testers in Ferguson includ-ing families with young children fled to safety after police wearing gas masks and body armor fired tear gas and smoke canisters to scatter them hours ahead of the curfew.

“Smoke bombs were completely unpro-voked,” said Anthony Ellis, who said his son had been seriously wounded in the face.

A midnight curfew was put in place as the National Guard was called in after盼面展出了平静的迹象。抗议者们和平地聚集，表达对迈克尔·布朗死亡的不满，警方则采取了温和的措施来维持秩序。然而，一些抗议者开始采取更为激进的行动，投掷燃烧瓶和烟雾弹，导致局势恶化。据警方透露，迈克尔·布朗在与警方的对峙中被枪杀，而警方则声称他们是为了自卫而开枪。抗议活动导致了对州掌控权的质疑，州长表示将调遣国民警卫队来平息局势。
China publishes official biography of Deng Xiaoping

BEIJING, 18 Aug — China has published the official biography and collected works of late leader Deng Xiaoping ahead of the 110th anniversary of his birth on Friday.

The Collected Works of Deng Xiaoping (1949-1974) presents Deng’s thoughts on the development of the country and the Communist Party of China (CPC). The book was edited by the Party Literature Research Office of the CPC Central Committee and published by the People’s Publishing House. The Biography of Deng Xiaoping (1904-1974) records his experience until 1974, when he served as vice premier after being purged for several years during the Cultural Revolution. It was written by the Party Literature Research Office of the CPC Central Committee and published by the Party literature publishing house.

Deng was born on 22 Aug, 1904 in southwest China’s Sichuan Province. He was called “chief architect of China’s reform and opening-up” for his painstaking efforts in leading the country’s transformation drive starting in the 1970s. —Xinhua

Cambodia, China to jointly establish technology transfer centre

PHNOM PENH, 18 Aug — Cambodia and China on Monday signed an agreement toward establishing a Cambodia-China Technology Transfer Centre, aiming to utilize science and technology for socio-economic development, officials said.

The deal was inked by Liu Jianhong, deputy director-general of Science and Technology Department of China’s Guangxi Province and permanent deputy chief of China-ASEAN Technology Transfer Centre, Cao Yun De, president of Cambodia International Cooperation Organization, and Ting Siny, chairman of Cambodia-ASEAN committee on Science and Technology, under the presence of Cham Prasidh, Cambodian Minister of Industry and Handicraft.

Liu said the establishment of the Cambodia-China Technology Transfer Centre was made under the cooperation framework in science and technology between China and ASEAN.

“It is the first agreement that China signed with ASEAN member states since the establishment of the China-ASEAN Technology Transfer Centre in September, 2013,” he said.

“It is a new chapter of cooperation in science and technology between China and Cambodia.”

Cham Prasidh expressed his full support for the formation of the centre, saying that science and technology are the backbone of national development. —Xinhua

S Korea sets up task force on historical issues with Japan

SEOUL, 18 Aug — South Korea’s foreign ministry has set up a task force to cope with common historical issues with Japan ahead of the bilateral general-level talks over the wartime sex slaves to be held later this month.

A senior foreign ministry official said on Monday that the three-member task force, which is under the ministry’s Northeast Asian and Arctic bureau, will conduct in-depth and systematic research on Tokyo’s wartime sexual enslavement of Korean women and will assist the existing office specially dealing with Japanese issues.

The ministry official quoted a ministry official as saying, “Japan’s relations with South Korea are at one of the worst levels of the post-war era due to their territorial disputes and Japan’s erroneous understanding of wartime history such as the comfort women and history textbook issues.”

Yonhap news agency quoted a ministry official as saying, “Japanese politicians should be aware that only when they renounce historical revisionist moves and demonstrate genuine remorse through action, will the relations between South Korea and Japan move stably forward as wished by the peoples of the two countries.”

The three-year joint study between South Korea and Japan is expected to help the two sides share their experiences in dealing with wartime issues.

It is the first time that the two countries have set up a joint task force since the two countries established their diplomatic relations in 1965. —Xinhua

Unidentified war planes, explosions heard in Libyan capital

TRIPOLI, 18 Aug — Unidentified war planes flew over the Libyan capital Tripoli on Monday and explosions could be heard, residents said.

A Libyan TV channel showed planes targeted positions in Tripoli where militias have been fighting for control for over one month.

None of the militias is believed to own warplanes, and government officials could not be reached for comment.

Tripoli residents said they could hear several explosions but said the cause was unclear. The city was quiet afterwards.

Militias from the city of Misrata and fighters allied to the western town of Zintan on Sunday again traded gunfire in parts of Tripoli, part of growing chaos in the oil producing nation three years after the ousting of Muammar Gaddafi.

Three years since Gaddafi’s rule ended, Libya’s fragile efforts towards democracy are close to chaos. A month of fighting in Tripoli and Benghazi has further polarized the political factions and their militia allies.

Libya’s weak government has no functioning national army and almost no control over Tripoli, with most officials working from Tobruk in the far-east where the new parliament has set up to escape the violence.

Most of the fighting has raged over the international airport in Tripoli, which fighters from Zintan have controlled since sweeping into the capital during the 2011 war. — Reuters

Japan gov’t starts drilling survey for US base relocation

NAHA, 18 Aug — Japan’s Defence Ministry on Monday started a drilling survey at waters off the coast of Nago in Okinawa Prefecture at the planned relocation site for the US Marine Corps’ Futenma base, a senior ministry official said.

The ministry plans to conduct the drilling survey at 16 seabed sites off the coast through on 30 November with a jack-up barge that was readied Sunday, the official said, adding it would conduct a similar survey at five sites.

The ministry plans to inspect the strength and geological conditions of the seabed and the ground, the official said.

The ministry’s Okinawa Defence Bureau said it started a similar drilling survey at the beach of the US Marines’ Camp Schwab, which is situated near the relocation site.

Japan and the United States have agreed to relocate the Futenma base from a densely populated area of Ginowan to Nago’s Henoko district.

But many in Okinawa remain opposed to the base transfer, Okinawa Governor Takeshi Onaga calling for the Futenma base to be relocated outside the island prefecture.

Local residents who are opposed to the relocation plan were aboard boats, demanding the cancellation of the survey, but Japan Coast Guard patrol boats prevented them from approaching the drilling sites.

Among the opponents was Haruki Tanaka, a 29-year-old university student from the city of Ginowan, where the Futenma Air Station is located. “I want to get as close as the barge as possible and have the drilling survey suspended,” he said. —Kyodo News

Rescuers work at the site of an explosion in Changzhi, north China’s Shanxi Province on 17 Aug, 2014. Seven people died and four were injured after an explosion at an apartment in a residential compound in Changzhi City early on Sunday morning. —Xinhua

Tourists visit botanic house of Qingdao International Horticultural Exposition 2014 in Qingdao, east China’s Shandong Province, on 18 Aug, 2014. Qingdao International Horticultural Exposition 2014 attracts more tourists as the peak tourist season of Qingdao comes. Xinhua
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AGENT FOR: MS CHINA SHIPPING LINES  
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More tourists rescued after boat sinking in Indonesia  
JAKARTA, 18 Aug — Sailors rescued eight foreign holiday makers, four crew members and one tour guide around midnight on Sunday after a boat capsized in waters off the Lombok Island in central Indonesia on Saturday evening, an official said on Monday. A total of 23 people have been rescued and two others still remain missing, Budiawan, coordinator of the searching mission, told Xinhua over phone.  
"Search and rescue operation to find out two other tourists is underway now," he added. The 13 people rescued on Sunday include four tourists from the Netherlands, two from Germany and two from Italy, said Ari Wirayawan, a rescuer in charge at the Search and Rescue Office on West Nusa tenggara Province.—Xinhua
Norway’s Nico & Vinz hold onto top spot in British music charts

LONDON, 18 Aug — Norwegian double act Nico & Vinz held onto the top spot in Britain’s music charts on Sunday for a second week with their single “Am I Wrong”, the Official Charts Company said.

The success of the Oslo-based duo, Nico Sereba and Vincent Dery, both former school teachers, mean they are the first Norwegian act to have a number one hit in Britain since A-ha’s “The Sun Always Shines On TV” nearly 29 years ago.

“Rude” by Magic! remained in second place, while American band OneRepublic stayed in third place with “Love Runs Out”.

In the albums chart, Ed Sheeran’s “x” continued to track its rivals, making it the longest running number one album of the year so far.

Dolly Parton fell one place to number three with “Blue Smoke - The Best Of”, swapping places with Sam Smith whose track “In the Lonely Hour” moved up a slot into second place. — Reuters

Ministry of Energy
Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise
Invitation for Open Tender (3Z/2014)

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2. Tender Closing Date & Time 16-9-2014, 16:30 Hr
3. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 19-8-2014 during office hours and for further detail please contact Phone: 067-411482.

Planning Department
Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise
Ministry of Energy, No(6) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ENERGY
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Kim Kardashian criticized for daughter North West’s fashion debut

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Fans took to Twitter to criticise the 3-year-old star for ‘exploitation’ and ‘objectification’ of North and called her a sad individual.

‘Turtles’ tops again, beats ‘Guardians’ at North American box office

LOS ANGELES / NEW YORK, 18 Aug — “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles,” last weekend’s most popular film, collected ticket sales of $28.4 million to top the US and Canadian box office rankings for a second consecutive week, beating “Guardians of the Galaxy” in a battle of superhero misfits.

“Guardians of the Galaxy,” which has collected $419 million worldwide since it opened on 1 August, had domestic ticket sales of $24.7 million, according to estimates from tracking firm Rentrak.

“Let’s Be Cops,” an R-rated action comedy starring Jake Johnson and Daman Wayans Jr pre-tending to be Los Angeles police officers, collected $17.7 million to open in third place, ahead of another newcomer, action film “The Expendables 3,” which took in $16.2 million and stars Sylvester Stallone.

“Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles,” a reboot of the $25.6 million other $25.6 million

global total of $185 million, according to Paramount Pictures, the Viacom Inc unit that released it.

The “Turtles” movie features a fictional team of four anthropomorphic teenage turtles who were trained in martial arts. From their home in the storm sewers of New York City, they battle petty criminals and others to protect society. — Reuters
Robin Williams' memorial service will be small and intimate

Los Angeles, 18 Aug — Almost a week after his tragic death, Robin Williams' family and friends are gathering in the San Francisco Bay Area to honor the actor.

Mr Williams tragically committed suicide on 11 August at the age of 63. Close members of the actor's family have arrived in California for a private memorial service planned by his wife, Susan Schneider, 50, reported E! online.

"Robin's memorial service will likely be small because both Robin and Susan were very private people," a source said. The actor has three children from previous marriages — Zak, Zelda and Cody. His youngest, Cody, flew from New York City to the Bay Area on 13 August. "Most likely the funeral will take place in San Francisco. There may also be a memorial for him down in Los Angeles, but services are likely to be held in San Francisco.

His family lives there, and he was a real leader in the community and extremely charitable to different organizations in the area as well. "It is only fitting he would be buried or spread somewhere in the Bay area," the source added.— PTI

Acknowledgement

Shri Chandra Dev Prakash (C.D Prakash) @ U Maung Maung

Aged 66
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The bereaved family of late Shri Chandra Dev Prakash (C.D Prakash) @ U Maung Maung who passed away on 17 August 2014 (Sunday) wishes to express since appreciation and profound gratitude to all individuals, various organizations; social and religious, various departments, relatives and friends from near and far from the time of his illness to recent bereavement for their expressions of sympathy, messages of condolences, floral tributes, attending funeral service and many other way of valuable assistance rendered.

The Breaved family regrets the inability to thank every one individually.

Bereaved Family

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LONDON, 18 Aug — One moment of attacking brilliance and a late Sergio Aguero strike gave Premier League holders Manchester City a winning start to their title defence as they eased past Newcastle United 2-0 away on Sunday.

Ivorian powerhouse Yaya Toure and Edin Dzeko combined to set up Spaniard David Silva before halftime while Argentine Aguero added a second just before the final whistle.

While the performance was far from vintage, City manager Manuel Pellegrini will be pleased with the three points after last week’s 3-0 Community Shield loss to Arsenal indicated his side may have some early season rust.

Earlier, last season’s runners-up Liverpool beat a stubborn Southampton 2-1, goals from Raheem Sterling and Daniel Sturridge either side of Nathaniel Clyne’s thunderbolt ensuring the post-Luis Suarez era at Anfield got off to a positive start.

On Saturday Manchester United began life under Louis van Gaal with a disappointing 2-1 home defeat by Swansea City, while Arsenal needed a stoppage-time Aaron Ramsey goal to beat Crystal Palace 2-1. Tottenham Hotspur, Hull City and Aston Villa were other opening-weekend winners, while Chelsea play at promoted Burnley on Monday.

City Dominate
The match at St James’ Park was preceded by a minute’s silence for John Alder and Liam Sweeney, the two Newcastle fans killed in the Malaysia Airlines crash in eastern Ukraine last month. After kickoff City quickly began to dominate, with Tim Krul denying Dzeko, Stevan Jovetic and Samir Nasri within the first 12 minutes.

City’s wealth of attacking options came to the fore on 38 minutes, Toure playing a ball over the top from deep, Dzeko playing a lovely backheel into the path of Silva who placed the ball past Krul. The hosts offered plenty of industry after the break, in marked contrast to some insipid performances last season, but they generally lacked the cutting edge required to seriously threaten, other than late chances to Ayoze Perez and Moussa Sissoko. Aguero, who missed much of last season through injury, added some late gloss to the scoreline, beating Krul after his initial effort was parried.

“It was very important for us to start with a win,” Pellegrini told Sky Sports. “We talked to the squad about the ‘two hs’ — we were hungry and humble.”

“We need both if we want to continue winning titles and improve on what we did last season. We didn’t have any clean sheets in pre-season but we were very solid in this game.”

Lovren Starts
Three players traded the south coast for Merseyside in the off-season but only Dejan Lovren started at Anfield, with striker Rickie Lambert on the bench and midfielder Adam Lallana injured.

Clear chances were in short supply for both sides until Jordan Henderson won the ball inside his own half on 23 minutes. He split the Southampton defence with an incisive pass, allowing 19-year-old Sterling to calmly shoot past goalkeeper Fraser Forster. Liverpool earned plenty of plaudits for the way they tore teams apart last term, but after going a goal up they allowed Southampton to gain a foothold.

Barca coach won’t rule out further signings
MADRID, 18 Aug — FC Barcelona coach Luis Enrique has refused to rule out the possibility of his side making further signings before the end of August.

It has been a busy summer in the offices of the Camp Nou Stadium with the arrival of two goalkeepers Ter Stegen and Claudio Bravo, defenders Jeremy Mathieu and Thomas Vermaelen, midfielder Ivan Rakitic and Luis Suarez to bolster the squad, but with the BBVA Primera Liga due to kick off in a week, the former player and B-team boss says more new faces could arrive.

“I am not saying that the squad is closed,” said the Barca coach ahead of Monday’s traditional ‘Joan Gamper’ presentation game.

“The club has to always be thinking about the possibility of reinforcements in all of the markets in order to be stronger,” he added.

The coach also referred to the decision by the Court of Arbitration in Sport last Thursday to maintain Suarez’s four-month suspension for biting Italy defender Giorgio Chiellini in the World Cup, but to allow him to at least train with his companions.

It won’t be a problem for us as the squad is sufficiently solid to be able to face up to the start of the campaign with those who are available. He is a great player is what we were looking for and on Monday he will be able to play so the fans can see him,” said Luis Enrique, who added that Neymar and Xavi Hernandez could also appear, while Leo Messi will be allowed a free role.