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President U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Belarusian President

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President U Thein Sein felicitates Belarusian Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July— U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Mikhail Myansnikov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Belarus, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Belarus, which falls on 3 July 2012.—MNA

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw receives Chairman of New Era People's Party

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint received Chairman of the New Era People's Party U Tun Aung Kyaw at No. 20 Committee Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 3 pm today.

At the call, the speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw responded to the questions related to Hluttaw affairs asked by the chairman of the New Era People's Party.—MNA



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Ministry of Sports holds 20-kilometre walking race

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—The Ministry of Sports is holding Inter-Region/State Champion Challenge Cup (2012) with 28 sports events with the aim of achieving success in the XXVII SEA Games, of turning out athletes of international standard, and of emerging of new generation sportsmen.

As the third batch, it held the 20-kilometre walking race in front of the marathon event control office this morning, attended by Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan.

Next, the Union minister met with sportsmen and stressed the need for marathoners to try hard to secure medals.

This was followed by a prize-presentation ceremony. The Deputy Directors-General, Director-General U Thauang Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department and Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu presented prizes to winners in walking and marathon events.

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Serena battles into Wimbledon last eight

LONDON, 2 July — Four-time champion Serena Williams survived a gruelling examination from Yaroslava Shvedova to reach the Wimbledon quarter-finals with a 6-1, 2-6, 7-5 victory on Monday.

Serena looked set to cruise through as she took the first set in emphatic fashion, but Kazakh wildcard Shvedova



has been in superb form, winning all 24 points and dropping none in a Golden Set against Sara Errani in the previous round, and she hit back impressively to force the American to a final set.

Williams, also taken to three sets by Zheng Jie in the previous round, showed why she is a 13-time Grand Slam champion as she finally subdued her gritty opponent to set up a last eight clash with defending champion Petra Kvitová or former French Open winner Francesca Schiavone.

"Drama again! I love the drama," Serena said. "I knew the whole time I could play better, but I feel fine. I'm not tired."

"I feel it's going good. The bottom line is I can play so much better than I am. If I couldn't do better that would be a problem. You know me, I'm never satisfied."

Serena hasn't won a Grand Slam since her fourth Wimbledon triumph in 2010 and her first round exit from the French Open against Virginie Razzano last month ranked as her worst ever result at a major.

But she clearly still has the appetite for more success, even if she might need to up her game to pass the even sterner tests that lie ahead.

Once again Serena was scheduled out on Court Two while several players who have won far less than her 13 Grand Slams enjoyed the more glamorous confines of Centre Court and Court One.

Williams has never hidden her unhappiness about her frequent trips to Wimbledon's shadowlands and the sixth seed started as if determined to spend as little time as possible on the court.

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Spain routs Italy 4-0 in Euro 2012 soccer championship



Spain's players celebrate with trophy after defeating Italy to win Euro 2012 final soccer match at the Olympic Stadium in Kiev, on 1 July.

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Woods moves past Nicklaus with AT&T National win

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Blake beats Bolt again to secure Jamaican sprint double



Yohan Blake (C) crosses the finish line during their men's 200 meters final at the Jamaican Olympic trials in Kingston city on 1 July, 2012.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Real men don't buy girls

Today the country celebrates Myanmar Women's Day. To make the most of it, we should consider how our community could outlaw gender discrimination and how far our women empowerment measures have reached as this gender group is tagged as the vulnerable population.

A number of non-governmental organizations and government organized non-governmental organizations have tasked themselves with helping the women who constituted above half of the country's population. They, hand in hand with government institutions, have succeeded somewhat in the fight against human trafficking.

Despite illegal status of prostitution in Myanmar, massage parlours and beer pubs act as the black market for the flesh trade. It is unusual in Myanmar where strict moral disciplines rule daily life of the people that such immoral practice is growing.

Provided that we could offer decent jobs and incomes to the girls working in the industry, we could save many reluctant weaker gender from falling into the industry. Frequent crackdown on the industry is not a panacea for the problem even if it is essential.

We need to create more job opportunities that offer decent salaries to the female workforce. And, last but not least, we also need to distance ourselves away from the industry as even our modest involvement could ruin lives of many girls who were not offered decent living.

Union Mines Minister visits rehydration salts workshop

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik visited rehydration salts workshop of Myanmar Salt and Marine Products Enterprise in Thakayta Township here on 30 June.

He held meeting with personnel and inspected repairing of production equipment and storage of raw materials. He inspected the functions of warehouse branch No.3 Mining Enterprise on Yangon-Insein Road and attended to the needs.—MNA

SCG sharing the dream in Myanmar presents scholarships

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—Siam Cement Group granted scholarships to outstanding students under "SCG sharing the dream in Myanmar 2012" at International Business Centre, Hline Township here this morning, with a speech by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe.

The Chief Minister speaking on the occasion said the sustainable development of nation depends on youths of future generation. The Chief Minister warned the students there not to abuse drugs and to avoid indulgence. The programme of the SCG would promote the friendship between Myanmar and Thailand, expressed the region chief minister thanking the SCG for its contribution to educational performance of Myanmar youths.

Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Pisanu Suvanjata and SCG Cement Group Chairman Mr Pramote Techasupatkul made speeches.

The region minister, the Thai ambassador, the region social affairs minister and the SCG chairman presented scholarships and stationery.

The programme is the first of its kind SCG in Myanmar in commemoration of its 99th anniversary. The group has selected 99 students who are ambitious and wishing to

Union Foreign Minister felicitates Belarusian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Sergei Martynov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Belarus which falls on 3 July 2012.—MNA

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe presents scholarship award to a student.—MNA



continue education from Yangon and Mawlamyine for its programme, among which 50 are from Yangon.

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Kyaukse Township plants saplings as rainy

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—Kyaukse Township Forest Department and Myanmar

season activity

Elephant Cement Plant jointly held the rainy season tree growing ceremony 2012 around the cement plant in Taungtaung region of Than Village in Kyaukse Township yesterday morning.

Director of Mandalay Region Forest Department

U Aung Than Win reported on growing of trees in the region and Managing Director of the cement plant U Aung Win Khaing explained purpose of holding the ceremony.

Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint presented saplings to three

cements.

The Chief Minister and party viewed cultivation of saplings at the designated places.

They planted about 2000 saplings. The Forest Department has distributed 3.2 million saplings to district and township nurseries for growing them in the rainy season.

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Dy Construction Minister attends coordination meeting for building of Sagaing University

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint on 28 June inspected Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) and attended the coordination meeting for building of Sagaing University. The deputy minister called for land reclamation, timely drawing of design, implementing the project as soon as possible and durability of the building.

Director-General of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) under the Education Ministry and officials from the

Public Works reported on the tasks being undertaken to the deputy minister.

The deputy minister inspected the site chosen for construction of Sagaing University and repairing works for staff quarters.

He then inspected along the Sagaing-Monywa Road. Next, he clarified facts about the policies adopted by the State, departmental codes of conduct in meeting with staff held at superintending engineer's office in Monywa.—MNA

Mohnyin Tsp holds concluding of Community Animal Health Course

MOHNYIN, 2 July—The concluding ceremony of the Community Animal Health Workers Course, organized by Mogaung Township Livestock and Veterinary Departments, was held at the Township Information and

Public Relations Department with a concluding address by Assistant Director Dr Khin Maung Myint of Mohnyin District LVD.

Township Staff Officer Dr Zaw Naing presented completion certificates to the trainees.

It was attended by Deputy Head U Phyo Kyaw Thu of Mogaung Township General Administration Department and ward and village administrators. The course lasted five days.

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Furniture, stationery donated to BEPS in South Okkalapa Township

YANGON, 2 July—A ceremony to present furniture, stationery, school uniforms and cash donation was held at No 15 Basic Education Primary School in South Okkalapa Township on 7 June, with an address by Township Administrator U Khin Maung Htwe.

Yangon Region Hluttaw representatives U Aung Kyaw Moe and U Myo Min Aung, Township Assistant Education Officer



U Ye Htut Aung, Headmistress Daw Khin Sein Oo, Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Thida and Chairperson of Township

Women's Affairs Organization Daw Thida Aung presented furniture, stationery, school uniforms and cash assistance to schoolchildren.

Myanma Alin



A villager moves his belongings on a banana raft from his half-submerged house at Mayong village in Morigaon district, near Assam state on 28 June.—INTERNET

NEW DELHI, 2 July—At least 79 people have died and 2.2 million forced to leave their homes over the last week as torrential monsoon rains triggered floods across India's northeast, officials said Monday.

Assam state, which borders Bhutan and

Bangladesh, has been worst hit with the massive Brahmaputra river breaching its banks, while extensive flooding has also hit the states of Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur.

The Assam state government said 26 of 27 districts had endured flash

Northeast India floods kill 79, displace 2 million

floods as heavy rains destroyed thousands of flimsy homes, blocked roads and swamped fields.

"So far 79 people have died in separate incidents of boat capsizing or have drowned while trying to escape the gushing waters and also in landslides," state authorities said in a statement.

The statement added that an estimated 2.2 million people had been displaced, with thousands of homes wrecked and more than 500,000 people being sheltered in relief camps.

"We have opened makeshift relief camps for the displaced, while many more were forced to take shelter on raised platforms and in tarpaulin tents," Assam's

health minister Himanta Biswa Sarma told AFP.

Officials said more than 70 percent of the Kaziranga National Park, famous for its tigers, one-horned rhinos and elephants, was submerged under water.

"The animals are trying to move to safer areas," park warden Sanjib Borah told AFP.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and the Congress party president Sonia Gandhi visited Assam on Monday to take an aerial survey and inspect relief work.

In the adjoining states of Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur, monsoon rains caused widespread flooding but there were no reported deaths.—*Internet*

Iraq's monthly death toll hits 131 in June: official figures

BAGHDAD, 2 July—The monthly death toll among Iraqis from violence in June reached 131 Iraqis, while *Xinhua* data and other media-based tallies gave much higher figures to the month's toll. Official figures compiled by the Iraqi ministries of interior, defense and health showed that a total of 131 people have been killed by the violence across the country in June, including 85 civilians and 46 security members.

The latest official toll is almost the same that of May, when the authorities put the death toll at 132, including 90 civilians and 42 security members. They also showed that a total of 269 people were wounded in June, including 111 civilians and 158 security members.

Meanwhile, data by *Xinhua* based on security and medical sources, showed different figures for June's death toll which has exceeded 300 victims among both civilians and security members.

Only one of the month's deadliest attacks that occurred on 13 June, during which up to 78 people were killed and some 300 wounded by a wave of coordinated bombings and gunfire struck the Iraqi cities, mainly targeted Shiite pilgrims and security forces during the days of one of major Shiite religious rituals.—*Xinhua*

Opposition candidate Henrique Capriles speaks to supporters during a rally at Guajira, in the western state of Zulia on 1 July, 2012. President Hugo Chavez shook off his health problems to lead a massive rally on Sunday while opposition rival Capriles took to remote regions for the formal launch of Venezuela's presidential race.—REUTERS



Venezuela's Chavez, Capriles launch presidential race

MARACAY, 2 July—President Hugo Chavez shook off his health problems to lead a massive rally on Sunday while opposition rival Henrique Capriles took to remote regions for the formal launch of Venezuela's presidential race. Unable to repeat the frenetic campaigning of past elections due to his struggle with cancer, a fist-pumping Chavez nevertheless made a rare appearance at a rally in central Venezuela to underline he is fit enough for the 7 October vote.

"The Bolivarian hurricane has begun!" he roared to tens of thousands of supporters in the central town of Maracay, referring to his personal idol and Venezuela's

independence hero, Simon Bolivar.

Capriles, a young ex-state governor seeking to end 13 years of socialist rule in the South American OPEC member, flew to two distant spots near the Brazilian and Colombian borders to highlight alleged government neglect of remote communities.

"Venezuela is a blessed country. We just lack a good government," he told indigenous inhabitants of the remote San Francisco de Yuruani hamlet, close to the majestic, flat-topped Roraima mountain in a barely populated region near Brazil.

With three months to the ballot, Chavez has a two-digit lead in most polls. Yet there is

a large percentage of undecided voters and one pollster this week put the pair head-to-head.

After three operations to remove two malignant tumors during a year-long battle with cancer, the ever-upbeat Chavez, 57, has in recent weeks declared himself in full recovery and his energy levels appear to be surging just in time for the campaign.

"I want to thank Christ the Redeemer for allowing me to get through this difficult year," he said, after riding on the top of a truck for several hours through streets lined with ecstatic supporters against a backdrop of lush hills.

Reuters

Mexico's old rulers claim presidential election win

MEXICO CITY, 2 July—The party that ruled Mexico for most of the 20th century claimed victory in a presidential election on Sunday as a senior election official said the party's candidate, Enrique Pena Nieto, held an irreversible lead over his rivals.

The telegenic candidate of the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) had about 38 percent support and a lead of at least 6 percentage points over his nearest rival, according to an official "quick count" by election authorities.

A series of exit polls also gave Pena Nieto a clear victory.

The election completed a dramatic comeback for the PRI, which ran Mexico as a virtual one-party state for 71 years before it was finally ousted in a 2000 election.

"Mexicans have given our party another chance. We are going to honor it with results," Pena Nieto told supporters in the capital shortly after the quick count was announced.

"The result is irreversible," Benito Nacif,

one of the Federal Electoral Institute's board members, told Reuters.

Departing President Felipe Calderon of the conservative National Action Party, or PAN, congratulated Pena Nieto on his victory, but the second-placed leftist challenger Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador refused to concede defeat.

"The last word has not yet been spoken," he told supporters.

Lopez Obrador could choose to challenge the

election, as he did six years ago when he narrowly lost to Calderon and launched months of protests against alleged fraud.

He has said in recent weeks that this election campaign was plagued with irregularities, raising concerns that he might again call his supporters onto the streets.

Josefina Vazquez Mota of the PAN trailed in third place in Sunday's election with no more than 26 percent of the vote, the official quick count said.—*Reuters*



Enrique Pena Nieto, presidential candidate of the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), waves to supporters before casting his vote in Atlacmulco on 1 July, 2012.—REUTERS

Man in Afghan police uniform kills three NATO soldiers

KABUL, 2 July—A man wearing Afghan police uniform shot dead three NATO soldiers in the restive southern Afghanistan on Sunday, a statement issued by the military alliance said on Monday morning.

The incident is the latest in the so-called "green-on-blue" attacks when men in Afghan army or police uniform turned their weapons against foreign troops in the insurgency-hit country.

However, the brief statement issued by the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) did not say whether the attacker was killed or captured, only saying "the incident is under investigation."

The statement did not disclose the nationalities of the victims under the ISAF policy. Fifty countries contribute troops to the 130,000-strong ISAF in Afghanistan.—*Xinhua*



Paramedics attend to a woman wounded during an attack on the African Inland Church in Kenya's northern town of Garissa on 1 July, 2012.—REUTERS

NAIROBI, 2 July—Masked assailants launched simultaneous gun and grenade raids on two

Attacks on Kenyan churches kill 17

churches in a Kenyan town on Sunday, killing at least 17 people in the worst attack in the country since Kenya sent troops into Somalia to crush al Shabaab militants.

More than 60 people were wounded in the attacks in Garissa, the north Kenya town which has been used as a base for operations against al Qaeda-linked insurgents in Somalia. "This is the worst single attack since October, when our troops went into Somalia," national police spokesman Eric Kiraithe

told Reuters. "It is the worst in terms of the numbers killed, the manner of execution, the anger behind it and the anguish it has aroused as well as the national impact it has had."

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attacks in Garissa, a largely Muslim town of 150,000 with a significant ethnic Somali population.

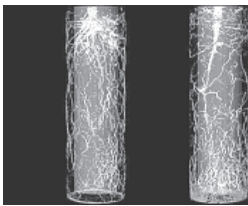
Police said they suspected al Shabaab sympathizers or bandits may have been behind the raids,

but it was too early to say. In Somalia, al Shabaab declined to comment. White House spokesman Jay Carney said the United States "strongly condemned" the attacks at a time of transition in the country. Kenya is due to hold an election next March.

Regional deputy police chief Philip Ndolo told Reuters from Garissa that seven attackers had hurled grenades into the Catholic Church and the African Inland Church (AIC) and then opened fire with assault rifles.—*Reuters*

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'Stunted' pot plants cannot reach full potential



The MRI scans show how barley (left) and sugarbeet (right) plants arrange their roots. INTERNET

SALZBURG, Austria, 2 July — Plants grown in pots never reach their full potential, images of their roots show. A medical imaging technique called magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) has been used by researchers to capture plant root snapshots. The pictures reveal that the roots "sense the size of the pot" and restrict the growth of the plant. The findings have been presented at the Society for Experimental Biology's annual meeting in Salzburg, Austria.

Lead researcher Hendrik Poorter, from the Jülich research institute in Germany, told BBC Nature that as soon as he saw the results, he reported all of his houseplants. "I thought, you poor guys, what have I done to you?" he recalled. For the imaging study the research team focused on two species—sugarbeet and barley. Dr Poorter's colleague Dagmar van Dusschoten produced the MRI scans. The technique, used widely in medicine, reveals the water molecules within the plant roots.

The resulting 3D map of the roots' structure stretching to the outer limits of the pot

shows, for the first time, exactly how restricted potted plants are. In their experiments on 80 different species, the team found that doubling a pot's size caused a plant to grow almost half as big again. "The most surprising thing is that there seems to be no end to the pot limitation," explained Dr Poorter. "For every plant species we looked at, pot size was the factor limiting its growth."

Within as little as two

weeks of seeds being sown, the scientist explained, a plant's roots would stretch to the edge of the pot and then, "the trouble starts". "When they reach the edge, they send some kind of signal to the shoots to say, 'there's a problem—stop growing'." Each plant appeared to be trying to escape its pot; more than three quarters of the root system was in the outer half of the container. "The inside of the pot is hardly used," explained Dr Poorter.

Research in this subject has, in the past, focused on pot size from the perspective of how small container plants can be grown in, as the aim is to grow as many plants as possible per square metre in a commercial setting.

INTERNET

House plant heaven



- * House plants, such as flamingo lilies and red-edged dracaena, are known to remove indoor pollutants that are contained in paint, detergents and synthetic furnishings.
- * The light levels inside a house are similar to those under a tropical or sub-tropical forest canopy from where many house plants evolved.
- * If a house plant has grown too large, it is possible to root prune plants using the bonsai method.
- * Plants grown in pots that are too large are susceptible to root disease because of excess moisture retained in the soil.

New brain scanner helps paralysed people spell words

LONDON, 2 July — A new brain scanner has been developed to help people who are completely paralysed speak by enabling them to spell words using their thoughts. It uses functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) to help patients choose between 27 characters—the alphabet and a blank space. Each character produces a different pattern of blood flow in the brain, and

the device interprets these patterns. The British Neurological Association called the research "exciting". The study appears in Current Biology journal of Cell Press. fMRI is normally used to track brain activity by measuring blood flow.

The new technology is based on earlier applications of the technique, which used free-letter spelling to allow people to answer the

equivalent of multiple-choice questions with just a few possible answers. British neuroscientist Adrian Owen, for instance, used fMRI to help a man believed to have been in a vegetative state for five years to answer "yes" and "no" questions by interpreting his brain activity. But the new scanner uses the entire English alphabet and the blank space.

INTERNET

Survey finds more US teens hide online activity from parents

NEW YORK, 2 July — More and more teenagers are hiding their online activity from their parents, according to a US survey of teen Internet behavior released recently. The survey, sponsored by the online security company McAfee, found that 70 percent of teens had hidden their online behavior from their parents in 2012, up from

45 percent of teens in 2010, when McAfee conducted the same survey.

"There's a lot more to do on the Internet today, which ultimately means there's a lot more to hide," said McAfee spokesman Robert Siciliano. Siciliano cited the explosion of social media and the wider availability of ad-supported pornography as two factors

that have led teens to hide their online habits. The increased popularity of phones with Internet capabilities also means that teens have more opportunities to hide their online habits, he said. "They have full Internet access wherever they are at this point," Siciliano said. The survey found that 43 percent of teens have accessed

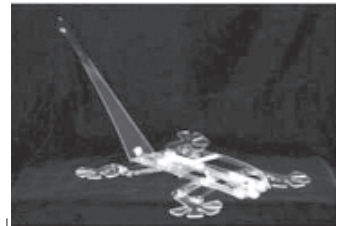
Falling lizards use tail for mid-air twist, inspiring lizard-like 'RightingBot'

NEW YORK, 2 July — Lizards, just like cats, have a knack for turning right side up and landing on their feet when they fall. But how do they do it? Unlike cats, which twist and bend their torsos to turn upright, lizards swing their large tails one way to rotate their body the other, according to a recent study that will be presented at the Society for Experimental Biology meeting on 29th June in Salzburg, Austria. A lizard-inspired robot, called 'RightingBot', replicates the feat.

This work, carried out by Ardian Jusufi, Robert Full and colleagues at the University of California, Berkeley, explains how large-tailed animals can turn themselves right side up while falling through the air. It could also help engineers to design air- or land-based robots with better stability. "It is not immediately obvious which mechanism an animal will use to accomplish aerial righting and recover from falling in an upside-down posture. Depending on body size, morphology and mass distribution there are multiple strategies for animals to execute this behavior," said Ardian Jusufi, lead author of the study.

Lizards in their natural environment encounter various situations where they could fall. For instance, they could fall while fighting over territory, seeking food, or even mating. To avoid injuries, they must have a way to turn themselves during a fall to land safely on their feet. For over a century, people have been studying if and how cats and other mammals right themselves when they fall.

INTERNET



Despite its simple design, RightingBot rights itself in mid-air with a swing of its tail just like the lizards that inspired it. INTERNET

Space exploration: staring into the dark

LONDON, 2 July — The European Space Agency—of which, for the time being, the UK remains a fully engaged member—has quietly cleared for takeoff a space mission to address the biggest question of all: what is the universe made of? Galaxies, stars, black holes, asteroids, planets and people together add up only to a trifling 4% of all that there is: the remaining 96% is mysterious and very dark. The agency's Euclid is an optical and infrared space telescope that will be launched in 2020, to spend six years a million miles beyond Earth,

measuring with subtle techniques and exquisite precision the geometry, distribution and acceleration of billions of galaxies across distances that extend 10bn years back in time.

Modern observational science began when Galileo turned a rudimentary pair of lenses on the moon and Jupiter. The paradox is that each great advance since then has successively also exposed even bigger questions about the firmament above and the emptiness around us. It was only in the 1960s that radio astronomers confirmed that spacetime, radiation and

atomic matter all had their origins in a big bang less than 20bn years ago. But even before this, observers had begun to puzzle about the behaviour of the galaxies: none of them seemed to have anything like the gravitational mass implied by their shape and structure.

That was the point at which physicists began to propose a mysterious component of the universe called dark matter. This strange stuff does not shine or glow, does not bounce off anything or announce its existence in any recognized way.—INTERNET

Italian regulator threatens Apple with new fines

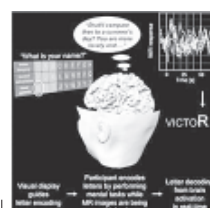
MILAN, 2 July — Italy's competition regulator is threatening Apple Inc with further fines of up to 300,000 euros (\$381,000) if it does not offer local customers a free two-year warranty as demanded by Italian law, a source close to the watchdog said on Sunday. In Italy consumers who buy electronic products and other durable goods have the right to get two years of free assistance, irrespective of other warranties offered by a manufacturer. The AGCM competition and market authority has already imposed fines of 900,000 euros on divisions of Apple, which offers a paid technical support service, for failing to tell customers about their rights to free assistance.

But months after the previous fine, Apple has failed to comply with the antitrust

request, the source said. The company currently offers a free one-year guarantee scheme, which can be extended to two years on payment of a fee. "The antitrust (authority) has opened a procedure of non-compliance against Apple, complaining about two unlawful practices," the source told Reuters. "If they do not comply, they risk fines for up to 300,000 euros," the source said.—Reuters



People wait on a street in front of an Apple store as they await sales of the new iPad in the Apple store in Munich on 16 March, 2012.—REUTERS



fMRI is usually used to track brain activity by measuring blood flow. INTERNET

violence online, 36 percent have read about sex online, and 32 percent went online to see nude photos or pornography.

The survey reported that teens use a variety of tactics to avoid being monitored by their parents. Over half of teens surveyed said that they had cleared their browser history, while 46 percent had closed or minimized browser windows when a parent walked into the room.

Reuters

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China banks took 29 pct of 2011 global profit

LONDON, 2 July — Chinese lenders accounted for almost a third of global bank profit last year, up from 4 percent in 2007, as they grabbed market share given up by struggling European peers, according to *The Banker* magazine's annual rankings.

Three Chinese banks topped the profit table, led by Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) for the second successive year, with pretax earnings of \$43.2 billion, according to *The Banker*.

ICBC was followed by China Construction Bank which delivered a \$34.8 billion profit, and Bank of China with earnings of \$26.8 billion. JPMorgan was fourth with a profit of \$26.7 billion, while HSBC was the most profitable European bank, with

earnings of \$21.9 billion. Bank of America topped the magazine's Top 1,000 list for the second year, which uses Tier 1 capital as a measure of a bank's ability to lend on a large scale and endure shocks.

JPMorgan was second in that table, with four Chinese banks in the top 10 for the first time — ICBC ranked third, CCB was sixth, Bank of China ninth and Agricultural Bank of China 10th.

National Bank of Greece reported the biggest loss last year — \$17.4 billion, followed by Belgian group Dexia.

Euro zone banks accounted for 6 percent of global profit last year, compared to 46 percent five years ago and their 45 percent share of global assets, the *Banker* estimated.



The company logo of the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) is seen during a news conference announcing its annual results in Hong Kong on 29 March, 2012. — REUTERS

In contrast, Chinese banks accounted for 29.3 percent of global profit last year, the magazine said. It said the Tier 1 capital of Bank of America was \$159 billion at the end of 2011, slightly down from a year before but

\$9 billion more than JPMorgan.

Bank of America also topped *The Banker*'s first Top 1,000 list 42 years ago, when it was based on assets rather than capital.

Reuters

World has 5 mn test tube people: estimate

PARIS, 2 July — In-vitro fertilization (IVF) has given the world about five million new people since the first test tube baby was born in England 34 years ago, according to an estimate released on Monday. As the initial controversy over man's scientific manipulation of nature has faded, about 350,000 babies conceived in petri dishes are now born every year, said the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE). That represents about 0.3 percent of the 130-million-odd babies added to the world population annually.

Committee for Monitoring Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ICMART). IVF, which involves placing an egg and sperm together in a petri dish for conception, and a sub-category known as ICSI (intracytoplasmic sperm injection) where the sperm is inserted with a micro-needle directly into the egg, have become commonplace. But it has proven controversial over the years, with some fearing it paved the way for so-called designer babies whose characteristics are chosen by parents.

The Vatican considers it



Photo illustration shows newborn babies at a hospital in Germany. In-vitro fertilisation (IVF) has given the world about five million new people since the first test tube baby was born in England 34 years ago, according to an estimate released on Monday. — INTERNET

"Millions of families with children have been created, thereby reducing the burden of infertility," said David Adamson, chairman of the International

immoral because of the wastage of a large number of embryos, and the procedure has been criticised for allowing women to have children until a much older age. — *Internet*

Asian stocks inch higher on Europe optimism

SINGAPORE, 2 July — Asian stock markets inched higher Monday amid continued optimism over Europe's move to ease its debt crisis and economic malaise. Japan's Nikkei 225 index rose 0.2 percent to 9,020.93 and South Korea's Kospi gained 0.2 percent to 1,857.26. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 index added 1.1 percent to 4,140. China's Shanghai Composite index shed 0.3 percent to 2,218.14. Markets in Hong Kong were closed on Monday to commemorate the hand-over

of the territory to China in 1997.

Leaders of the 27 European Union countries said after a meeting on Friday that they would seek to centralize regulation of European banks and, if necessary, bail them out directly, instead of funneling loans through governments that already have too much debt.

The EU said it also plans to ease borrowing costs for Italy and Spain, the euro region's third- and fourth-largest economies, stop

mandating painful budget cuts to every country in need of emergency financial aid and tie their budgets, currency and governments more tightly.

Investors will be closely watching as EU finance ministers hash out the details of these plans over the next two weeks. Some analysts expect the European Central Bank and the Bank of England to cut lending rates this week in a bid to spur economic growth. "We look this week for renewed easing by the ECB and BoE in an

environment of very soft business confidence," Barclays said in a report. "The primary factor behind weak global confidence is weakness in EU demand." Trading volume in the US will likely be light this week amid the Independence Day holiday on Wednesday.

Global stock and commodity markets soared on Friday amid EU optimism. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 2.2 percent at 12,880.09. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 2.5 percent to 1,362.16.

Internet



A woman uses a breathalyzer (Ethylotest) in the French western city of Quimper. All vehicles travelling on French roads must carry a chemical or electronic breathalyzer test beginning on Sunday, under new rules aimed at reducing alcohol-driven accidents. INTERNET

Breathalyzer tests compulsory on all vehicles in France

PARIS, 2 July — All vehicles travelling on French roads must carry a chemical or electronic breathalyzer test beginning Sunday, under new rules aimed at reducing alcohol-driven accidents. "Alcohol has been the main cause of mortality on roads since 2006," according to road security authorities.

About a third of fatalities on French roads is due to drink driving, a rate that far surpasses the 17 percent recorded in Britain or 10

percent in Germany. According to a survey published Sunday, just over half of respondents — 57 percent — said they have yet to equip their vehicles with breathalyzer tests. Those who fail to do so risk a fine of 11 euros (\$14) from 1 Nov. 2012, when the penalty comes into force.

Drivers are split over the measure. "I find it absurd to be booked for that. But it's the law, so I'll be subject to it," said Hamou Louachiche, 38, who

still does not have a test in his car. He believes that such tests would be more useful in bars or nightclubs. Others however welcome the measure, saying it would reduce drink driving. — *Internet*

Cockpit windows of the Emirates Airline's Airbus A380 jet are pictured after its maiden flight at John F Kennedy International Airport in New York, on 1 Aug, 2008. — REUTERS

Airbus workers seek jobs guarantee over US move

TOULOUSE, 2 July — French aerospace unions pressed Airbus on Sunday to provide guarantees over jobs and production as it prepares to unveil plans for a new assembly plant in the United States. The world's largest commercial jetmaker is expected to announce on Monday a \$600 million assembly line for its best-selling A320 short-haul aircraft, starting at four planes a month from 2017. With Airbus already assembling some aircraft in China, analysts expect a more muted labour reaction to the structural move than in 2006, when job cuts on the A380

superjumbo led to street demonstrations and a fracas in the French parliament.

But labour leaders said they would insist that any increase in production to meet rising demand would not come at the expense of output which stands at record levels in Europe. "We will be vigilant to make sure they are not robbing Europe to pay the United States," said Gilbert Plo, a CFTC union delegate to the company's central works council. While final assembly is prestigious and visible it only represents some 5 percent of the cost of production, according to Airbus

executives. They are likely to argue that each Alabama job will create up to 10 in Europe because that is where the high-value systems and fuselage parts will continue to be built.

Unions will however want those promises written in stone. "We want guarantees they won't be touching the production rates in Europe — at Hamburg and Toulouse," said Francoise Vallin, a senior official at the CFE-CGC union which represents supervisors and some managers in the Toulouse-based group. "We also want guarantees that there will be more employment in Europe for the intermediary sections," she added. Airbus builds large aircraft sections in its four founding nations — Britain, France, Germany and Spain. These are shipped, trucked or flown by Beluga, its giant bulbous-nosed transport plane, to final assembly lines in Toulouse, France or Hamburg, Germany.

Internet



People return to charred cities after Colorado wildfires

COLORADO SPRINGS, 2 July—Residents began returning to charred areas of Colorado Springs on Sunday after the most destructive wildfire in Colorado's history forced tens of thousands of people from their homes and left the landscape a blackened wasteland.

Bears and burglars posed further danger to home owners who headed back to towns and cities after the fire, which killed two people. The so-called Waldo Canyon Fire has scorched 17,659 acres, burned 346 homes and devastated communities around Colorado Springs, the state's second-largest city, since it began eight days ago. Governor John Hickenlooper said he believed the worst was over and almost all of the blazes around Colorado were under control.

"Now we're beginning to look at how do we rebuild and begin the recovery. But we also know that Mother Nature can be pretty fickle out there, so we're keeping ourselves very alert," Hickenlooper told CNN's "State of the Union."

Two more houses were looted overnight in the Colorado Springs area for a total of 24 during the disaster that forced an estimated 32,000 residents to evacuate, authorities said.

To maintain order, 165 National Guard troops were on the ground under orders from President Barack Obama, who toured the area on Friday.



A helicopter hovers over a hilltop after dropping water to combat the Waldo Canyon Fire in Colorado Springs, Colorado on 1 July, 2012.—REUTERS

Many of those allowed to stay home remained without power. Colorado Springs residents from the Mountain Shadows neighbourhood, where many homes were destroyed, were being allowed back to view their properties during the day on Sunday, but were being required to clear the area by 6 p.m. Mandatory evacuation orders were being lifted for some other parts of the city effective on Sunday night and by evening dozens of vehicles could be seen winding their way up roads that had been closed for days.

About 3,000 residents remained forced out of their homes on Sunday afternoon, officials said, adding that among areas that were reopening to the public were the Pike's Peak highway and Garden of the Gods park.—Reuters

Bombs kill four, judge shot as Iraq attacks grind on

BAGHDAD, 2 July—Bombers killed four people in two Iraqi cities and gunmen assassinated a judge, officials said on Sunday, as al-Qaeda's affiliate ramped up attacks six months after the last US troops withdrew.

Three coordinated bomb attacks within minutes of each other Sunday morning hit the central city of Tikrit, 130 kilometers (80 miles) north of Baghdad, a provincial official said. A civilian walking by was killed and two others were wounded.



In this 29 June, 2012, file photo, Zainab Abbas inspects her destroyed house a day after a car bomb attack in the Washash neighbourhood of Baghdad, Iraq.—INTERNET

The bombs went off near a middle school where students were taking exams, but authorities said none of the students was hurt. Further south, three policemen died when a suicide car bomb and three roadside bombs exploded at a security checkpoint on Saturday night in Samarra, 95 kilometers (60 miles) north of Baghdad, a police official said.

The bombing on Saturday night raised the death toll for June to at least 237, the second-bloodiest month since US troops withdrew from Iraq in mid-December. In the northern city of Mosul, gunmen killed criminal court judge Abdul-Latif Mohammed in a drive-by shooting as he was returning home from work, police said. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information. Government officials and security forces are among the chief targets of al-Qaeda-affiliated insurgents, who experts say have been emboldened by political feuding that has paralyzed the government and are hoping to reignite fighting among the country's ethnic and sectarian factions.

More significant than the numbers was the fact that insurgents appeared able to sustain the level of violence over a longer period than before. There was a major bombing or shooting rampage almost every three days in June, many targeting Shiite pilgrims on their way to the annual Baghdad commemoration of a revered imam. Shiites are also often targeted by the extremist Sunni insurgency.—Internet

A man in a homemade Canada themed costume walks on a street during the Canada Day celebrations on 1 July, 2012. Canada celebrated the 145th Canada Day on Sunday. XINHUA



US state of Texas faces doctor, nurse shortages

HOUSTON, 2 July—The southern US state of Texas will be in need of 71,000 more nurses, plus 39,000 additional family physicians by the year of 2020, said a local media report Sunday.

The forecasts were carried in *The Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, the local newspaper.

The US Supreme Court ruled Thursday that President Obama's healthcare overhaul, including its "individual mandate" requirement that most Americans obtain health insurance by 2014 or face a

penalty, is constitutional.

The Supreme Court's decision to uphold the core part of President Barack Obama's healthcare overhaul could give millions of uninsured Texans access to healthcare, but that access will mean little if there are insufficient medical personnel to deliver healthcare, said the news report, claiming that the shortages of doctors and nurses are a problem for Texas and the country as a whole.

The law, which reaches full strength in 2019, shifts the healthcare focus toward

prevention, making primary-care workers even more important as it highlights workforce deficiencies, said the report.

Texas, which has struggled in the past decade to increase working primary-care doctors and nurses, has met roadblocks, including few residency slots available for first-year medical school graduates and the low amount of money that doctors are reimbursed by Medicare and Medicaid, according to the newspaper.

Xinhua

Arctic drilling creeps forward now, and in 5 years

ANCHORAGE, 2 July—In choppy water under blue sky off Bellingham, Wash., a Shell Oil crew on Monday lowered a "capping stack" 200 feet in the water and put it through maneuvers with underwater robots connected by cable to operators on the surface, a test that fulfilled one of the final steps required for permission to drill exploratory wells in Arctic waters.

The capping stack looks like a giant spark plug and is designed to kill an undersea oil well blowout by providing a metal-to-metal seal on a malfunctioning blowout preventer.

Shell is sending the capping stack, skimmers, boom and a containment dome on board a flotilla accompanying drill ships to Alaska's northern shores as part of a spill response plan that has the blessing of Interior Secretary Ken Salazar. Shell expects final approvals within weeks and drilling by late this month.

But environmental groups contend the government has it wrong. Despite reforms put in place after the Deepwater Horizon blowout in the Gulf of Mexico, their basic objections remain. Shell has vastly overstated its ability to respond to a worst-case scenario spill in open water, said attorney Holly Harris of Earthjustice, and no oil company has demonstrated

it can clean up a spill that lingers into the Arctic's eight months of sea ice.

A spill will threaten whales, polar bears, ice seals and walrus plus the Alaska Native subsistence communities that depend on the ocean's bounty, according to environmental groups.

The federal government requires a spill response plan to show how the drilling company will clean up a worst-case discharge in adverse weather. Shell's worst case for drilling in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas is a spill of 25,000 barrels per day. Environmental groups have seized on the phrase that for planning the onshore response, "the worst case discharge scenario assumes that 10 percent of the 25,000 barrels per day discharge escapes the primary offshore recovery effort at the blowout."

Said Harris, "If you base a spill plan on the assumption that 90 percent of it is going to be recovered in the open water, and only, quote, 10 percent of the daily discharge is going to escape those cleanup efforts, then you don't have to have as many spill response assets near shore protecting things like coastlines, lagoons and the near-shore environment."

Internet



In this photo taken 25 June, 2012 near Bellingham, Wash., and released by Shell Alaska, members of Shell's well delivery group, along with representatives from the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement witnessed the deployment of the capping stack that will join Shell's Alaska drilling fleet. The device looks like a giant spark plug.—INTERNET

The Dhammazedi Bell: a landmark in Myanmar campanology

Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja, Sithu Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt

Endowed with bountiful biodiversity and mineral resources Myanmar has many traditions of nature and man interaction. Added to these nature's gifts are the belief systems of which Buddhism dominates, are the catalysts that cause creation of several religious objects since the days of yore. Bells of different sizes and weights were made and are being made, are the producers of religious music as well as the announcers of the performance of noble deeds to all sentient beings to share with by simply uttering the word of appreciation three times "Sadu" (welldone!).

Across the country in Myanmar bells are found in the precincts of pagodas and religious buildings or hanging on the *hti* canopy of the stupas sending out the message of the Dhamma in the soft breeze. In Myanmar language they are called "Swe-*lei*" "Donation of sound to religion brings to the donor good voice, good health and good fortune" is strongly believed by Myanmar Buddhists.

Myanmar people had known metallurgy since the early date of civilization. Gold, silver, copper, zinc, lead and other metals are found in the country and so Myanmar bells are alloy. Pyinsa Loha in Pali, meaning five metals compounded. Blacksmithy, alloy smithy and gold and silver smithy are included in the list of Ten Myanmar Traditional arts and crafts that are alive till today.

Tales of Myanmar bells are told in legends, recorded in history and mentioned in travelogues by foreign visitors. The two historic bells on the Shwedagon Pagoda platform namely the Singu Min's Bell and King Thawawaddy's Bell at the north-west and north-east corners respectively are most outstanding because of their historical backgrounds. The Singu Min's Bell was salvaged from the river when it was dropped and sunk in the process of being ferried to the sea ship by the British. At the defeat of Myanmar in the First Anglo-Myanmar War of 1824-26 the Bell was pulled down from the Pagoda hill to be taken to London as their war trophy. Myanmar used their traditional technique of salvaging the Bell and restoring it to its original place. The Bell at the north-east corner was dedicated by King Thawawaddy to commemorate his pilgrimage and visit to lower Myanmar that had already become "British Burmah". Inscriptions on these bells record the contemporary events. The largest ringing Bell in the world today is at Mingun a village across the Ayeyawady

River, opposite to Mandalay. It was dedicated by King Bodawpaya to the largest unfinished pyramid like brick stupa there. It weighs 90 tons, still producing sound if struck with a billet. Inscriptions on the two King Bayint Naung's bells in the compound of the Shwezigon Pagoda in Bagan record his brilliant career and military conquests.

The most senior in age and size was King Dhammazedi's Bell cast in the reign of King Dhammazedi of Hamsavadi Kingdom (1472-92 AD) weighing 270 tons. It was the largest ever in the history of bells and indeed a landmark in Myanmar campanology. History tells us that King Dhammazedi dedicated the Bell to Shwedagon Pagoda and that it was in 1613 AD that Philip de Brito (well known to Myanmar as Na Sin Ga) who was the leader of Portuguese freebooters and the then governor of the seaport town Thanlyin (Syriam) that brought down the Bell for using its alloy metals in casting weapons and cannons. He became over powerful, committing crimes and sacrileges—piracy, robbery, forced conversion to Christianity, vandalizing Buddhist shrines and pagodas. In his attempt to ferry across the river to his stronghold in Thanlyin, the big bell broke the ship and went down into the river. Since then the bell had been in its watery grave. Because the exact location of the shipwreck could not be identified salvages in the past ended in failures. Beside after over four centuries of its drop, topographical, hydrological and marine conditions have changed extensively. Is the Bell still in the water or the water where it dropped had become land considering the enormous amounts of sand and silt that the rivers had brought the last 400 years? But it is impossible to suppose that the Bell had been washed away into the high seas as its weight was 270 tons and Myanmar coastlines were pretty intact.

Browsing old records and chronicles it is found that originally King Dhammazedi did not intend to cast a bell to donate it to Shwedagon Pagoda. It just happened that his reign was peaceful. There was no war within and without his domains. In those days, revenues and taxes were paid in kind—local products—field and farm products crops, forest products teak, timber, bamboo and cane, mineral products—metals, precious and semiprecious stones. Normally metals were used for making tools and weapons. As there was long peace in his time the king consulted his ministers what to do with metals accumulated in the royal storages. They advised

the king to cast a bell to dedicate it to Shwedagon Pagoda which was the favourite place of his mother-in-law's pilgrimage—Queen Shin Saw Pu (1453-72 AD). So the bell was cast near the Pagoda Hill.

Today a generous donor emerged from Singapore Mr. Dean Lim, the Chief Executive Officer of SD Mark International LLP who through the good office of Myanmar Historical Commission had talked with the Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan of Ministry of Information and Ministry of Culture. He offered generously an initial sum of US \$ 10 million for the project of the salvage of the Bell and he was willing to extend his financial support till the Bell was found and restored to Shwedagon Pagoda. He expected nothing for it or out of this project except the honour for his patronage if Myanmar Government conferred. He had a good friend Captain Michael "Mike" Hatcher a successful marine archaeologist who had salvaged the wreck of Dutch submarine KXVII and also the VOC ship Geldermalsen (known as the Nanking cargo)—which contained large quantities of Chinese porcelains later auctioned by Christies in Amsterdam in 1986. In 1999 he discovered Tek Sing Shipwreck and retrieved 360,000 pieces of blue and white porcelain.

"Mike" with that experience and successful career as the salvager or even a marine archaeologist was very much interested in bringing up the historic Dhammazedi Bell and restoring it to Shwedagon Pagoda. He has neither money nor material motive. His only interest is to write a book about this Bell to add to a list of his books already published and widely known.

We are lucky and pleased and happy to have these two gentlemen with us in our search for that piece of our cultural heritage. The Seminar at Chatrium Hotel held on 30-6-2012 was well attended by top authorities dignitaries, and academics. Presentations were informative encouraging and inspiring. So also were the floor speakers and discussants very pertinent and thought provoking. But it was only a beginning on paper. A practical work has yet to start. A project of such type and nature can take years or even decades. We have the example of the salvage of the Titanic. But with the united efforts of men, money, machinica and brain nothing is impossible.

DISTRICT NEWS

Experiences of Writers Conference recounted in Toungoo

TOUNGGOO, 2 July—Toungoo Township Writers Association held the ceremony to recount experiences in the First Conference of Myanmar Writers Association at the hall of Toungoo Township Information and Public Relations Department on 30 June.

Patron of the association U Kyaw Hla (journalist) made a speech. Toungoo Township Writers Association Chairman U Aye Shwe (Aye Shwe-Ketumadi) recounted his experiences from the First Conference of Myanmar Writers Association.

Myanma Alin



Health knowledge given in Insein Township

YANGON, 2 July—Yangon North District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee organized the talks on health knowledge and the cash donation ceremony at TB Hospital in Aung San Ward of Insein Township on 28 June.

Chairperson of Yangon North District MCWSC Daw Sein Sein Soe made a speech. Next, Dr Khin Aye Myint

gave knowledge on TB disease.

After that, the Chairperson of District MCWSC and party donated K 200,000 to the hospital through Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Thanda Hmun.

Later, they presented refreshments worth K 320,000 to patients.

Health

Maubin Township Cooperative Syndicate holds AGM

MAUBIN, 2 July—Maubin Township Cooperative Syndicate held the annual general meeting for 2011-2012 fiscal year at its office on 24 June.

It was attended by Staff Officer U Thet Naing of Township Cooperative Department and commissioner members, Chairman of Township Cooperative Syndicate U Soe Myint and members of

the Board of Directors, audit team and representatives of basic cooperative society.

Chairman of the syndicate U Soe Myint and Staff Officer U Thet Naing made speeches. Managing Director U Than Tun read the financial report, and leader of the audit team Daw Le Yin Aye the auditing report.

Those present took part in the discussions.

Township Cooperative

Bank erosion causes trouble to villagers



YESAGYO, 2 July—Chindwin River passing through Yesagyo Township of Pakokku District overflows its nearby villages.

Floods from the river flow along Shiteintan Village of Yesagyo Township and it erodes banks.

A total of 13 houses located on the bank erosion area were evacuated to the safe place as of 26 June and some of them were rebuilt and some were piled. A total of 20 more houses will be evacuated to safe place, said U Kyaw Sein of Shiteintan Village.

The village is formed with about 200 houses and it is home to 273 people. As of 1997, the banks of the village have been eroded. So, the area of the village is smaller and smaller.

The remaining area of the village is not enough for reconstruction of the houses. While causing flood and bank erosion, the local people of Shiteintan Village are facing much difficulties at present.—Ei Mon Swe

Course on good governance in political transition conducted



Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min addressing the opening of Good Governance in Political Transition.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—Course on Good Governance in Political Transition of the Ministry of Rail Transportation was opened at the meeting hall of the ministry this morning.

Making a speech on the occasion, Union Minister U Aung Min said that efforts are to be made to enlist the strength of the people in State building and Nation building, adding serious

steps should be taken in that regard. As service personnel play a pivotal role in the process, they are to make strenuous efforts to realize the objectives.

The course will cover the role of the people, especially the role of women in peace making, the State building, the Nation building, the role of the State constitution, the Civil Military relations,

experiences of ASEAN nations as to State building, Nation building, political economics and national races politics which are instrumental in political transition, he noted.

Also present on the occasion were Union ministers, deputy ministers, heads of department, trainees, course instructors and others.

MNA

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission welcomes signing of Plan of Action for Prevention against Recruitment of the Under-Aged Children for Military Service

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission issued a statement today. The full text of the statement is as follows:-

The Statement of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission

1. The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission welcomes the signing of the Plan of Action for Prevention against Recruitment of the Under-Aged Children for Military Service between the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the United Nations on 27 June 2012 in Nay Pyi Taw.
2. The Committee on Prevention of the Recruitment of the Under-Aged Children for Military Service was established in 2004 to prevent the recruitment of the under-aged children. In this regard, the Committee had also established the Working Group on Monitoring and Reporting and the Working Group on Reintegration and Rehabilitation and has been engaged in cooperation with the United Nations Agencies in Myanmar.
3. It is known that, with the objective of making its actions transparent, the Committee had frequently made arrangements for the chiefs and representatives of the United Nations Agencies, the Embassies and the Offices of the Military Attachés in Yangon to visit the recruitment and training centers.
4. The commission believes that the signing of a Plan of Action in carrying out the activities for preventing the recruitment of the under-aged children for military service in Myanmar is tantamount to the manifestation of the political will of the Government to effectively cooperate with the United Nations.
5. Since the prevention of the recruitment of the under-aged children for military service is a task that enhances the images of the country in the United Nations as well as in the international community, the Commission hopes that the Plan of Action will be successfully implemented by the organizations concerned, including the United Nations.

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission

Date-2 July, 2012
Yangon.

YANGON, 2 July—Jointly organized by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federations of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), a Joint Seminar of the Project for Capacity Development of Business Personnel was held at UMFCFI office tower, on Min Ye Kyaw Swa Road in Lanmadaw Township, here, this morning. At the workshop, Vice-President of UMFCFI U Thang Tin and Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Takashi Saito extended greetings. Next Director General Ms Kyoko Kuwajima of JICA explained facts about the workshop.

During the workshop, Advisor to development of private sector of JICA Mr

Myanmar-Japan Joint Seminar held



Those present pose for documentary photo at Joint Seminar of Project for Capacity Development of Business Personnel jointly held by UMFCFI and JICA.—MNA

Toru Homma made discussion on assisting of human resources development on industrial sector and Scholars of JICA Mr Tetsuo Fukuyama

KAIZEN.

Next, Joint Secretary of UMFCFI Daw Khaing Khaing Nwe discussed assisting ways for improving of work place

and assessment on Myanmar Textile garments and so did on five important factors to promote quality and clean in work place CEC Dr Aung Thein.—MNA

Distinction winners honoured in Myanaung Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—Honouring ceremony for outstanding students in 2011-2012 matriculation examination was held at Aungzeya Hall of Myanaung yesterday.

Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay and Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung made speeches.

Next the Union Minister presented prizes to school heads from the best pass rate awards winning schools and stipends for the member of war veterans. The Region Chief Minister and officials gave prizes to outstanding students.

In 2011-2012 academic

year, Myanaung Township brought 171 distinction winners. The Union Minister inspected dredging of lake in Myo Shwekyauing Parahita School in Myanaung and pressed the bottom to open the stone inscription. He then planted a commemorative sapling.

Next he attended the donation ceremony of books and stationery in Yokson Dhammayon in the compound of Parahita School.

The Union minister donated stationery for 140 students to the Chairman of Township Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw.—MNA

Duties assigned in Falam Township

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—A ceremony to assign duties of projects for 2012-2013 fiscal year was held at the meeting hall of Township General Administration Department in Falam of Chin State on 29 June morning.

At the ceremony, Falam Township Administrator U Myo Naing assigned those in charge in respective sectors with duties of projects.—MNA

Signboard to mark Myanmar Women's Day put up in Monywa

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—A ceremony to put up signboard to mark the Myanmar Women's Day was held in front of the city hall in Monywa of Sagaing Region on 30 June morning.

At the ceremony, Patron of the Region Women's Affairs Organization Daw San San Yi and Chairperson of Region Women's Affairs Organization Daw Khin Swan Yi cut the ribbon to open the signboard.

Patron of the Organization Daw Wai Wai Khaing unveiled the signboard and presented cash awards to the band and pom-pom dance troupe.

MNA

Mohnyin Township Administrator U Sai San Win awards championship trophy to Otkyin ward team which beats Nakha ward team 1-0 in final match on 29 June.
NLM 001



Citizenship cards presented to students



YANGON, 2 July—Staff of Bahan Township Immigration and National Registration Department issued citizenship scrutiny cards to eligible citizens at Basic Education High School No 2 in Bahan Township on 27 June afternoon.

The head of Yangon Region Immigration and National Registration Department presented citizenship scrutiny cards to the students.

Township Immigration

Plan to facilitate school, dispensary to Pannel Village of Tachilek Township

TACHILEK, 2 July—Arrangements are being made to build schools and dispensaries for development of education and health standards of the rural people in Pannel Village of Tachilek Township.

Shan State Lahu National Race Minister U Sha Mway Lashen, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Wilson Moe, State Hluttaw representative Daw Tin May Tun and departmental officials made field trip to Pannel Village of Monghe Village-tract and met local people. They explained plans to carry out development tasks of the village to them.

The Lahu National Race Minister of the State discussed the plan to upgrade self-reliant Basic Education Primary School to the State-owned BEPS and to build the rural dispensary for the local national races and replied to queries raised by the local people.

After that, the Lahu National Race Minister and party inspected the site for construction of the BEPS. They chose the land there both the school building and the sports ground can be constructed. Later, the Amyotha Hluttaw representative donated 500 bags of cement for construction of the new school building.—*Myanma Alin*

Citizenship scrutiny cards issued in Pabedan BEHS No 2

YANGON, 2 July—Staff members of Pabedan Township Immigration and National Registration Department of Yangon West District issued citizenship scrutiny cards to students of No 2 Basic Education High School on Shwebontha Street on 25 June morning as part of efforts to implement Moe Pwint-3 Plan.

Pabedan Township Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Aung Hsan, departmental officials and ward administrators provided necessary assistance to the work process of staff members.—*Township INRD*

DISTRICT NEWS

Outstanding students honoured in Twantay

YANGON, 2 July—A ceremony to honour outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2011-2012 academic year with flying colours was held at the administrative office of East Ohbo Ward in Twantay Township on 24 June evening.

Region Hluttaw representative Dr Ohn Kywe, Ward Administrator U Than Aye and officials presented prizes to the outstanding students.—*Myanma Alin*



Rainy season tree growing ceremony held in Mongphyat

MONGPHYAT, 2 July—The rainy season tree growing ceremony was held at the place in Zaydan Ward of Mongphyat of Mongphyat District on 24 June morning.

At the ceremony, Col Ko Lay of local station and Deputy Commissioner U Soe Lin of District General Administration Department presented saplings to regiments and units, departmental personnel and social organizations.

Next, the Hluttaw representatives, local regiments and units, district and township level departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people participated in tree growing ceremony. They planted 100 saplings on the occasion.—*Myanma Alin*

Outstanding students in matriculation examination honoured in Dedaye

DEDAYE, 2 July—Dedaye Township Pass Rate Raising Committee and Old Student Education Supporting Committee jointly organized the ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students in matriculation examination

2011-2012 academic year at the hall of Township General Administration Department on 17 June.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Tin Shwe made a speech.

Next, officials presented

prizes to outstanding students, stipends to needy students and top pass rate award to the respective school and medicines and cash assistance to retired teachers of above 75 years old.

Township GAD

Executive committee of Kokkine Swimming Club meets



YANGON, 2 July—The annual general meeting of Kokkine Swimming Club for 2011-2012 fiscal year was held at its hall on Saya San Road in Bahan

Township yesterday morning. At first, Patron of Kokkine Swimming Club U Kyi Nyunt made a speech. Secretary of the Executive Committee U Cho Maung

read the executive committee report and financial report for 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Next, the new executive committee was elected. They elected U Han Tun Maung (Sein Hlyan) as Chairman, U Cho Maung as Secretary and new executives for 2012-2013 fiscal year.

After that, the new chairman made a speech and Patron U Kyi Nyunt made a concluding remark.

Kokkine Swimming Club was established in 1094.

Nyi Nyi Soe Nyunt

Alms, day meals offered to over 100 members of the Sangha

PATHEIN, 2 July—Speaker of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw Thayay Sithu U Hsan Hsint, wife Daw Khin Ma Lay and family together with wellwishers donated day meals to the Chairman Sayadaw of Kyonpyaw Township Sangha Nayaka Committee and 110 members of the Sangha from the monasteries at Pylonpaw Phayagyi Monastery in Kyonpyaw Township of Pathein District recently.

Moreover, they served over 200,000 people with lunch. Likewise, they donated meals to over 100,000 at the monastery in Kyachaung Village of Yekyi Township.

Myanma Alin

New concrete bridge put into service in Naungtaya Sub-Township

NAUNG TAYA, 2 July—A ceremony to commission Phayabyu concrete bridge into service was held on Nyanbin-Hsaungpaung-Phayabyu-Pattaw-Khanwe Road across Bilu Creek in Phayabyu Township of Pawin Village in Naungtaya Sub-Township in Taunggyi District of Shan State (South) on 20 June morning.

At the ceremony, Sub-Township Administrator U Khun Kyaw Moe, Pawin

Village-tract Administrator U Khun Tun Shwe and Phayabyu Village village elder U Khun Tin Thein formally opened the bridge.

Administrator of Naungtaya Sub-Township U Khun Kyaw Moe made a

speech. Townselder U Khun Tin Thein reported on construction of the bridge.

The bridge is of reinforced concrete and it is 50 feet long, 18 feet wide and 30 feet high.

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School uniforms provided to students in Mongphyat

MONGPHYAT, 2 July—Mongphyat Township Development Affairs Committee presented

school uniforms to students of vendors at Bayintnaung Hall of Mongphyat on 27 June.

Executive Officer U Win Naing Oo of Township Development Affairs Committee presented uniforms to the students.

Myanma Alin

Sanitation carried out for proper flow of drains

YANGON, 2 July—With the aim of ensuring proper flow of water at drains, local people and members of social organizations carried out dredging of drains, silt and sanitation at No 6 Park in Ward 18 of Shwepyitha Township on 30 June.

Yangon Region Hluttaw representative U Maung Maung Win of Shwepyitha Township and Township Administrator U Aung Moe Oo inspected sanitation works and attended to the needs.

The tasks to be proper flow of water at drains are carried out in Shwepyitha Township as mass activity every Saturday.

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WINNERS AWARDED: A ceremony to honour outstanding students and distinction winning students in matriculation examination was held at Sasana Beikman in Tatkon of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 1 June. Public Affairs Management Committee Chairman Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Maung Oo presents a necklace and K 300,000 to five distinction winner Ma Kyi Kyi Naing.—MYANMA ALIN

Kya-in-Seikkyi Township disburses agricultural loans to farmers

KYA-IN-SEIKKYI, 2 July—Kya-in-Seikkyi Township Myanma Agricultural Development Bank Branch held a ceremony to disburse loans for cultivation of monsoon paddy in 2012 at its office on 24 June.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Soe Win made a speech. Township Manager of the bank branch U Myo Aung disbursed K 41 million for 820 acres of paddy farms to 144 farmers.

This year, the bank plans to disburse K 320.64 million to the local farmers.—MADB

Equestrian Contest marks International Olympic Day

YANGON, 2 July—The International Olympic Day commemorative Equestrian Contest 2012, organized by Myanmar Equestrian Federation, was held at the ground of MEF in Dagon Myothit (North) Township on 24 June.

Selected athletes of the federation demonstrated their brilliant skills.

In the show jumping event, Nanda (horse Ein) secured the first prize, May Oo (horse Chitsano) the second and Zarni (horse Ngwesala May) the third.

After that, Zarni stood first, May Oo, second and Stella third in the bracer race. In the horse football event, Group (B) won the first prize, Group (C) the second and Group (A) the third. Officials presented prizes to the winners.

Myanma Alin

Monghsat grows saplings as environmental conservation

MONGHSAT, 2 July—The rainy season tree growing ceremony was held near Bayintnaung Golf Course in Monghsat Township of Shan State on 23 June.

Responsible persons

of local station and departments concerned, officials of Township Forest Department and social organizations participated in the cultivation season.



DUTIES ASSIGNED: A ceremony to assign duties of projects for 2012-2013 fiscal year was held at the hall of Kyauktada Township General Administration Department on 26 June. Township Administrator U Aung Kyaw Zeya presents letters of assignment to Ward 9 Administrator U Than Sein.—MYANMA ALIN

Students in Myeik get knowledge on traffic rules

MYEIK, 2 July—Head of Myeik District Directorate of Road Administration gave a talk on traffic rules to about 500 students of Basic Education High School No 3 in Myeik of Tanintharyi Region recently.

In-charge of Traffic Police Force SIP Kyaw Win and Township Law Officer Daw Zin Mar Win talked about penalty for breaking traffic rules.—District DRA

Outstanding students honoured in Insein Township



YANGON, 2 July—Yangon North District All Private Bus-line Control Committee honoured the outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination with flying

colours and presented stipends to the students for 2012-2013 academic year

at the hall of Insein Township General Administration Department on 30 June morning.

Region Minister for Transport U Aung Khin made a speech.

After that, officials presented K 870,000 to 13 outstanding students and K 5.065 million as cash assistance to 145 students.

APBCC

Talks on threat of narcotic drugs given in Tamway

YANGON, 2 July—An educative talk to mark International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit

Trafficking 2012 was held in conjunction with the prize presentation ceremony at Basic Education High School No 1 in Tamway on 26 June.

According to the agenda, Township Administrator U Thein Win read the message sent by the Union Minister for Home Affairs and Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association U Tha Tun (International Relations) made a speech.

Police Station Commander IP Soe Win of Township Police Force and School Health Officer Dr Khin San Lwin gave talks on dangers of narcotic drugs.

After awarding the prize winning students, Chairman of the Township ANA U Hla Win explained the future tasks.—Myanma Alin

Marketable Seintalon mango plantations extended

YEDASHE, 2 July—Seintalon mango plantations are being grown at the lands of forest reserve along the both sides of expressway passing Yedashe Township of Bago Region.

To be able to extend the plantations of Seintalon mango, land preparations are being made by reclaiming the croplands.

Seintalon mango fruits are being exported to China via Muse. Due to high demand, the cultivation of plants are being extended.

Kyemon

Cash donated to Myanmar Fire Brigade

YANGON, 2 July—The reception and book launching to mark the birthday ceremony of film actor Moe Yan Zun was held at Padamya Hall of Central Hotel, here, on 25 June.

At the ceremony, film actor Moe Yan Zun explained that he will donate proceeds from sales of his owned crated book to people of Rakhine State and explained the purpose of donations to Myanmar Fire Brigade.

Next, the actor presented K 500,000 to five members of Fire Brigade who died in action of fighting fire in explosions in Mingala Taungnyunt Township through Head of Yangon Region Fire Services Department U Kyi Win.—Kyemon



Trees grown as monsoon activity in Nattalin Township

NATTALIN, 2 July—The rainy season tree growing ceremony was held at Basic Education Middle School in Kyaukhwet Village of

Nattalin Township on 25 June morning.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Zaw Lwin, township level departmental officials, teachers, Sein Nyo Myaing Environmental Conservation Team members, townsellers, Staff Officer U Khin Maung Kyaw of Forest Department and Forest grew 500 teak and eucalyptus plants.—Myanma Alin

Trees planted in DaikU as rainy season activities

DAIKU, 2 July—DaikU Township Forest Department held the rainy season tree growing ceremony 2012 at junction of Dayemee-Okshitkon near mile post No 72/4 of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway on 24 June morning.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Kyaw Swa Aung and Staff Officer U Thein Naing Kywe of Township Forest Department, staff, departmental personnel, members of social organizations, ward administrators and students together with local people totaling over 500 attended the ceremony.

They planted 708 saplings at the ceremony.

Township IPRD

CSC ISSUED: Singu Township Immigration and National Registration Department issued citizenship scrutiny cards to local people at Basic Education High School in Letpanhla Village of Singu Township on 24 June. Head of Township INRD U Win Myint Htoo hands over the cards to village administrator U Shwe Oo and Headmistress Daw Tin Tin Hlaing.
MYANMA ALIN



Township WVO holds coord meeting

MYINGYAN, 2 July—Myingyan Township War Veterans Organization of Myingyan District held the coordination meeting and the ceremony to present cash assistance for 2012-2013 academic year at its office on 25 June morning.

Chairman of the Township WVO Captain Aye Myint (Rtd) made a speech. The chairman presented K 425,000 as cash assistance for 70 offspring students of war veterans through a WVO member parent.

Myanma Alin



Forest fires continue to hang over Spanish cities

MADRID, 2 July—Two forest fires in the Spanish autonomous community of Valencia on Sunday continued to flame after burning a total of 45,000 hectares, said local government.

The fires which broke out on Thursday in the regions of Cortes de Pallas and Andilla, in the east coast of Spain, have affected 18 municipalities, and six villages have had to be evacuated.

Despite the lower temperatures and some rains and showers, the fires "continue to advance," said authorities. Around 2,000 firefighters have been mobilized to extinguish the fires, with the support of 30 aircraft and helicopters.

Of the 2,000 firefighters,

1,100 are working in the area of Cortes de Pallas, where 30,000 hectares have been burned since the emergency began, while 15,000 hectares have been devastated around Andilla.

Spain's Military Emergency Unit also deployed some 900 members to collaborate in the firefighting task and the Unit confirms this is the largest fire to have affected the area in the past 20 years, with changeable winds and high temperatures complicating their work.

Spain has been suffering from wildfires following a dry spring and recent high temperatures, which are expected to climb again to over 30 degree centigrade by the middle of the coming week.—Xinhua

France lowers 2012 growth forecast ahead of budget revision

PARIS, 2 July — France will lower its economic growth forecasts for this year as part of a revised budget the government will present later this week to meet its public deficit targets, Finance Minister Pierre Moscovici said on Sunday.

The country's national audit office is expected to reveal a shortfall of about 8 billion euros (\$10.15 billion) on Monday when it publishes the results of an official review of public finances that new President Francois Hollande ordered, the *Journal du Dimanche* (JDD) newspaper earlier said.

In an interview with *Le Figaro* newspaper, Moscovici said the government would reduce its 2012 growth forecast to at least 0.4 percent



French Finance Minister Pierre Moscovici leaves a news conference at the Bercy Ministry building in Paris on 13 June, 2012.—REUTERS

from 0.7 percent when its revised budget is presented to the cabinet on Wednesday.

"As for 2013, everybody knows that we won't reach 1.7 percent. (So) betting on a range between 1 percent to 1.3 percent ... seems more

credible," he said.

Without citing sources, the newspaper said the government would need to fill a gap of between 7.5 billion and 8 billion euros to meet its deficit target of 4.5 percent of gross domestic

product this year from 5.2 percent in 2011.

"We will have to adjust immediately the 2012 budget because the one put together by the last government would not enable us to reach the 4.5 percent deficit by year-end," Moscovici said.

"The audit office should confirm that certain measures to the tune of 1.5 billion euros were not financed." Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault will outline the government's strategy for restoring the health of the public finances in a speech on Tuesday.

A government source confirmed to Reuters last week the budget revisions would contain about 7.5 billion euros in new tax measures, including an increase in wealth tax, the abolition of a tax exemption for overtime, and new levies on banks, oil product stocks and company dividends.

Reuters

Top Republicans press healthcare law repeal effort

WASHINGTON, 2 July—The two top Republicans in Congress vowed on Sunday to push ahead with efforts to repeal President Barack Obama's healthcare law despite the Supreme Court upholding it, but the White House said it is time to stop fighting and start implementing it.

"This has to be ripped out by its roots," House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner, the top Republican in Congress, said of the 2010 law on the CBS programme "Face the Nation." Boehner added: "We will not flinch from our resolve to make sure this law is repealed in its entirety."

The House, controlled by Republicans, has scheduled a vote on 11 July to repeal the law. The Democratic-led Senate, as it has done in the past, is certain to block any repeal legislation.

The US Supreme Court on Thursday upheld the law, Obama's signature domestic policy achievement and the most sweeping overhaul since the 1960s of the unwieldy US healthcare system. The ruling was written by conservative Chief Justice John Roberts and joined by the court's four liberals.

"I think the thing that the American people want is for the divisive debate on healthcare to stop," White House Chief of Staff Jack Lew said on "Fox News Sunday."

"I think that what we need to do is get



US House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) pauses at a news conference on President Barack Obama's signature healthcare law on Capitol Hill in Washington 28 June, 2012.—REUTERS

on with the implementation now, and that's what we intend to do," Lew added.

The healthcare law battle promises to figure prominently in the 6 November election in which Obama is challenged by Republican Mitt Romney, who as Massachusetts governor pushed through a state healthcare overhaul with provisions similar to Obama's plan. A Reuters/Ipsos poll released on Sunday showed public support for the law rising to 48 percent after the ruling from 43 percent before the court's decision.

The US system, unlike other rich countries, is a patchwork of private insurance and restrictive government programmes.—Reuters

Apple pays \$60 m for iPad trademark in China

GUANGZHOU, 2 July—Apple Inc. has agreed to pay 60 million US dollars to Proviv technology (Shenzhen) to settle the dispute over the iPad trademark, the Higher People's Court of Guangdong Province announced Monday.

Apple has transferred the money to the account designated by the Guangdong higher court, and the Intermediate Court of Shenzhen on Monday notified the State Administration for Industry and Commerce to transfer iPad's trademark to Apple, the higher court said.

The court said the settlement agreement went into effect on 25 June.

Proviv Shenzhen, a Shenzhen-based maker of computer screens and LED lights, claimed it had the rights to use the iPad trademark commonly associated

with Apple's popular tablet computer. Proviv says the Taipei subsidiary of its Hong Kong-based parent company, Proviv International Holdings Limited, registered the iPad trademark in a number of countries and regions as early as 2000.

Though Apple bought the rights to use the iPad trademark from Proviv Taipei in 2009, Proviv says

it reserves the right to use the trademark it registered on the Chinese mainland in 2001. The two sides have since been entangled in a drawn-out legal battle. Guangdong's higher court heard the case in February as Apple and its proxy for the trademark purchase appealed a previous court ruling by Shenzhen intermediate court in favour of Proviv.—Xinhua



Pedestrians walk past an Apple store advertising the iPad. The US technology giant has paid \$60 million to a Chinese firm to settle a long-running dispute over the iPad trademark in China, a court said on Monday.—INTERNET

"Green Fleet" sails, meets stiff headwinds in Congress

WASHINGTON, 2 July—A US Navy oiler slipped away from a fuel depot on the Puget Sound in Washington state one recent day, headed

toward the central Pacific and into the storm over the Pentagon's controversial green fuels initiative.

In its tanks, the USNS

Henry J Kaiser carried nearly 900,000 gallons of biofuel blended with petroleum to power the cruisers, destroyers and fighter jets of what the Navy has taken to calling the "Great Green Fleet," the first carrier strike group to be powered largely by alternative fuels.

Conventionally powered ships and aircraft in the strike group will burn the blend in an operational setting for the first time this month during the 20-nation Rim of the Pacific exercise, the largest annual international maritime warfare maneuvers. The six-week exercise began on

Friday.

The Pentagon hopes it can prove the Navy looks as impressive burning fuel squeezed from seeds, algae and chicken fat as it does using petroleum.

But the demonstration, years in the making, may be a Pyrrhic victory.

Some Republican lawmakers have seized on the fuel's \$26-a-gallon price, compared to \$3.60 for conventional fuel.

They paint the programme as a waste of precious funds at a time when the US government's budget remains severely strained, the Pentagon is facing cuts and energy companies are finding big quantities of oil and gas in the United States.

Reuters

New Zealand to put Pacific case for strong UN treaty on illegal arms trade

WELLINGTON, 2 July—New Zealand will present a Pacific-wide appeal for a comprehensive United Nations treaty to stop the illegal arms trade, the government announced on Monday. As current Pacific Islands Forum Chair, New Zealand would present the common regional position on the treaty during negotiations at the United Nations in New York this week, Foreign Affairs Minister Murray McCully said in a statement.

"These weapons often end up in the hands of terrorists, criminals and human rights abusers," McCully said.

"Illegally traded arms have a devastating impact on the security and development prospects of communities worldwide. This is of serious concern to the New Zealand government, and why we have been a leading advocate of a strong and comprehensive Arms Trade Treaty."

New Zealand was one of more than 150 governments supporting better regulation of the global trade in conventional weapons loosely defined as anything from bullets to battleships, he said. The Arms Trade Treaty negotiations stem from a 2009 UN resolution.—Xinhua



A member of the US Navy watches the USS Roosevelt as it passes the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbour, while arriving for the 25th annual Fleet Week celebration in New York, on 23 May, 2012.—REUTERS



The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Civil Service Board
Vacancy Announcement
Announcement No. 9/2012

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(25 June 2012)

1. Myanma Shipyards under the Ministry of Transport has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following positions-

Sr.No	Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
(a)	Assistant Engineer (Male)	7	B.E(Mechanical)/ B.E(Marine Engineering)
(b)	Assistant Naval Architect	2	B.E (Naval Architecture)
(c)	Assistant Manager (Finance)	2	CPA / (B. Com) / B.Act

2. The applicants -

- must be citizens of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
- must not be over 35 years of age (40 years if service personnel) on 24 July 2012.
- must be in good health , must be physically fit and possess well intact limbs.

3. Applications must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board, Nay Pyi Taw in person, or by expedited Mail Service, or by registered letter not later than 24 July 2012.

4. With regards to filling in the application form, documents to be attached, mode of payment of Ks.500/ for examination fee, subjects to be studied for written examinations and personal interview, candidates applying for the vacant positions will have to follow the instructions manifested in the Guide Booklet published under Letter No. 1/ Selection (Main)/ 2012, dated 2 January 2012.

5. For service personnel, his or her original application altogether with the recommendation of the ministry concerned and a passport photo of the applicant must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw through the Head of Department by 24 July 2012. An extra copy of the application together with photo must also be attached.

6. Written examinations will be held in Nay Pyi Taw. Candidates will be examined in Myanmar and General Knowledge examination papers on 18 August 2012 (Saturday) and English examination Paper on 19 August 2012 (Sunday).

7. Identity cards for candidates sitting for the examination will be issued at Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw commencing 16 August 2012.

8. For more information, applicants may contact Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in person or by phone (067 - 409052, 067 - 409430).

9. This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: ucsb.imis.com.mm and www.ucsb.gov.mm.

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ENERGY
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE
NO.44, COMPLEX, NAY PYI TAW
MYANMAR

FAX : 067-411125/411178

INVITATION FOR BIDS

1. BIDS are invited by the MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE, NO.44, COMPLEX, NAY PYI TAW, MYANMAR for the supply of

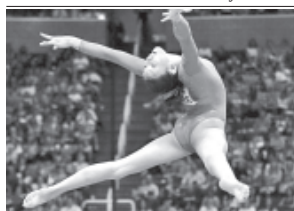
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Natural Gas Pipe Line Booster Compressor Unit - (2)NAP
 2. Bidding documents shall be available commencing from 4th July, 2012 up to 24th July, 2012 at the Finance Department, Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, No.44, Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar during office hour by payment to the order of Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank attesting remittance of US\$ 100 (US Dollars: One Hundred Only) in favour of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise (or) FEC 100 (FEC : One Hundred Only) to the above office for each set of document.

3. Bids shall be accepted only from the bidders who officially purchased the bidding document and for each entry quotation is needed to refer each set of original bidding document.

4. The quotation must be addressed to the Managing Director and to be delivered into the TENDER BOX located at the above address not later than 13:00 hours on 31st July, 2012.

Managing Director
 Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise



US gymnast Kayla Ross performs on the floor at the US Olympic gymnastics trials in San Jose, California on 29 June, 2012.
 REUTERS

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A surgeon from the Tianjin Medical University General Hospital conducts a minimally invasive operation on a cataract patient in north China's Tianjin Municipality, on 29 June, 2012. The hospital's application of a minimally invasive technique in cataract surgeries has made patients' recovery less risky.
 XINHUA

Missing Wimbledon hawk returned

LONDON, 2 July—The highly-trained hawk used to scare pigeons away from the pristine grass courts of Wimbledon was returned to its owners after being stolen during the first week of the tennis tournament.

Rufus, a Harris Hawk, was off-duty in his cage when he was snatched by thieves late Thursday but is now home after being handed into offices of The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, police said Sunday.

Rufus' Twitter account, written by his owners, said: "We can confirm the news is true RUFUS HAS BEEN FOUND safe and well and reunited with family!! Thank you so much for your support #FindRufus".

Visitors to the world's most famous tennis tournament often stop to have their picture taken with the four-and-a-half year old, which was reared by the family-run business Avian Environmental Consultants.
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SN HARMONY VOY NO ()

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SN HARMONY VOY NO () are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 2.7.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T 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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S SEANET SHIPPING CO LTD

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: EASTERN CAR LINER S'PORE PTE LTD

Phone No: 256924/256914

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MV TURTLE BAY VOY NO (101)

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Chinese police patrol a street in Urumqi, the capital of the restive Xinjiang region. Chinese authorities say crew and passengers travelling on a plane that had just taken off from a restive city in China's far-western Xinjiang region have thwarted a hijack attempt by six Uighurs.

INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV TU SON VOY NO (-)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV TU SON VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 2.7.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
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PTE LTD**

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV HOANG ANH 05 VOY NO (-)**

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Botswana worker trapped in collapsed diamond mine hopeful of being found Sunday

GABORONE, 2 July—A worker trapped during a series of wall collapse in Jwaneng diamond mine in south-central Botswana, is expected to be found on Sunday as the collapse stopped by Saturday morning and rescue team steps up in moving soil.

In an interview with *Xinhua* on Saturday, Debswana's spokesperson Easter Kanaimba-Senai said the mine walls were still collapsing at a minimum until Saturday morning, and after the collapse was stopped, "the Ministry of Minerals, Energy and Water Resources gave us a go

ahead to carry on with the rescue mission."

"Of current the rescue mission is still moving soil and we expect to be done by tomorrow morning," she said, "hopefully we will find the remaining person we are searching for alive."

Operations at the world's richest diamond mine by value was currently halted following the collapse of the mine walls in the early morning of Friday trapping inside 16 workers who were on night duty.

Rescue workers got to work immediately to try and rescue the trapped miners and managed to rescue 15 of them

while the remaining miner was still trapped by Saturday.

Senai said the 16th worker still trapped was a truck driver whose truck was buried with heaps of soil while driving out of the mine, and the cause of the collapse was still yet to be established.

The 25-year old open cast mine located 120 km west of the capital city Gaborone employs over 2,000 people. The mine is currently operating at a depth over 300 metres and expected to reach 624 metres by 2017.

This is the second diamond mine accident in June in Botswana.

Xinhua

Citizens wearing veils ride bicycles in downtown Zhengzhou, capital of central China's Henan Province, on 1 July, 2012. Zhengzhou suffered a lasting scorching weather in recent days, with the highest temperature hitting 36 degrees Celsius on Sunday. —XINHUA



Nigerian police detonate two bombs in restive northern state

Jos, (Nigeria), 2 July—Two bombs planted by suspected terrorists were on Saturday detonated in Jos, capital of Nigeria's central north Plateau State, police authorities have said.

State police spokesperson Abu Emmanuel confirmed this to reporters, saying the bombs were planted on the bridge linking Gol-Hoss and Riyom, some 40 kilometers from Jos, capital of the restive northern state.

"Following a tip-off, a police anti-bomb squad went to the scene and were able to detonate and evacuate the bombs," he said.

Emmanuel said detonation of the bombs was done without any damage to the bridge and that no casualty was recorded during the operation.

The police spokesperson said no arrest had been made in connection with the incident but that investigation had commenced.

He said the situation in the area and the state at large had been very calm and urged all law-abiding citizens to go about their lawful activities without fear as the police and other security agencies were on top of the situation.

Riyom has recently

witnessed some bomb blasts and constant rifts between Berom and Fulani herdsmen with many, especially women and children, murdered in cold blood.

In May, a time-bomb was reportedly planted in the market square and was timed to explode by noon at the peak of the weekly Riyom market but stopped working shortly after it was planted.

Also on Wednesday, a chieftain of Nigeria's ruling People's Democratic Party (PDP), John Daring, his wife and son, were hacked to death while returning home from a market in the area. —*Xinhua*



Women dressed in traditional costume propose toast to visitors during the 5th Manas International Tourism Festival in Akto, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 29 June, 2012. —XINHUA

Russian in plane crash killing delayed in Germany

BERLIN, 2 July—A Russian man who was convicted of killing an air traffic controller he blamed for a plane crash in which his wife and children died was held for several hours as he tried to enter Germany to mark the accident's anniversary.

Vitaly Kaloyev was convicted in Switzerland in 2005 and released in 2007.

German federal police spokesman Albert Poerschke said he arrived at Munich airport Saturday morning but was held because he's barred from entering Switzerland, Germany and Switzerland belong to Europe's passport-free travel zone.

Kaloyev was let into Germany Saturday afternoon on papers valid only for that country. On 1 July, 2002, a plane operated by Russia's Bashkirian Airlines collided with a DHL cargo jet in Swiss-controlled airspace over southern Germany. The crash killed 71 people. —*Internet*

Bristol-Myers to buy Amylin for about \$5.3 billion

NEW YORK, 2 July — Bristol-Myers Squibb Co will buy biotechnology company Amylin Pharmaceuticals Inc for about \$5.3 billion in cash, helping Bristol-Myers extend its portfolio of diabetes treatments with the addition of drugs Byetta and Bydureon. Bristol-Myers said late on Friday it had also reached a follow-on deal with UK-based AstraZeneca Plc to collaborate on developing Amylin's products once the buyout is completed, expanding upon an existing partnership between the two pharmaceutical makers in diabetes treatments.

AstraZeneca will pay \$3.4 billion in cash for these

rights. Bristol-Myers and AstraZeneca already collaborate on several diabetes treatments including Onglyza, and aim to strengthen their position in a growing, multibillion-dollar market. More than 360 million people worldwide have diabetes, with the overwhelming majority suffering from type 2 diabetes, a condition partly attributable to the rise in obesity in many countries. In a statement, Bristol-Myers Chief Executive Lamberto Andreotti described the deals as a unique way to build on its relationship with AstraZeneca, which "demonstrates Bristol-Myers Squibb's innovative and

targeted approach to partnerships and business development."

The boards of directors at Amylin, Bristol and AstraZeneca have approved the two transactions, the companies said. Amylin began approaching potential buyers in April after rejecting a previous \$3.5 billion takeover bid from Bristol-Myers, and facing pressure from activist investor Carl Icahn.

In all, five pharmaceutical giants including AstraZeneca, Novartis AG and Sanofi SA were in the running for Amylin, sources familiar with the matter told *Reuters* this week. —*Reuters*

Italy's Daniele De Rossi (R) challenges Spain's Alvaro Arbeloa during their Euro 2012 final soccer match at the Olympic stadium in Kiev, on 1 July, 2012.
REUTERS



Kiev, 2 July — Majestic Spain took their place among the game's greats by thrashing Italy 4-0 to retain their European title on Sunday, the biggest victory margin in a World Cup or Euro final — and all without a recognized striker. Their success rewrote the tactical handbook and the record books after goals from David Silva, Jordi Alba and late substitutes Fernando Torres and Juan Mata gave the world champions an ultimately easy victory over an Italian team down to 10 men through injury for the last half-hour.

"It was a great match for our players, they controlled the game," Spain coach Vicente Del Bosque told

reporters. "But there is not one football, the important thing is to score goals. We have strikers but we decided to play with players who went better with our style." Italy

coach Cesare Prandelli added: "They made history and deservedly—they have a lot of players who are tried and tested at this level and even though they don't play with a classic striker they certainly cause you plenty of problems."

While Spain's brilliant performance brought them a fully deserved success, what they achieved needs to be placed in some historical perspective, if only because their tiki-taka short-passing style has been criticized during the tournament. Spain have become the first national side to win three major tournaments in the modern era after their Euro 2008 success and World Cup

Spain routs Italy 4-0 in Euro 2012 soccer championship

victory two years ago and have equaled Germany's record of three European titles.

Sunday's win also beat the victory margin Helmut Schoen's West Germany side recorded for a Euro final with their 3-0 win over the Soviet Union in 1972. Two years later Schoen led West Germany to a World Cup triumph, a unique double success for a coach until Del Bosque matched it on Sunday. Torres became the first player to score in two Euro finals and, together with his Chelsea club mate and fellow scoring substitute Mata, became one of a handful of players to win the Champions League and European Championship in the same season.

Other records were eclipsed too as the Spaniards redefined what it takes to be

successful at the elite level of the game in the modern age. Starting without a recognized striker because David Villa was unfit for the tournament and Torres's form has been erratic, Del Bosque put his faith in midfield magicians like Cesc Fabregas, Andres Iniesta, Xavi, Xabi Alonso and the uncompromising Sergio Busquets. They created the chances for themselves and they knew how to take them too.

Spain's second goal came from left back Jordi Alba, who burst through a static defense like a midfielder, picking up the ball from Xavi's pass like Usain Bolt collecting a baton in a relay before slotting home. Four-times world champions Italy were in danger of losing from as early as the 14th minute when Spain took the



Fans of Spain celebrate Spain's victory over Italy in their Euro 2012 final soccer match held in Kiev, at a fan park in Malaga, southern Spain on late 1 July, 2012.
REUTERS

lead through a rare header from the diminutive Silva.

Italy responded before halftime with eight goal attempts but, when they went in trailing 2-0 at the break and with their striker Mario Balotelli having an off night, the task looked beyond them. Their midfield playmaker Andrea Pirlo, so impressive in the earlier rounds, was also eclipsed and looked on in tears as Spain collected the trophy at the end. Cruelly for Italy, their plight was not helped when their third substitute Thiago Motta limped off with a hamstring injury just four minutes after coming on, leaving them with just 10 men for the last 30 minutes.

Italy had more possession than Spain in the opening half but when they

did have a sniff of goal, Iker Casillas maintained his astonishing record of not conceding a goal in the knockout stage of a tournament for the 10th successive match. The Spain goalkeeper also reached another milestone with a record 100th win for his country. The only other team to claim three successive major titles was Argentina who lifted the Copa America in 1945, 1946 and 1947 when the tournament was held annually. However, that feat pales into insignificance compared to Spain's achievement such is the pace and the demands of the modern game. Somehow Spain have not only been able to cope with those demands but have risen way above them. — Reuters



Spain's team players celebrate with the trophy after defeating Italy to win the Euro 2012 final soccer match at the Olympic Stadium in Kiev, on 1 July, 2012.
REUTERS

Woods moves past Nicklaus with AT&T National win

BETHESDA, 2 July — Tiger Woods overtook Jack Nicklaus in second place on the all-time PGA Tour winners list when he captured the AT&T National tournament at the Congressional Country Club on Sunday. The former world number one claimed the 74th PGA Tour event of his career when he shot a final round of two-under-par 69 to finish at eight-under 276, two strokes clear of the field. "It feels fantastic. It feels great to get to 74 wins and obviously pass Jack," Woods told reporters



Tiger Woods of the US holds the trophy after winning the AT&T National golf tournament at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland on 1 July, 2012.—REUTERS

after overcoming an overnight one-shot deficit to win.

"I've had a pretty good career and to do it at 36, I feel like I have a lot of years ahead of me. I feel like I've got a lot more ahead of me," Woods has won three of his last seven starts, having claimed the Arnold Palmer Invitational and Memorial Tournament earlier this season, and while it has been four years since his last major victory, the world number four believes the next one will come soon.

"I remember there was a time when people were saying I could never win again. That was, I think, what, four months ago and here we are," he said. "It was just a matter of time. I could see the pieces coming together." (Coach) Sean (Foley) and I were working, and we see what's coming, and we can see the consistency, and it's just a matter of time. Fellow American and playing partner Bo Van Pelt closed with a 71 to finish alone in second, one shot ahead of Australian Adam Scott, who charged up the leaderboard with a final round 67. — Reuters

Ai Miyazato rallies to win NW Arkansas title

ROGERS, Ark., 2 July — Ai Miyazato's closing birdie on Sunday provided exactly what the Japanese star needed to get over the victory hump at the NW Arkansas Championship. Miyazato shot a 6-under 65 to overcome a five-shot deficit and hold off a crowded leaderboard for her second LPGA Tour victory of the year and ninth overall. Her 5-foot birdie putt on No 18 sent Miyazato to 12 under for the tournament, and her victory at Pinnacle Country Club was secured one group later when Mika Miyazato missed a 15-foot birdie attempt on No 18.

"I knew I needed to make lots of birdies today, but I didn't have any expectation and I didn't have any pressure in the front

nine," Miyazato said. "So that's why I think I could focus my game and have four birdies on the front nine." Ai Miyazato had seven birdies



Ai Miyazato, centre, poses with the championship trophy as members of the US Marine Corps stand at attention behind her during a ceremony after Miyazato won the LPGA NW Arkansas Championship golf tournament in Rogers, Ark, on 1 July, 2012.
INTERNET

and one bogey in the final round to finish one stroke ahead of Mika Miyazato and Azahara Munoz. Ai Miyazato had finished in the top 10 of the tournament in each of the last four years, including a fourth-place finish in 2008 and a third-place last year.

Those disappointments were fresh on Miyazato's mind following her only bogey of the day on No 17, but she answered with an up-and-down from off the 18th green for her closing birdie. I think last year I was pretty close to winning," Miyazato said. "I think I'm one shot behind or something and I made bogey on 17, too. A few years ago, I did the same thing, too.... But like I said to myself, you know, just one bogey so far during the round, so I think

that's pretty good. Then if I made birdie (on 18), I thought I still (would) have a chance to get in a playoff."

Miyazato, a 15-time winner on the Japan LPGA, also won the LOTTE Championship in Hawaii in April. She's the third player on the LPGA Tour to win multiple events this season, joining top-ranked Yani Tseng, also a three-time winner, and No 2 Stacy Lewis, and she's projected to rise from sixth to third in the world entering the US Women's Open next week. Mika Miyazato had a 67, and Munoz closed with a 65.

Internet

International Sports



Wallace Spearmon Jr (C) crosses the finish line to win the men's 200 meters final ahead of Shawn Crawford (L) and Isaiah Young at the US.—REUTERS

Spearmon eases to trials victory in depleted 200m

EUGENE, 2 July — Wallace Spearmon surged down the finishing straight to win the US Olympic trials 200 meters in a quick but wind-assisted 19.82 seconds on Sunday. The victory gave Spearmon, who missed out on a medal at the Beijing Olympics when he was disqualified for a lane violation, a chance for

redemption in London. He said he planned to make amends even though that means he will have to outrun Jamaicans Yohan Blake and Usain Bolt.

"It (the disqualification) is definitely something that has been on my mind since 2008," said the 27-year-old Spearmon, who missed most of last season with a hamstring

injury. It is hard enough to make one Olympic team. To go and make the finals, step on the line when you thought you had a medal, take about 300 meters of the victory lap and then have to live with that. "If I had not made the team this year, that would have been on my mind for the rest of my life." — Reuters

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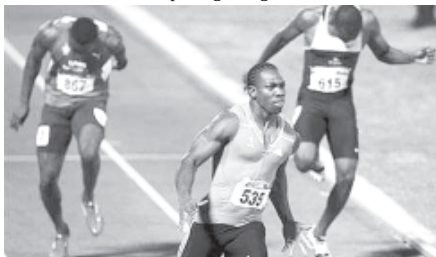
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Blake beats Bolt again to secure Jamaican sprint double

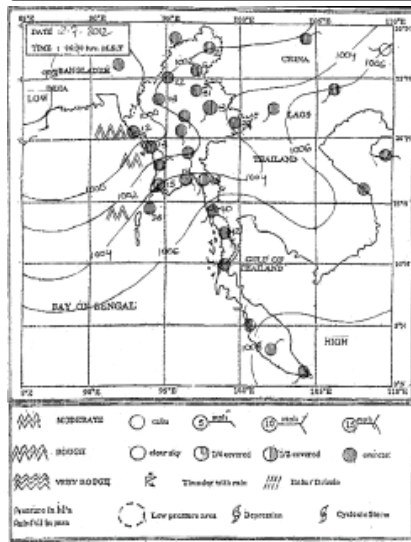
KINGSTON, (Jamaica), 2 July — Yohan Blake set himself up as the man to beat in London with a stunning 200 meters victory, beating world record holder Usain Bolt for a second time in three days to bring the Jamaican Olympic trials to an explosive conclusion on Sunday. Blake, who shocked Bolt with an emphatic win in the 100m on Friday, followed it up with an even more impressive performance in the 200, catching the triple Olympic gold medalist down the stretch before holding him off in the closing metres.

The winner clocked a time 19.80 seconds to a massive roar from a frenzied crowd at the National Stadium. Bolt secured his Olympic spot by taking second in 19.83, grinning as he hugged his training partner in the finish area. "He (Bolt) said, 'Congratulations good run, you won,'" Blake told reporters. "You're the better man on the day," and I just gave him thanks because he has always motivated." He told me coming into the race to keep calm and that's what I did.

Warren Weir earned the third spot on the Jamaican team, taking third in 20.03. Bolt ended the race lying flat on his back on the track grimacing in pain as medical staff rushed to his side to work on a cramped right thigh. —Internet



Yohan Blake (C) crosses the finish line during their men's 200 meters final at the Jamaican Olympic trials in Kingston city on 1 July, 2012. — REUTERS

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**Weather forecast for 3rd July, 2012**

Sr. No.	Location	Temperature (°C/F)		Forecast	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	29/84	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
2	Kayah	29/82	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayah	27/81	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
4	Chin	27/70	16/61	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	31/80	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	30/100	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Tanintharyi	30/86	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
8	Bago	30/86	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
9	Magway	31/88	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	30/100	28/82	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	27/81	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
12	Yangon	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
13	Rakhine	29/84	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	26/79	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	29/84	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	29/84	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	30/86	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	35/95	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	23/73	One or two rain or thundershowers	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	30/100	28/82	Likelihood isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, scattered in Kayah State, fairly widespread in Magway and Bago Regions, Kachin and Rakhine States and widespread in the remaining Region and States with isolated heavy falls in Tanintharyi Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Launglon (4.53) inches, Dawei (2.76) inches, Sitway (2.64) inches, Kyaukse (2.36) inches, Paung (2.09) inches and Hipo (1.77) inches.

Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and strong elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Occasional squalls with moderate to rough seas will be experienced Dabul, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong Monsoon.

Nyaunglebin Township shows love for mother land

NYAUNGLEBIN, 2 July — As monsoon activity, the rainy season tree growing ceremony 2012 was held at Basic Education High School No 2 in Nyaunglebin Township on 25 June.

Head of Nyaunglebin Township Forest Department U Kyaw Win Sein, Township Administrator U Thihan Soe and departmental officials, teachers, students and staff of Forest Department grew 120 saplings on the occasion.

Township Forest

**Del Bosque hails "a great era for Spanish football"**

KIEV, 2 July — Spain's coach Vicente del Bosque highly praised his side who stood on top of Europe by beating the 10-man Italy 4-0 in the final on Sunday night.

"This is a great era for Spanish football," said the experienced coach, who wrote history as the only second coach to win the World Cup and Euro championship.

"We played well, got the first goal and though Italy responded well we reacted with a second."

"Our success is historic but we have to be looking to the future and qualifying for Brazil," added by the 61-year-old.

David Silva's header, Jordi Alba's cool finish,



Spain's head coach Vicente del Bosque reacts during the final match between Italy and Spain at the Euro 2012 football championships in Kiev, Ukraine, on 1 July, 2012. — XINHUA

Fernando Torres and Juan Mata's goal relay in the last 10 minutes ensured the reigning world and European champions to become the first team in football history to clinch three major titles in a row.

"This is a great generation of players. They have roots and know how to play because they come from a country that knows how to," said the coach. Spain also broke new ground by becoming the first team to win the back-to-back European championship.

Bosque didn't forget to show his praise for his predecessor Luis Aragonés, who led Spain to their first European crown since 1964 at

the EURO 2008 finals.

"After Vienna, Luis Aragonés showed us the way, the direction to go. But there are challenges ahead for World Cup qualification. Representing Europe, we want to do well."

The expected classic final lost its charm and competitiveness with 30 minutes left when the third substitute Thiago Motta played only about four minutes and was injured, forcing Italy to play with one man less.

"Italy had a great tournament but had that injury with Motta. And the game effectively ended then. They had one less day of rest. They played a good tournament," said the coach.

Xinhua

Humbled Italy praise best team in the world

KIEV, 2 July — Italy captain Gianluigi Buffon spoke of his disappointment at having missed out on the Euro 2012 title but said he could only congratulate winners Spain.

The world champions were a cut above on the day and romped to a 4-0 thrashing that was accentuated by Italy playing the last half hour a man down after Thiago Motta limped off once coach Cesare Prandelli had already exhausted his substitutions. By then Italy were already

two goals down and reduced to virtual spectators, according to midfielder Daniele De Rossi. But for Buffon there was no shame in losing to the best.

"For many of our squad it was their first final so that's why it's a huge disappointment," he said. "But it's also true that in such an important match when there's the substantial difference that you saw, all you can do is clap your hands and applaud the others." Buffon said he could only

think of one other occasion when he had played in a side so totally dominated: a 3-0 Confederations Cup group stage defeat to Brazil in 2009. "I had a great view of the red waves from the first minute to the last," said the goalkeeper of Spain's performance.

"They played with great knowledge of being strong and of what they wanted and knowing that they had already won a lot so they knew how to achieve this type of result." And against a team (Italy) that physically was in the red.

"Maybe in the Confederations Cup against Brazil (it was similar), we lost 3-0 and were never in the game, but this is a little different because it was a final." Italy had drawn 1-1 with Spain in their opening group game of the tournament in a match that could have gone either way.

But by the time they arrived at the final, they were always playing a day after their opponents and therefore had 24 hours less to prepare. And when Spain shifted up the gears, they couldn't respond. — Internet

Cash, kind supplied to local people in Rakhine State



Well-wishers donate cash and clothes for local people of Rakhine State through officials.

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YANGON, 2 July—Locals in Rakhine State, who lost their houses and property in the recent riots, were supplied with cash and kind at the Fire Services Department (Head Office) at Maykhala Hall in Mayangon Township here this morning.

At the ceremony, Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win family donated K 0.3 million, the Revenue Department of Yangon City

Development Committee and Aungmyingala Expressway Bus Station family, K 0.6 million and four bags of rice and twenty one bales of clothes, U Moe Kyaw and Daw Khin Ohn family, Col Kyaw Zan Hla (Retd) and Daw Sanda Tun family and U Myo Wai Lin and Daw Tin Mar Kyu (Excellent Restaurant in Lwe), K 0.5 million, U Than Hla and Daw Aye Myint family, K 0.3 million, U Aung Kyaw Htay and Daw Thein Win family, U Maung

Aye and Daw San Yi (Aungparsay) family and U Than Maung and Daw Hla Win Kyi family (Thingaha Bicycle Shop), K 0.1 million each, in memory of the late parents U Maung Maung and Daw Mya Mya, Captain Aung Than Myint, Ko Thura Win, Daw Khin Aye Mu, Captain Win Aung, Daw Wint Mu Aung and U Aye Lwin Oo and Daw Nwe Nwe Win family, K 0.1 million each, U Khun Aung Aung and Daw Nan Khin Nan Aye family, K 0.2 million and two

Amnesty granted

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in accordance with Section 204 (a) of the State constitution granted a general amnesty for 46 prisoners—37 men and 9 women—with a view to ensuring the stability of the State and making eternal peace, national reconciliation, enabling all to participate in political process; on humanitarian grounds; and turning them into citizens who could participate in nation-building endeavours in whatever way they can after realizing the magnanimity of the State; and deported 34 foreigner prisoners with a view to maintaining mutual friendship and friendly ties between the two countries and on social grounds starting from the Fullmoon Day of First Waso 1374 ME (3 July 2012) under Section 401 (1) of Code of Criminal Procedure.—MNA

packages of clothes, Daw Than Than, U Maung Maung Win, Daw Ohnma Nwe family, K 0.1 million, U Thura Aung and Daw Khine Khine Htay family, one package of clothes, U Wai Phyto Hut and Daw Aye Sanda Win son Myat Hein Htut family, one package of clothes, Tree Donation Group, K 0.1 million and three packages of clothes, U Sein Win and Commander of the auxiliary fire brigade company U Sein Maung (Nwe Aye Ward Dawbon) and U Aung Naing and Daw Nwe Yi family, K 50,000 each, U Hla Myint Maung and Daw Su Su Ti

(Yadana Su Maung Jewellery Shop), K 0.1 million and three packages of clothes, U Nardara (Thandwe Monastery), one package of clothes, Daw May Si and group (Yangon Region Accounts Office), K 20,000 each, Thè Thè Family, four packages of clothes, U Sein Maung and Daw Aye Lwin family, K 10,000, Dr Soe Win and Dr Nyunt Nyunt Wai family, K 10,000 and two packages of clothes, U Ba Ho and Daw Amar Khin family, K 30,000, Deputy Director Daw Thein Thein Oo (Yangon Region Auditor-General's Office), two

packages of clothes, U Htwe Hlaing and Daw Ohnmar Khin family, three packages of clothes, U Min Swe family, K 0.1 million and one package of clothes, U Aung Naing Tun and Ma Wit Yi Win and Dr Nyi Nyi Win and Dr Lai Yi Win, K 30,000 each, Maung Win Htet, K 10,000, Dr Daw Aye Lai Win, four packages of clothes, through Director-General U Tin Moe of the Fire Services Department and officials concerned, who spoke words of thanks.

The latest amount of donation list has reached K 215,690,296.—MNA

Medical servicemen of Directorate of Medical Services care for local people



Medical servicemen provide health care services to local people at relief camps in Sittway.

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Cash, medicines donated for people in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—People in Rakhine State have lost their property and houses recently because of situations that occurred in the State. For the sake of saving their lives, a cash and medicine donation ceremony was held at the hall of Rakhine State Hluttaw yesterday morning, attended by Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin and region ministers, regional departmental personnel, the Chairman of

Myanmar Motion Picture Organization and artists.

At the ceremony, Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay and his wife donated K 500,000 and Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win and wife K 100,000 for sufferers in Rakhine State. Rakhine State Development Affairs Committee Director U Aung Kyaw Htay accepted the donations. The artists of

Myanmar Motion Picture Organization also donated K 90 million and medicines worth K 50 million to the Rakhine State Chief Minister.

Next, Chairman of Myanmar Motion Picture Organization U Zin Waing explained the purposes of donations and Chairman of Financial Subcommittee of Rakhine State Government U Soe Aye spoke words of thanks.

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Field trips planned to provide reproductive health care

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—Jointly organized by Myanmar Medical Association (Central) and UNFPA, MMA (Meiktila) will carry out tasks for reproductive health care in villages of Meiktila Township where maternal and child mortality rate is

high.

They will give health care services for expectant mothers and carry out birth-control health care in 15 villages of Meiktila Township.

The teams will be set up with five surgeons from MMA (Meiktila). Thus, the

training for health care services was conducted for 30 members. Likewise, a clinic is kept open near the administrative office in Nandawgon Ward of Meiktila to take care of expectant mothers and provide birth-control health.—MNA

rainy season. They also chlorinated wells and lakes and fumigation.

In the afternoon, the medical servicemen proceeded to Yatra monastery where they provided medical services to local people and gave talks on health activities.—MNA

Midwifery Course opened in Thayet District

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—With the assistance of Magway Region Government, the midwifery course No. 1/2012 was opened at the meeting hall of Thayet District General Administration Department this morning.

Deputy Commissioner U Mya Aye of District GAD

made a speech. Medical Superintendent of the District People's Hospital Dr Kyi Kyi Aye explained the purpose of opening the course.

Magway Region Hluttaw representative Daw Yin Yin Hla, Chairperson of District Maternal and Child

Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Hla Hta and Chairperson of Township MCWA Daw Tin Aye Myint presented stationery to the trainees.

Altogether 20 trainees from villages of Thayet Township are attending the six-month course.

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World has 5 mn test tube people: estimate



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