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Our Three Main National Causes

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First day's Fourth Regular Session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw convened

Messages put on record, proposal submitted to approve announcement of state of emergency, establishment of diplomatic relations explained, announcement on election of new Vice-President made, one new proposal submitted

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—First day's Fourth Regular Session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 1 pm today, attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 626 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

At the session, messages were put on record, proposal submitted to approve the announcement of a state of emergency, establishments

Speaker U Khin Aung Myint said that he was glad to see the representatives in good health. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw regular meetings have been held in accord with the Constitution and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Laws. Today's meeting was the fourth time during its one-and-a-half-year term.

Legislature was the main duty of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. The duties of Hluttaw representatives responsible for legislation were crucial. Even though Hluttaw representatives

who elected them.

Hluttaw is the basic foundation of democracy system. Democracy system could be assumed as a basic portion of human rights. So, it would be more convenient to say in short that Hluttaw representatives who started implementing multiparty democracy system had duties to protect human dignity of their citizens in all aspects. He urged all representatives to submit bills and proposals and raise questions that would serve the interests of



Fourth regular session of first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in progress.—MNA



of diplomatic relations explained, announcement on election of new Vice-President made and a new proposal submitted.

In his speech, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

who discharge the legislative duties themselves were not law experts and professionals they were to discharge their duties based on the experience of the citizen

people and for emergence of good governance and clean government and strong judicial system in line with Hluttaw laws and rules.

After that, Hluttaw

recorded messages sent by the President on President's official goodwill visit to Japan from 21-4-2012 to 23-4-2012, President's attending of fourth Mekong-Japan Summit held in Tokyo

of Japan from 20-4-2012 to 21-4-2012, the registration of illegally-imported motor cycles, issuance of ten thousand kyat note.

At the approval-seeking session of declaring a state of emergency, Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay submitted the approval of the Ordinance No.1/2012 of the state of emergency which is deemed as the law of the President. Those who want to discuss the above-mentioned matter are to submit their names to the Hluttaw not later than 4 pm

on 12 July. The date on which discussion will be made will be announced later.

With respect to diplomatic relations submitting session, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint explained the establishment of diplomatic relations with Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Melawei, Bhutan, UAE, Luxembourg, the Republic of Latvia, Estonia Republic and Dominican Republic submitted by the President. Representatives who wish to discuss it are to submit their names to the Hluttaw not later than 4 pm on 12 July.

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (4-7-2012)

Paung	(2.36) inches
Kyauktaw	(2.28) inches
Hpa-an	(2.17) inches
Kyaukpyu	(2.01) inches
Bilin	(1.85) inches



Tourists visit border at scenic resort of Sino-Russian border gate in Manzhouli, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 3 July, 2012.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Find common ground through parliament

With Hluttaws now in full swing, we hope all elected members of different political parties will perform their tasks to the best of their abilities. Political, social and economic issues can now be debated and discussed in the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw in line with the country's parliamentary system.

Elected members of Hluttaws have a crucial role to play in bringing about economic development and national reconciliation, solving the problem of poverty, reducing the income gap and providing work opportunities as the second wave of reform strategy is at the crossroads. Meanwhile, with substantive democratic changes, the elected members' discussions are to be streamlined.

Parliamentary debates must be based on facts and figures not on sheer lies and personal attacks on fellow parliamentarians. Members of the public would benefit greatly if all parliamentarians used reason and wisdom in their deliberation of the budget bill and other important issues that maintain sustainable fiscal discipline and lay the groundwork for long-term economic growth.

Of course, in any society there will always be capable and incapable people, rich and poor, but the gist of solving the problem is to give all people an equal opportunity to advance in society without facing obstacles and prejudices. If all the parliamentarians are bold and of service to the people in a smart manner, they will surely be rewarded.

While many people hope the different sides can find some common ground through the Hluttaws even though they may hold different views, we urge the government and opposition MPs to cast aside their differences and work together in Hluttaws in the interest of the nation and the people making the best of duties and rights vested in them.

Costume, hairstyle show of Myanmar women presented

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—A ceremony to observe Myanmar Women's Day of Mon State (2012) was held at the state hall of Mawlamyine yesterday. State Women's Affairs Organization Chairperson Daw San San Lwin delivered an address.

Next wife of State Chief Minister Patron of State Women's Affairs Organization Daw San San, State Auditor-General Daw Khin Khin Myo and wives of state ministers presented cash awards to students who passed matriculation examination with flying colours for 2012 academic year and women who brought honour to the State.

Moreover well-wishers presented donation to Mon State Women's Affairs Organization.

Afterwards, Myanmar women performed costume and hairstyle show. First, second and third prizes winners were presented bouquet and cash awards by the Patron of State Women's Affairs Organization.

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Myanmar Libraries Foundation to hold cash, stationery donation ceremony

YANGON, 4 July—Myanmar Libraries Foundation is making strenuous efforts to strengthen development and durability of libraries across the nation. That's why the Foundation will hold cash and stationery donation ceremony to assist development of libraries at No. 228, Theinbyu Road, Botahtaung Township, here, on 21 July.

Those who wish to make donations may contact Myanmar Libraries Foundation and dial 01-398756, or Information and Public Relations Department (Ph:01-371342, 201936).—MNA

Rainy season tree planting ceremony of UEC holds

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—Rainy season tree growing ceremony for Union Election Commission took place at office here this morning.

Union Election Commission Chairman U Tin Aye grew a jack-fruit sapling.

Members of UEC, the director-general and deputy directors-general, directors, officers and staff participated in the activities.

The Chairman of UEC and commission members viewed the participation of the staff at the ceremony.—MNA

Relief and Resettlement Department, UNOCHA sign MoU

YANGON, 4 July—Relief and Resettlement Department under the Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Ministry and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) signed MoU at Inya Lake Hotel here on 30 June.

Director-General of the Relief and Resettlement Department U Soe Aung and the Asia-Pacific regional head of UNOCHA spoke on the occasion, signed the MoU and exchanged the documents.

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Relief and Resettlement Department under the Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Ministry and UNOCHA signing MoU.
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Prizes presented, stipends granted at EP-2 Ministry

YANGON, 4 July—The outstanding students of staff families of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 and the department/enterprise/organization were presented prizes as honouring of their concerted efforts in their matriculation examination. This honouring ceremony was held in conjunction with

the ceremony for giving stipends for 2012-2013 academi year at the ministry, here, attended by Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe.

Next, the Union Minister presented prizes and certificates of honour to Maung Min Htut Kyaw, six distinction winner. The Union

Minister gave over K 45.6 million to 10400 students of staff families as stipends for 2012-2013 academic year through Director-General of Electric Power Department U Khin Maung Zaw. Afterwards, the Union Minister provided six sets of TV and furniture to staff from Thazin and Thabyay-6 hostels.

In 2011-2012, the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 had brought out one six-distinction winner, six five-distinction winners, 15 four-distinction winners, six three-distinction winners, 11 two-distinction winners and 44 one-distinction winners totalling 83. The Union Minister presented K 18 million—K 100,000 per distinction—to the winners and K 45.639,500 as stipend to the students.—MNA

Local people of Rakhine State provided with cash and kind

YANGON, 4 July—A ceremony to donate cash and foodstuffs to sufferers in Rakhine State who lost shelters and personal possession in recent unrest took place at Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township, here this morning.

Headmistress of No. 2 Sangyoung BEHS Daw Khin Pyone and families of the school donated K 2.4 million, two bales of clothes, 32 dozens of note books, one bale of consumer goods; Sein Gayhar Family and its customers K 347,020 and 20 bales of clothes worth K 1.5 million, 600 packets of instant vermicelli, and medicines; KOL Group Co Ltd Chairman U Tin Maung Naing K 1,275,500 and five bales of clothes, U Tun Tun Naing and Daw Yin Min Oo of Blue Ocean Operation Management Co Ltd K 1 million and two bales of clothes; Daw In Sein and family 50 sets of yellow robes worth K 500,000; U Tin Oo and Daw Khin Ma Ma and family two bales of



Well-wishers donate cash and foodstuffs for residents of Rakhine State at Fire Services Department (Head Office).
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clothes and kitchen utensils; members of the No. 2 Region/State Fire Services Departments Control Division of the Fire Services Department K 420,000; Technical Institute (Basic Education High School-1) Natmauk Street Yangon Alumni Association Formation Committee K 120,000, Daw

Khin Thein and Daw Aye Thauk K 10,000 and one bale of clothes; members of Kachin State Fire Services Department K 54,000; U Myo Myint and Daw Ohmar one bale of clothes, Ms Christina KHO of Singapore K 170,000, Yatanarpon Call Center and M 188 K 300,000, SMS-2 Donate Programme

K 98,500; Sagaing Region Fire Services Department K 75,000. Director-General of the Fire Services Department and personnel accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the donors.

The donation till today amounted to K 226,513,316.
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Dark economic clouds gather anew over Obama campaign

WASHINGTON, 4 July—After a month in which his re-election campaign picked up momentum, hard economic realities are about to hit President Barack Obama as he takes to the road on a campaign bus trip through the Rust Belt.

Poor manufacturing data earlier this week followed by a likely weak jobless report on Friday are reminding

Obama that he has a lot of work to do to convince voters he is bringing the economy back to full health.

A Supreme Court victory for Obama on healthcare and a surprise expansion of immigration laws that put Republican opponent Mitt Romney on the defensive on the issue may soon fade from memory. "By Friday, the Supreme Court will be in the rear-view mirror and everybody will be talking about the state of the economy," said Greg Valliere, an analyst for institutional investors at Potomac Research Group. "I think the debate on Friday will be whether the economy is still growing or whether we've hit a brick wall," he said.

US manufacturing activity contracted in June for the first time in nearly three years, data showed on Monday, stark evidence of a slowing economic recovery and that Europe's debt crisis is weighing on the US economy.

And the monthly jobless

figures, the most closely watched economic indicator, are expected to be lackluster. Economists polled by Reuters expect nonfarm payrolls to have risen by only 90,000 jobs in June and the unemployment rate will stay unchanged at 8.2 percent.

Xinhua

World's media giants to discuss challenges at Moscow summit

Moscow, 4 July — The world's leading media giants will gather at a summit here later this week to discuss their challenges in the 21st century. With the theme of "Global Media: Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century," the second World Media Summit, will open on Thursday. Vitaly Ignatenko, director general of Russia's *Itar-Tass* news agency and co-chairman of the summit, told *Xinhua* the summit would offer all participants a rare chance to exchange ideas on media challenges in the young century. The three-day summit will explore the transformation of traditional media under pressure from new media and the Internet, media survival models in the current economic crisis, journalistic ethics in a hyper-dynamic world, and cooperation between media organizations, businesses and governments, Ignatenko said.

The media summit had proved to be the

best platform to tackle the most important issues of the global media environment, and to voice timely responses to the challenges the modern world produced, he said. Russian President Vladimir Putin will also attend the Moscow forum and, as the summit's host, Ignatenko hopes the forum can resume the constructive conversation started at the first summit in Beijing. The summit was initiated in 2009 by nine leading media organizations, including the *Associated Press*, the British Broadcasting Corporation, Google, *Itar-Tass*, *Kyodo News*, *News Corporation*, *Thomson Reuters*, *Turner Broadcasting System* and *Xinhua*, and was attended by about 300 representatives from more than 170 international media outlets. Al Jazeera and the *New York Times* joined the summit's presidium in 2010 and 2011, respectively. The summit mechanism has been praised by the United Nations, UNESCO and media leaders around the world.—*Xinhua*

Smoke rises from a market after a gas cylinder explosion in Kabul on 3 July, 2012. A gas cylinder exploded in the Afghan capital Kabul on Tuesday killing one person and wounding three others, a police officer at the site said.—XINHUA



UN chief pleads for arms pact, Palestinians demand seat

NEW YORK, 4 July—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon pleaded on Tuesday for a binding pact to regulate the more than \$60 billion global weapons market, while delegates at a treaty drafting conference worked to defuse a dispute over Palestinian participation. "We do not have a multilateral treaty of global scope dealing with conventional arms," Ban told delegates to the conference, which runs through 27 July. "This is a disgrace." "Poorly regulated international arms transfers are fuelling civil conflicts, destabilizing regions, and empowering terrorists and criminal networks," he said.

Arms control campaigners say one person every minute dies from armed violence around the world and that a convention is needed to prevent illicitly traded guns from pouring into conflict zones and fuelling wars and atrocities. They say conflicts in Syria and elsewhere show a treaty is necessary. If the campaigners get their way, all signatories would be charged with enforcing compliance with any treaty by arms producers and with taking steps to prevent rogue dealers from operating within their borders. They would have to consider nations' human rights records when deciding whether to export arms.

Reuters

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Market bombs kill 44 before Iraqi Shi'ite ritual

BAGHDAD, 4 July—Bombs killed at least 44 people at markets in Iraq on Tuesday, and authorities said they bore the hallmarks of sectarian attacks on Shi'ite Muslims by al-Qaeda Sunni militants. A bomb in a small truck exploded in a market in the city of Diwaniya, killing 40 people, and other blasts killed four more near the city of Kerbala, police and officials said.

The Diwaniya bombing was near a Shi'ite mosque where pilgrims gather on their way to Kerbala to celebrate the birthday of one of their most important imams, al-Mahdi, this week. Police announced a partial curfew and blocked all

entrances to Diwaniya, 150 km (90 miles) south of Baghdad and 130 km southeast of Kerbala. Police sources said 75 people had been wounded. "All of a sudden the explosion happened, I felt the power of the blast, it was so strong, it broke all the glass in my windows," butcher Ahmed Hassan, 23, said in his shop. "I smelled blood and gunpowder." He said a fellow shopkeeper had been taking dead bodies to the hospital morgue. "We even saw body parts on the top of building, we took them down," said Hassan, looking pale and confused as he swept glass from his shop floor.

Shoes, toys and vegetables were scattered across the ground and at least 15 shops were destroyed. Two burnt-out vehicles stood near the site of the explosion.

Witnesses said the bomb appeared to have been planted in a delivery truck. Earlier in the day, two bombs in a vegetable wholesale market killed four people and wounded 29 near the central Iraqi city of Kerbala, hospital and police sources said.

"The bombing happened because of sticky bombs attached to two parked cars which went off separately," said Hussein Shadhan, a provincial council member, who was at the hospital. "Four of the wounded people are seriously injured and their medical situation is very critical." *Reuters* pictures showed pulverised vegetables covering the blackened market floor. People picked their way through twisted pieces of metal and smashed wooden crates.



Residents inspect the site of a bomb attack in Kerbala on 3 July, 2012.—Reuters

Pakistan reopens NATO supply routes after US apology

ISLAMABAD, 4 July — Pakistan on Tuesday night announced that it is reopening land routes for NATO forces in neighbouring Afghanistan after US Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, apologized over the killing of 24 Pakistani soldiers in last November airstrike, the country's Information Minister, Qamar-uz-Zaman Kaira said.

The decision was taken at a meeting of top civilian and military leaders after

series of talks between the American and Pakistani officials, the Information Minister told reporters after the meeting. Prime Minister, Raja Pervez Ashraf, presided over the meeting of the Defence Committee of the Cabinet (DCC), which was called to exclusively discuss the reopening of the supply routes.

Pakistan closed NATO supply line in last November to protest over the killing of its 24 soldiers in a US airstrike

on Pakistani border posts.

The DCC meeting welcomed Clinton's apology over the killing of Pakistani soldiers, the Minister said, adding that Pakistan's decision will facilitate the transition process in Afghanistan.

Pakistan had been demanding US apology for months but the US had earlier refused to apologize and American officials were saying that only 'regret' was enough.—*Xinhua*



US President Barack Obama stands under the sun breaking through clouds at a town hall-style event in Alpha, Illinois on 17 Aug. 2011.

REUTERS

Virus attacks computer system at Israel's Defence Ministry

JERUSALEM, 4 July — Israeli Defence Ministry's computer system network has been infected with a virus that breached its strong security defences, though no serious damage was reported, a local TV station reported late Tuesday.

The ministry is investigating the incident in an effort to find out where the virus came from and the extent of damage it has caused, the report said.

Israel's growing dependence on digital networks for daily banking, energy production and military operations has made cyber security a top national security issue, with government and military agencies working to identify vulnerability in the nation's critical systems.

The National Cyber Bureau was established earlier this year to ensure the protection of critical civilian and military networks against cyber threats.

Last month, the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) acknowledged that it uses cyber warfare for offensive military operations.

Xinhua



Oil tankers used to transport fuel to NATO forces in Afghanistan are seen at NATO supply terminal in southern Pakistani port city of Karachi, on 3 July, 2012.

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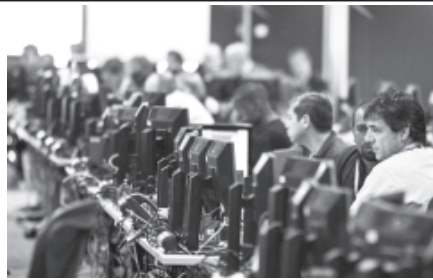
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Olympic experts sure they can repel cyber threats

LONDON, 4 July— Vital computer systems for London's 2012 Olympic Games have come under repeated cyber-attacks—but only from hackers who were invited to join in thousands of hours of security tests. Atos, the lead technology company for the Summer and Winter Games since 2002, said Tuesday it had carried out more than 200,000 hours of testing, including mounting simulated attacks. It's all aimed at protecting the systems that will deliver results to Olympic venue scoreboards, event timetables to athletes, and Olympic accreditation information to British border officials.

The company is responsible for about 11,500 computers and servers at locations across Britain. Starting next week, it will run its Olympic Technology Operations Centre—based in Canary Wharf, close to the Olympic stadium—around the clock, monitoring possible cyber threats second by second. Michele Hyron, the company's chief integrator, said to help test its defences Atos had drafted in so-called "ethical hackers"—specialists capable of mounting sophisticated attacks who use their knowledge to test systems rather than disable them.

"We are using ethical hackers for that, we are using external companies, we are using people from our own company who are specialized in that kind of activity," she said. "We are preparing ourselves in terms of testing to cover all the kind of threats to the Olympic Games." She spoke at the technology



Technology experts work in London 2012 Olympic games Technology Operations Centre (TOC) in London's Canary Wharf financial district, on 3 July, 2012.—INTERNET

centre, where banks of experts were lined up in long rows according to their individual expertise. A quarter of the London Olympic organizing committee's overall budget of \$3.1 billion has been spent on technology. Atos is expecting to handle 2 million pieces of key data throughout the event—30 percent more than at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. In Beijing, experts encountered about 12 million potential cyber security problems each day. Hyron said Atos expects to see between 12 and 14 million events per day during the London Games, though only about 20 a day will be categorized as formal incidents—actions that require investigation.—Internet

Virgin Mobile launches contract-free HTC One V for just \$199.—INTERNET

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WASHINGTON, 4 July—The chin is in at Virgin Mobile—the Sprint-owned prepaid wireless carrier has quietly launched one of HTC's latest and greatest smartphones, the entry-level-but-quite-capable HTC One V. Complete with a throwback Android chin beneath the device's 3.7-inch WVGA display, the One V features a 1GHz Snapdragon S2 processor, a 5-megapixel camera with HTC ImageChip technology, 4GB of internal storage, microSDHC support, Beats Audio, 512MB of RAM and Sense 4 on top of Android 4.0 Ice Cream Sandwich. Virgin Mobile subscribers new and old can now purchase the sleek smartphone for just \$199 without any contract, and plans start at just \$35 per month for 300 voice minutes and unlimited messaging and data, though data speeds are throttled after 2.5GB of usage during a single billing period.—Internet

Galapagos' new star tortoise a prolific dad

QUITO, 4 July—Lonesome George's inability to reproduce made him a global symbol of efforts to halt the disappearance of species. And while his kind died with him, that doesn't mean the famed giant tortoise leaves no heir apparent. The Galapagos Islands have another centenarian who fills a shell pretty well. He's Diego, a prolific, bossy, macho reptile. Unlike Lonesome George, who died on 24 June, Diego symbolizes not a dying breed but one resurrected. Having sired hundreds of offspring, Diego has been central to bringing the Espanola Island type of tortoise back from near extinction, rangers at Galapagos National Park say. Diego was plucked from Espanola by expeditioners sometime between 1900 and 1930 and wound up in the San Diego Zoo in California, said the head of the park's conservation programme, Washington Tapia.

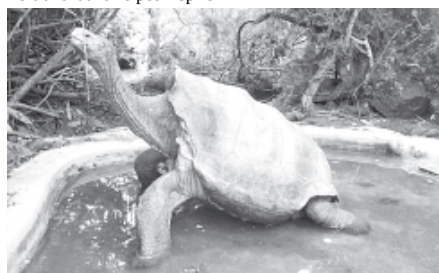
When the US zoo returned him to the Galapagos

in 1975, the only other known living members of his species were two males and 12 females. *Chelonoidis hoodensis*—some consider it species, some a subspecies—had been all but destroyed, mostly by domestic animals introduced by humans that ate their eggs. So Diego and the others were placed in a corral at the park's breeding center on Santa Cruz, the main island in the isolated archipelago whose unique flora and fauna helped inspire

Charles Darwin's work on evolution. Diego was so dominant and aggressive, bullying other males with bites and shoves, that he had to be moved eight years later to his own pen, with five of the females. The reptiles are not monogamous. "Diego is very territorial, including with humans," said his keeper, Fausto Llerena. "He once bit me, and two weeks ago he tried (again) to bite me. When you enter his pen, Diego comes near and his intentions

aren't friendly.

A US-based herpetologist for the Galapagos Conservancy, Linda Cayot, says Diego is the most sexually active of the bunch because he's the biggest and the oldest of the males. "In tortoises, the biggest dominates. It's not that the others aren't active. It's just that he's dominant," she says. Tapia said it is impossible to know Diego's age, but he is well over 100. He estimates Diego is the father of 40 to 45 percent of the 1,781 tortoises born in the breeding programme and placed on Espanola island. At least 14 species of giant tortoise originally inhabited the islands 620 miles (1,000 kilometers) off Ecuador's Pacific coast and 10 survive, their features developing in sync with their environment, as Darwin observed. Espanola, which encompasses 50 square miles (130 square kilometers), is arid, and in order to reach vegetation high off the ground, the tortoises there developed the longest legs and necks of any other species in the archipelago.



This undated photo released by Galapagos National Park shows tortoise Diego at Galapagos National Park. Diego is another centenarian reptile, but unlike Lonesome George who was not able to reproduce, Diego has sired hundreds of offspring.—INTERNET

This summer is 'what global warming looks like'

WASHINGTON, 4 July—Is it just freakish weather or something more? Climate scientists suggest that if you want a glimpse of some of the worst of global warming, take a look at US weather in recent weeks. Horrendous wildfires. Oppressive heat waves. Devastating droughts. Flooding from giant deluges. And a powerful freak wind storm called a derecho.

These are the kinds of extremes experts have predicted will come with climate change, although it's far too early to say that is the cause. Nor will they say global warming is the reason 3,215 daily high temperature records were set in the month of June. Scientifically linking individual weather events to climate change takes intensive study, complicated mathematics, computer models and lots of time. Sometimes it isn't caused by global warming. Weather is always variable; freak things happen. And this weather has been local. Europe, Asia and Africa aren't having similar disasters now, although they've had their own extreme events in recent years.

But since at least 1988, climate scientists have warned that climate change would bring, in general, increased heat waves, more droughts, more sudden downpours, more widespread wildfires and worsening storms. In the United States, those extremes are happening here and now. So far this year, more than 2.1 million acres have burned in wildfires, more than 113 million people in the US were in areas under extreme heat advisories last Friday, two-thirds of the country is experiencing drought, and earlier in June, deluges flooded Minnesota and Florida. "This is what global warming looks like at the regional or personal level," said Jonathan Overpeck, professor of geosciences and atmospheric sciences at the University of Arizona. "The extra heat increases the odds of worse heat waves, droughts, storms and wildfire. This is certainly what I and many other climate scientists have been warning about." Kevin Trenberth, head of climate analysis at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in fire-charred Colorado, said these are the very record-breaking conditions he has said would happen, but many people wouldn't listen. So it's I told-you-so time, he said.—Internet



A tree sitting atop a vehicle offers free firewood in Falls Church, Va., on 2 July, 2012, as cleanup continued after Friday's storm. Around 2 million utility customers are without electricity across a swath of states along the East Coast and as far west as Illinois as the area recovers from a round of summer storms that has also caused at least 17 deaths.—INTERNET

Samsung unveils 16GB DDR4 server modules

SEOUL, 4 July—Samsung Electronics, the world's largest maker of memory chips, said Tuesday that it introduced 16-gigabyte (GB) double data rate-4 (DDR4) server modules for the first time in the industry. According to an e-mailed statement, Samsung began sampling the industry's first 16GB DDR4 registered dual inline memory modules (RDIMMs) designed for use in enterprise server systems. The company planned to mass produce the modules starting next year.

Based on 30 nanometer-class process technology, the newly introduced server modules doubled the speed of data processing from the current 1,600 megabits per second (Mbps) of DDR3-based modules, while reducing power consumption by around 40 percent compared with its predecessor DDR3 modules.

The server modules were launched to serve for corporate use that needs large data storage. The modules will be provided to major CPU and controller makers, Samsung said. "By launching these new high-density DDR4 modules, Samsung is embracing closer technical cooperation with key CPU and server companies for development of next-generation green IT systems," said Hong Wanhoo, Samsung's executive vice president.—Xinhua

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International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Christine Lagarde (C) speaks at a Press conference in Washington DC, the United States, on 3 July, 2012. A main challenge facing the United States is to effectively use the limited policy firepower to bolster its economic recovery in the near term, the IMF head said on Tuesday.—XINHUA

Limited policy firepower major challenge for US economic recovery

WASHINGTON, 4 July — A main challenge facing the United States is to effectively use the limited policy firepower to bolster its economic recovery in the near term, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said on Tuesday.

The country should also restore fiscal sustainability with a balanced approach to medium-term consolidation and complete financial sector reforms, the IMF said in a concluding statement released after its 2012 Article IV consultation with the United States. In the annual economic and financial checkup of the world's largest economy, the global lending agency forecast that the US economy would grow around 2 percent in 2012 before picking up pace to 2.3 percent in 2013.

The US economic growth remained " tepid " amid domestic and global economic downside risks, IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde said on Tuesday at a press conference. US policymakers should take a comprehensive and credible fiscal consolidation plan to improve its fiscal sustainability, but those measures should not be too " extreme " to become a brake on the economic recovery, Lagarde added.—Xinhua

June auto sales point to best year since 2007

DETROIT, 4 July — New auto sales in June raced past expectations on lower gas prices and still-generous incentives, and are on track to score their best year since 2007. The surprisingly strong June in which sales rose 22 percent from a year ago helped ease fears that weaker-than-expected results in May would suggest a slowdown in demand. June's annualized sales rate of 14.1 million vehicles, according to Autodata Corp, beat analysts' average estimate of 13.9 million. Before the

economy sank into recession, annual auto sales tallied 16.1 million in 2007. They plunged to 13.2 million in 2008 and a 27-year low of 10.4 million in 2009, before beginning a slow recovery. Last year, US auto sales totaled 12.8 million. Shares of General Motors Co jumped more than 6 percent on Tuesday as the No 1 US auto maker posted a 16 percent increase in vehicle sales from the previous year and said June was its best performing month since September 2008.

Sales by Ford Motor Co, the second-largest US

automaker, climbed 7 percent and its shares rose 3 percent. Of the major automakers reporting US sales on Tuesday, Toyota Motor Corp posted a 60 percent gain, to 177,795, that still fell short of analysts' expectations. The strong rebound by the third-biggest automaker based on US sales followed a low point after the Japanese earthquake and tsunami last year. Sales of industry No 4 Chrysler rose 20 percent to 144,811 vehicles, slightly topping analyst expectations. It was the 27th consecutive month that Chrysler sales topped those from the previous year, and its best June sales since 2007.

Reuters



Workers place tires on the 2011 Ford Explorer and other vehicles at the Ford assembly plant in Chicago, Illinois, on 1 Dec, 2010.

REUTERS

Health Tip: Clean your fruits and veggies

Vegetables and fruits can harbor bacteria that can make you sick. So it's important to wash any produce before you eat it — even fruits or veggies that you peel. Peeling can spread germs from the outer layer to the part you eat.

The Foodsafety.gov website offers this advice about cleaning produce before you eat it:

- * If you see any portions that look damaged or bruised, cut away those areas.
- * Use running water to rinse produce, but don't use any detergent, commercial wash or bleach.
- * Use a produce brush to scrub firm produce, such as cucumbers or melons.
- * Use a clean paper towel to dry these items after they're washed. —Internet

US researchers report success in treating autism spectrum disorder

WASHINGTON, 4 July — Using a mouse model of autism, researchers at the University of Cincinnati (UC) and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Centre have successfully treated an autism spectrum disorder characterized by severe cognitive impairment. The research team, led by Joe Clark, a professor of neurology at UC, reports its findings online Monday in the *Journal of Clinical Investigation*, a publication of the American Society for Clinical Investigation. The disorder, creatine transporter deficiency (CTD) is caused by a mutation in the creatine transporter protein that results in deficient energy metabolism in the brain. Linked to the X chromosome, CTD affects boys most severely; women are carriers and pass it on to their sons.

The brains of boys with CTD do not function normally, resulting in severe speech deficits, developmental delay, seizures and profound mental retardation. CTD is estimated to currently affect about 50,000 boys in the United States and is the second-most common cause of X-linked mental retardation after Fragile X syndrome. In the study, researchers discovered a method to treat it with cyclocreatine — also known as CincY, a creatine analogue originally developed as an adjunct to cancer treatment. They then treated genetically engineered mice as an animal model of the human disease.

"CincY successfully entered the brain and reversed the mental retardation-like symptoms in the mice, with benefits seen in nine weeks of treatment," says Clark, adding that no harmful effects to the mice were observed in the study.

Xinhua

FDA approves first rapid, take-home HIV test

WASHINGTON, 4 July — Americans will soon be able to test themselves in the privacy of their own homes for the virus that causes AIDS, now that the Food and Drug Administration has approved the first rapid, over-the-counter HIV test. The OraQuick test detects the presence of HIV antibodies using a mouth swab and returns a result in 20 to 40 minutes. Government officials estimate that about 240,000 people, or one-fifth of the roughly 1.2 million people carrying HIV in the US, don't know they are infected. Testing is a chief means of slowing new infections, which have held steady at about 50,000 per year for two decades. FDA officials said the test is designed for people who might not otherwise get tested. The availability of a home-use HIV test kit provides another option for individuals to get tested so that they can seek medical care, if appropriate," said Dr Karen Midthun, director of the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research. Orasure plans to start selling the test in October, both online and through retailers like Walgreens, CVS and Walmart.

It hasn't set a price yet but expects the consumer version to cost less than \$60 but more than the one marketed to health professionals, which costs about \$17.50. CEO Doug Michels said the price increase will help pay for a toll-free call center to provide counseling and medical referrals to test users. Each of the call-center operators is bilingual in English and Spanish, they've gone through 160 hours of training on HIV counseling and testing," Michels said in an interview with the *Associated Press*. "So they are highly trained professionals and they'll

be there to support the consumer." Michels said the company's marketing efforts will focus on populations at greatest risk of being infected with HIV, including gay and bisexual men, African Americans and Hispanics. FDA stressed in its approval announcement that the test is not 100 percent accurate in identifying people with the virus. A trial conducted by test maker Orasure showed OraQuick detected HIV in those carrying the virus only 92 percent of the time, though it was 99.9 percent accurate in ruling out HIV in patients not carrying the virus.—Internet



This undated handout photo provided by Orasure shows the OraQuick test, which detects the presence of HIV in saliva collected using a mouth swab.—INTERNET

The logo of the Bank of America is pictured atop the Bank of America building in downtown Los Angeles on 17 Nov, 2011.—REUTERS



WASHINGTON, 4 July — Nine of the largest global banks on Tuesday expressed

Top banks say they not too big to fail

confidence they can be salvaged or dismantled without taxpayer bailouts if they became insolvent, as

documents, required by the 2010 Dodd-Frank financial reform law, aim to end too-big-to-fail bailouts by mapping out ways that, in theory, mortally-wounded banks could go out of business without wrecking the financial system. If regulators find that the resolution plans are not credible, they could force the banks to sell off business lines and restructure to become less complex.

But some experts doubt how hard regulators will push the banks for changes or how useful hypothetical resolution plans will be in

major financial crisis.

The public portions released on Tuesday and are a few dozen pages per bank summarizing thousands of pages submitted confidentially to regulators. The banks argued in the public documents that their resolution plans will work, with no cost to taxpayers or great consequence to the financial system.

They used technical generalities in their conclusions without specifically addressing the unpredictable and vicious nature of a credit crisis.

Reuters

Heathrow Airport admits queues 'unacceptable'



Giant 2012 Olympic rings are unveiled at Heathrow Airport's Terminal 5, west of London, on 20 June, 2012.
INTERNET

LONDON, 4 July—British airport operator BAA admitted on Monday that immigration queues at Heathrow Airport, the main gateway for the London Olympics, have been “unacceptably long” in

recent days.

Some passengers were forced to wait for two and a half hours last week for passport checks at the west London airport, which will welcome around 80 percent of the athletes, officials, fans

and media coming for the Games.

“Immigration waiting times for passengers during peak periods at Heathrow in the last few days have been unacceptably long,” a BAA spokesman said.

Hours-long immigration queues at the airport, the world's busiest in terms of international passenger traffic, caused major embarrassment to the British government in May, just weeks before the Olympic opening ceremony on 27 July.

With thousands of athletes due to land at Heathrow over the next three weeks, there are fears that the Home Office, or interior ministry — which is responsible for immigration — will not be able to cope

with the traffic.

The *Daily Telegraph* newspaper reported half-mile queues at Heathrow's Terminal 4 on Friday.

A Border Force spokeswoman said the recent “queue breaches” at Heathrow had been “less than an hour” and that extra staff had been sent to immigration desks to deal with them.

“We are fully prepared for the busy Olympic period and will be implementing our well-rehearsed plans,” she said. “This includes staffing all immigration desks at key ports whenever necessary during the peak Olympic and Paralympic arrivals period.”

BAA said the Home Office had promised that all of its Border Force desks at Heathrow would be manned during the busiest Olympics arrival times.—*Internet*

Florida man sees “cruel” face of US justice

MIAMI, 4 July—Quartavious Davis is still shocked by what happened to him in federal court two months ago.

“My first offense, and they gave me all this time,” said Davis, a pudgy African American with dreadlocks who spoke with *Reuters* at the Federal Detention Centre in Miami. “Might just as well say I'm dead.”

Davis was convicted of participating in a string of armed robberies in the Miami area in 2010. His accomplices testified against him, saying he carried a gun during their crimes and discharged it at a dog that chased them after one of their burglaries. But Davis was not convicted of hurting anyone physically, including the dog.

Davis would occupy no place at all in the annals of crime if not for his sentence. Now 20 years old, he was sentenced to 1,941 months — almost 162 years — in prison without the possibility of parole.

On the day of Davis's interview with *Reuters*, the US Supreme Court decided that life sentences without parole for defendants under the age of 18 constituted “cruel and unusual punishment” even in cases of murder.—*Reuters*



Photo taken on 3 July, 2012 shows the Xiaoju Branch Plant of Shijiazhuang Sanhuan-Smelting Co Ltd where an accident of slag water leakage occurred, in Xiaoju Township of Pingshan County, north China's Hebei Province. Six people were suffocated to death when slag water leaked in this plant and mixed with rainwater on Tuesday.—XINHUA

Blast at Bangkok oil refinery triggers huge blaze

BANGKOK, 4 July—An explosion at an oil refinery in an industrial area of Bangkok sparked a massive fire early Wednesday, sending a thick column of smoke into the air that could be seen across the Thai capital.

No one appeared to have been injured in the blaze, which began after a loud blast at around 7.30 am local time (0030 GMT), according to a

spokeswoman for the refinery firm. “We are investigating the cause of fire and will inform the public immediately,” said Chavee-wan Kiatchokchaikul of Bangchak Petroleum, who said the fire had been brought under control. Emergency services deployed to the scene said there had been no casualties reported so far.

“There is not much oil so

people should not panic,” said a local Bangkok fire fighter on Thai television.

The Bangkok oil refinery, which employs around 600 people, is located in a large industrial estate in a sprawling suburb. It is among the country's biggest refineries and 120,000 barrels of oil are processed at the site every day, a company official told AFP.—*Internet*



The Bangkok skyline. An explosion at an oil refinery in an industrial area of Bangkok sparked a massive fire early Wednesday, sending a thick column of smoke into the air that could be seen across the Thai capital.—INTERNET

Turkish warplanes bomb Kurdish hideouts in northern Iraq

ISTANBUL, 4 July—Turkish warplanes have struck several locations in northern Iraq believed to be Kurdish rebel hideouts, the army said Monday.

The strikes follow a 19 June rebel attack on an army outpost near the Iraqi border that killed eight Turkish soldiers and wounded another 19.

The army command said in a statement that it hit “three targets belonging to the separatist terrorist organization,” referring to the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) rebels, after exploratory flights located their suspected hideouts.

The jets safely returned to their bases in Turkey, the statement added, without specifying when the air strikes had taken place. In a subsequent statement, the army said it had also bombed PKK hideouts on 24 June,



A Turkish soldier on patrol close to the border with Iraq in October 2011.—INTERNET

when 25 rebels were killed and another 23 injured. Another 30 or so rebels were killed during the 19 June clash, according to the army.

The bombings of rebel bases come amid government efforts to soften tensions with the Kurdish minority, but a recent spike in PKK violence in the southeast may force the government to keep up military action, according to analysts. The PKK, listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey and

much of the international community, took up arms in the Kurdish-majority southeast Turkey in 1984, sparking a conflict that has claimed some 45,000 lives.

The army statement came as an Istanbul court on Monday began a high-profile trial of some 200 suspects alleged to be linked to the Union of Kurdistan Communities, which of authorities say is a wing of the PKK.—*Internet*

Freeport Indonesia considers IPO

JAKARTA, 4 July—The Indonesian subsidiary of US mining giant Freeport-McMoRan is considering launching an initial public offering (IPO), its head said in comments published on Wednesday.

“We are considering several options, including an IPO,” Freeport Indonesia president Rozik Soetjipto was quoted as telling the *Jakarta Globe* newspaper.

“The IPO would be good for Freeport Indonesia,” he said, adding that it would make the company “more accountable and transparent.” He did not specify details such as the timeframe or size of the sale.

US-based Freeport-McMoran Copper & Gold, which owns a 90.64 percent stake in the Indonesian subsidiary, would still have the final say on the matter, he added.

Soetjipto said Freeport, whose huge Grasberg mine in restive Papua Province was hit by a violent strike last year, was focused on renegotiating its contracts ending in 2021 with the government, the report said.

Freeport Indonesia was not immediately available for comment about the report. Indonesia in March

announced a new law limiting foreign ownership in the mining sector from 80 percent to less than 50 percent, in a bid to protect abundant natural resources and keep a larger portion of revenues.

The regulation, which applies to new contracts only, obliges foreigners to divest at least 51 percent of their shares to Indonesians over a 10-year period.

It is not clear how the law may affect Freeport's Indonesian operation.

Indonesia, Southeast Asia's largest economy, has some of the world's biggest untapped mineral reserves, including tin, nickel, copper and gold.

Foreign direct investment in Indonesia hit a record \$20 billion last year, with \$3.6 billion attributed to the mining sector.

Freeport says it is the single biggest taxpayer to the Indonesian government.

Grasberg, the world's biggest gold and second-biggest copper mine, is Freeport Indonesia's only mine, employing more than 20,000 people.

A three-month strike over wages and work conditions last year turned violent, with at least eight people killed in ambush attacks and clashes with police. The strike ended in December.

Internet



File photo of US mining firm Freeport-McMoRan's operations in Timika, Papua Province. The Indonesian subsidiary of US mining giant Freeport-McMoRan is considering launching an initial public offering (IPO), its head said in comments published on Wednesday.

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Eight killed in bus accident in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 4 July—At least eight people have been killed and some 27 were injured in a bus accident in Darchula District in far-western Nepal on Tuesday morning.

Seven people died on the spot, while one succumbed to injuries while being rushed to hospital, said DSP Dev Bahadur Bogati.

The night bus heading for Darchula from Dhangadi skidded some 200 meters down the road, some 520 km west of Kathmandu, at earlier Tuesday morning.

According to police, they have been intensifying rescue effort with the help from the locals. The death toll may increase, police said.

Meanwhile, the injured have been ferried for the treatment in the nearby hospital.—*Xinhua*

Cash donated to cardiac ward of Mandalay General Hospital



MANDALAY, 4 July—A ceremony to donate motorcar to Awaiyayama Yankin Monastery from Mahaaungmye Township in Mandalay and cash to fund for construction of

extended building of Cardiac Ward of Mandalay General Hospital was held at Maha Atulagonyi Manshweli Monastery on 27 June.

Wellwisher U Win Swe-

Daw Tin Tin Hlaing (Manshweli Co) of 36th Street between 83rd and 84th streets donated a Toyota Surf for Awaiyayama Yankin Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Odattasiribhivamsa (Agga Maha Pandita, State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee) of the monastery and K 50 million for the extended building of the cardiac ward.

Medical Superintendent Dr Maung Win, Prof Dr Than Than Kyaing, Dr Kyaw Soe Win, Dr Myint Ngwe and staff accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to wellwishers.

Mann Sub-printing House

Mandalay Railways invites entrepreneurs for modern hotels, shopping centres

MANDALAY, 4 July—Myanma Railways will open Mandalay Railways Station at international level with facilities of the railways superintendent office, parcel office, express mail section, warrant travelling section, arrival and departure

sections on the ground floor, ticket booths and car park on the first floor, canteens on the second floor, office of the division-3 of Myanma Railways and vacant offices on the first.

The fifth and sixth floors and the pant will be

opened with the modern hotels and advanced shopping centres. Myanma Railways invites Myanmar national entrepreneurs to undertake joint venture in the long run.

Mandalay Railways is located on 78th street near Nanmyo, Yadanabon Market and general hospital. Every car is collected K 200 as fee and motorcycle K 100 to pass the railway station.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Compensation for loss of crops given

PYAWBWE, 4 July—A ceremony to present compensation to the farmers who lost their farmlands where Natka Dam was built to irrigate 1200 acres of farmlands in Pyawbwe Township of Mandalay Region was held at Kanphya Village of Pyawbwe Township on 20 June.

The authorities presented K 200,000 each per acre to 92 farmers, accounting for K 20,688,000 over 103.44 acres of farmlands. On 16 May, the authorities handed over K 17 million for 85 acres farmlands of 47 farmers from Kyee Village of Pyawbwe Township and K 37,688,000 for 188.44 acres of 139 farmers as compensation for construction of Natka Dam.—Maung Cetana (Mandalay)

Bank loans disbursed in Hinthada

HINTHADA, 4 July—A ceremony to disburse loans to farmers for cultivation of monsoon crops in 2012 was held at the Myanma Agricultural Development Bank in Hinthada Township of Ayeyawady Region on 26 June morning.

On the occasion, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Nyunt Hlaing, Region Hluttaw representative Dr Thein Soe and Township Administrator U Tin Aung Win made speeches. As of 26 June, the bank branch disburses loans for cultivation of rainy season crops in 2012—K 859,500 to 220 farmers for 1719 acres of farmlands.

Myanma Agricultural Development Bank of Hinthada District will disburse loans to farmers of remaining village-tracts.—Myanma Alin



PRIZES AWARDED: Paukkaung Township Timber Extraction Micro-credit Cooperative Society held the annual general meeting for 2011-2012 fiscal year on 28 June. At the ceremony, the chairman of the society presents prize to an outstanding student.—MYANMA ALIN

Women's Affairs Organization donates blood in Patheingyi

PATHEINGYI, 4 July—Ayeyawady Region Women's Affairs Organization organized the blood donation ceremony to mark the Myanmar Women's Day at the hall of Myanmar Medical Association (Patheingyi) in Patheingyi recently.

A total of 20 members of Women's Affairs Organization and other social organizations donated blood.

The patron of Region



WAO, the chairperson and members donated K 200,000 to the fund of Patheingyi General

Hospital and refreshment worth K 500,000 to blood donors.—Myanma Alin

Aungbalay lottery on sale at K 200 per ticket



YANGON, 4 July—Yangon Region Internal Revenue Department under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue opened its lottery shop at No. 176 at the corner of Maha Bandoola Street and 53rd Street in Pazundaung Township on 2 July afternoon.

The shop sells Aungbalay lottery at K 200 per ticket. It was opened by Director U Thang Aye of Yangon Region Internal Revenue Department.

The tickets of lottery are sold during office hour as of 2 July.—IRD

DISTRICT NEWS

Collective tree growing ceremony held in Hinthada



HINTHADA, 4 July—In honour of the Myanmar Women's Day, the tree growing ceremony was held in compound of Ledaw Basic

Education Primary School in Hinthada on 30 July morning.

At the ceremony, Deputy Commissioner U Hla Wai of Hinthada District

General Administration Department, Assistant Director U Aung Win Tun of District Forest Department, Township Administrator U Tin Aung Win, members of district and township Women's Affairs Organizations, members of District and Township Maternal and Child Welfare Associations, departmental heads, NGO members, Head of Township Forest Department U Khin Maung Myint and staff planted 600 saplings.

Myanma Alin

E-Pension system for pensioners

MANDALAY, 4 July—E-Pension system will be practiced with the aim of enabling retired service personnel to have easy access to taking out of pension salaries.

In so doing, the pensioners are to contact pension section of Myanma Economic Bank branch-1 in Mandalay with one licence photo taken within six months, original citizenship scrutiny card and pension book as quickly as possible.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Hluttaw representatives help issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards

MOHNYIN, 4 July—Staff of Mohnyin Township Immigration and National Registration Department of Kachin State made field trips to Mawhan and 10th-Mile Ywathit Villages in Mohnyin Township for issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards on 27 June.

Mohnyin Township Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Soe Lay, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Sai Tin Aung, Head of District INRD U Sein Win and Head of Township INRD U The Oo supervised the issuance of the cards to the local people. On the occasion, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Soe Lay met local people and explained matters related to Moe Pwint-3 Plan and donated cash to needy persons.—Myo Win



DHF PREVENTED: Preventive measures against dengue hemorrhagic fever were taken in Ward 10 of Hline Township in Yangon West District on 30 June. Local people and social organizations participate in DHF preventive measures.—MYANMA ALIN

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protect the interests of the nation and its people and in formulating the new ones which contribute to interests of the nation and its people, assessing the existing laws. Its objective is to assess political, economic, social, cultural, science and technology and communication technology issues upon the request of the Hluttaw Speaker and present its assessment results to the parliament through the speaker.

As far as it is learned, there is a great deal of laws in need of amending, revoking or rewriting. Furthermore, the onus is upon the parliament and MPs to make sure institutions concerned and the entire public adhere to the existing laws and smooth running of check and balance system, both of which call for genuine goodwill and competency of the MPs.

The speaker then expressed his belief that the dedicated cooperation of the new MPs will bolster the



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative of North Okkalapa Constituency Dr Than Win asking question.

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Chairman of Union Civil Services Board U Kyaw Thu responds to queries.

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capacity of the parliament enhancing its dignity and image.

In conclusion, the speaker urged them to be aware of how important role they are playing in democratic reforms and democratization process, serving the interests of the nation and its people accomplishing own duties and obligations of the parliament.

U Aung Thein Lin of South Okkalapa Constituency asked **when ward administrators will be reselected under law as ward administrators election law has been issued by the government.** Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint replied that the bylaws have been submitted to the upper level in line with the procedures as the amount of emoluments and operation expense to be provided are under discussion, selection of ward or village-tract administrators will be carried out after the ward or village-tract administration bylaws have been promulgated and the budget has been confirmed.

Dr Than Win of North Okkalapa Constituency asked **whether there is plan to reconstitute or dissolve**

the civil services central institutes as they are no more in conformity with the current situation of the State.

Chairman of Union Civil Services Board U Kyaw Thu replied that the argument is no ground as curriculum of the institutes have been rewritten and updated in line with the current administrative mechanism reform of the State. Nowadays, neighbours, ASEAN fellow countries and every world's developed nation have established civil service institutes to enhance the capacity of public servants. There is no plan to dissolve both the civil services institutes at a time capacity building must be focused more to keep abreast of other countries. Instead, those institutes must be strengthened to meet international standard, turning out good public servants.

U Tun Aung Khaing of Pauktaw Constituency asked **whether the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries has a plan to not auction the use of rivers and creeks for fishing purpose in Pauktaw Township, Rakhine State.**

Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint replied that the Fisheries department of the

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At the announcement session of election of Vice-President, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw read out the message sent by the President on the vacancy of the Vice-President and gave guidance that for filling the vacant post of the Vice-President, Defence Services Hluttaw

representatives group are to elect one Vice-President in line with Election Rule 24 and 25 of the President and Vice-President not later than 10 July, and to submit the name list of the Vice-President along with CV that includes designated qualifications and relevant contents

ministry always has acted as an arbitrator between the businessmen who have won the tender for fishing and basic workers as regards wage problem and disputers over work conditions and others in real time. The rural people have the right to fishing as a livelihood for survival on common waters with traditional fishing equipment. The decision whether to auction the fishing sites in Pauktaw Township for 2012-2013 fiscal year is up Rakhine State government which has to manage in line with its fresh water fishery law.

U Aye Mauk of Mahlaing Constituency proposed **the Union government to set standards for different sectors and fields and to legitimate those standards within a set period.**

The proposal will be discussed on 6 July and MPs wishing to discuss the



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint reading paper.

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stated in the Section 59 of the Constitution to the Speaker.

At the proposal-submitting session, U Tin Htut of Zalun Constituency submitted the proposal on exposing and making investigation into confiscation of farmlands and dealing with it in a just

proposal are reported to register by 1 pm on 5 July.

Pyithu Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee Chairman Dr Chan Nyein submitted the **university education bill 2012** and member of the Bill Committee U Thein Tun clarified the assessment report of the bill committee in connection to the bill.

The date to discuss the bill will be announced and MPs wishing to make amendments are reported to register by 4 pm on 9 July.

The Europe visit of Myanmar parliamentary delegation led by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann to Germany, Belgium, France, Switzerland, England, Denmark, and Norway from 6-5-2012 to 23-5-2012 at the invitation of the heads of respective parliaments, the visit of Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Khin Maung Oo, Dr Win Myint

and fair manner to avoid grievances of farmers. Representatives who want to discuss the aforesaid matters are to submit the name list not later than 4 pm on 9 July. The meeting came to an end at 1.50 pm. The date and time to be held for second day session will be announced.—MNA

and two Amyotha Hluttaw representatives to Singapore to attend parliamentary workshop from 15-5-2012 to 17-5-2012 and Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Thein Lwin's study tour to Australia from 20-5-2012 to 26-5-2012, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Maung Maung Swe and party's visit to Turkey to attend The Fifth International Parliamentarian's Conference on the Implementation of ICPD Programme of Action (IPCI-2012) from 24-5-2012 to 24-2012, Pyithu Hluttaw representative Thura U Aung Ko and party's visit to China from 29-5-2012 to 5-6-2012, Pyithu Hluttaw Daw Win Maw Tun and party's study visit to Sweden from 6-6-2012 to 14-6-2012 was put on record.

The first day meeting came to an end at 11.35 am and the second meeting continues at 10 am tomorrow.—MNA

Volleyball tournament kicks off

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—The opening ceremony of Inter-University/College Men's Volleyball Tournament (Monywa Zone) of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) under the Ministry of Education took place at the people's stadium in Monywa on 2 July attended by Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye.

The Sagaing Region Chief Minister enjoyed the match between Kalay University and Monywa Institute of Economics.

The Chief Minister attended the coordination meeting for development of agriculture sector of Sagaing Region and addressed the meeting. Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock U Sein Win reported on measures being undertaken

for the development of agriculture sector of the region.

Official concerned reported on facts about the tasks and future programmes to the chief minister.—MNA

Medical care provided to refugees in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—Medical teams comprising medics and medical staff of the Directorate of Medical Services of the Commander-in-Chief (Army)'s office and the local medical battalions provided medical care to the refugees at Myoma Pariyatti Monastery, Athokayon Monastery and Hsutaungpyae Pariyatti Monastery in Sittway yesterday and today.

The medical teams also disseminated medical knowledge to the refugees as part of

efforts for prevention of malaria, dengue fever and outbreak of diseases in rainy season.

They also carried out preventive measures against malaria and dengue fever and sprayed disinfectants to prevent dengue fever.

They visited Hsutaungpyae Pariyatti Monastery and gave treatment to the refugees and sprayed disinfectants at the refugee camp.—MNA

Kachin State Chief Minister inspects agriculture machinery

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai yesterday morning viewed trial operations of KS 9300

harvesters, New Holland tractors and Graves power tillers which are provided by the Indian government as a token of India-Myanmar friendship at No.79 tractors station of Agriculture Mechanization Department and inspected New Holland tractors, Graves power tillers and agriculture machinery and power tillers produced by Agriculture Mechanization Department.

The State Chief Minister looked into dredging of No.4 drain and extension of the drains with the use of heavy machinery, Rampu ward drain and cleaning of the drain between Khamathiri ward Rampu ward with the use of heavy machinery and the reconstruction of the drain near Myoma ward.

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scholarship, K 15000 per month, will be provided to outstanding students in each township starting from this fiscal year.

The President has allowed opening of new schools, upgrading and recruiting necessary teachers and education staff during the four-year period from 2012-2016 academic year to 2015-2016 fiscal year. A total of 314 high schools (branch) and affiliated high schools have been upgraded to the high school level; 450 affiliated high schools and middle schools to the high school (branch) level; 380 middle school (branch) and affiliated middle schools to the middle school level; 438 affiliated middle schools and post-primary schools to the middle school (branch) level; 1373 primary schools to post-primary school level; 1014 primary schools (branch) and affiliated primary schools to the primary school level; and 326 primary schools (branch) to the primary school (branch) level. A total of 4295 schools have been upgraded.

The improvement of education standard of the country will be achieved earlier if Region/State governments, townsenders and local people fulfill to the needs of schools upgraded by the State.

For the upgraded schools, the government has to recruit 695 teachers and officers, 19770 personnel, and 4422 staff totally 24887 yearly. It will cost more 16089.144 million each year at the rate of 1340.762 million a month.

The pay scale of headmaster of the middle school will be increased from (59000-1000-64000) to (100000-2000-110000) and that of the headmaster of the primary school from (53000-1000-58000) to (59000-1000-64000). A total of 60000 junior assistant teachers will be promoted to assistant teachers. Region/State education officers will be promoted from deputy director/assistant director to director level. District education offices under control of a deputy director will be opened. There will not be district education offices in all 68 districts. The district education officers will be tasked to perform duties in nearby districts. The President has allowed the promotion of township education officers to assistant directors. Only well-behaved, disciplined and dutiful staff will be promoted through scrutiny of the Union minister, the deputy ministers and officials.

He also said that sufficient staff will be appointed in basic education high schools of Regions and States. There will be 420 officers and 2467 staff totally 2887 in region/state education offices, district education offices and township education offices. According to new organizational set-up of education

offices, there will be 2531 officers and 11229 staff totally 13760.

Myanmar Examination Board will be transformed into of Myanmar Examination Department to cope with increased number of BEHSs and matriculation students. More staff will be appointed in accord with the organizational structure of the department. These measures are being taken in line with the guidance of the President in the State of the Union address and the guidance to uplift capacity and socio-economic standards of the education staff. Priority will be given to increased accessibility of education by citizens, improving skills of the students, ensuring good moral, lifting Union spirit and nurturing good and able citizens.

The Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker decided to return Foreign Investment Bill which had been amended by the Amyotha Hluttaw and sent with amendments by the Pyithu Hluttaw that the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker had sent a message to return the bill to the Pyithu Hluttaw.

Chairman of Financial and Legal Affairs Commission U Aung Tun of Magway Region Constituency No (11) submitted "Anti-bribery Bill" on behalf of Amyotha Hluttaw Financial and Legal Affairs Commission. A Hluttaw representative seconded the proposal to discuss the bill.

As the Hluttaw agreed, it was decided to be discussed at the Hluttaw. The Hluttaw



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative Constituency (5) U Kyaw Tun Aung of Rakhine State asking questions.

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representatives willing to discuss the bill could submit their name lists.

The first day Amyotha Hluttaw session concluded at 10.45 am and the second day session will be held at 10 am on 5 July.

At today's session, three questions were raised and answered and one bill was submitted.

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Course No. 1/2012 on collecting monthly production, social and economical statistics in townships concludes



Course No. 1/2012 on collecting monthly production, social and economic statistics in townships concluding ceremony in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—A course No. 1/2012 on collecting monthly production, social and economical statistics in townships and conducting survey concluded at Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development today.

In his closing remarks at the ceremony, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein urged the township level planning drawing bodies to select areas that should be given priority when they develop townships and villages so that they can effectively carry out

Dy Construction Minister assists in Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) project, road works

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint assisted in construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) in Magway Region on 30 June.

During his tour to the project, the deputy minister inspected works on construction of floor, installation of iron beams and development tasks yearly.

He also stressed the need for implementing plans which are directly related to job opportunities and increasing incomes of the people as part of efforts

earth work on approach road. Approach roads of the bridge have been completed.

The deputy minister also inspected Thayat-Minhla Road, work on construction of Siso-Yenanma-Kanhtoke Road, Thayat-Mindon Road and construction of Kaman Bridge between the Mile Post Nos. 22/1 and 22/2 on the road, the site chosen to

for achieving the development targets of the country and the UN Millennium Development Goals. A total of 46 trainees completed the course.

MNA

Land Use Scrutiny Committee meets

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—Land Use Scrutiny Committee met for the first time this year at Forest Department here this morning.

Chairman of the committee Union Minister for

Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun addressed the meeting.

He highlighted the need of land reform for advancing towards green growth and called for

compiling accurate figures.

The Union Minister also called for forming working committees, defining procedures and designating work schedule and timeline in detail.—MNA

Inter-Region/State Champion Challenge Cup (2012) Acrobatics Championship concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan awarded winners in Inter-Region/State Champion Challenge Cup (2012) Acrobatics Championship at gymnasium in Lewu Township this morning.

The Union minister

awarded championship shield to Yangon Region women's team and Chin State men's team.

He also met in-charges

and coaches at Nay Pyi Taw advanced training ground and left necessary instructions.

MNA

Japanese coaches to train Myanmar Karatedo athletes

YANGON, 4 July—Organized by Myanmar Karatedo Federation and Japan Karate Federation, "Kumite" Coach Mr. Takuya Taniyama (7th Dan) of Japan Karate Association, Tokyo and "Kata" Coach Mr. Norimasa Fujita (6th Dan) Osaka Branch Head Coach, Japan Karate Federation will train athletes from 5 pm to 6 pm and from 8 am to 10 am from 4 to 8 July.

Karatedo enthusiasts may participate in the training and dial 379939 for more information.—MNA



OFFICE OPENED: To mark Myanmar Women's Day, Hlinehaya Township Women's Affairs Organization of Yangon North District organized the special sales in front of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association on 28 June. Township Administrator U Htein Soe and Chairman of Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Mya Mya Aye formally open the sales.—MYANMA ALIN

Gold entrepreneurs conduct training course

YANGON, 4 July—The gold industry development course No. 1/2012, conducted by Yangon Region Gold Entrepreneurs Association, concluded at its office on Shwewontha Street, here, on 29 June morning.

Patron of the region association U Ba Than (Ba Than Quality Gold), Chairman U Myo Myint, Region Hluttaw representative of Pabedan Township Constituency U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-



Twantay) and Secretary U Win Myint made speeches.

Officials presented certificates to the trainees. *Myanma Alin*

Myanmar Writers Association to donate cash to locals of Rakhine State

YANGON, 4 July—Myanmar Writers Association will donate cash to funds for rehabilitation of local people in Rakhine State.

Cash donations of writers will be collected in various townships. Wellwisher writers are to send their cash donations to the association (central), not later than 23 July.

Myo Tun

Nurturing of saplings demonstrated in Paukkaung

PAUKKAUNG, 4 July—With the aim of flourishing the spirit to adore forests in mind of students, Paukkaung Township Forest Department Staff Officer U Than Hsint and staff demonstrated the establishment of nursery and nurturing works in the compound of Basic Education High School in Paukkaung on 26 June morning.

Next, the staff presented 250 saplings of teak and eucalyptus to Headmistress Daw Nwe Yi and teachers and students and they planted the saplings.

At the golden jubilee hall of the school, the staff officer of the Township Forest Department talked about environmental conservation.—*Township Forest*



ASSISTANCE DONATED: Wellwisher Dr Win Myint, wife Thiha Thudhamma Theingi Daw Khaing Khaing Oo (Myat Myitta Co) donated books, stationery and aids to 745 students at primary, middle and high school levels at Basic Education High School Branch in Hline Township of Yangon West District on 27 June. Headmistress Daw Marlar Yi accepts the donations. *MYANMA ALIN*

Holding Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships discussed

YANGON, 4 July—The Myanmar Weightlifting Federation held its coordination meeting at the office of the federation at Aung San Gymnasium on 1 July.

President of the Federation U Thet Lin made a speech. The participants discussed holding of Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships 2012 to be hosted by Myanmar from 5 to 12 November 2012.



They focused on ceremony decoration, invitation, prize presentation, hotel reservation and financial matters. They talked about selection for the championships. *Myanma Alin*

Trees grown in rainy season in Kyaiklat



KYAIKLAT, 4 July—In honour of Myanmar Women's Day, the tree growing ceremony was held along both sides of Kyaiklat-Pyapon Road in

Kyaiklat Township of Pyapon District in Ayeyawady Region on 30 June.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Aung Naing, Chairperson of Township Women's Affairs Organization and

Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Mya Thi and members, Senior Forester U Kyaw Zaw and departmental personnel, staff, ward administrators and local people planted over 900 saplings.—*Township GAD*



Income declaration handed over in Pyay

PYAY, 4 July—The ceremony to present declaration of income for 2012-2013 fiscal year was held by Pyay Township Internal Revenue Department under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue on 28 June morning.

The ceremony was held at the office of Pyay Township Cooperative Department.

Staff Officer Daw Ohn Yi of Township Cooperative Department handed over 10 letters of income declaration from 10 cooperative societies and K 2.1 million in advance payment to Assistant Director U Soe Hla Myint of Pyay Township Internal Revenue Department.

Township IRD

Long staple cotton seeds handed over to farmers in Kanbalu

KANBALU, 4 July—A ceremony to present quality cotton seeds to 54 cotton growers and 157 farmers of Kanbalu Township was held at ward/village administrative offices in the township on 25 June for exceeding cotton sown acreage in the township in 2012-2013 cultivation season.

It was attended by members of Township Agricultural Coordination Committee who presented bags of quality seeds of Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton to farmers.

Head of Township Industrial Crops Department U Tint Swe gave talks on boosting production of long staple cotton with 10 salient points. Deputy Head of Department of Myanmar Agriculture Department Daw Khin Moh Moh explained use of quality stains, systematic combating of pests and weeding system.

Kanbalu Township sets the plan to exceed the sown acres of cotton and will distribute Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton to 25 village-tracts.

Township Agriculture

DISTRICT NEWS

Health development youth service course opens

KENG TUNG, 4 July—Jointly organized by Health Department of the Ministry of Health, Central Health Unit and UNFPA, the health development youth hospice and service course was opened at the Katkaung rural health centre in Kengtung Township of Shan State (East) on 27 June morning.

Additional Head of Shan State Health Department Dr Aung Kyaw Htwe and Deputy Commissioner U Khin Win of Kengtung District General Administration Department made speeches.

The course will comprise sports, recreation and librarian works regularly. The training will provide courses on knowledge about reproductive health and prevention against HIV/AIDS diseases.

Trainers from Central Health Unit of the ministry and local health staff will give trainees to 40 trainees.—*Health*



MYANMAR WOMEN'S DAY MARKED: The tree growing ceremony was held on the campus of Technological University in Meiktila on 30 June in commemoration of the Myanmar Women's Day. Deputy Commissioner U Sein Oka, Director U Aung Than Win and party of Region Forest Department, members of District and Township WAOs and Maternal and Child Welfare Association, teachers and students participate in cultivation of saplings.—*MYANMA ALIN*

Mexico's Slim not eyeing more Europe buys for now

MEXICO CITY, 4 July—Mexican tycoon Carlos Slim said on Tuesday he has no immediate plans for further telecommunications purchases in Europe after buying into Dutch firm KPN and Telekom Austria.

Asked if he was looking to expand further in Europe after the two recent deals, Slim told *Reuters*: "No, no. We're not looking for nothing now. We are going to consolidate what we've got."

Slim's America Movil, which is present in roughly a dozen Latin American countries, is establishing a beachhead in Europe where a combination of tough competition, regulatory pressure and recession in many markets has beaten down some company valuations to near decade lows.

Unlike his expansion in

Latin America, where the 72-year-old entrepreneur has purchased much bigger stakes or whole companies, he has taken a more cautious approach in Europe.

Slim recently increased his stake in KPN to 27.7 percent and boosted his stake in Austria Telekom to 23 percent, his biggest foray yet into the European market.

His arrival in Europe touched off a period of turbulence in the telecoms sector, with industry executives and analysts questioning if it would lead to a long-awaited consolidation in some markets like Germany or Spain.

With an empire stretching from banking to hotels to mining, the world's richest man said he remained open to opportunities.

"We're always open in



Mexican telecommunications and retail tycoon Carlos Slim Helu delivers his speech on the impact of new technologies during a lecture organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) at the United Nations European headquarters in Geneva on 11 June, 2012.—REUTERS

the world for everything...

Well not everything," he said in English at an Independence Day party at the US ambassador's residence in Mexico City, laughing as party guests snapped pictures of him with

their phones.

"Careful, you'll fall in the water," he warned one picture taker who was backing away to get a wider angle and nearly fell into the ambassador's swimming pool.—*Reuters*

Indonesia sees growing export in second half

JAKARTA, 4 July—The Indonesian government forecasts higher export growth in the second semester due to surging prices for several key export commodities and products, the *Jakarta Post* quoting official reported here on Wednesday.

Deputy Trade Minister Bayu Krisnamurthi said on Tuesday that the rise of shipping of the commodities and products, such as palm oil, vehicles, automotive components, electronics and footwear, was going to make up decline of exports at the first six months that the export target of 203 billion US dollar could be achieved this year. "Exports depend heavily on global economic growth, which has been highly affected by conditions in the eurozone. However, considering that our main export commodities are growing positively, this optimism makes sense," Bayu said.

According to a trade report released by the Central Statistics Agency (BPS) on Monday, the nation's exports have been under heavy pressure due to weaker overseas demand. Imports, however grew, resulting in a 1.13 billion US dollar deficit in the nation's balance of trade over April and May. During the first five months of the year, the nation exported 8.81 billion US dollar in palm oil, up 8.93 percent from the same period last year.

Meanwhile exports of vehicles and components totalled 1.92 billion US dollar, up 51.95 percent, and exports of machines and mechanical equipment totalled 2.52 billion US dollar, up by 22.3 percent.

In the first five months, the nation's total exports grew 1.48 percent to 81.42 billion US dollar, with non-oil and gas exports up 0.04 percent to 64.26 billion US dollar.

Unlike the slow upward movement in exports, imports climbed by 16.09 percent to 79.90 billion US dollar, with non-oil and gas imports rising 17.39 percent to 61.65 billion US dollar.

Xinhua

Vietnam, European Free Trade Association start talks on FTA

HANOI, 4 July—Vietnamese Minister of Industry and Trade Vu Huy Hoang and Norwegian Ambassador to Vietnam Stale Torstein Risa officially launched negotiations on a free trade agreement (FTA) between Vietnam and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries on Tuesday.

At the launching ceremony, the two sides signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on EFTA's recognition of Vietnam as a market economy.

The EFTA and 30 other countries in the world having recognized Vietnam as a market economy, shows the international community's acknowledgement of the country's efforts to renovate its economy and integrate into the international economy. It will help other countries gain a fair evaluation of Vietnam's economy, Hoang said.

The MoU between Vietnam and the EFTA will create a foundation for promoting bilateral trade and economic ties. It will be a comprehensive FTA in line with World Trade Organization regulations for trade, services, investment and other fields of mutual interest, Hoang added.

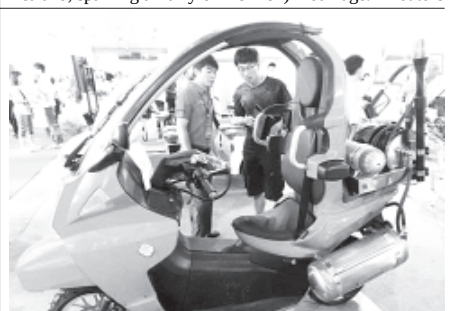
The EFTA comprises of Norway, Switzerland, Iceland and Liechtenstein.—*Xinhua*

Strong quake rattles New Zealand's North Island, no reports of injury

WELLINGTON, 4 July—A strong earthquake struck off the west coast of New Zealand's North Island on Tuesday, shaking residents across a wide area and toppling goods from shelves but there were no immediate reports of major damage or injury. The 7.0 magnitude quake was centred 170 km northwest of the capital Wellington at a depth of 230 km (147 miles), the national GeoNet website reported. The US Geological Service earlier reported the tremor at a 6.2 magnitude. There was no tsunami warning issued. The quake was felt throughout central New Zealand, sparking a flurry of

activity on social network sites, but local media reported only minor damage. "It was a good shake but we see no damage. I felt the whole building shake," a spokeswoman at the Opuake police station told *Reuters*. The quake was centred 60 km from Opuake.

The New Zealand dollar dipped to a session low near 80 US cents following the tremor. Christchurch, the New Zealand's second-largest city, is still recovering from a shallow quake measuring 6.3 which killed 182 people in February 2011 and caused throughout central New Zealand, sparking a flurry of activity on social network sites, but local media reported only minor damage. "It was a good shake but we see no damage. I felt the whole building shake," a spokeswoman at the Opuake police station told *Reuters*. The quake was centred 60 km from Opuake.



Visitors look at a pure electric vehicle during the 8th Beijing International Pure Electric Vehicles, Hybrid Electric Vehicles and Charging Station Exhibition, in Beijing, capital of China, on 3 July, 2012.—XINHUA

S Korea's imported car sales jump 20.5% in H1

SEOUL, 4 July—Imported car sales in South Korea jumped 20.5 percent in the first half of this year due to persistent demand for foreign luxury models, a local trade association said on Wednesday.

Sales of imported cars reached 62,239 vehicles for the first six months of 2012, up 20.5 percent from the same period of last year, according to the Korea Automobile Importers and Distributors Association (KAIDA).

In June, imported auto sales expanded 18.0 percent on-year to 10,578 units, but on an on-month basis, car sales declined 9.7 percent last month. "The June sales contracted on an on-month basis due to supply shortage of some models, but the imported car sales showed a growth rate of over 20 percent in the first half," said Yoon Dae-sung, executive director of KAIDA. German automaker BMW ranked first in terms of best-selling brand in June with 2,136 vehicles

sold. It was followed by Mercedes-Benz with 1,878 units and Audi with 1,385 units. Volkswagen ranked fourth with 1,276 units sold and Toyota came next with 753 units.

The most popular model was BMW's 520d with 558 units sold last month to beat E300 manufactured by Mercedes-Benz with 503 units sold. It was followed by BMW's 320d with 342 units sold.

Xinhua



A motorbike passes by handicrafts for sale in Nairobi, capital of Kenya, on 3 July, 2012. Kenya's economy grew by 3.5 percent in the first quarter of 2012.—XINHUA

First Italian woman astronaut to be launched into space in 2014

ROME, 4 July—An Italian woman astronaut has been assigned for the first time for a long-duration mission aboard the *International Space Station (ISS)*, local media reported on Tuesday. In 2014, the European Space Agency (ESA) astronaut Samantha Cristoforetti will be launched into space on a Soyuz spacecraft from Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, the Italian Space Agency (ASI) announced in Rome.

Cristoforetti, 35, a captain in the Italian Air Force, is now trained on the Russian Soyuz spacecraft, Station systems, robotics and spacewalks.

"The past three years as a European astronaut have been an amazing time of personal and professional growth," she was quoted as saying by ANSA news agency after receiving the news of her assignment.

"I am now excited to continue this journey with the objective of serving Italy and Europe as a crewmember of the *International Space Station*," she added.—*Xinhua*

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Indian debt fund buys \$72 m of Kingfisher airline debt

KOLKATA,4July—Adebt fund managed by India's finance firm SREI Infrastructure Finance has bought \$72 million worth of debt of the beleaguered Kingfisher Airlines, its officials said on Monday.

The Kolkata-based SREI Infra Finance group chief financial officer Sanjeev Sancheti told the *Press Trust of India* it was "a good buy as it is a fully secured debt". The debt was bought from lender ICICI Bank.

Private carrier Kingfisher, controlled by liquor baron Vijay Mallya, reported a net loss of 11.52 billion rupees (\$208million) in the three months to March, a tripling of losses, and has a total debt of at least \$1.4 billion. The airline has never posted a profit since its launch in 2005 and scaled down its operations in recent months, including shutting down overseas operations.

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27th S.E.A Games 2013

Tender Invitation for Opening & Closing Ceremonies

The 27th South East Asian Games (27th S.E.A Games 2013) will be held in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and Ngwesaung Beach, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for 12 days, from December 11th to 22nd 2013.

The Games will bring together tens of thousands of athletes, officials, journalists and friends of all sectors from around the South East Asian Region. Several millions of people across the region and the world are expected to witness the spectacular Games either on site or through the television and internet.

The S.E.A Games is a gathering of athletes from 11 countries of the South East Asian Region and the Opening & Closing Ceremonies represent a core component of the Games.

In this regard, Organizing Committee is inviting proposals for the Ceremonies from few experienced International Companies for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies to be held in Nay Pyi Taw at the Zabuthiri Stadium on December 11th, 2013 and December 22nd, 2013 respectively.

The interested companies are invited to collect "Request For Proposal" (RFP) documents with the price of US\$ 1,000 - (One Thousand dollars, US Dollars Only) start from July 5th, 2012 at the following address:

**Ministry of Sports
Office Building No.31
Nay Pyi Taw,**

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

The interested Companies should bring together the photocopies of Company's Registration Documents when come to collect RFP. The person who wants to know more detail for this, please contact to enquire following telephone numbers:

+ 9567 - 406033
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The Company shall prepare its proposal in accordance with the requirements set forth in the RFP documents and submit their proposal to the Organizing Committee at above mention address before July 26th, 2012 (16:00 Hr). If you do have some questions about to know detail for RFP, please send as a written document to above address before July 18th, 2012.

On July 18th and 19th, 2012, the responsible Committee's Members will answer all your questions and explain what you want to know in Ministry of Sports, meeting hall at above mention address.

The Committee will analyze detail to all submitted proposals during July 26th to August 16th and after that, we will reply and contact only the Companies of successful proposals to discuss more detail for contracting.

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The competition will take place for 12 days, from December 11th to 22nd 2013. There are 11 participant countries and 5,000 athletes are expected to complete. The participating countries are: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste, Vietnam and Myanmar.

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MV DANU BHUM VOY NO (308)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DANU BHUM VOY NO (308) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 5.7.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER
LINES**

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: TOKO KAIUN KAISHA LTD**

Phone No: 256924/256914

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
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PTE LTD**

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Guinness says Philippine croc world's largest

A saltwater crocodile weighing more than a tonne and suspected of killing two people in the Philippines has been declared the largest such reptile in captivity by the Guinness Book of World Records.

The 6.17-metre (20.24-foot) male, nicknamed "Lolong", was captured in the Agusan marsh on the southern island of Mindanao last September after a two-year search following the killing of a girl and the disappearance of a fisherman.

"The largest crocodile in captivity is Lolong, a saltwater crocodile (*Crocodylus porosus*), who measured 6.17 m," Guinness said on its website.

"Lolong's weight was also measured at a nearby

truck weigh-bridge and verified as approximately 1,075 kg (2,370 lbs)."

Welinda Asis Elorde, media affairs coordinator for the town of Bunawan, which has custody of the new record-holder, said on 2 July the local government had received an official certification from Guinness.

"He's doing well. I think he has already adapted to his new environment," Elorde told *AFP* by telephone.

At first, Lolong was fed the equivalent of 10 percent of his body weight in beef, pork and poultry every month, but an expert put him on a diet of eight to 10 kilograms a week to get him to be more active, she added.

The expert also recommended that the meat be given with skin and

feathers attached, to help digestion.

"I was there (at the crocodile park where Lolong is kept) yesterday and he remains a big tourist attraction. Hundreds of people visit him in a day," Elorde added.



The Guinness record was previously held by Cassius, a 5.48-metre Australian saltwater crocodile weighing close to

File photo taken in September 2011 shows the saltwater crocodile called "Lolong", which was captured in the Agusan marsh on the island of Mindanao last September. Lolong has been declared the largest such reptile in captivity by the Guinness Book of World Records.

a tonne. Cassius has been kept at a crocodile park at an island off Queensland since his capture in the Northern Territory in 1984.

Seagulls attack Scottish mail carrier

The British Royal Mail said deliveries to more than 20 residents of a Scottish town have been suspended after a letter carrier was attacked by seagulls.

The Royal Mail said the "swooping attacks" by seagulls in Elgin led the service to suspend deliveries until the end of the nesting season, *The Daily Telegraph* reported.

"The safety of our people is paramount to Royal Mail and these swooping attacks have made it difficult for her to continue to do her job," a spokesman said. "Unfortunately, these frightening attacks have meant that this week we have temporarily suspended deliveries to

some addresses in Muirfield Road. These kinds of attacks do occur at this time of year across the country as gulls are nesting."

The spokesman said the affected residents can pick up their mail at the High Street Post Office.

Resident George McPhee, 66, said he does not agree with the Royal Mail's decision. "The seagulls are a bloody pest, but I have been 41 years in the same house and they have never hurt anybody — and that's including kiddies, dogs and cats," he said. "Even during the Blitz everybody was getting their post. If they have to issue them hard hats then so be it."



News Album

Mafia writer gets asteroid named after him

An Italian journalist and author known for exposing the Naples mafia was honoured by having an asteroid named after him, officials said.

Roberto Saviano had asteroid No 278447 named

after him Friday, Italy's ANSA news agency reported.

Saviano was given the honor by the International Astronomical Union for exposing "the Camorra's organized-crime activities in his 2006 best-seller

"Gomorrah." Saviano received death threats for his novel and was placed under round-the-clock police protection after its publication. "Gomorrah" was later turned into a film and won second prize at

Cannes and five European Film Awards in 2008.

"Thank you Dr Silvano Casulli, who discovered the asteroid, for deciding to name it after me," said Saviano. "Now I'll look at the sky through different eyes."

Houston tribute, obscenities highlight BET Awards



Mariah Carey speaks during the in memoriam to Whitney Houston at the BET Awards on 1 July, 2012.—INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 4 July—With all the star power at the BET Awards—Kanye West, Jay-Z, Nicki Minaj, Beyonce and Samuel L. Jackson, to name a few—the most stirring moment came not from a superstar, but from the mother

of one.

Whitney Houston's mother Cissy provided the emotional highlight of Sunday's ceremony as she sang "Bridge Over Troubled Water" in tribute to her late daughter, leaving audience members like Beyonce and Soulja Boy in tears.

Mariah Carey opened the tribute, and her voice wavered as she told stories about Houston. She recalled the last times she saw Houston last year, and how the two laughed and gossiped together. "I miss my friend," Carey said. "I miss hearing her voice and laughter."

R&B singer Monica was

vocally top-notch as she sang "I Love The Lord," a gospel song once sang by Houston; Brandy sang two upbeat Houston hits, "I Wanna Dance With Somebody" and "I'm Your Baby Tonight." Chaka Khan blazed the stage with "I'm Every Woman," which Houston remade. Gary Houston, Whitney's brother, also performed; and Houston's "Waiting to Exhale" castmates — Angela Bassett, Lela Rochon and Loretta Devine — also honored the singer.

But it was Cissy Houston's soaring performance that brought the audience to their feet, and had many dabbing their eyes.—*Internet*

Beyonce, Brown, Kanye, Jay-Z win at BET Awards



Kanye West, left, and Jay-Z accept the award for best group for "The Throne" at the BET Awards on 1 July, 2012.—INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 4 July—The BET Awards became the Bleep Awards on Sunday, as entire segments of performances were muted out due to foul language. Still, censors failed to catch many vulgarities that were uttered onstage, from performances

by Nicki Minaj to even a parody by Samuel L. Jackson and Spike Lee.

It started during the opening number by Kanye West's GOOD music group, which included Big Sean, Pusha T and 2 Chainz. There were extended moments of censored silence when the rappers performed "Mercy," though not all the offending words were bleeped out. Moments later, Jackson, the show's host, was joined by Lee as they did a comedic version of Jay-Z and West's hit song "... In Paris," to laughs.

"Two distinguished Morehouse men," Lee joked

after the performance, referencing the alma mater of the two.

The censor police also worked overtime when Rick Ross performed with his Maybach Music Group and during Minaj's performance and acceptance speech for best female hip-hop artist. Minaj's win was her third consecutive time taking the prize.

"I really, really appreciate BET for keeping this category alive, and I appreciate all the female rappers doing their thing, past, present and future," she said, before uttering an obscenity.—*Internet*

New "Spider-Man" spotlights brooding Peter Parker

NEW YORK, 4 July—He's been in comics, cartoons, on TV and in movies, but when Spider-Man swings into theaters next week for new film "The Amazing Spider-Man," its makers bring out a more brooding and human web-slinger than fans have seen before.

Director Marc Webb, known for low-budget film romance "500 Days of Summer," explores not just the origin of how Peter Parker becomes crime-fighting superhero Spider-Man. He and the writers craft a tale that is as much about Parker—a 17-year-



Cast member Andrew Garfield poses at the premiere of "The Amazing Spider-Man" at the Regency Village theatre in Los Angeles, California 28 June, 2012.—REUTERS

old filled with angst, independence and desire for love—as it is about action, adventure and catching crooks.

"I am a huge Spider-Man

fan and I am an even bigger fan of Peter Parker, and I love this idea that there is this kid that has the same problems we do," Webb said.

Spider-Man's famous blue-and-red suit doesn't even appear for much of the first half of the big-budget 3D movie, which debuts in theaters in most of the world on 3 July after a Thursday red carpet premiere in Los Angeles.

The new tale reboots the modern film series that began with 2002's "Spider-Man" starring Tobey McGuire as the comic book crime fighter over three movies.—*Reuters*

Actor upset by BBC dropping Dirk Gently

LONDON, 4 July—British actor Stephen Mangan said he is "bitterly upset" about the BBC's decision to cut the drama series "Dirk Gently," in which he starred as a detective. The series was based on Douglas Adams's novel "Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency" and featured Darren Boyd as Gently's sidekick Richard MacDuff.

BBC dropped the series from its lineup due to budget cuts. The show premiered in December 2010 with a pilot and continued in 2012 with three episodes.

"We've loved having Dirk on the channel but the license fee freeze means less British drama on BBC4," said a BBC spokeswoman one month ago when the decision was announced.

"In future we will focus on the best dramas from around the globe, like The Killing and Borgen, whilst BBC One and BBC Two become the main homes of original British drama."

Mangan said he hopes when the economy picks up in a few years, the show will be revived.

"You wonder whether



Stephen Mangan, left, stars as the titular character in "Dirk Gently," and has said he hopes that when the economy picks up in a few years, the series will be revived.—INTERNET

it's just you that's bitterly upset," he said. "You put your heart and soul into it, and I wasn't the only one. A lot of people worked really hard to produce something that, by all accounts, is a triumph and then doesn't go on."

Internet



Serena Williams of the US celebrates after defeating Petra Kvitová of the Czech Republic in their women's quarter-final tennis match at the Wimbledon tennis championships in London on 3 July, 2012.—REUTERS

LONDON, 4 July — Scenting a fifth Wimbledon singles title, grasscourt predator Serena Williams mowed down defending champion Petra Kvitová to move ominously into the semi-finals for the eighth time on Tuesday as the championships again battled the elements. The 30-year-old

Serena packs off defending champion Kvitová

American, who still looks unstoppable when in full flow on the lawns, wheeled out the heavy artillery to crack down 13 aces in a 6-3, 7-5 victory that significantly raised the bar in a disappointing women's tournament.

The men's tournament got back on track as the five fourth round matches were completed 24 hours later than scheduled despite the best efforts of the non-existent British summer. For a change it was all rather tame for home favorite Andy Murray who dispensed with the theatrics to ease past Marin Cilic 7-5, 6-2, 6-3 to reach the last eight for a fifth straight year. Williams was ruthless against fourth seed Kvitová, who boasted some lethal weaponry of her own. Czech

Kvitová fought fire with fire to stay in touch with the



Petra Kvitová of the Czech Republic reacts during her women's quarter-final tennis match against Serena Williams of the US at the Wimbledon tennis championships in London on 3 July, 2012.—REUTERS

American powerhouse but was eventually de-throned in a high-quality clash which marked Williams' first taste of life under the Centre Court roof.

"You can't play a defending Wimbledon champion or grand slam champion and not elevate your game," Williams told reporters. "I had to weed out the riff raff and just get serious." Williams will face another one in the semis after Australian Open champion Victoria Azarenka beat Austria's Tamira Paszek. Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska reached her first grand slam semi-final after surviving several rain delays and a mid-match court switch to beat Russia's Maria Kirilenko 7-5, 4-6, 7-5.

Reuters



Brazilian Fabio found first-team chances limited during his time at Manchester United. INTERNET

Man Utd's Fabio joins QPR on loan

LONDON, 4 July — Queens Park Rangers have completed the signing of Brazilian defender Fabio on loan from Manchester United. The 21-year-old has moved to Loftus Road for the duration of the 2012/13 Barclays Premier League campaign. Fabio has made 53 appearances in all competitions for Man Utd, but his best position is left-back and he has struggled to dislodge Frenchman Patrice Evra at Old Trafford.

"I'm so happy to be here," Fabio told QPR's official website. "This loan is so important for me in terms of my career. I want to play as many games as possible, play well and win games. It's a good move for my career and for my confidence. [Man Utd boss] Sir Alex Ferguson said that I'd enjoy it here and told me to play as many games as I can."

"I know that QPR is a club with great history. I read about the history and that's why I'm here. I also came here because I'm ambitious. I want

to help QPR progress up the Premier League. Hopefully the fans will enjoy watching me in action, because I'll do my best." QPR manager Mark Hughes, who used to play under Ferguson at Man Utd, says he is delighted to add Fabio to previous summer signings Andrew Johnson, Ryan Nelsen, Robert Green and Samba Diakite.

"It's a great opportunity for us to loan a good, young player, who has decent experience of playing for a top club," said Hughes. He's played a lot of senior games for United, so it shows the quality he's got. I know they think very highly of him and we believe he has all the attributes to be a success here next season. "He's very versatile, he can play left or right-back and he's also been utilised in midfield by Sir Alex in the past, so we know what we're getting, and that's a very good player." Ferguson added: "I think a year out at a good level playing every week will make Fabio a real top player for us." — Internet

Hot dog! Speed eaters weigh in for NY contest

NEW YORK, 4 July — Ready, set, eat! The two defending champion eaters and their challengers gathered with Mayor Michael Bloomberg on Tuesday for an official weigh-in ahead of New York's annual July Fourth hot dog eating contest. Joey Chestnut and Sonya "The Black Widow" Thomas, who will defend their titles Wednesday on Brooklyn's Coney Island, weighed in at 210 and 100 pounds, respectively. Chestnut is vying for his sixth

straight victory. A display table in front of the weigh-in stage held two platters of neatly stacked hot dogs in buns, along with two bejeweled champion belts — mustard yellow for him, pink for her.

The 5-foot-5 Thomas, of Alexandria, Va., said she aims to beat her own record — 41 hot dogs and buns in 10 minutes — by devouring 45 in this year's competition. "I know my stomach can handle it," she said. "The only thing that needs work is your state

of mind." For his part, Chestnut, who hails from San Jose, Calif., couldn't care less about the numbers. He holds the contest record of 68 hot dogs and buns. "I'm trying to eat enough to win," he said. Bloomberg officiated at the City Hall Park ceremony, rattling off countless hot dog-themed puns.

"Let me be frank — this is one of my favorite traditions," he quipped. He later said of the contest: "No question it's going to be a dog fight." After too much wordplay, however, the mayor threw caution to the wind when he asked: "Who wrote this?" — ending the sentence with a naughty word. Known far and wide for his public health initiatives, Bloomberg didn't let his policy agenda preclude him from diving into a Nathan's Famous hot dog with mustard. "I like fast food like everybody else," the mayor said at a news conference Monday. He added: "Having it occasionally is fine. If you want to eat 65 hot dogs in 10 minutes that's even fine, just don't do it more than once a year and you won't have a problem." — Internet



Five-time hot dog-eating world champion Joey Chestnut, left, and women's record-holder Sonya "The Black Widow" Thomas, pose for photographers following a weigh-in for contestants in the annual Coney Island Fourth of July international hot dog-eating contest in New York, on 3 July, 2012, at City Hall Park in New York.—INTERNET

Cuba qualify for Olympics both 4X400 meter relays

HAVANA, 4 July — Cuban men and women 4X400 meter relays will compete in the London Olympic Games, which will begin on 27 July, International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) said on Tuesday. IAAF published in its website the list of the 16 relays qualified for each of the men and women 4X100 meters in which a total of 64 teams will compete.

Cuba will participate in the men modality together with the teams of Jamaica, Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago, Dominican Republic, Venezuela, the United States, Germany, Belgium, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Kenya, Australia, Japan and Britain.

The women's relay includes, besides Cuba, Jamaica, Brazil, the United States, Germany, Belarus,

France, Italy, Ireland, Poland, Czech Republic, Russia, Turkey, Ukraine, Nigeria and Britain. The men's 4X100m relay teams include Brazil, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Trinidad and Tobago, the United States, Canada, Germany, France, Holland, Britain, Hong Kong of China, Italy, Poland, China, Japan and Australia. — Xinhua

International Sports

Villas-Boas takes charge at Tottenham

LONDON, 4 July — André Villas-Boas has been named as the new head coach of Tottenham Hotspur after signing a three-year deal. The 34-year-old Portuguese succeeds Harry Redknapp, who left the club at the end of last season after four years at White Hart Lane. Villas-Boas returns to management only four months after parting company with Chelsea in March after an eight-month spell at Stamford Bridge.

"Tottenham Hotspur is a great club with a strong tradition and fantastic support, both at home and throughout the world," he told the club's official website.

I feel privileged to be its coach. For me, this is one of the most exciting coaching positions in the Premier League. "I have had several discussions with the chairman and the board and I share their vision for the future progress of the club. This is a squad any coach would love to work with and together I believe we can bring success in the seasons ahead.

Villas-Boas began his coaching career working under Sir Bobby Robson at Porto before teaming up with Jose Mourinho at Chelsea and Inter Milan. — Internet



New Spurs boss Andre Villas-Boas won three trophies in his only season at Porto.—INTERNET

Tour de France: Sagan nails second victory

BOULOGNE SUR MER, 4 July — Cycling prodigy Peter Sagan surged in the last turn of a hilly, crash-ridden third stage of the Tour de France to outclass the rest of the bunch and nail his second stage win on Tuesday. The 197 kms ride to Boulogne sur Mer was as hard fought as expected but, as in Liege two days earlier, the 22-year-old Slovak was again too strong for the opposition. Timing his move to perfection, he left no chance to Norway's Edvald Boasson-Hagen and fellow-Slovak Peter Velits, who had to be content with the podium spots.

On the line, Sagan crossed himself and made a bizarre celebration gesture he said was an imitation of Tom Hanks's stride in Forrest Gump. "I'm like Forrest Gump. When they told him to run, he ran. Today, my team mates told me to win. And I won," he said. The Slovak explained he was a fan of motorcycling champion Valentino Rossi, also prone to spectacular



Liquigas-Cannondale rider and sprinter green jersey holder Peter Sagan of Slovakia throws a bunch of flowers on the podium after winning the third stage of the 99th Tour de France cycling race between Orchies and Boulogne sur mer, on 3 July, 2012.—REUTERS

gestures when he won and the comparison also holds in terms of sheer power.

There was a sharp contrast in the final stretch between Sagan's celebrations and the misfortunes of some other leading names in this Tour. Overall favourite Bradley Wiggins had to put a foot down when team mate Christopher Froome tumbled into the barriers ahead of him, also forcing Australian Michael Rogers to brake sharply. — Internet

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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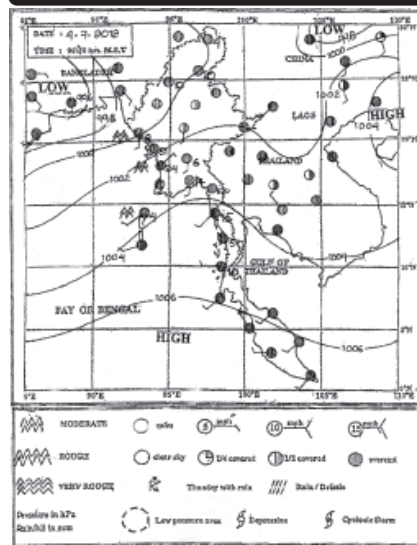
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- 7:25 am
- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:50 am
- 3. Nice and Sweet Song
- 8:05 am
- 4. Health Programme
- 8:30 am
- 5. Teleplay (Forest)
- 4:05 pm
- 6. Cute Little Dancer
- 4:15 pm
- 7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:25 pm
- 8. One Village & One Product
- 4:35 pm
- 9. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Fourth Year (Law)
- 5:00 pm
- 10. Musical Programme
- 5:15 pm
- 11. Science and Environment
- 5:25 pm
- 12. Song Variety
- 6:20 pm
- 13. Myanmar Series
- 6:35 pm
- 14. Approaching Science
- 8:00 pm
- 15. News
- 16. Documentary
- 17. TV Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 5th July, 2012

Sr. No.		Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	31.00	23.73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
2	Kayah	28.82	22.72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayah	29.84	22.72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
4	Chin	23.73	16.61	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	31.00	23.73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	28.102	27.81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Tanintharyi	30.86	23.73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
8	Bago	29.84	25.77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	35.95	27.81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	38.100	28.82	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	28.82	23.73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
12	Yangon	32.90	23.73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	32.90	25.77	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	23.73	18.64	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	31.00	21.70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	29.84	22.72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	31.00	25.77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	35.95	26.79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	32.90	23.73	One or two rain or thundershowers	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	38.100	28.82	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

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

Bay Inference

State of the Sea

Outlook for subsequent two days

Moderate to strong monsoon.

497 tourists daily visit Shwedagon Pagoda on average

YANGON, 4 July—Although now is in rainy season, visits of tourists to Shwedagon Pagoda do not decline in 2012 Myanmar travel year. The number of tourists daily is to 497 on average, according to U Win Kyaing of Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees.

Among them, Thai tourists score the largest amount. According to the statistics collected from 1 to 28 June, a total of 337 Thai tourists visited there, 649 Chinese tourists, 663

Japanese tourists, 564 Korean tourists and 488 Vietnamese tourists. Moreover, those from Germany and France also visited the pagoda.

The donated cash from 13491 tourists amounted to US\$ 59311 and FEC 10394.

In 2012 May, there were 18394 tourists. From 1 to 28 June, the number of tourists reached 13941. Though the account has not completed yet up to Jun 30, the number of tourists in June declines 4453 persons less than those of May due to rainy season.

Pwint Oo



CSC ISSUED: Under the arrangement of Moe Pwint-3 Plan of Township Immigration and National Registration Department, issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards was carried out at administrative office in Okposu Ward in Thanlyin Township on 30 June. Region Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Min and Deputy Head of Yangon South District INRD U Mya Win Aung supervise issuance of CSC and household registration to local people.

TOWNSHIP IMMIGRATION

Bolt, Blake fuel Jamaican Olympic dreams

KINGSTON, 4 July—Glen Mills, coach of reigning 100- and 200-metre Olympic champion and world record-holder Usain Bolt and world 100m champion Yohan Blake, sees future champions

as a heritage of the Olympics. Bolt's heroics, expected to continue in August at the sprint events, and the excitement stirred by Blake, who won the world title last year after Bolt was

disqualified, is already inspiring a new Jamaican generation.

"In Jamaica, track and field is almost a way of life. It's a strong passion in our deep rich heritage," Mills said.

"With that kind of early development, and the icons we have in the sport, athletes are more highly motivated. These are their heroes. They want to achieve what they have achieved."

"It has been the tonic that has kept our athletes performing at a high level year after year."

Blake, who stunned Bolt over the 100m and 200m at the Jamaica trials, sees the chance to escape from poverty as more motivation for Jamaican youth to seek a sprint career.

"It's the poor background we come from," Blake said when asked about the secret to Jamaican sprint

success.

"We always want something and we go for it." At the trials, two world leading times, including a stunning 9.75sec in the 100m and 19.80sec in the 200m, rocketed Blake into the spotlight and relegated Bolt to second billing.

Jamaicans have won 53 Olympic medals since first participating at the 1948 London Games, all but one of those medals coming in athletics and most of that haul coming in sprint events.

At Beijing, Veronica Campbell-Brown won her second consecutive 200m Olympic gold, helping a total Jamaican medal haul of a record 11 medals, a record six of them gold, including world record turns by Bolt at 100, 200 and in the 4x100 relay.

Bolt, Blake and veteran Asafa Powell are among the stars who give the Jamaicans potential to sweep the 100m podium at London.

Internet



Jamaican sprinter Yohan Blake (L) runs for the victory before Micheal Frater (C) and Usain Bolt (R) in the 100m men's final of the Jamaican Olympic Athletic Trials at the National Stadium in Kingston, on 29 June, 2012. Blake stopped the clock at 9.75 sec. Blake, who stunned Bolt at the Jamaican trials, sees the chance to escape from poverty as motivation for Jamaican youth to seek a sprint career.

INTERNET



Dark rain clouds cover the sky over Bangkok, capital of Thailand, 3 July, 2012. Various measures have been taken to prevent potential flood as the country entered the monsoon. Thailand experienced devastating flood during July to December last year. —XINHUA

Australia Pacific LNG project gets final investment approval

SYDNEY, 4 July—Origin Energy, Australia's energy company, on Wednesday announced that the Board of Australia Pacific LNG Pty Ltd had approved a final investment decision on the second train of its two-train project in Queensland. The 20 billion US dollar project consists of coal seam gas (CSG) fields in Queensland's Surat and Bowen basins, and a pipeline to a liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant on Curtis Island off the coast of Gladstone.

According to Origin, the two-train project is on track to deliver LNG from its first train in mid 2015 and first LNG from the second train is expected in early 2016.

"As one of Australia's largest LNG export projects, the Australia Pacific LNG project stands to deliver significant value to Origin shareholders and to Australia, as well as jobs for the Australian community," Origin Managing Director Grant King said in a statement. The final investments by the joint venture partners will result in Origin's stake in Australia Pacific LNG reducing from 42.5 percent to 37.5 percent.

ConocoPhillips's interest in Australia Pacific LNG will be diluted to 37.5 percent, while Sinopec will increase its stake from 15 percent to 25 percent.—Xinhua

Fourth regular session of First Pyithu Hluttaw convenes for first day

Affirmation taken, three questions answered, Hluttaw's functions recorded, one proposal and one bill submitted

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—The fourth regular session of the First Pyithu Hluttaw was held for the first day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 417 MPs.

At the session, three new Hluttaw representatives out of 37 MPs elected to the Pyithu Hluttaw in 1st April election who have not taken oath yet under Article 8 of Pyithu Hluttaw Law and one Defence Services personnel Hluttaw representative who has been reshuffled took affirmation before the Hluttaw Speaker, three questions were answered, Hluttaw's functions recorded, one proposal and one bill submitted.

In his greetings, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker welcomed the new Hluttaw representatives and cheered up the old MPs for their devotion for the sake of people in and outside the parliament.

He urged again MPs to focus on equality in serving interests of the nation, citizens and the Union without party attachment, dogmatism, regionalism, racism and sectarianism.

He also urged them to take lessons instead of pointing the finger at one another

what had happened in the past and boldly undertake the reforms for better future.

He urged them to strengthen the parliament to make sure its firm standing and as some matters could not be handled in accordance with democratic practices before the parliament came into existence, to build themselves competent and whiter than white for firmness of the parliament and to exercise democratic practices correctly and systematically.

He urged them to undertake the functions of parliament legally and recommendations and monitoring of the institutions concerned and the media.

He urged them to take the opinions and wishes of the people for urgent enactment of laws serving and protecting the interests of the people in accordance with the motto of the parliament—"People's voice, Hluttaw's voice; People's wishes, Hluttaw's wishes, People's aspiration, Hluttaw's determination", to make sure its effectiveness in real world and to enforce the rule of law across the nation.

The success of the functions of the parliament relies much on the Hluttaw committees. There were four committees at first and later 19 more were established due



Three Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and one substituted Defence Services Personnel Hluttaw representative take affirmations.—MNA

to work requirements. In addition, Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission was founded to assist the parliament and its committees in their functions.

The main objective of the commission is to act as think tank the parliament and its commission in amending and revoking the laws that cannot serve and (See page 8)

First day fourth regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw held

Three questions answered, one bill submitted



Amyotha Hluttaw representatives attend the meeting.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—First day fourth regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw took place at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this morning. It was attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 214 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint extended greetings. Respective Hluttaw representatives questions which were answered members of relevant Union-level organizations. U Maung Aye Tun of Rakhine State Constituency No (9) asked "whether there is plan to open a basic education primary school equipped with teachers in Awrama village-tract in Buthidaung Township of Rakhine State" and U Kyaw

Tun Aung of Rakhine State Constituency No (5), "whether there is plan to erect an extended school building in Myintga village in Pauktaw Township in Rakhine State"

and "whether there is a plan to upgrade BEPS in Kyauktaung village in Pauktaw Township to BEMS". Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu answered that, as there are 59 primary education students in Letpan village Affiliated Basic Education Primary School in Awrama village-tract in Saitin area of Buthidaung Township, it will be upgraded to BEPS (branch) if the proposal is made to Basic Education Department No (1) through relevant township and state education officers.

There are 518 students and eight classrooms currently at Basic Education High School (branch) in Myintga village in Pauktaw Township. Plans have been made to allow surplus fund in 2012-2013 fiscal year and in 2013-2014 fiscal year to build one-storey brick building with 180-foot height, 30-foot width, corrugated iron sheet roof.

Kyauktaung village BEPS in Kyauktaung village-tract in Pauktaw Township have been upgraded to BEMS (branch) since 2011-2012 academic year,

providing middle school education.

The deputy minister then explained plans to improve capacity and socio-economic status of basic education service personnel, and accessibility of basic education. He said that the government provided all text books and six exercise books to provide 5.5 million students of primary schools including monastic ones at the cost of more than K 8000 million in 2012-2013 academic year.

The government has been provided all text books to the primary school students of the whole nation since 2010-2012 academic year at the cost of over K 1835 million. For ensuring all the children join the school and they all complete primary education, Compulsory Primary Education Law is being drafted.

As guided by the President, middle school scholarship, K 10000 per month for the whole academic year, and high school (See page 9)



Visitors look at a pure electric vehicle during 8th Beijing International Pure Electric Vehicles, Hybrid Electric Vehicles and Charging Station Exhibition, in Beijing 3 July, 2012.

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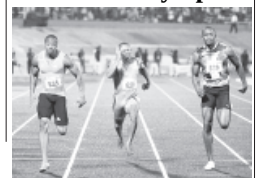


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