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True patriotism

* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.

* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Fourth regular session of First Pyithu Hluttaw continues for second day One urgent proposal submitted and informed to Hluttaw, eight questions answered, reports submitted, two new proposals and one bill submitted, one bill passed

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—The fourth regular session of the First Pyithu Hluttaw continued for second day at Pyithu Hluttaw Building in Hluttaw Complex here today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 413 MPs.

At the meeting, one urgent proposal was submitted and informed to the Hluttaw, eight questions answered, reports presented, two new proposals and one bill submitted, and one bill passed.

U Thein Swe of An Constituency as an urgent proposal proposed that **Pyithu Hluttaw representatives should donate the three-day meal allowance provided by the Hluttaw to local people of Rakhine State for their current livelihood as they were injured and lost shelters and properties in riots in Rakhine State in June, 2012; that those who can afford to donate more and wishing to do so should contribute more; that National Races Affairs and Internal Peace-making**

Committee and Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Committee should dispatch a group constituted with Pyithu Hluttaw representatives to Rakhine State to learn the conditions there, and to comfort the sufferers.

The Hluttaw accepted the proposal and decided to handle it.

Regarding the proposal, the Hluttaw Speaker said he assumed that the proposal and support as regard to Rakhine State is based on sympathy and goodwill of the MPs calling for proper actions of the Hluttaw to the issue. How to resolve the issue is more important than financial assistance and goodwill and sympathy toward the sufferers. The Speaker thanked the proposer and the supporters urging the committees and commission to work utmost to convey the goodwill and sympathy to the sufferers and accomplish the measures of the Hluttaw.

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Pyithu Hluttaw representatives on arrival at Pyithu Hluttaw Building.

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Fourth regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw continues for second day Four questions answered, one bill discussed, two bills approved, two proposals submitted



Amyotha Hluttaw representatives sign attendance book.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—The fourth regular session of the First Amyotha Hluttaw continued for the second day at Amyotha Hluttaw Building in Hluttaw Complex here today, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 215 MPs.

Regarding the question of U Swe Aung of Yangon Region Constituency (12) about **whether is a plan to upgrade Okkan from town level to township or (sub-township level)**, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint replied that Okkan in Taikkyi Township, Yangon North District, Yangon Region is located beside Yangon-Pyay Highway, 18 miles from Taikkyi. Okkan enjoys a booming economy with Tabuhla Dam, Okkan sugar mill, private-owned sugarcane plantations, and fish farms, presented with such socio-economic infrastructures as home for the aged, station hospital, rural health care centres, over 100 basic education schools, government departments, police station, sports ground

and self-reliant electric power supply facilities.

Upgrading of Okkan to township or sub-township requires field survey report of the Yangon Region administrator, the agreement of the Yangon Region government, and the recommendation of the Yangon Region chief minister which will be submitted to the President Office in line with procedures. The Ministry of Home Affairs would take care of the proposal upon receiving the order of the President Office to the ministry.

Regarding the question of U Htay Maung of Mandalay Region Constituency (12) about if **there is a plan to repair the channel of Aungbale Dam in the north of Meiktila irrigating farmland in Thazi Township**, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw replied that the channel is from Nat drainage ditch of Meiktila North Lake and is 9900 feet in length providing

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Our own kith and kin

History tells us that we were strong and even powerful to the level of winning the respect and admiration of neighbours every time we were united under the stable administration and we were weak and even vulnerable to outside interferences and armed invasions during the periods we were disunited under instable administration.

So, it is crystal clear that national unity is the most important factor in a country like us that is a Union and home to over 100 ethnic nationalities. In fact, national unity is the foundation of political stability. And national economy grows well only when there is political stability. In this context, the government in office has been in the process of restoring peace and stability in every part of the country especially in remote border areas where internal armed insurgency lingers longer than in any other part of the Union.

We now have the Union Peace-making Central Committee chaired by the President, the Union Peace-making Work Committee led by the Vice-President and other related bodies in their mission for national unity through three stages – Region/State level, Union level and Parliamentary level.

In point of fact, peace making is a delicate work needing a lot of energy and commitment as the people we are dealing with are no other persons but our own kith and kin. Even though they are holding arms pursuing the armed struggle line against the government for their own belief we must not forget that they are part of us or part of the Union itself. They are inseparable. Accordingly, the government is doing its best for national reconsolidation through the given three levels of negotiation plus positive action.

And because of the government's sincerity and pragmatic actions almost all the armed ethnic armed groups are at the peace negotiations where appropriate options together with tolerance, understanding, sympathy, mutual respect and equality are on the table towards national reconsolidation.

Cash and kind donated for local people in Rakhine State



Well-wishers donate cash and foodstuff for local people of Rakhine State through officials at Fire Services Department (Head Office).—MNA

YANGON, 5 July—Cash and kind donation ceremony for local people in Rakhine State who lost their homes and possessions due to various reasons took place at Maykhala

Outstanding students honoured at Ministry of Hotels and Tourism

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—A ceremony to honour the outstanding students of staff of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism for 2011-2012 academic year was held in conjunction with the cash assistance presentation ceremony for 2012-2013 academic year at the ministry this morning, with an address by Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan.

The Union minister presented K 5.94 million for 682 students to departmental heads.

Next, the Union minister gave medals of honour and cash awards to seven outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination in 2011-2012 academic year.

On behalf of the outstanding students, five-distinction winner Ma Mya Thuza Lwin spoke word of thanks.

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NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointments of the following heads of service organization on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name	Department
(a) Dr Aung Min	Rector Yangon Institute of Education Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) Ministry of Education
(b) Dr Khaing Mye	Rector Yangon West University Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) Ministry of Education

Signing ceremony of Country Programme Action Plan (2012-2015) held



Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw and Resident Representative of UNFPA Mr Mohamad Abdel Ahad inked it. Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, responsible personnel from the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, related departments and UNFPA attended the ceremony.

The UNFPA in conjunction with related ministries had implemented

census and health programs in the past making a lot of cash contribution to them. The four-term Country Programme Action Plan (2012-2015) is to be implemented in the cause of

reproductive health, booming population, HIV/AIDS and equality of sex in conjunction with UNFPA and related ministries, contributing 29.5 million dollars by UNFPA.—MNA

Zomi Congress for Democracy Party gets permission to form political party

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July — The Union Election Commission has given permission to Zomi Congress for Democracy party to establish as a political party today as the party is found to be in conformity with the rules and regulations.

The UEC has been scrutinizing allowing the applications of parties to form political parties. A 15-member body led by U Ngoal Khant Darlpar applied to the UEC to establish ZCD as a political party.—MNA

Hall of Fire Services Department in Mayangon Township here this morning.

On the occasion, Myanmar Tokiewa Corporation Co., Ltd donated 3,000 dozens of pencil and 2,400 dozens of colour pencil worth K 3 million, Tri Sadana Network from Thongwa Township K 152,500, An Township Association (Yangon) K 100,000, Lt-Col Ba Nyan (Retd)+ Daw Thi Thi Htaik family K 150,000 and one bale of clothes, U Thet Wai+ Daw May Thet Htar Aung K 100,000, in memory of late Ma Hnin Wai Lwin Tun K 100,000, U Aung Than Win+ Daw Khin Swe Oo family K 90,000 and two bales of clothes, staff from Myanma Economics Bank (Insein) K 53,000, U Aung Kywe Nyunt+ Daw Khin Saw Oo K 50,000, Daw Tin Tin Myint (Director, Agricultural Research Department, Yezin) from Nay Pyi Taw K 50,000, Daw Aye Aye Win from South Okkalapa Township K 15,000 and one bale of clothes and pan, Ma Ei Ei Khine K 10,000, Daw Thin Thin from Thingangyun Township one bale of clothes, Daw Nyunt Nyunt Tin (Agricultural Research Department) K 10,000, Daw Win Yi family from North Okkalapa Township two

Dy Construction Minister inspects progress of roads, bridges

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint met staff at Thayet District Senior Engineer Office in Magway Region on 1 July.

The deputy minister inspected Aunglan township engineer office, maintenance works of Aunglan-Magway road section by Max Myanmar Co through BOT system and progress of road works in Koepin-Thityakauk-Sanmagyi Road and Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanpyar (Magway) Road.—MNA

Telephone numbers changed for opening and closing, event management of SEA Games

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—As the XXVII SEA Games will be held in Nay Pyi Taw of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the tenders for opening and closing ceremonies and event management matters have been advertised in the *Myanma Alin*, the *Kyemon*, the *New Light of Myanmar* and *Myawady* dailies on 4 and 5 July.

Any person may dial +9567-406182/ +959-8304074 and +959-42070166/ +959-5126400 instead of the telephone numbers included in the tenders.—MNA

bales of clothes, Ma Myat Thidar Maung and Ma May Thet Lwin two bales of clothes. Director-General U Tin Moe of Fire Services Department accepted the donations. Officials of the department presented the certificates of honour to them and spoke words of thanks. Up to date, the donations amounted to K 227,393,816.

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Mexico recounts votes from over half of polling booths



Mexico's President-elect Enrique Peña Nieto meets with the foreign Press in Mexico City on 2 July, 2012. —REUTERS

MEXICO CITY, 5 July—Mexico's election officials on Wednesday recounted votes from more than half the polling booths in Sunday's presidential and congressional elections, responding to claims of fraud and requests for recounts in areas where the race was tight.

Officials with the Federal Electoral Institute (IFE) said the recount would not significantly change preliminary results of the

presidential vote, which showed Enrique Peña Nieto of the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) winning with more than 38 percent of the vote, 6.5 points clear of his nearest rival.

Leftist runner-up Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador refused to concede and demanded a new tally, alleging

vote-buying and coercion by the PRI, whose seven decades of rule until it lost power in 2000 were marked by widespread allegations of vote-rigging.

A small group of Lopez Obrador's supporters set up a makeshift camp outside the headquarters of the electoral institute on Wednesday.



Electoral workers recount votes at a district office of Mexico's Federal Electoral Institute (IFE) in Mexico City on 4 July, 2012. —REUTERS

In the weeks before the election, a student movement criticizing Peña Nieto and the PRI erupted, with many young voters rallying around Lopez Obrador's campaign mostly in Mexico City where the left won a resounding victory. "There were a lot of electoral crimes, burnt and stolen ballot boxes," said one of the protesters, Balam Onofre, 23.

The left has accused the PRI of handing out pre-paid shopping cards and other goods to voters in exchange for support, a charge the Peña Nieto campaign denies.

Lopez Obrador had asked for a recount of every vote, but the electoral institute said that just over half the polling booths for the presidential race met the necessary conditions set out by a 2007 electoral law.

Reuters



Residents gather at the site of a bomb attack in a market in the eastern Iraqi town of Zubaidiya in Kut, 100 km (60 miles) southeast of Baghdad, on 4 July, 2012. —REUTERS

Car bomb in Iraq market kills three, wounds many

BAGHDAD, 5 July—A car bomb killed at least three people and wounded many others in a busy morning market in the mainly Shi'ite Muslim Iraqi town of Zubaidiya on Wednesday, the latest attack to raise fears of a return to widespread sectarian violence.

Grocery store owner Haider Radhi told Reuters he watched a young man stop his car and get out seconds before the explosion.

"I saw wounded people and bodies on the ground. I was so scared ... I started to transfer the wounded by car until the ambulances arrived in the town," Radhi, 30, said.

Local authorities said three people were killed in the blast in Zubaidiya, about 100 km (60 miles) southeast of Baghdad. A health official said 10 people were injured while a member of the provincial council said 17 people were

wounded. On Tuesday, bombs killed at least 44 people at markets in the country and authorities said they bore the hallmarks of sectarian attacks on Shi'ite Muslims by al-Qaeda Sunni militants.

Sunni insurgents often attack Shi'ite targets to try to reignite sectarian violence that killed tens of thousands of people in 2006-2007.

One of Tuesday's bombings took place near a Shi'ite mosque where pilgrims gather on their way to the nearby city of Kerbala to celebrate the birthday of one of their most important imams, al-Mahdi, this week.

Last month at least 237 people were killed and 603 wounded in attacks, mainly bombings, according to a Reuters tally, making June one of the bloodiest months in Iraq since US troops withdrew at the end of last year. —Reuters

People look at fireworks exploding over the Hudson River and the skyline of New York during the Macy's Independence Day celebration as seen from Hoboken, New Jersey, on 4 July, 2012. —REUTERS



New York City celebrates Independence Day with fireworks

NEW YORK, 5 July—New York City celebrated America's 236th Independence Day with a fireworks show on

Wednesday night.

During the 25-minute show, which was called the 36th Annual Macy's 4th of July Fireworks and believed to be the country's largest of its kind, some 40,000 aerial shells were launched from four barges on the Hudson River beginning at 9:25 pm (0125 GMT Thursday).

Huge crowds gathered along the Hudson River cheered: "USA! USA!" while watching the fireworks.

This year fireworks theme was "Ignite the Night." The score were feature songs chosen by Macy's Facebook fans—including Ray Charles' "America the Beautiful," Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA," Madonna's "Holiday," and Whitney Houston's "One Moment in Time." The first ever Macy's 4th of July Fireworks show occurred in 1958 at the Hudson River and remained an annual event at that location. —Xinhua

Five killed in German hostage standoff

BERLIN, 5 July—A 53-year-old German gunman facing eviction shot dead four people before committing suicide in an apartment in the southern city of Karlsruhe on Wednesday, police said.

The unemployed man killed a bailiff and locksmith who tried to evict him from his flat, as well as the new owner. Police found the man's 55-year-old partner dead in bed and said he had shot her as well.

"Special forces broke into the apartment at 11.48 after smelling something burning and found four dead bodies. One of them was the gunman," said Karlsruhe police chief Roland Lay.

Investigators described an "execution-like" scene in the three-roomed flat, which had been put up for compulsory sale in April due to payment arrears, suggesting he had planned the killings. He set fire to the carpet before shooting himself.

"There was nothing the

police could have done to avoid this tragic and terrible situation," Gunter Spitz of the local public prosecutors' office told a news conference.

Police found a shotgun, rifle, two pistols, ammunition and a dummy grenade in the apartment, all of it illegally purchased, said Spitz.

The gunman, who was not named, invited the eviction team into the flat then pulled a gun on them, shooting the bailiff in the leg when he did not obey.

The locksmith was shot in the head and chest after trying to disarm the gunman, police said.

Drinking beer and smoking throughout the ordeal, the gunman eventually freed the social worker, who heard five shots after he left the apartment.

Karlsruhe, with nearly 300,000 inhabitants, is located near the French border and is home to Germany's Constitutional Court. —Reuters



Police officers are pictured during a hostage-taking situation in Karlsruhe on 4 July, 2012. —REUTERS



Kansai Electric Power Co's Ohi nuclear power plant No 3 unit (2nd L) is seen in Ohi, Fukui prefecture, in this photo taken by Kyodo on 1 July, 2012. —REUTERS

Japan regains nuclear power as first reactor resumes operations

TOKYO, 5 July—Japan ended two months without nuclear power on Thursday when the No 3 unit at Kansai Electric Power Co's Ohi plant became the first reactor to resume supplying electricity to the grid since a nationwide safety shutdown after the Fukushima disaster.

Japan's last working reactor was idled in early May, leaving the country without nuclear power for the first time since 1970.

The rest of the 50 reactors had already been halted for maintenance and safety checks to see if they could withstand an earthquake and tsunami similar to the disaster

that devastated Tokyo Electric Power's Fukushima Daiichi plant in March 2011, causing the worst atomic crisis since Chernobyl in 1986.

The government approved the restart of the No 3 and No 4 Ohi units in western Japan to avoid a possible summer power crunch. But public safety concerns over nuclear power remain deep, with surveys showing about 70 percent of voters want the country to ditch nuclear eventually. A panel appointed by parliament to probe the causes of the Fukushima disaster and assess problems with the often-chaotic response, is to issue a final

report later on Thursday.

Kansai Electric, Japan's second biggest utility, said it began generating power from the 1,180-megawatt No 3 Ohi reactor at 5 percent of capacity at 7 am on Thursday (2200 GMT on Wednesday) as scheduled, four days after the unit was restarted.

The No 3 unit is expected to reach full-capacity output around 9-10 July. Its sister unit, the 1,180-MW No 4 Ohi reactor, is scheduled to resume operations between 18-20 July, start power output from 21-25 July and reach full-capacity generation from 25-30 July, a company spokesman said. —Reuters

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CERN experiments observe new particle consistent with Higgs boson

GENEVA, 5 July — Physicists have observed a new particle consistent with the long-sought Higgs boson, a theorised sub-atomic particle believed to confer mass, the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) announced on Wednesday.

Two independent teams, ATLAS and CMS experiments, observed a new particle in the mass region around 125-126 GeV, at the level of 5 sigma certainty, the usual particle physics threshold for discovery, according to CERN.

"We've discovered a new particle of boson, possibly a Higgs boson, but we have to find out what kind

of Higgs boson it is," Rolf Heuer, director of CERN told reporters. Asked whether they found the last-missing ingredient in the Standard Model of physics, Heuer answered, "As a layman, I think we have it. But as a scientist, I have to say, 'What do we have?'" He said the discovery opens the way to more detailed studies, requiring larger statistics, which will pin down the new particle's properties.

"We have reached a milestone in our understanding of nature," Heuersaid. CMS experiment spokesman Joe Incandela said "we know it must be a boson and it's the heaviest

boson ever found." Peter Higgs, a Scottish physicist who proposed the existence of such a particle in 1964,



presented on Wednesday's seminar and Press conference as audience.

He congratulated the scientists, calling it "an

Peter Higgs (R), a Scottish physicist who proposed the existence of such a particle in 1964, attends a Press conference in Geneva, Switzerland, on 4 July, 2012.
XINHUA

occasion for celebration." "For me, its really an incredible thing that's happened in my lifetime," Higgs said. —Xinhua

A cotton T-shirt may one day charge your cellphone

NEW YORK, 5 July — Two engineers at the University of South Carolina conducted research that showed a modified store-bought T-shirt can act like a supercapacitor and store an electrical charge. "We wear fabric every day," said Xiaodong Li, a professor of mechanical engineering at the school.

"One day our cotton T-shirts could have more functions; for example, a flexible energy storage device that could charge your cell phone or your iPad." Li and his associates used a store-bought T-shirt, which was then soaked in a fluoride solution and baked at a high temperature in an oxygen-free oven. Once removed, the resulting fibers were converted from cellulose to activated carbon capable of storing an electrical charge.

"We will soon see roll-up cell phones and laptop computers on the market," Li said, according to *Innovation News Daily*. "But a flexible energy storage device is needed to make this possible." The engineer notes that the activated carbon textile acts like a supercapacitor, because they can have "particularly high energy storage densities."

The duo coated the

shirt's fibers with a nanometer layer of manganese oxide, which greatly enhanced the material's electricity-storing ability. "This created a stable, high-performing supercapacitor," said Li. The team discovered the fabric capacitor could charge and discharge thousands of times with minimal loss of performance. —Internet



A cotton T-shirt may one day charge your cell phone. —INTERNET

Meet the new spray-on battery that comes in a can.
INTERNET



NEW YORK, 5 July — that a team of scientists from Scientific American reports Rice University in Houston

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and the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium have been working on a "spray-on" battery that's deployed through an aerosol can. Although the idea has a vague "They called me mad, mad!" sound to it, Scientific American says that the invention could conceivably transform any surface into a potential energy storage device. The magazine says the spray is layered like most batteries with "a positive

current collector, a cathode that attracts positively charged ions, an ion-conducting separator, an anode to attract negative ions, and a negative current collector." Team member Neelam Singh says that the technology he's helping to develop could even lead to "paint-on solar cells" that could transform entire houses into "solar-energy capture-and-storage devices."

Internet

Harvard researchers claim new breakthrough on quantum computing

BEIJING, 5 June — Scientists have cracked the core problem of quantum computing that is how to create the key building blocks known as quantum bits at room temperature by turning to one of the purest materials on Earth: diamonds. A team of Harvard scientists, led by Professor of Physics Mikhail Lukin, claimed to have achieved this, according to a study in the journal *Science* as quoted by media reports on Wednesday.

Most current systems, by comparison, rely on complex and expensive equipment designed to trap a single atom or electron in a vacuum and then cool the entire system to absolute zero, according to the study. Lukin said, "We have a quantum bit, at room temperature, that we can measure with very high efficiency and fidelity. We can encode data in it, and we can store it for a relatively long time."

He added, "We believe only technical issues limit this work, so it looks feasible to increase the life span into the range of hours. At that point, a host of real-world applications become possible." —Xinhua

Gartner finds tablets are (slowly) taking over for paper books and magazines

NEW YORK, 5 July — Paper-based books aren't in any danger of becoming vinyl record-style novelties anytime soon, but Gartner says that they're increasingly being read less frequently in favour of digital books read on tablets. Gartner analyst Carolina Milanesi says that a new survey conducted by her firm shows that "more than 50 percent of media tablet owners prefer to read news, magazines and books on screen, rather than on paper." To break it down survey, she explained that "one in three respondents used their media tablets to read a book, compared with 13% for mobile PCs, and 7% for mobile phones." Gartner analyst Meike Escherich says that despite the success of tablets as media consumption devices it's unlikely that paper will go away anytime soon, although she did say that "it is clear that the 'less-paper model' is the new reality." —Internet



Tablets are (slowly) taking over for paper books and magazines, Gartner finds. —INTERNET

'Xbox 8' tipped as name of next-gen Micro-soft gaming console.
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NEW YORK, 5 July — Microsoft's next-generation gaming console may be called "Xbox 8," or perhaps Xbox Infinity, according to a recent report. The software giant recently secured a slew of Xbox-related domains from a Chinese cybersquatter through the National Arbitration Forum, a company that handles international domain disputes, Fusible reported.

The disputed names include XboxPhone.com, XboxTablet.com, XboxLiveTV.com, XboxCompanion.com, Xbox8.us and Xbox8.org. Microsoft also has pending cases against the owners of Xboxliverewards.com, Xboxsports.com, Xboxsmartglass.com, and Xboxmusic.com.

The Redmond-based company's next-generation gaming console was previously thought to be called Xbox 720, following the naming scheme of its predecessor. The recent domain acquisitions have increased speculation that Microsoft may veer away from its previous naming scheme, however.

The next-generation console will reportedly be six times more powerful than the current Xbox 360, and may support Blu-ray, true 1080p and native 3D output. The system will supposedly feature six to eight 2GHz ARM/x86 cores, with two additional ARM/x86 cores that would power the console's operating system and three PowerPC cores for backward-compatibility.

Microsoft will reportedly release the next-gen Xbox ahead of the holidays in 2013. —Internet

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The front of a VW bus is seen during the 29th annual "MaiKaeferTreffen" (May Beetle meeting) in Hanover, on 1 May, 2012.—REUTERS

BERLIN, 5 July — Volkswagen aims to wrap up its long-awaited purchase of sports-car maker Porsche on 1 August, two years before a planned target date to complete the deal free of tax. Porsche SE, the holding company that still controls

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about half of the sports-car business that VW does not already own, will receive 4.46 billion euros (\$5.58 billion) plus a single common VW share, VW said in a statement on Wednesday.

"The accelerated integration will allow us to start implementing a joint strategy for Porsche's automotive business more quickly and to realize key joint projects more rapidly," VW chief financial officer Hans Dieter Poetsch said. Full consolidation of Porsche's auto-making operations in

VW's accounts will boost VW's full-year financial result by more than 9 billion euros and shrink its net liquidity by about 7 billion euros, the company said. Europe's largest carmaker and Porsche have been pushing for rapid integration of their automotive businesses to pave the way for cost savings of about 700 million euros a year and to erase about 2 billion euros of debt at the sports-car maker's holding company.

VW acquired 49.9 percent of the Stuttgart-based

manufacturer in December 2009 after a botched attempt by Porsche to take control of its much bigger competitor.

Reuters



People watch a Porsche Cayenne GTS car during a Press preview day at the AMI Auto Show in Leipzig on 1 June, 2012. The show opens to the public on 2 June.

REUTERS

Britain service growth slumps on fragile demand

LONDON, 5 July — Britain's service sector registered a weaker growth in June due to the extra holidays for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and fragile demand, said a survey report issued on Wednesday. The Markit/CIPS Purchasing managers' Index (PMI) for the service sector dropped to 51.3 in June, down from 53.3 in May. A PMI reading above 50 denotes growth, while a reading below 50 suggests contraction.

The activity growth for the sector was at the weakest rate in the current 18-month period of expansion as the Jubilee holidays reduced the market activity, according to the report.

At the same time, increased energy, labour and travel prices have served to drip up input prices in June, offsetting the effects of the lower fuel costs. But the survey found employment in the sector increased for a seventh successive months in June as companies responded to recent rises in workloads. "The services economy saw one of its worst months since the recovery began three years ago, with the June survey showing signs of growth stalling," said Chris Williamson, chief economist at Markit.

Xinhua

US Airways: "No urgency to merge"

WASHINGTON, 5 July — US Airways Group is in no rush to merge with bankrupt American Airlines and expects its rival to defer any review of a possible deal now that it has asked a judge for more time to formulate an exit plan on its own. "That delay is fine by us — there is certainly no urgency to merge," US Airways' chief executive, Doug Parker, said in a note to employees on Wednesday. "American is in bankruptcy and we need to respect the bankruptcy process, so we are doing just that," Parker said.

US Airways has not made a formal bid, but would like to do so as part of American's exit from Chapter 11 protection from creditors. Parker said it seems "highly unlikely" that American will step out of bankruptcy before year's end, and speculation about a US Airways-American tie-up will "continue for at least several more months."



US Airways passengers check in for their flights at Charlotte Douglas International Airport in Charlotte, North Carolina on 20 April, 2012. REUTERS

American had no immediate comment. American's parent, AMR Corp., and its creditors last week sought permission from a US bankruptcy judge in New York to extend through December the period during which it can develop a reorganization plan without outside interference.

It currently has until the end of September to do so, but would like more time now that it is making progress in long-stalled contract negotiations with its big unions. American management reached a tentative deal with pilots last week and is again talking with flight attendants and mechanics.—Reuters

Virgin Australia orders 23 Boeing 737 Max aircraft

SYDNEY, 5 July — Virgin Australia Holdings Ltd. said on Thursday it has ordered 23 Boeing 737 MAX 8 aircraft in a deal worth US\$2.19 billion at list prices. Australia's second-largest airline also said it has deferred delivery of some Boeing 737NG aircraft to beyond 2016 to give it flexibility to develop the right mix of narrow-body and wide-body aircraft.

A Virgin spokeswoman declined to provide a number for the delayed aircraft. The airline's statement said that 31 scheduled deliveries of Boeing 737-800 aircraft remained on track for 2013-2016. Virgin could be paying less for the new planes because airlines often negotiate discounts to official list prices.

Virgin said the new Boeing 737 MAX aircraft will begin flying between 2019 and 2021 and said it expects all of its older Boeing 737-700 aircraft to exit its fleet by the end of 2013. Boeing developed the MAX series to replace its Next Generation family of planes. The new aircraft use less fuel and reduce CO2 emissions.—Reuters

Scientists suspect link between cat feces, female suicide

NEW YORK, 5 July — Women infected with a parasite spread by cat feces run a higher risk of attempting suicide, suggests a study of more than 45,000 women in Denmark published in a scientific journal this week. "We can't say with certainty that *T. gondii* caused the women to try to kill themselves," said Teodor Postolache of the University of Maryland medical school, senior author of the study in the *Archives of General Psychiatry*.

"But we did find a predictive association between the infection and suicide attempts later in life that warrants additional studies. We plan to continue our research into this possible connection." About one in three people in the world are believed to be infected with

T. gondii, which has been linked to schizophrenia and behavior changes, but often produces no symptoms as it lurks in brain and muscle cells.



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Human run the risk of infection when they clean out their cats' litter boxes, as well as by consuming unwashed vegetables, undercooked or

raw meat, or water from a contaminated source." The study found that women infected with *T. gondii* were one-and-a-half times more likely to attempt suicide compared to those who were not infected, and the risk seemed to rise with increasing levels of the *T. gondii* antibodies, a summary of the findings said. "Previous mental illness did not appear to significantly alter these findings. The relative risk was even higher for violent suicide attempts." The suspected perils of *T. gondii* featured in *The Atlantic* magazine in March this year when it ran a widely-read profile of Czech biologist Jaroslav Flegr, who suspects the parasite of literally changing people's minds. It headlined the article: "How Your Cat is Making You Crazy."—Internet

India to give free generic drugs to hundreds of millions

MUMBAI, 5 July — India has put in place a \$5.4 billion policy to provide free medicine to its people, a decision that could change the lives of hundreds of millions, but a ban on branded drugs stands to cut Big Pharma out of the windfall.

From city hospitals to tiny rural clinics, India's public doctors will soon be able to prescribe free generic drugs to all comers, vastly expanding access to medicine in a country where public spending on health was just \$4.50 per person last year. The plan was quietly adopted last year but not publicized. Initial funding has been allocated in recent weeks, officials said.

Under the plan, doctors will be limited to a generics-only drug list and face punishment for prescribing

branded medicines, a major disadvantage for pharmaceutical giants in one of the world's fastest-growing drug markets. "Without a doubt, it is a considerable blow to an already beleaguered industry, recently the subject of several disadvantageous decisions in India," said KPMG partner Chris Stirling, who is European head of Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals.

Pharmaceutical firms will likely rethink their emerging markets strategies carefully to take account of this development, and any similar copycat moves across other geographies," he added.

But the initiative would overhaul a system where healthcare is often a luxury and private clinics account for four times as much

spending as state hospitals, despite 40 percent of the



people living below the poverty line, or \$1.25 a day or less. Within five years, up to half of India's 1.2 billion people are likely to take advantage of the scheme, the government says. Others are likely to continue visiting private hospitals and clinics, where the scheme will not

A pharmacist gives free medicine provided by the government, to a patient inside a government hospital in Kolkata on 3 July, 2012.—REUTERS

operate. "The policy of the government is to promote greater and rational use of generic medicines that are of standard quality," said LC Goyal, additional secretary at India's Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and a key proponent of the policy.

Reuters



A still from a video shows fighters walking in the streets of Gao in June 2012. Two people have died and 26 others have been infected by an outbreak of cholera in Gao, northern Mali, a region occupied by hardline groups, officials told AFP on Wednesday.—INTERNET

Cholera outbreak in northern Mali kills two

GAO, 5 July—Two people have died and 26 others have been infected by an outbreak of cholera in the city of Gao, northern Mali, a region occupied by hardline groups, officials told AFP on Wednesday.

"Yesterday we counted 27 cases of cholera, including two deaths. This morning we had one case," said Ibrahima Maiga, a health official from Gao hospital.

The disease has broken out in Wabaria, a southwestern suburb of Gao on the Niger river.

"We have sent someone to Wabaria today to see the cholera cases" and determine

what help is needed, said Almahdi Cisse, the president of a local NGO which is helping to bring humanitarian aid to Malians in the area.

According to one young Gao resident, the local ruling Movement for Oneness and Jihad in West Africa (MUJAO) has told people not to drink the river water or bathe in it in a bid to contain the outbreak.

Fear of the disease spreading only adds to the problems currently facing Mali's desert north, which has been controlled for the last three months by hardline groups allied to al-Qaeda after a March coup that toppled the country's elected president.

Chaos and unrest have ensued in the fabled city of Timbuktu where the Ansar Dine group has in recent days run rampage, smashing seven tombs of ancient Muslim saints.

The destruction prompted widespread condemnation abroad and led UN cultural body UNESCO to class the city as an endangered world heritage site.

Meanwhile in Gao, Ansar Dine's al-Qaeda allies have planted landmines around the city to prevent a counter-offensive by the Tuareg fighters they violently expelled last week.

Internet

More than one million in US still without power five days after storm

WASHINGTON, 5 July—More than 1 million homes and businesses in a swath from Indiana to Virginia remained without power on Wednesday, five days after deadly storms tore through the region.

The outage meant no 4 July Independence Day holiday for thousands of utility workers who scrambled to restore lingering power outages.

Much of the damage to the power grid was blamed on last weekend's rare "derecho," a big, powerful and long-lasting wind storm that blew from the Midwest to the Atlantic Ocean.

Violent weekend storms and days of record heat have killed at least 23 people in the United States since Friday. Some died when trees fell on their homes and cars, and heat stroke killed others.

Energy provider Dominion Virginia Power said emergency crews were working around the clock to

deal with 60,000 outages for its customers throughout Virginia as of noon on Wednesday.

Service for virtually all customers in Northern Virginia and the Richmond metropolitan area who lost electric service because of the

extreme damage, she said.

More than 5,000 people from 18 states and Canada were working through the holiday, Rodney Blevins, a Dominion vice president, said in a statement. The company said it had restored power to about 90 percent of its 1



A Pepco contract worker works on a damaged utility pole in Silver Spring, Maryland, on 3 July, 2012.

REUTERS

storms should be restored by Friday night, said Daisy Pridgen, a Dominion spokeswoman. In a few instances, work may continue into Saturday where there was

million customers who had lost electric service because of the weekend storms, the biggest non-hurricane outage in the company's history.

Reuters

Inquiry finds deep flaws in Singapore subway

SINGAPORE, 5 July—Singapore's metro system has been plagued by outdated equipment and poor maintenance for years, according to a high-level inquiry that criticised the network's operator for chasing profits.

A panel assigned to look into two breakdowns in December last year, one of which left thousands trapped for hours underground, criticised management for

preventive maintenance regime appeared to be robust. The schedule for most preventive maintenance activities exceeded manufacturers' recommendations," the report said.

"Yet, there appeared to be a gaping disconnect between what was formally on record and what was happening on the ground," it added. "The COI finds the work procedures and control mechanisms of the



File photo shows commuters boarding a train at the Orchard subway station in Singapore. Singapore's metro system has been plagued by outdated equipment and poor maintenance for years, according to a high-level inquiry that criticised the network's operator for chasing profits.—INTERNET

rushing to resume services without adequately addressing underlying problems. The Committee of Inquiry (COI) findings, issued late Wednesday, also said publicly listed operator SMRT did not have enough engineers capable of overseeing maintenance.

"At face value, the

maintenance branches to be grossly inadequate."

In December, a seven-hour breakdown affected more than 127,000 commuters, including thousands trapped in trains stalled underground after a power fault hit the SMRT network's North-South line during the evening rush hour.—Internet

Iraqis face long future of fear as attacks mount

BAGHDAD, 5 July — Whenever he leaves his home, Mohammed Jabar, a Sunni Muslim, carries his cellphone so his family can find out quickly whether he is safe if a deadly bomb attack hits. Shukria Mahmud, another Sunni, rarely ventures from her house because of the rash of violence that is gripping Iraq.

Laith Hashim, a young Shiite Muslim, is considering moving away from Iraq if security continues to disintegrate. Such a breakdown, he fears, would spark a new round of bitter sectarian fighting of the kind that brought the nation to the brink of civil war just a few years ago.

Al-Qaeda-style attacks are on the rise, faith in the government's ability to keep people safe is on the wane and a fatalistic acceptance of a life of fear is perniciously settling in.

Nine years after the US

led an invasion of Iraq that overthrew dictator Saddam Hussein — purging the leadership and military of his supporters and leading to a fight against insurgents in a bloody guerrilla war that left more than 100,000 dead — Iraq's outlook is increasingly bleak in summer 2012.

Instead of a Western-style democracy functioning in peace and cooperation, what's been left behind is dysfunctional and increasingly violent. Many of the attacks of the past month have targeted Shiites on annual religious pilgrimages, raising fears of a return to the deadly cycle of destructive violence between Sunni and Shiite communities.

"The Sunnis should be warned that there will be retaliation if the attacks against Shiites continue," Hashim, 18, said Wednesday in Baghdad's Sadr City neighbourhood. The

impoverished area in the capital's northeast is home to the Shiite Mahdi Army militia that battled al-Qaeda during Iraq's darkest days between 2006 and 2008. "Patience can't last forever," he warned.

Iraqi officials and experts say worries of an impending blowup is exactly what Sunni extremists linked to al-Qaeda are banking on.

Dozens of bloody bombings and drive-by shootings that have killed 286 people over the past four weeks, including 11 on Wednesday, bear the terrorist network's hallmarks.

Most of the victims have been Shiite pilgrims, security forces and government officials — three of al-Qaeda's prime targets.

Internet



Abdul Hadi al-Obeidi, 65, a Sunni Muslim and is married to a Shiite woman who manages a grocery store in the Karrada Neighbourhood of Baghdad, Iraq, poses for a portrait on 4 July, 2012.—INTERNET

Death toll from Russia's helicopter crash rises to four

VLADIVOSTOK, 5 July—Russia's UTair airline confirmed Thursday that the death toll from Wednesday's helicopter crash in the Far East has risen to four. According to the investigation committee, the victims included two passengers, a pilot and a mechanic on board, but the cause of the accident was yet to be determined.

The AS-350 aircraft was en route from the town of Bratsk in southern Siberia to Tolokan, a village in the Sakha Republic, with a stopover in the town of Lensk.

At 6:08 pm local time (0808 GMT) on Wednesday, the helicopter took off from Lensk after refuelling. The alarm was sounded 13 minutes later when the crew failed to establish contact with the ground control.—Xinhua

Chlorine leak in Georgia, 73 taken to hospital

TBILISI, 5 July—Seventy-three people were treated in hospital after a chlorine leak at a water distribution company in Georgia late on Tuesday, a Tbilisi city official said. "Around 30 patients are still in hospitals, but the majority of them will be discharged by the end of the day," Temur Grigalashvili, told Reuters on Wednesday.

The leak was caused by the malfunction of a tap on a tank containing chlorine. Nearly half of those taken to hospital were on a bus that passed through the area in Tbilisi where the leak occurred, Grigalashvili said. An 18-year-old male patient suffering from asthma was in a serious condition, he said. The leak no longer presented any threat to people or the environment, Georgia's Environment Minister Goga Khachidze told television channel Imedi TV.—Reuters

DHF preventive activities launched in Mawgyun



MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 5 July—Jointly undertaken by Mawlamyinegyun Township Health Department and Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association,

the preventive measures against dengue hemorrhagic fever were taken in Kyaukp Village of Mawlamyinegyun Township on 28 June.

Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Thin Tin Aye and executives, Kyaukp Village administrator U Ohin Khin, leader of the field trip team Daw Phyu Phyu Aye and members, health staff, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association and social organizations participated in preventive measures against dengue and hygienic tasks.

Myanma Alin

Tatkon Township Forest Department grows saplings

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—Rainy season tree growing ceremony of Forest Department in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council was held in the compound of Tatkon People's Hospital (100-bed) on 4 July morning.

On the occasion, Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Myint Shwe, Deputy Director U Than Oo of District Forest Department, Township Administrator U Aye Lu and departmental



personnel, Staff Officer U Hsan Myint Tun of Township Forest Department and staff,

members of social organizations and local people planted 400 saplings.

Kyemon

Citizenship scrutiny cards issued in Shwedaung

SHWEDAUNG, 5 July—According to Moe Pwint-3 Plan, staff of Shwedaung Township

Immigration and National Registration Department led by Head of Department U Sai Hsam Tit of Pyaw District issued citizenship scrutiny cards in villages of Paungchok Village-tract on 20 June.

In their tasks, Bago Region Hluttaw representative U Tun Tun Oo and Deputy Director of Bago Region (West) INRD U Ko Ko Thaw fulfilled the requirements of the staff.

Township Immigration

MLF invites cash, book donations

Myanmar Libraries Foundation is giving encouragement to broadening the horizon of the people and developing self-reliant libraries across the nation.

Those wishing to donate cash and books to the libraries may contact Myanmar Libraries Foundation at No. 228 on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township, Yangon, Tel: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756.

Myanma Passport Issuance Office opens branch in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 5 July—The Myanmar Passport Issuance Office Branch (Mandalay) was opened on 12th Street between 65th and 66th Streets in Mandalay on 4 July.

The office was opened with the aim of enabling

passport candidates to give easy access to their application.

On that day, about 200 persons took services of submitting applications and extending the passports.

Those wishing to apply

the passport must pay bank charge and K 25700 for passport service. The validity is three years for each application.

The office is being kept open from 8.30 am to 4 pm daily. The staff of the branch give services for older persons of above 60 years and ailing persons in Mandalay who paid bank charge and K 40000 for passport service.

Kyemon

Information for trafficking in person

The government is taking measures against trafficking in person with momentum.

In so doing, telephone numbers are announced to contact authorities concerned for enabling the people to actively participate in the tasks of anti-human trafficking.

These telephone numbers are 067-412555 and 067-412666 in Nay Pyi Taw, 09-49555666 in Muse, 09-49555777 in Mandalay and 09-49555888 and 09-49555999 in Yangon.

Transport charges of commodities changed on Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek Road

TAUNGGYI, 5 July—Transport charges of commodities from Taunggyi of Shan State to Kengtung were fixed at one viss of compact commodity per K 125 and incompact ones at K 150 in the past up to the early May.

However, the charges increased to K 160 per viss for the compact commodities and K 180 for the incompact in the last week of May due to wheel/axle rules for vehicles, according to an official of Tengtung-Tachilek Commodity Transport Gate.

Along Kengtung-Tachilek Road, the 10-wheeled truck must carry the loads under 21 tons and the 12-wheeled vehicles about 25 tons. As the 10-wheeled vehicle has 15-17 net weight, they can carry about 4-6 tons of commodities only. The 12-wheeled car weighing 16-17

tons net can carry only 8-9 tons of commodities only, said gate supervisor U Maung Maung.

Between Taunggyi and Kengtung, the vehicles must pass eight scale gates such as Mongpun, Loilem, Namhsam, Kunhing, Takaw Bridge, Mongping, Tontah and Kengtung entrance gate.

Generally, although one ton of commodity may be charged K 1700, overloads are fined for ten times. Therefore, the drivers do not dare carrying of overloads. However, when scales are something different in weighing, they face much difficulties, he said.

It was reported that the domestic products such as rice, gram, kitchen utensils, coffee mix and cheroots are sent from Taunggyi to Kengtung and Tachilek and they transport back Thai-made products are

transported back.

The vehicles drive two nights from Taunggyi to Kengtung and stop over at restaurants in Namsang, Hsinmaung Hill Station, Tongtah and Mongping.

In Kengtung, U Maung Maung Commodity Transport Service, Jiangphaw Yadana, Chanmya, Shweohzi and Ngweohzi transport gates give transport services to the customers.

Maung Ko Pwa (Taunggyi)



Sky Net channel sold to MCDC staff through installment

MANDALAY, 5 July—Under the arrangements of Mandalay City Development Committee, staff members of its

department have the opportunities to purchase Sky Net TV channels.

They may buy one set of SD per K 5000, one set of HD per K 6000 and fee K 9900 through ten months installation system.

Thiha (Mandalay)

DISTRICT NEWS

Plans to give talks on international education in Yangon, Mandalay 7-8 July

YANGON, 5 July—The talks on opportunities for Myanmar students to pursue education at international universities, chances for grasping the stipends and student visa will be given at Shwe Keinnayi advanced housing at 4.30 pm on 7 July

and at Mandalay Hill Resort Hotel at 4.30 on 8 July.

Scholars from the United States and Britain will give talks to the audiences.

Those wishing to attend the talks may dial 500054-952 of Regent Education.—Kyemon

Press conference on Orchestra Concert, Myanmar held

YANGON, 5 July—Arrangements are being made for formation of State orchestra at international level so as to entertain State level ceremonies, receptions

and international standard concerts.

To enabling the audiences to enjoy the music of orchestra, the State orchestra will join hands with Conductor Mr Yoshikazu Fukumura of Japan and party to present Orchestra Concert, Myanmar.

With regard to the above-mentioned programmes, a press conference was held at Studio A of Myanmar Radio and Television on Pyaw Road in Yangon at 2 pm on 4 July. Officials explained preparations for performing

entertainment at SEA Games 2013 and the ASEAN Summit in 2014.

On completion of the joint exercise, Orchestra Concert, Myanmar will be presented at the National Theatre in Yangon on 13 July and at the Auditorium of Myanmar Radio and Television in Nay Pyi Taw on 15 July.

Concerning the programmes, officials said that three Myanmar songs will be presented with created presentations and other foreign songs.

Yi Yi Myint+Win Win Maw

Fourth regular session of First Pyithu Hluttaw...

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Pyithu Hluttaw has asked Amyotha Hluttaw to send back the Foreign Investment Bill under discussion at the Hluttaw to it in order that it can review the bill for the interests of the nation and its people and accepted the bill on 4 July. The Bill Committee is reported to re-submit the bill together with the amendments and recommendations of the committees and commission concerned.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin replied to three questions. Regarding to question of U Tin Htut of Zalun Constituency about **if there is a plan to upgrade Zalun-Danubyu-Kyeinbinse road section on Hinthada-Yangon Road to tarred facility**, the deputy minister replied that the road section linking Nyaungdon, Danubyu and Zalun townships in Ayeyawady Region is 35 miles and seven furlongs long. It is planned to tarmac the road in 2012-2013 fiscal year and 11 miles and six furlongs long section of the road would be the tarred facility at the end of 2012-2013 fiscal year and the remaining section would be tarmacked in 2013-2014 fiscal year, asking capital expenditure from the Union government.



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Mya Thein of Bogale Constituency.

MNA



Mingaladon Constituency Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Tin Maung Win submits proposal.—MNA

Regarding the questions of U Thurein Zaw of Kawkaik Constituency about **if there is a plan to upgrade the 44 miles and seven furlongs long grave road linking Kawkaik, Taungkyain, Maethayoe, and Kyainseikkyi**, the deputy minister replied that Kawkaik-Taungkyain-Maethayoe section is the part of Mudon-Myawady road and 8 miles and seven furlongs long Kawkaik-Hlinekwe section is being carried out by Aye Ko Family Construction Co with B.O.T system whereas Hpa-an District Public Works undertakes 26 miles and three furlongs long Hlinekwe-Taungkyain-Maethayoe section. With 2011-2012 fiscal year minor maintenance fund, 330 feet-long Hlinekwe Bridge was repaired and road and bridge repairing works would be carried out further with maintenance allotment of the Union government in 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Maethayoe-Kyainseikkyi road is 12 miles long which was partially repaired in 2011-2012 fiscal year. The road would be upgraded with capital expenditure of K 100 million in 2012-2013 fiscal year and the maintenance and upgrading would be carried out further depending on the amount of fund allotment of the Union government.

Regarding the question of U Mya Thein about **if there is a plan to continue building Bogale river-crossing bridge, the basic requirement for Bogale Township in Ayeyawady Region as soon as possible**, the deputy minister replied that construction of the bridge started on 1 July, 2010 and so far the work has been completed by 67.5 per cent. From 2010-2011 fiscal year to 2012-2013 fiscal year, a total of K 7670 million was granted and further K 5646 million would be required for completion of the whole project. Myaungdaga Steel Factory of Myanma Economic Corporation has been instructed to manufacture steel truss for the main bridge and it is planned to finish the bridge within 2013. Measures would be taken to get the required fund and steel trusses in time.

Regarding the question of U Kyi Myint of Latha



Deputy Minister Dr Pwint Hsan answering queries.

MNA

Constituency who asked **whether the Union government's purpose of purchasing rice to keep as reserve is aimed at adjusting the market price if the price of rice increases or not**, Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan replied that in line with fundamental principle of the constitution, actions were taken to purchase the rice reserves of the State in order that farmers can get profits, people can purchase and consume rice in convenience, and it can be used as necessary in case of emergency in the State. In case there is price hikes above normal in the market and other states of emergencies, the price would be adjusted to normal by supplying the market with reasonable price, which is the primary purpose of keeping rice reserves. If the price of rice in domestic market is stable and there is surplus, some portions of rice reserves would be exported, it is also planned.

Deputy Minister for Industry U Myo Aung replied to questions of the two Hluttaw representatives.

With regard to questions of U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency over **whether there is any plan as to designation of brick industry zones in the regions and states and any steps to be taken by the government for the livelihood of families of the brick industry**, the deputy minister said that the government did not allow the establishment of brick industry zone but allow only brick making groups. Therefore, there is no plan for designation of brick industry zones in the regions and states. By nature, the brick industry is detrimental to environment. Globally, the brick industry is being substituted with the light sand industry with high technology. The Ministry of Industry in cooperation with entrepreneurs is engaged in the light sand industry through public private partnership (PPP).

As regards second question, the deputy minister explained that the brick industry is done in the regions and states as a traditional work, it is carried out for education and health purpose and as the families of the brick industry live near their villages they can earn their living with other jobs when the brick industry is out of season.

With regard to questions of U Sai Ngaung Hsai Hein of Maukmei Constituency over **what he would like to know the use of gypsum, how to use it and its mining standard and there is any plan over the establishment of the State-run factory based on the raw materials produced from Maukmei Township**. The deputy minister replied that gypsum produced in Maukmei Township is industrial raw materials and it is alabaster in white color whose refinement of 99.33 per cent. They are used as moulds, raw materials for cement and hospital-used plaster after being grained and mixed with water.

As to the second question, the deputy minister replied that there is no plan for the establishment of State-run factory for the time being as the investment values and market shares values have to be weighed. Using those raw materials, gypsum board, Plaster of Paris (P.O.P) can be produced. Thus, industrialists could make investment on it after assessing technology, quality, market and price competitiveness.

Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu replied questions of the two Hluttaw representatives over education sector.

As regards the question of U Thein Aung of Thanbyuzayat Constituency over **there is any plan to upgrade Setse Village BEHS (branch) of Thanbyuzayat Township into BEHS level this academic year**, the deputy minister replied that the Ministry of Education is in the

8th July 2012 (Sunday)
School Environment Day
Participation is for Basic Education Schools.
Ministry of Education

process of implementing the four-year education promotion plan (2012-2013 to 2015-2016) with the opening of new schools and upgrading of the old ones. As there are only 102 high school students in Setse Village BEHS (branch), there is no any plan yet to upgrade it into BEHS, and efforts would be made to upgrade it into BEHS in 2013-2014 academic year.

As to the question of U Kyaw Myint (a) U Po Toke over **there is any plan to upgrade Bawde Village BEMS in Momeik Township into BEHS (branch) in 2012-2013 academic year**, the deputy minister replied that as there are only 265 middle school students in the middle, there is no plan yet to upgrade it into BEHS (branch) and steps will be taken to able to upgrade it into BEHS (branch) in 2013-2014 academic year.

As to the reports submission sector, the report of Pyithu Hluttaw's Public Account Committee of Pyithu Hluttaw was presented by Committee Chairman U Thurein Zaw, the report of Pyithu Hluttaw's Hluttaw Rights Committee by Committee member U Paik Htwe and the report of Pyithu Hluttaw's Government Guarantees, Pledges and Undertaking Vetting Committee by Committee Chairman U Win Sein.

Those reports are to be discussed and approved on 9 July, and Hluttaw representatives who wish to discuss them are to present their names not later than 1 pm on 6 July.

As to the proposals submission sector, the proposal of U Tin Maung Win of Mingaladon Constituency on drawing a law on the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Disable Persons Rights and the proposal of U Kyi Myint of Latha Constituency on drawing a plan on contract farming between company farms owned by private farmers, farmers and import & export companies for food security, obtaining raw materials and boosting export incomes were submitted.

The proposal of U Tin Maung Win will be discussed on 9 July and Hluttaw representatives who wish to discuss it are to present their names not later than 1 pm on 6 July. The proposal of U Kyi Myint were objected by three Hluttaw representatives, and Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than suggested that the proposal should be revoked as it will not need the prescription of the government according to economic system being practiced. And the proposal of U Kyi Myint were allowed to be revoked according to his wishes.

As to the bill submission sector, Vice Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw's Education Promotion Committee Dr Mya Oo submitted the 2012 Education Research Bill and committee member Daw Nan Wah Nu read the findings over the bill by the Bill Committee.

The date to discuss the bill will be announced later and those who want to submit the proposal on amendment are to present their names not later than 1 pm on 10 July, stating completely the para, sub-para of the Bill they want to amend.

With regard to the bill approval sector, the Bill Committee and U Win Than of Thabaung Constituency, Dr Daw Aye Myint of Shwedaung Constituency and Dr Chan Nyein of Kanbalu Constituency discussed the amendment para, sub-para on the 2012 examination board bill presented by Pyithu Hluttaw's Education Promotion Committee at the 20th day third regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw Meeting and Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu made clarifications.

The today meeting decided to leave the heading of the Bill, the Chapter-1 heading, Para-1 (b,c), Para-2 (a,b,c,d,e) and Sub-para (d) (5,9,11,12) as the amendment of Pyithu Hluttaw and the remaining amendments are to be discussed later.

The meeting came to an end at 3.50 pm and the third day session continues at 10 am tomorrow.—MNA

Fourth regular session of First Amyotha ...

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irrigation water to 655 acres of farmland. Nat ditch is an old ditch of Meiktila North Lake used for dumping sewage, but it is also used for irrigation purpose. Water intake structure was built in 2009-10 to distribute water from Nat drain to Aunbale ditch which is mentioned as Aungbale dam in the question.

It is difficult to supply irrigation water to areas at the far distance of the ditch because of silting from rainfall, scarcity of water during monsoon paddy cultivation season, and provision of drinking water for urban population as the priority. Fund has been asked from the Union government to be able to irrigate water from Aungbale ditch to farmlands in Thazi Township and dredging of silt would be carried out upon receiving the fund allotment.

Regarding the question of U Swe Aung of Yangon Constituency (12) about **whether there is a plan to dredge the feeder canals of the Ngamoyeik Creek as drains in villages of Hlegu Township are blocked by silt damaging the farmlands**, the deputy minister replied that as the feeder canals of the Ngamoyeik Creek are silted up, only 2400 out of over 3200 acres of farmland could be cultivated and over 800 acres are under the cover of grass, flooded. So those old creeks have been dredged and upon completion of the works, about 2000 acres of summer paddy could be cultivated preventing about 3200 acres of farmland from flood. At present, the Boyayoe Creek has been dredged, dredging of Kyuyoe and

Laydaungkan creeks started from the third week of July and Malikyoe and Kyawhlawyo creeks would be dredged at the end of monsoon.

Regarding the third question asked by U Naing Tun Ohn of Mon State Constituency-5 **whether there is a plan to reestablish the State-owned rubber farms with cash assistance of WB**, he replied that the new government was making efforts for reestablishing regular relations with the World Bank while seeking good ways in an attempt to get aids from it.

The World Bank is working together with Myanmar officials to give financial assistance and technical aids to Myanmar so that Myanmar can pay debts to the World Bank, build infrastructures and uplift the socio life of the people. After reaching agreement on settling the debts, Myanmar would be able to draw US\$ 300 million with low interest rate for development tasks in the country.

The new government has changed its financial policy to be in conformity with the economy of the country and is working together with the World Bank to draw the Financial Sector Master Plan and to do coordination for implementing development tasks in the country.

Myanmar has seen good prospects for getting financial loans from the World Bank. When the loans are allocated, priority would be placed on nation building projects. The projects would be implemented in accordance with the reports of the ministries concerned. Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation would draw plans depending on the aids and situations.

Regarding Import and Export Bill approved by the Pyithu Hluttaw, U San Pyai



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative Constituency (1) Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State asking questions.
MNA



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative Constituency (5) U Naing Tun Ohn of Mon State asking questions.
MNA

of Kachin State Constituency No 7 discussed the chapters and paragraphs of the bill to be corrected.

Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee decided to bring the bill before the Amyotha Hluttaw again.

Afterwards, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw announced that Amyotha Hluttaw agreed with amendments made by Pyithu Hluttaw to the Bill amending 1955 Government Housing (Expelling) Act and approved the bill.

Afterwards, the chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw sought an approval for amendments to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Social Security Bill made by Pyithu Hluttaw and approved the amendments.

Afterwards, U Myo Myint of Mandalay Region Constituency No 6 tabled a motion urging the Union Government **to hire an independent advisory engineers body for the projects which would be implemented with the local and foreign investment so that the projects can achieve long-term effectiveness** and a representative seconded

the motion.

Amyotha Hluttaw decided to discuss the motion and invited those who want to discuss the motion to enlist their names.

Afterwards, Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency No 1 tabled a motion **urging the Union Government to include the national race ministers and chairmen of leading bodies for self-administered zones and self-administered regions in the cabinets of region or state governments in accordance with the State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.**

Amyotha Hluttaw decided to discuss the motion as over 40 representatives seconded it and invited those who want to discuss the motion to enlist their names.

The 2nd day meeting of the Amyotha Hluttaw ended at 1.15 pm and the third day meeting will continue at 10 am tomorrow.

During today meeting, four questions were answered, one bill was discussed, two bills were approved and two motions were submitted.—MNA



Director-General Daw Yin Yin Myint of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs signs book of condolence for the demise of former Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Yitzhak Shamir of Israel at the Israeli Embassy in Yangon on 5 July.—MNA

Office, signboard of WAO, MCWA opened in Zabuthiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—A ceremony to open the office of Zabuthiri Township Women's Affairs Organization and Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association was held in conjunction with the signboard erecting ceremony at the combined office of General Administration Department in Zabuthiri Township yesterday morning.

At the ceremony, the Chairperson and members of Township WAO and Township MCWA sprinkled scented water on the signboard.

In the township, the opening ceremonies of offices and putting up of signboards were held in ward/village-tract WAOs and MCWAs at the same time.—MNA

NLD's allegation of wax-coated ballot papers is wrong

Secretary of NLD's Central Election Victory Team U Nyan Win charged as NLD fails to follow UEC's instructions

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—Secretary of the Central Election Victory Team of the National League for Democracy Party sent a letter to the Union Election Commission on 1-4-2012, complaining that at April 1 by-elections, returning officers of Pale, Mawlamyine, Myanaung, Magway, Taungdwingyi, Kawhmu, Mingala Taungnyunt, Mayangon, Dagon (Seikkan) and Kalaw (Aungban) townships gave wax-coated ballot papers on which ticks could not be put by voters; that even though these voters demanded for the change of those ballot papers with new ones, the returning officers ignored it; that the UEC was urged to take necessary actions against them as quickly as possible as the apply of wax to ballot papers was intended for destroying ballot papers; and that there occurred the above-mentioned cases across the country.

The secretary

complained that the apply of wax to ballot papers was intended for destroying ballot papers and that it could harm the fair election in an interview with VOA (Myanmar section), and in the press conference, appeared in journals and publication while UEC's investigation team was carrying out probe into the cases at respective constituencies.

According to NLD's complaint, the UEC formed investigation teams comprising region/state/district/township subcommissions from ten townships where the cases occurred and Township level chairman/secretary of two respective political parties. And the teams took steps to uncover the truth and inspected ballot papers at respective polling stations.

According to the investigation, the investigation teams and some political parties reported that

there was no above-mentioned cases in those townships; that there was nobody who officially complained about it; that it was complained to the UEC only based on hearsay and guesswork that do not have information sources; and that April 1 by-elections was the national affair and legal action should be taken against the complaint as such allegations could tarnish the dignity of Myanmar elections at a time when the world countries were keeping watchful eyes on Myanmar's reforms and progress.

On 8 May, the UEC made press release that the UEC sent for the complaint in line with the law and warned that the cases were not true and him of avoiding writing and speaking that could misunderstand the people through wrong information sources.

During the UEC's meeting with U Nyan Win, the UEC asked him to carry

out the following points in order that people can know the truth.

- (1) To hold press conference on NLD's wrong complaints about the wax-coated ballot papers and to appear it in journal.
- (2) To apologize the UEC for NLD's complaint to the UEC to take actions without scrutinizing and criticizing the hearsay, and to withdraw the complaint letter.

The UEC sent the minute of the meeting to NLD with official letter and informed NLD of carrying out aforesaid points and submitting the completion of it to the UEC not later than 22-5-2012.

However, NLD sent a reply letter No.BhaAhaNa/KaMaRa/043 dated 21-5-2012 to the UEC, that NLD's undertaking was only for the emergence of free and fair election and that NLD would not undertake the two above-mentioned points as NLD's undertaking was not wrong.

Hence, the UEC announced that the UEC in line with the Section 10 (L) of duties and rights of Union Election Law is taking legal action against U Nyan Win (NLD party) who released wrong information.

Union Election Commission

Prizes, cash assistance given to students of APBCC (Yangon North District)



YANGON, 5 July—Yangon North District All Private Bus-line Control Committee held the

ceremony to honour the outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination with flying

colours for 2011-2012 academic year and present cash assistance to the students for 2012-2013 academic year at the hall of Insein Township General Administration Department on 30 June.

At the ceremony, Yangon Region Minister for Transport U Aung Khin made a speech.

After that, he presented prizes for outstanding students and cash assistance worth K 5,935,000 to the students.—Kyemon

Experience on writers conference recounted in Tatkon

TATKON, 5 July—A ceremony to recount experiences on the First Myanmar Writers Conference was organized by Tatkon Township Writers Association of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area at Myat Phone Library on 30 June morning, attended all members of the association.

On the occasion, Secretary of the association U Maung Pu (Nyan Lin-Tatkon) acted as master of ceremonies. Patrons of the association Myat Phone (Tatkon) and U Tin Hla (Shwethin-Yu Lwin) made speeches.

Representative to the conference Chairman of the

association U Thein Win Myint (Myakyaik Aye Chan) explained the one decision matter, five approved matters and seven future tasks adopted by the conference.—Kyemon



SIGNBOARD PUT UP: The signboard to mark Myanmar Women's Day was put up beside Yangon-Pyay Highway in front of BOC in Market Ward in Thawady on 1 July. Chairperson of District Women's Affairs Organization Daw Aye Aye Kyi and party formally unveil the signboard.—DISTRICT IPRD

Saplings distributed to departments, schools in Shwepyitha Township

YANGON, 5 July—The distribution of saplings to be planted in Shwepyitha Township was held at the office of Township

Administrator in Shwepyitha Township on 29 July.

Staff Officer U Myingand staff of the Township Forest Department presented over

20000 saplings to departments, schools and wards.—Myanma Alin

Dentist chair donated to Thazi People's Hospital

THAZI, 5 July—Kaung Zaw Hein Lubricant Trading Company donated cash for

purchase of a dentist chair to Thazi People's Hospital of Meiktila District in Mandalay

Region, at the meeting hall of the hospital on 25 June evening.

At first, Township Administrator U Pauk Kyaw made a speech.

In-charge U Htein Win of Thazi Township from Kaung Zaw Hein company explained the purpose of donation.

Next, he presented cash donation to Head of Township Health Department Dr Zaw Min Htoo who gave certificate of honour to the wellwisher.

Township Health



Power lines maintained, sub-power stations built in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 5 July—With the aim of supplying electricity to the people of Mandalay District at full capacity, sub-power stations were constructed and power lines and power stations maintained in respective townships.

On 20 June, electricity was supplied to the local people through newly-built 11/04 KV and 315 KVA transformers in Ayeyya Tun Ward of Channmyathazi Township. The local people are now delighted at using of electricity at full capacity of 220 volts. In the past, they got 110 volts of electricity.

In Mandalay District, a total of 74 11/04 KV and 315 KVA transformers have been installed for supply of electricity to the dwellers. In the past, Mandalay was facilitated with few numbers

of transformers by Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise. In consequence, the local people installed

transformers in their residences on a self-reliant basis.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)



MECHANICAL COURSE PROVIDED: Skilled mechanics trained youths at No 15 UD Group Advanced Workshop and Bawgathiri Advanced Car Workshop on 30 June. The trainees study repairing the vehicles with the application of Onboard Diagnostics (BD) technology practically and theoretically at the workshop free of charge.—KYEMON

31st, 57th bus lines must be ordinary lines

YANGON, 5 July—According to the media meeting on 4 July, Yangon Region All Private Bus-line Control Committee will allow buses from No 31 and No 57 lines as those of ordinary bus lines.

Both two bus lines applied to take change for running themselves as special bus lines, but the two were allowed as ordinary ones.

"In line with the remarks of the Region Government, we allow them as ordinary bus lines," said Secretary U Ba Myint of APBCC (Central).

These ordinary bus lines will not change their routes. Bus Line No 31 will run from Parami Gate in South

Okkalapa Township to Sanyapa Cinema on Phonegyi Street in Lanmadaw Township. Likewise, No 57th Bus Line runs its route from Sawbawgyigon Gate (near Kyauktawgyi Pagoda) to Yusana Garden City. Bus fares are fixed, and the routes are charged at K 50 per section.

Kyemon

Citizenship scrutiny cards issued in Letpadan Township

LETPADAN, 5 July—Letpadan Township Immigration and National Registration Department of Thawady District is implementing Moe Pwint-3 Plan.

Personnel of the department led by Head of Department U Tin Tun made field trip for issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards at

Dhamma Beikman of the township in Bilindan Ward on 30 July. Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Min and Region Hluttaw representative Daw Aye Aye Khaing, Head of Department U Zaw Min Latt and Township Administrator U Thiha provided necessary assistance to them.

Township IPRD

DHF preventive measures taken in Kangyidaunt

KANGYIDAUNT, 5 July—In the rainy season, dengue hemorrhagic fever may occur

in some townships.

As preventive measures, the sanitation was

carried out at residences and schools in wards of Kangyidaunt in Patheingyi District on 29 June.

Under the supervision of Township Administrator U Myint Sein, Township Medical Officer Dr Kyaw Myo Hlaing and Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Win, local people participated in preventive measures as sanitation at drain for proper flow of water and fumigating.

Myanma Alin



Communication systems explained

YANGON, 5 July—Nowadays, information and technology is developing across the world day by day. In the IT age, the youths are striving for keeping abreast of the world applying new communication technology.

On 28 June, Panasonic System Asia Pacific and TT Engineering Co Ltd jointly organized the press briefing on PABX System TDA-100 D at Chatrium Hotel on

Natmauk Road in Yangon.

Yangon Region Minister for Electric and Industry U Nyan Tun Oo, Region Minister for Planning and Economic U Than Myint, Region Minister for Forest and Energy U Kyaw Soe, Director Mr Yamadasan of Panasonic Co and Managing Director U Myo Win Aung of TT Engineering Co formally opened the ceremony.

Region Minister for

Electric and Industry U Nyan Tun Oo made a speech and Managing Director U Myo Win Aung of TT Engineering Co explained his company.

Panasonic Co handed Authorized Distribution Certificate to Managing Director U Myo Win Aung. At the ceremony, responsible persons explained matters related to PABX System TDA-100D.

Myanma Alin

Italian PM tells German Chancellor Italy needs no bailout

BEIJING, 5 July—Italian Prime Minister, Mario Monti, has told German Chancellor, Angela Merkel, that Italy doesn't need a European bailout because it expects a budget surplus next year. But he acknowledges work still needs to be done to cut public spending, boost economic growth and create jobs.

It was the first meeting of Italian Prime Minister, Mario Monti, and German Chancellor, Angela Merkel since European leaders agreed in Brussels last week

to use the continent's bailout fund to funnel money directly to struggling banks.

The two leaders said that they would stick to a contested bond deal to help troubled euro economies like Italy and Spain. But Monti stressed that Italy would not be making use of the new mechanism, because it could still borrow on the debt markets.

Mario Monti, Italian Prime Minister, said, "Italy does not need support to handle its debt. Italy now has

a great quantity of public debt. The bond market is feeling the judgment that the market gives to the Italian economic policies, and we are doing our best to make sure this judgment is always improving. But it also feels the appreciation — positive or negative — that the financial markets give to the entire eurozone."

Saying they had "found a solution that satisfies everyone", Merkel added that the agreement struck by eurozone leaders at a summit last week would allow the European Stability Mechanism (ESM) to help member states more easily.

Angela Merkel, German Chancellor, said, "What is important for me is that these things have to happen on the basis of the existing rules. This means we have created instruments, that these instruments have been explained and that obviously if someone has doubts he can have access, we have made sure that it will go this way."

Xinhua



Italian Prime Minister Mario Monti (L) welcomes visiting German Chancellor Angela Merkel ahead of their meeting in Rome, Italy, on 4 July, 2012. —XINHUA

Indonesian traders "most optimistic" in Southeast Asia

JAKARTA, 5 July—Indonesian exporters and importers remain optimistic on their international trade prospects for the next six months, despite fallout from the eurozone crisis, the *Jakarta Post* quoting a recent HSBC survey reported here on Thursday.

HSBC Indonesia's global trade and receivables finance head, Nirmala Salli, said that 61 percent of 308 Indonesian exporters and importers surveyed said that they expected their trade volume to increase in the next six months.

"Indonesian exporters and importers still have a positive outlook on the country's cross-border trade prospects, despite the

economic crisis," she said.

According to the survey, Indonesian traders were among the most optimistic of the respondents for the 20 countries surveyed in HSBC's trade confidence index, said Nirmala.

Indonesia scored 130, 17 points higher than the global average trade confidence index of 113. The exporter and importer in Indonesia were the second most confident among respondents, ranked only behind those from Saudi Arabia, which scored 137, she said. Indonesia was the most confident in the Southeast Asia region, beating out Singapore and Vietnam, which each scored 115; and Malaysia, which scored 111. —Xinhua

Asian nations want to sink South Korea whale hunt plan

PANAMA CITY, 5 July—South Korea on Wednesday proposed resuming whaling for scientific research, angering other Asian countries and conservationists who said the practice would skirt a global ban on whale hunting.

Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard said she would fight the proposal, which was made at a meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) in Panama City.

Critics said the move to pursue whaling in domestic waters was modelled on Japan's introduction of scientific whaling after the IWC imposed a 1986 moratorium on

commercial whaling.

Japan says it has a right to monitor the whales' impact on its fishing industry. South Korea says whaling is a longstanding cultural tradition.

Anti-whaling activists regularly harass Japanese vessels engaging in their annual whale hunt in the Southern Ocean off Australia and Antarctica, with the two sides sometimes clashing violently. At least one activist boat has sunk in recent years.

In Seoul, a government official said South Korea abided by international regulations and it would be up to the IWC to assess its proposal.

Plastic pollution reaches record high in northeast Pacific

VANCOUVER, 5 July—Plastic pollution off the northwest coast of North America is reaching a surprisingly high level, according to a recent study led by researchers from the University of British Columbia.

The study, published online in the *Marine Pollution Bulletin* journal, examined stomach contents of beached northern fulmars, a common sea bird in the area, on the western coasts of Canada and the United States.

Northern fulmars search

for food exclusively at sea and retain ingested plastic for a long period of time, which made them ideal monitors for marine littering, according to the study.

Researchers quantified stomach contents of 67 fulmars from beaches of the eastern North Pacific from 2009 to 2010 and found that 92.5 percent of these birds had swallowed an average of 36.8 pieces, or 0.385 gram, of plastic.

One was even found with 454 pieces of plastic in its stomach.

Plastic ingestion in these

fulmars is among the highest that has been recorded globally.

Compared to earlier studies in the North Pacific, the findings indicated an increase in plastic ingestion over the past 40 years, according to the study.

To address the worsening situation and protect marine ecology, the researchers proposed an annual monitoring for trends in plastic pollution and the effectiveness of marine waste reduction strategies.

Xinhua



Local officers rescue villagers trapped by flood in Luxi Township of Nanchong City, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 4 July, 2012. Torrential rains hit Nanchong on Wednesday, causing waterlogging and landslides. A total of 46 people have been rescued by local officers up till now. —XINHUA



A Minke whale and calf rise to the surface in this photo taken from a Bass and Flinders whale watching boat off the coast near Sydney on 8 June, 2010. —INTERNET

"We've submitted a

proposal to the IWC's Scientific Committee to resume scientific whaling in our waters and will await the committee's assessment," said an official at the Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Ministry.

"If it says it is not adequate in their assessment of the legitimacy of scientific research, we'll make further

preparations."

South Korea said its fishermen were complaining that growing whale populations were depleting fishing stocks, an assertion that the World Wildlife Fund said had no scientific basis.

Environmental activists dismissed the term scientific whaling as a thinly veiled ruse to conduct commercial whaling. —Reuters

London's Shard tower opens with empty floors, flat rents

LONDON, 5 July—Superstar architect Renzo Piano calls the European Union's new tallest building a "vertical city", but when his stunning Shard tower opens on Thursday over London Bridge it will house the equivalent of a whole vacant neighbourhood.

The elongated glass pyramid, built atop a train station in a scruffy neighbourhood near the Thames, will open with 26 floors of vacant office space, and developers have to fill it at a time when rents are at the flattest in at least 50 years.

The Shard's developers

are spared from market wrath solely because the building was built with funding by the deep-pocketed royal family of Qatar, rather than a publicly listed firm, said John Cahill, a property analyst at Investec.

"With the Shard's office floors still empty, it would be panic stations if it was a listed developer behind it," he said.

Long gone are the days in London's commercial real estate market when the Foster + Partners-designed 30 St Mary Axe, known as "the Gherkin" because of its oblong shape, opened in the financial district in April 2004 with all floors already let.

The Shard is just one of several skyscrapers now sprouting across London with nicknames that reflect



A window cleaner cleans works outside the 14th floor during a news conference at the Shard in London on 4 July, 2012. —REUTERS

the silhouettes they cast on the skyline. But with a financial crisis having blown in since architects first came up with designs for the "Walkie Talkie" and the "Cheese Grater", lettings have been muted. —Reuters

WHO study shows stringent diet could prevent heart attacks

GENEVA, 5 July—Healthier diet could prevent deaths caused by cardiovascular diseases, a study by the World Health Organization (WHO) showed on Wednesday.

Death rates from cardiovascular disease are twice as high among people who eat diets high in saturated fat, trans fats, calories and salt such as processed food, junk food or canned soups, said the study. Subsequently, government policies that ban industrial trans fats, reduce saturated fats and salt in food while encourage more fruit and vegetable consumption could cut deaths from cardiovascular disease by 20 percent.

The study made comparative research between countries already introduced healthier food policies including Denmark, Norway and Sweden, and Britain, a country that employs no such policies. It concludes that by changing policies, Britain, with a population of 62 million, could save up to 30,000 lives each year.

The study predicts that a ban on industrial trans fats in Britain could save almost 5,000 lives each year. A policy that reduced salt intake from 8.6g to 5.6g per day could save almost 7,000 lives while an additional three portions of fruit and vegetables eaten daily could prevent 7,400 deaths. —Xinhua

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Pakistan Taleban threaten attacks after NATO supply routes deal

PESHAWAR, 5 July—The
Pakistani Taleban militant
group threatened to attack
trucks carrying supplies to US-
led NATO troops in
Afghanistan after Islamabad
and Washington reached a
deal to re-open the lines.

“We will attack NATO
supplies all over Pakistan. We
will not allow anyone to use
Pakistani soil to transport
supplies that will be used
against the Afghan people,”
the group’s spokesman told
Reuters by telephone from an
undisclosed location.

Reuters



**News Corp Chief
Executive and Chairman
Rupert Murdoch enters his
vehicle as he leaves his
home in New York
on 28 June, 2012.**
REUTERS

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV KOTA TABAH VOY NO (497)

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

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

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NY Post editor must answer Murdoch, chimpanzee queries

NEW YORK, 5 July—The editor of the *New York Post* may be forced to answer questions about his discussions with media mogul Rupert Murdoch over fallout from the newspaper’s publication of a cartoon that appeared to liken US President Barack Obama to a chimpanzee.

A federal judge in Manhattan said editor Col Allan could not invoke “editorial privilege” and avoid answering questions posed by Sandra Guzman, a former associate editor suing the newspaper for alleged employment discrimination and harassment on the basis of race, gender and national origin. Guzman, who is black and Puerto Rican, in November 2009 sued the Post and parent News Corp, which Murdoch runs, saying she had been fired in retaliation for complaints over inappropriate conduct.

She also claimed to be among those who objected to the 18 February, 2009 cartoon that depicted a policeman shooting a crazed chimpanzee, a play on an actual Connecticut incident. The cartoon referred to the recently adopted \$787 billion (501,67 billion pounds) federal economic stimulus and many people saw the chimpanzee as a depiction of Obama. —*Internet*

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Five foreign climbers dead in accident in Switzerland

GENEVA, 5 July— Five
foreign mountaineers died on
Tuesday while climbing a
4,000-meter high mountain in
southwest of Switzerland,
local media reported.

The accident occurred
around 1:00pm local time (1100
GMT) as they fell several
hundred meters down from
the top of Lagginhorn, a
mountain rising to 4,010
meters in the canton of Valais,
cantonal police said.

Local media said
altogether six people started
climbing the summit of the
mountain early Tuesday
morning. One of them
stopped shortly before
arriving at the summit, feeling
unwell, while others continue
to climb and reached the
summit.

However, the accident
happened during their
descent and the one who
dropped out called the police.

The victims were all
foreign nationals, and a formal
identification procedure is
under way, police said adding
that the causes of the accident
are not yet determined.

Xinhua



**Candidates attend the job interview for airline stewardess in Harbin, capital of
northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province, on 3 July, 2012. The Yunnan Lucky Air
launched a job interview to recruit airline stewardesses in Harbin Aviation Services
Secondary Specialized School on Tuesday, attracting more than 1000 applicants.**

XINHUA

Rare cholera outbreak in Cuba kills three

HAVANA, 5 July— Three elderly Cubans died and dozens more
citizens fell ill because of a rare cholera outbreak, a disease believed to
have been eradicated from the island for more than a century, Cuban
officials said on Tuesday.

All the three patients died in the city of Manzanillo in the
southeastern province of Granma, though cholera had been detected
in various parts of the island country, the Public Health Ministry said.

Each of the elderly adults, aged 95, 70 and 66 respectively, had
chronic ailments in addition to the gastrointestinal infection, the
ministry said.

A report by the official daily Granma blamed recent seasonal rains
and contaminated local wells for transmitting the disease.

According to the ministry, about 1,000 people were receiving
preventative medical treatment in Manzanillo. As many as 53, including
the three who died, among around 130,000 inhabitants in the town were
diagnosed with cholera. —*Xinhua*

Richard Branson sets Channel kite-surf record

British tycoon Richard Branson became the oldest person to kite-surf the Channel, a day after abandoning an attempt due to his kite being too small.

The billionaire adventurer crossed from Dymchurch, Kent, to Wimereux in northern France in three hours, 45 minutes to set a new Guinness World Record.

However, Branson failed in his bid to become the fastest person of any age to cross the Channel, a record that was set by his son Sam.

"It's great to be standing on French soil and not be surrounded by French police," said the 61-year-old.

"It's wonderful for the family to have set three world records in two days. I have even more respect for Sam's world record having taken so long myself to get across.

"The trip was far more challenging than I thought, with 40mph winds in the middle

of the Channel and major waves.

"I have to admit there were moments when I was tempted to abandon it. The wind direction was the opposite of what had been forecast.

"I expected to scream across but was greeted with a long, downstream kite that took considerably longer." Branson abandoned Saturday's attempt at the halfway point after realising his kite was too small.

"All was going fine until we reached half way across and could clearly see the white cliffs of Dover," the Virgin entrepreneur, who had tried to set the same records two years ago, wrote on his blog.

"The chase boat then told me that I needed to go more up wind or I would collide with the white cliffs, sadly my kite wasn't big enough, so I realised I needed to head back to France to get a larger kite."

Branson's first attempt

to kite-surf across the Channel, in August 2010, was thwarted by strong winds and a choppy sea. The next day, the winds were too weak for the journey.

Branson is no stranger to record attempts.

In 1987 he and Swedish aeronaut Per Lindstrand became the first people to



cross the Atlantic by hot air balloon, while in 1991, he was in the first balloon to cross the Pacific from Japan to Arctic Canada.

British tycoon Richard Branson, 61, celebrates in Wimereux, northern France, after he succeeded in crossing the English Channel (Folkestone-Wimereux) by kite-surf. Branson became the oldest person to kite-surf the Channel, a day after abandoning an attempt due to his kite being too small.

Between 1995 and 1998 he, Lindstrand and US adventurer Steve Fossett tried to travel nonstop around the world by balloon.

Plane mix-up lands surfer in Sweden

Irish airline Ryanair is investigating after a British surfer boarded the wrong plane in London and ended up in Sweden instead of France.

Toby Donachie, 19, of Cornwall, England, said workers twice failed to realize he had the wrong plane ticket and he realized when the plane was in the air he had boarded the wrong flight, The Local.se reported.

"When they said that we were flying over Denmark, I understood that we were going the wrong way," he told Sweden's Expressen newspaper.

Donachie, who was headed to Biarritz in France for a training camp, said the airline sent him back to London from Malmo for free



and put him up in a hotel overnight before flying him to his intended destination.

"I thought it was fun, I was laughing — it was an adventure," Donachie said. However, he said he did not want to stay in Malmo because the beaches are better in Biarritz.

Donachie said workers told him they had the wrong headcount for the flight he was on because a child was hiding under a seat.

Ryanair officials said security staff are investigating the incident.

News Album

Royal Box: Prince William and Kate visit Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, 5 July—Wimbledon got a dose of royalty on Wednesday as Prince William and his wife, Kate, came to watch the men's quarterfinals on Centre Court.



Britain's Prince William, right, and his wife Kate, Duchess of Cambridge, left, arrive ahead of a quarterfinals match between Roger Federer of Switzerland and Mikhail Youzhny of Russia at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, England, on 4 July, 2012.

INTERNET

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge were given a loud ovation as they took their seats in the Royal Box ahead of six-time champion Roger Federer's match against Mikhail Youzhny.

British hope Andy Murray was set to play David Ferrer of Spain in the second match on Centre Court.

The duchess wore a white cable-knit dress with dark trim.

Last week, Prince Charles, the heir to the British throne, made his first visit to Wimbledon since 1970. Kate's sister Pippa Middleton has also been to the All England Club during this tournament.

William and Kate also watched Murray play at Wimbledon last year.

Internet



Trailer for Cruise's next film project rolls out

LOS ANGELES, 5 July—Tom Cruise's personal life may be in upheaval, but it's still business as usual for the studio promoting his next movie.

Paramount Pictures has released the trailer for Cruise's crime drama "Jack Reacher," which opens on 21 December. The trailer launched on Cruise's 50th birthday with Tuesday's debut of "The Amazing Spider-Man." The start of the movie's marketing campaign coincides with the breakup of Cruise's marriage to Katie

Holmes, who filed for divorce last week.

The divorce has brought fresh scrutiny to Cruise's ties to Scientology. His beliefs played a role in Paramount's split with the actor in 2006 over his discussion of the religion and his erratic behavior regarding his romance with Holmes.

Paramount has since made up with Cruise, releasing his blockbuster "Mission: Impossible: Ghost Protocol" to a \$690 million worldwide haul. "Tom is a huge movie star for the right reason. He's

a very talented actor whose movies have entertained millions of fans," Paramount said in a statement. "His ability to make a great movie, as we saw with the most recent installment in the 'Mission: Impossible' franchise — the most successful of the series to date — is the thing that moviegoers remember above all else."

Adapted from a novel by Lee Child, "Jack Reacher" stars Cruise as an ex-military investigator caught up in the case of a sniper accused of killing five people.—Internet

In this publicity photo provided by Paramount Pictures, actor Tom Cruise, center, is Jack Reacher in film, "Jack Reacher," from Paramount Pictures and Skydance Productions. Paramount Pictures has released the trailer for Cruise's crime drama "Jack Reacher," which opens on 21 December. The trailer launched with Tuesday's debut of "The Amazing Spider-Man."—INTERNET

Cantona to present film 'Football Rebels' at festival

PARIS, 5 July—French football superstar turned actor Eric Cantona will present his documentary "Football Rebels" at the Sarajevo film



Eric Cantona speaks at the Global Sports Forum on 8 March in Barcelona.—INTERNET

festival that opens on 6 July, organisers said Wednesday. The documentary, a story of five international players and their activities off the pitch against corporate influence on sport and society, is directed by Gilles Perez and Gilles Rof and will be shown on 11 July.

It follows humanitarian and social activities by Ivorian Didier Drogba, Chilean Carlos Caszely, Algerian Rachid Mekhloufi, Brazil's Socrates and Bosnian Predrag Pasic.

Born as an act of resistance when the Bosnian capital was under siege during the 1992-1995 war, the Sarajevo Film Festival has become a cutting-edge event where young European talent is revealed. Besides the official competition for the "Heart of Sarajevo" award for the best movie, 210 films, long and short, are to be screened at the 6 to 14 July festival, which has grown to be one of the largest in Europe.—Internet

Essence Fest kicks off Thursday with youth acts

NEW ORLEANS, 5 July—One of the premier music festivals celebrating black culture and music is branching out, extending its footprint in its 18th year to embrace the next generation of artists while still trumpeting industry veterans such as Aretha Franklin.

The Essence Music Festival has added a fourth day to its concert series in New Orleans. On Thursday — its opening day — Essence will focus solely on youth, including rapper Diggy Simmons, the Disney Channel's Coco Jones, the OMG Girlz and New Orleans' own The Roots of Music.



Essence runs through Sunday with performances set for the Superdome.

"I've never been, but I know it's important," said 14-year-old Coco, who was

This 10 Jan, 2012 file photo shows Coco Jones arriving at Disney ABC Television Group Television Critics Association Winter Press Tour red carpet event in Pasadena, Calif. Jones, star of the Disney Channel movie, "Let it Shine," will participate in the Essence Music Festival in New Orleans on 5 July.

INTERNET

discovered on the Disney Channel's "Next Big Thing" and starred in its TV musical movie "Let It Shine," which aired last month. Coco will debut music from her yet-to-

be-named album due out next year. She plans to deliver a high-energy show packed with tight choreography and some theatrical elements.

"I'm excited for everybody to see it," she said. "Sometimes just singing alone can be boring, but when you have dancers, and B-boys and flipping, it adds so much excitement to the show."

On Sunday, the Queen of Soul will be crowned with the Essence "Power Award" for four decades of hits including "Respect," "I Say a Little Prayer," "Chain of Fools," "Think" and "Son of a Preacher Man."



Midfielder Paul Pogba made his League debut for Manchester United last season.
INTERNET

Ferguson disappointed by Pogba exit

LONDON, 5 July — Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson admitted his disappointment at youngster Paul Pogba's decision to join Serie A champions Juventus after coming to the end of his contract.

The 19-year-old from France made three appearances in the Barclays Premier League for United last season - all of them coming off the bench. Ferguson was unhappy with Pogba's decision but is hopeful Ezekiel Fryers, another out-of-contract player who also made his League debut in 2011/12, will return for pre-season training. "Pogba signed for Juventus a long time ago as far

as we're aware," Ferguson told the club's MUTV channel.

"It's disappointing. I don't think he showed us any respect at all. To be honest, if they carry on that way, they're probably better doing it away from us. We haven't heard anything from Zeki Fryers. I don't know what's happening there but he's not been in touch with the club. His agent hasn't been in touch with the club and I can only assume he'll be back for training." Ferguson has already strengthened his squad with the additions of Japanese star Shinji Kagawa from Borussia Dortmund and talented youngster Nick Powell from Crewe this summer.

INTERNET

Copa America could include CONCACAF

SAO PAULO, 5 July — Officials from the football governing bodies of North America and South America spoke on Wednesday in Brazil about staging a combined event in 2016 as well as other partnerships between the groups. Confederation of North and Central American and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF) president Jeffrey Webb met with officials of South American federation CONMEBOL, which will celebrate its centennial in 2016.

In a statement on its website, CONCACAF revealed that talks included the potential of included CONCACAF nations in the tournament, an idea that has been discussed in general terms for several years. Mexico, the United

States and Costa Rica are among the CONCACAF teams that have played as guest teams in the South American championship tournament, Copa America, in past years.

The meeting also include joint projects in such areas as referee development and technical programmes. "The discussions were held in a spirit of genuine cooperation," said Webb, elected CONCACAF's president in May. "I look forward to further talks and building a stronger relationship between our confederations." CONCACAF's continental championship, the Gold Cup, is staged in odd-numbered years while the Copa America in South America has been staged every four years since 1999. — INTERNET



Uruguayan national soccer team players Diego Perez (L) and Edison Cavani celebrate with the cup at the Centenario stadium in Montevideo, after winning the Copa America tournament in 2011. Officials from the football governing bodies of North America and South America spoke on Wednesday in Brazil about staging a combined event in 2016 as well as other partnerships between the groups. — INTERNET

Pele says 1970 Brazil side more gifted than Spain

SAO PAULO, 5 July — Brazil's 1970 World Cup winners contained more gifted individuals than Spain's current all-conquering national side, the Brazilian side's greatest player Pele said on Wednesday. Asked who would win a showdown between the two teams, Pele flashed a big smile and said: "If I was playing, we'd win, no doubt about it."

"As long as they are comparing teams with the 1970s, it is because the 1970s team is better," he added. "(The) 1970 (team) is the standard by which others are rated." Spain won the European Championship for the second time in a row on Sunday and, as World Cup Winners in 2010, became the first team in the post-war era to win three successive major

international tournaments. Spain's dominance and possession-based style of play have won them comparisons with the Brazil side of 1970, widely regarded as the greatest ever.

That team, led by Pele and featuring Rivellino, Gerson, Tostão and Jairzinho, won the World Cup in Mexico, hammering Italy 4-1 in the final. Pele retired from international football in 1971 and did not go to the World Cup in West Germany in 1974, where a disappointing Brazil side finished fourth. Pele, 71, said the difference between Brazil then and Spain today was the number of outstanding players on each team.

He said Brazil were far superior on a player-by-player basis.

"These comparisons



Spain's national soccer team players celebrate their Euro 2012 victory on a stage in downtown Madrid on 2 July, 2012. — REUTERS

will always be there but you can't compare them individually," he said. "Individually the 1970 team had a lot more better players than Spain, who have two or three excellent players." Nevertheless, the former Santos and New York Cosmos

player lauded the Spaniards and said watching them was a rare pleasure.

"Without a doubt, this Spain side play the football I've most liked to watch over the last couple of generations," he said.

Reuters

Serena will go for broke in bid for seventh final



US player Serena Williams

WIMBLEDON, 5 July — Serena Williams insists she has nothing to lose as the four-time champion bids to secure her seventh appearance in the Wimbledon final with a victory over second seed Victoria Azarenka on Thursday. Williams booked her place in the last four by ending Petra Kvitová's reign as champion with a 6-3, 7-5 victory on Tuesday, while Azarenka moved into her second successive Wimbledon semi-final by defeating unseeded Austrian Tamira Paszek 6-3, 7-6 (7/4).

That sets the stage for a fascinating clash between

one of Wimbledon's all-time greats and a talented contender in Azarenka who has already enjoyed the best year of her life after winning a series of titles including her first Grand Slam crown at the Australian Open. Williams, who last won a Grand Slam at Wimbledon in 2010, has been impressed by Azarenka's rise over the last six months, but the American believes the lack of pressure



Belarus's Victoria Azarenka

she feels at the moment could be the decisive factor as it allows her to go for broke at crucial moments.

For Azarenka, the 22-year-old's meeting with 13-time Grand Slam champion Williams represents a chance to make amends for last year's Wimbledon semi-final defeat against Kvitová, and also a quarter-final loss to Williams in 2009. "It's a great feeling to be in a semi-final of a Grand Slam but I still want to go all the way and it seems still far away," Azarenka said.

"There's no better opponent than Serena, I'm really looking forward to it. It's not going to be easy but it's the semi-final of a Grand Slam - what else do you expect?" The other semi-final between eighth seed Angelique Kerber and world number three Agnieszka Radwanska will produce a first-time Wimbledon finalist. — INTERNET

Spaniard Fabregas to feature in Indonesian soccer friendly

JAKARTA, 5 July — Spain's soccer star Cesc Fabregas, who has just helped the Spanish team win the European Championships title, will Thursday come and play in an Indonesian soccer friendly match, organizers said here on Wednesday.

Bernard Limbong, one of the organizers, said the team of Fabregas and His Friends will play a match against an Indonesian Selection team. He added Fabregas will come to play in the match, but his friends players have not been finalized. — Xinhua

International Sports



Robin van Persie has rejected the offer of a new Arsenal contract, the striker announced via his official website on Wednesday. — INTERNET

Van Persie turns down new Arsenal deal

LONDON, 5 July — Robin van Persie has rejected the offer of a new Arsenal contract, the striker announced via his official website on Wednesday. The Dutch international has a year left on his current deal with the English Premier League club, who could now be tempted to cash in on their prize asset, rather than see him leave for nothing on a Bosman free transfer at the end of next season. "I've thought long and hard about it, but I have decided not to extend my contract," Van Persie, who scored 30 Premier League goals last season, said Wednesday.

"You guys, the fans, have

of course the right to disagree with my view and decision and I will always respect your opinions," added the 28-year-old, whose performances last season saw him named Player of the Year by both his fellow professionals in the Premier League and England's Football Writers' Association. Premier League champions Manchester City and Italian title-holders Juventus are among the clubs to have been repeatedly linked with signing the Dutchman.

Van Persie added he had met with Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger and chief executive Ivan Gazidis at the end of last season to discuss his future but had been

disappointed by the answers he'd received regarding the Gunners' ambitions. Since signing from Dutch side Feyenoord in 2004, Van Persie has won just one major trophy with Arsenal — the 2005 FA Cup. It is a poor return for a player of his talent and he said it was a desire to win silverware that was behind his decision to leave the Emirates Stadium.

"This is an update for the fans about my current situation," Van Persie said. "I have kept quiet all this time out of respect and loyalty for the club and as agreed with Mr Gazidis and Mr Wenger, but since there is so much speculation in the media, I think it is fair for you guys to know

what's really going on at the moment. "As announced earlier this year I had a meeting with the boss (Wenger) and Mr Gazidis after the season." This was a meeting about the club's future strategy and their policy. Financial terms or a contract have not been discussed, since that is not my priority at all. — INTERNET

Focus Myanmar TV Programme**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**(6-7-12 09:30 am ~
7-7-12 09:30 am) MST

- * News
- * World Wide Web in the Future
- * News
- * A Village of Pa-O
- * News
- * Myanmar Movies Impact "You naughty guy... How dare you!"
- * News
- * Japan - Myanmar Cultural and Sports Exchange (Part - I)
- * News
- * A Genuine of Theravada Buddhist in France
- * News
- * Math Challenge
- * Enrichment Workshops
- * News
- * The Art of Making Glaze Ware
- * News
- * UK Schools and Colleges Exhibition Myanmar
- * Myanmar Movie "He sows when he reaps"

MYANMAR TV

(6-7-2012)(Friday)

- 7:00 am
 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
 - Uppatasanti Paritta
- 7:50 am
 2. Nice and Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
 3. Health Programme
- 8:10 am
 4. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 4:25 pm
 5. Songs of National Races
- 4:30 pm
 6. Teleplay (Health)
- 4:50 pm
 7. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Oriental)
- 5:05 pm
 8. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:15 pm
 9. Myanmar Language
- 5:45 pm
 10. Sports Highlight
- 6:20 pm
 11. Internet Garden
- 7:00 pm
 12. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
 13. News
 14. Just For Laughs
 15. TV Drama Series
 16. Song Lover



COOPERATIVE DAY MARKED: *International Cooperatives Day was marked at Maubin Township Department in Maubin Township on 1 July. Staff Officer U Thet Naing explains cooperatives year.*
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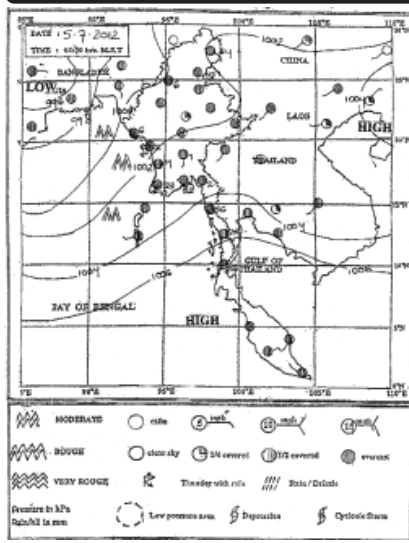
Part-time Member, Myanmar Historical Commission

Chairman, Tun Foundation Literary Committee
Aged (86) Years

U Thet Tun of No.531, Marlar Myaing Avenue, Pye Road, Kamayut Township, son of (U Po Thoun - ISE + Daw Sein Toke), son-in-law of (U Ohn - ICS) + Daw Than Nwe Ohn, brother of (U Tin Tun + Daw Than Nwe), (U Kan Nyunt) + Daw Khin Ma Ma, (U Khin Maung Zaw + Daw Than Than Nu), U Myint Ohn + Daw Mu Mu Thinn, beloved father of Dr. Soe Min Tun + Daw Aye Aye Khin, U Lin Win Tun, grand father of three grandchildren, husband of Daw Khin Khin Ohn @ Thelma Ohn, passed away peacefully on Wednesday (4.7.2012), 7:50 pm at Asia Royal Clinic.

(Funeral date will be announced)

Bereaved Family

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**Weather forecast for 6th July, 2012**

Sr. No.	Location	Temperature (°C/F)		Forecast	
		Maximum	Minimum		Percent
1	Kachin	26/19	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
2	Kayah	28/22	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayah	30/26	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
4	Chin	25/77	14/57	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	31/88	26/79	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	30/102	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Tamukh	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
8	Bago	30/86	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	34/93	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	36/97	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	31/88	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
12	Yangon	29/84	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	31/88	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	24/75	18/64	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	31/88	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	29/84	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyarwady	29/84	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	34/93	24/75	Some rain or thundershowers	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	29/84	23/73	Some rain or thundershowers	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	36/97	27/81	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Kayah State, scattered in Shan and Chin States, fairly widespread in Yangon Region and Kayah State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy fall in Tamukh Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Launglon (3.43) inches, Kawthoon (2.76) inches, Paton (2.56) inches, Monghsat and Dawei (2.28) inches each, Yangon (Mingaladon) (2.25) inches and Zaunggya (2.16) inches.

Bay Inference

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

State of the Sea

Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Martaba, off and along Mon - Tamukh Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (15) mph. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days

Likelihood of increase of rain in the Lower Myanmar areas.

Murray grinds down Ferrer, Federer shines

LONDON, 5 July — Brick by brick, Andy Murray chiseled his way through a Spanish wall to reach the Wimbledon semi-finals while Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic simply demolished outclassed opponents on Wednesday to set up a mouth-watering first meeting on grass. Murray endured an afternoon of hard labor against David Ferrer, eventually edging a step closer to becoming Britain's first male singles finalist at the grasscourt slam since 1938 with a grinding 6-7, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6 victory. The fourth seed, who hit back impressively after being a point away from a two-set deficit, has the added bonus of not having to face Rafa Nadal in the semi-finals.

With the twice former champion long since departed it will be the imposing frame of Jo-Wilfried Tsonga standing in his way after the Frenchman beat German Philipp Kohlschreiber 7-6, 4-6, 7-6, 6-2. Before Murray's energy-sapping win over seventh seed Ferrer, Federer treated Britain's Prince William, his wife Kate, and a host of former greats such

as Andre Agassi and Rod Laver, to a vintage display of shot-making to thrash Mikhail Youzhny.

More of a procession than a tennis match, a supreme Federer, bathed in rare shafts of sunshine, won 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 to record a 14th win in 14 meetings against the unfortunate Russian. Not even some words of comfort from the Royal Box could save Youzhny. "I asked Andre (Agassi) what I should do," said the hapless Youzhny who must have been tempted to scratch the word "help" into the hallowed turf having etched "sorry" into the French Open clay during a beating by Ferrer last month.

Defending champion Djokovic had a few anxious moments against Florian Mayer, the second German in the last eight, as he reacquainted himself with outdoor tennis after playing his three previous matches under Centre Court's roof. Once he recovered from an early break, however, the top seed found his rhythm to claim a dominant 6-4, 6-1, 6-4 victory. —Internet



Roger Federer of Switzerland runs to hit a return to Mikhail Youzhny of Russia during their men's quarter-final tennis match at the Wimbledon tennis championships in London on 4 July, 2012. —REUTERS



Afghan police officers run at the site of a burning gas reservoir in Afghan capital Kabul 4 July, 2012. A reservoir of liquid gas caught fire in Pakia Kot area in eastern part of Kabul city on Wednesday, Interior Ministry spokesman Sediq sediq said. —XINHUA

Death toll of gas reservoir blast in Afghan capital rises to eight

KABUL, 5 July — The death toll from Wednesday's propane gas reservoir explosion has risen to eight, a health official said Thursday.

"The death toll of a gas reservoir explosion which broke out in Pul-e-Charkhi industrial park east of Kabul late Wednesday has raised to eight killed and 83 other injured," a spokesman for the Afghan Public Health Ministry Ghulam Sakhi Gargar told Xinhua. —Xinhua

Second World Media Summit begins in Moscow

MOSCOW, 5 July — More than 300 representatives from 213 media outlets in 102 countries gathered in Moscow on Thursday for the second World Media Summit.

Among the attendees were leaders of major news organizations such as the host ITAR-TASS News Agency, the Xinhua News Agency, The Associated Press, BBC, Thomson Reuters, NBC, Al-Jazeera, Kyodo News, and the Middle East News Agency (MENA).

Vitaly Ignatenko, director general of ITAR-TASS and co-chairman of the summit, told Xinhua that the Moscow WMS, under the theme of "Global media: meeting challenges of the 21st century," would offer all participants a rare chance to exchange ideas on media challenges in the young century.

The three-day event 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.

In October 2009, the first WMS was started by nine leading media organizations — the AP, BBC, Google Inc, ITAR-TASS, Kyodo News, News Corp., Thomson Reuters, Turner Broadcasting System, Inc, and Xinhua. —Xinhua

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint receives Chief of Asian Bureau of Yomiuri Shimbun daily of Japan

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint received Chief of Asian Bureau Mr Junichi Fukasawa of Yomiuri Shimbun daily of Japan at the Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 1.40 pm today.

At the call, Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint made clarifications about Hluttaw affairs and legislative matters asked by Mr Junichi Fukasawa.—MNA



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint receives Chief of Asian Bureau Mr Junichi Fukasawa of Yomiuri Shimbun daily of Japan.

MNA

Concrete road commissioned into service in Tegiyon Village of Zabuthiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—The opening ceremony of the concrete road to Tegiyon Village of Zabuthiri Township was held at the archway of the road, attended by member of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area U Kan Chun, members of Nay

Pyi Taw Development Committee, heads of departments, townsenders and social organization members.

Member of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee U Myo Aung, Zabuthiri Township Administrator

U Win Maw and townselder U Win Htay formally opened the road.

The road, 14 feet wide and 2800 feet long, was upgraded to the concrete for better transport of the local people.

MNA

Offices of Nay Pyi Taw WAO, MCWSC opened

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—The opening of the office of Nay Pyi Taw Women's Affairs Organization was held in conjunction with the

signboard erecting ceremony at Nay Pyi Taw Council Office yesterday morning.

The Chairperson of Nay

Pyi Taw WAO and party attended the ceremony and sprinkled scented water on it.

Likewise, opening of the office and erecting of the signboard of the Nay Pyi Taw Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee was opened.—MNA

With two-page supplement on State Service Personnel Bill attached.

Appointment of U.S. Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of H.E. Mr. Derek J. Mitchell as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Mr. Derek J. Mitchell holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Virginia in 1986 and obtained a Master of Arts degree in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy,

Tufts University in 1991. He is an expert in Asian Affairs. From 2001 to 2009 he served as Asia Director at the International Security Programme, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C. He also served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, U.S. Department of Defence from 2009 to 2011. From 2011 to date he has been serving as Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar.

He is married.—MNA

Friendly basketball match continues

YANGON, 5 July—Under the leadership of the Ministry of Sports, Myanmar Basketball Federation organized the friendly basketball match between Vision Sports men's basketball team of the US

and the men's youth selected team of the federation at Aung San Gymnasium in Mingala Taungnyunt Township today.

In the friendly match, Vision Sports men's basketball club of the US beat

the men's youth selected team of the federation 110-98.

Vision Sports women's team will play against women's youth team of the federation in one more friendly match at 2 pm on 14 July.—MNA



Senegal's players pose for a photograph before their African Cup of Nations Group A soccer match against Equatorial Guinea at Estadio de Bata "Bata Stadium", in Bata on 25 January, 2012.—Reuters

Senegal name Koto as full-time coach

DAKAR, 5 July—Joseph Koto has been appointed full-time coach of Senegal for the rest of their 2014 World Cup qualifying campaign, the national football federation said on Thursday.

Koto was put in charge on a temporary basis after the dismissal of Amara Traore in February following a poor African Nations Cup competition for the team.

Senegal picked up four points from their opening two World Cup

Group J matches last month - a home win over Liberia and a draw in Uganda.

In April, Senegal appointed Pierre Lechantre, a former Nations Cup winner, as coach only for the Frenchman to pull out of the deal just two weeks later.

Former international Koto is also coach of the under-23 side who will compete this month in the men's football tournament at the London Olympics.

Reuters

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (5-7-2012)

Launglon	(3.43) inches
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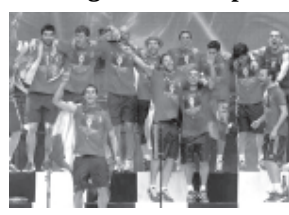
Italian PM tells German Chancellor Italy needs no bailout



Italian Prime Minister Mario Monti (L) welcomes visiting German Chancellor Angela Merkel ahead of their meeting in Rome, Italy, on 4 July, 2012.

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