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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.

President U Thein Sein receives Chief of Royal Thai Defence Forces and party

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a delegation led by Chief of Royal Thai Defence Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 2.20 pm today.

Present at the call together with President U Thein Sein were Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, General Hla Htay Win of Commander-in-Chief's Office, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min, Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and Director-General of the President Office U Min Zaw.

Chief of Royal Thai Defence Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn was accompanied by Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Pisanu Suvanajata.

At the call, they discussed strengthening of bilateral ties and mutual cooperation between armed forces of the two nations.



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein receives Chief of Royal Thai Defence Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn and party.—MNA

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Reshuffle of Deputy Ministers

According to Section 234, Sub-sections (a) and (d) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 16, Sub-section (b), paragraph (ix) of the Union Government Law, the following deputy ministers were assigned at the respective Union ministries shown against each.

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| (1) U Thant Shin | Deputy Minister
Ministry of President Office (1) |
| (2) U Chan Maung | Deputy Minister
Ministry of Rail Transportation |
| (3) U Win Shein | Deputy Minister
Ministry of Finance and Revenue |
| (4) U Han Sein | Deputy Minister
Ministry of Transport |
| (5) U Win Than | Deputy Minister
Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs |
| (6) Dr Myo Myint | Deputy Minister
Ministry of Education |

Sd/ Thein Sein
President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Rainy season tree planting ceremony held in Thaton

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July—The Thaton Township Administrator, officials concerned, members of social organizations and local people participated in rainy season tree growing ceremony-2012 organized by Thaton Township General Administration Department of Mon State beside Thaton-Hpa-an Highway near Thayetnyinaung village yesterday.

They grew 380 teak, eucalyptus, mahogany and Mazeli saplings.—MNA

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (9-7-2012)

Sittway	(4.76) inches
Kyauktaw	(4.69) inches
Kawthoung	(4.33) inches
Lashio	(3.66) inches
MraukU	(3.19) inches
Putao	(3.15) inches



Visitors communicate with a singing robot during the Robot Story Expo in Taipei, southeast China's Taiwan, on 4 July, 2012.

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Greenbrier
Classic in
playoff

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For the whole Asia

Now the International Labour Organization has already lifted most of the sanctions imposed on Myanmar in 1999 and 2000, which in fact is the result of our ongoing reforms moving forward with acceleration much greater than many foreign countries had initially anticipated. In consequence, the magnitude of global recognition of our democracy transition has been growing ever more shaping a better future in which prospects for greater understanding and trust with the international community through proper diplomatic channels are brighter than ever. And the ILO's action we believe is a boost for Myanmar in extending its trade relations with global countries especially the EU.

What's more, many countries of the West with very little or no relations with Myanmar are sending goodwill delegations to us in their special missions for exploring areas of common interest, extending the volumes of bilateral trade, establishing or enhancing diplomatic ties and promoting mutual trust and understanding through fruitful talks with our high-level decision-makers from the President to the parliamentary speakers, Union ministers and chief ministers.

We also had visitors from Peace Donor Support Group-PDSG whose coordinators including United Nations, European Union, World Bank, Norway, Australia and Britain pledging firm support and financial and technical assistance for Myanmar reforms, peace process, and political, social economic sectors during their meeting with our President. International Monetary Fund the sister organization of World Bank is another international institution eager for establishing a platform where it can extend its activities in Myanmar.

These two powerful international financial institutions formed after World War II have a lot of experiences in rehabilitation and rebuilding task in areas hit by civil wars, famine, natural and man-made disasters.

Countries in the East including Japan, China, India, Korea, Singapore and Thailand are also on the move to extend their investments and businesses in Myanmar which they see as a land of opportunities.

For all these encouraging signs we are witnessing at present, credit goes to the government under the leadership of the reform-minded President, the parliament and the people as our success is not important only for us but for the whole Asia.

Midwifery course commences in Yenangyoung

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July—With the assistance of Magway Region Government, the opening ceremony of midwifery course No.1/2012 was held at the people's hospital in Yenangyoung this morning.

Altogether 20 trainees are attending the three-month course.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa receives EU guests

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July—Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa received a delegation led by Mr Robert Cuba of Advisor to Mrs. Catharine Ashton from the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy at Hluttaw Building Committee No.1 Guest Hall at 3 pm in Nay Pyi Taw.

They frankly discussed matters related to responsibilities of hluttaw, drafting of bills and hluttaw affairs at the meeting.

The meeting was also attended by Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Chairman U Hla



Myint Oo, Legal Affairs, Special Cases and Assessment Commission Members U Than Tun and U Khin Maung Soe.

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa receives Mr. Robert Cuba of Advisor to Mrs. Catharine Ashton from the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and party.

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Construction Minister meets staff members of districts, townships of Shan State (South)

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July—Staff are to place emphasis on discharging their duties, to focus on development of road/bridge construction in state, district, township and sub-townships, pay special attention to the runs of trucks with limited loads for ensuring minimizing loss and damages

of roads and bridges, supervise construction of BOT roads and quality of gravels, systematically spend funds on construction and urge service personnel to abide by code of conducts of civil service, said Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint in

meeting with staff of Shan State (South), districts, townships and sub-townships at the meeting hall of Superintendent Engineer in Taunggyi yesterday morning.

State Minister for Transport U Sai Naw Kham, Chairman of Leading Body of Pa-O Self-Administered Zone

U Khun San Lwin and Managing Director U Kyaw Lin of Public Works reported on road/bridge works and engineering sector.

The Union minister looked into road works of Meiktila-Nantpantet-Kalaw-Taunggyi Road and instructed officials to supervise proper flow of water at drains and not to allow overloaded trucks to pass roads.—MNA

Cash and kind donation for locals in Rakhine State continues

YANGON, 9 July—Cash and kind donation ceremony for locals in Rakhine State who lost their homes and possessions due to various reasons recent occurred unrest and suffered harsh troubles in Rakhine State continued at Maykhala Hall of Fire Services Department in Mayangon Township of Yangon Region here this morning.

On the occasion, old students of Inya hostel

from Yangon University donated K 600,000, film and video actor Moe Yan Zun K 300,000, U Min Soe- Daw Khin Ma Ma and family K 5,000, Major Sein Tun (ret'd)- Daw Khin Ohn Nwe and family K 15,000 and three bales of clothes, Thein+Pyaing family 50 children's hat and 40 children's pillow, Daw Khin Myo Myint and family three bags of yam yam noodles, Ma Tin Shwe Yi Wai one

bale of cloth, Daw Sein Sein and family medicine and 50 religious books, U Yin Min Aung-Daw Khaing Khaing Win and family K 100,000 and two bales of clothes, Daw Hla Hla Yin from Weikza Myetlone clinic K 100,000 and three bales of clothes, 24 dozens of embrocation, U Min Min Soe- Daw Saw Cho Cho Mon one hundreds of sports suits worth K 300,000, Daw Mon Yee Aung from Singapore K 100,000, U Shein

Maung Win from Meiktila one bale of cloth, Daw May Yee Myint and family K 100,000 and two bale of clothes, Daw Khin Aye Myint and family one bale of cloth, Kyaikkasan Police Yeiktha family one bale of cloth, Sayadaw U Kosalla from Mingaladon K 3,000 and one set of robe worth K 16,500, Ma U U Khin, Maung Wai Yan Paing siblings two bales of clothes. Director-General U Tin Moe of Fire Services Department and officials accepted the donation and returned certificates of honour to the donors and spoke words of thank.

Up to date, the donation amounted to K 241,110,816.

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Cash assistance, uniforms provided to offspring of policemen

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July—A ceremony to provide cash assistance and school

uniforms to offspring of members of Myoma Police Station was held in

Mawlamyine Township on 7 July.

Commander of the station IP Hsan Win explained the purpose of providing cash assistance and uniforms.

He presented K 94,000 as cash assistance and K 66,600 for school uniforms to students.

A similar ceremony was held at Theinzayat Police Station in Kyaikto Township. IP Myo Thet presented over K 250,000 as cash assistance and K 200,000 for school uniforms to the students.

NLM



New executives elected at Myeik Township TAA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July—A ceremony to elect new executives of Myeik Township Traditional Artists and Artisans Association was held at the hall of library of Myeik District Information and Public Relations Department yesterday morning.

Those present participated in election of new executives of the association.—MNA



Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang (R) and visiting President of Cuba's Council of State and the Council of Ministers Raul Castro Ruz hold talks at the Presidential Palace in Vietnamese capital Hanoi on 8 July, 2012. Raul Castro Ruz arrived in Hanoi on 7 July for a four-day visit to Vietnam.
XINHUA

Bombs, clashes kill 35, including NATO troops, in Afghanistan

KABUL, 9 July—At least 35 people, including seven NATO soldiers, were killed in a string of roadside bombs and clashes on Sunday, one of the most violent days in the country for months.

A bomb killed six NATO troops in the east, the coalition said without elaborating, after an insurgent attack in the south killed one foreign soldier.

Twenty-eight Afghan civilians and police were killed in southern Kandahar and Helmand provinces, officials

said.

On the same day, major donors in Tokyo pledged \$16 billion in development aid for Afghanistan over the next four years as they try to prevent it from sliding back into chaos once most foreign troops have left by the end of 2014.

The Taliban said early on Sunday that a roadside bomb had killed four American soldiers in eastern Logar Province, where Czech soldiers are based. The exact location of the six dead NATO soldiers in the east was not

immediately clear.

Three bombs hit three vehicles in Kandahar, the birthplace of the Taliban where the group has substantial sway and enjoys popular support, killing 18 people including children.

"Villagers were travelling in a mini-van and a tractor when they were hit by twin roadside bombs planted by the Taliban," the provincial governor's spokesman, Ahmad Faisal, said of the attack in Spin Boldak near the border with Pakistan.—Reuters

Obama team targets Romney over taxes, Republicans cry foul

WASHINGTON, 9 July—US President Barack Obama's campaign and top Democrats on Sunday called on Mitt Romney to release more personal tax records and raised questions about his offshore assets that the Republican challenger's campaign condemned as an "unseemly and disgusting" character assault.

Democrats and Republicans tussled over the economy, but it was Romney's offshore assets that Democrats seized on during the Sunday talk shows in their quest to portray him as a wealthy man out of touch with ordinary Americans. Romney faces Obama in the 6 November election and polls indicate a close race.

Democratic National Committee Chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz raised the issue on "Fox News Sunday" as her interview time ran out.

"I'd really like to see Mitt

Romney release more than one year of tax records, because there's been disturbing reports recently that he's got a Bermuda corporation, a secretive Bermuda corporation that no one knows anything about, investments in the Caymans, kind of Swiss bank account."

"Americans need to ask themselves why does an American businessman need

a Swiss bank account and secretive investments like that?" Schultz said.

Obama campaign adviser Robert Gibbs, on CNN's "State of the Union," called on Romney to release years of back tax records to allow scrutiny of his adherence to tax law. Asked whether Romney had broken the law, Gibbs said, "Well, we don't know."—Reuters



US President Barack Obama waves as he arrives from Camp David via the Marine One helicopter at the White House in Washington on 8 July, 2012.—REUTERS

Greek government wins confidence vote, bigger battles loom

ATHENS, 9 July—Greece's new conservative-led government won parliamentary approval on Monday, but faced the much tougher task of convincing European partners and the IMF to give it more time to meet the terms of its bailout.

There had been little doubt the government would sail through the confidence vote after a heated three-day debate in which it pledged to win back the trust of foreign lenders.

All 179 ruling coalition deputies backed the motion in the 300-seat parliament.

After demanding a long

list of changes to Greece's latest rescue package when it took power last month, the three-party coalition has struck a more conciliatory tone in recent days as it faces the prospect of running out of cash without more aid.

It has pledged to push through privatizations and long-discussed structural reforms, saying those were the first steps to regaining credibility with lenders.

"We don't want to change the targets of the bailout but that which is causing recession and hampering us from attaining those goals," Prime Minister

Antonis Samaras said in a speech before the confidence vote.

"We have been saying



the same thing repeatedly all along — the only way to avoid bankruptcy and an exit

Greece's Prime Minister Antonis Samaras (R) acknowledges applause from his ministers after his speech during a parliament session in Athens on 8 July, 2012.

REUTERS

from the euro is through growth and investments."

Reuters

17 insurgents killed in Afghan raids

KABUL, 9 July— Afghan police, army and NATO-led coalition forces have killed 17 armed Taliban insurgents during 17 cleanup operations in different provinces within the past 24 hours, the country's Interior Ministry said on Monday morning.

"During the cleanup operations, launched in Kunar, Laghman, Baghlan, Badakhshan, Kandahar, Zabul, Ghazni, Khost, Farah and Helmand provinces, four other Taliban insurgents were injured and two other suspects were arrested by the joint troops," the ministry said in a statement providing daily operational updates to media.

The joint forces also found and seized weapons, the statement said, without saying if there were any casualties on the side of security forces.

The Taliban insurgent group, which launched an annual spring offensive on 3 May, has yet to make comments.

Afghan forces and some 130,000 NATO-led coalition troops have intensified cleanup operations against insurgents recently. Records kept by Xinhua, based on figures released by Interior Ministry, reveal that around 251 insurgents have been killed, 15 wounded and over 90 others detained since beginning this month by the joint forces.

However, the insurgents in retaliation responded by carrying out suicide attacks and roadside bombings especially in southern and eastern parts of the country.—Xinhua

Putin opens probe into fatal floods

MOSCOW, 9 July—President Vladimir Putin launched an investigation into floods that killed 150 people and drove thousands from their homes in southern Russia at the weekend, hoping to stem criticism of the authorities' handling of the disaster.

Putin, who was criticised for reacting slowly to disasters when he first took power, quickly visited Krymsk—the worst-hit town—on Saturday and promised compensation for victims the day after water rose above head-height in some houses and turned streets into raging torrents.

Even so his trip came under fire on social media sites for drawing attention from the victims, and residents complained they had been caught unawares when the torrential rain struck without

warning from local officials on Friday night.

Some suggested the water came with such force that the gates of a local reservoir may have been opened.

"We were lying there asleep when the water came out of nowhere at 2 am, and right away it was knee-deep,"

said Vitaly Bereznoi, a 35-year-old cement worker, as he tried to salvage what he could from his home in the town of 57,000 nestling in the wooded mountains of the Krasnodar region.

"We barely managed to pull the children out. The dogs drowned. All our documents

were lost—the car registration, work records, my army draft card."

Residents remained without power, gas or drinking water on Sunday night, and the Health Ministry, fearing infection from a cemetery eroded by floodwaters, had begun vaccinating people.

Witnesses said a seven-metre wall of water had smashed through the town, killing 139 people. Utility poles toppled by the floodwaters lay near a crumpled transformer in the centre of Krymsk and a drowned dog lay by a fallen walnut tree.

In the centre of town, the emergency ministry had set up a tent camp to house people flooded out of their homes—as many as 12,000 people throughout the affected coastal areas.—Reuters



Local residents stand in a flooded courtyard of a house in the town of Krymsk, which has been seriously damaged by floods, in the Krasnodar region, southern Russia, on 8 July, 2012.—REUTERS

Air India flight makes emergency landing in Pakistan

NEW DELHI, 9 July—An Air India aircraft flying from Abu Dhabi to Delhi made an emergency landing at Pakistan's Nawabshah airport in Sindh Province on Monday morning, said local TV channel Times Now.

The flight, with 130 passengers on board, made an emergency landing due to suspected hydraulic failure. All passengers are safe, said the report, showing TV footage of Pakistan's Geo TV channel.

Air India is sending a relief aircraft with engineers from Delhi to Pakistan's Nawabshah on Monday morning, said the report.

The captain of the Airbus aircraft contacted Pakistani authorities and sought permission for an emergency landing after detecting the problem with the hydraulic system, civil aviation authority spokesman Pervez George was quoted as saying.

The captain preferred to have the passengers remain on board the aircraft though Pakistani authorities had offered to allow them to disembark, George said.—Xinhua

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Photo illustration shows people surfing the Internet at a library in Chicago, Illinois. Tens of thousands of people around the world whose computers were infected with malware last year may lose their Internet access when a US government fix expires, security experts say. —INTERNET



WASHINGTON, 9 July—Tens of thousands of people around the world whose computers were infected with malware last year may lose their Internet access when a US government fix expires, security experts say. The problem stems from malware known as DNS Changer, which was created by cybercriminals to redirect Internet traffic by hijacking

Internet blackout looms for thousands

the domain name systems of Web browsers. The ring behind the DNS Changer virus, discovered in 2007, was shut down last year by the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Estonian police and other law enforcement agencies.

"Internet doomsday". "DNS Changer is an insidious form of malware affecting everyone from the everyday consumer to a large chunk of the Fortune 500," said Lars Harvey, the chief executive of security firm Internet Identity.

The FBI, Facebook, Google, Internet service providers and security firms have been scrambling to warn users about the problem and direct them to fixes. According to a working group set up by experts, more than 300,000 computers remained infected as of 11 June. The largest number were in the United States (69,000), but more than a dozen countries—including Italy, Germany, India, Britain, Canada, France and Australia—are also believed to have infected computers. Security experts say it's not clear how many of those computers are active.

"Reaching victims is a very hard problem, and something we have had issues with for years," said Johannes Ullrich, a researcher with the SANS Security Institute. But he said he expected the impact to be "minimal" because many of

these systems are no longer used or maintained. Internet Identity said last week that at least 58 of all Fortune 500 companies and two out of 55 major government entities had at least one computer or router that was infected with DNS Changer. That's an improvement over January, when half of Fortune 500 companies and US federal agencies were infected.

IID said that the malware also compromises computers by preventing antivirus software updates. Users who think they are infected may perform a test at the DNS Changer Working Group's website <http://www.dcwg.org/> or others operated by various security firms. For computers affected, the blackout will be total, experts say. "Connectivity will be lost to the Internet PERIOD," said a blog posting from the security firm Symantec. Six Estonians and a Russian were charged last November with infecting computers, including NASA machines, with the malware as part of an online advertising scam that reaped at least \$14 million.

Internet



Visitors communicate with a singing robot during the Robot Story Expo in Taipei, southeast China's Taiwan, on 4 July, 2012. The expo will last till 23 Sept, 2012.

XINHUA

Maine filmmaker chats with younger version of self

PORTLAND, 9 July—A video created by a Maine filmmaker that shows him talking to a younger version of himself thanks to creative editing is making its way across the Internet.

Jeremiah McDonald of Portland put together VHS footage of himself when he was 12 years old and juxtaposed it with a video of himself as a 32-year-old actor and filmmaker, creating a conversation between the two that's both snarky and

nostalgic.

Posted on YouTube on Thursday, it had received more than 1.6 million views within 24 hours.

The video shows the modern McDonald sipping booze while talking to his squirmy younger self about his cartoon drawings as a child, a Star Wars action figure, their pets, the Internet and the British science fiction TV show "Doctor Who."

Internet

New studies nix report of arsenic-loving bacteria

NEW YORK, 9 July—It was a provocative finding: strange bacteria in a California lake that thrived on something completely unexpected—arsenic. What it suggested is that life, a very different kind of life, could possibly exist on some other planet. The research, published by a leading scientific journal in 2010, led to overheated speculation about how life might exist elsewhere—and quickly some dissent about the original finding.

On Sunday, that same journal, *Science*, released two papers that rip apart the original research. They "clearly show" that the bacteria can't use arsenic as

the researchers claimed, said an accompanying statement from the journal. The saga began when scientists led by Felisa Wolfe-Simon of NASA's Astrobiology Institute published a paper that said the bacteria, found at Mono Lake in eastern California, could grow by substituting arsenic for phosphorus. The researchers had looked at Mono Lake because of its high arsenic levels, and they reported their conclusions from lab experiments.

Their paper raised eyebrows because phosphorus was considered essential to life, while arsenic, while chemically similar, is a

poison. If the bacteria can break the rules like this, some argued, who knows what kinds of life may be possible beyond Earth? But not everybody bought the conclusions of the paper. Last year, *Science* published a bunch of challenges from other scientists, and the paper has long been an object of skepticism.

For both new papers, scientists did their own tests of the bacteria. One team, led by Rosemary Redfield of the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada, reports that arsenic does not contribute to the bacteria's growth. Maybe the original results came from some sort of undetected contaminant in the arsenic the researchers used, they suggest. —Internet



A customer holds Webroot's SecureAnywhere Complete 2012 software for computer security at Best Buy in Mountain View, Calif. on 6 July, 2012.

INTERNET

Internet providers bracing for calls about malware

WASHINGTON, 9 July—Internet providers have plans to help their customers Monday and others are braced for calls to helplines because thousands around the country whose computers were infected with malicious software more than a year ago faced the possibility of not being able to get online. Internet users scanning their

Twitter feeds or Facebook accounts on Sunday were encouraged to add one more quick click to check their computer for malware. Some providers may put technical solutions in place that will correct the server problem that could hit some computers after midnight EDT Sunday. It they do, the Internet will work, but the malware will

remain on victims' computers and could pose future problems, said Tom DeGrasso, an FBI supervisory special agent.

After midnight EDT Sunday, the FBI was shutting down the Internet servers set up as a temporary safety net to keep infected computers online for the past eight months. The court order the agency obtained to keep the servers running expired, and it was not renewed. The problem began when international hackers ran an online advertising scam to take control of more than 570,000 infected computers around the world. When the FBI went in to take down the hackers late last year, agents realized that if they turned off the malicious servers being used to control the computers, all the victims would lose their Internet service. In a highly unusual move, the FBI set up the safety net. —Internet



This 15 Nov, 2004, file photo, shows tufa towers in Mono Lake near Lee Vining, Calif. The ancient towers, composed of calcium carbonate, were formed underwater when fresh water springs mixed with minerals in the lake water, and became visible when lake water receded over the past 60 years due to water diversion to Los Angeles. —INTERNET

Plastic electronics cease stretching credulity

NEW YORK, 9 July—In electronics there's an understanding that silicon and other elements are responsible for bringing our gadgets to life while plastic serves as the supporting structure. But what if that plastic could be both the brains and the brawn? Better yet, what if plastic was pliable enough to form all sorts of wearable electronics and even implantable medical devices?

In fact, electronics made from conductive plastic have been in the works for at least a decade. One of the difficulties has been overcoming a loss of conductivity when plastic electronics are stretched too far.

A team of researchers from the US, South Korea and China say they have found a way to keep an electrical connection even after stretching their specially

made plastic more than four times its normal size. The key—make a highly porous polymer, and then fill those pores with liquid metal. Imagine these "3-D stretchable conductors" being used to make artificial eyes that restore vision or synthetic skin that monitors blood glucose levels. A bit out-there, I know, but science has a knack for catching up with science fiction.

Internet

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Shares, euro slump on growth worry after weak US jobs

TOKYO, 9 July — Asian shares and the euro slumped on Monday as sluggish US jobs data and cooling inflation in China deepened worries about slowing global economic growth and reinforced risk aversion ahead of a meeting aimed at defining steps to shore up Europe's banks. The euro fell to a two-year low of \$1.2225 in early Monday Asian trade, while commodity-linked currencies such as the Australian dollar and the New Zealand dollar, typically indicative of risk appetite, hit one-week lows. "What investors are most sensitive to right now is the risk of an economic deceleration around the world," said Tetsuro Ii, president of Commons Asset Management.

The market is set to focus

on China's economic slowdown in particular, with second-quarter GDP figures on Friday expected to be the worst at least three years. MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan fell 0.9 percent after rising 1.6 percent for the first week of the third quarter. Japan's Nikkei average (N225) shed 0.8 percent while 10-year Japanese government bond futures jumped to their highest since October 2010 and the 10-year cash bond yield touched 0.790 percent to match a nine-year low hit on 4 June.

"Investors are pouring money into Japanese government bonds because they no longer feel certain about piling up Bunds due to increasing pressure on Germany to bear a greater



A man walks past a stock index board outside a brokerage in Tokyo on 7 June, 2012. — Reuters

burden for the euro zone's problems," said Ii. US employers added fewer new jobs than expected in June, sending global stocks lower on Friday and lifting borrowing costs in Spain above the critical 7 percent. The data may not prompt any immediate action, but it boosted the chances of the Federal Reserve launching a new round of monetary stimulus to boost growth, a

poll showed.

Slow US economic growth will probably continue for quite some time as firms postpone hiring and investment in the face of an uncertain global economy, Boston Fed President Eric Rosengren said in Bangkok on Monday. He does not have a vote on the US central bank's policy-setting committee this year. — Reuters

On-screen smoking may turn teens onto cigarettes

NEW YORK, 9 July — Youth who watch a lot of movies with cigarette-smoking characters — whether the films are rated R or PG-13 — are more likely to start smoking themselves, researchers suggest in a new study out on Monday. The report's lead author said the finding supports the idea that it's the smoking itself — and not the sex, profanity or violence that may go along with it in certain films — that influences youth to take up the habit. "Movie smoking seems to be just as impactful if it's packaged in a PG-13 movie as opposed to an R movie," said Dr James Sargent, from the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth in Lebanon, New Hampshire.

"I really think it's a 'cool'

factor. The more they see it, the more they start to see ways that (smoking) might make them seem more movie-star," he told Reuters Health — even if the effect is subconscious. Sargent and his colleagues counted how many times a character was seen smoking in each of over 500 box-office hits from recent years. Then, they asked 6,500 US kids ages 10 to 14 which of a random selection of 50 of those movies they'd watched. The average "dose" of movie smoking was 275 scenes from films rated PG-13 and 93 scenes from R movies, the researchers reported in Pediatrics.

Reuters



Two men prepare chicken meat at a local market of Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 7 July, 2012. According to Health Authorities, the consumption of egg or chicken products does not represent any risks for human health. The outbreak of the H7N3 bird flu virus, that infected chickens in Mexico, hasn't affected human beings, local authorities said.

XINHUA

Japan's biggest banks target Korean conglomerates for growth

TOKYO, 9 July — Japanese banks, facing sluggish loan demand at home, are increasingly targeting South Korea where conglomerates such as Samsung Electronics and Hyundai Motor are seeking funds to expand globally. With rival European lenders retreating as the region's debt crisis heads towards its fourth year, well-capitalized Japanese banks find themselves at a competitive advantage.

Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Mizuho Financial Group and Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group (SMFG), the country's biggest banks, have formed teams to track the funding needs of South Korean firms looking to build chip factories and auto assembly lines abroad.

"We have been studying their business and capital expenditure plans and chasing potential deals," said Takahiko Yasuhara, the Seoul branch general manager at Mizuho Corporate Bank, a unit of Mizuho Financial Group.

"As European lenders face hard times, the status of Japanese banks is on the rise." In the year ended March 31, loans by Japan's top three banks in South Korea grew 28 percent to about 1.07 trillion yen (\$13.3 billion).

Reuters

Sunburn may help rid body of radiation-damaged cells

SAN DIEGO, 9 July — In examining exactly what happens when skin gets sunburned, researchers studying human skin cells and mice found that sunburn is the result of RNA damage.

The red and painful burn is an immune response triggered by this altered genetic material to remove sun-damaged cells, according to the study published in the 8 July online edition of *Nature*

Medicine. Researchers from the University of California, San Diego (UCSD), suggested their findings could help scientists find a way to block this inflammatory process, which could have implications for a number of medical conditions and treatments, including psoriasis.

"For example, diseases like psoriasis are treated by UV [ultraviolet] light, but a

big side effect is that this treatment increases the risk of skin cancer," lead investigator Dr Richard Gallo, a professor of medicine at UCSD and Veterans Affairs San Diego Healthcare System, said in a university news release.

"Our discovery suggests a way to get the beneficial effects of UV therapy without actually exposing our patients to the

harmful UV light. Also, some people have excess sensitivity to UV light, patients with lupus, for example. We are exploring if we can help them by blocking the pathway we discovered," Gallo added.

Using human skin cells and a mouse model, the investigators found that ultraviolet B radiation fractures and tangles elements of a special type of RNA that doesn't directly make proteins, known as non-coding micro-RNA.

Internet



New York Knicks' Baron Davis grabs his right knee after suffering an injury while driving towards the basket in the third quarter of the Knicks' win over the Miami Heat, in Game 4 of their NBA Eastern Conference basketball playoff series in New York, on 6 May, 2012.

REUTERS

Knee ligament injuries may be more common in men

STOCKHOLM, 9 July — Men have a greater number of knee ligament injuries than women, despite research suggesting that women's knees are more prone to anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) tears and surgeries to fix them, according to a Swedish study. The report, published in the *American Journal of Sports Medicine*, counted the injuries across the entire Swedish population, not just among players of particular sports or in certain regions.

The ACL is the key stabilizing ligament in the knee, and is most often injured during sports that involve quick turns or pivoting movements, such as basketball, soccer and skiing. It has been estimated that 80,000 cruciate ligament injuries — the majority of them ACL — take place in the United States every year, with almost half surgically repaired. "I think the difference is that earlier studies studied at-risk populations," said Richard Nordenvall, of Karolinska University Hospital in Sweden.

"In those studies, women are more prone to get injured. The difference with this study is that we studied the general population." Nordenvall and his colleagues used a nationwide database of patients to see how many Swedes had knee ligament injuries and how many had surgical repairs between 2002 and 2009. Overall, 56,659 people in Sweden tore a knee ligament during the study period. The researchers say that works out to an average of 78 tears for every 100,000 Swedish citizens. — Reuters

Babies in dog-owning families may be healthier

NEW YORK, 9 July — Dogs are no longer just man's best friend: The furry family members may also protect infants against breathing problems and infections, a new study suggests. Researchers found that Finnish babies who lived with a dog or — to a lesser extent — a cat spent fewer weeks with ear infections, coughs or running noses. They were also less likely to need antibiotics than infants in pet-free homes. Dr Eija Bergroth from Kuopio University Hospital in Finland and colleagues said one possible explanation for that finding is that dirt and allergens brought in by animals are good for babies' immune systems.

The researchers studied 397 infants who were born at their hospital between September 2002 and May 2005 for their first year. Parents filled out weekly diaries starting when the child was nine weeks old, recording information on babies' health as well as their contact with cats and dogs. Based on those diaries and a year-end questionnaire, the researchers determined that 35 percent of the children spent the majority of their first year with a pet dog and 24 percent in a home with a cat. Despite only a third of families owning dogs and fewer owning cats, the majority of babies had at least some contact with a dog at their house during the study period and more than one-third were exposed to a cat. — Reuters



A girl pets a Papillon dog at the "Meet the Breeds" exhibition in New York, on 17 Oct, 2009.

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Departmental personnel, local people participate in tree growing ceremony



PYAWBWE, 9 July—The rainy season tree growing ceremony was held in the compound of Textile Factory in Pyawbwe Township on 28 June.

Mandalay Region Hluttaw representative U Tin Oo, Township Administrator U Kyaw Aung Hsan and Head of Township Forest Department U Min Thein presented saplings to departmental officials, social organization members and local people.

They planted saplings at the designated places.

Myanma Alin

Rainy season tree growing ceremony held in Kyonpyaw



KYONPYAW, 9 July—The rainy season tree growing ceremony was held on Kyonpyaw-Inye rural road in Kyonpyaw Township of Patheingyi District in Ayeyawady Region on 1 July.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Than Sein, Staff Officer of Township Forest Department U Soe Yi, region

in-charge U Kyaw Win Naing (forester) and staff, organization and local people planted 1020 departmental personnel, members of social saplings.

Myanma Alin

Trees planted in precinct of Okkalapa Pagoda

YANGON, 9 July—The rainy season tree growing ceremony was held in the precinct of Okkalapa Pagoda in South Okkalapa Township of Yangon Region on 2 July.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Khin Maung Htwe and departmental officials, the head of Township Forest Department and staff, Chairperson of Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Khin Thida and members, Maternal and Child Welfare Association members grew over 500 saplings.

This rainy season, South Okkalapa Township plans to grow 1670 saplings.—Myanma Alin



Palethwe paddy sown in Pantanaw



PANTANAW, 9 July—A ceremony to sowing paddy seeds of high yield Palethwe hybrid paddy on three-acre farm of farmer U Tun Tun Naing was held in Kyontongale educative farm in Pantanaw Township on 30 June.

Staff Officer of District Agriculture Department U Myo Khant and Head of Township Agriculture Department U Win Nyunt educated the local farmers to apply good agricultural pattern.

They then demonstrated sowing of paddy seeds and replied to queries raised by local farmers.

Township Agriculture

University of Computer Studies plants saplings

SHWEPYITHA, 9 July—Yangon North District General Administration Department and District Forest Department jointly organized the rainy season tree growing ceremony in the campus of University of Computer Studies in Shwepyitha Township on 4 July morning.

At the ceremony, Yangon Region Hluttaw representative U Maung Maung Win, Deputy Commissioner U Nay Lin of District General Administration Department, Assistant Director U Myint Thein Khaing of District Forest Department, Rector of the university Dr Nilar Thein, township level departmental officials, faculty members and students participated in cultivation of 500 saplings at the designated places.—Myanma Alin



Cash donated to construction of library in Danubyu

DANUBYU, 9 July—A ceremony to donate cash to the fund for construction of Pyinnya Padetha Library in honour of retired headmaster U Sann Lwin was held in Sagagyi Village of Danubyu Township, Ayeyawady Region, on 28 June.

WOI Win Oo and wife Daw Phyu Phyu Htay and family of Meiktila donated K 900,000 to Chairman of library construction committee U Hla Hsan.

The library is under construction in front of the Basic Education High School in Sagagyi Village. The structure is 30 feet long and 20 feet wide. Those wishing to donate cash and book may dial 0949237373 of U Hla Hsan, 098581736 of U Kyein Htein, 098581738 of U Taik Soe, 098581676 of U Win Myint, 095061758 of U Kyi of Yangon and 094316927 of U Tin Yu (writer Saya Chit Ko Ko Yu).—Tin Htwe-MNA



AGM HELD: Micro-credit Cooperative Society Ltd of Kamayut Township Basic Education Schools held annual general meeting at No. 3 Basic Education High School on 27 June. Township Education Officer Daw Sanda Aung explains duty and functions of the society.—MYANMA ALIN



DUTIES ASSIGNED: The annual duty assigning ceremony was held at Township General Administration Department in Insein Township on 6 July. Township Administrator U Tin Naing Soe assigns duties to Engineer of Township Electricity Supply Board U Aye Kyaw.—MYANMA ALIN

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking observed in Kengtung

KENG TUNG, 9 July—A ceremony to mark the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was held at the city hall in Kengtung on 26 June.

Deputy Commander of State Police Force Police Lt-Col Nay Tun made a speech.

Deputy Commissioner of Kengtung District General Administration Department U Khin Win read the message sent by the Chairman of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Union Minister for Home Affairs. After that, Police Lt-Col Khin Win, the deputy commissioner and officials presented prizes to the winners in the painting, cartoon, poster, essay, computer art and computer poster contests at central and state levels.—Myanma Alin

DISTRICT NEWS

Best pass rate schools, outstanding students honoured in Bogale

BOGALE, 9 July—The prize presentation for outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2011-2012 academic year was held at the city hall in Bogale on 2 July.

At the ceremony, Region Minister for Social Affairs U San Maung delivered an address. The Township Education Officer reported on academic matters.

The region minister, the deputy commissioner and Township Administrator U Htin Kyaw presented prizes to the best pass rate schools and 156 outstanding students.

Myanma Alin



Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Chief of Royal Thai Defence Forces

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July— Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met with General Tanasak Patimapragorn, Chief of the Royal Thai Defence Forces, at Zeyathiri Beikman here this afternoon.

During the meeting, Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said that he believed that the visit of General Tanasak Patimapragorn would strengthen the friendship between the two countries and stressed the need for collaboration as a brotherly spirit to strengthen the friendship between the two armed forces. He continued to say that it was found that the friendship between the two armed forces was strengthened and he hoped that there would be full cooperation between the two armed forces as the two have maintained good relations. He also thanked the Thai armed forces for their aids to Myanmar as a good friend when the country was hit by the Cyclone Nargis and Tahlay earthquake.

General Tanasak Patimapragorn said that his visit was aimed at deepening the bond between the two armed forces and suggested to show the sincere friendship and cooperation between the two armed forces to the world. He also stressed the need for cooperation for the future of the two countries and expressed his delight for success of peace negotiations and huge investment prospects in Myanmar. Thai armed forces helped a lot when the country was hit by flood last year and it was working not only for Thai people but also for disaster preparedness tasks in neighbouring countries, he added. To achieve success, the two armed forces should continue the bilateral cooperation, he suggested. The two countries helped each other reciprocally when Myanmar was hit by Cyclone Nargis and Thailand was hit by the flood, he added.



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and members, Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Defence Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn and members pose for documentary photo.—MNA

Also present at the meeting together with Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win, General Hla Htay Win of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Office, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Myat Hein, senior military officers from the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Office while the Thai General was accompanied by Deputy Chief of Royal Thai Defence Forces Admiral Yuttana Phapolngarn, Chief of Joint Staff General Worapong Sangannetra, Chief of Staff General Chayuth

Suwanamas, General Sommai Kaotira and senior military officers from the Royal Thai Army, Thai Ambassador to Myanmar and Thai military attache.

After the meeting, they exchanged flags of the two armed forces and posed for documentary photos.

Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla hosted a luncheon in honour of the delegation led by General Tanasak Patimapragorn and wife Mrs Penlaksana Patimapragorn.

After the dinner, they exchanged gifts and members of the two sides also exchanged gifts.

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MoUs signed between Social Welfare Department and ten INGOs



The signing ceremony of MoU between Department of Social Welfare under Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and ten INGOs in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July—A ceremony to sign MoU between Social Welfare Department of Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and ten INGOs, took place at Function Hall of Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, here, this morning.

Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe delivered a speech on the occasion. After that, Director-General U Soe Kyi of Social Welfare Department and responsible persons from ten INGOs signed and exchanged MoU in the presence of the Deputy Minister. Then, officials from INGOs spoke words of thanks.

Social Welfare Department and ten INGOs—Good Neighbours International, Terre des homes (TdH-Italia), Action Aid,

Japan Heart, Caritas Thailand, Global Vision, Palm International, the Leprosy Mission International, Latte-Day Saint Charities and Marie Stopes International and others—will make cooperation on child care, promoting socio-economic status of persons with disabilities and taking care of the elderly. The Social Welfare Department signed MoU with INGOs such as Save the Children, World Vision and Help-Age International. So far, the Department has signed MoUs with 13 INGOs. INGOs' aid programme will support those who are in need of social help as well as promoting more chances such as income, job, education and health.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint and departmental officials, officials from INGOs and guests.—MNA

Middle level officer management course opened

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July—The opening ceremony of middle level officer management course No.35 was held at Ketumati Hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township, Yangon Region, this morning.

Union Civil Services Board member

U Khin Maung Aye gave a speech.

A total of 47 trainees at deputy director and assistant director levels from departments and enterprises under various ministries attended the four-week course.

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Thai detainees in safe, but to face charges

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July— Thai rubber growers detained for illegally operating rubber plantation in Myanmar's territory are safe but actions will be taken against them.

Myanmar army columns arrested the Thai people and seized arms and ammunition and vehicles when they combed an area between the villages of Nanton and Ywa-hay-lu in Khamaukgyi branch township, Kawthoung Township, Taninthayi Region, on 4 July. They also discovered about 1000 acres of rubber plantations and an earthen road linking with the Thai territory.

Three huts and 500 acres of rubber plantation were also found the next day and the army columns arrested Thai nationals who illegally encroached on the farm land in Myanmar's territory and seized arms and ammunition and vehicles from them.

Up to July 7, the army columns have detained 61 Thai nationals including 52 men and nine women, five M-16s, two AR-15s, two AK-47s, five Winchester arms, three .36 revolvers, one .357 revolver, nine home-made long barren guns, two home-made short barren guns, one mine, one

grenade, 42 rounds of 5.56 bullets, 11 rounds of AK-47 bullets, 36 rounds of .38 bullets, 125 rounds of bullets for homemade guns, 32 magazines, three bulldozers, 17 vehicles, five backhoes, 20 motorcycles and confiscated 1500 acres of rubber plantations.

The Thai detainees have encroached upon Myanmar's territory and worked rubber farming on a commercial scale and held arms and ammunitions for their security.

There was no exchange of fires nor injured during the raids.

The detainees are in safe and Myanmar officials have already informed Thai officials about the detaining through diplomatic means, according to sources.

Myanmar workers are working in neighbouring countries as migrant workers while nationals from neighbouring countries have come in Myanmar to work in the country. Myanmar nationals had faced charges of illegal migration in neighbouring countries under the law of the respective countries and the government has been standing by them in accordance with the law.

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according to mines law and whether necessary orders and instructions have been issued for legal mining on manageable scale in line with mines law. Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik replied that gold and mineral mining on manageable scale is not allowed in consideration of ecological conservation, prevention against extinction of rivers and creeks and soil erosion and accuracy of gold production volume of the country. But, small-scale mining can be carried out in line with procedures, rules and regulations.

Lonekhin, Phakant regions of Kachin State was designated as Lonekhin, Phakant gems region, Mohnyin region as Mawlu Mawhan gems region by the Mines Ministry. Work permits for raw gems mining are granted to national entrepreneurs-owned companies and cooperatives in those regions in accord with the minutes of the related committees.

Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung replied the question of Daw Za Talam about **if there is a plan to construct airport and run flights**, and the question of U Aung Kyaing of NyaungU Constituency about **if there is a plan to take measures against bank erosion in Hse model village.**

Regarding the first question, the Union Minister replied that the proposed site for the airport is seven miles northwest of Haka and 17.5 miles north and one mile west of the place the Transportation Ministry had made surveyed. Generally, it can be assumed that the possibility is low as the proposed site is near the place the ministry had conducted survey. Nevertheless, the ministry would conduct survey on the proposed site and present the report to Pyithu Hluttaw Office.

With regard to the second question, the Union minister replied that three 100-foot gravel-filled diversion embankments are to be built upstream Hse (model) village with 150 feet long distance among them to be able to change the water course and slow down the current of water course with the aim of preventing bank erosion and flood at Uyindaw Creek in Hse (model) village of Ngathayauk Sub-Township. Moreover, it is necessary to maintain the dyke of Irrigation Department and cut the trees in creek. At present, the Irrigation Department plans to build two earthen embankment and diversion embankment with measurement of 2000 feet long, eight feet high, 32 feet wide of base area and 12 feet wide of surface area. Due to starting the construction of the earthen embankment, Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems will provide technological assistance to the works.

U Khun Lein of Falam Constituency asked **whether there is a plan to allow turpentine production and open purchase centre from natural growing pine plants in townships of Chin State** and U Thein Tun Oo of Amarapura Constituency asked **whether there is a plan to manage waste of distillery, sugar mill and other factories from industrial zone in line with the environmental law.**

Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun replied to queries. Concerning the first question, the Union minister replied that the Forest Department adopted a discipline to systematically produce turpentine from pine plants not to damage the trees. If turpentine is not produced in line with the discipline, the pine plants will be lost. Therefore, it should not allow opening the turpentine purchase centres. Thus, it is necessary to apply the modern technology for production of turpentine and it will create job opportunities for the local people and increase their income.

That is why encouragement will be given to investment of local and foreign companies. So, it is necessary to consider production of turpentine in the long run through modern technology and to establish pine plantation.

With regard to the second question, the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry has constituted the supervisory committee for systematic throwing of waste and sewerage from factories and workshops under notification No 181/2011 dated 23-9-2011. The committee joins hands with Mandalay City Development Committee to inspect the cleaning of waste of the factories and workshops and take action against those who broke the disciplines. Industrial Supervisory and Inspection Department under the Ministry of Industry annually checks the Mandalay Industrial Zone whether waste of the industrial zone harms the environment or not. Then, the department submits suggestions to the respective industrial zone management committee and MCDC. Respective industrial zones and MCDC is making arrangements for preventive measures against harmfulness of wastage depending technology, fund and geographical condition.

As such, the industrial projects, factories and urban special task force constituted by Environmental Conservation Committee will cooperate with MCDC and Industrial Supervision and Inspection Department of the Ministry of Industry to control waste from various factories including industrial zones and to conserve environs of factories.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint replied the questions raised by U Thein Nyunt of Tingangyun Constituency on **"there is any plan to grant amnesty"** and by U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency on **"there is any plan to guarantee the life of squatters"**.

With respect to the first question, the deputy minister said that Insein Township Court sentenced Prisoner Maung Aye Aung son of U Than Sein who is serving his prison



Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung replying to queries.
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terms in Kalay jail, to 59 years jail terms in connection with Section 5 (J) of Emergency Act, Section 7 and 20 of Printers and Publishers Registration Act and Section 17 (1) of Unlawful Association Act. On 3 July, 2012, 46 local prisoners—37 males and 9 females—were released in accord with the Section 204 (a) of the Constitution. With the aim of maintaining amity and friendship between two countries and for the sake of social ground, amnesty was granted for 34 foreign prisoners. Among these prisoners was Maung Aye Aung.

With respect to the second one, Region/State governments are handling the squatters' problems by carrying out the establishments of new towns and villages and urban extension projects in accord with Management Section Para (b) of Chart 2, Para 8 of the Section 188 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Provisions of Human Settlement and Housing Development, based on the situations.

At the report-discussion session, Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee's report

Civil special appeal cases heard

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July—A special appellate comprising Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo and judges of Supreme Court of the Union U Mya Thein and U Aung Zaw Thein passed six special civil appeal cases and six civil miscellaneous application (writs) at Room No. 1 of Supreme Court of the Union this morning.

Besides, they heard five special civil appeal cases.—MNA

submitted at the second session, was discussed Daw Tin Nwe Oo of Dagon Myothit (North) Constituency and Dr Win Myint of Hline Constituency. They discussed that it needed to designate priority level, based on whether or not national projects can fulfill the people's needs and money spent on projects by using public funds. As it also needed to scrutinize the values of projects, the fact that the proposal on budget should be submitted in October and November yearly six months before the start of the hluttaws, was a need for systematic integration of projects and budgets. Chairman of Public Accounts Committee U Thurein Zaw submitted the proposal on the committee's report, and Hluttaw decided to approve it.

U Ye Tun of Hsipaw Constituency and U Win Myint of Patheingyi Constituency discussed the report of Pyithu Hluttaw Hluttaw Rights Committee, which was submitted at the second day session.

In drafting Pyithu Hluttaw Bill, Committee and Commission formed by Pyithu Hluttaw are Union-Level.

Constitutional Tribunal has reached the verdict that designating of Committee and Commission formed by Hluttaws as Union levels is not in accord with the Constitution. Due to that, to pass Pyithu Hluttaw Bill has reached a deadlock. So, Hluttaw representatives should find the way to overcome this plight.

After that, member of Hluttaw Rights Committee U Paik Htway submitted the proposal on approval of committee's report, and Hluttaw decided to approve it. U Thaung Han of Yinmabin Constituency and U Zaw Tun of Labutta Constituency discussed the Pyithu Hluttaw Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertaking Vetting Committee's report submitted at the second day session.

The report included two sections. The first one was the promise on starred questions and the second, the proposals which were discussed and approved by Union government representatives. At the third meeting, as among 126 starred questions were 68 government's pledges—10 by Border Affairs Ministry, 10 by Ministry of Construction and eight by Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation most, it can be seen that basic infrastructure section still was the most frequent one among the wishes of people voices. The headings that can be undertaken only in 2013-2014 were fully stated as there was no fund for it. It would be more convenient if the committee drafts a monitoring programme for the rest pledges as there would be the additions of pledges for 2013-2014 in additional pledges for 2012-2013. During Even over one year term of the Hluttaw, the committee's day and night undertakings, relations, coordination and management was a perfect one, compared with time and the committee's experience. Member of Pyithu Hluttaw Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertaking Vetting Committee U Win Than submitted the approval of the Committee's report, and Hluttaw decided to approve it.

At the proposal-discussion session, U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency discussed the proposal on drafting law on the Republic of the Union of Myanmar the disabled Rights, which was submitted by U Tin Maung of Mingaladon Constituency on 5 July. After that, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe also discussed drafting of law on the disabled rights in line with the citizens' rights

in accord with the Constitution (2008) of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, UN human rights agreements, UN Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and UN Convention on the Disabled Rights.

With respect to that proposal, Hluttaw decided that Hluttaw would monitor it and put



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Daw Za Talam from Thantlang Constituency shooting questions.—MNA

it on record, and the proposal will be approved so as to draft the law within the designated period.

At the proposal-submitting session, U Phayansako of Pekhon Constituency discussed the proposal submitted by U Htay Maung of Saw Constituency on drawing country-level plans on in which years townships would get better town-to-town roads and electricity supply. Pyithu Hluttaw decided to accept and discuss it. And Hluttaw announced that the representatives who want to discuss are to submit their names in the evening. At the Bill-Submitting Session, member U Myint Shwe of Pyithu Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee submitted Myanmar Language Commission Bill. Then, member U Stephen of Bill Committee explained the Bill Committee's report.

The date on which the Bill will be discussed will be announced later. The representatives who want to discuss the amended proposal are to submit their names by disclosing exactly the para, sub-para and contents of the bill that they want to amend to by 9 am on 13 July.

At the bill-approval session, amended para and sub-para of Examination Board Bill (2012) submitted by Pyithu Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee, was discussed by Bill Committee and respective para and sub-para of amended proposals, by Dr Daw Aye Myint of Shwedaung Constituency, Dr Soe Moe Aung of Bilin Constituency, U Stephen of Kengtung Constituency and U Saw Hla Tun of ChaungU Constituency, U Aung Mya Than of Nyaungdon Constituency, U Soe Yal of Dimawhso Constituency. And Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu explained the facts about it.

Hluttaw decided to approve the amended para and sub-para of the Bill. At the meeting, eight questions were raised, three reports discussed, one proposal discussed, one new proposal submitted and one bill approved. The meeting came to an end at 3.50 pm and the fifth day session is at 10 am tomorrow.

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without legal right. The instruction has been enforced against collection of rent on pasture and running pasture on profit-sharing basis. Minbya Township GAD, under the instruction of Sittway GAD, has summoned 9 farmers on behalf of those 36 farmers on 8-6-2012 and instructed them to retain the 85.87 acres of pasture in field No. 1349 as it is.

Regarding the second question, the deputy minister replied that Kyetyet Village previously was located in Taungyintan and were moved to current place when anti-insurgent operation was launched. Currently, the village has a monastery, a basic education primary school and a rural health care center with drinking water lakes and is accessible by vessel and vehicle.

Under the instruction of the state government in response to request of some Kyetyet villagers for moving back to the old village, a team led by Minbya Township Development Affairs Committee learned the conditions on the ground and it was found that 33 years have elapsed since the village moved to the current place from the old one and it has adequate health care, education transportation facilities. It would be required

to construct roads, drinking water lake and basic education primary school and monastery if it was to be moved back. So the team suggested the village should remain in the current place.

Taking finding, suggestion and recommendation of the team into account, the Rakhine State is preparing to ask the wishes of the villagers and the report of the team would be submitted to the President Office.

Regarding the question of U Hla Swe of Magway Region Constituency No. 12 about if there is plan to designate Sammyo, Thintaw, Kokka, Tawwin villages in Gangaw Township,



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Maung Saw Phyu of Rakhine State Constituency No. 4 asks questions.—MNA

Gangaw District, Magway Region wish to stand on their own as independent villages, the deputy minister replied that Magway Region GAD has made field trips to those villages so as to check their status and found them with necessary foundations to stand independently. Magway Region government also agreed the formation of those villages as independent village-tracts. The Township Administrator concerned would have to file the request attached with the wishes of respective villagers in black and white to the President's Office through the region government.

Regarding the question of Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No. 8 about whether the government has adopted employment policy as it is undertaking poverty alleviation scheme and the actions of the Union government to make sure the standard working conditions for workers, Union Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi replied that the Union government already has employment policy and is implementing it systematically. Myanmar is a member of ILO and there are only three main points in ILO Convention 122, Employment Policy Convention 1964 — to guarantee jobs for those seeking jobs, to guarantee a job to be productive as much

as possible, to guarantee choices for jobseekers, which is to be realized through suitable means and ways depending on the condition of and economic performance of a nation.

The government has articulated the seven-point employment policy and the Labour Ministry is taking measures toward those goals formulating laws of international practice.

Regarding the second question, the Union Minister replied that there were 851 cases of labour disputes, all of which were settled in coordination with employers, employees and government departmental officials and compensations were paid to the employees.

A total of 90 factories were reported to face labour disputes from 1 May to 30 June 2012, but latter agreement was reached on all the cases. Beginning the second week of June, civil society participated in labour dispute settlements in addition to government, employers and employees.

It is natural that there are disagreement and disputes between the employers and employees, but organizations at different levels act as arbitrator to settle and reduce the disputes.

Regarding the question of U Paul Lian Lwin of Chin State Constituency No. 9 about if there is plan to construct sub microwave station in Matupi and



Deputy Home Affairs Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint replies to queries.

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Yaezwa Sub-township in Chin State, Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun replied that fund was asked in 2012-2013 fiscal year for construction of microwave link for Matupi Township and was allocated and thus measures are under way to purchase building and equipment.

There were only four telephone lines of MPT satellite terminal previously in Yaezwa Sub-township, Matupi Township but eight lines of VSAT terminal have been added now.

The ministry is preparing to construct Reed-Mt Siri Ottama (Canady)-Haka-Matupi-Mindat microwave link for direct connection between north and south of Chin State with loans from India. Upon completion of the link, not only Rezwa Sub-township but also townships and villages along Haka-Mindat motor road would see better communication services.

Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No. 8 proposed the Union government to formulate a law for agricultural cooperatives as the

government has allowed cooperatives to run businesses for national economic growth. A Hluttaw representative seconded his proposal.

The Hluttaw agreed to discuss the proposal and called for registration of MPs wishing to discuss the proposal.

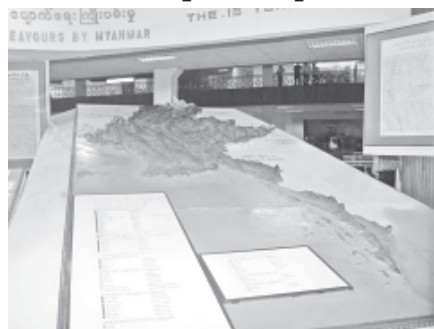
U Ha Shein Bwe of Chin State Constituency No. 8 proposed that national race entrepreneurs should play a part based on goodwill in speeding up the rural development undertakings of Chin State whose human poverty index stood lowest in Myanmar, in cooperation with the government. A Hluttaw representative seconded the proposal.

The Hluttaw agreed to discuss the proposal and called for registration of Hluttaw representation wishing to discuss the proposal.

The fourth day meeting of Amyotha Hluttaw came to an end at 12.15 pm and the fifth day session continues at 10 am tomorrow. At today's session, six questions were answered, two proposals submitted.

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Chinese delegation led by Minister of the Public Security of the People's Republic of China arrives in Yangon



State Councillor and Minister of the Public Security of PRC Mr. Meng Jianzhu and party at drug elimination museum.—MNA

YANGON, 9 July— A Chinese delegation led by Minister of the Public Security of the People's Republic of China Mr. Meng Jianzhu arrived here by air at 4:10 pm today.

They were warmly welcomed by Yangon Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Tin Win, Vice-Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win and officials and Chinese Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Li Jinhua at

Yangon International Airport.

They went to the Shwedagon Pagoda, paid homage to the replica of the pagoda and signed the visitors' book.

They offered flowers, lights to the Buddha image at the prayer hall before the pagoda, and made a donation through member of the Pagoda Trustees Board Dr Tin Thein Lwin who returned a mosaic of pagoda as a gift. After that, the guests walked round the pagoda in a

clockwise direction.

On their arrival of the drug illumination museum at the corner between Hanthawady Street and Kyuntaw Street, Director Police Col Myint Aung of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control and Drug

Illumination Department (International Relations) and officials concerned conducted them inside the museum.

Afterwards, Mr. Meng Jianzhu signed the visitors' book.

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Dy Construction Minister inspects roads, bridges works

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July— Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin inspected paving the way between mile post Nos 3/0 and 3/1 and maintaining along

Setkawt-Danubyu-Zalun-Hinthada road on 7 July.

He then made a closer inspection of maintenance and approach road at Paybin river-crossing bridge near mile post

No. 5/4 on Pathein-Ngaputaw, Padekawchaung bridge near mile post Nos. 11/7 and 12/0 and Thetkalchaung bridge near mile post No 12/0.

MNA

Myanmar delegation attends Myanmar-Thai Joint Border Committee's meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July— Chairman of Myanmar-Thai Joint Border Committee leader of the Myanmar delegation Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint on 6 July left for Kanchanaburi through Bangkok of Thailand to attend the informal meeting of Myanmar-Thai Joint Border Committee.

At the meeting, the

delegation met with Myanmar-Thai Joint Border Committee Chairman Advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr. Vasin Teeravechyan. Both sides discussed matters related to joint-inspection tasks to be carried out for demarcation work at the border areas, as well as maintenance of the boundary posts.

On 8 July morning, the delegation, accompanied by Director-General of the Survey Department U Than Hlaing, Acting Director-General U Tha Aung Nyunt of the Consular and Legal Affairs Department arrived back Yangon by air.—MNA

Technological University (Thanlyin) holds traffic rules talks

YANGON, 9 July—A talk on traffic rules was given to bus line representatives, drivers and bus conductors of ferries plying to Technological University (Thanlyin) at the convocation of the university on 28 June morning.

At first, Rector of Technological University (Thanlyin) Dr Kathy Lwin made a speech. In-charge of Thanlyin Township Traffic



Police Force SIP Naing Lin Tun of Yangon South District Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee and Head of Admin Department U Maung Maung Win of

Technological University (Thanlyin) gave talks on traffic rules and disciplines for pedestrians.

Later, the rector gave necessary instructions.

Myanma Alin

Monsoon paddy technology shared, sowing of Palethwe hybrid paddy held

LABUTTA, 9 July—The talks on technology of cultivation for monsoon paddy for 2012-2013 and sowing of Palethwe hybrid paddy seeds were held at the farm of farmer U Maung Htay in Kyaukhmaw Village-tract in Labutta Township of Labutta District on 2 July morning.

After that, Deputy Head of Ayeyawady Region Agriculture Department U Hla Wai, in-charge of the region



land utilization U Han Nyunt and Head of Labutta District Agriculture Department U Soe Myint broadened horizon of local farmers how to grow paddy and gave Palethwe hybrid paddy seeds to local farmers.

Head of Labutta Township Agriculture Department U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing and staff demonstrated the selection of quality paddy seeds and sowed it collectively.

District Agriculture

Agricultural loans disbursed to farmers in Wetlet Township

WETLET, 9 July—Zeyathiri Foundation held the disbursement ceremony for the second time to members of Agricultural Cooperative Society of Thana Village in Wetlet Township of Shwebo District, Sagaing Region, on 28 June morning with the aim of ensuring rural development and alleviation of poverty. At the Dhammayon of the village, Village administrator U Chit Yu explained the benevolence of the State over the farmers and Chairman of the society U Aung Nyein poverty alleviation.

Staff Officer of Township Cooperative Department U Mar presented agricultural loans to farmers.

On the occasion, a total of 168 farmers got K 14.64 million loans.—Township Cooperative

Merit shared for construction of new school building

MINGIN, 9 July—The merit-sharing ceremony for Thukhakari two-storey building was held in Ugyi Village of Tinbat Village-tract in Mingin Township of Sagaing Region on 1 July morning.

The structure was built with the contributions of the local people.

At first, the congregation offered alms to members of the Sangha.

The two-storey building, 30x50x20 feet, is constructed at a cost of K 40 million.—Myanma Alin



HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT DONATED: Dr Jonathan Chang MD & Veronica Chang (USA) donated two Pulseoximeters and two Defibrillators for Ambulance Service Foundation of Myanmar Medical Association on 3 July. Chairman of the association Prof U Kyaw Myint Naing and committee members accept the donation.—MYANMA ALIN

DISTRICT NEWS

Rainy season tree growing ceremony held in Maukmai

MAUKMAI, 9 July—The rainy season tree growing ceremony was held along Hsihson-Meditation Centre Road was held in Maukmai Township of Lankho District in Shan State on 30 June, with an address by Township Administrator U Tin Maung Soe.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Tin Maung Soe and in-charge of Township Forest Department U Zaw Nyo presented saplings to departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people.

Those present at the ceremony then planted 600 teak saplings.—Kyemon

Meeting to cast Bayintnaung Station held in Einme

EINME, 9 July—A coordination meeting on construction of monument for Naungyoe Battle and Bayintnaung Statue in Einme was held at Shwe Ein Yadana Home for the Aged in Einme on 1 July.

At the meeting, Township Administrator U Yazar Win made a speech. Writer cum film director U Aung Soe Oo talked about spirit of Naungyoe and its location, Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Historical Commission Dr Toe Hla historical evidences and assessment for Naungyoe Battle, Chairman of Einme Township Association Sayagyi Myint Soe his wish for defining Einme and research on Naungyoe Battle conducted together with Sayagyi Dr Than Tun in 2005 and Head of Township Settlement and Land Records Department U Khin Maung Win historical facts for Naungyoe.

Moreover, writer Htet Way and retired township education officer U Win Hlyan Htein participated in the meeting.—Zaw Htet (Einme)

Citizenship scrutiny cards issued in Mongping

MONGPING, 9 July—Pwint-3 Plan, staff of According to the Moe Mongping Township



CSC ISSUED: Head of Lashio Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Hla Htay and staff made issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards to local people of Weinthang Village-tract in Lashio Township on 3 July. The head of Township INRD presents the card to a local people.

TOWNSHIP IMMIGRATION

Immigration and National Registration Department issued citizenship scrutiny cards to eligible persons in respective village-tracts on 27 June.

At the hall of the Township General Administration Department, the ceremony of citizenship cards issuance was held. Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Sai Tun Sein and Township Administrator U Saw Nyi Nyi Htwe made speeches.

Head of Township INRD U Hla Min and officials presented citizenship scrutiny cards to those of respective village-tracts.

Township Immigration

Collective tree growing ceremony held in Singu

SINGU, 9 July—Singu Township Women's Affairs Organization held the rainy season tree growing ceremony in the compound of Singu Basic Education High School at 7 am on 30 June.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Hla Win, the head of Township Forest Department and staff, departmental officials, Chairperson of Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Myint Myint San and party planted 156 eucalyptus, 515 teak, 169 neem and 170 Mezali saplings.—Myanma Alin

Myanmar Women's Day Observed in Yamethin

YAMETHIN, 9 July—The ceremony to mark Myanmar Women's Day was observed at Anawrahta Hall of Basic Education High School in Yamethin Township on 3 July.

At first, Chairperson of District Women's Affairs Organization Daw Htar Htar Win made a speech. Next, Chairperson of Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Yi Yi Thauang explained duty of women to preserve the Myanmar traditions. Later, officials presented prizes to the winners in the high and middle school level essay contests.—Myanma Alin

Sports gear, computer donated to BEMS branch in Okpo

OKPO, 9 July—A ceremony to donate school uniforms to primary students and sports gear, 10 computers and fax phone was held at Lathagon Basic Education Middle School Branch of Okpo Township, Thayawady District, Bago Region on 5 July morning.

At first, Township Administrator U Aung Thu delivered an address.

After that, wellwisher U Thauang-Daw Kyi Win (Aung Thauang Co., Ltd Yangon Transformer) and family presented donations. Headmaster Sayagyi U Soe Myint accepted the donations.

A student spoke words of thanks on the occasion.

Myanma Alin



France eyes structural change to save auto sector

PARIS, 9 July—France will not let its auto industry collapse and plans to unveil structural measures to help the struggling sector stay afloat, French Finance Minister Pierre Moscovici said on Sunday, as the threat of closure looms over a major production centre.

Moscovici said a plan to save the auto sector, which was first floated this week by Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault, would be unveiled in the next month, including job-saving solutions for a Peugeot PSA factory near Paris.

"We will have to take measures in the coming month," he told BFM news television. "There will be a plan for the auto industry, we

will not abandon the automobile industry."

"We have trust in PSA and we will find solutions that are both balanced and respectful of jobs."

Hinting at a plan that could touch on high labour costs and rigid contracts which French auto constructors say make them less competitive, he added: "We will also need structural measures for this industry, which is in a strategic position."

Moscovici, whose home constituency is in France's industrial east, home to automobile producers, has taken a keen interest in the sector's fate as declining European car sales force France's remaining car

makers to slash costs.

He presided over the ACSIA group of carmaking regions which published a report in late June calling for a "new deal" to save the car industry by reorienting French production toward smaller vehicles and taxing big polluters.

The plan would have to come in time for a Peugeot PSA works council meeting this month, at which company executives are expected to announce the closure of its plant at Aulnay-sous-Bois, near Paris, union officials said.

The plant employs some 3,500 people, with an additional 10,000 subcontractors.

A symbol of industrial



French Finance Minister Pierre Moscovici arrives to attend a news conference at the Bercy Ministry building in Paris on 13 June, 2012.—INTERNET

decline, France's car sector lies at the heart of a debate on restoring French competitiveness ahead of a summit on social affairs next week, as hard-line union CGT warns about an upcoming wave of 75,000 job cuts.

Reuters

Cold snap kills 16 in Chile's capital

SANTIAGO, 9 July—Freezing temperatures in Chile's capital Santiago claimed more lives on Sunday, raising the number of cold-related deaths to 16.

Sunday's first victim died at 1 am local time on La Paz Street, in the capital's downtown area, and a second victim died around the same time some five blocks from the government palace of La Moneda, officials said.

The second victim was a 50-year-old man found lying under a tree, in a makeshift shelter with a roof and mattress. Both victims are presumed to have been homeless people who

succumbed to hypothermia.

The lowest temperature so far this winter was recorded in Chile around dawn on Sunday, when the mercury fell to 21 degrees F (-6.1 degrees C).

The government has opened 73 temporary shelters around the country for the homeless sleeping in the streets, and also established a toll-free telephone number which people can call to alert shelters of the location of the homeless people, so officials can go to pick them up. According to official figures, some 12,550 Chileans are homeless, among whom 765 are minors.—Xinhua

China's inflation eases to 29-month low

BEIJING, 9 July—China's Consumer Price Index (CPI), a main gauge of inflation, has eased to a 29-month low driven by falling food prices, leaving the government ample room to introduce more pro-growth measures to boost the slowing economy.

The CPI grew 2.2 percent year on year in June, the slowest pace since January 2010, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) announced on Monday.

It eased from May's 3

2012, the CPI climbed 3.3 percent compared with the same period of last year.

Food prices, which account for nearly one-third of the weighting in the calculation of China's CPI, increased 3.8 percent last month from one year earlier, down from 6.4 percent in May.

According to the NBS, pork prices fell 12.2 percent year on year in June, eggs declined 3.6 percent, while vegetable prices increased

imported inflation also explained the slowing CPI, said Yao Jingyuan, a researcher from the Councilor's Office of the State Council, or China's cabinet.

The Producer Price Index (PPI), a main gauge of inflation at the wholesale level, fell 2.1 percent in June from a year earlier. It was the lowest reading since December 2009.

Commodity prices like crude oil and iron ore moved mildly this year, as the prolonged debt crisis in the Eurozone and the sluggish world economy sapped demand for goods.

Yao predicted such trends will continue in the second half of this year, keeping China's CPI away from effects of the imported inflation.

With a bumper grain harvest and steady supply of vegetables and eggs, bringing the yearly inflation within China's 4-percent target is out of question, he added.

While the slowing CPI bodes well for consumers, it ignited fears of deflation, as many believe macro-economic data for June that is due for release on Friday will point to a further slowdown of the world's second-largest economy.

Xinhua



Citizens buy vegetables at a market in Sanya, south China's Hainan Province, on 9 July, 2012. China's Consumer Price Index (CPI), a main gauge of inflation, grew by 2.2 percent year on year in June, down from 3 percent in May, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said on Monday.

XINHUA

percent and April's 3.4 percent.

Compared with the previous month, it edged down 0.6 percent, according to the NBS.

In the first six months of

12.1 percent due to ongoing rain across the country.

In addition to food prices, easing wholesale prices at the factory gate due to over-capacity in a few industries and waning

One soldier killed in landmine explosion in eastern Turkey

ANKARA, 9 July—One soldier of the Turkish security forces was killed and another injured in a landmine explosion, believed to have been planted by the banned Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK), in eastern Turkey on Sunday, local newspaper *Today's Zaman* reported on its website.

The incident occurred

during a military operation against the PKK in Tunceli Province after a group of PKK members set several trucks on fire in the province over the weekend, said the report.

A special sergeant died and a soldier was injured in the landmine explosion while carrying out the military operation.

The PKK, listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the United States and the European Union, took up arms in 1984 in an attempt to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey. Since then over 40,000 people have been killed in conflicts involving the group.

Xinhua

People visit the Royal Navy frigate HMS Argyll of Britain during an open day event at Belgium's Zeebrugge naval base, on 7 July, 2012. Twelve warships from eight countries were open to public during the event.
XINHUA



Mexico condemns fatal shooting over border by US agent

MEXICO CITY, 9 July—The Mexican government on Sunday condemned the fatal shooting of a Mexican citizen over the US border by a US agent.

The victim was hit by a single bullet on Saturday, close to the Tomates-Veterans border crossing in Matamoros, over the river

from Brownsville, Texas, Mexico's Foreign Relations Ministry said in a news release.

The shot was fired by a US Border Patrol agent, the ministry said in the release.

"The Mexican government has reiterated that the disproportionate use of lethal force in immigration

control is unacceptable under any circumstances," it said.

Officials for the Border Patrol were not immediately available for comment.

According to media in Brownsville, an agent reported that he had fired in response to rocks being thrown over the border.

Reuters

Job market takes turn for the worse—survey

LONDON, 9 July—The national labour market took a turn for the worse in June as employers lacked the confidence to hire staff in the face of the ongoing crisis in the euro zone, a survey showed on Monday.

The labour market has so far been surprisingly resilient and the number of unemployed has even declined despite an economy mired in its second recession in four years.

But the latest Recruitment and Employment Confederation (REC) and KPMG jobs survey showed

that the number of permanent placements fell at the sharpest rate in almost three years.

The permanent places index, which measures how many extra workers are being hired, dropped to 46.8 in June, down from 51.0 in the previous month. A reading above 50 signals growth in placements, a number below a decline.

"A decrease in hiring activity means we could see a period of increased unemployment, especially as a new wave of school leavers and graduates will be entering the labour market

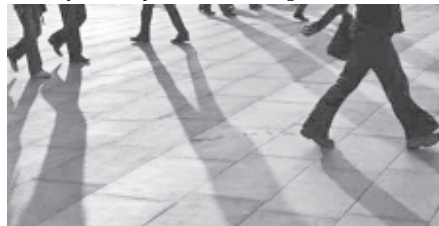
over the summer," said REC chief executive Kevin Green.

The number of temporary placements declined for the seventh month running while both average salaries for permanent staff and wages for temporary employees remained broadly unchanged.

Bernard Brown, partner and head of business services at KPMG said the survey came as a sobering reminder of the weak economic situation. "The real worry is that the acceleration in the pace of decline suggests this isn't a mere blip," he said.

"If this trend were to continue, there's a very real chance we could hit a 3 million unemployed figure in the UK in the not too distant future," he said.

The number of people without a job on the ILO measure fell by 51,000 in the three months to April to 2.615 million, though the number of those claiming unemployment benefit ticked up in May.—Reuters



Evening commuters are seen in central London on 18 March, 2009.—INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV HANNA MARIE VOY NO (1228)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV HANNA MARIE VOY NO (1228) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 9.7.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
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Customers are seen relaxing on a sofa at an IKEA store in Aelmhult, Sweden. A dispute over sourcing regulations is clouding plans by Sweden's IKEA to open 25 of its trademark blue-and-yellow stores in India as it seeks new markets for its flat-pack furnishings.

INTERNET

**Hitch in IKEA's India entry plans**

STOCKHOLM, 9 July—A dispute over sourcing regulations is clouding plans by Sweden's IKEA to open 25 of its trademark blue-and-yellow stores in India as it seeks new markets for its flat-pack furnishings.

India last month asked India for permission to launch retail operations there, promising to invest \$1.9 billion over the coming years—part of a broader push into emerging markets including China and Russia. IKEA's request gave a vital boost to India's government which hailed it as a sign that global investor confidence "is still intact" despite a sharply slowing economy, a slew of corruption scandals and suffocating red tape.

But now New Delhi's insistence that the world's biggest furniture retailer source 30 percent of its

supplies from small Indian manufacturers has become a sticking point. India defines a small business as any firm whose plant investment does not exceed \$1 million. But IKEA says small firms would fast outgrow the cap after they started supplying the Swedish giant and become much bigger players.

"Small industries need to be allowed to grow and develop," IKEA spokeswoman Josefin Thorell told AFP by email late last week, adding it was important that the definition of small industry provide "flexibility".

Internet

China's Hebei Steel gets approval to invest in Canada iron ore miner

BEIJING, 9 July—Hebei Iron & Steel Group, China's largest steel producer, has been given the go-ahead to invest in Canadian iron ore developer Alderon Iron Ore Corp, the official Xinhua News agency quoted local authorities as saying on Sunday. Hebei Steel said in April that it would invest about C\$194 million (\$195 million) for a near 20-percent stake in Alderon and a 25-percent interest in Alderon's principal asset known as the Kami project, located in Canada's Labrador Trough.

The deal would also give Hebei the right to buy 60 percent of annual iron ore produced from the Kami project. The investment has gained approval from the country's top economic planning body, the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC). Xinhua said, quoting a statement released by the NDRC's branch in Hebei Province.

Internet

Lucky baby golden eagle survives Utah wildfire

SALT LAKE CITY, 9 July—A baby golden eagle is recovering at a wildlife rehabilitation facility after officials say it miraculously survived a Utah wildfire last month.

Kent Keller told *The Salt Lake Tribune* he feared the worst when he returned to the nest site west of Utah Lake to retrieve a leg band he had attached to the male eaglet on 1 June.

But the veteran Utah Division of Wildlife Resources volunteer found the burned bird alive on 28 June behind a charred tree, about 25 feet below the nest that was burned to a crisp in the 5,500-acre Dump Fire near Saratoga Springs.

"I thought there was no chance he would be alive. I was stunned when I saw him standing there," Keller said.

"I thought maybe I could rebuild the nest a little bit, but I took a good look at him and realized that was not going to happen."

The 70-day-old eaglet had suffered burns on his talons, beak, head and wings. His flight

feathers were melted down to within an inch or two of his wing and tail.

He's very underweight at just over five pounds.

Keller realized the eagle would not fly for at least a year and that the parents eventually would stop providing food.

Not a stick from the nest was left after the fire sparked by target shooters swept through. "I've seen nests burn before, but this is the first year I have seen one burn with young in it," he told *The Tribune*.

"They are usually long gone and flying when fire season starts."

After permission was secured from state and federal wildlife agencies, the Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre of Northern Utah in Ogden assumed care of the eaglet this week.

"I wasn't sure he was going to make it," said DaLyn Erickson, executive director of the centre. "He kind of had that look like he may have given up."

Internet

Three charged with Dutch tourist killing in Tanzania

MUSOMA, 9 July—Three people have appeared in court in the northern Tanzanian town of Musoma, charged with murdering a Dutch tourist and a safari lodge manager in the famous Serengeti national park, police said on Saturday.

Bandits attacked a tented safari camp in the park on 22 June, killing the two and robbing several tourists.

"They appeared before the resident magistrate's court in Musoma.

We are still looking for other suspects," Absalom Mwakyoma, police commander for the northern Mara region, told AFP.

He named the accused as Daniel Musa, Marwa Machage and Ghati Wegesa. The three are among five people who were arrested on

30 June in connection with the killings.

The two who have not been charged are "still helping police with investigations," Mwakyoma said. He said the court hearing took place on Thursday.

The police chief said Wegesa was found in possession of a sub-machine gun believed to have been used in committing the crime. Tourism is a major source of foreign exchange for the east African country.

Internet



In this Friday, 6 July, 2012, photo, DaLyn Erickson, executive director of the Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre of Ogden, Utah, and Amber Hansen, right, tend to a 70-day-old golden eagle that was feared lost but found burned alive on 28 June behind a charred tree, about 25 feet below the nest that was burned to a crisp in the 5,500-acre Dump Fire near Saratoga Springs.

INTERNET

Five unaccounted for after Mo dock collapse are safe

WARSAW, 9 July—Authorities say five people who were unaccounted for after a dock collapsed at a Missouri lake have been found safe.

Sgt Collin Stosberg of the Missouri State Highway Patrol says a thunderstorm moved through the Sterett Creek Resort and Marina on Truman Lake in west-central Missouri when the dock gave way around 4:30 pm Saturday. The marina is near Warsaw, about 90 miles southeast of Kansas City.

Those unaccounted for included four fishermen. Stosberg says all five people have been found safely and that no injuries have been reported. A number of boats were damaged.

Marina staff didn't return phone or email messages from *The Associated Press*.—Internet

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Invitation for Tender to “Telecommunications Tender Consultant” Companies/Organizations which have international experience to implement preparation for tender, bidding tender, scrutinizing and selection at international tender bidding in order to provide communication services by joint venture among Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications, Yatanarpon Teleport and domestic/foreign companies which are providing communication service.

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Treme Brass Band singer Lionel Batiste dead at 81

NEW ORLEANS, 9 July—Lionel Batiste, the vocalist, bass drummer and assistant leader of the Treme Brass Band, has died. He was 81. Fans of the HBO series

“Treme” (truh-MAY) may not have known Batiste by name, but they often saw him close up. He was the skinny guy with the big drum in the band, one of the acts regularly

featured on the show.

Family and others close to Batiste were with him when he died Sunday at the Ochsner Health System’s hospital just outside New Orleans, said Batiste’s daughter, Karen Williams.

Batiste, known as “Uncle Lionel,” had been ill for about a month, said band leader Benny Jones Sr. He said Batiste had been with the band since it was formed in 1995, but had played bass drum since childhood.

Batiste used his drum to stay afloat in the floods after Hurricane Katrina, Clarinetist Michael White said.

“The water kept rising,” White said. “He couldn’t swim. The water was too high for him to walk out. He saved himself by floating out on top of his bass drum.”

Batiste’s singing voice was “somewhere between blues and old-time gospel, kind of raspy but with a nice quality to it,” White said.

Internet



In this 17 Feb, 2006 file photo, Uncle Lionel Batiste, foreground with umbrella, dances during the Krew of Cork parade through New Orleans’ French Quarter. Batiste, the vocalist, bass drummer and assistant band leader of the Treme Brass Band, has died. He was 81. Band leader Benny Jones Sr says Batiste died on 8 July, 2012.—INTERNET

R&B’s Anthony Hamilton among Essence Fest closers

NEW ORLEANS, 9 July—For years, R&B singer Anthony Hamilton has packed the smaller stages at the Essence Music Festival. This year, though, Hamilton scored a closing Sunday night spot on the festival’s main stage, something he’s been seeking ever since he got a taste of the event.

“So many years have gone by with me wanting to be on that stage,” Hamilton told *The Associated Press*. “This is such a huge accomplishment for me that didn’t come easily.”

The Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin, wearing a flowing tangerine-colored dress, opened her show with “(Your Love has Lifted me) Higher and Higher” “Natural Woman” and “Think.” Midway through her performance, she left the stage so the festival could pay special tribute to her life and career as part of a ceremony where she received its Power Award. A video

montage and brief history of her career was played for the audience before she returned wearing an olive- and gold-colored dress.

“We honor Ms Aretha Franklin for having the greatest voice of all time,” said Michelle Ebanks, president of Essence Communications Inc.

Lt Gov Jay Dardenne and New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu recognized Franklin’s longevity in the industry and talent with awards from the state and city. “You are the essence of Essence,” Dardenne said.

Franklin thanked them all “for these very wonderful and significant awards” and then returned to the music with her hit “Chain of Fools.” She also played piano on several of songs, including “Bridge Over Troubled Water.”

At the end of her performance, R&B superstar Chaka Khan returned for an encore show that included the newly comprised R&B



Fantasia performs at the Essence Music Festival in New Orleans on 8 July, 2012.—INTERNET

Divas — Faith Evans, Nicci Gilbert, Monifah Carter, Syleenah Johnson and Keke Wyatt — who paid tribute to the R&B artists who died during the past year, including Whitney Houston.

Backed by a full band, Franklin entertained the audience after Hamilton’s high-energy set that included most of his songs, opening the show with “Sucka For You,” “Cool,” and “Comin’ From Where I’m From.”

Internet

Choi wins US Women's Open by four shots

KOHLER, (Wis), 9 July — South Korea's Choi Na-yeon survived a tumultuous four-hole stretch after the turn to win her first major title by four shots at the US Women's Open in Kohler, Wisconsin on Sunday. A commanding six strokes ahead of the chasing pack overnight, Choi triple-bogeyed the 10th and did well to salvage pars at the 12th and 13th before regaining momentum to close with a one-over-par 73 at Blackwolf Run.

The 24-year-old birdied the 15th and 16th in dazzling sunshine and shrugged off a bogey at the last for a seven-under total of 281, finishing four ahead of her fellow Korean and playing partner Amy Yang (71). World number five Choi embraced her caddy in delight before being showered in champagne by her compatriots after becoming the sixth Korean to win the US Women's Open, and the fifth in the last eight years. After being presented with the champion's medal and the glittering US Women's Open trophy, Choi was asked greenside how she had recovered from her triple-bogey at the 10th.

"I tried to forget it from there," she replied with a smile. "And then I had a really good (birdie) bounceback on 11. I also had a really good save for par on 12 so I got some momentum from 11 and 12 and that's how I kept it going until the 18th hole." With her US Women's Open triumph, Choi emulated fellow Koreans Park

Se-ri (at Blackwolf Run in 1998), Birdie Kim (2005), Park In-bee (2008), Ji Eun-hee (2009) and Ryu So-yeon (2011). "Actually before Se-ri won in 1998, my dream was just being a professional golfer," said Choi, who is projected to climb to second in the world rankings on Monday.

"But after I watched her (win), she really inspired me to be a LPGA player. So I really appreciate what Se-ri did before and she is a legend in Korea. Five-times major champion Pak, whose victory here 14 years ago sparked the Korean surge



Na-yeon Choi of South Korea holds the championship trophy after winning the US Women's Open golf tournament at Blackwolf Run in Kohler, Wisconsin on 8 July, 2012. — REUTERS

at the highest level in women's golf, led the charge on to the 18th green to congratulate Choi with champagne bottle in hand. "She said, 'Hey, Na-yeon, I'm really proud of you. You did a really good job.' She talked to me a lot, and she was hugging me," Choi said. "And 14 years later I'm here right now, and I made it. My dreams have come true. It's an amazing day." — Reuters



Roger Federer of Switzerland celebrates with the trophy after winning the men's singles final against Andy Murray of Britain at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, England, on 8 July, 2012. — INTERNET

Oxfam won big when Federer won 7th Wimbledon title

WIMBLEDON, 9 July — Roger Federer's seventh Wimbledon title turned into a quite a bonanza for international aid agency Oxfam. Because of a bet made in 2003, the charity won \$157,750 (101,840 pounds) when Federer defeated Andy Murray on Sunday in the Wimbledon final.

According to Oxfam, Nicholas Newlife bet that Federer would win seven Wimbledon titles before 2020. When Newlife died three years ago, he left his estate — including some outstanding bets — to the organization. Oxfam says it already claimed \$25,920 (16,750 pounds) in 2009 when Federer won his 14th Grand Slam title at the French Open. — Internet

Federer beats Murray for 7th Wimbledon, 17th major

WIMBLEDON, 9 July — A Grand Slam title drought did indeed end in Sunday's historic and riveting Wimbledon final, only it was Roger Federer's lengthy-for-him gap between trophies that came to a close, rather than Britain's 76-year wait for a homegrown men's champion. Making sure everyone knows he is still as capable as ever of brilliance on a tennis court — particularly one made of grass, and with a roof overhead — Federer came back to beat Andy Murray 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4 indoors on Centre Court for a record-tying seventh championship at the All England Club.

"It feels nice," Federer said, clutching the gold trophy only Pete Sampras has held as many times in the modern era. "It's like it never

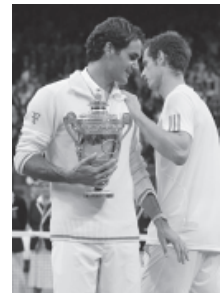


Roger Federer of Switzerland celebrates winning the men's singles final against Andy Murray of Britain at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, England, on 8 July, 2012. — INTERNET

left me." The victory also increased Federer's record total to 17 major titles after being stuck on No 16 for 2½ years, and clinched a return to the top of the ATP rankings, overtaking Novak Djokovic, after an absence of a little more than two years. Federer's 286th week at No 1 ties Sampras for the most in history.

"He doesn't want to stop now. He knows he's going to continue to play well and try to break seven, and he could very well end up with eight or nine Wimbledon titles," Sampras said in a telephone interview. "I just think he's that much better than the other guys on grass, and he loves the court the way I loved that court. He's a great champion, a classy champion, and I'm really happy for him." After a record seven consecutive Wimbledon finals from 2003-09, winning the first six, Federer lost in the quarterfinals in 2010 and 2011, then wasted two match points and a two-set lead against Djokovic in the US Open semifinals last year, raising questions about whether he might be slipping.

"A couple tough moments for me the last couple years, I guess," Federer said. "So I really almost didn't try to picture myself with the trophy or try to think too far ahead, really." After losing in the semifinals each of the previous three



Andy Murray of Britain, right, congratulates Roger Federer of Switzerland, as he poses with his trophy following the men's singles final match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, England, on 8 July, 2012. — INTERNET

years, Murray was the first British man to reach the final at Wimbledon since Bunny Austin in 1938, and was trying to become the hosts' first male title winner since Fred Perry in 1936.

Alas, Murray dropped to 0-4 in Grand Slam finals, three against Federer. Only one other man lost the first four major title matches of his career: Ivan Lendl, who is coaching Murray now and sat in his guest box with chin planted on left palm, as expressionless as he was during his playing career. While Lendl never did win Wimbledon, perhaps Murray can take solace from knowing his coach did end up with eight Grand Slam titles. — Internet

Deschamps named new France coach

PARIS, 9 July — France's World Cup and Euro winning captain Didier Deschamps was named coach of the national side on Sunday, the French Football Federation (FFF) announced on its website. The 43-year-old — who captained France to the 1998 World Cup and Euro 2000 trophies — replaces fellow World Cup and Euro winning team-mate Laurent Blanc, who turned down a



France's World Cup and Euro winning captain Didier Deschamps, pictured in March 2012, was named coach of the national side on Sunday, the French Football Federation (FFF) announced on its website. — INTERNET

new two year contract last weekend. Blanc had guided the French to the Euro 2012 quarter-finals — the minimum requirement of the FFF — but dressing room discord and two outbursts by Samir Nasri had not helped Blanc's cause.

Deschamps immediately became the favourite and lent credence to the fact by quitting Marseille last Monday. "Noel Le Graet, President of the FFF, and Didier Deschamps reached agreement after the conclusion of their talks for him to be named France coach," read the statement. Both men are to hold a joint press conference on Monday at the federation headquarters at 1530 GMT. Frederic Thiriez, president of the French Professional League (LFP), welcomed the appointment unreservedly. — Internet

International Sports

Ted Potter Jr wins Greenbrier Classic in playoff

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, 9 July — Ted Potter Jr's first PGA Tour victory means a lot more than a big paycheck. The 28-year-old rookie can take a trip to Augusta National off his wish list. By making a 4-foot birdie putt on the third hole of a playoff Sunday to beat Troy Kelly in the Greenbrier Classic, Potter earned a spot in the Masters, something he listed as career goal. Simply winning, though, had been the top priority for a player who first joined the former Nationwide Tour in 2004 and didn't have much success until last year.

"When you're missing cut every week, you get down on yourself," Potter said. "I

mean, it's hard to pick yourself back up".

"But the plus side for me is I was still young. I just knew I had plenty of time and just be patient and it will come back around again." Potter finished second on the Nationwide money list last year to advance to the PGA Tour. He tied for 13th in his first event of the year but had missed five straight cuts entering the week.

His fortunes changed Sunday. "It was just a big relief," Potter said. "All the struggles the last few weeks, knowing that now I've got a couple years to try to improve on my game and win some more tournaments."



Ted Potter, Jr stands with the championship trophy after winning the Greenbrier Classic at the Old White TPC on 8 July, 2012 in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. — INTERNET

Poland win maiden World League title

SOFA, 9 July — Poland clinched their maiden World League title after a straight sets win over Olympic champions the United States in the final of the competition at the Armeets Arena on Sunday. "I'm really happy," Poland's Italian coach

Andrea Anastasi told a news conference after his men earned the \$1 million cash prize. "It is the first gold medal for Poland in the World League and for me as a coach and this is important."

Although Poland comfortably won the first set

25-17, the US — trying to win the competition for a second time after their triumph in 2008 — fought back in the second. A series of spikes and blocks by Zbigniew Bartman and Bartosz Kurek, however, helped the Poles winning 26-24. Kurek

then engineered the emphatic 25-20 win in the third set with some spectacular points. Poland, who won the bronze medal on home soil last year, reached their first final after a hard-fought win over world champions Brazil and victories in straight sets against Cuba and Bulgaria.

Reuters

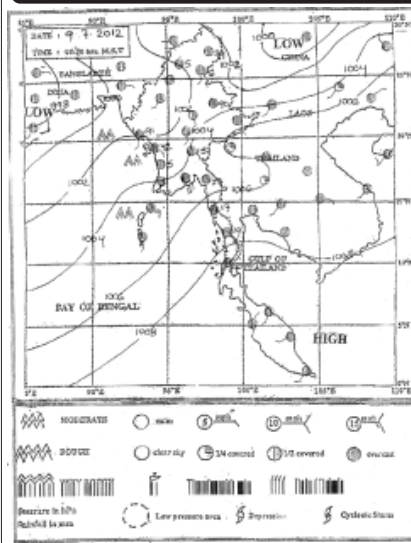
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- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:40 am
- 3. Nice and Sweet Song
- 7:50 am
- 4. Health Programme
- 8:20 am
- 5. Teleplay (Health)
- 8:30 am
- 6. Dance Of National Races
- 4:10 pm
- 7. Musical Programme
- 4:25 pm
- 8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:45 pm
- 9. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Philosophy)
- 5:00 pm
- 10. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:10 pm
- 11. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 5:25 pm
- 12. Sweet Melody
- 5:40 pm
- 13. Documentary
- 6:35 pm
- 14. Sing A Song
- 8:00 pm
- 15. News
- 16. Bakery World
- 17. TV Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**Weather forecast for 10th July, 2012**

Sr. No.		Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	33/91	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(100%)
2	Kayah	23/73	20/68	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayah	26/82	21/70	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
4	Chin	22/72	14/57	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	31/88	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	30/100	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Yunnan	26/82	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
8	Bago	26/82	23/73	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	34/93	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	30/100	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	26/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(100%)
12	Yangon	31/88	21/70	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	26/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	27/81	17/63	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	31/88	21/70	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	30/86	22/72	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	31/88	23/73	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nya Pyi Taw	31/88	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	21/70	One or two rain or thundershowers	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	30/100	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Region, rain or thundershower have been isolated in Mandalay and Magway Regions, scattered in Ayeyawady Region, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing and Bago Regions, Shan, Chin, Kayah and Kayah State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy fall in Rakhine State and isolated heavy falls in Tanintharyi Region, Kachin and Shan States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Sinway (4.70) inches, Kanyaw (4.69) inches, Kawthong (4.33) inches, Lashio (3.66) inches, Mawlaik (3.19) inches, Patheingyi (3.15) inches.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Revenue matters explained in Muse

MUSE, 9 July—Township Internal Revenue Department of Ministry of Finance and Revenue held the talks on matters related to revenue at the city hall in Muse Township of Muse District in Shan State (North) on 29 June.

It was attended by the deputy commissioner of Muse District General Administration Department, district level officials, township level departmental personnel, merchants of Muse-Namkham Border Trade Merchant Association, entrepreneurs of beans and pulses, maize, sesame and fruit brokerages and stores, restaurants, hotels and inns.

On the occasion, Deputy Commissioner U Moe Hein made an opening address.

Head of Township Internal Revenue Department (Assistant Director) U Than Win explained prescription for revenue.—District IPRD



TREES PLANTED: Teachers and students led by Headmaster U Aung Thin of Basic Education Primary School No 6 in Ywagauk ward of Pynmana plant saplings on 8 June.—MYANMA ALIN

Tour de France: French youngster Pinot wins eighth stage

PORRENTUR, (Switzerland), 9 July—Thibaut Pinot, the youngest rider in the Tour de France, presented the French with their first stage victory in this year's edition after winning the hilly 157.5km Belfort-Porrentur eighth stage on Sunday. The 22-year-old, born near Belfort, attacked in the last of seven climbs to cross the line on his own after the Tour crossed the mountainous French border into Switzerland. Pinot finished 26 seconds ahead of a group that included a host of Tour favorites, leaving defending champion Cadel Evans in second place and Frenchman Tony Gallopin third.

The Frenchman held his nerve during the descent off Col de Croix which saw a chasing pack catching up with the leaders. British rider Bradley Wiggins emerged as the leader of this second pack, seeing off a downhill pursuit from the dogged Italian Vincenzo Nibali as well as polka-dot jersey wearer Chris Froome. Froome eventually gave up his polka dots to the Swedish rider Fredrik Kessiakoff, who starts Monday's stage as King of the Mountains. Wiggins' fourth place was enough for him to retain the yellow jersey.—Reuters



FDJ-Bigmat rider Thibaut Pinot of France celebrates on the podium after winning the eighth stage of the 99th Tour de France cycling race between Belfort and Porrentruy, on 8 July, 2012.—REUTERS

Webber passes Alonso late on to win British GP

Australia's Mark Webber celebrates after winning the Formula One British Grand Prix at the Silverstone circuit, Silverstone, England, on 8 July, 2012.—INTERNET

SILVERSTONE, 9 July — Red Bull driver Mark Webber won the British Grand Prix on Sunday, overtaking Fernando Alonso to move closer to his rival in the race for the Formula One championship. In dry

conditions after two days of rain caused chaos on and off the Silverstone track, Webber pursued pole-sitter Alonso from the start and finally passed the Ferrari driver on lap 48 of 52.

"Fernando Alonso had very good pace, we had the better strategy in the end," Webber said. "We never gave up, we kept pushing and it did not work out in the end for Fernando."

Webber pulled within 13 points of Alonso with his second victory in this unpredictable season. Alonso is the only other driver to win more than once in 2012. "We were controlling the race more or less OK until the last stint, we were now quick enough and when Mark arrived I think he overtook very easy and there was nothing we can do," said Alonso, who won the European GP two weeks ago. It was Webber's second victory in three years at Silverstone.

The Australian driver lives nearby and he says staying at home aids his performance.

"There is that extra little bit that makes you a little bit more relaxed and a bit more comfortable," he said. He also upstaged world champion teammate Sebastian Vettel, who finished third and is third in the title race, and is in a prime position as he enters negotiations over a new deal for the 2013 season. "Mark is doing great for us, we love having him in the team," Red Bull team principal Christian Horner said.

It was a disappointing day for the leading British drivers as both Lewis Hamilton and Jenson Button failed to make the podium.—Internet

Neymar shines in last game for Santos before Olympics

RIO DE JANEIRO, 9 July—Brazil starlet Neymar helped Santos to a 4-2 victory over Gremio on Sunday in his last match before departing for London with Brazil's Olympic squad.

The 20-year-old scored with a 61st minute header at the Vila Belmiro stadium as Santos moved clear of the relegation zone in Brazil's Serie A championship. Felipe Anderson and Edu Dracuna were also on the scoresheet for Santos while Marquinhos and Vilson struck for Gremio.

In Rio de Janeiro, former Lyon striker Fred scored the winner as Fluminense moved to second in the standings with a 1-0 victory over Flamengo. The 28-year-old struck in the 11th minute at Rio's Engenhao stadium by prodding in from close-range after an inviting cross from Thiago Neves.

The match had historical significance as it marked the 100-year anniversary of the first Flamengo-Fluminense derby, considered Brazil's most famous rivalry.

"To be able to participate in such an important occasion is a great honour and scoring makes it even more special," Fred said after the match.—Xinhua

Fourth regular session of First Pyithu Hluttaw continues for fourth day

Eight questions raised, three reports discussed, one proposal discussed, one new proposal discussed, one new proposal submitted, one bill approved

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July—The Pyithu Hluttaw session continued for the fourth day at Pyithu Hluttaw Building in Hluttaw Complex, here today, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 404 MPs.

Regarding the question of U Myint Soe of Pyawbwe Constituency about **whether there is a plan to exempt import tax on vehicles imported by social organizations for their organizational functions**, Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan said that the Ministry of Finance and Revenue levies one percent of custom duty and five per cent of commercial tax on ambulances for their prices. If a social organization is to apply for tax exemption, the vehicle must be registered under the ownership of the association. It is to apply to Finance and Revenue Ministry making clear of the

purpose of using the vehicles. The ministry, after scrutiny, can issue tax exemption order with the affirmation of the Union Government Office. Custom duty and commercial tax have been exempted on hearses with the announcements of the ministry. According to the Ministry of Rail Transportation, ambulances have been exempted from registration fees but only ambulances used for public health and not of private hospitals. If funeral services social organizations apply for registration of vehicle imported from abroad as hearse, the vehicle can be exempted from registration fees under the prohibition of it for other uses except as hearse.

Regarding the question of U Myo Swe of Tanai Constituency who asked **for allowance of manageable-scale mining** (See page 8)



Fourth day session of Pyithu Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

Fourth regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw continues for fourth day

Six questions answered, two proposals put forward

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July—The fourth regular session of the First Amyotha Hluttaw continued for the fourth day at Amyotha Hluttaw Building of Hluttaw Complex, here today, attended by Deputy Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Mya Nyein and 202 MPs.

Regarding to the question of U Saw Maung Pyu of Rakhine State Constituency (4) about **what measures authorities concerned would take as villagers of Myinkaseik Vilage, Minzi Village-tract, Minbya Township, Rakhine State have requested Minbya General**



Fourth day session of Amyotha Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

Administration Department to exempt tenancy and whether the government would arrange for resettlement of villagers of Kyetey Village who want to move from the current new village to the old one in Upper Ngapyawchaung Village-tract in Minbya Township, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint replied the first question that 85.87 acres of pasture run by 36 farmers in field No. 1349 (Myinkaseik

field) of Myinkaseik Village in Minbya Township stood as it was from 1988 to 1989 and since 2003-2004, it was extended under sown acreage expansion plan. Minbya Township GAD then ran the farms in partnership with the farmers giving them six baskets of rice per acre.

The Rakhine State government has instructed not to rent the pasture and collect rent from pasture (See page 9)

With two-page supplement on Peaceful Assembling and Peaceful Procession Rules attached.

Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing welcomes Chief of Royal Thai Defence Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing extended a warm welcome to Chief of Royal Thai Defence Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn of Thailand who arrived here to pay a goodwill visit to Myanmar, in front of Zeyathiri Beikman, here, this morning.

Present on the occasion together with

the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win, General Hla Htay Win of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Office, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Myat Hein, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the

commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and the Myanmar Military Attache to Thailand.

The Chief of Royal Thai Defence Forces was accompanied by Deputy Chief of Royal Thai Defence Forces Admiral Yuttana Phagpolngarn, Chief of Joint Staff General Worapong Sangnetra, Chief of Staff of the Chief of Royal Thai Defence Forces General Chayuth Suwanamas, Senior

Chief Adviser General Sommai Kaotira, senior military officers of the Royal Thai Armed Forces, the Thai Ambassador to Myanmar and the Thai Military Attache to Myanmar.

On arrival at Zeyathiri Beikman the venue of the welcoming ceremony, Chief of Royal Thai Defence Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn was cordially welcomed by Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

Next, the Thai General and Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on the dais took the salute of the Guard of Honour.

Meanwhile, the State Band played the national anthems of the two countries.

After that, the Chief of Royal Thai Defence Forces and party inspected the Guard of Honour.

The Chief of Royal Thai Defence Forces presented his entourage to Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

Likewise, Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing introduced senior military officers to the Chief of Royal Thai Defence Forces.

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Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Armed Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn of Thailand take salute of Guard of Honour.—MNA

