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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 United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and party

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a delegation led by United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Mr Antonio Guterres at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 11 am today.

Also present at the call were Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and departmental heads.

At the call, they cordially discussed matters related to work programmes being jointly undertaken by Myanmar and UNHCR.—MNA



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein receives United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Mr Antonio Guterres and party at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace.—MNA

President U Thein Sein accepts credentials of Ambassador of the United States of America



President U Thein Sein accepts credentials of newly-accredited Ambassador of USA to Myanmar Mr. Derek James Mitchell. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July—Mr. Derek James Mitchell, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the United States of America to the

Republic of the Union of Myanmar, presented his credentials to U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the

Presidential Palace, here, at 2:30 pm today.

Present on the occasion together with President U Thein Sein were Union

Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung and Acting Director-General U Tha Aung Nyun of the Protocol Department.

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (11-7-2012)

Hkamti	(7.28) inches
Sittway	(4.69) inches
An	(2.59) inches
Magway	(2.56) inches

Babies race across mat in New York



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Serena happy to defend title where comeback started



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A US Airways plane passes American Airlines planes at Ronald Reagan National Airport in Washington on 23 April, 2012.

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Kuwaiti businessman buys Nottingham Forest



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Diehard old habits

More than a year after Myanmar's reformist government took office, the country has witnessed many unprecedented changes. Policymakers from on high have shown their passionate commitment to change and initiated reforms. Should we still stand amazed and gazing?

One year is enough time to get accustomed to the new system. And it is sufficient period to address issues that are inevitable in walking up to the new era. New challenges will surely wait ahead. It is the time we must bear testimony to the success of our reform processes.

An old saying goes, "Old habits die hard." Many people still cannot change the behaviours and attitudes they have been displaying for decades. There are still bribery and corruption issues with most of them buried unknown. Despite significant progress, some government's service providers are still hostile to the public. Some "for-show" events still endure.

We should together seek solutions to the problems that entrench deeply in our society. We should start to review our old behaviours and alter the unacceptable ones. And we should no more sit aside silent.

The President said in his recent address that the government must satisfy the desire of the people which he defined is the change from the old system to new one. The government alone will not be able to reform the country.

The cooperation of the people and government mechanism at various levels is needed to achieve goals of development while the country is in the period of catch-up.

Deputy Minister of Vietnam arrives at Yangon to attend XXVII SEA Games Federation, related meetings



Deputy Minister Professor Nguyen Danh Thai of Vietnam and party arrive at Yangon International Airport to attend XXVII SEA Games and Related Meetings.—MNA

YANGON, 11 July—The XXVII SEA Games Federation Council and relating Working Committee, Sports and Rules Committee and Medical Committee Meetings will be held in Nay Pyi Taw from 13 to 14 July.

Deputy Minister Professor Nguyen Danh Thai of Vietnam and eight-member group this evening arrived here by flight to attend those meetings.—MNA

Appointment of Nigerian Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of H.E. Mr. Chukwudi Newington Okafor as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Mr. Chukwudi Newington Okafor was born on 16 January 1956. He holds B.Sc. degree of Political Science from Nigeria University and M.A. degree of Conflict Management from Georgia State University, USA.

Mr. Chukwudi Newington Okafor joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria in 1981. He had served as Head of Chancery at Nigeria High Commission in Trinidad and Tobago and Minister Counsellor at Nigeria High Commission in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Mr. Chukwudi Newington Okafor is presently serving as Chief of Staff to Secretary to the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Mr. Chukwudi Newington Okafor will serve as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Bangkok.—MNA

Appointment of Qatari Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of H.E. Mr. Jabr Ali Hussain Al-Hawashla Al-Dosari as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the State of Qatar to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Mr. Jabr Ali Hussain Al-Hawashla Al-Dosari was born on 28 June, 1963. He holds a B.A degree in Sociology from Qatar University.

He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar in 1984. He was posted to the Qatar Embassies in Dhaka, Kuwait, Djibouti, Islamabad and Abu Dhabi during the period from 1991 to 2010. He has been serving as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the State of Qatar to the Kingdom of Thailand since January 2011. He is married with two sons and five daughters.

Mr. Jabr Ali Hussain Al-Hawashla Al-Dosari will serve as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the State of Qatar to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Bangkok.—MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker receives UNHCR Mr Antonio Guterres and party

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July—Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein received United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Mr Antonio Guterres and party at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 2 pm today.

Present at the call together with Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein were Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Fundamental Rights of Citizens, Democracy and Human Rights Committee Dr Aye Maung, Chairman of National Planning Committee U Zaw Myint Pe, Monetary and Taxation Committee U San Tun, Chairman of Farmers, Overseas and Local Workers Committee and ASEAN



Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein holds talks with UNHCR Mr Antonio Guterres.—MNA

Economic Community Committee Dr Myint Kyi, Chairman of International Relations Committee Col Maung Maung Htoo and

officials of Hluttaw Office.

They held discussion on cooperation in provision of assistance for those at refugee camps in Rakhine

State and Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand and opening of UNHCR Office (branch) in Myanmar.

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Road to London ceremony held

YANGON, 11 July—Road to London, organized by British Embassy in Myanmar, was held at National Indoor Stadium (1) of Thuwunna in Thingangyun Township, here, this morning. At the ceremony, British Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Andrew Heyn extended the greetings. Then, Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik and Minister for Energy and Chairman of UKTI's Business Ambassador's Group Lord Marland delivered speeches.

The Road to London ceremony started with the

disabled child race competition. Myanmar Disabled Sports Federation held Wheel Chair Race and athletes from Myanmar

Archery Federation and Myanmar Taekwondo Federation made demonstrations. After that, London Olympics



Attendees of Road to London pose for a documentary photo.

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commemorative gifts were presented to those demonstrators and the disabled child.

Then, Sky Net TV channel donated TV sets to Myanmar Disabled Federation, Myanmar School for the Blind and Myanmar School for Deaf and Dump.

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**The best time
to plant a tree
was 20 years
ago.
The second
best time is
now.**

Obama expands lead on Romney, US voters more optimistic

WASHINGTON, 11 July—President Barack Obama expanded his lead over Republican challenger Mitt Romney to 6 percentage points in the White House race this month as voters became slightly more optimistic about the economy, a Reuters/Ipsos poll showed on Tuesday.

Four months before the 6 November election, Obama leads Romney among registered voters 49 percent to 43 percent. In June, Obama held a slim 1-point lead over the former Massachusetts governor.

Obama's improved standing was fuelled in part by a slight rise in optimism about the future, with the number of Americans who think the country is on the wrong track dropping 5

percentage points to 58 percent.

Obama's approval ratings ticked up 1 point to 48 percent and the number of Americans who disapprove of his job performance dropped

3 percentage points to 47 percent. The shift follows a low point for Obama in June as economic worries deepened and Romney consolidated Republican support after clinching the party's

nomination to challenge him in November. Obama had led Romney by 7 points in May's poll.

"Last month was a particularly bad time for Obama but now the race seems to have returned to its normal position, which has Obama up a few points," pollster Chris Jackson said.

The poll of 1,154 adults, including 885 registered voters, was taken between Thursday and Monday. During the period, a weak labour report was issued on Friday that showed sluggish job gains and an unchanged unemployment rate of 8.2 percent in June. It also followed a long-anticipated Supreme Court decision late last month upholding Obama's landmark healthcare overhaul. —Reuters



US President Barack Obama speaks during an event on extending the Bush-era tax cuts for middle class families at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July 10, 2012.—REUTERS

Guilty plea in plan to attack US with model-plane bombs

BOSTON, 11 July—A Massachusetts man charged with plotting to attack the Pentagon and the US Capitol with large, remote-controlled model airplanes packed with explosives has agreed to plead guilty, authorities said on Tuesday.

Prosecutors and defence attorneys have agreed to request a 17-year sentence for Rezwan Ferdaus on charges that he attempted to damage and destroy a federal building, and attempted to provide material support to terrorists.

Ferdaus, 26, of Ashland, Massachusetts, earlier pleaded not guilty to a total of six charges after his arrest in September 2011 after an undercover FBI investigation.

In exchange for the guilty plea, the government will dismiss the remaining charges.

A US citizen and a physics graduate from Northeastern University, Ferdaus was arrested after an FBI investigation during which he requested and took delivery of explosives, three grenades and six assault rifles from undercover FBI agents. At the time of his arrest, Ferdaus had obtained one remote-controlled aircraft, a scale model of a US Navy F-86 Sabre fighter jet about the size of a picnic table, which he kept in a storage locker rented under a false name.

Authorities said the public was never in danger from the explosives and weapons, which they said were always under the control of federal officials during the sting operation.

Reuters

World's first nuclear cruiser up for auction as scrap

SEATTLE, 11 July—The world's first nuclear-powered surface warship, the USS Long Beach, was put up for auction as scrap metal on Tuesday to be dismantled and recycled, after spending the past 17 years mothballed in a naval shipyard in Washington state.

The 720-foot (219-metre) vessel, the first American cruiser since the end of World War Two to be built new from the keel up, boasted the world's highest bridge and was the last such US vessel with teakwood decks, according to Navy history.

Long Beach, commissioned in 1961, is not the first warship to be recycled. But the defence contractor that exclusively handles such auctions, Government Liquidation, said it would be the first time in its 11-year history that a nuclear powered guided missile cruiser has been sold for scrap.

Other decommissioned US military vessels have been

sunk, sold to other countries or more rarely turned into museums open to the public, as was the fate of the storied battleship USS Iowa, which opened in Los Angeles as a museum to much fanfare on Saturday.

"I'm sure that Long Beach was always designated for scrapping. We don't make a lot of ships into museums," said Pat Dolan, spokesperson at the US Naval Sea Systems Command.

All US Navy nuclear cruisers were ordered decommissioned because of defence budget cuts after the 1991 Gulf War during the early 1990s.

Long Beach, which served in Vietnam and provided support during the Gulf War, was decommissioned in 1995 and its two nuclear reactors were deactivated.

Reuters



A scale model of a US Navy F-4 Phantom fighter plane is seen in a handout photo released by the US Justice Department after the photo was submitted to US District Court in Massachusetts as part of a criminal complaint and affidavit filed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Boston, on 28 September, 2011.—REUTERS

Captain of wrecked Italian cruise liner says sorry

ROME, 11 July—The captain of the wrecked cruise liner Costa Concordia apologised on Tuesday for the accident in which as many as 32 people died and said he had been distracted when the vast ship struck the rock which holed it.

In his first full television interview since the accident on 13 January, Francesco Schettino acknowledged his responsibility as captain and said he thought constantly about the victims of the disaster. "When there's an accident, it's not just the ship that's identified or the company," he told Italy's Canale 5 television, speaking calmly but with a pronounced tic in one eye. "The captain is

identified and so it's normal that I should apologise as a representative of this system," he said.

Schettino, who is charged with multiple manslaughter, causing the accident and abandoning his ship, was speaking after being freed from house arrest last week.

The Naples-born captain admitted to failing to act decisively enough once it became clear the 144,500 tonne vessel had come too close to the island of Giglio off the Tuscan coast where it ran aground.

"This was a banal accident in which there was a breakdown in the interaction between human beings and it created misunderstandings

and it's for this that there's so much rage," he said. "It was as though there was a blackout in everyone's heads

the actual sailing of the ship was under the command of another officer at the time.

Internet



A boat sails past capsized cruise liner Costa Concordia near the harbour of Giglio Porto on 20 June, 2012. REUTERS

Raul Castro to visit Russia for talks with Putin

HAVANA, 11 July—Cuban leader Raul Castro will embark on a three-day visit to Russia Wednesday for talks with Russian president Vladimir Putin that are aimed at boosting the two nations' historically close ties of friendship and cooperation, the official daily Granma said on Tuesday.

Castro is also scheduled to meet with former president and current Prime Minister Dmitri Medvedev and to pay tribute to Russian Bolshevik leader Lenin, Granma added.

Accompanying Castro will be Vice President of the Council of Ministers Ricardo Cabrisas and Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla.

The visit will mark Castro's second trip to Russia since he took office in 2008. The first was in 2009.

The 1959 Cuban Revolution cemented the relationship between the Caribbean island and Soviet-era Russia (1917-1991).

Xinhua



Special French RAID intervention police and firefighters secure a street where a man has taken an adult hostage in a school in Vitry-sur-Seine near Paris on 10 July, 2012. INTERNET

Man surrenders after French school hostage siege

PARIS, 11 July—An armed man briefly took an adult hostage at a nursery school south of Paris on Tuesday.

The intruder, who entered the school in Vitry-sur-Seine on the southern edge of the capital shortly before opening time, freed the hostage after a few hours and later surrendered to police,

said Ludovic Monier, a policeman at the scene.

"At 12.10 (1010 GMT) the hostage-taker was taken out (of the building) calmly ... without any shots fired," Monier told reporters.

Last month, a 26-year-old man with a record of psychological problems, was shot and arrested by elite police in the southern city of

Toulouse after taking several hostages at a bank and claiming to be a member of al Qaeda. Toulouse, in the southwestern corner of France, was also the city where an al Qaeda-inspired gunman, 23-year-old Mohamed Merah, was shot dead by police after killing three soldiers, three Jewish children at a school, and a rabbi.—Internet

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Global warming tied to risk of weather extremes

NEW YORK, 11 July — Last year brought a record heat wave to Texas, massive floods in Bangkok and an unusually warm November in England. How much has global warming boosted the chances of events like that? Quite a lot in Texas and England, but apparently not at all in Bangkok, say new analyses released on Tuesday.

Scientists can't blame any single weather event on global warming, but they can assess how climate change has altered the odds of such events happening. Tom

Peterson of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration told reporters in a briefing. He's an editor of a report that includes the analyses published by the Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society.

In the Texas analysis, researchers at Oregon State University and in England noted that the state suffered through record heat last year. It happened during a La Nina weather pattern, the flip side of El Nino. Caused by the cooling of the central Pacific Ocean, La Nina generally cools global temperatures but

would be expected to make the southern United States warmer and drier than usual. But beyond that, the scientists wondered, would global warming affect the chances of such an event happening?

To find out, they studied computer climate simulations for La Nina years, focusing on Texas. They compared the outcome of three such years in the 1960s with that of 2008. They used 2008 because their deadline for the study didn't allow enough time to generate thousands of new simulations with fresh data from 2011. The two years were similar in having a La Nina and in amounts of greenhouse gases in the air. The idea of the study, they said, was to check the likelihood of such a heat wave both before and after there was a lot of man-made climate change, which is primarily from burning fossil fuels like coal and oil. Their conclusion: Global warming has made such a Texas heat wave about 20 times more likely to happen during a La Nina year. —Internet



In this 3 Aug., 2011 file photo, Texas State Park police officer Thomas Bigham walks across the cracked lake bed of O C Fisher Lake in San Angelo, Texas. —INTERNET

CEO vows to turn RIM into "lean, mean machine"

WATERLOO, (Ontario), 11 July — Research In Motion Ltd.'s new CEO vowed on Tuesday to turn around the embattled company with the new generation of BlackBerry devices coming next year, saying he would transform RIM into a "lean, mean, hunting machine." But Thorsten Heins, presiding over his first annual meeting since taking the helm, offered little to disgruntled shareholders beyond his faith in the power of the BlackBerry 10 line to reverse RIM's fortunes. Its battered stock fell another 5 percent after he spoke.

"There was no mention of a sale of the company, no mention of a breakup of the company, and again, our big, big concern is if the BB10s are a dud," said Vic Albolini, chief executive of Jaguar Financial and a long-time RIM critic. "Where are we then?" After a year that wiped out nearly 80 percent of RIM's value, Heins acknowledged the frustration of shareholders with his decision to delay the launch of the new phones until after the crucial holiday shopping season. "I am not satisfied with the performance of the company over the past year," Heins told the mostly subdued audience. "Many of you are frustrated with the time it has taken us to make our way through the transition."

But Heins, who joined RIM from electronics giant Siemens AG four years ago and took over as CEO in January, expressed confidence that RIM was heading in the right direction. "I have assembled a leadership team for RIM that's truly capable of taking us into future," he told shareholders. RIM virtually invented mobile email with its first BlackBerry devices more than a decade ago, but its market share has evaporated as consumers flock to Apple Inc.'s iPhone and devices based on Google Inc.'s Android system. —Reuters



Research In Motion Limited (RIM) President and CEO Thorsten Heins speaks during the annual general meeting of shareholders in Waterloo on 10 July, 2012. —REUTERS

Analysis: Tech Inc's invincible aura fades

NEW YORK, 11 July — Hopes are evaporating that leading technology companies will offer a safe harbor this year from the economic storms swirling across Europe, Asia and the United States. Investors should brace for some of the biggest names in US software and hardware — from Microsoft Corp and IBM to Intel Corp — to disappoint when Big Tech begins reporting quarterly earnings next week, analysts

said. The trio's shares are all in the red for July, in the wake of earnings warnings over the past week from smaller peers, including Advanced Micro Devices Inc, Applied Materials Inc and Informatica Corp. Corporate IT budgets have historically proved more resilient to worsening macroeconomic conditions than other kinds of spending, because businesses invest on the assumption that technology boosts

productivity and helps save them costs over the long term.

But investors may have misjudged the depth of the European crisis, and with once-reliable-as-clockwork Chinese growth waning, demand in other emerging markets has not picked up enough of the slack. The profit warnings could signal a broader pullback in orders, which means that Wall Street's earnings projections now appear over-optimistic to some outside experts.

"I don't think the companies or the market anticipated the kind of slowdown like the one we are going to see in the second half," said Fred Hickey, editor of the High-Tech Strategist Newsletter for investors.

Internet



The sign at the IBM facility near Boulder, Colorado is seen with the Boulder Flatiron mountains in the background, on 8 Sept 2009. —REUTERS

Former Mozilla developer: Firefox 'ruined' by frequent updates

NEW YORK, 11 July — Firefox fans who are turned off by frequent browser updates aren't alone, as a former Mozilla developer says he shares their pain. Via Neowin.net, former Mozilla developer Jono DiCarlo on his own personal blog goes into detail about why he thinks his ex-employer's strategy of pushing out rapid updates to the Firefox browser has been a major mistake.

Initially, DiCarlo says he

approved of pushing out updates every six weeks or so because it showed users that Mozilla developers were always working to improve the browser and were being diligent about fixing bugs. But at some point he says Mozilla began simply pushing out updates for the sake of having updates, which started to really grate on the browser's core user base. "Ironically, by doing rapid releases poorly, we just made Firefox



Former Mozilla developer: Firefox 'ruined' by frequent updates. —INTERNET

look like an inferior version of Chrome," he writes. "And by pushing a never-ending stream of updates on people who didn't want them, we drove a lot of those people to

Chrome; exactly what we were trying to prevent."

DiCarlo says that while users loved Firefox as a browser, they found the constant request for updates to be invasive, especially since Mozilla implemented them using "intrusive dialog boxes" rather than coming up with a system to install them automatically and without interrupting users' experience with the browser as Google Chrome has done. —Internet

New iPad to arrive in China on 20 July

SAN FRANCISCO, 11 July — Apple announced on Tuesday that the new iPad, the third generation of its tablet line, will arrive in China on 20 July. According to Apple's Press release, the new iPad will be available through Apple's online store, select Apple authorized resellers and by reservation from Apple retail stores in China.

Reservation requests will be accepted daily beginning on 19 July for pick up the following day, the company said, adding that the previous generation of iPad 2 will also be available in China with a reduced price. Apple introduced the new iPad on 7 March, which features Retina display, HD camera and faster processors. The new iPad has so far been available in nearly 50 countries and regions. The launch of the new iPad in the Chinese mainland came after Apple reached settlement with a local technology company on the use of the iPad trademark.



New iPad to arrive in China on 20 July. —XINHUA

On 2 July, the Higher People's Court of China's Guangdong Province said Apple has paid 60 million US dollars to Proviv Technology (Shenzhen) to settle the dispute concerning the use of iPad trademark in the Chinese mainland. Proviv Shenzhen had previously claimed that the Taipei subsidiary of its Hong Kong-based parent company, Proviv International Holdings Limited, registered the iPad trademark in a number of countries and regions as early as 2000.

Xinhua

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A Bank of America logo can be seen in a bank branch in New York on 28 April, 2009. — REUTERS

BofA cutting commercial banking jobs

WASHINGTON, 11 July — Bank of America Corp (BAC) has been cutting jobs in its commercial banking unit in recent weeks even as it tries to boost the group's business, people familiar with the situation said, reflecting the bank's broader struggles to grow in a tepid economy. The job cuts are the latest round in the bank's cost-cutting programme, known as Project New BAC, and focus on the unit that makes loans to mid-sized companies around the country. Analysts expect Bank of America to disclose more about the current round of New BAC when it posts earnings on 18 July. The second largest US bank is cutting bankers and loan processors in commercial banking offices scattered around the country, sources said. Bank of America hasn't disclosed the number of cuts, but one of the people said it was a small percentage of the total unit.

The bank declined to say how many employees it has in commercial banking. In a February 2011 securities filing, it listed 7,100, but some businesses have been moved out of the unit since then. The cuts came even after Brian Moynihan, Bank of America's chief executive, said publicly that the bank wants to make more loans to small and mid-sized companies.

"We need to see our teams do more work on loan growth," he said at a conference in May. Bank spokesman Jefferson George said the company regularly reviews its businesses to make sure it can meet client needs and "capture market opportunities." The bank will continue to hire in "growth areas," he added. Bank of America, like many of its competitors, is slashing costs to boost profits as weak loan demand, new regulations and low interest rates make it difficult to boost revenue. — Reuters

'Facebook depression' fears unfounded: US study

NEW YORK, 11 July — Worries about a link between depression and the amount of time spent on Facebook or other social media sites are probably unfounded, a US study said this week. The University of Wisconsin School study found no basis to support the theory outlined in a study last year by the American Academy of Pediatrics that suggested exposure to Facebook could lead to depression among adolescents.

"Our study is the first to present scientific evidence on the suggested link between social-media use and risk of depression," said Lauren Jelenchick, a researcher at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. "The findings have important implications

for clinicians who may prematurely alarm parents about social-media use and depression risks." Jelenchick and professor Megan Moreno surveyed 190 students at the university between the ages of 18 and 23. The survey participants were on Facebook for over half of the total time online.

They found no significant links between social media use and the probability of depression. The results were published Monday in the *Journal of Adolescent Health*. "Our findings are similar to those from studies of other communication applications, such as e-mail and chat, which also found no association with depression," the researchers wrote. — Internet

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More profit warnings hit Wall Street

NEW YORK, 11 July — Stocks fell for a fourth day on Tuesday as more pessimism from companies compounded worries the sluggish world economy is taking a toll on profit growth. A sales warning from engine maker Cummins Inc (CMI) came on top of earlier weak forecasts from chipmakers Applied Materials Inc (AMAT) and Advanced Micro Devices (AMD), causing the market to extend losses in afternoon trading. The news sent the S&P 500 down for a fourth consecutive day, the index's longest downward streak since May when it fell for six straight days.

Shares of industrials (GSPCI) fell the most at 1.6 percent. Cummins was among the biggest losers, declining 8.9 percent to \$86.91. "The selloff really started with Cummins," said Ryan Detrick, technical analyst at Schaeffer's Investment Research, in Cincinnati. It was "basically reiterating the concerns that we've had going into earnings, like how the European issues are really

starting to have an impact on the US." Recent data showing slower growth in Europe, China and the United States has weighed on the stock market, while US companies have warned about overseas weakness and a stronger dollar hurting companies that rely heavily on exports.

Alcoa Inc (AA.N), which kicked off the earnings period, fell 4.1 percent to \$8.40, a day after it reported a quarterly loss and lower sales. The S&P 500 ended at technical support, which is seen in the 1,340-1,345 range, according to Robert Sluymer, analyst at RBC Capital Markets in New York. The 50-day moving average at 1,337 is also eyed as support where clusters of buying would be expected. The Dow Jones industrial average (^DJI) was down 83.17 points, or 0.65 percent, at 12,653.12. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index (^GSPC) was down 10.99 points, or 0.81 percent, at 1,341.47. The Nasdaq Composite Index (^IXIC) was down 29.44 points, or

1.00 percent, at 2,902.33.

Bank stocks also declined, with the euro hitting a two-year low against the dollar amid uncertainty about progress in tackling the euro zone crisis. The KBW Bank index (.BKW) fell 0.9 percent. Cummins cut its full-year sales forecast, citing weakness overseas and a stronger dollar. Advanced Micro Devices tumbled 11.2 percent to \$4.99 after the chipmaker slashed its outlook for second-quarter revenue following disappointing sales in China and Europe. Applied Materials Inc lost 2.7 percent to \$10.71 after the chip-equipment maker

said it expects to miss its full-year estimates and its third-quarter results will be at the low end of its previous outlook. The PHLX semiconductor index (.SOX) fell 2 percent.

US-listed shares of Research In Motion Ltd (RIM.TO) (RIMM.O) fell 5 percent to \$7.29 in US trading.

The BlackBerry maker's shareholders elected the company's slate of directors at its annual meeting — the first presided over by new Chief Executive Thorsten Heins, who faces an uphill battle to get the embattled company back on track. Volume was lighter than average. — Reuters



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, on 10 July, 2012. — REUTERS

AMR to advance with merger review, source says five airlines eyed

NEW YORK, 11 July — The bankrupt parent of American Airlines said on Tuesday it will press ahead with evaluating potential mergers and will reach out to interested parties, a move set

to satisfy some creditors less than impressed with its standalone restructuring plan. A source familiar with the situation said AMR sees itself as an acquirer in potential mergers and at least five

airlines — US Airways Group Inc JetBlue Airways Corp Alaska Air Group Republic Airways' Frontier Airlines, and Virgin America — will be considered.

Any merger proposals would be weighed against the standalone restructuring plan being developed, the source added. American has faced mounting pressure from vocal members of its creditors committee, led by its largest labour unions, who have argued that a merger with US Airways would give the combined carrier a strong network to compete with rivals beefed up by their own mergers. US Airways has expressed interest in a merger

and has been courting AMR's creditors.

Executives at American, the No 3 US airline, mentioned the five carriers as potential merger candidates at a meeting with its unsecured creditors committee on Tuesday and discussed the merits and challenges of each combination, said the source, who asked not to be identified because the matter is not public. Chief Executive Tom Horton said in a letter to employees that greater clarity on revenue and the company's cost structure was allowing a review of potential mergers. "It now makes sense to carefully evaluate a range of strategic options, including potential mergers, which could make the new American even stronger," he wrote. — Reuters



A US Airways plane passes American Airlines planes at Ronald Reagan National Airport in Washington on 23 April, 2012. — REUTERS

Some WHO-approved malaria drugs fall short

GENEVA, 11 July — Up to eight percent of malaria drugs approved by the World Health Organization or other regulators do not contain the right dose and may fuel resistance, researchers said on Tuesday. Two studies in published in *Research and Reports in Tropical Medicine* suggested manufacturing problems, rather than counterfeiting, may be to blame for these substandard drugs in low and middle income countries around the world.

Poorly made or fake medications are a major problem worldwide, particularly as signs emerge of growing resistance to artemisinin, the frontline treatment for malaria, a disease the UN's World Health Organization (WHO) says killed 655,000 people in 2010. One study sampled 104 artemisinin-based medicines from pharmacies in Ghana and Nigeria that were offered under the Affordable Medicines Facility by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, designed to boost access to the best treatments.

Eight were found to be significantly under-dosed in



Barrels of artemisinin await processing into drugs in a warehouse in China in 2004. — INTERNET

artemisinin, or had less than 75 percent of the main component of the drug, the study authors said. "Why am I pretty sure that these are not fakes?" asked Roger Bate, lead author and resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute. "The reason is they have well over 50 percent of the active ingredient but under 75 percent," he said, adding that most counterfeits have very little or no active ingredient in them. — Internet

Monsoon paddy seeds broadcast in Ingapu Township



INGAPU, 11 July—A ceremony to broadcast seeds of monsoon Palethwe hybrid paddy and Hsinthukha paddy strains

was held at the paddy field of farmer U Maung Win in Aukwagyi Village of Ingapu Township in Hinthada District of

Ayeyawady Region on 3 July morning.

The demonstration on paddy broadcasting was supervised by Head of Ayeyawady Region Agriculture Department U Myint Thein, Township Administrator U Hlwan Moe Han, Head of Township Agriculture Department U Than Toe and staff of Agricultural Promotion Committee.

The ceremony was attended by 165 farmers from Aukwagyi and Magyigon village-tracts.

Township Agriculture

Bank loans issued to farmers in Kyaiklat

KYAIKLAT, 11 July—A ceremony to disburse bank loans to farmers for cultivation of monsoon crops in 2012 was held at Shwewah Latt Hall of Township General Administration Department in Kyaiklat of Pyapon District in Ayeyawady Region on 4 July.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Aung Naing made a speech.

At present, bank loans were disbursed K 50,000 per acres to villages of Kyaiklat Township. Branch manager of Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank Daw Tin Tin Htay and staff disbursed K 33.4 million for 668 acres of farmlands of 106 farmers from two village-tracts.

The bank branch of Kyaiklat Township will present K 3175 million to 89 village-tracts for cultivation of monsoon crops in 2012.

Township GAD

Flood hits urban wards in Lashio due to heavy rains

LASHIO, 11 July—Torrent water violently flowed into urban wards of Lashio in Shan State (North), causing floods and overflow. Heavy rain and strong winds hit wards of Lashio from midnight to 6 am on 6 July.

Moreover, the heavy rains continued there on 7 and 8 July. Thus, water from hilly regions in southern and southeast areas the township violently flowed into wards of the town.

The water flowed to Nampachi Lake of Ward 11 passing Namakhaw, Extended Ward 7 and Ward 1/10 at the entrance of Lashio. The road in Ward 11 to Golf Course was inundated with two feet deep water. Some houses were hit by flood. Up to 4 pm on 9 July, some houses were inundated but there was no one casualty of human and animals.

Likewise, flood hit the Union highway from

junction to airport to Lashiogyi traffic light, outside Ward 12 Kaunghsa Village and Ward 8 Humon Village of Lashio. On 9 July afternoon, the flood subsided from the Union Highway and passenger buses and trucks roll on the highway safely.

Ma Ma (Lashio)



OUTSTANDING STUDENT HONOURED:
Chairperson of District Women's Affairs Organization Daw Soe Soe Ei presented prize to an outstanding student who passed the matriculation examination for 2011-2012 academic year at the ceremony to mark Myanmar Women's Day in NyaungU on 3 July.

MYANMA ALIN

Cash donated to fund of free clinic in Mawgyun

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 11 July—A ceremony to donate

cash to the fund of free clinic opened by White Heart Group

was held in front of the clinic in Mawlamyinegyun on 3 July.

At the ceremony, U Pa-Dr Nyunt Nyunt Thein and family of Mawlamyinegyun donated K 300,000, Executive Officer U Thet Aung of Township

Development Affairs Committee K 150,000, Daw Cho Gyi, Daw Khaing and family K 100,000 and U Zaw Moe Tun-Daw Yu Yu Khaing (ShweyiU) family K 50,000.

On behalf of wellwishers, U Pa handed over the cash donations to Township Administrator U Htay Maung.—MYANMA ALIN



CASH DONATED: To mark 86th birthday, U Kyaw Htin of No. 459 on Inwa 5th Street in Ward 6 of South Okkalapa Township donated K 100,000 to U Hla Tun Hospice Cancer Foundation located on No. 2 Highway in Dagon Myothit (East) Township through Administrator U Pyone recently.—CANCER FOUNDATION

Preventive measures against DHF carried out in Kyimyindine Township

YANGON, 11 July—As mosquito are abundant naturally in the rainy season, the local people of wards and townships are taking preventive measures against dengue hemorrhagic fever.

The Yangon Region Government is continuously coordinating with departments concerning the Ministry of Health, social organizations and local people.

On 7 July, the local people participated in the dredging of drains in the ward, clearing of bushes and spraying and chlorinating water tanks and barrels as part of efforts for prevention against DHF in Thada Ward of Kyimyindine Township.

Yangon Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein, Region Minister for Planning and Economic U Than Myint, Kyimyindine Township Region Hluttaw representatives U Myint Lwin and Daw Kyi Kyi Mar, Deputy Commissioner U



Kyaw Thu Zaw of District General Administration Department, Chairperson of District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Myint Myint Kyi and Township Administrator U Kyaw Ye

Thway.

The region ministers and officials attended the talks on health knowledge at the Dhammayon of the ward and attended to the needs of local people.

Myanma Alin

Agricultural loans disbursed to farmers in Yekyi

YEKYI, 11 July—Yekyi Township Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank Branch of Pathein District in Ayeyawady Region disbursed loans to farmers for 2012 at his office on 25 June.

Bank branch manager U Po Ba and staff presented K 15 million for 300 acres of farmlands to 47 farmers.

Min Zaw Oo (Yekyi)

Phayathonzu Sub-Township organizes saplings in rainy season

KYA-IN-SEIKKYI, 11 July—The rainy season tree growing ceremony was held in the precinct of Taingaya monastery in Phayathonzu Sub-Township of Kya-in-Seikkyi Township of Kayin State on 30 June.

At the ceremony, Sub-Township Administrator U Thein Tun, departmental personnel, ward administrators and local people planted 365 teak saplings and 185 mahogany saplings, totaling 550.

Myanma Alin

DISTRICT NEWS

Myanmar Libraries Foundation invites cash, book donations

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

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



CASH ASSISTANCE PROVIDED: A ceremony to present cash assistance and school stationery to 79 offspring of police members for 2012-2013 academic year was held at the office of Hsenwi Township Police Force of Lashio District on 6 July. Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Yin Maung Swe presents cash assistance and school stationery to a student.—MYANMA ALIN

Information for trafficking in person

The government is carrying out undertakings of prevention against trafficking in person with momentum.

In so doing, telephone numbers are announced as the connections with authorities concerned for enabling the people to actively participate in the tasks of anti-human trafficking. These telephone numbers are 067-412555 and 067-412666 in Nay Pyi Taw, 09-49555666 in Muse, 09-49555777 in Mandalay and 09-49555888 and 09-49555999 in Yangon.

A world where every pregnancy is wanted

Tin Maung Than



Globally, the problems originating from the reproductive health are still the leading causes of ill health and death among women of childbearing age. The world also sees roundabout 215 million women wishing to avoid or delay pregnancy lack access to effective family planning. At the same time the daily death toll of women in the process of giving life is nearly 800. About 1.8 billion young people are entering their reproductive years, often without the knowledge, skills and services they need to protect themselves.

Productivity losses

Maternal and newborn deaths hurt families, slow economic growth and lead to global productivity losses of about \$15 billion each year. On the contrary, investing in improved health for women and babies has far-reaching benefits for nations. For example, between one third and one half of Asia's economic growth from 1965 to 1990 has been attributed to improvements in reproductive health and reductions in infant/child deaths and fertility rates.

Despite ongoing campaigns, few people totally understand that reproductive health covers a wide range of issues covering family planning, maternal health, adolescent reproductive health and sexually-transmitted infections, including the HIV/AIDS.

Providing the poor and traditionally under-served groups, such as young people, adequate access to sexual and reproductive health services will be critical to protect them against health-related illness and death.

In our country, the Ministry of Health is cooperating with international organizations like the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), World Health Organization (WHO) and foreign and domestic non-governmental organizations in carrying out a wide range of RH services all over the country covering skilled care during pregnancy, delivery, new born and postnatal; sexual and reproductive health information, education and services for young people; birth spacing and contraceptive services,

and reproductive tract infections/sexually transmitted infections information and services; post abortion care; post menopausal care and screening and treatment of cervical and breast cancer; promotion of men's role in support of reproductive health; and implementation of gender and women's health programmes.

Key issues

This coordinated mission of the ministry also includes the promotion of community awareness on the knowledge about: pregnancy, childbirth and newborn care, danger sign, role of family and community in birth preparation and referral, transportation in case of emergency.

Key issues such as reproductive health commodity security, investing in reproductive health, information services, youth-friendly information and health services, comprehensive condom programming, HIV/AIDS and reproductive health services, rural women and access to RH services, human rights and reproductive health services and emergencies and reproductive health services are also on the agenda of the ministry and its domestic and global partners.

The Maternal and Child Health Section of the Department of Health is responsible for the capacity building of the health staff and for promoting quality antenatal care coverage, skilled birth attendance rate, post-abortion care, birth-spacing services and emergency obstetric care in order to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity as well as neonatal mortality. The Health Information Division of the Department of Health Planning is responsible for the management information system for reproductive health in all project townships.

UNFPA is a key member, along with WHO and UNICEF, of the National Reproductive Health Working Committee led by the Ministry of Health. The Reproductive Health Strategic Plans (2004-2008) and (2009-2013) were developed collaboratively in order to implement coordinated programmes by the various actors.

UNFPA Country Office procured and distributed essential reproductive health commodities, including contraceptives, clean delivery kits, medicines, supplies and equipment for maternal and newborn as well as for emergency obstetric care, to the public sector service delivery points of 132 project townships. The international organization's reproductive health programme covers almost half the entire population of Myanmar.

7 billion earthlings

The RH project also covers the task of strengthening quality reproductive health services through the provision of reproductive health commodities, supporting capacity building of health care providers, and operating the reproductive health management information system, and creating a demand for reproductive health services and encouraging people to make healthy and responsible reproductive choices, decisions and practices through community mobilization and innovative IEC/BCC interventions.

In addition to the activities of the various departments

under the Ministry of Health, a number of effective interventions are implemented by NGO partners. The Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association operates maternity waiting homes for high-risk pregnant mothers in order to assure timely emergency obstetric care. Moreover, MMCWA disseminates RH information to communities through its extensive network of volunteers throughout the country. Myanmar Medical Association has been providing RH training for general practitioners since 2003, and is now expanding its activities by running mobile RH services for the poorest communities. Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association is conducting awareness-raising on RH and MISP (minimum initial service package for RH in emergencies) through its networks of local authorities, and is also supporting community mobilization activities. A number of international NGOs are also important stakeholders in expanding access to quality affordable reproductive health services in Myanmar.

This year seven billion earthlings celebrated the World Population Day under its theme "Universal Access to Reproductive Health Services". The World Population Day is an annual event that marks the date when global population hit five billion (11 July 1987). Here, the vital role of reproductive health grows greater together with the ever increasing earthling population as our planet Earth will be a family of eight billion peoples by the year 2030.

In fact, reproductive health is at the very heart of development and crucial in ensuring a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe, and every young person's potential is fulfilled.

Reproductive Health



Corrigendum

Please read "On 7 July, he went to Yangon and left on 8 July" instead of "7 June" in the news entitled "UNICEF goodwill ambassador Jackie Chan concludes visit" on page 6 of this newspaper issued on 11-7-2012.—Ed.

Knowledge about traffic rules disseminated in Ahlon

AHLON, 11 July—Head of No. 3 Traffic Police Region Police Captain Myint Aung of Yangon Region Wireless and Traffic Police Force gave talks on traffic rules and pedestrian rules to the students at No. 4 Basic Education High School on 5 July.

He gave lectures on knowledge about traffic rules to the students.—Myanma Alin

Talks on durability of village libraries held

OKPO, 11 July—A talk on durability of village libraries was held at Thuta Bank Library in Kyethsutaw Village of Okpo Township, Thayawady District, Bago

Region, at 9 am on 6 July.

Staff Officer Daw San San Kyaw of Thayawady District Information and Public Relations Department gave talks on durability of village

libraries.

She then donated 50 books to the library and Head of Township IPRD Daw Nyunt Nyunt Sein 50 books.

Township IPRD

Bank loans disbursed to farmers in Wakema Township

WAKEMA, 11 July—Wakema Township Agricultural Development

Bank of Ayeyawady Region held a ceremony to disburse loans for cultivation of

monsoon crops at Shwehke Thiri Gymnasium of the township on 4 July morning.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Soe Tun, Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Lwin and Manager U Kyaw Swe of the bank branch explained the purpose of bank disbursement.

Later, officials presented K 50,000 each per acre to 821 farmers.

Myanma Alin

DISTRICT NEWS

Pumpkin of Lewe flows into market

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July—Pumpkins cultivated on a commercial scale in various village of Thawuthi of Lewe Township flow into the market as of early July.

At present, pumpkins produced from Hayman Village are being transported to markets in Meiktila, Mandalay and Yangon. Depending on sizes, pumpkin is sold at K 500, K 1000 and K 1500. One acre of plantation produces 1200 pumpkins on average. Sales of pumpkin increased income for the local farmers.—Ko Lwin (Swa)

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives UNHCR delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Mr Antonio Guterres and party at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 3.30 pm today.

At the call, the meeting focused on tasks of the UNHCR Office and assistance to be provided by UNHCR for systematic resettlement of immigrants in Myanmar.

Present at the call together with

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham were Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and departmental heads.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees was accompanied by Resident Representative to Myanmar Mr Johannes G. ten Feld.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Mr Antonio Guterres and party.—MNA

Reproductive health problems...

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number of children traditionally regarding them as the jewels.

Myanmar is striving to achieve development goals in agenda of International Conference on Population and Development, providing multi-specialty universal reproductive healthcare which prioritizes mortality rate of infants and children under five and expectant mothers.

Five-year reproductive health strategic plan to achieve Millennium Development Goals related to the reproductive health by 2015 have been adopted. The plan, being implemented by the Health Ministry and

UN agencies, is fulfilling the needs in reproductive healthcare for the public.

According to statistics, Myanmar's mortality rate of mothers has been reduced to 200 per 100,000 infants in 2010 from 520 in 1990. Though, about 2000 mothers lose lives each year by pregnancy-related problems.

We need to put great emphasis on healthcare and educative measures for mothers and infants to reduce death and ill health of mothers and infants. As we have noticed such sufferings, we understand the need of quality universal reproductive healthcare.

According to nationwide birth and reproductive health surveys, the ratio of the unmarried has increased and the marrying age becomes gradually higher. Unmarried youths and most adults in the reproductive years may act in harmful manners. We need to pay more attention to prevent death and ill health caused by unplanned pregnancy and unsafe abortion.

He stressed the need for dissemination of knowledge on family planning among the people. He also called on governmental departments concerned and NGOs to raise awareness about reproductive health as an education for young people as the government has also included the reproductive health in the curriculum for students.

NGOs such as Myanmar Medical Association (MMA) and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association are actively participating in the drive for educative activities for reproductive health and sexually transmitted diseases and also providing counselling services.

Couples have understood that their decision on the number of children and birth spacing plays a key role in reducing

mortality rate of women in pregnancy and illness and this acceptance would help to achieve the future tasks of the International Population and Development Conference and the reproductive health service for every one, one goal of the MDGs of the UN, he added.

Dr Sai Mauk Kham also said that Myanmar has been cooperating with the nations of the world to achieve the goals of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Programme of Action and MDGs with emphasis on universal access to reproductive health.

He acknowledged and thanked UNFPA, WHO, UNDP, UNICEF and WFP and international and national NGOs for their important role in achieving universal access to reproductive health in the country.

He also commended on doctors, nurses, midwives, contraceptive services providers, youth-friendly services and those who provide services to the poor, the displaced, and the disabled, among others.

Afterwards, Mr Ashok Nigan, UNDP Representative and UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, read the UN Secretary-General's message on World Population Day for 2012.

Mr Mohamed Abdel Ahad, UNFPA Representative clarified the activities of the UNFPA.

Winners of the photo contest on the

World Population Day were awarded by Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi; five outstanding mid-wives by Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin and winners of the article contest by Mr Mohamed Abdel Ahad.

Afterwards, Dr Sai Mauk Kham, the Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, union ministers and representatives of UN agencies posed for documentary photos together with the winners and visited the photo exhibition on activities of the Ministry of Immigration and Population.—MNA



UNDP Representative and UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator Mr Ashok Nigan reads World Population Day message sent by UNSG Mr Ban Ki-moon.—MNA



UNFPA Resident Representative Mr Mohamed Abdel Ahad awards a winner in article contest.—MNA

People in Rakhine State provided cash, foodstuff

YANGON, 11 July—Recent situations occurred in Rakhine State led to bitter sufferings. That's why a ceremony for providing cash and foodstuff to those in Rakhine State in order to relieve their suffering was held at Maykhala Hall of Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township.

At the ceremony, sellers of Theingyi Market (A and B Buildings) donated clothes and 13 packets of medicine worth K 2516100 and K 3050788, U Than Htut Win + Daw Mayi Sein K 500000, Daw Tin Yi and daughters Ma Le Yin Myint and Ma Hay Mar Myint a box of clothes and K 50000, U Nyunt Maung K 10000, U Sein Win + Daw Tint Tint Wai and family K 100000, U Than Tun Aung + Daw Tin Tin Nu of Panthazin

Robe Shop and daughter Ma Phyo Ei Khaing family K 100000 and ten sets of robe, ten sets of slippers, ten umbrellas worth K 110000, Daw Khin Khin and family K 100000, U Kyaw Thet Oo + Daw Khin San Aye and son Maung Thinchay, and daughter Ma Su Mi family K 100000 and three bales of clothes, U Than Oo, U Min Swe, U Thein Naing Oo K 150000, Captain Htin Lin + Daw Wah Wah Win and family K 50000 and Daw Saw Marlar one bale of clothes. Director-General of Fire Services Department U Tin Moe and departmental officials accepted the donations and returned certificates of honour to them and spoke words of thanks.

Up to now, the donations amounted to K245,706,916.

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Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission Nay Pyi Taw

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Two Defence Services Personnel Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Representatives substituted

According to the request made in accord with Section 33 of the Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Election Law to substitute two Defence Services Personnel Region or State Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in first multiparty democracy general election held on 7 November 2010, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted two Defence Services Personnel Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw representatives stated hereunder in Notification No.3/2011 of the commission dated 20-1-2011 with personnel shown against them.

Kachin State

(a) BC 31186

Major Kyaw Swa Myint

(Substitution) BC 28714

Major Aung Zin

Yangon Region

(b) BC 38580

Captain Lin Lin Kyaw

(Substitution) BC 13932

Lt-Gen Wai Lwin

By order,

Win Ko
Secretary

Union Election Commission

Pyithu Hluttaw session continues for sixth day

Eight questions answered, one proposal discussed, two proposals tabled, one bill passed

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July—Pyithu Hluttaw session continued for the sixth day at Pyithu Hluttaw Building in Hluttaw Complex, here today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 409 MPs.

Regarding the question of U Myint Hlaing of Mabein Constituency about **if there is any plan to supply electricity from Shweli Hydropower Plant (1) or Sedawgyi Hydropower Plant**, Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe replied that it has been targeted to upgrade Letpanhla power station, construct 52 miles long 66 KV Letpanhla-Mogok power cable, and to upgrade current 33 KV Mogok power plant to 66 KV one in 2013-2014 fiscal year to supply electricity to Mabein from national grid. After completion of those works, it needs to construct 28 miles long 66 KV power cable from Mogok to Momeik and (66/33) KV 3 MVA power station in Momeik as the second step and the third would be construction of 38 miles long 33 KV power cable from Momeik to Mabein and 33/11 KV 2 MVA power station on Mabein. Such works would be projected, after reporting to the upper hierarchy.

Regarding the question of U Kyaw Myint (a) U Pho Toke of Moemeik Constituency about **if there is any plan to provide electricity from Mogok power station to Mogok Township**, the Union minister replied that as the first step, it has been targeted to upgrade Letpanhla power station, construct 52 miles long 66 KV Letpanhla-Mogok power cable, and to upgrade current 33 KV Mogok power plant to 66 KV one in 2013-2014 fiscal year to supply electricity to Momeik from the national grid, works would be implemented depending on fund allocation of the government. After the completion of the first phase, it would be required to construct 28 miles long 66 KV power cable and (66/33) 3 MVA power station in Momeik, which has not been projected yet until 2015-2016 fiscal year. But, these facilities would be built when the funds are allocated in fiscal years later on.

Regarding the question of U Hla Maung (a) U Naing Hla Maung of Chaungzon Constituency about **if there is any plan to dredge the silted-up creeks and canals with the use of machinery**, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than replied that survey teams would be dispatched to examine dried creeks and to construct silt embankment. Based on the findings of the teams, the ministry would make cost-benefit analysis and ask expenditure from the Union government on condition that the construction project profitable. And the ministry would undertake the works based on the list of priorities. Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems undertaking the maintenance of water courses mainly in the main rivers depending on the allocated expenditures. Currently, there is no plan to dredge the silt and sand banks at Gulf of Martaban for proper water flow of creeks used for agricultural purpose.

Regarding the question of U Aung Thaung of Taungtha Constituency about **if there is any plan for urgent repair of**

damaged building and irrigation canal of Kyawzi hydropower river-water pumping station, the deputy minister replied that the structure and canals of Kyawzi river-water pumping station damaged due to heavy rains was repaired for temporary operation. Irrigation water could be provided for summer paddy cultivation, preventing the loss of paddy and irrigation completed on 5-7-2012. Soon after the irrigation was completed, repaired works were started and repairing of the damaged two tunnels would be started within this month. It is targeted to complete the repair works before the end of this month ahead of the irrigation for monsoon crops.

Regarding the question of Daw Zartalan of Htantalan Constituency about **if there is any plan to establish a university in Haka as early as possible**, Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe replied that establishment of a university/degree college calls for land, building, instructors, staff and facilities. So, when the conditions are ripen, measures would be taken to establish a university/degree college in Chin State.

Regarding the question of U Myint Soe of Pyawbwe Constituency about **if there is any plan to construct classy boarding hostels in universities**, the deputy minister replied that there are difficulties in terms of finance as to construction of hostels nationwide for emphasis is put on construction of educational institutions to cope with the increasing number of undergraduates at universities and degree colleges. But, hostels would be reopened at an opportune time for under- and post-graduates at universities.

Regarding the question of U Paik Lin of Paletwa Constituency about **if there is any plan to open revenue department back in Paletwa Township**, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun replied that the number of tax payers is low in Paletwa and so is the targeted tax amount and to-be-collected tax due to economic condition of the township. So, township revenue department was never opened there. Currently, there is no plan to open a new office there so as not pose a burden to tax management expenses of the government. Tax would be collected as usual by Kyaktaw Township IRD Office. Measures would be taken to open revenue office when the region sees better economic performance in future, with increase in number of tax payers.

Regarding the question of U Tha Win of Yankin Constituency on behalf of U Aye Myint of Insein Constituency about **the exact time when revenue stamps would be sold adequately**, the Union minister replied that due to the adjustment to the prices of revenue stamps, there occurred a gap in supply and demand of stamp temporarily. But, coordination has been made with offices concerned to produce enough stamps in time for supply at re-fixed price and thus stamps could be sold adequately and conveniently for tax payers. As to postal stamps, Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs is selling them freely at fixed price.

Regarding the proposal of U Htay



Representatives attending sixth day session of Pyithu Hluttaw.—MNA

Maung about **nationwide planning for certain infrastructural development for townships within set period**, six MPs discussed that smooth transportation and access to electricity speeds up the transportation and enhances the productivity, promoting economic performance, contributing to health, education and social areas. Studying the places with high number of human resources, it can be found that those regions are developed with economic growth and access to electricity and smooth transportation. It can be concluded that living standards in regions with access to electricity is relatively higher than regions without access to electricity. So, the government in office which is building the new nation should give priority to transportation and adequate supply of electricity rather than other sectors for equitable development of the entire nation, adopting related policies.

Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe replied that the Construction Ministry would implement long-term project which is phase-by-phase upgrading to inter-village roads to inter-township and then inter-district ones. The Construction Ministry is building road and bridge network linking 69 district, 330 townships and 83 sub-townships in Myanmar.

The Ministry of Electric Power No. 2, depending on the annual increase in production of electricity in Myanmar, is undertaking plans to increase electricity supply nationwide. In so doing, the ministry builds national grids, main power stations, power cables and sub power stations across the nation to supply electric power and is

carrying out power supply tasks under short-term and long-term plans.

The motion was approved as the majority of the MPs seconded it.

U Aung Thein Lin of South Okkalapa Constituency proposed that **State-owned pharmaceutical factories should adequately supply anti-venom vaccines against the major threat of snake bite to farmers**.

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

U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency proposed to **the Union government to form employees' strike-related investigation commission constituted with respected and reliable personalities so as to investigate the immediate and root causes of expression of wishes of by workers of some factories and workshops in Yangon Region recently and so as to seek a solution without affecting foreign investments**.

The Hluttaw decided to discuss the proposal.

The Bill Committee and MPs concerned discussed the amendments they made to Basic Education Bill 2012 submitted by Pyithu Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee, followed by clarification of Deputy Education Minister U Ba Shwe and approval of the Hluttaw was sought. The remaining amendments are reported to be discussed later on.

Eight questions were answered, one proposal discussed, two motions tabled and one bill passed at the today's session.

The session came to an end at 3.50 pm and the seventh session is at 10 am tomorrow.—MNA

Union S&T Minister inspects Center for Information and Communication Technology Trainings

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July—Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint met trainers and staff from Center for Information and Communication Technology Trainings-CICTT (Hline) in Yangon on 9 July.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union minister said that information and communication technology plays an important role in science and technology sector. The role of CICTT (Hline) is very

important for enhancement of information and communication technology, he said. He stressed the need for trainers to turn out qualified trainees.

Then, the Union Minister looked into examinations of students at India-Myanmar IT proficiency training school and Japan-Myanmar Communication Technology Training School through online and their studies, and visited classrooms and practical labs.—MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw session continues for sixth day

Five questions answered, one new proposal submitted



Photo shows representatives at sixth day session of Amyotha Hluttaw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July—Sixth day session of Amyotha Hluttaw continued at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, at 10 am today, attended by Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein and 203 representatives.

At the meeting, five questions raised and answered and one new proposal submitted. At the question-and-answer session, the question raised by U Nyan Lin of Shan State Constituency No.1 on **“there is a plan to continue implementing Upper Kengtawng hydropower project in Shan State (south)”**, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Myint Zaw replied that in calculating estimated investment expenditures for 2012-2013, K 9997.271 million of funds had been earmarked for Upper Kengtawng hydropower project. Works would be implemented in accord with the drafted work schedule. Plans were under way to continue importing machineries, industrial and electrical machineries and equipments in conformity with the delivery schedule agreed by both sides. So, construction of Upper Kengtawng hydropower project being implemented by Construction No.7 of Hydro Power Implementation Department, would continue according to yearly project implementation programme and project implementation

programme for 2012-2013.

With respect to the question raised by Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No.8 on **“there is a plan to distribute electricity sufficiently”**, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Aung Than Oo replied that to fulfill the short-term electricity demand of people, plans were under way to build short-term hydro power projects as well as LNG-fired power plants that can supply the additional electricity demand in the short term. As for the long-term measure, arrangements were being made to implement hydro power projects, gas-fired power plants, coal-fired power plants and solar power and wind power plants. It would be carried out based on feasibility study. For electric power generation from geo-thermal energy, it needed technology and huge capital investments. And no business had yet to discuss it with the Ministry. It would be implemented after investment companies were invited and feasibility study conducted.

Regarding the question of U Naing Tun Ohn of Mon State Constituency No.5 on **“there is a plan to extend the examination centers for Union Civil Services Board exam to upper and lower Myanmar in addition to Nay Pyi Taw,”** member of UCSB Dr Kyaw Kyaw Htay answered that the UCSB would

open 15 exam centers in Nay Pyi Taw, Regions and States. It would be implemented within 2012-2013 with the approval of President Office and Union Government Office.

As to the question of U Naing Tun Ohn on **“there is a plan to establish new town and ward in the place where No.31 Infantry Regiment in Thanbyzayat was”**, Deputy Minister for Defence Commodore Aung Thaw replied that No.31 Infantry Regiment was moved to Khawzar of Ye Township, and 217.13 acres of land was systematically handed over to No.4 Advanced Military Training Depot. To avoid the damages of vacant local military owned-land and buildings, No.4 Advanced Military Training Depot also handed over it to No.62 Infantry Regiment systematically. But, as there were no enough spaces and buildings at a time when the courses were conducted there, No.31 Infantry Regiment was being used to conduct the course. So, there was no any plan to establish new town and ward there.

Regarding the question of U Hla Swe of Magway Region Constituency No.12 on **“there is a plan to upgrade Basic Education Middle School (branch) in Larpo village of**

Gangaw Township and affiliated BEMS in Kyatyo village to BEHS”, Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu replied that to create more learning opportunities of the students, Ministry of Education started carrying out upgrade of schools and opening of new schools, starting from 2012-2013 academic year after drawing the four-year plan (from 2012-2013 to 2015-2016). It was found that there were 222 middle-level students in BEMS (branch) in Larpo village of Gangaw Township and 84 middle-level students, in BEMS (affiliated) of Kyatyo village. So, there was no plan to upgrade them to BEHS. Priority would be given to them in the coming academic year.

At the proposal-submitting session, Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No.8 submitted the proposal on **“urging the Union Government to draw and start implementing development plan for least-development national races”**. Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss it are to submit their names after the meeting. The meeting came to an end at 11.5 am, and it will go on at 10 am tomorrow.

MNA

Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw meets Parliamentary Development Policy Advisor of UNDP (Myanmar)



Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein of Amyotha Hluttaw receives a delegation led by Parliamentary Development Policy Advisor of UNDP (Myanmar) Mr Kevin Deveaux at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July—Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein of Amyotha Hluttaw met a delegation led by Parliamentary Development Policy Advisor of UNDP (Myanmar) Mr Kevin Deveaux at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 3 pm today.

Also present at the call together with the Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw were Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Publics

Committee U Thein Win, Chairman of International Relations Committee Col Maung Maung Htoo and officials from Hluttaw Office.

At the call, they friendly focused on opening of modern library at Hluttaw, providing of ICT Technology and capacity building of Hluttaw staff and Hluttaw representatives.—MNA

Union Education Minister visits University, BESS in Sagaing, Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye looked into site chosen for construction of the university in Sagaing, Sagaing Basic Education High School (Branch) Swanchetkyang and No.3 Basic Education High School on 9 July.

The Union Minister delivered an address at the opening ceremony of the Inter-University/College Men's Volleyball

Tournament (Mandalay Zone) of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) yesterday. After that, the Union Minister inspected No.24 BEHS in Mahaangmyay Township, No.26 BEHS in Chanmyathazi Township and No.3 Basic Education Middle School in Aungmyethazan Township and gave instructions to school heads and teachers.

MNA

F&R Ministry holds monsoon tree planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—Monsoon tree planting ceremony-2012 was held for the second time at the Ministry of Finance and Revenue this morning, attended by Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun.

At first, the Union Minister planted a Seintalon mango sapling. After that, the Deputy Minister, the Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar, directors-general, managing directors and staff of the ministry,

Pension Department and Budget Department planted Seintalon mango saplings.

The Union Minister looked into thriving shade trees and windbreak, vegetables and perennial crops.

At today's ceremony, a total of 1,200 Seintalon mango saplings were grown at the ministry. The cultivation of plants will be carried out in line with the monsoon tree planting plan.—MNA

Upgrading of Nay Pyi Taw-Kyweshin-Pantin Road Section inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July—Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint yesterday morning inspected upgrading of Nay Pyi Taw-Kyweshin-Pantin Road Section and the expressway from mile post No. 221/0.

The deputy minister viewed site chosen for construction of Sagaing University,

buildings and lecture halls.

The deputy minister delivered an address at the opening ceremony of Shwe Zeya Cup Monsoon Invitational Football Tournament at Sagaing Sports Ground. In the debut, Oscar Team played against Oasis Team.—MNA

London raises bar on greening the Games

LONDON, 11 July—A reed warbler sings from her nest, well hidden along the banks of a river that winds through a London park. But this is not just any urban refuge - it's the Olympic Park, in a once derelict and contaminated area of east London populated by industrial buildings and neglected waterways.

And in just a few weeks'

time, millions will watch the greatest Games on Earth in the warbler's backyard.

More than 200 hectares of land have been razed and redeveloped for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and 45 of those have been given over to creating new wildlife habitats for a variety of fauna—including kingfishers, bats, otters and

grass snakes - while much of the rest has been left as parkland.

The urban park project is one of Europe's biggest in 150 years, according to the Olympic Development Authority (ODA) and the London Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games (LOCOG), and is part of ODA's efforts to keep its promise to make the Games the greenest to date.

Thousands of semi-mature trees were planted—aspens, crack willow, holm oak and silver birch—as were hundreds of thousands of wetland plants and other species, and more than 10 hectares of annual and perennial meadows.

An independent commission appointed to review the results, the first

commission of its kind, says the outcome has been impressive when compared to previous hosts Beijing, Athens and Sydney, though not everything has worked.

"You only win a gold medal by being better than everyone else," said Shaun McCarthy, chair of the Commission for a Sustainable London 2012, but added: "I can very confidently say that this is the new high-water mark." Simon Lewis, a campaigner at environmental group WWF UK, agreed London would provide a sustainability blueprint for Olympic Games for years to come. But he also said progress on putting concern for the environment at the heart of the Olympic movement has been slow.

"It is evolutionary rather than revolutionary," Lewis told Reuters.—Reuters



Victory Park in the Olympic Village, built for the London 2012 Olympic Games, is seen in Stratford, east London on 30 June, 2012.—REUTERS

Airbus fights back under dark skies

FARNBOROUGH, 11 July—Airbus has won a potential \$4.2 billion order for its A350 passenger jet, its first major deal at a subdued Farnborough Airshow, where a faltering global economy is casting clouds as dark as the skies over southern Britain.

The deal announced on Tuesday with Hong Kong airline Cathay Pacific is a major boost for the European planemaker, which has been struggling to sell its A350-1000 "mini-jumbo" and make a dent in Boeing's hold on the lucrative corner of the passenger jet market, just below 400 seats.

Boeing itself

announced a provisional deal to sell 100 next-generation narrowbody 737 airliners to leasing firm GECAS. They are worth around \$9.3 billion at list prices.

That was the US group's second big deal for the revamped plane in as many days, bolstering its fightback against Airbus's A320neo in the top-selling short-haul segment of the market.

Both deals, however, were well flagged in advance of the show, where there have so far been no major surprises.

The event "really has been pretty quiet," said Scott Donnelly, chairman and chief

executive officer of Textron Inc, the US manufacturer of Bell and Cessna aircraft. He told Reuters: "It's certainly one of the quieter



Farnboroughs."

Boeing and Airbus, which battle for the bulk of a jet market estimated at \$100 billion a year, played

An Airbus A380 lands after performing a display flight at the Farnborough Airshow 2012 in southern England on 9 July, 2012. REUTERS

down expectations ahead of the aerospace industry's showcase gathering, arguing their order books were already bulging.—Reuters



Passengers walk past mini sleepboxes at Xianyang International Airport in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 10 July, 2012. Twenty mini sleepboxes were put into trial operation at the airport on Tuesday. The 2.7-meter-high sleepboxes covering about 3 square meters is equipped with a bed, a digital TV set, a computer desk, power sockets and wireless network, providing passengers and other personnel with resting places.—XINHUA

Unemployment to remain high on persistent flagging growth

PARIS, 11 July—The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) on Tuesday said unemployment rate of its member states would remain high until at least the end of 2013 due to weak global economic recovery. In its latest Employment Outlook 2012 report, the Paris-based organization said the regional unemployment rate of the OECD would remain high at 7.7 percent next year. That means around 48 million people would be out of work across the region in 2013.

A total of 14 million jobs would have to be created for young and low-skilled people in the OECD area in order to bring the unemployment rate to pre-crisis levels, the report said. "The recent deterioration in the economic outlook is very bad news for the labor market," said OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría.

"It is imperative that governments use every possible means at their disposal to help jobseekers, especially young people, by removing barriers to job creation and investing in their education and skills," he added. "The young are at most risk of long-term damage to their careers and livelihoods. Targeting the most cost-effective policies is essential," Gurría said. In the 17-member euro area, the unemployment rate hit a record high of 11.1 percent in May.

Spain was still the country with the highest unemployment rate of 24.6 percent, compared to the United States which reported a rather stable figure of 8.25 percent.—Xinhua

BRICS urged to develop small, medium enterprises for economy growth

JOHANNESBURG, 11 July—South Africa and other BRICS members should prioritize the development of small and medium enterprises as a way of quick job creation to benefit communities and people," an Indian diplomat said here on Tuesday. "There is nothing more effective than the smaller and medium enterprises when it comes to job creation. Small businesses generate effective and real economic empowerment," said the

Indian High Commissioner to South Africa Virendra Gupta.

"At one time particular items could only be made by medium and smaller enterprises with large industries prohibited from entering certain sectors. The government nursed these businesses by giving them support in marketing, funding as well as aiding their technological needs," Gupta said.

The Indian diplomat

said his country has been able to reap massively from the resources spent on developing small and medium businesses. "Small and medium enterprises today contribute close to 50 percent of our industrial output and between 50 and 60 percent of our exports. They also contribute a great deal to our gross domestic product as well as to the industrial and manufacturing activities," he said.—Xinhua

Indonesia, Germany to boost trade, seek cooperation on infrastructure, defence

JAKARTA, 11 July—Indonesia and Germany will work together to increase bilateral trade volume, seek the possibility to cooperate in infrastructure development and defence, leaders of the countries said here on Tuesday.

Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and German Chancellor Angela Merkel made the remarks at a joint press conference after their meeting at the State Palace. Indonesian Coordinating Minister for Economy Hatta Rajasa said that both countries aimed at boosting trade volume from 7 billion US dollars in 2011 to 12 billion US dollars in 2012. One of the ways to achieve the goal was that the governments of the two countries would ease regulations, he said.

During the meeting, President Yudhoyono said that in the next 15 years, Indonesia would speed up building a massive infrastructure to spur economic growth and hoped Germany could take part in the projects. Merkel said that Germany has many advantages in infrastructure construction and could offer a lot in the cooperation in the sector.—Xinhua

China reshapes role in rare earths, could be importer by 2014

BEIJING, 11 July—China, the world's biggest producer of rare earth metals, is likely to turn an importer of the vital industrial ingredients by as early as 2014 as it boosts consumption in domestic high-tech industries rather than just shipping raw material overseas.

China says it is curbing exports to redress the environmental damage done by decades of mining, but has also made clear it would prefer to be the biggest consumer of rare earths rather than the biggest producer.

China's appetite is growing fast as it seeks to maintain its stranglehold over the group of 17 elements used in new technologies like smartphones and hybrid cars. A concerted effort to build an entire industrial chain means that China, which produces more than 90 percent of world supplies of rare earths, is now consuming 65 percent of output versus 25 percent a decade ago.

"By 2014 or 2015, China will probably be in a net import situation for certain rare earths," said Mark Smith, chief executive of Colorado-based miner Molycorp, which this year acquired China-based Neo Material Technologies to boost its processing know-how and its presence in China.

"When the demand is there, that's where the supply has to go. Over 80 percent of the

magnets produced in the world come from China and that is growing just tremendously every year," Smith told Reuters in an interview.

While its tight export controls have sparked disputes with the United States, Japan and Europe, Beijing's priorities extend beyond controlling supplies and prices. It aims to dominate downstream products like magnets, which can be made smaller and more powerful with rare earths.

China's coking coal sector offers a lesson, analysts say. Determined to feed its own steel mills instead of shipping the material abroad, China changed itself from the world's biggest exporter into one of the biggest importers.

Reuters



A labourer works at a site of a rare earth metals mine at Nancheng county, Jiangxi Province on 14 March, 2012. REUTERS

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV TAIKLI VOY NO (7) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12.7.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(5) 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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1. Open Tenders are invited for supply of the following items in Euro:

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1.	12(T)8/MR(ML)	Spare Parts for D.H.L(81)-Items
2.	12(T)9/MR(ML)	Spare Parts for Electrical(111)Items
3.	12(T)10/MR(ML)	Spare Parts for Mechanical(223)Items
4.	12(T)11/MR(ML)	Consumable Spare Parts for D.E.L(31)Items
5.	12(T)12/MR(ML)	Roller Bearing & Ball Bearing(29)Items
6.	12(T)13/MR(ML)	Carbon Brush (28)-Items
7.	12(T)14/MR(ML)	Spare Parts for D.E.L(270)-Items

For Sr No.(1) Closing Date -24.8.2012(Friday)(12:00) Hour

For Sr No.(2 to 7) Closing Date -31.8.2012(Friday)(12:00) Hour

2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 11.7.2012 during office hours and for further detail please contact: Deputy General Manager Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone:95-1-291985, 291994,

Mexico arrests two alleged Sinaloa drug cartel members

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 11 July—Two alleged senior members of the powerful Sinaloa Cartel who are wanted by the US Drug Enforcement Agency were arrested in Mexico's crime capital Ciudad Juarez, officials said.

The two suspects, identified as Fernando Arellano Romero and Daniel Franco Lopez, were arrested by a special Chihuahua state police unit late Monday along with a woman who "attempted to hide several firearms," the state prosecutor's office said. She was identified as Lopez's wife and Arellano Romero's niece.

Two other men also wanted by US officials however escaped during the operation, state officials said, identifying them only by their nicknames.

Lopez and Arellano Romero "appear on a list of more than 20 members of that organization published by the DEA," the state prosecutor's office said.



File picture shows a policeman on duty in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.—INTERNET

The US Justice Department indictment, published on 24 April, includes cartel leader Joaquin "Chapo" (Shorty) Guzman and his top lieutenant, Ismael "El Mayo" Zambada, as well as other Sinaloa Cartel members.

Charges in the US indictment include kidnapping, murder, money laundering and drug trafficking.—Internet

Morocco bus crashes kill 27, including two tourists

RABAT, 11 July—Two bus crashes in separate locations in Morocco have claimed 27 lives, including those of a German and a Dutch tourist, reported the state news agency on Tuesday.

One bus flipped over on the highway Monday evening as it travelled between the Atlantic coast tourist destinations of Essaouira and Agadir in the south of the country, killing 17 people. The Dutch and German foreign ministries confirmed their citizens were among the dead. The two dead tourists were both women.

Morocco is a popular tourist destination among Europeans, especially its coastal resorts on the Atlantic.

Earlier on Monday, a bus

speeding on mountainous roads along the Mediterranean crashed outside the city of Nador, killing 10 people and injuring 33 others. The dead included three women and a young girl.

According to the US State Department website, traffic accidents are a "significant hazard" in Morocco.

Although there are modern highways between the main cities, the rest of the country is served by two lane roads, often in poor condition and reckless driving habits, such as overtaking on curves, are quite common.

According to the World Health Organization, some 5,217 people died in 2010 from road accidents.—Internet



Businessmen walk across the tarmac in front of the single aisle jets on display during the second day at the Farnborough International Airshow in Hampshire, southern England.—INTERNET

FARNBOROUGH, 11 July—Boeing on Tuesday said Kuwaiti aircraft leasing company ALAFCO had

Boeing says Kuwait lessor to buy 20 of its 737 MAX planes

committed to buy 20 of the US planemaker's future single-aisle 737 MAX planes worth a combined \$1.9 billion.

Boeing, which made the announcement at the Farnborough airshow near London, said it was the first commitment from a Middle Eastern company to buy the plane. "Boeing and Kuwait airplane leasing company ALAFCO today announced a commitment at the 2012 Farnborough Airshow for 20 Boeing 737 MAX 8s valued at \$1.9 billion at current list

prices," the pair said.

"This is the first commitment for the 737 MAX from the Middle East which is one of the aviation industry's highest growth regions," said Ray Conner, president of Boeing's commercial airplanes division.

"We are proud of the confidence that ALAFCO has placed in the 737 MAX which will deliver unsurpassed fuel efficiency in the single-aisle market as well as improved environmental performance," he added at a joint signing

ceremony. Boeing's 737 MAX series is an upgraded and more fuel-efficient version of the 737, the world's best-selling commercial airplane. The first 737 MAX is scheduled to be delivered in 2017. "Today, with rising fuel costs, the 737 MAX will provide operational cost savings to airlines in addition to being more environmentally-friendly due to its latest quiet engine technology," said ALAFCO chief executive Ahmad Alzabin.—Internet

S Korea's jobless rate falls to 3.2 pct in June

SEOUL, 11 July—South Korea's jobless rate fell to 3.2 percent last month from a year earlier as job creation in service industry kept its solid growth trend, a government report showed on Wednesday.

The unemployment rate stood at 3.2 percent in June, down 0.1 percentage point from the same month of last year, according to Statistics Korea. From a month before, the rate was up 0.1 percentage point.

The jobless rate declined

for 13 straight months in June on an on-year basis due to continued job creation in the service sector, the statistical agency said.

The country's unemployment rate gauges the percent of people unemployed who actively sought jobs over the past four weeks to the economically active population, or the sum of people employed and those unemployed. The number people unemployed, who

failed to land work despite job-hunting efforts, reached 822,000 last month, down 17,000 from a year earlier.

The jobless rate among those aged between 15 and 29 came in at 7.7 percent in June, up 0.1 percentage point from a year before, but the rate was down 0.3 percentage point from the previous month. The total number of people employed grew 365,000 on-year to reach 25.12 million in June. The figure topped the 25 million mark for

the first time in May after breaching the 24 million mark in May 2010. The hiring rate, which gauges the percent of the number of working people to working age population, or those aged 15 and over, rose 0.1 percentage point on-year to 60.4 percent in June.

By industry, the health and social welfare industry, which drove up the June job growth, created 91,000 jobs last month, with the science and technology service industry employing 78,000 workers.—Xinhua



Two policemen at the scene of a bus accident in Bouznika, near Rabat in 2010. INTERNET



Babies race across mat in New York

Organizers of the Aquaphor Diaper Derby in New York said more than 30 babies are racing on 6 July across a 12-foot mat.

The organizers said the event, part of the Aquaphor New York City Triathlon Expo, involves infants crawling across a large mat as their parents coach them from the sidelines.

The infant race is part of celebrations surrounding the 12th annual Aquaphor New York City Triathlon, which is scheduled for Sunday.

News Album

'Hunger Games' finales set for 2014, 2015 release



In this image released by Lionsgate, Jennifer Lawrence portrays Katniss Everdeen in a scene from "The Hunger Games," opening on 23 March, 2012.—INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 11 July—The final book in "The Hunger Games" trilogy is coming to the big-screen in two parts starting in 2014.

Lionsgate Films announced Tuesday that

"The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1" will be released 21 Nov, 2014, and "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2" will follow on 20 Nov, 2015.

The filmmakers are following the lead of two other teen-based literary franchises, "Harry Potter" and "Twilight," whose final books were broken into two parts for film.

"Mockingjay, Part 1" will come out a year after the 22 Nov, 2012, release of "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire," the second film based on Suzanne Collins' novels about televised death matches in a future North American society.

Starring Jennifer Lawrence, "The Hunger Games" debuted last March and has taken in \$404 million domestically and \$678 million worldwide.

Internet

Spike Lee works on Michael Jackson documentary

NEW YORK, 11 July—Spike Lee worked with Michael Jackson and considered him a friend, but the director says even he learned a lot combing through footage of the icon for a planned documentary about the singer's "Bad" album. Lee calls it a "treasure chest of findings."

"We have footage in this documentary that no one's ever seen, stuff that Michael shot himself, behind-the-scenes stuff," he said in an interview Monday. "We had complete access to the vaults of Michael Jackson. ... He wrote 60 demos for the 'Bad' record. Only 11 made it. So we got to hear a lot of that stuff, too, so it was just a great experience."

He added: "You don't have to be a Michael Jackson-head to enjoy this."

Lee's documentary, which does not yet have an official title, will be part of a flood of material to celebrate

the 25th anniversary of the "Bad" album, Jackson's follow-up to "Thriller" that included hits like the title track, "Smooth Criminal," "The Way You Make Me Feel" and more. The album is being rereleased 18 Sept with additional tracks, a DVD and other bonus material; Lee's film is due to come out later this year, but no date has been set.—Internet



This 18 June, 2012 file photo shows director Spike Lee talks about his Broadway directorial debut "Mike Tyson: Undisputed Truth," a one man show starring Mike Tyson, in New York.

INTERNET

On a New York island, firefighters set homes ablaze

Firefighters will spend the next two weeks setting homes ablaze on a small island in New York Harbour for one purpose: Saving lives.

Eighteen abandoned townhouses on New York City's Governors Island, formerly housing for members of the Coast Guard, have been turned into a setting for roaring fires in experiments aimed to develop new strategies firefighters can use to save lives.

In one on Tuesday, a match was lit near newspaper in the basement of a fully-furnished home. Within five minutes thick black smoke began to billow from the rear door; before ten minutes had passed, dark red flames licked

around the basement windows.

Firefighters gradually broke open the windows to change air flow, seeing how the flames reacted to different ventilation. Under real-life circumstances, air is added as soon as possible from immediately opening roofs, windows and doors.

"They are bringing the lab out to the firefighters," said Dan Madrzykowski, a fire protection engineer from the National Institute of Standards and Technology, which conducted the tests with the FDNY and Underwriters Laboratories, a non-profit group.

The idea behind this and other experiments taking place

on Governors Island is to find flaws in fire-fighting



techniques that, in many cases, haven't changed in decades. At the same time, modern households have undergone dramatic shifts, with organic materials, such as cotton and feathers, largely

Firefighters put out a live fire during an experiment on Governors Island, in New York, on 3 July, 2012

replaced by more affordable synthetic materials introduced in the 1970s.

With the change came a disturbing trend, said Fire Department deputy assistant chief Robert Maynes.

Alicia Keys' nonprofit to honor Oprah Winfrey

NEW YORK, 11 July—Oprah Winfrey is getting a tribute from Alicia Keys.

Keys announced Tuesday that her organization, Keep a Child Alive, will honor Winfrey at its Black Ball event on 1 Nov.

Key says in a statement that the media mogul is "a personal inspiration to me because her philanthropic work truly comes from the heart."

Winfrey's humanitarian efforts include building schools in South Africa.

Keep a Child Alive was founded in 2003. It assists those affected by HIV/AIDS in Africa and India. Keys says this year's Black Ball will pay "special tribute to the empowerment of women — the heartbeat, soul, and backbone of the AIDS movement."

The ninth annual event will take place at New York's Hammerstein Ballroom. Past honorees include former President Bill Clinton, Sir Richard Branson and Bono.

Internet



This 17 May, 2011 file photo shows singer Alicia Keys, left, and Oprah Winfrey during a taping of "Surprise Oprah! A Farewell Spectacular," in Chicago. Keys announced on 10 July, 2012 that her organization Keep a Child Alive will pay homage to Winfrey at its Black Ball event on 1 Nov. Winfrey's humanitarian efforts include the building of schools in South Africa.

INTERNET

Car hits, kills Comic-Con fan in San Diego street

SAN DIEGO, 11 July—A Comic-Con fan was fatally injured on Tuesday when she was hit by a car on her way to wait in line for a "Twilight" panel at the San Diego Convention Centre.

The 53-year-old woman ran into the middle of Harbor Drive and tried to stop in her tracks but it was too late," said San Diego Police Lt Andra Brown. The 67-year-

old driver who hit her cooperated with investigators and will not be cited, Brown said.

More than 100,000 pop-culture aficionados are expected to flood the San Diego Convention Center from Thursday to Sunday. Many fans have already arrived.

Fan told U-T San Diego the woman had been in line since Sunday for a Thursday panel on "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2," the last film in the hugely popular "Twilight" series, set for release 16 Nov.

Internet



In this 22 July, 2011 file photo, fans are seen outside the San Diego Convention Centre during the second day of the Comic-Con International 2011 convention held in San Diego.—INTERNET

Cranston to direct a final 'Breaking Bad' episode

NEW YORK, 11 July—Bryan Cranston will sit in the director's chair one last time for his AMC drama "Breaking Bad."

In an interview Tuesday, Cranston said he will direct the ninth episode of the show's fifth and final season, which begins 15 July and will air split over two summers. That break in filming gives the actor time to put on his directing hat before the second half airs in 2013.

"As an actor on the show it's really, really difficult — if you're in it a lot obviously — to be able to prep so I take opportunities before we're actually in production shooting," he says.

Cranston, who won three back-to-back Emmys for "Breaking Bad," also directed the first episodes of seasons one and three of the dark series about chemistry teacher Walter White, who turns to cooking meth to help support his family after he's

diagnosed with terminal lung cancer. The actor also directed an episode of ABC's "Modern Family" and seven of his former Fox comedy "Malcolm in the Middle."

Internet



This image released by AMC shows Bryan Cranston as Walter White, left, and Aaron Paul as Jesse Pinkman in a scene from the season 5 premiere of "Breaking Bad," airing on 15 July, at 10 pm EST on AMC.

INTERNET

Isinbayeva warms up for Olympic threepeat with win



Russia's pole vaulting legend Yelena Isinbayeva, pictured in March 2012, won on her first appearance at an open air athletics meeting this season here on Tuesday just under a month ahead of her bid for a third successive Olympic title.—INTERNET

Moscow, 11 July — Russia's pole vaulting legend Yelena Isinbayeva won on her first appearance at an

open air athletics meeting this season here on Tuesday just under a month ahead of her bid for a third successive

Olympic title. The 30-year-old—who won her fourth world indoor title earlier this year in Istanbul—won with a best vault of 4.75 metres, which she achieved on her first attempt.

Isinbayeva, who had pulled out of the meeting in Reims last week because she said she wasn't ready, tried her luck at what would have been a season best 4.85m but failed in her three attempts. Nevertheless she was happy at her evening's work and looking forward to competing at the higher-profile Monaco meeting on July 20 before heading for London. "I am happy with my victory. I have a huge amount of potential to improve. But I still have adjustments to do," she said. *Internet*



Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho.—INTERNET

MADRID, 11 July — A two-match ban given to Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho for poking Barcelona assistant Tito Vilanova in the eye has been lifted as part of a general amnesty, the Spanish soccer federation

Mourinho's Super Cup ban for eye poke lifted

(RFEF) said on Tuesday. The decision, announced at the RFEF's general assembly in Madrid, raises the prospect of a clash between the federation and Barca, whose president Sandro Rosell said last month he would not allow Mourinho's aggression to go unpunished.

The volatile Portuguese was sanctioned after attacking Vilanova, who has since taken over as first-team coach from Pep Guardiola, from behind during a Super Cup match last season. The ban, applicable only in the

Super Cup, was rescinded by RFEF president Angel Maria Villar, who traditionally exonerates some players and coaches after sealing reelection. He was voted in unopposed for a seventh four-year term in February. "Match bans up to four games and stadium bans up to two games will not be enforced," the RFEF ruled, according to a note distributed at the assembly.

The ruling meant Vilanova's one-match ban for reacting to Mourinho's aggression was also lifted.

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Kuwaiti businessman buys Nottingham Forest

KUWAIT CITY, 11 July — Kuwaiti businessman Fawaz Al Hasawi announced on Tuesday he had bought two-time European Cup winners Nottingham Forest. Al Hasawi, a member of one of Kuwait's richest families and who resigned as president of Kuwaiti club Qadsia earlier this year, had been linked with the sleeping English giant earlier in the summer.

He had made no secret that he was aiming to buy a second-tier English club, with Forest having only just retained their Championship status at the end of last season. They had been on the market since the sudden death of owner Nigel Doughty in February. Al Hasawi confirmed that in a tweet on Tuesday "I can officially announce that the acquisition of Nottingham Forest is complete."

"We have become the official owners. I thank my brothers Abdulaziz and Omar

for their efforts," he added without providing any financial details on the value of the deal. The Hassawis have been negotiating the takeover for several weeks with the Estate of Doughty. In a 29 June statement, the Hassawis said the "future on-field and off-field success of Nottingham Forest is at the heart of our plans. "News of the deal was greeted with delight by the playing staff. "Great news," said striker Dexter Blackstock in a tweet of his own.

Internet

Ferrero loses in opening round at Croatia Open

UMAG, 11 July — Croatian wild card Mate Pavic upset sixth-seeded Juan Carlos Ferrero in the first round of the Croatia Open on Tuesday, beating the former champion 6-2, 6-2. The 19-year-old Pavic saved all four break points he faced and converted four out of the six he earned. "My coach told me to play my game and not pay attention to the fact that is a former No 1," Pavic said. "This win means so much."

Ferrero won at Umag in 2010, defeating Potito Starace of Italy in the final for one of his 16 career singles titles. Earlier Tuesday, Starace beat Slovak qualifier Ivo Klec 6-3, 7-6 (6) to advance to the second round. In another upset, American Wayne Odesnik beat eighth-seeded Edouard Roger-Vasselin of France 6-7 (4), 6-2, 7-5. Fabio Fognini of Italy, Blaz Kavcic of Slovenia and Marco Truogelli of Argentina also advanced.

Fognini, a semifinalist in 2008 and 2011, defeated Karol Beck from Slovakia 6-3, 6-1. Kavcic downed Croatia's Antonio Veic 6-2, 6-2, and Truogelli beat Paolo Lorenzi of Italy 7-5, 6-4. In late matches, fifth-seeded Carlos Berlocq from Argentina eased past Croatia's Ivan Dodig 6-4, 6-0. Daniel Brands from Germany defeated Italian Walter Trusendi 6-1, 7-6 (8), while Ernests Gulbis of Latvia beat Spain's Gorka Fraile 6-1, 6-3.

Internet

Maradona sacked as Al Wasl coach

ABU DHABI, 11 July — Argentinian football legend Diego Maradona was sacked as coach of United Arab Emirates side Al Wasl just over a year after he was appointed to the job, the club announced on Tuesday.

The 51-year-old—who was appointed in May 2011 after he had lost his job the previous year as Argentina national coach—had looked to be in a precarious position

after failing to win a trophy last season. His cause had not been helped when the board of directors that had hired him resigned following the previous campaign and their replacements took the decision to fire him after a meeting on Tuesday.

"Following a meeting held by the board of directors of Al Wasl Football Company held today (Tuesday), to evaluate the technical staff of

Al Wasl Football Team under the leadership of coach Diego Maradona, it was decided to terminate the services of coach Diego Maradona and his technical staff," a statement from the club said. Maradona—who as a player almost singlehandedly guided Argentina to the 1986 World Cup trophy and then to the 1990 final—had another year left on his contract.

Internet



Argentinian football legend Diego Maradona, pictured in June 2012, was sacked as coach of United Arab Emirates side Al Wasl just over a year after he was appointed to the job, the club announced on Tuesday.—INTERNET

Serena happy to defend title where comeback started

STANFORD, 11 July — Fatigue and a busy schedule was not going to get in the way of Serena Williams returning to the place she says launched her comeback and gave her the confidence to believe she could win another grand slam. Fresh off her fifth Wimbledon triumph, Williams is eager to defend the Stanford Classic title she won in 2011 that signaled her return after missing nearly a year recovering from serious health problems. The triumph, which came on the heels of a last-16 loss at that year's

Wimbledon, was part of an 18-match win streak that lasted until the US Open final, where she fell to Australian Samantha Stosur.

"This is the place that spurred me on last year," Williams, who missed nearly a year of competition after dealing with a cut foot and blood clot in her lungs, told Reuters on Tuesday. "I had a great summer, and that propelled me with getting a lot of confidence and so that really helped. I definitely wanted to come back and try to redo that, but maybe do 19 straight (wins)

this time." Williams not only picked up her 14th grand slam single title at Wimbledon last Saturday, but she also won her 13th grand slam doubles title with her older sister, Venus.

She then flew to California on Monday but was so jet lagged that she woke up at 3:30 am PDT (1030 GMT) on Tuesday and began tweeting. Williams said her current schedule, which includes competing in the July 27-August 12 London Olympics, is among the most hectic that she has had during her glittering career. "My goal is

to do well here first, and then go from there," said Williams. "I have the Olympics, gosh, I keep forgetting about that, so gotta do, and then I have the US Open, so it's a busy summer and it's halfway through, but it's going so fast."

Williams, 30, became the first woman in her 30s to win Wimbledon since Martina Navratilova won in 1990 at age 33. She admittedly did not go into 2012 Wimbledon with a lot of confidence as she had been stunned in the first round of the French Open by Virginie Razzano, the only time she had lost in the first round of a major in 47 attempts.—*Internet*



Serena Williams of the US holds her trophy after defeating Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland in their women's final tennis match at the Wimbledon tennis championships in London on 7 July, 2012.—REUTERS

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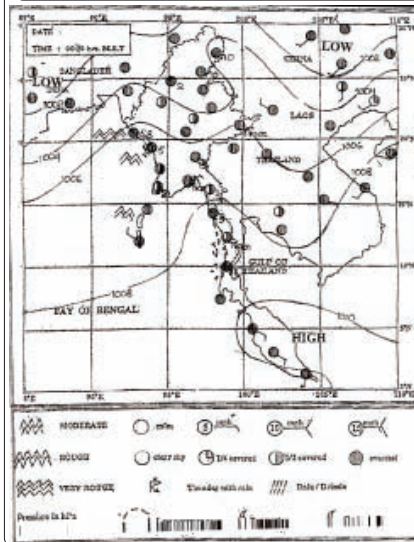
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- 4. Health Programme
- 8:20 am
- 5. Dance Variety
- 8:30 am
- 6. Teleplay (Traffic)
- 4:20 pm
- 7. Cute Little Dancer
- 4:30 pm
- 8. Music Heritage
- 4:40 pm
- 9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:50 pm
- 10. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Psychology)
- 5:30 pm
- 11. Singing In Different Versions
- 5:45 pm
- 12. Science and Environment
- 6:40 pm
- 13. Approaching Science Discovery World
- 7:00 pm
- 14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
- 15. News
- 16. Documentary
- 17. TV Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**Weather forecast for 12th July, 2012**

Sr. No.		Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	29/84	24/75	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
2	Kayah	29/84	21/70	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
3	Kayin	31/88	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
4	Chin	23/73	15/59	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
5	Upper Sagaing	33/91	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
6	Lower Sagaing	41/106	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
7	Tanintharyi	31/88	23/73	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
8	Bago	30/86	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
9	Magway	33/91	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
10	Mandalay	39/102	28/82	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
11	Mon	33/91	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
12	Yangon	33/91	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
13	Rakhine	28/82	21/70	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
14	Southern Shan	26/79	20/68	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
15	Northern Shan	32/90	23/73	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
16	Eastern Shan	32/90	23/73	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
17	Ayeyawady	33/91	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	35/95	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	33/91	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	39/102	28/82	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Region and Kayah State, rain or thundershower have been isolated in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Ayeyawady Regions and Shan State, scattered in Bago Region, Kachin, Chin and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Yangon Region, Rakhine and Mon States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Tanintharyi Region and Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Maungaw (3.88) inches, Kawthoung (3.54) inches, Sitway (2.36) inches, Myitkyina (1.30) inches, An (1.10) inches and Myingyan (1.07) inches.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in the Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of decrease of rain in the lower Myanmar Areas.

Donor of Pagoda, Ordination Hall and Monastery, and Sponsor of Monk U Aung Naing (a) Eric Law (a) Law Pin Sin Aged 58

Second son of U Law Sit Han and Daw Kyan Phu Shin of Yangon, son-in-law of (U Chi Chan) and Daw Aye Kyin of Taunggyi, younger brother of U Than Naing and Daw Nan Kham Hlaing, and Daw Kyi Kyi Han, husband of (Daw Su Su Lwin), elder brother of U Win Naing and Daw Khin Pyone Pyone Myint, U Tun Myint Naing and Daw Si Si Lya, U Min Din and Daw Phyu Phyu Han, U M Tu Tu Ja and Daw Thida Han, U Aung Cheint and Daw Sabei Han, and U Aung Kyaw Naing and Daw Alne, and father of Maung Lin Tun Kyaw and Maung Zami Htet who lived at No(17), Has Kaward, Yadana Thiri street, Thingangyun Township in Yangon passed away at Victoria Hospital at 12.30 pm on 10-7-2012 (Tuesday). The funeral service will be held at Yewee Yunnan Cemetery at 10 am on 16-7-2012 (Monday). Bereaved family

Death toll from southern Russian floods reaches 172

MOSCOW, 11 July — The death toll from recent rains and floods in southern Russia's Krasnodar territory has climbed to 172, the Interior Ministry said on Tuesday.

"According to the Interior Ministry's crisis center, the disaster has killed 172 people, including 159 in Krymsk, 11 in Gelendzhik, and two in Novorossiisk," the ministry said.

According to the regional administration of Krasnodar, some 30,000 people have been affected by the floods.

Russian Emergency Situations Minister Vladimir Puchkov said over 2 million rubles (some 61,000 U.S. dollars) would be allocated to the reconstruction of the destroyed houses in the region. —Xinhua



Bicycle riders pass the flooded Xuanwumen crossroads in downtown Beijing, capital of China, on 10 July, 2012. Beijing was hit by a torrential rain on Tuesday evening. XINHUA

Two dead, seven missing after ship capsizes

NANJING, 11 July — Two children died while seven others remain missing after a cargo ship capsized and sank early Wednesday at a port in east China's Jiangsu Province, maritime authorities said. The accident, involving a cargo ship docked at the port of Zhenjiang, happened at 2:25 am, according to Zhenjiang Municipal Marine

Safety Bureau.

All 24 people on board were flung into the water, with 17 rescued, the bureau said, adding that two children died after medical treatment failed.

The bureau said the ship was carrying more than 10,000 tonnes of iron ore and reported no collision. The cause of the accident is being investigated. —Xinhua



Local officers search for trapped victims with devices after an under-repair house collapsed, in Xixin Village of Shuozhou City, north China's Shanxi Province, on 10 July, 2012. The accident happened here on Tuesday with 12 people trapped at the site. Eight people have been confirmed dead and four have been out of danger so far. XINHUA

Five taken to hospital from Rome-bound plane diverted to Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, 11 July — Fire department officials say five people were taken to a hospital from a plane diverted to Philadelphia International Airport after crew members reported feeling ill due to an odour on board.

Airport spokeswoman Victoria Lupica said US Airways flight 720 had taken off from Charlotte, NC bound for Rome, but diverted to Philadelphia shortly before 10 pm Tuesday after crew members became nauseous.

US Airways spokesman Todd Lehmacher said the pilot decided to divert the aircraft "out of an abundance of caution" and five crew members were seen by a paramedic.

They were then taken to a hospital for observation.

Lehmacher said no illnesses were reported among any of the 176 passengers. He said the plane will continue to Rome with a new crew early today. —Internet



COURSE OPENED: The midwifery course No 1/2012 was opened at old ward of Sangha of Pakokku General Hospital on 2 July with the aim of ensuring reduction of maternal death and mortality rate. Deputy Commissioner U Khin Maung Yi of District General Administration Department explains purpose of conducting the training course. —MYANMAALIN

Declaration of income submitted in Kalay Township

KALAY, 11 July — A ceremony to submit declaration of income from cooperative societies for 2012-2013 fiscal year was held at the hall of Kalay Township Cooperative Department in Kalay District of Sagaing Region on 29 June morning.

On behalf of the cooperative societies, Chairman of Township Cooperative Syndicate U Bo Tin presented income declaration and K 1,275,000 in advance to the head of Township Internal Revenue Department. —District IPRD

Death toll from Honduras tainted liquor tragedy rises to 24

TEGUCIGALPA, 11 July — At least 24 people have died from drinking adulterated liquor in the central Honduran city of Siguatepeque, a Health Ministry official said on Tuesday. Tomas Guevara, chief epidemiologist in the Public Health Ministry, said of 48 known alcohol-poisoning cases last week, 24 have proved fatal and the remainder lost their sight or suffered other physical damage. Most of those affected were from the town of Siguatepeque, 130 km north of the capital city of Tegucigalpa. Survivors were

receiving treatment at Santa Teresa hospital in nearby Comayagua city.

The Honduran health authorities and the public prosecutor's office have been investigating the incident since last Thursday in order to find out the cause. They suspected that the local firewater had been mixed with methanol, a highly toxic chemical that can cause blindness and even death.

"From the symptoms they have, we suspect ethanol, or pure alcohol, was mixed with methanol," Guevara said last Thursday. —Xinhua



President U Thein Sein receives newly-accredited Ambassador of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal to Myanmar Mr. Paras Ghimire.
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President U Thein Sein accepts credentials of Ambassador of Nepal

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July—Mr. Paras Ghimire, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, presented his credentials to U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the Presidential Palace, here, at 2.00 pm today.

Present on the occasion together with President U Thein Sein were Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung and Acting Director-General U Tha Aung Nyun of the Protocol Department.—MNA

Reproductive health problems remain leading cause of ill health and death among childbearing-age women worldwide



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivers an address at ceremony to mark World Population Day.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham addressed World Population Day commemorative ceremony held at Thingaha Hotel here this morning.

The ceremony was also attended by Union ministers, deputy ministers, diplomats of foreign missions, resident representatives of UN agencies, departmental heads, members of social organizations and guests.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said, World Population Day is an annual event, observed on July 11, which seeks to raise awareness of interrelations between global population issues and development. Myanmar has been observing the Day annually and this year's event is the 23rd. The UN theme for this year's World Population Day is "Universal Access to Reproductive Health Services".

He said, since 40 years ago, UN member states have

approved that members of any household have the right to fix the population of their own family. International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo in 1994 raised the global awareness of fulfilling the reproductive health needs of every citizen and ensuring universal access to multiple reproductive health by 2015. Sector-wise future action plans included the availability of reproductive health services as a sector. They

also stated every couple's freedom of choosing the number of children and the birth-spacing period.

As the global population exceeds seven billion, availability of reproductive health services for every one has become a little difficult matter. This year's theme is to raise global awareness of the importance and urgency of reproductive health and to acknowledge the providers of health information, services and equipment, he said.

Reproductive health

problems remain the leading cause of ill health and death for women of childbearing age worldwide. Unintended pregnancy, maternal deaths, disability and infection of sexually transmitted diseases are high particularly among the poor and women of developing countries.

In developing countries, some 215 million women who want to delay or cease childbearing lack birth control methods. So, thousands of women are facing unintended pregnancy, health problems

and also death. About 1.8 billion young people are entering their reproductive years from 18 to 24, are in dire need of reproductive health information and services. Nearly 358,000 women die every year in the process of giving life. Developing countries annually see about 19 million back-street abortions that claim lives of 47,000 women every year.

There are about 16 million women of reproductive age in about 60 million population of the country.

The 2008 constitution grants rights for mothers, children and expectant mothers and the national health policies promise universal health services and healthcare.

There is no prescription for the number of children in a family. It depends on individual choice. Urbanites with reproductive health knowledge conceive one or two children. Rural population have unlimited

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives UNHCR delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July—Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received a delegation led by United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Mr Antonio Guterres at the Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 9 am today.

At the call, they cordially exchanged views on tasks of Hluttaw affairs, fundamental rights of citizens, and endeavours of the Hluttaw for matters related to democracy and human rights.

Present at the call together with the Speaker of the Pyithu

Hluttaw were Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Chairman of Citizens' Fundamental Rights, Democracy and Human Rights Committee U Htay Oo, Chairman of International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo, Chairman of Social Development Committee U Maung Maung Swe and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

After the call, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Mr Antonio Guterres and party visited the Pyithu Hluttaw.

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Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann receives a delegation led by United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Mr Antonio Guterres at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall at Hluttaw Complex.—MNA