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Pyithu Hluttaw session continues for seventh day

Eight questions answered, one proposal discussed, one more submitted and one bill approved

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July—Seventh day session of Pyithu Hluttaw continued at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10 am today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 407 representatives.

At the question-and-answer session, Deputy Minister at President Office U Thant Shin replied to the questions raised by U Aung Kyaing of NyaungU Constituency on **"there is a plan to open an office of Directorate of Road Administration in NyaungU District"**; by U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency on **"there is a plan to issue motorcycle licenses**, **to allow motor cycle riding officially**, **to seize illegal carrying and sale of motor cycles and to allow to import and sell it officially**."

The deputy minister replied that for the opening of a new office of Directorate of Road Administration in NyaungU District, organizational structure and staff strength needed to get Union Budget allowance. It would be implemented only after the State allowed budget and staff strength.

With respect to the second question, Ministry of Rail Transportation was carrying out the registration of illegally-imported motorcycles in state/region/district offices and Nay Pyi Taw Council Area through four-month one stop services in cooperation with Ministry of Finance and Revenue and Ministry of Home Affairs as of 5-6-2012.

According to the principle of Yangon Region government, registration of unlicensed motorcycles was being carried out only with the outside addresses of Yangon municipal area. Motorcycle riding was not allowed in Yangon municipal area such as Hlinethaya, Shwepyitha and Mingaladon Townships. So, it was impossible to make registration with those addresses. As Htantabin Township was outside of Yangon municipal area,

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Pyithu Hluttaw representatives attend seventh day session. MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw session continues for seventh day

Eight questions answered, two proposals put forward and members of the vice-president scrutinizing board selected at today's session

Seventh day session of Amyotha Hluttaw in progress. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July—Amyotha Hluttaw session continued for the seventh day at Amyotha Hluttaw Building in Hluttaw Complex, here, today, attended by Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein and 210 MPs.

Eight questions were answered, two proposals put forward and members of the vice-president scrutinizing board were selected at today's session.

Regarding the question of U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency (3) about **whether the punitive actions against corrupt civil servants would be publicized,** Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung replied that the government exposed corrupt

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From one way to two-way

Myanmar people have valued education very highly throughout the successive eras. Thanks to the monastic education system, Myanmar's literacy rate was higher than those of Asia and Pacific region. But now Myanmar has lagged behind them. Myanmar education system puts more emphasis on lessons learnt from teaching and parrot-learning method rather than self-study practices. To promote education standard of the country, the education system should shift to self-study system. These days, an increasing number of tuitions and guides are mushrooming. It is not surprising that they cannot survive without the market demand. The majority of students don't want to study lessons on their own and rely too much on tuitions and study guides.

Here, there are two points: the first one is that the students want to get more knowledge about the lessons, and the second one is that they may have no thorough understanding of lessons learnt in schools. The first one is not a matter of concern. But, the other is due to quality of teachers and teaching and learning systems. The quality of teachers plays a crucial role in promoting the education standard of the country.

The learning system should be two ways rather than one way. Here, one way means teacher-centered approach and two ways, student-centered approach where there are interactions between teachers and students.

We must cultivate the students' reading habits and self-study practices. We must inculcate the sense of self-reliance in the students. That would help them encourage their creative and rational thinking.

In building up a developed country, rich natural resources alone are not enough. The country needs to have human resources development as well. Due to the government's reform processes, relations with the world countries have improved. In that regard, the role of well-educated people is of great importance. We need to shift our learning system from one way to two-way system.

Master course on economic management to be opened at UMFCCI

YANGON, 12 July— The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and University of Thai Chamber of Commerce and Industries have arranged to launch a master course on economic management at the UMFCCI Training Institute of UMFCCI Officer Tower on Min Ye Kyaw Swa Road in Lanmadaw Township here.

The two-year course is open from 9 am to 5 pm every weekend from August of 2012 to July of 2014. Those interested persons may submit application forms to the UMFCCI Training Institute not later than 16 July.

Applicants may enroll from 27 till 31 July. For further details, dial 09-73072174 and 214345 Ext-133 at UMFCCI Training Institute.—*MNA*

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has transferred Director-General U Thein Swe of Industrial Crops Development Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation as Managing Director of Myanma Agricultural Development Bank under the same ministry from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of Director-General U Maw Tha Htwe of the Hydropower Implementation Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No 1 on expiry of one-year probation period.

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

	Names	Appointment
(a)	Dr Sai Aung Hsan	Panglong University
(b)	Dr Daw Khin Swe Myint	Mandalay University
(c)	Dr Htay Aung	Mawlamyine University
(d)	Dr Nyunt Pe	Pathein University
(e)	Dr Hla Htay	Dagon University
(f)	Dr Aye Kyaw	Magway University
(g)	Dr Daw Mu Mu Myint	Taunggyi University
(h)	Dr Zaw Lin	Mandalay University of Foreign Languages
(i)	Dr Daw Lwin Lwin Soe	Yangon University of Foreign Languages
(j)	Dr Htay Lin Maung	Maubin University
(k)	Dr Tin Tun Myint	Shwebo University
(l)	Dr Daw Mya Mya Aye	Hpa-an University
(m)	Dr Myint Lwin	Kyaukse University
(n)	Dr Khin Maung Oo	Yadanabon University

RC school building to be built for school for children with disabilities

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July— Shwetaung Construction Co Ltd has proposed to construct a new two-storey RC building for training schools for children with disabilities under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and the stake-driven occasion for the building took place at the school in Mayangon Township, here this morning, attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe.

Region Development Affairs Minister Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint, Chairman of Shwetaung Co U Aik Tun, and Russian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Mikhail Mgeladze and officials drove the stakes.

Shwetaung Co chairman and the Brazilian Ambassador spoke on the occasion and Deputy Director-General of Social Welfare Department spoke words of thanks.

The region chief minister and personnel viewed training to the children with disabilities. The new building would be 200 feet in length, 36 feet in width. In addition to capital contribution of K 250 million by Shwetaung Co, wellwishers donated K 294 million, 2000 Singapore dollar and five kinds of equipment for the school.—*MNA*

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe at training school for children with disabilities in Mayangon Township.

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Annual South East Asia Red Cross and Red Crescent Meeting-2012 held

***Annual South East Asia Red Cross and Red Crescent Meeting-2012 in progress at the Amara Hotel.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July—The Annual South East Asia Red Cross and Red Crescent Meeting-2012 was held at the Amara Hotel here yesterday morning.

On the occasion, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint delivered a speech citing that Myanmar Red Cross Society, an auxiliary force of the State, is the one that carries out social works at the normal time while its members are involving in doing rescue tasks whenever natural disasters cause. According to the present reports, there were over 200 victims hit by a total of 1042 events of natural disaster in Asia and Pacific regions from 2004 to 2010. He congratulated for the associations' harmonious cooperation in fulfilling the needs of over 28 million of victims among them. He believed that the meeting leads to fruitful results of the associations to serve for the public in the South East Asia countries in the near future.

Afterwards, President Mr. Kentaro Nagazumi of International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies based in Geneva extended greetings.

Also present at the meeting together with Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint were Nay Pyi Taw Council member Dr Paing Soe, departmental heads, Ambassadors from Thailand, Laos, Indonesia and Vietnam Embassies and officials concerned, and leaders of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of South East Asia countries, officials from ICRC and IFRC and Chairman of Myanmar Red Cross Society and CEC members.

It was reported that it is Myanmar, a host country that holds such the meeting for the first time since when the 1st meeting was held last twelve years ago.

MNA

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney speaks at the NAACP convention in Houston on 11 July, 2012.
REUTERS

Romney speech to NAACP draws boos, raises questions on strategy

HOUSTON, 12 July— Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney was booed by a mostly African-American crowd on Wednesday, as a speech before a civil rights group became the latest episode to raise questions about his strategy in battling Democratic President Barack Obama.

Appearing before the annual convention of the NAACP — a group whose members are among Obama's strongest supporters — Romney gave what amounted to his standard campaign pitch, emphasizing his ability to create jobs.

Although several of his lines were greeted with applause, Romney drew waves of boos when he blasted Obama's record on jobs and the healthcare overhaul that was backed by the president and recently upheld as constitutional by the US Supreme Court.

"If you want a president who will make things better in the African-American community, you are looking at him," Romney told the crowd in a reference to the high unemployment among blacks — 14.4 percent, compared with the national average of 8.2 percent. The comment prompted a smattering of boos.

"Take a look," he said. "No!" a woman shouted.

Romney's vow to repeal and replace the healthcare law known as "Obamacare" did not go over much better. The law — which among other things requires most Americans to buy insurance and helps the elderly save on prescription drugs — has broad support among African-Americans, according to polls.

"I'm going to eliminate every expensive, non-essential programme. That includes Obamacare," Romney told the crowd of hundreds in a half-filled ballroom. Sustained boos of more than 10 seconds broke out, and Romney seemed unsettled by the reaction.

Reuters

Mexico's president-elect calls on rivals to back reform push

MEXICO CITY, 12 July— Mexican President-elect Enrique Pena Nieto called on rival parties to rally around his plans for economic reforms on Wednesday, naming a team of advisers to help negotiate deals in the new Congress.

Pena Nieto's election win on 1 July will bring the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, which ruled Mexico for most of the 20th century, back to power after more than a decade on the sidelines.

The youthful former governor ran on a platform of ambitious, market-friendly tax, labour and energy reforms, but his plans could hit snags after the PRI failed to win a majority in either the Senate or the lower house of Congress.

"We will have a diverse Congress where no party has an absolute majority and as a result, all the parties will be responsible for coming to agreements," Pena Nieto told a news conference.

"It is time to agree, not impose," he said. "Time to build, not obstruct."

The new Congress convenes in September and PRI lawmakers have said there is a window of opportunity to push through some reforms before Pena Nieto takes office in December.

"We will start promoting these issues at the start of the next legislature," said Luis Videgaray, Pena Nieto's campaign manager, who was named on Wednesday to coordinate reform initiatives for the new government.

During the administration of outgoing President Felipe Calderon, the PRI helped block many similar market-friendly reforms. Pena Nieto now says the changes are necessary to transform the country and insists his party is behind him.

Pena Nieto shied away from naming an official transition team before the electoral tribunal formally declares a winner, a decision that could take two more months.—*Reuters*

Mexico's President-elect Enrique Pena Nieto speaks as he addresses a news conference in Mexico City on 11 July, 2012.—REUTERS

Forest fire threatens Montenegrin national park

BELGRADE, 12 July— One firefighter was injured on Wednesday as a forest fire continues to spread toward the Durmitor national park in Montenegro, reported Radio Television Republika Srpska (RTRS).

The blaze, which was ignited by lightening, has already consumed about 10 hectares of forest and is now threatening a stand of centuries old pine trees.

Durmitor, locates in the northwest corner of Montenegro, is famous for its ski resort and the Tara River Gorge, the longest canyon in Europe. The authorities closed a section of a regional road leading to the park, from Mojkovac to Durdevica, because of landslides of both boulders and the charred remains of trees. Access to two isolated mountain villages have been cut off because of the road closure. Two police aircraft are aiding with firefighting efforts in inaccessible areas. Fire Commander Dragan Markovic said drought conditions coupled with high winds have made the fire difficult to contain. In addition, fires typically spread quickly through pine forests.—*Xinhua*

Four dead, 14 missing as torrential rain hits Japan's Kyushu

OSAKA, 12 July — At least four people were killed and 14 others went missing as torrential rain caused by a seasonal rain front hit a wide area of the southwestern Japanese island of Kyushu where thousands of people were forced to evacuate homes on Thursday, local Press said.

According to Japan's public broadcaster Nippon Hoso Kyokai (NHK), at least three people were found dead and a total of 14 people went missing in Aso City and its surrounding region of Kumamoto Prefecture which saw hourly rainfall between 100 and 120 millimeters on Thursday morning.

In Taketa City of Oita Prefecture, a man was also found dead after he fell into a swelling river on Thursday when the city ordered, or advised, about 25,000 people to evacuate their houses located near the river.

Meanwhile, in Kumamoto City of Kumamoto Prefecture, thousands of people have been urged to leave home since the early morning due to rising water levels of nearby rivers, including Shirakawa, the main river which crosses the city center.

Television images showed flooding submerging some residential squares along with the Shirakawa river in the city.

Xinhua

A destroyed bicycle is seen at the blast site in Pakistan's southern port city of Karachi, on 11 July, 2012. At least one person was killed and 20 others injured when a bus was hit by a roadside bomb in Pakistan's southern port city of Karachi on Wednesday afternoon, reported local Urdu TV channel Dunya.—XINHUA

Nine policemen killed, three injured in terrorist attack in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 12 July— At least nine policemen were killed and three others injured in an attack launched by unknown gunmen on early Thursday morning in Pakistan's eastern city of Lahore, reported local Urdu TV channel Dunya.

According to the local media reports, six unknown gunmen coming in three motorbikes launched an attack on a house in the city, where some 30 policemen lived inside and and sprayed bullets on them indiscriminately. They run away on the motorbikes after the attack.

All the police living inside the house came from the country's northwest Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province for receving a three-month training in the Camp Jail of Lahore.

Their training is scheduled to be completed on 28 July.

The attack took place at about 5:45 am local time Thursday morning. All the gunmen were wearing masks over their faces during the attack. Three gunmen waited outside the house while the other three carrying automatic weapons entered the house and launched the attack, said police and eyewitnesses.—*Xinhua*

Freight train derails, catches fire in Columbus, Ohio

COLUMBUS, 12 July—A Norfolk Southern freight train derailed and burst into flames in Columbus, Ohio, early on Wednesday, forcing nearby residents to evacuate, authorities said.

The 98-car southbound train, with two locomotives, was carrying ethanol, and fire officials were letting the biofuel burn itself out, said Columbus Assistant Fire Chief Dave Whiting. He said 10 cars derailed and about three ruptured.

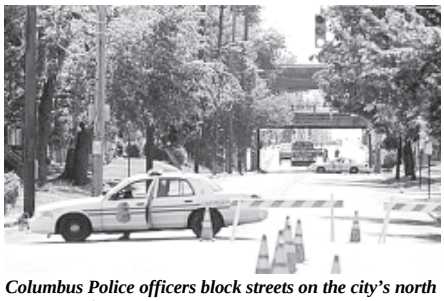
"It's contained, it's not spreading," Whiting said. "It's doing exactly what we want it to do. We haven't had to put anybody in harm's way."

About a hundred people were told to leave their homes within a one-mile (1.6 km) radius of the derailment that took place near the state fairgrounds and Ohio State University, fire officials said.

The train, bound for North Carolina from Chicago, derailed at about 2 am EDT (0600 GMT), said Norfolk Southern spokesman Dave Pidgeon.

He said between 11 and 13 cars derailed but the exact number was undetermined. He also said two cars carrying ethanol were still burning hours after the derailment.

The cause was unknown and under investigation, Pidgeon said. The National Transportation Safety Board joined the investigation, he said.—*Reuters*



Columbus Police officers block streets on the city's north side after an early morning train derailment in Columbus, Ohio on 11 July, 2012.
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It's not lunacy: Not-a-planet Pluto boasts 5 moons

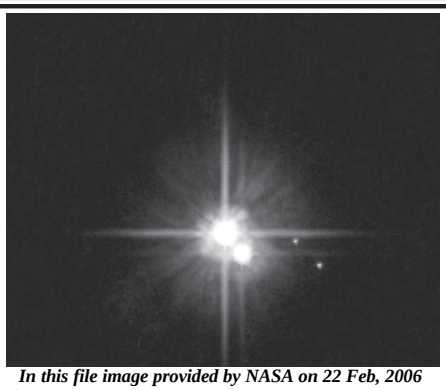
LOS ANGELES, 12 July — Pluto may have been kicked out of the planet club, but it has gained yet another companion. Scientists announced on Wednesday the discovery of the smallest moon yet around the icy orb, bringing the tally of known moons to five. "We're not finished searching yet," said Hal Weaver of Johns Hopkins University, who thinks there may be more lurking.

The discovery was made by a team of scientists who used the Hubble Space Telescope to scout out Pluto's neighbourhood ahead of a NASA spacecraft that's scheduled to arrive in 2015. When the New Horizons craft launched in 2006, Pluto was a full-fledged planet, but has since been demoted to dwarf planet status by the International Astronomical Union.

The newfound moon — known as P5 until it gets a proper name — appeared as a faint fleck in the Hubble images. Scientists estimated the mini-moon to be 6 to 15 miles across, smaller than the still nameless one that they spotted last year, which is 8 to 21 miles wide. Pluto's largest moon, the 650-mile-wide Charon, was discovered in 1978. Two smaller moons, Nix and Hydra, were found in 2005.

The moons are thought to have formed after an ancient collision between Pluto and an object in the Kuiper Belt, a disk teeming with small bodies that lies beyond the orbit of Neptune. Since the launch of the New Horizons mission, scientists have been studying the Kuiper Belt in search of debris that might pose a danger to the spacecraft.

Mark Showalter of the SETI Institute said names for the new moon and last year's discovery will not be proposed until the team finishes analyzing the Hubble data in case there are more hidden moons. Showalter said he favors names that go together — like the mythological Greek couple Orpheus and Eurydice. "If we happen to find more moons, then we will have to pick a different story from Greek mythology," he said in an email.— *Internet*



***In this file image provided by NASA on 22 Feb, 2006 from NASA's Hubble Space Telescope shows Pluto and three of it's moons. A team of scientists using the Hubble Space Telescope said on 11 July, 2012, they have discovered the tiniest moon yet around Pluto. That brings the number of known moons to five.*— INTERNET**

Select New York City payphones to become free Wi-Fi hotspots

NEW YORK, 12 July — A small group of New York City payphones will soon be getting a new lease on life through a pilot programme that will transform the old phones into Wi-Fi hotspots, GigaOM reported. The hotspots, which will be ad-free and open to the public, will initially be available at 10 payphones throughout three of the city's boroughs. The payphones feature "military grade" antennas that can provide service up to 300 feet away, and installation is being provided free-of-charge by Van Wagner Communications. New York is planning to eventually expand its hotspot program to more of the city's 13,000 payphones, and the ongoing cost and maintenance will be provided by the payphone companies. It was previously reported that New York was planning to revive roughly 250 old phone booths with 32-inch Internet-ready "smart screens."— *Internet*

***Select New York City payphones to become free Wi-Fi hotspots.* INTERNET**

No crustacean, no cry? Bob Marley gets his own species

WASHINGTON, 12 July — Reggae immortal Bob Marley has joined Barack Obama and Elvis Presley in the elite club of those who have biological species named in their honour. In Marley's case, it's a small parasitic crustacean blood feeder that infests fish in Caribbean coral reefs, now known as Gnathia marleyi. "I named this species, which is truly a natural wonder, after Marley because of my respect and admiration for Marley's music," Paul Sikkel, a marine biologist at Arkansas State University, said in a statement on Tuesday. "Plus, this species is as uniquely Caribbean as Marley." Young Gnathia marleyi hide among coral rubble, sea sponges or algae, launching surprise attacks on fish, which they then infest, eating enough to fuel their growth to adulthood. Adults don't eat at all, Sikkel said, but manage to survive for two to three weeks on their last feedings as juveniles. Caribbean coral reefs are vulnerable to diseases, and Sikkel said his team is studying the relationship between the health of coral reef communities and gnathiid populations.

Gnathiids, like the species named for Marley, are the most common external parasites found on coral reefs. They are ecologically similar to land-based, blood-sucking ticks or disease-carrying mosquitoes, the biologist said. Bob Marley, who died in 1981, was an iconic exponent of the Jamaican-born music known as reggae. One of his standards is "No Woman, No Cry." President Obama has a lichen named for him and Elvis has a wasp. Sikkel and his research team described all the life stages of Gnathia marleyi in the current edition of the journal Zootaxia. The research was funded in part by the National Science Foundation.— *Reuters*

***A Caribbean fish, known as the French grunt, that is infested with gnathiids is pictured in this handout photo supplied by the National Science Foundation, on 10 July, 2012. —* REUTERS**

Researcher seeks solution to mystery of 20-year-old self-deleting poem

NEW YORK, 12 July — In 1992, renowned sci-fi author and futurist William Gibson (Neuromancer, Virtual Light) released Agrippa (A Book of the Dead), a self-playing poem contained on a floppy disk for old Macintosh computers that, once its text had scrolled up the screen one time, would be rendered unreadable on purpose. Now, 20 years later, a PhD student at the University of Toronto is enlisting the aid of cryptographers in hopes of figuring out how the programme works.

Quinn DuPont, a student of cryptography, has created what he's calling Cracking the Agrippa Code: The Challenge, which asks participants to explain how the intentional scrambling of the poem works in exchange for prizes. The first person who successfully cracks the code will win a copy of every William Gibson work ever published — except for Agrippa — along with DuPont's unending gratitude, we suppose.

Part of the challenge will entail decrypting the actual programme, the uncompiled source code for which has been long lost. Then, cryptoanalysts will need to figure out how it encrypts the poem — if that's actually what's happening. DuPont admits that the program could just be randomly scrambling the text, in which case there may not be a way to decode it.

If you're interested in reading an unscrambled version of Gibson's Agrippa, you can actually do so on the author's own website. To aid brave cryptography buffs in decoding the program, DuPont has made links available to a copy of the original, along with the Macintosh System 7 emulator required to run it and other tools, on a web page dedicated to the project.— *Internet*

***Floppy disk of William Gibson's 'Agrippa' intentionally turns to gibberish after being read only once.*— INTERNET**

2,500 scientists to attend international space meet in southern India

NEW DELHI, 12 July — More than 2.500 scientists from 75 countries would gather in the southern Indian city of Mysore on Saturday for a week-long mega international meet on contemporary topics in the realm of space, an official said on Wednesday. "The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is hosting the event from 14 to 22 July. Dr K Radhakrishnan, the chairman of ISRO, will put forward India's space vision in the space agency's round-table meet during the event," said the ISRO official who preferred not to be named.

"Hosting this prestigious event in India offers our scientists an opportunity to get actively involved and benefit from the interactions with their global counterparts," the state-owned ISRO said in a statement.— *Xinhua*

Motorola confirms ATRIX HD has a locked bootloader, teases unlocking tool

***Motorola confirms ATRIX HD has a locked bootloader, teases unlocking tool.* INTERNET**

NEW YORK, 12 July — In keeping with its tradition of locking devices, Motorola revealed on Tuesday that its newly announced smart-phone, the ATRIX HD, will include a locked bootloader. "Motorola ATRIX HD at AT&T will have a locked bootloader to meet requirements," the company confirmed on Twitter.

Motorola did, however, tease the arrival of its long-awaited HTC-like bootloader unlocking tool. "Our goal is still to provide a way to unlock the bootloaders on our devices to those who wish to do so, more details to come," the company wrote.

The ATRIX HD features a 4.5-inch ColorBoost 720p HD display, a 1.5GHz dual-core processor, an 8-megapixel camera, a 720p front-facing camera and 4G LTE connectivity. The handset will be available from AT&T on 15th July for $99.

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Melinda Gates pledges $560 million for contraception

LONDON, 12 July — Melinda Gates has pledged $560 million as part of a campaign to expand access to contraception for women in some of the poorest countries in the world. The funding commitment was unveiled on Wednesday at the London Summit on Family Planning alongside pledges totaling $4.3 billion from the British government and leaders from African nations wrestling with the health and social problems brought on by high rates of unplanned pregnancy.

The summit launched a programme to extend family planning services to 120 million women out of an estimated 220 million around the world who want, but cannot get, reliable access to contraception by 2020.Supporters of the campaign estimate that this year will see 80 million unintended pregnancies in developing countries.They say 800 women die every day as a result of pregnancy-related complications — the leading cause of death for teenage girls in the developing world.

"When I travel and talk to women around the world they tell me that access to contraceptives can often be the difference between life and death," Gates said. "Today is about listening to their voices, about meeting their aspirations, and giving them the power to create a better life for themselves and their families."Government officials and aid agencies at the event said the involvement of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, set up by the Microsoft founder and his wife, would help re-frame a debate that has been controversial since the forced sterilizations in India in the 1970s and China's one-child policy.

Melinda Gates, wife of Microsoft Corp co-founder Bill Gates, speaks at the London Summit on Family Planning in central London on 11 July , 2012. — REUTERS

Victoria Jennings, a director of Georgetown University's Institute for Reproductive Health, said: "To have someone like her on the world stage saying 'come on', it does serve as a tremendous lever to ratchet up the concern."Gates, a Catholic herself, has been criticized by some Catholic groups in the United States over her backing for the initiative.—*Reuters*

Health Tip: Poor air quality affects kids with asthma

When the weather heats up and ozone infiltrates the air, kids with asthma should limit their time outside, experts say.

The Nemours Foundation offers these suggestions for the parents of asthmatic children when the air quality is poor:

* Run the air conditioner, and don't let your child spend too much time outside.
* If your kids participate in outdoor activities, limit them to the early morning hours and away from high-traffic areas.
* Talk to your child's sports coach about practicing in an indoor, air conditioned environment on very hot days. Send your child to practice with a rescue inhaler, just in case.
* Ensure that your home is well-ventilated, use an air purifier and avoid wood-burning fires inside the home.
* Discuss your child's asthma action plan with the pediatrician.

Internet

Infosys meets Q1 forecasts, but cuts FY2013 outlook

A man walks past a billboard of Infosys Technologies Ltd's office in Bangalore, capital of the southern state of Karnataka, on 10 Oct, 2003. — REUTERS

BANGALORE, 12 July — India's Infosys Ltd cut its sales outlook for this fiscal year amid worries clients will reduce spending on outsourcing services due to global economic uncertainty, sending its shares down nearly 9 percent. The prevailing dim global economic climate, cutthroat competition for a bigger share of the outsourcing business and sharp currency fluctuations have slowed the pace of growth for Indian outsourcing companies. Infosys, India's No 2 software services exporter, sees its revenue in dollar terms rising 5 percent to $7.34 billion in the year to March 2013, down from its April estimate of 8-10 percent growth.

Most analysts were expecting Infosys to trim its sale growth outlook to 6-8 percent. The company met expectations with a 33 percent rise in its fiscal first-quarter profit. "Everything is poor in Infosys results and this kind of guidance cut will definitely materialize into further derating of the stock," said Harit Shah, a senior research analyst at Nirmal Bang Institutional Equities in Mumbai. Shares of Infosys, valued at about $25.5 billion, fell 10.2 percent to 2,219 rupees after the results, dragging the broader market index down 1.3 percent and the sector index to 5.5 percent.

Net profit for Infosys, whose customers include Bank of America , BT Group and GlaxoSmithKline Plc , rose to 22.89 billion rupees ($413 million) in the quarter ended June from 17.2 billion rupees a year earlier. Analysts had forecast a net profit of 23 billion rupees for the Bangalore-based company, according to *Thomson Reuters* data. Revenue rose 28.5 percent to 96.16 billion rupees as Infosys added 51 new clients in the first quarter, the company said. Tata Consultancy Services , India's top software exporter, is expected to post a nearly 25 percent rise in net profit for the June quarter to 29.7 billion rupees, according to *Thomson Reuters* data. The company reports later on Thursday.

India's $100 billion-a-year IT and back-office outsourcing sector earns about three-quarters of its revenues from customers in the United States and Europe and faces intense competition from global rivals including IBM and Accenture.—*Reuters*

WHO study finds children with disabilities more likely to experience violence

GENEVA, 12 July — Children with disabilities are 3.7 times more likely to experience violence than non-disabled children, according to a World Health Organization (WHO) review published on Thursday. Factors which place children with disabilities at higher risk of violence include stigma, discrimination, and ignorance about disability, as well as a lack of social support for those who care for them, according to the studies. The studies also revealed that placement of children with disabilities in institutions increases their vulnerability to violence.

Researchers conducted 17 studies among 18,374 children with disabilities from seven high-income countries, including the United States, the United Kingdom and France. Tom Shakespeare, WHO Technical Officer of Disability and Rehabilitation, told reporters on Wednesday that disabilities mentioned in the review cover physical, sensory, and intellectual impairements, mental illness and multiple disabilities. A total of 93 million children in the world live with disabilities by this definition, he said.—*Xinhua*

BYOD policies jacking up companies' IT costs

NEW YORK , 12 July — Any companies thinking of chucking out their BlackBerrys and moving to an anything-goes bring-your-own-device (BYOD) policy should know that such moves come at a price. Per Computer World, a new survey from Osterman Research shows the trend toward allowing multiple device types onto companies' IT networks is leading to significant increases in resources to mobile device management, as companies will need more than four full-time workers per 1,000 devices in 2012, up from 3.6 full-time workers per 1,000 devices this year and 2.9 full-time IT workers per 1,000 mobile devices last year. Predictably, extra mobile device management workers means higher costs for companies and IT spending is projected to go from $294 per user in 2012 to $339 in 2013.

BYOD policies jacking up companies' IT costs.— INTERNET

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LG, Toshiba, AUO to settle display panel price-fixing case

SAN FRANCISCO, 12 July— Toshiba Corp, LG Electronics Inc and AU Optronics Corp have agreed to pay a combined $571 million to settle a lawsuit over price fixing in the liquid crystal display panel market, according to an attorney for the plaintiffs.

Joseph Alioto, a San Francisco attorney who was co-lead counsel for a class of consumers suing the companies, said the amount includes $27.5 million in civil penalties for eight state governments. Seven other LCD manufacturers had reached an earlier settlement for $538.5 million, which was approved on Wednesday by US District Judge Susan Illston.

The two settlements mean total recovery for consumers nears $1.1 billion, Alioto said. Representatives for AUO, Toshiba and LG could not immediately be reached on Wednesday.The class action alleged a detailed conspiracy from 1996 through 2006 to fix LCD prices, resulting in higher prices for buyers of televisions, laptops and other electronics. Several companies also pleaded guilty to separate criminal charges and paid fines.

A man looks at Toshiba Corp's Regza liquid-crystal display (LCD) televisions at an electronic store in Tokyo on 26 Jan, 2009. REUTERS

Alioto declined to comment on the specific amounts AUO, Toshiba and LG agreed to pay, but said a court document set to be filed on Thursday would outline those figures. —*Reuters*

Tech Data to buy out partner's stake in Europe joint venture

BANGALORE, 12 July — Tech Data Corp will buy out Brightstar Corp's 50 percent holding in their joint venture Brightstar Europe Ltd, a distributor of mobile devices, for $165.6 million in cash. Dwindling PC sales and sluggish global IT spending are forcing technology products distributors to expand in new growth areas such as smartphones and tablets.

Tech Data's deal comes days after rival Ingram Micro Inc said it would buy BrightPoint Inc to boost its presence in the higher-margin mobile devices market. "Our European mobility business is a key element in our strategy of diversifying into higher-growth, higher-return specialty areas," Tech Data CEO Robert Dutkowsky said. The joint venture, which reported sales of about $1.8 billion in the last fiscal year, was formed in 2007 to capitalize on the growing wireless device market in Europe.—*Internet*

Day 6 of running of the bulls: six hurt, none gored

PAMPLONA, 12 July— Six people were injured on Thursday but none gored in the sixth day of the running of the bulls in Pamplona. Navarra Hospital said three people suffered head injuries, while three others suffered injuries to the face, back or a dislocated shoulder. None were seriously hurt. The run was fast, as several of this year's have been. It lasted just over two minutes as thousands of daredevils sprinted along the cobblestone streets of this northern city with six fighting bulls, trying to keep with them for a few thrilling seconds. At a sharp curve toward the end of the route, some of the bulls slipped and slammed into a wall and a pileup of fallen runners formed. But no one was gored there or at any other point. The bulls run with steers that are supposed to keep them in a pack.

Two more runs remain in this festival that gained international fame with Ernest Hemingway's novel "The Sun Also Rises." This year there have been no serious gorings reported.

Fifteen people have died in the running of the bulls since record-keeping began in 1924. The last person killed was a young Spaniard, in 2009. He was gored in the neck and died quickly.—*Internet*

One of the bulls from Fuente Ymbro's bullfight ranch in the bullring, at the San Fermin fiestas, in Pamplona northern Spain, 11July, 2012.
INTERNET

S Korea to send smallest Olympic team since 1984

Members of South Korea's Olympic team pose for pictures during a ceremony at the Olympic Hall in Seoul. South Korea will send 245 athletes to compete in 22 events at the London Olympics, officials said Wednesday, the smallest number since 210 attended the 1984 Los Angeles Games.
INTERNET

SEOUL, 12 July—South Korea will send 245 athletes to compete in 22 events at the London Olympics, officials said Wednesday, the smallest number since 210 attended the 1984 Los Angeles Games. But the Korea Olympic Committee (KOC) remained upbeat about its target of securing at least 10 golds and a finish inside the top 10 in the overall medal tally.

"We have trained and prepared very hard to achieve our goal," said team chief Lee Ki-Heung as he was presented with the national flag in a ceremony at Olympic Hall in eastern Seoul.

The South failed to qualify in basketball, tennis, equestrian events and canoeing. Its national sport, baseball, was dropped as an Olympic event.

The KOC said the flag-bearer at the opening ceremony would be Yoon Kyung-Shin, a veteran of the men's handball team who will be attending his fifth summer Olympics.

The 39-year-old, who will be the oldest South Korean athlete in London, was also the flag-bearer at the 2010 Guangzhou Asian games. South Korea has ranked among the top 10 in medal standings in five of the past six summer Olympics.—*Internet*

It's rats vs penguins on contested Chilean island

ISLOTE PAJARO NINO,12 July—A 3-week-old Humboldt Penguin gazes plaintively from the opening of its nest, waiting for its parents to return with food. They may be out hunting for fish. But if they take much longer, they might not have a chick to provide for.

Invading rats with bodies up to 8 inches (20 centimeters) long have begun eating eggs and chicks, and some experts fear that unless the rats are eradicated, they could tip the Humboldt penguin toward extinction.

These penguins with distinctive black bands across their chests also are threatened by changing sea currents, fierce gulls and nesting pelicans whose relatively heavy bodies collapse their shallow earthen caves. And the biggest peril has been the nets of fishing boats that trap and suffocate the adults, at least until now.

"The cause of the decline in the penguin population is man," said bird veterinarian Paula Arce. "And of its eggs ... That could be the rats."

The Humboldt population has dropped from hundreds of thousands decades ago to below 45,000, said Alejandro Simeone, who directs the Ecology and Biodiversity Department at Andres Bello University in Santiago, Chile's capital.

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature has had the penguins on its vulnerable list since 1988.

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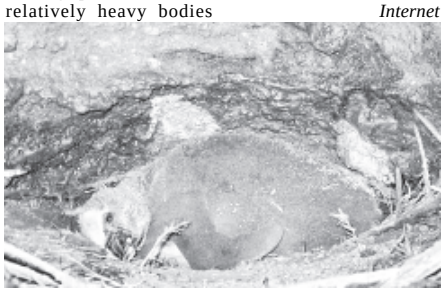

***In this photo taken on 7 July, 2012, a recently born Humboldt penguin lies in a nest on Pajaro Nino Island, Chile. A rat invasion is threatening to tip Humboldt penguins toward extinction.—*INTERNET**

Baby giant panda born in Tokyo zoo dies

TOKYO, 12 July—A baby giant panda born last week at a Tokyo zoo died of pneumonia on Wednesday, according to park officials who had initially hailed the birth as rare success for Japan's captive breeding programme.

The unnamed infant, Ueno zoo's first baby panda born in 24 years and its only one conceived from natural sexual intercourse, succumbed to the illness just a week after its birth sparked excitement across Japan.

The zoo said keepers found the baby lying on its back against its mother Shin Shin's stomach.

"They administered a cardiac massage and other treatment, but unfortunately they confirmed its death at 8:30 am (2330 GMT)," it said.

Shin Shin and her mate Ri Ri were leased from China last year to the zoo operated by the Tokyo Metropolitan government at an annual cost of about one million dollars.

The baby was hailed in China, which has sometimes hostile relations with neighbouring Japan.

"The giant pandas are messengers of friendship," a Chinese foreign ministry spokesman said in response to news of the birth last week.

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Female giant panda Shin Shin eats bamboo at Tokyo's Ueno Zoo in April 2011.
INTERNET

Neglect, inaction caused Michigan oil spill

DETROIT, 12 July—The Canadian operator of an oil pipeline that ruptured in southwestern Michigan two years ago, causing the most expensive onshore spill in US history, failed to deal adequately with structural problems detected years ago and to respond appropriately to the catastrophe, the National Transportation Safety Board said on Tuesday.

Enbridge Inc knew in 2005 that its pipeline near Marshall, a city 95 miles west of Detroit, was cracked and corroded, but it didn't perform excavations that ultimately might have prevented the rupture, NTSB investigators told the five-member board in Washington before it approved the findings and 19 safety recommendations.

Enbridge didn't realize the pipeline was gushing oil into the Kalamazoo River and an enjoining creek for more than 17 hours, when a gas company worker pointed it out, and during that time Enbridge control centre personnel twice pumped more oil into the ruptured line, investigators found. "Learning about Enbridge's poor handling of the rupture, you can't help but think of the Keystone Kops," NTSB Chairman Deborah Hersman said at Tuesday's meeting. "Why didn't they recognize what was happening? What took so long?"

The report also faulted the government, citing weak regulation insufficient review of Enbridge's oil spill response plan by the US Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

The NTSB doesn't have the power to regulate pipeline companies, but its safety recommendations carry significant weight with lawmakers, federal and state regulators, and industry officials. Results of its investigations sometimes are used in lawsuits.

The spill dumped about 843,000 gallons of heavy crude into the Kalamazoo and a tributary creek, fouling more than 35 miles of waterways and wetlands.—*Internet*

***In this 30 July, 2010 file photo, crews clean up oil, from a ruptured pipeline, owned by Enbridge Inc, near booms and absorbent materials where Talmadge Creek meets the Kalamazoo River as in Marshall Township, Mich.—*INTERNET**

Three more men accused in alleged UK terrorist plot

LONDON, 12 July—Three men from central England appeared in court Wednesday to be accused by prosecutors of taking part in an alleged plot to attack Britain's far-right English Defence League.

Anzal Hussain, 24, Mohammed Saud, 22, and 22-year-old Zohaib Ahmed appeared on Wednesday at Westminster Magistrates' Court charged with preparing an act of terrorism, which carries a potential life sentence. Deputy Chief Magistrate Daphne Wickham ordered the three men from Birmingham, central England, held in prison custody until a hearing on 31 July .

On Tuesday, three other men were also ordered held. All six will appear together at the hearing at London's Central Criminal Court.

Prosecutors allege that the men were involved in manufacturing an improvised explosive device and planned to attack a rally of the English Defence League.

The English Defence League claims to be a peaceful opponent of radical Islam, but opponents accuse the organization of racism. Some of its demonstrations have turned violent, while the government has previously banned the group from marching through some mainly Muslim neighbourhoods.

In a separate case, London police said that two men detained in anti-terrorism raids last week in the British capital had been released without charge. Police had arrested seven people on 5-7 July in a series of swoops. Scotland Yard said an 18-year-old man and a 24-year-old man detained at an address close to London's Olympic stadium had been freed without charge.

The 24-year-old man was hit by a Taser gun during his arrest, but did not require hospital treatment. A 30-year-old woman also detained had previously been freed by police. Authorities have said none of the recent alleged plots have any link to London's Olympic Games, which begin on 27 July.—*Internet*

Myanmar, UK, UNFPA reiterate commitment to support family planning

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July— The Government of Myanmar increased the budget for health and the Department of Health created a budget line for contraceptives to improve the health of mothers and children, and the United Kingdom and other donors will provide new funding to accelerate achievement of health MDGs, officials announced today at a press conference marking the London Summit on Family Planning.

The UK's development agency–Department for International Development (DFID), Marie Stopes International and UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, organized the press briefing to support the Family Planning Summit's call for more concerted and collaborative efforts to satisfy unmet need for voluntary family planning services, prevent unintended pregnancies and abortion, and reduce maternal and infant mortality.

"The UK is committed to improving maternal and child health globally and in Myanmar," noted Paul Whittingham, DFID Director for Myanmar.

The summit's goal is two - fold: sustain family planning information and services for 260 million women; and meet the contraceptive needs of an additional 120 million women in the world's poorest countries by 2020. This investment is expected to save lives of 200,000 women and girls and three million infants.

Mr. Whittingham said his Government intends to contribute £80 million over the next four years to the multi-donor Three MDG Fund for health. "Through this contribution, the UK will help avert 153,000 unwanted pregnancies and ensure that 57,500 women receive antenatal care visits," he stated.

Family planning, or as termed in Myanmar by the Ministry of Health, birth-spacing, is about saving lives, and protecting mothers and children from death, ill health, disability and underdevelopment. As a key component of reproductive health, access to birth-spacing information, commodities and services is a fundamental right for every woman and community if they are to develop to their full potentials.

Over the past 30 years, UNFPA has supported reproductive health programmes in Myanmar in partnership with the Ministry of Health and NGOs, and has been the main supplier of contraceptives to the country. Efforts by the Government and development partners to ensure the availability of modern contraceptives are critical to preventing unsafe abortion, the leading cause of maternal death and disability in the country.

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CSC ISSUED: ***In line with the Moe Pwint-2 Plan, Kyonpyaw Township Immigration and National Registration Department issued citizenship scrutiny cards to students at No. 1 Basic Education High School in Kyonpyaw Township.***

TOWNSHIP IMMIGRATION

Letpangon Model Village illuminated in PyinOoLwin Township

PYINOOLWIN, 12 July— A ceremony to launch self-reliant 11/400 volt 315 KVA sub-power station was held in Letpangon Model Village of Kywenwahtauk Village in PyinOoLwin Township on 7 July morning.

Among 211 houses in the village, a total of 193 houses have been installed electricity.

The village electricity supply committee will provide assistance for installation of electricity to the remaining houses.

Mandalay Region government has facilitated over 450 houses within two miles distance to the powergrid in 4,474 houses. For the houses far from the power grid, the government of the region has illuminated the houses of over 160 villages through bio-gas, diesel engines and solar system.

Kyaw Min Thaw

People seen at the launching ceremony of electricity supply to Letpangon Village in progress in PyinOoLwin Township.

Bus line 157 on new route

YANGON, 12 July— No. 157 bus line is running its route as of 8 July.

The buses describe the new route for the passengers.

The buses start and finish their routes at North Okkalapa (Chaukgway) passing through Thudhamma Road, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Sethmu-1, Tamway, Mingala Market, Theinbyu Street, Anawrahta Street, Thakin Mya Park, Strand Road, Thiri Mingala Old Market, Hsinmalaik, Heldan, Thamaing Junction, 8th-Mile, Nawade Road and Thudhamma Road. Another route for the buses start and finish at North Okkalapa (Chaukgway) passing through Thudhamma Road, Nawade Road, 8th-Mile, Thamaing Junction, Hledan, Hsinmalaik, Thiri Mingala Old Market, Mortin, Maha Bandoola Street, City Hall, Pansodan, Theinbyu Street, Tamway, Sethmu-1 and Kaba Aye Pagoda Road.

Such route was run by No. 43 Bus line. Now, the local people, staff and students rely on No. 157 Bus Line. The bus fare is fixed at K 200 per head. The new route is Shwepaukkan (Hsinphon)-Chaukgway-Thudhamma-Kaba Aye Pagoda-Shwegodine-Sule-Kyongyi Road.—*Kyemon*

Trees grown as School Environment Day activity

YANGON, 12 July—No. 3 Basic Education Department of Yangon Region held the tree growing ceremony to mark School Environment Day in the compound of Basic Education High School (Thuwunna) in Thingangyun Township of Yangon East District on 8 July.

At the ceremony, Yangon East District Education Officer U Shein Lein Aung explained the purpose of growing trees for school environment.

Yangon Region Ministers presented Gangaw *(Mesua ferrea)* saplings.

Yangon Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein, Region Minister for Planning and Economic U Than Myint, Deputy Commissioner U Hlaing Soe Thant of District General Administration Department, Assistant Director U Tun Aye of No. 3 Basic Education Department, the district education officer, Headmistress Daw Aye Aye Thwe and guests together teachers and students planted saplings.

Myanma Alin

DISTRICT NEWS

Exercise books, stationery donated to monastic students

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 12 July—A ceremony to donate exercise books and stationery to students of Shwepyiaye Monastic Education was held at the school in Mawlamyinegyun on 4 July morning.

Abbot of the school Bhaddanta Javana and wellwisher Chairman of Parami Blood Donor Association U Win Aung and executives donated exercise books and stationery worth K 200,000 to 126 students.—*Kyemon*

Exercise books, stationery donated to monastic education school

MANDALAY, 12 July— Families of University of Foreign Languages donated books and stationery to No. 6 monastic education primary school of Hsandawshin Monastery in Pyigyidagun Township of Mandalay on 5 July morning.

It was attended by Abbot U Ñeyabuddhi and members of the Sangha, Rector-in-charge Dr Zaw Lin, Pro-Rector Dr Aung Min Win and faculty members and students.

The wellwisher donated 160 dozens of exercise books, 320 dozens of pencils and one pencil sharper to 319 students and two blackboards, three sets of long desks to the school.

The donations amounted to K 1,384,250 to 319 students.—*Ko Thant*

Cash donated to foundation in Bago

BAGO, 12 July—In memory of late headmaster U Than and Sayamagyi Daw Tin Tin of No. 3 Basic Education High School (National School) of Bago, Daw Khin Khin Sein, U Maung Maung Lay, Daw Khin Htwe Htwe, Daw Khin Khin Taw and Daw Khin Myint Myint Than, who are nephews and nieces of U Than, donated K 12.5 million to the fund of Sayagyi U Than Foundation on 7 July.

Kyemon

Water surface of Mandalay moats cleaned

MANDALAY, 12 July— Mandalay City Development Committee is undertaking all-round development of the city for creating clean and pleasant environs and convenience of the city dwellers.

Parks and Playgrounds Department of MCDC removes debris and water dusk at surface of water in the moats with the use of Aquamarines.

With a view to ensuring sufficiency of water for the local people, the Water and Sanitation Department lays water pipelines from moats along 22nd and 24th streets between 80th and 85th streets in Aungmyethazan Township, 28th street between 70th and 73rd streets and 74th street between 30th and 35th streets. City dwellers may apply to lay water pipelines with the application attached to citizenship scrutiny cards, household registration and residence endorsement of the ward administrative office to the Water and Sanitation Department.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

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registration of motorcycle was being carried out by Yangon North District office, according to the current project. Ministry of Commerce had allowed importers to import motorcycles with import licenses as of 1-1-2010. So, the importers could sale motorcycles with official licenses after paying taxes.

Registration of imported motorcycles through border areas for motorcycle showrooms was carried out after being levied by Border Trade Department and Customs Department. People could buy registered motor cycles officially from the showrooms. After the four-month one stop service, arrangements were being made to take legal actions after respective local authorities had been informed to prevent selling unlicensed motorcycles in the showrooms.

Regarding the questions raised by U Win Sein of Kawa Constituency on **"there is a plan to extend Thanutpin-Thakkala-Kayan and Kawa-Ohnnae village road (2) ;** by U Win Ko of Hsihseng Constituency on **"there is a plan to carry out the upgrade and tarmacking of Hteesakha road section in Hsihseng"** ; by U Khun Thein Pe of Hopong Constituency on **"there is a plan to upgrade earth road of Hopong-Mongpyin road section from Mile post No. 11/0 and 17/0 to gravel road one"**, Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint said:

Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Win Ko of Hsihseng Constituency asking question.—MNA

U Kyaw Myint of Nawnghkio Constituency raising question.

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With respect to the first question, Bago-Thanatpin-Thakala road section and Kayan-Thonegwa-Thanlyin road section was 18-ft-wide road including 12-ft-wide tar road. As the bank of Thakkala-Kayan road section (10 miles and 7 furlongs) was narrow and high, step-by-step extension of road bank would be carried out. In 2012-2013 financial year, repair and maintenances of Kawa-Ohnne road and roads and bridges would be undertaken with the repair and maintenance funds of Bago Region. Road extension would be carried out, based on fund received.

Regarding the second question, in 2012-2013, K 388 million of Union capital funds had been allotted for upgrade and tarmacking of Hsihseng-Hteesakha road section. Plans were under way to pave tar road (three miles) and repave the remaining two miles. In addition, arrangements were being made to carry out the repair and maintenances of roads and bridges with the Union Repair and Maintenance Fund. The remaining sections would be implemented based on the fund.

With respect to the third question, plans were under way to upgrade mile-long earth road (from Mile post No.11/0 to 17/0) and three-mile-long road (from Mile Post No.11/0 to 14/0) of Hopon-Mongping road section to hard road, with the repair and maintenances fund of Shan State government in 2012-2-13. And the remaining three miles (from 14/0 to 17/0) would be implemented based on the fund received.

Regarding the questions raised by U Kyaw Myint of Nawnghkio Constituency on **"there is a plan to carry out the supply of drinking water in rural health centers";** by U Aye Han of Paukkaung Constituency on **"there is a plan to supply drinking water in health centers"**; and by Dr Than Win of North Okkapala Constituency on **"having no guard ward in General Hospital, and difficulties facing Teaching Hospital"**, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint replied that to provide more health care in Nawnghkio Township, the organizational structure proposal on opening of rural health centers (branch) in Nyantaw village would be submitted in 2012-2013 financial year.

With respect to the second question, plans were under way to supply drinking water in main rural Health Departments and branches in need of water. Water tanks were to be built under the programme of respective health rural health centers. Townships had been informed through respective region/state Health Departments to draw out necessary materials for construction of water tanks.

Regarding the third question, arrangements would be made to choose a suitable site for the construction of guard ward in North Okkalapa Teaching Hospital and General Hospital. For easy transport of patients, it had been equipped with a lift, and plans were under way to install lift including a building. It had been supplied with air-sep and oxygen cylinders with the assistance of Ministry of Health.

Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Htay Oo of Hinthada Constituency was elected as member of the Electoral College which will scrutinize whether the Vice-President elected by the group of Defence Services Personnel Hluttaw Representatives possesses prescribed qualifications of the President and Vice-Presidents in third section of Chapter (3) President and Vice-Presidents with the agreement of the majority.

Six lawmakers discussed the proposal of Thura U Aye Myint of Wetlet Constituency on opening a sports university in the country. They said that it would be more appropriate to open an advanced sports university only when there is sufficient number of competent coaches and tacticians in the country. The suggested that the country should scout stars in the making and the qualified coaches of the sports university should provide them constant trainings. They also tipped that it would uplift Myanmar's sports standards. They discussed in favour of the proposal as such university is in need in the country.

Deputy Sports Minister U Aye Myint Kyu discussed that, if the university is established Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Sports Complex as systematic utilization and maintenance sports ground, stadiums and infrastructures are needed after XXVII SEA Games in preparation for the next SEA Games, it would nurture well-rounded new generations for selected Myanmar sports teams. It would allow to conduct sports and physical education researches and to share experiences on advanced sports in connection with international sports academies.

Deputy Health Minister Dr Win Myint replies to queries.

MNA

He agreed on the proposal to uplift the sport standards of the country and requested the Hluttaw to approve the proposal and put it on record.

As the Hluttaw agreed on the proposal, it was approved.

U T Khun Myat of Kutkai Constituency submitted the proposal on **enacting law safeguarding the rights of ethnic people**.

As the Hluttaw agreed to discuss the proposal, the representatives who are willing to discuss it are to submit their name lists not later than 1 pm tomorrow.

The Bill Committee and the Hluttaw representatives who had submitted the amendment proposals discussed each paragraph of 2012 Basic Education Bill submitted by Pyithu Hluttaw Education Committee. Deputy Education Minister U Aye Kyu made clarifications and approval of the Hluttaw was sought.

The bill was then approved.

At today's session, eight questions were raised and answered, one proposal discussed, one more submitted and one bill approved.

The Pyithu Hluttaw session for today concluded at 4.10 pm and the eight day session takes place tomorrow.

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Fifth paper reading session of Technological Universities held

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July— Fifth paper reading session of Technological Universities was held at Mandalay Technological University (Upper Myanmar) on 10 July, with an opening address by Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint.

In his speech, the Minister said that today is the age of globalization. With a view to turning out qualified human resources, the government had been implementing National Education Promotion Plan. To keep abreast of world's modern science and technology, Myanmar would have to make efforts for turning out of experts not only for the present but also for the future. Ministry of Science and Technology was conducting undergraduate courses on engineering and architect and bio-technology and graduate courses on engineering and architect, bio-technology, applied science and Ph.D courses on engineering and architect, bio-technology and applied science etc. Since 1996 to date, the number of bachelor, master and Ph.D degree holders had reached over 100,000.

He continued to say that demonstrators and lecturers, trainees were being sent to international paper reading sessions, conferences, workshops and training courses. As part of its effort to support the development of science and technology sector, annual paper reading session was held by students of Master of Engineering Courses in Technological Universities and Colleges.

He urged staff, students and researchers to learn ever-changing science and technology constantly and do researches that can be applied for the country's development. After that, the Union Minister looked into extended construction of main hall, lecture rooms and pratical labs in Mandalay Technology.

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Myanmar, Singapore red cross societies sign MoU

Myanmar Red Cross Society and Singapore Red Cross Society sign MoU on bilateral cooperation.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July— Myanmar Red Cross Society and Singapore Red Cross Society signed a MoU on bilateral cooperation at Amara Hotel here yesterday evening.

Chairman of Myanmar Red Cross Society Dr Tha Hla Shwe spoke on the occasion and Chairman of Singapore Red Cross Society Mr Tee Tua Ba explained current bilateral cooperation.

The two chairmen signed the MoU and exchanged the documents. Then, Dr Tha Hla Shwe spoke words of thanks for cooperation.—*MNA*

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officials and take such punitive actions as retiring, dismissing or demoting them, or reducing their salary rates, or transferring them to remote regions or putting their names on blacklist with the inter-ministry order of the ministries concerned. Courts concerned sentenced them to imprisonment for serious violation of law. Along with gradual maturity of democracy, punitive actions would be more transparent than now naturally.

Regarding the question of Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency (8) about **if there is any plan to reclaim vacant and fellow land as farmland for peasants,** Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than replied that local farmers would be legally allowed to run farms on manageable scale. Region/State governments concerned could tune management and supervision on farmland reclamation to the local needs.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than replies to queries. MNA

Regarding the question of U Nyan Lin of Ayeyawady Region Constituency (3) about **if there is any plan to cure the situation as people hardly salute to the State flag in cinemas,** Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win replied that as the audience barely salute to the State flag in cinema, the reminder reading "All citizens pay respects to their national flag" in both Myanmar and English languages has been screened with slide projector in cinemas before the appearance of State flag on silver screen since 2006.

In the past, law enforcement polices were assigned at cinemas to search out those who did not salute to the State flag. They were taken out of cinema and fined as the punishment.

As no laws have been prescribed in State Flag laws and by-laws in connection with actions against failure to salute the national flag in cinemas, the Home Affairs Ministry should issue order and instructions as to salute to the national flag in existing State Flag laws and by-laws.

After the enactment of such order and instruction, it must be enforced to the letter. In addition, the Information Ministry would set up educative signboards at visible places of the cinemas, warning the audience against failure to salute the national flag. The audience would be also urged to salute the national flag before the film through loud speakers. In addition, cinema owners would be asked to hire supervisory staff who are responsible for urging the audience to salute the national flags during its appearance on the silver screen.

Regarding the question of U Tin Maung Myint of Taninthayi Region Constituency (3) about **if there is any plan to renovate Launglon central stadium,** Deputy Sports Minister U Aye Myint Kyu replied that the renovation called for separate consideration that it could be taken into consideration only after the completion of XXVII SEA Games, in coordination with the region government.

Regarding the question of Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency (8) about **whether the amount of the difference between interest rates of debit and credit on bank accounts is different from or similar to that of ASEAN fellow countries and other nations;** and **whether the interest rate has effect on promotion of domestic industries and trading,** Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun replied that the interest rate of credit on bank accounts in Myanmar is eight per cent, in comparison with three per cent in Laos, 6.10 per cent in Cambodia, 6.68 per cent in Indonesia, 0.13 per cent in Singapore, 0.35 per cent in Brunei, 2.63 per cent in Thailand, 3.26 per cent in the Philippines, 2.99 per cent in Malaysia, 14 per cent in Vietnam and 3.50 per cent in China, 4.09 per cent in Korea and 10.78 per cent in Bangladesh.

The interest rate of debit on bank accounts in Myanmar is 13 per cent, in comparison with 22 per cent in Laos, 17.00 per cent in Cambodia, 12.09 per cent in Indonesia, 5.38 per cent in Singapore, 5.50 per cent in Brunei, 7.13 per cent in Thailand, 6.21 per cent in the Philippines, 5.10 per cent in Malaysia, 15.32 per cent in Vietnam, and 6.56 per cent in China, 5.69 per cent in Korea, and 13.00 per cent in Bangladesh. So the difference in interest rate between Myanmar and its neighbours and other countries is not so much.

Until 31st March, 2012, banks have loaned 3733451.36 million kyats—29.88 per cent to trading sector, 21.44 per cent to agriculture/livestock farming, 19.29 per cent to industries, 10.18 per cent to service sector, 8.86 per cent to construction, 8.54 per cent to miscellaneous transaction activities, 1.18 per cent to transportation sector.

The figures show that loan was given most to trading, second most to agriculture/livestock farming and the third most to industries, so the interests rate on debit in Myanmar has effect on trading and industrial sectors.

Regarding the question raised by U Aung Cho Oo of Bago Region Constituency (11) on **the plan to replace old fire engines in Ayemyathaya Myothit and Ohthegon in Okpo Township and Sitkwin in Minhla Township,** Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe said household and population density of each Region/State city, township, sub-township and village-tract, workforce of auxiliary fire brigades, numbers of state- and private-owned industries, numbers of fire outbreaks and amount of loss in ten years, and roads for fire engines are taken into consideration in setting priority to replace old fire engines with new ones.

Amyotha Hluttaw Representative Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency (8) raising question. MNA

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun replies to queries. MNA

U Nu of Yangon Region Constituency (10) raised question on **injustice of judicial system to farmer Ma San of Kyaungsu village in Koete village-tract in Lemyethna Township in Hinthada District in Ayeyawady Region**. U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency (3) asked **whether there is plan to designate waiting rooms in courts**.

Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union U Mya Thein answered that, regarding the first question, plaintiff U Soe Win lodged lawsuit against defendant Daw Ma San for retrieving K 1,220,000 loan in civil case No. 23/2009 at Lemyethna Township court.

The township and district courts gave hearings and presentations of witnesses were completely recorded. There is no plan to conduct further investigations.

No corrections on the decisions of the township and district courts are needed as these are made in accord with the laws and rules and regulations.

Regarding the second question, the antechambers at courts could be constructed only when the respective Region/State governments have allotted sufficient land and fund to construct them. As the priority is being given to the construction of spacious and tidy courts and offices, there is no plan to construct such anterooms currently.

U Hla Swe of Magway Region Constituency (12) submitted the proposal **urging the Union government not to assign any clerical staff in ward/village-tract administration more than three years in the same area**. A Hluttaw representative seconded the proposal. As the Hluttaw agreed to discuss the proposal, Hluttaw representatives who are willing to discuss the proposal are called to submit their name lists.

U Nu of Yangon Region Constituency (10) submitted the proposal **urging the Union government to allow regions and states hold matriculation exams and allow students to join their preferred universities by entrance exams**. A Hluttaw representative seconded the proposal.

As the Hluttaw agreed to discuss the proposal, Hluttaw representatives who are willing to discuss the proposal are called to submit their name lists.

The Hluttaw confirmed U Zaw Myint Pe of Mandalay Region Constituency (5) as a member of the Vice-President Electoral College.

Today's Amyotha Hluttaw session concluded at 12.10 pm.—*MNA*

Cash and foodstuff provided for locals in Rakhine State

YANGON, 12 July—People in Rakhine State have lost their houses and property on account of situation that recently happened there. A ceremony to provide cash and foodstuff for those in Rakhine State was held at Maykala Hall of Fire Services Department in Mayangon Township, here, this morning.

The Magway Region Government and people donated K 34,482,907 and foodstuff, clothes and 13 kinds of kitchen utensil worth K 8,384,200, Haji Subar (a) Haji U Ko Ko Gyi (Tanaing family) K 2,500,000, Magway Region FSD staff K 100,000, Daw Khin Nyo Win and family K 40,000 and two bales of clothes, Daw Ohn Kyi and family one bale of clothes, U Myo Lwin two bales of clothes, U Ba Toe and grandchildren K 30,000, three sets of robe and four bales of clothes, Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd (freight workers, driver and bus conductor) K 211,000, U Khin Win + Daw Tin Aye and family K 20,000 and one bale of clothes and U Than Naing + Daw Kyin Nu and family K 10,000 and two bales of clothes. Deputy Director-General U Ko Ko Hlaing and offcials accepted the donations and gave them honour of certificates. After that they spoke words of thanks to them.

Up to now, the donations amounted to K 282,710,723.—*MNA*

Wellwishers donate cash and foodstuffs for local people of Rakhine State at Fire Services Department (Head Office).—MNA

Rainy season tree growing ceremony held in Pathein

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July—Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung attended rainy season tree growing ceremony-2012 of Ayeyawady Region government at Pathein University of Computer Studies near Pathein-Ngwesaung Road, Pathein, yesterday morning.

The Region Hluttaw Deputy Speaker, Region Ministers, the acting chief justice, the region advocate-general, the region auditor-general, the secretary of region government and Region Hluttaw representatives, officials, members of social organizations and local people attended the ceremony.

The Region Chief Minister planted a teak sapling at the designated place and encouraged those present in growing trees.

At today's ceremony, a total of 734 saplings were planted.—*MNA*

Increasing number of taxi cannot change taxi fare in Yangon

YANGON, 12 July—During 10-month period after changing motor car policies, the number of taxies distinctly increased in Yangon.

Due to increasing number of taxies, their shares of passenger plummeted down. As such, most of the taxi drivers hope emergence of group-owned taxies and they want to reduce payment rate to owners of motor cars.

"In looking at all the vehicles rolling on the roads, only three to four vehicles per ten are private cars. As almost all the cars are taxies, their passenger share reduces distinctly. Due to hiking prices of fuel and owner's charges, the drivers cannot decline taxi fares. Especially, if the taxi uses three gallons of gasoline per day, they will cost K 12000 daily. Moreover, they must pay K 15000 to K 20000 for owner's charge. Unfortunately, they spend their money for cost to some extent. So, we all hope emergence of group- or organization-owned taxies for fixing the reasonable fare for passengers and for declining the owner's charge," said taxi driver U Myint Aung of South Okkalapa Township.

"I use taxi at least three times a week to my work and return home. During four to five months, it is real that number of taxi increased but taxi fare does not change. We wish to use taxi at reasonable fare. In fact, taxi is playing a key role in transportation of people. I think that the companies will establish taxi transport service for convenience of passengers," said a traveller from Dagon Myothit (North) Township.

In addition to new vehicles, China-made QQ3, Myanmar Mini Saloon and 20-year private cars are shaped into taxies in Yangon.—*Kyemon*

Taungup Township observes Myanmar Women's Day

TAUNGUP, 12 July—Organized by Taungup Township Women's Affairs Organization, the ceremony to mark the Myanmar Women's Day was observed at the hall of Township General Administration Department on 3 July noon.

Chairperson of Township WAO Daw Wai Wai Lwin gave a speech.

Next, Secretary of the organization Daw Khin Yi reported on functions of the WAO, Deputy Judge of the Township Court Daw Aye Aye Nwe, the law protecting the women, and Township Law Officer U Aung Than Shwe the law on rights of women.

After that, responsible persons presented prizes to six-distinction winner Ma Win Le Le Swe who passed the matriculation examination in 2011-2012 academic year and 15 winners in the essay contest to mark the Myanmar Women's Day.—*Myanma Alin*

Preventive measures taken against dengue hemorrhagic fever in Insein

INSEIN, 12 July—As part of launching the public hygienic campaigns to decline outbreaks of dengue hemorrhagic fever, the sanitation tasks are being carried out in Insein Township every Saturday.

On 7 July morning, the people carried out sanitation at Insein General Hospital.

Also present on the occasion were Township Administrator U Tin Naing Soe, Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Hsan of the hospital, health staff, members of Fire Brigade, Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Tin Tin Oo and party, ward administrators, members of Red Cross Brigade and social organizations.

District GAD

BANK ACCOUNTS OPENED: ***Some private banks accepted opening of current accounts with the use of US$, S$, Euro and FEC allowed by the Central Bank of Myanmar. Photo shows a scene of banking works at International Banking Section of Kanbawza Bank Ltd packed with those who open current accounts at 33/49 at corner of Maha Bandoola and Bank Streets in Kyauktada Township.—*** **KYEMON**

Palethwe paddy harvested in Amarapura Township

MYITNGE, 12 July—A ceremony to harvest Palethwe hybrid summer paddy for 2011-2012 cultivation season was held at the farm of farmer U Khin Maung Shwe in Hsinbo Village-tract in Amarapura Township of Mandalay Region on 5 July morning.

It was attended by Township Administrator U Ko Ko Oo, Staff Officer of Township Agriculture Department U Kyaw Myint Zaw, Staff Officer of Township Settlement and Land Records Department U Aung Naing Win, staff, village-tract administrators and local farmers.

At the ceremony, harvest works produced 199 baskets of paddy per acre.

Myanma Alin

CSC ISSUD: ***Staff of Shwepyitha Township Immigration and National Registration Department made issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards to students in implementing Moe Pwint-3 Plan. On 5 July, the staff members issue cards to students at Basic Education High School No. 3 in Shwepyitha Township.***

MYANMA ALIN

DISTRICT NEWS

Winners awarded in cooperatives year commemorative article contest

BAGO, 12 July—Bago Region Cooperative Union held the prize presentation for winners in the open article contest and high school level essay contest at its office in Bago on 7 July.

Six contestants won the prizes in the open article contest and six students in the high school level essay contest in commemoration of the International Cooperatives Year.

Assistant Director U Tun Zaw Oo of Bago Region Cooperative Department presented the first prize to writer Wutyi Khin (Bago) in the article contest.

Myanma Alin

Palethwe hybrid paddy purchased in Tatkon Township

TATKON, 12 July—Ayeya Hintha Company purchases paddy from 110-acre paddy plantation of summer Palethwe paddy in Yeaye Nyaungdon-aing Village-tract in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area as of 5 July.

The company purchases 100 baskets per K 400,000.

At the sales of paddy, Township Administrator U Aye Lu and members of Agricultural Coordination Committee met local farmers and explained cultivation of quality paddy strains for getting good prices.

Township Agriculture

UMFCCI officials hold talks with Chinese entrepreneurs

YANGON, 12 July—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Aung Lwin and U Tun Aung, CEC member U Maung Maung Swe, Executive U Moe Myint Kyaw and party met with an 11-member delegation led by Deputy Secretary General Ms Ouyang Xiaoming and party of All China Federation of Industry of Commerce (ACFIC) of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the federation on 2 July morning. They discussed mutual cooperation in farming equipment manufacturing industry, energy, mining and tourism industries in Myanmar, encouragement of the State to development of agricultural sector, investment opportunities at a time when investment law has come out, trading between Myanmar and Chinese entrepreneurs and mutual cooperation in investment matters.

UMFCCI

Arrival of athletes to make London driving trickier

LONDON, 12 July—Getting around London will become trickier from this weekend, when thousands of athletes arrive for the Olympics, and further disruption is expected a week later as the torch relay enters the capital.

Commuters and businesses, already used to congestion on the city's narrow streets, were warned by London's public transport authority on Thursday to plan ahead to avoid getting caught up in travel hotspots.

Although the opening ceremony is not until 27 July, large numbers of athletes, officials and the world's media are due to arrive this weekend to coincide with the opening of the Olympic Village in east London on Monday.

"This will lead to a significant increase in the number of vehicles on the roads in central London, around the Olympic Route Network (ORN) and Games venues," Transport for London said in a statement.

It advised motorists to avoid driving in these areas from mid-July.

About 30 miles of specially designated Games Lanes will be reserved to whisk the 82,000 members of the "Olympic family" to stadiums on time.

The Olympic rings and white lines have begun to be painted on these lanes, though they will not come into operation until 25 July.

However, Games Lanes on the M4, the main route between Heathrow airport and the centre of London, will come into operation on Monday, 16 July.

***A vehicle passes a newly painted Games lane on the Olympic Route Network in central London on 1 July, 2012. —*REUTERS**

Transport bosses hope that structural repairs to a crack on an M4 bridge will be completed shortly.

Work to adjust the 1,300 traffic lights on the larger 109-mile ORN has also started.

The Olympic torch relay, which has attracted more than four million people during its tour of the country, begins its week-long journey through the city on 21 July.

Reuters

Pilot dies in light plane crash in Western Australia

SYDNEY, 12 July—A pilot has died in a light plane crash in Broome in Western Australia's Kimberley region, local media reported on Thursday.

The twin-engine *Piper Seneca* freight plane crashed in sand dunes about two kilometres south of Cable Beach after taking off from Broome airport at about 8:00 pm (local time) on Wednesday, killing a 27-year-old male pilot who was the only person on board, Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) reported.

A sea search involving an aircraft and seven boats was carried out by police.

Four hours later, a marine rescue volunteer found the plane in sand dunes, near the airport in Broome.

The plane was on a regular freight flight bound for Port Hedland.

A spokesman for the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ASTB) says an investigation is now being launched.

"Police have secured the site, [and] we're currently sending three investigators from our ASTB," he told ABC.

The team of three investigators will arrive in Broome later on Thursday to commence an investigation, he said.

Xinhua

Mexico paper stops drug war coverage after grenade attacks

***People react while standing behind a police line outside one of the offices of local newspaper El Norte in Monterrey on 10 July, 2012.—*REUTERS**

MEXICO CITY, 12 July— A newspaper in Mexico's violent city of Nuevo Laredo announced on Wednesday it will end coverage of drug-related bloodshed, one day after grenades damaged its offices for the second time this year.

Many Mexican news organizations have decided to report only basic facts about murders and massacres in recent years. But it is rare for a newspaper to drop coverage altogether.

Tuesday's attack on the daily *El Manana* was among the latest incidents that have made Mexico one of the world's most dangerous places for journalists.

El Manana said in an editorial that it was too dangerous to report on the execution-style murders, car bombs and decapitations that have terrorized residents in the city across the border from Laredo, Texas.

"The editorial board of the company has come to this regrettable decision because of the circumstances that we all know about and the lack of conditions to freely carry out journalism," it said. "*El Manana* ... does not want to serve the petty interests of any de-facto power or criminal group," the newspaper said.

On Tuesday assailants fired at the newspaper's main offices with a grenade launcher, damaging the building but causing no injuries. A similar attack occurred on 11 May. The city south of the Rio Grande has seen a surge in violence in recent months as the brutal Zetas cartel battle rivals for control of lucrative drug smuggling routes.

In one recent incident, 14 severed heads were dumped on the street close to Nuevo Laredo's town hall in ice boxes.—*Reuters*

Garuda Indonesia declares partnership with Liverpool FC

JAKARTA, 12 July—Indonesian flag carrier airlines, Garuda Indonesia, set up partnership programmes with English Premier League side Liverpool, to act as official partner to the club.

The statement released by the airline on Wednesday said that the agreement on the partnership programme between the two was signed on 9 July.

The partnership programme covers official partner to the club and Garuda Indonesia becomes Liverpool FC's global airline partner.

Xinhua

Cash-strapped France may halt high-speed train expansion

PARIS, 12 July— France may abandon plans for a major extension of its high-speed train network, one of the most visible if costly symbols of its engineering prowess, as the new left-wing government strives to shrink its huge debt.

Budget Minister Jerome Cahuzac broke the news in a public TV interview on Wednesday, saying it seemed extravagant to spend so much in hard times on 14 new TGV train lines former president Nicolas Sarkozy promised before he lost power in May.

"It's fair to ask whether we should extend this or that TGV line for marginal time gains," Cahuzac, seizing on criticism of the train investments by state auditors, told France 2 television.

The minister, who has to find a way to deliver on Socialist President Francois Hollande's pledge to balance France's books, said it would be better to focus investment on maintaining the less glamorous secondary train network many people depend on.

Hollande has vowed to spare French people wage and pension cuts of the kind being imposed in countries such as Greece and Ireland in return for international financial bailouts, saying such austerity risks turning economic stagnation into recession.

Apart from raising tax, he is looking for other ways to keep a lid on public expenditure in Europe's second-biggest economy, with the aim of getting rid of France's public deficit by 2017 in line with European commitments.

Internet

A SNCF employee stands on an empty TGV train platform at the Gare de l'Est railway station in Paris on 3 April, 2012.
INTERNET

Midwest drought slashes corn estimate, jolts market

WASHINGTON, 12 July— The worst Midwest drought in a quarter century is doing more damage to US crops than previously expected with the government on Wednesday slashing its estimate for what was supposed to be a record harvest.

The US Department of Agriculture said the corn crop will average just 146 bushels an acre, down 20 bushels from its June estimate and a much more dramatic drop than analysts had projected.

The report initially re-ignited a near-record rally in grain prices that could eventually hit consumer grocery bills in North America, although the impact could be more immediate for the world's poor if the drought persists.

The severe scaling back of the harvest has sent corn and soybean prices up by more than a third over the past month, as extreme heat and dry conditions stunt growth in the world's largest grower and exporter.

The deep cuts to the supply outlook shocked traders, who had expected the USDA to be more conservative in adjusting its views. The chairman of World Agriculture Outlook Board said the 12 percent cut was the largest he could recall.

"They sent a signal of, 'Listen, we got a serious problem here'," said Don Roose, an analyst with US Commodities.

A farmer breaks open a ear of corn while surveying his crop in Mystic, Iowa, on 11 July, 2012.
REUTERS

The news for traders softened as the day went on as profit-taking and forecasts for slightly wetter weather curtailed gains. After a volatile trading day on the Chicago Board of Trade, corn futures erased earlier gains of nearly 3 percent to end 1.9 percent lower.

The USDA cut its corn harvest projection to 12.97 billion bushels for 2012/13 - still the third largest on record. The yield would be the lowest since 2003, although still far higher than the 85 bushels an acre following the drought of 1988.

As a result, USDA reduced its forecast for corn ending stocks — the amount of grain still in bins at the end of next summer before the new harvest — by 37 percent from last month, more than the 32-percent reduction expected.

At 1.183 billion bushels, US corn stockpiles would still rise by nearly a third from this year's ultra-low levels, with the reduced supply outlook partly offset by downward revisions to exports and ethanol usage as near-record prices curb consumption. Separate data showed ethanol output fell last week for the fourth time, reaching its lowest in two years.

Wheat and soybean stocks were also below expectations. Soybean yields were cut nearly 8 percent to 40.5 bushels per acre, the second lowest since 2003, due to the drought.

The USDA cut its forecast for global corn stocks by 14 percent, although inventories will still be the highest in three years.

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XINHUA

UNICEF warns of cholera upsurge in Sahel

GENEVA, 12 July—The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on Tuesday warned that an upsurge of cholera in the Sahel region of Africa was placing children already weakened by malnutrition at acute risk.

UNICEF spokesperson Marixie Mercado said that a recent upsurge of the deadly and highly infectious disease has killed more than 60 people and sickened about 2,800 this year. She said the epidemic appeared to have been concentrated to the west around Niger and Mali this year, where its impact was aggravated by massive displacement of people fleeing conflicts in northern Mali. "The combination of displacement, the onset of rains and the acute malnutrition was extremely dangerous for children," she said.

Tarik Jasarevic, spokesman for the World Health Organization (WHO), also said on Tuesday that 2,242 cholera cases, including 56 deaths, had been recorded in Niger over the first half of this year.

An outbreak of cholera was reported in northern Mali Monday last week. As of Saturday, there were 45 confirmed cases, including 2 deaths, according to Jasarevic.—*Xinhua*

Cholera patients rest at the medical facility in Haiti in 2011. The conflict in Mali could turn a cholera outbreak that has already killed 60 people in the Sahel this year into a serious regional epidemic, the UN children's agency said on Tuesday.
INTERNET

China's shipping giant boosts synergies with Italian port

LA SPEZIA,12 July—The Sino-Italian shipping collaboration would grow on the back of increasing synergies between Italy's Port of La Spezia and China Ocean Shipping Company (COSCO), executives of the two entities said here on Tuesday. A new "West Africa Service" was launched this week by COSCON, the COSCO branch involved in container business, in the Port of La Spezia, Italy's second biggest port for origin and final destination of goods which boasts 1.3 million containers per year.

Three COSCON ships stopped from Monday to Wednesday in the La Spezia Container Terminal (LSCT), moving over 4,000 TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent unit in container transportation).

On Tuesday, the "COSCO Day 2012" was held in La Spezia, located on the northwestern Ligurian coast, to celebrate the new cooperation. Local authorities participated in the event, including the president of the Port Authority of La Spezia, Lorenzo Forcieri.

"We have been stopping over at La Spezia since 2009," said the CEO of Coscon Italy, Xu Hongji. "From then on, relations between us and La Spezia container terminal have become increasingly tight and guided by the synergistic collaboration and mutual respect," he added.—*Xinhua*

Death toll rises to three in Beijing scaffold collapse

BEIJING, 12 July —A person who was injured in a scaffold collapse that occurred on Tuesday in Beijing has died in a local hospital, bringing the death toll for the accident to three, the local government said. The scaffold, erected around a sculpture inside an art workshop in the village of Xianrendong in Changping district, collapsed at 2:40 pm, injuring 20 people, a district government official said.

Two of the people died at the scene, while the other 18 were taken to a local hospital. Eleven of the injured have been discharged thus far, the official said. The district government has set up an investigatory panel to find out how the accident happened.—*Xinhua*

Influenza virus hits Australia

BRISBANE, 12 July—The influenza virus has hit Australia hard this winter, with Queensland recording the highest number of cases in the country, health experts warned on Wednesday.

The Influenza Specialist Group (ISG), which consists of medical and scientific specialists on influenza from around Australia and New Zealand, said on Wednesday that more than 5,000 cases of the H3N2 and Type B strains have already been diagnosed across Australia. Experts are warning that there is worse to come and this is only the tip of the iceberg as thousands more cases go undiagnosed. ISG said Queensland was the worst affected state with 2,536 diagnosed cases, while New South Wales was next with 2,391. The infection rate for Queensland was ten percent higher than the same period a year ago, the ISG said. Children under nine years old have been the hardest hit by the flu virus and the number of elderly people and those between 35 and 44 years old contracting the virus has also increased.

ISG Chair Dr Alan Hampson said that the fact that the H3N2 and the Type B strains hadn't been prominent in the community for the past few years could increase this season's severity. "When we see high levels of H3N2, which is the predominant strain this season, there is significant impact, especially in high-risk groups," he said. "Typically, we can expect to see more deaths and hospital admissions." Hampson said people should protect themselves by regularly washing their hands, avoiding crowds and getting vaccinated.

Xinhua

Bride gives birth at wedding in France

A bride gave birth only minutes after tying the knot at a townhall wedding in western France, making it more of a "big day" than anticipated, the local mayor told *AFP*.

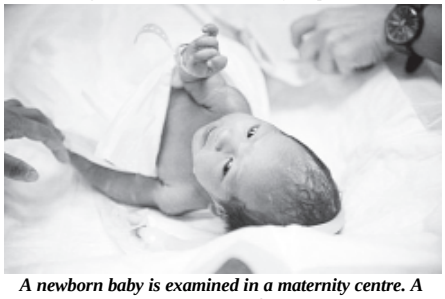
"It did rather shake us up," admitted Jean-Robert Gachet, mayor of Jallais, after hearing that mother and baby were doing well.

Saturday's ceremony at 11:00 am was nearly called off after the heavily pregnant bride had several false alarms, although her due date was 14 July. The bride was "definitely a bit worn out, but we put that down to the stress of the wedding. I tried to hurry it up a bit so that she didn't get too tired," said Gachet.

But only moments after the happy couple said their vows and emerged outside to pose for the traditional photos, while the guests left for the reception, the bride suddenly felt unwell and went back into the townhall.

Emergency services were called, but her waters had already broken and she gave birth to a little boy on the spot at 12:15 pm.

"The cry of the new born boy was an emotional moment! It was a first for us and for the emergency services," Gachet said.



A newborn baby is examined in a maternity centre. A bride gave birth only minutes after tying the knot at a townhall wedding in western France, making it more of a "big day" than anticipated.

News Album

Cat climbs onto TV reporter's shoulder during live broadcast

A curious cat climbs on reporter Nicole DiDonato's shoulder

On Thursday, Fox 17 reporter Nicole DiDonato was delivering her live report on ways to beat the summer heat when a stray cat suddenly climbed up onto her shoulder.

We've all heard of newshounds. But what would you call this breaking news kitty? A repurrter?

Amazingly, DiDonato remains mostly composed as the cat climbs up the back of her leg, then comes to rest on her shoulder. When the camera cuts back to the news studio in Grand Rapids, Mich., the Fox 17 anchors note that they heard meowing off-screen while DiDonato was preparing to go live with her report.

After the report, DiDonato took to her Twitter account, noting that she's a cat owner ("I actually already have two strays I took home from the last two cities I worked in!"), which may have encouraged the stray to jump into the show:

"Learned my lesson: Never making eye contact with a cat before a live tease ever again," she wrote.

Mediaite described the cat as "rude," but how could anyone be mad at such an adorable little guy vying for attention?

However, DiDonato also said she won't be adding a third stray to her home, writing, "One reason I can't take in another cat ... even if I wanted to. His sister is busy knocking papers off a desk."

Monkey seen? Officials search for missing macaque

Searchers trying to find an 8-pound monkey that escaped more than a week ago are now playing sounds of a baby monkey to try to recapture the wayward animal.

Wake Forest Baptist Medical Centre spokesman Chad Campbell told the *Winston-Salem Journal* (http://bit.ly/MPxdJJ) that someone reported seeing the monkey in southwestern Forsyth County on Friday. But crews didn't see the animal when they arrived.

This particular type of monkey, called a macaque (muh-KAK), escaped from the Wake Forest University Primate Centre. Campbell says searchers have set up humane traps and are playing baby monkey calls to lure the animal. Officials hope the monkey will respond to the calls because she is a breeding animal used in research.

The 16-year-old macaque is originally from Indonesia and has been in captivity since 2008.

First action man of Bollywood, Dara Singh, dies at 83

MUMBAI, 12 July— Bollywood's "first action hero" Dara Singh, an Indian champion wrestler-turned-actor whose film and television career spanned over half a century, died on Thursday aged 83. The star's health deteriorated a few days ago and he passed away after suffering from a heart attack, his doctor RK Agarwal told reporters outside Singh's Mumbai residence, sparking tributes from across the country. "It was his and his family's wish that he should spend his last moments at home," Agarwal said.

***Bollywood's "first action hero" Dara Singh (pictured in 2007), an Indian champion wrestler-turned-actor whose film and television career spanned over half a century, died on Thursday aged 83.—*INTERNET**

Born in Punjab in 1928, Singh trained in the Indian "Pehlwani" wrestling style before joining the sport professionally, going on to become commonwealth wrestling champion in 1959 and world wrestling champion in 1968. He took up acting in the 1950s, carving his niche with tough man roles in Bollywood films such as "King Kong", "Hercules", "Samson" and "Tarzan comes to Delhi".

His popularity peaked in the 1980s when he played the monkey god Hanuman in the popular television series of "Ramayan", an adaptation of the Hindu epic, and he appeared in more than 140 films. His last movie appearance was in "Jab We Met" (When We Met) in 2007, playing the role of grandfather to leading Bollywood actress Kareena Kapoor.—*Internet*

Vocal injury strikes Florence and the Machine

NEW YORK, 12 July— Florence and the Machine canceled its next two shows in Europe on Wednesday to enable its frontwoman Florence Welch to recover from a vocal injury in time for a North American tour. "I've sustained a vocal injury and been told I cannot sing for a week... seriously I felt something snap, it was very frightening," wrote Welch, 25, to her fans on the band's website (www.f-lore-nceandthemachine.net).

"Unfortunately this means I will not be able to perform at the Benicassim and Optimus Alive festivals (in Spain and Portugal respectively) this weekend... I hope I can make it up to you in the future." She did not specify the nature of the vocal injury, "but I was told without question not to (perform), so as not to do permanent damage." Florence and the Machine is still lined up for a string of concerts in Canada and the United States starting in Burnaby, British Columbia on 20 July and ending in Chicago on 5 August, before returning to Europe for more gigs. Fellow British songstress Adele canceled a number of US concerts in October last year after she sustained a vocal cord hemorrhage for the second time in less than a year. In such cases, doctors prescribe strict voice rest.—*Internet*

Florence and the Machine canceled its next two shows in Europe on Wednesday to enable its frontwoman Florence Welch, pictured in May 2012, to recover from a vocal injury in time for a North American tour. INTERNET

Ownership of Dylan's historic guitar in dispute

NEW YORK, 12 July— Bob Dylan and historians at PBS are in a dispute over the whereabouts of an electric guitar that the singer plugged in at the Newport Folk Festival in 1965, quite possibly the most historic single instrument in rock 'n' roll.

The New Jersey daughter of a pilot who flew Dylan to appearances in the 1960s says she has the guitar, which has spent much of the past 47 years in a family attic. But a lawyer for Dylan claims the singer still has the Fender Stratocaster with the sunburst design that he used during one of the most memorable performances of his career.

If the authentic "Dylan goes electric" guitar ever went on the open marketplace, experts say it could fetch as much as a half million dollars. *Internet*

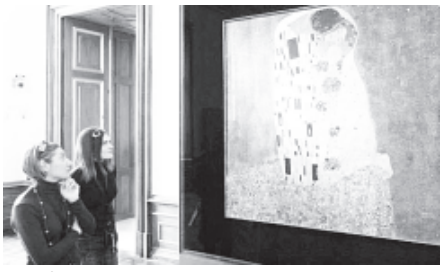
This undated image released by PBS shows, from left, Elyse Luray, contributor Dawn Peterson and Wes Cowan, from "History Detectives" with Bob Dylan's guitar. INTERNET

Klimt up close and personal on his 150th birthday

VIENNA, 12 July—On his 150th birthday, Vienna's museums offer an intimate look at Gustav Klimt, digging beneath the layers of paint and scratching away at the artist... but not without a good dose of kitsch.

Over the past century, Klimt has gained worldwide recognition even beyond the art world, something Vienna has been keen to exploit with ad campaigns borrowing heavily from his famous golden paintings like "The Kiss." His work shocked early-1900s Vienna and alternated between opulence and tormented figures.

But the 400 postcards and messages that Klimt sent his lifelong friend Emilie Floege — on display at the Leopold Museum — also show a whimsical, laid-back personality. "I wanted to send you a funny card but first I have to get over the... enormous stupidity of mankind. Affectionately, Gustav," he wrote in one note. Pictures of summer holidays show him eternally clad in a shapeless painter's smock, hair dishevelled and a mischievous smile on his lips while stroking a cat. In his cards — he wrote to Emilie up to eight times a day, often inane observations — he described his breakfast or complained of a hangover or a bad cold.



***This file photo shows museum visitors looking at Gustav Klimt's painting 'The Kiss,' in 2009, in Vienna. On his 150th birthday, Vienna's museums offer an intimate look at Gustav Klimt, digging beneath the layers of paint and scratching away at the artist.—*INTERNET**

Not for nothing is the exhibit titled "Klimt: Up Close and Personal": the art here takes a backseat to the man.

The Wien Museum also used the occasion to examine a "star artist whose curse is that everyone thinks they know him so well." Proof is the multitude of kitschy souvenirs depicting "The Kiss" or other famous Klimt works on sale in Vienna and elsewhere.

Earlier this year, the museum made a call on Facebook for the "worst of the worst" and the result was some 140 objects sent from around the world, including pictures of tattoos, a toilet-seat cover and a bejeweled egg with the two figures from "The Kiss" rotating to Elvis Presley's "Can't Help Falling in Love."

Alongside this however, the Wien Museum has also put its entire Klimt collection on show for the first time, including the artist's death mask, his massive painter's smock — the last in existence — and some 400 drawings from his beginnings in art school to his last few years. *Internet*

Serena Williams wins 1st match at Bank of the West

Serena Williams returns to Nicole Gibbs during the Bank of the West tennis tournament on on 11 July , 2012 in Stanford, Calif Williams won the match 6-2, 6-1.— INTERNET

STANFORD, (Calif), 12 July — Serena Williams had to get her bearings after flying halfway around the world. Once she got loose, she needed just over an hour to pick up another win. Four days after capturing the singles' title at Wimbledon, the fourth-ranked and top-seeded Williams beat reigning NCAA champion Nicole Gibbs 6-2, 6-1 in the second round of the Bank of the West on Wednesday."I couldn't quite believe I was playing today,'' Williams said. "But I'm healthy and I have a heartbeat so I didn't have a reason not to. I could have felt better.''

Gibbs double-faulted on her first serve and then seemed to regain her composure and played a number of strong points the rest of the way. "I kind of expected that,'' Gibbs said. "I could laugh at that one. She is such a hero to me and I had her so built up in my mind I thought she was going to do no wrong. I collected a lot of experience points out there if not physical points.'' Williams, who credited her win at Stanford last year as rejuvenating her career, said it took some time to adjust to the different conditions between Wimbledon grass and California hard court.

"I definitely felt sluggish and it was good to get the win over with,'' she said. "I'm still waking up at 2 am.'' When Williams discovered that Gibbs once served as her ball girl and looked up to her, she was flattered. "To know someone still wants to be like me, that's kind of awesome,''

Nicole Gibbs returns to Serena Williams during the Bank of the West tennis tournament on on 11 July, 2012 in Stanford, Calif. INTERNET

Williams said. "When I played Monica Seles for the first time it was kind of cool.'' Gibbs will get another chance at a WTA Tour event, as she learned Wednesday she received a wild card into the main draw at San Diego next week.

"She held her own today,'' Williams said. "She moved well and she didn't quit and to me that's the best quality you can have as an athlete. She's a fighter and has a pretty good first serve.'' Williams will meet sixth-seeded Chanelle Scheepers of South Africa in Friday's quarterfinal. Scheepers advanced with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over wild card Michelle Larcher De Brito of Portugal. In another match, fifth-seeded Yanina Wickmayer of Belgian beat Heather Watson of Britain 5-7, 6-1, 6-4.— *Internet*

View of the US Open tennis tournament in 2011 at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Centre in New York. US Open prize money will jump by more than $2 million this year to a record $25.5 million with another $2.6 million in potential bonuses available, the US Tennis Association announced on Wednesday.— INTERNET

US Open boosts prize money to record $25.5 million

NEW YORK, 12 July — US Open prize money will jump by more than $2 million this year to a record $25.5 million with another $2.6 million in potential bonuses available, the US Tennis Association announced on Wednesday. For the 40th year in a row, women and men will receive equal prize money, with each singles champion taking home a record $1.9 million and potentially up to $1 million each in bonus money for performance in US Open tuneup events.

This year's US Open prize purse features an 11 percent overall increase in men's and women's singles draws. First-round prize money will be boosted by 21 percent over last year. Second-round prize money will jump 19 percent. "We recognize the mounting financial pressures associated with competing on the global professional tennis circuits and especially for those who do not reach the second week of the US Open," said US Tennis Association president Jon Vegosen.

"We believe the additional prize money, as well as how it will be strategically distributed, will help alleviate some of the pressure." Bonus payments for playing in and producing the best results in selected pre-Open tournaments has helped produce record payouts of $2.2 million to 2010 US Open women's winner Kim Clijsters and $2.4 million to Roger Federer in 2007.— *Internet*

Steffen Freund has returned to Tottenham where he played in midfield for five seasons. INTERNET

Tottenham appoint Freund as assistant head coach

LONDON, 12 July — Tottenham Hotspur have announced the appointment of Steffen Freund as their assistant head coach. The former Germany international has become Andre Villas-Boas's second-in-command in a new coaching set-up that includes first team fitness coach Jose Mario Rocha, head of opposition scouting Daniel Sousa, first team coach Luis Martins and goalkeeping coach Tony Parks.

Freund is no stranger to White Hart Lane, having spent five seasons as a Tottenham player between 1998 and 2003 during which time he helped the Barclays Premier League side win the 1999 League Cup and achieved such a cult following he was inducted into the club's Hall of Fame.

The 42-year-old, who collected a winner's medal at the UEFA European Championship in 1996, made 120 appearances for Spurs after signing from Borussia Dortmund.—*Internet*

Khan reinstated as WBA champion

NEW YORK , 12 July — Amir Khan has had his WBA super-lightweight title reinstated ahead of his fight against WBC champion Danny Garcia in Las Vegas, the governing body said on Wednesday. Khan lost his WBA and IBF light-welterweight titles to Lamont Peterson in controversial circumstances last December.

"Justice has been done," Khan, was quoted as saying on the Sky Sports website (www1.skysports.com). "I'm glad the WBA are reinstating me as champion, it means I walk into this fight as world champion," said the 25-year-old, who fights undefeated American Garcia on Saturday. "There is a chance to win the WBC belt as well but not only that, the Ring magazine title will be on the line as well."

Khan lost his WBA and IBF belts to Peterson on a split decision after having been docked two points by the referee for pushing. A rematch, scheduled for May, was called off after Peterson failed a drugs test for testosterone in an unscheduled dope test conducted by the Las Vegas-based Voluntary Anti-Doping Association in March.— *Reuters*

Former WBA and IBF super lightweight champion Amir Khan of Britain shadow boxes during a workout at the Wild Card Boxing Club in Hollywood, California on 3 July, 2012. — REUTERS

Villas-Boas will 'never accept' Abramovich's decision to sack him at Chelsea

LONDON, 12 July — Tottenham manager Andre Villas-Boas says he will "never accept" Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich's decision to sack him after only nine months in charge at Stamford Bridge last season. The Portuguese manager arrived at the Blues with a promising reputation built at Porto but failed to gain control of a Chelsea squad including several senior players. The recently appointed manager at White Hart Lane spoke for the first time about the confrontation with Abramovich after which he was forced out of the club.

"I respect the decision of the owner of Chelsea but I will never accept it," Villas-Boas told *The Guardian*. "I told him that for me, it was him quitting on me when he had been so much involved at the beginning in bringing me in [from Porto] and he was also [the one] who was not putting up to the things that he promised. "What reason did he give to me? I'm not sure if I can make it public but the reasons don't go along or can't be applied to the fact that I was dismissed."

Villas-Boas will 'never accept' Abramovich's decision to sack him at Chelsea.— INTERNET

Roberto Di Matteo took over as interim manager following Villas-Boas' departure and went on to win the FA Cup and Champions League and, while not taking credit for the successes, Villas-Boas felt he was denied the opportunity to see out what he started but felt the decision to sack him also liberated the players. "The decision to terminate what was going on at Chelsea was not mine, it was the owner's," he continued. It is all very well that you cut the project short and Chelsea go on to win two trophies and [you] say how wonderful the squad was, but at the beginning nobody believed in that squad when we put it together.

"On the day of my dismissal, I told Roman that eventually, you can win these two trophies because the emotional impact is extremely strong." Villas-Boas also revealed that he felt his professionalism and footballing principles were never properly appreciated in England. "I am always a person who defends certain principles that were never understood in England and it requires much more adaptability from myself," he said. " I am a person who always puts the team in front and I do it publicly. I'm not a guy who is able to criticise anyone in public but I am not a guy who promotes individuals in public."

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Donald defends Scottish Open crown

LONDON, 12 July — World No 1 Luke Donald will be hoping for Scottish Open recognition this week after going unnoticed by Australian pop singer, Kylie Minogue at Wimbledon. onald is defending his Scottish Open title after winning the rain-reduced event by four strokes last year at Castle Stuart near Inverness in northern Scotland. ast week Donald was invited to Wimbledon and the Royal Box for the Men's semi-finals where the Chicago-based Brit sat beside Minogue. owever, the 44-year chart top singer was oblivious Donald was a professional golfer.

"She actually wasn't aware that I was a golfer," said Donald. So I had to mention that to her, but her boyfriend is a keen golfer and she turned that around, and said he's a professional golfer. And he turned around and goes, yes, I know (laughing). But it was the first time I had been to the Royal Box and Kylie was a sweet girl, actually. A really genuine nice girl, down to earth, and I enjoyed chatting to her. I got to watch two great matches, and it was fun day out." Donald is this week celebrating his 52nd week as World No 1 and looking also to capture his second European Tour title in three events since retaining his BMW PGA Championship crown at Wentworth.

As well, Donald will be striving to become the first back-to-back winner of the prestigious Scottish event since it came under the European Tour banner in 1972. owever he returns after missing the cut in last month's US Open with shock opening rounds of 79 and 72 for an 11-over par Olympic Golf Club tally.—*Internet*

World No 1 Luke Donald, pictured in June 2012, will be hoping for Scottish Open recognition this week after going unnoticed by Australian pop singer, Kylie Minogue at Wimbledon. — INTERNET

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Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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MYANMAR TV

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1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw

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2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:50 am
3. Nice and Sweet Song

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4. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies

8:25 am
5. Documentary

4:05 pm
6. Musical Programme

4:20 pm
7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

4:35 pm
8. Song of National Races

4:45 pm
9. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (History)

5:00 pm
10. Song Of Yester Years

5:10 pm
11. Myanmar Language

5:25 pm
13. Teleplay (Health)

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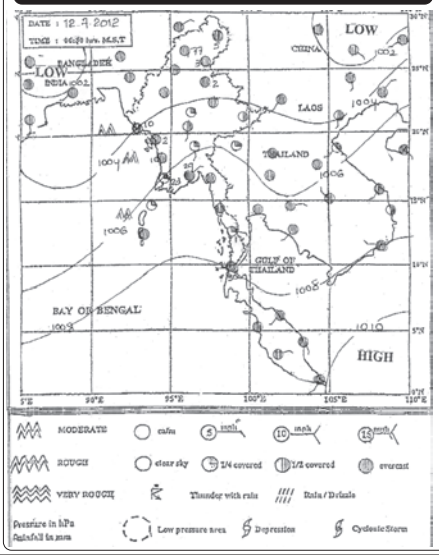
14. Sports Highlight

8:00 pm
15. News
16. Just For Laughs
17. TV Drama Series
18. Song Lover

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 13th July, 2012

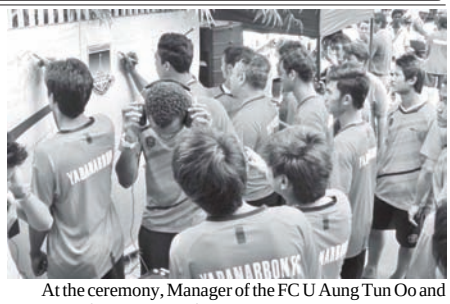
Sr. No.		Temperature (°C/°F) Maximum	Minimum	For Tomorrow Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	31/88	26/79	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
2	Kayah	31/88	20/68	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
3	Kayin	33/91	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
4	Chin	25/77	16/61	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
5	Upper Sagaing	35/95	26/79	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
6	Lower Sagaing	41/106	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
7	Tanintharyi	33/91	23/73	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
8	Bago	34/93	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
9	Magway	35/95	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
10	Mandalay	41/106	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
11	Mon	34/93	25/77	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
12	Yangon	35/95	22/72	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
13	Rakhine	29/84	24/75	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
14	Southern Shan	26/79	18/64	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
15	Northern Shan	34/93	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
16	Eastern Shan	35/95	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
17	Ayeyawady	35/95	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	36/97	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	35/95	22/72	One or two rain or thundershowers	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	41/106	27/81	Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers	(40%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today	During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Region, Kayah and Kayin States, rain or thundershower have been widespread in Kachin State, fairly widespread in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Rakhine State, scattered in Upper Sagaing, Bago and Tanimthayi Regions, Shan and Mon States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Upper Sagaing Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (3.03) inches, MraukU (1.73) inches, Kawthoung (1.58) inches, Namsam and Kyauktaw (1.50) inches each.
Bay Inference	Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weak elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.
State of the Sea	Seas will be slight to moderate in the Myanmar waters.
Outlook for sub-sequent two days	Moderate monsoon.

Sports equipment shop of Yadanabon FC sponsor opens in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 12 July—A ceremony to present uniforms and sports gear to Yadanabon FC that is standing the table with 41 points in the first leg of Myanmar National League was eld at the ERKE Sports Equipment Shop on 73rd Street between 34th and 35th streets in Chanayethazan Township on 7 July morning.

The shop is being opened by China. Similar shops are opened in Europe, US, Africa, and Southeast Asian nations. The shop provides sponsorship to the Yadanabon FC of Myanmar for the first time.



At the ceremony, Manager of the FC U Aung Tun Oo and Manager of ERKE Shop formally opened the shop that sold sports gear to Yadanabon FC fans at 20 per cent discourt.

Players of the FC and artistes put commemorative signs on the board.

At the ceremony, tickets for the football matches to be held at Bahtoo Statdium were distributed free of charge.

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Australia seeks high-tech edge ahead of Olympics

Australian hurdler Brendan Cole, pictured in the recovery contrast shower at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) in Canberra, in May.—INTERNET

SYDNEY, 12 July —It may not ensure a medal but the cutting-edge technology at Australia's Institute of Sport (AIS) could prove the difference between Olympic success or failure.

Set across a sprawling campus in Australia's leafy political capital, the AIS isn't much to look at, but the network of concrete buildings, pools and sports fields has turned out some of the nation's biggest sports stars.

AIS director Matt Favier says it's unique in the world in terms of the breadth of services offered in a single place; a one-stop shop for coaching, nutrition, performance analysis, training and recovery. "We are still renowned, the AIS and Australia, for being pioneers really in a lot of these areas," Favier told AFP.

Every sport has its secret weapons and, in an Olympic year, every advantage counts.

Australia's cycling team has used the latest in satellite and bicycle technology to construct a virtual track which simulates every hill and dip of the London circuit.

By the time the team gets to pre-Olympic training in Europe, riders will be able to cycle the route in front of a plasma screen showing the actual surroundings, and can programme the bike to their exact strength and weight.

The information was gathered in a sneaky operation code-named "Deja-Vu 4", in which AIS scientists and some of the Olympic hopefuls did a test run of the road circuit last August, according to senior physiologist David Martin.

Riders' bikes were fitted out with instruments to measure the route profile and the amount of power exerted at different stages, along with a GPS to plot a geographical map and a camera to film the scenery.

Apart from the obvious strategic benefits, Martin said the simulator gives riders a confidence they wouldn't otherwise have on the Olympic starting line, knowing they have already executed the race scores of times. "You've faced it so many times before and you're ready to put on a show for the rest of the world," said Martin.

"It's just that fine little edge that's the difference between fourth and third maybe; it could be the difference between second and gold." Swimmer Tommasso D'Orsogna is preparing for his first Olympic Games in one of Australia's most coveted events, the 4x100m freestyle relay, and he credits the AIS programme with getting him to his peak.

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Cuba's Olympic athletes declared free of doping

HAVANA, 12 July — All of the 110 Cuban athletes heading to the London 2012 Olympic Games were declared Wednesday to be "free of illegal (performance-enhancing) substances" by Cuba's National Anti-Doping Brigade.

"That fact is another expression of our respect for fair play," said brigade director Yahumara Castro, adding the rejection of steroids and other performance enhancing drugs reflected the "philosophy of a country that loves the practice of physical activity as a means to boost people's health."According to the official daily Granma, Castro said the entire Cuban delegation had undergone one or more anti-doping tests and all came back negative.

The tests were analyzed at Havana's Anti-Doping Laboratory, which is certified by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Cuba hopes to better its medal count from Beijing 2008, where the country placed 28th with two gold, 11 silver and 11 bronze medals. — *Xinhua*

Memorial Service for
Daw Kyi Kyi Tin @ Honore Pe Maung Tin
Born on 13 July 1933

- Passed away on 7 May 2012 at Brigham and Women's Hospital Boston, Massachusette, U.S.A

- Daughter of the late (Pro. Pe Maung Tin - Daw Kyi Kyi) beloved wife of Jack A. Prindiville; older sister of Daw Tin Tin Myaing (Ret.) (French, UFL, Yangon) would like to invite, friends and family to memorial service at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Bogyoke Aung San Road, Pabedan Township, Yangon. On Saturday 14 July 2012 at 11 am.

Brenda Pe Maung Tin and Family

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 Zarni Htet who lived at No (17), Has/Ka ward, 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 Yewe Yunnan Cemetery at 10 am on 16-7-2012 (Monday). Bereaved family

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Myanmar delegation led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw arrives back

YANGON, 12 July—The Myanmar delegation led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint arrived back here by air at 7:10 pm today, after attending the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly, the Executive Committee Meeting and the 9th Meeting of the Fact Finding Committee to combat the Drug Menace, held in Indonesia from 8 to 11 July, at the invitation of President of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly Speaker of Indonesia's House of Representatives Dr. Marzuki Alie.

They were welcomed by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win, Deputy Speaker of the Hluttaw U Tin Aung, Chairman Dr Khin Shwe of Amyotha Hluttaw Committee for Education, Health and Culture, the Charge d' Affaires ai of Indonesian Embassy to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and departmental heads at Yangon International Airport.

The delegation comprised Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw ASEAN Political and Security Community Committee U Nyunt Tin, member of Pyithu Hluttaw Social Development Committee Daw Win Maw Tun, Director-General of Hluttaw Office U Kyaw Soe and departmental officials.—*MNA*

***Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and party being welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by officials.*—MNA**

US eases restrictions on investment in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July—The US government on 11 July announced that it gave permission to US companies to make investment in Myanmar including oil and gas industry.

President Barack Obama announced that the United States was easing economic restrictions to allow US companies to invest in Myanmar beginning 11 July.

The new government of Myanmar was constantly making important economic and political reforms apart from significant progress it was making along the path to democracy, added President Obama in his statement.

The US Chamber of Commerce hailed the easing of sanctions, saying major economies, including Australia, Canada and European Union, had moved more swiftly than the US to invest in Myanmar and the continuing sanctions would have only added to the advantage for Asian and European companies.

National Security Council spokesman Tommy Victor said that the US is striving to enhance cooperation in oil and gas industry of Myanmar and that the cooperation would benefit not only the US but also the people of Myanmar.—*MNA*

Officials make field trips to grassroots level

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July—The teams of Nay Pyi Taw Council for collection of ground stocking and implementation of rural development, poverty alleviation are making field trips to villages of townships in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area as of 5 July.

The teams are carrying out tasks of health, agriculture, livestock breeding and regional development on their trips.

Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council Dr Paing Soe, accompanied by Medical Superintendent Dr Phyu Phyu of Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed) and Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Hla Hla Kyi of Pyinmana General Hospital (200-bed), provided free health care services to local people and gave talks about health knowledge in Yonbinsaung Village of Zeyathiri Township today.

The field teams cultivated vegetable plantations, distributed seeds free of charge, supplied safe water and vaccinated cattle.—*MNA*

Mawlamyine Zone of Sepak Takraw Championship 2012 commences

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July—The Sepak Takraw Championship 2012, jointly organized by Myanmar Sepak Takraw Federation and Double Strong, kicked off in Mawlamyine Zone at Mawlamyine Gymnasium on 9 July morning, with an opening address by Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint.

A responsible person of Double Strong explained the purpose of holding the championship and thanked all the contributors for the competition.

Among spectators were the Chief Minister of Mon State and officials. In the debut, Lucky Star played against MYC (A).

The championship is being organized in Yangon, Mandalay and Mawlamyine Zones. The final stage matches and prize presentation ceremony will be held in Mawlamyine.—*MNA*

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (12-7-2012)

Hkamti	**(3.03) inches**
MraukU	**(1.73) inches**
Kawthoung	**(1.58) inches**
Namhsan	**(1.50) inches**
Kyauktaw	**(1.50) inches**

Scolari's Palmeiras clinch Copa Brasil title

RIO DE JANEIRO, 12 July—Luiz Felipe Scolari won his first major title since steering Brazil to World Cup victory in 2002 after his Palmeiras side beat Coritiba 3-1 on aggregate to lift the Copa Brasil title on Wednesday.

Palmeiras secured a 1-1 draw at Coritiba's packed Couto Pereira stadium after winning the first leg 2-0 last week in Sao Paulo to give Scolari his fourth Copa Brasil as a coach.

Substitute Ayrton had put Coritiba ahead with a majestic free-kick just after the hour mark, but striker Betinho headed home the equalizer from midfielder Marcos Assuncao's cross in the 66th minute.

"A team like this should be an example for the history of Palmeiras," said Scolari in a televised news conference after his players had poured drinks over his head in celebration.

"In these two years so much has been experienced by all of us ... a title at this moment comes as a reward to an entire group," he added.

Former Brazil, Portugal and Chelsea coach Scolari returned to Palmeiras in 2010 after his first successful spell at the club from 1997-2000.

Since guiding Brazil to World Cup victory in South Korea and Japan in 2002, he had won only the Uzbekistan league title with Bunyodkor in 2009.

The victory means Palmeiras is the second Brazilian team to qualify for next year's Libertadores Cup, after arch rivals Corinthians clinched the South American championship title last week.

It was Scolari's fourth Copa Brasil win after success in 1998 also with Palmeiras and 1994 (Gremio) and 1991 (Criciuma).

Coritiba were also beaten in last year Copa Brasil final to Vasco da Gama.

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The Second China-Africa People's Forum is opened in Suzhou, east China, on 10 July. The forum will last for two days.

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