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True patriotism

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

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

President U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to French counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Francois Hollande, President of the French Republic, on the occasion of the Bastille Day of the French Republic, which falls on 14 July 2012.—MNA

President U Thein Sein felicitates French Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Jean Marc Ayrault, Prime Minister of the French Republic, on the occasion of the Bastille Day of the French Republic, which falls on 14 July 2012.—MNA

President U Thein Sein leaves for Cambodia to attend US-ASEAN Economic Forum

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, accompanied by delegation members, left here by special aircraft of Myanma Airways at 12.15 pm today to attend the US-ASEAN Economic Forum to be held in Siem Reap of Cambodia.

The delegation led by President U Thein Sein was seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister at the President Office Nay Pyi Taw Mayor U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min, Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Aye, Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun, departmental heads, Charge d' Affaires of Cambodian Embassy Mrs Tuot Kunthea and embassy officials.

The Myanmar delegation led by President U Thein Sein comprised Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint and departmental officials. Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin who will accompany the Myanmar delegation led by President U Thein Sein left for Cambodia in advance to attend the ASEAN Foreign Affairs Ministers' Meeting being held in Phnom Penh of Cambodia.—MNA



President U Thein Sein and party being seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and officials.—MNA

NATO trucks enter Afghanistan from border with Pakistan after months

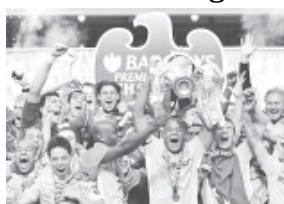


NATO supply trucks drive to the Torkham border between Pakistan and Afghanistan, near northwest Pakistan's Torkham on 12 July, 2012. PAGE 3



Sun Ping (2nd R), vice president of Export-Import Bank of China (China Eximbank), and his counterpart of African Export Import Bank B Oramah (2nd L) attend Press conference of Forum on China-Africa Financial Cooperation in Beijing on 12 July, 2012. PAGE 11

Barclays extends sponsorship of the Premier League



Manchester City won the Barclays Premier League in dramatic fashion last season. PAGE 14

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (13-7-2012)

Paung	(4.09) inches
Thaton	(2.40) inches
Bago	(2.28) inches
Kawthoung	(2.04) inches
Central Yangon	(1.89) inches
Yangon (Kaba-Aye)	(1.85) inches
Shwebo	(1.26) inches
Htilin	(1.21) inches

PERSPECTIVES

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Tug-of-war

Huge foreign investments are in prospect in Myanmar thanks to the dramatic reforms of the civilian government in office apart from the country's sheer quantity of natural resources and strategic position. While the longed-for democracy has brought opportunities to the nation, there has emerged a tug-of-war between economic development and environmental conservation.

As a developing country, we have to make use of our natural resources in pursuit of economic growth. But, sustainable economy is a question of seeking a balance between exploitation and conservation of the environment. The foreign investments are most likely to flow into energy sector, which is a cause of concern for us in terms of ecological balance. The legislature must pass laws to ban toxic chemicals in the environment, reduce air and water pollution, and protect endangered species and habitats.

Developing economies often face the same fate as environmental degradation usually offsets improvements resulted from economic prosperity. The effective sewage treatment system, waste disposal system, carbon footprint reduction approaches, and introduction of carbon tax are in desperate need to help curb the existing pollution and meet the future demand, which calls for collaborative efforts of the government and business firms.

Throughout successive periods, excessive emphasis has been placed on growth in terms of numbers without focusing on development in terms of quality. It is time to concentrate on effectiveness rather than numbers. Especially, we need to advance this concept into infrastructural development. Public education is also a must to reinforce the durability of social and economic infrastructure and facilities.

We must adopt minimal environmental and social standards for mega projects in our country; otherwise the consequences would be detrimental to the environment. All in all, development and environment are complementary and not antagonistic terms. If there is no place left, where will the development take place?



CASH DONATED: In memory of late parents and daughter Ma Thiri Thein Lin (a) The The, 28, Police Col Thein Lin (Rtd)-Daw Khin Kyu Hla and family donated K 1 million to Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently. Joint Treasurer U Chit Myaing of Home Executive Committee accepts cash donation.—NLM

Culture Ministry plants trees, releases fingerlings

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—Ministry of Culture observed 2012 monsoon tree planting and fingerlings releasing ceremonies at National Museum, National Library and Culture Ministry here this morning. Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Culture Minister Daw Sanda Khin, departmental heads and staff attended the ceremonies.

Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan and Deputy Minister Daw Sanda Khin, departmental heads and staff put 14000 fingerlings into the minidam of the ministry.

Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Minister Daw Sanda Khin, departmental heads and staff attended the monsoon tree planting ceremonies held at National Library (Nay Pyi Taw) and National Museum (Nay Pyi Taw) and planted saplings at

designated places.

Then the Union Minister together with officials viewed planting of teak, perennial crops and shade trees by the staff.

With a view to



greening the environment, the Culture Ministry aimed to plant 2523 of

Union Foreign Affairs Minister felicitates French counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Laurent Fabius, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the French Republic, on the occasion of the Bastille Day of the French Republic, which falls on 14 July 2012.—MNA

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan plants a sapling in 2012 monsoon tree growing ceremony. MNA

Out of them, a total of 1987 saplings have been planted.—MNA

Workshop on frozen meat import held

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—A workshop on importation of frozen meat took place at Livestock and Veterinary Department in Insein, here this afternoon, attended by Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye who stressed the need

for participation of meatsector organizations and businesses in efforts of the government for meat sector development.

Director-General of Livestock and Fisheries Department Dr Myint Than, personnel of the Directorate of Trade and Myanmar

Police Force discussed measures for import and sale of frozen meat, quality control on imported animal products and against illegal importation of frozen meat.

Next, the chairman and CEC members of Myanmar Breeding Federation discussed the requirements in importing frozen with least

effects on small and medium-scale breeders and related businesses, and promotion of quality of home-made products and reduction of production cost. Companies wishing to import frozen meat discussed items to be imported and sales programmes. The workshop agreed to hold further discussions for frozen meat import.—MNA

Mon State Chief Minister looks into regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint on 8 July met departmental personnel, ward and village administrators, members of social organization and local people at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Thanbyzayat.

The Chief Minister viewed construction of the passage to Kyaukkhami Yayle Pagoda, control tower of Winphanon Dam and Kamawet Sluice Gate.

He then paid homage to sacred relics at the Dattaw Monastery in Kamawet Station.—MNA

Tree growing ceremony marked as conservation of school environment

YANGON, 13 July—A ceremony to mark School Environment Day, Yangon South District held the tree growing ceremony at Basic Education High School No 4 in Thanlyin on 8 July morning.

At first, Deputy Commissioner U Sai Thaw Win of Yangon South District General Administration Department presented saplings to township education officers and officials. He then planted Gangaw sapling (*Mesua ferrea*) at the designated place.

After that, Thanlyin Township Administrator U Moe Myint, Staff Officer U Aung Myint of No 3 Basic Education Department, Staff Officer U Kyaw Thura of Township Forest Department, Executive Officer U Kyaw Lin Than of Township Development Affairs Committee, township education officers, school heads and students participated in cultivation of 550 shade and flowery plants.—Myanma Alin

Sittway station grows saplings in rainy season

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—Sittway station rainy season tree growing ceremony-2012 was held at Sittway station near Kywite village in Sittway Township yesterday morning.

At the ceremony, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin and Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Ko Ko Naing gave 200 teaks, 200 ironwood and 600 mahogany saplings to respective stations. They grew saplings at the designated places and looked into collective growing of saplings of station families.

After that, the State Chief Minister oversaw arrival of supplies and distribution and health care services at Basic Education High School in Mingan ward, Dhammayon of Mingan and relief camps in Mingan of Sittway.—MNA



Nine killed in deadly French Alps avalanche

CHAMONIX, 13 July—Nine climbers were killed in an avalanche near Chamonix in the French Alps on Thursday when a wall of snow swept them away as they tried to scale one of Europe's tallest peaks, authorities said.

Two Britons and two Germans reported missing after the avalanche had been accounted for by the end of the day, when search efforts were called off until Friday.

French Interior Minister Manuel Valls said an investigation would be launched to establish what had happened and how similar avalanches could be avoided.

The dead included three Britons, three Germans, two Spaniards and one Swiss, authorities said.

A preliminary investigation suggested a climber may have stepped on an icy patch, unwittingly triggering the giant slide. Many of the climbers were roped together for safety reasons, and some of the injured sustained broken bones.

"The conditions are still perilous. At this stage, the mountain is not safe," Valls told reporters, adding that he had flown over the area and seen giant blocks of ice beneath him.

"Unfortunately, it's always in July and August that we get such events, but we will investigate and see if there is anything we can do."

Twelve people were injured, one of whom, a Swiss national, was in a critical condition and had been taken to hospital across the Swiss border in Sion. Six of the injured had been released from hospital by Thursday evening.

The most deadly avalanche in the Alps since 2008 swept down a popular climbing route in the Mont Blanc range near the border with Switzerland at about 0300 GMT. The scene of the tragedy—"le Mont Maudit" which translates as "Cursed Peak"—is one of two popular access routes to the famous Mont Blanc peak.—Reuters



Climbers look at Mont Maudit mountain in French Alps in this 31 May, 2009 file picture. At least six people were killed in an avalanche near Chamonix in the French Alps, a police source told Reuters on 12 July, 2012.

REUTERS

7 killed, 14 injured in blast in southwest Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 13 July — At least seven people were killed and 14 others injured when a bomb hit a public gathering near Pakistan's southwest city of Quetta on Friday morning, sources in Quetta told Xinhua by quoting hospital officials.

The blast took place at about 9:30 am local time when a bomb fixed on a motorbike went off near a public gathering held by Awami National Party (ANP), one of the major political parties in Pakistan, in Kuchlak, a small town some 20 km away from Quetta, capital of Balochistan province in southwest Pakistan, according to Xinhua sources in the city and local media reports.

One child was killed and a ANP leader injured in the blast, said local media, adding that at least six vehicles and several shops near the blast site were also damaged.

Firing was heard following the blast, said local reports.

Security forces and rescue team have rushed to the site shortly after the blast was reported. All the injured have been shifted to hospital in Quetta.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack yet.

It remains unknown at this point why ANP held a public meeting there. But earlier this month seven miners from the country's northwest Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province were kidnapped by unknown gunmen near Quetta and their bullet-ridden bodies were later found on Thursday.

The incident took place shortly before the Pakistani Prime Minister Perviz Ashraf is reportedly scheduled to arrive in Quetta.

Xinhua



NATO supply trucks drive to the Torkham border between Pakistan and Afghanistan, near northwest Pakistan's Torkham on 12 July, 2012.—XINHUA

NATO trucks enter Afghanistan from border with Pakistan after months

JALALABAD, 13 July—The first NATO trucks carrying supplies for the NATO-led forces in Afghanistan on Thursday crossed Torkham, a town on the northern border between Afghanistan and Pakistan, an official said.

"Up to four NATO containers entered Nangarhar province in eastern Afghanistan from Pakistan via Torkham town on Thursday afternoon," Afghan border official Enayatullah told Xinhua. He said it was the first line of trucks to pass the town after more than seven months.

However, he did not say whether the trucks were

carrying military or non-military items. Pakistan closed the NATO supply line in protest against the killing of its 24 soldiers in a NATO airstrike on border posts on 26 Nov last year.

The supply line was restored on 3 July after US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton apologized for the deaths of Pakistani security personnel, according to local media. On 5 July, the first containers entered Afghanistan from the southern border town of Chaman in Kandahar Province.

Xinhua

China role important in Afghanistan reconstruction: US envoy

BEIJING, 13 July—China is playing a very important role in the reconstruction of Afghanistan, a US envoy said Thursday. "China has given development assistance to Afghanistan to increase the capacity of the government and the people of the Afghanistan," said Marc Grossman, US special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Grossman arrived in Beijing Wednesday evening

"to continue the close consultation that China and the United States have on Afghanistan" after his trips to Tokyo and Seoul.

In Tokyo, Grossman attended on 8 July an international conference on Afghanistan, on which the international community pledged 16 billion US dollars in economic assistance to Afghanistan for the next four years. "I think that the Tokyo conference shows that the

international community, very much including China, intends to stay interested in Afghanistan and support Afghanistan (even after 2014)," Grossman said, adding that Afghanistan will not be abandoned "and that is something very much to our own benefit."

Grossman said Chinese investment in Afghanistan will not only bring jobs, but also a "connection to the future" for Afghans.—Xinhua

Police find drug tunnel under US-Mexico border



The interior of a cross border tunnel is pictured in this undated handout photo taken by the DEA in San Luis, Arizona.

REUTERS

PHOENIX, 13 July—Police have discovered a sophisticated drug smuggling tunnel the length of two football fields running beneath the Arizona border with Mexico, and arrested three suspects, authorities said on

Thursday.

The tunnel measuring 240 yards (220 metres) linked a building in San Luis, a small town in far western Arizona, to an ice plant in the Mexican border city of San Luis Rio Colorado, the US Drug Enforcement Administration said in a news release.

The clandestine passageway descended more than 55 feet (17 metres) into the ground and measured six feet (1.8 metres) in height. It was equipped with lighting and ventilation, and was the first ever discovered in the small border city south of Yuma.

The non-descript, single-story building in San Luis had been under surveillance since January, after agents noted suspicious comings and goings there. A vehicle stop traced back to the building yielded 39 pounds of methamphetamine, DEA said. The nationality of the three suspects arrested was not immediately available.—Reuters

New York jewellers admit sale of 1 ton of illegal ivory

NEW YORK, 13 July—Two New York jewellers pleaded guilty on Thursday to selling roughly 1 ton of illegal ivory worth more than \$2 million (£1.29 million), including elephant tusks apparently poached to satisfy a spike in customer demand, authorities said.

The large-scale seizure of luxury goods, including ivory beads, bracelets and intricately carved tusks, was one of the biggest in New York City history, said Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus

Vance.

"Poachers should not have a market in Manhattan," Vance said in a Press release. "We need to curb the demand side of the illegal ivory trade right here at home."

Plea agreements reached by jewellers Mukesh Gupta and Johnson Jung-Chien Lu called for them to turn over their ivory — valued at more than \$2 million, Vance said. They will also pay fines of \$45,000 and \$10,000 respectively, which will be given to the Wildlife

Conservation Society.

Gupta, 67, and Lu, 56, admitted to charges of illegal commercialization of wildlife for selling ivory accessories in their jewellery stores near Manhattan's famous Diamond District. Under New York State law, ivory and ivory-made goods can only be sold with a license and proof the items were made or obtained before the Asian and African elephants were listed as endangered animals in the 1970s. Their arrests in 2012 came after a record year for

illegal ivory seizures. In 2011, almost 25 tons of contraband ivory was collected from around the world, more than at any time since ivory harvesting became illegal in 1989. Most illegal ivory is bound for Asia, with China, Japan and Thailand among the top destinations, Vance said. It is used for billiard balls, piano keys, carved art and jewellery, authorities said.

The number of elephants killed by poaching has doubled in the last decade.

Reuters



Seized illegal ivory sculptures are displayed as New York's District Attorney Cyrus Vance speaks during a news conference to announce the guilty pleas of two ivory dealers and their business for selling illegal elephant ivory, in New York on 12 July, 2012.—REUTERS

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Amazon is reportedly making a phone and it just poached another Windows Phone executive.
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NEW YORK, 13 July — The likelihood that Amazon will launch a smartphone — or a “phablet,” as the case may be — at some point in the next six to nine months seems to grow more likely each day. Bloomberg reported last week that the company is testing a smartphone with manufacturing partner Foxconn, and *The Wall Street Journal* would later add that the device will likely feature a display measuring between 4 and 5 inches when it launches later this year or early in 2013.

Now, Richard Williams,

former director of business development with Microsoft's Windows Phone unit, has left Microsoft to join Amazon as director of the Amazon Appstore. Williams is the second Microsoft executive to leave the company's Windows Phone division and join Amazon, following Brandon Watson, who made the switch earlier this year. Amazon's first smartphone offering is expected to be a low-cost device that takes aim directly at Android vendors including HTC, LG and Sony. — *Internet*

Large solar flare erupts; little impact to Earth



This false-colour image provided by NASA shows a solar flare, lower center, erupting from the sun on 12 July, 2012. — *INTERNET*

LOS ANGELES, 13 July — A huge solar flare erupted from the sun on Thursday, streaming radiation toward Earth.

The solar storm is expected to arrive early on Saturday, but forecasters at the government's Space Weather Prediction Center say they expected minimal impact to communication systems and power grids.

It may spark colourful auroras in southern Canada and northern United States. The storm is part of the sun's normal 11-year cycle, which is supposed to reach a peak next year. NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory captured Thursday's flare, wowing scientists with images of the massive outburst. — *Internet*

Yahoo breach puts users of other sites at risk

BOSTON, 13 July — More than 400,000 Yahoo Inc user names and passwords were stolen and published on the Web, putting other websites at risk as well, after hackers exploited a vulnerability in Yahoo's computer systems. Some logins for Google Inc, AOL Inc and Microsoft Corp services were among those compromised. The three companies said they required affected users to reset passwords for sites including Gmail, AOL, Hotmail, MSN and Live.com.

Yahoo issued a statement apologizing for the breach, the latest setback for a company that has lost two chief executives in a year and is struggling to revive stalled revenue growth. Chairman Alfred Amoroso acknowledged that Yahoo had experienced a “tumultuous” year at its annual shareholder meeting on Thursday morning. Interim CEO Ross Levinsohn told attendees he was optimistic about the company's progress. The breach prompted criticism from security experts who said that a major Internet firm like Yahoo should do a better job at protecting user data.

“This points to some very lax security practices,” said Rob D'Ovidio, associate professor of criminal justice at Drexel University. As an example, he noted that the hackers were able to produce

LONDON, 13 July — Engineers said on Friday they had built a device using mass-produced video gaming equipment that lets disabled people control a computer with just their eyes — with a price tag of under \$30 (25 euros). The gadget comprises two video game console cameras, costing less than \$10 apiece, attached outside the line of vision to a pair of ordinary glasses, reported the team from Imperial College London. The cameras relay the eye's movements to an ordinary computer, wirelessly over Wi-Fi or via USB, and used one watt of power, they wrote in the *Journal of Neural Engineering*.

In this way, test subjects could control a cursor on a screen just like a computer mouse. “We have achieved two things: we have built a 3D eye tracking system hundreds of times cheaper than commercial systems and used it to build a real-time brain-machine interface,” said co-author Aldo Faisal. “This is frugal innovation;

The eyes have it for disabled gamers

developing smarter software and piggy-backing existing hardware to create devices that can help people worldwide...” It also allowed patients to interact more smoothly and more quickly than technologies that require electrode implants in the brain, and are even more expensive.

“We demonstrate here

that by using mass-produced video game hardware, it is possible to produce an ultra-low cost binocular eye-tracker with comparable performance to commercial systems, yet 800 times cheaper,” the researchers wrote. The technology offers hope for restoring some level of independence to people suffering from multiple

sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, muscular dystrophy and spinal cord injuries or amputees. In the EU alone, there were more than 16 million people with disabilities who would benefit from such a system, said the scientists.

Other low-cost eye-tracking systems developed in the past had much lower performance, they added, while commercial-grade systems mainly used in research cost more than \$20,000. To demonstrate their gadget's functionality, the team got subjects to play the video game Pong — using their eyes to bat a ball bouncing around on a computer screen. Six of the subjects who had never done this before, achieved a “respectable score,” said Faisal. A video of someone playing Pong using device can be watched here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zapK5wvYU84>

The researchers said they solved the problem of involuntary blinking in controlling the computer.

Internet



A version of Pong is played on the original Magnovox Odyssey 200 in 2009. Engineers said on Friday they had built a device using mass-produced video gaming equipment that lets disabled people control a computer with just their eyes — with a price tag of under \$30 (25 euros). — *INTERNET*

Stone tools focus picture of ancient Americans

GRANTS PASS, (Ore), 13 July — Stone tools and human DNA from ancient caves in Oregon offer new evidence of how some of the first Americans spread through the continent: Quite apart from the better-known Clovis culture, a separate group occupied the West. Archaeologists reported on Thursday they have dated broken spear points from the caves to about 13,200 years ago, as old as much different stone tools found elsewhere from the Clovis culture.

University of Oregon archaeologist Dennis Jenkins says that indicates the Clovis style of chipping stone tools was not the mother of Stone Age technology. He says the two styles were developed independently by different groups that may have taken separate routes through the continent after crossing the Ice Age land bridge from Asia. The findings appeared Thursday in the online edition of the journal *Science*.

Internet



This 26 July, 2012, photo supplied by the University of Oregon shows three Western Stemmed Projectiles discovered in the Paisley Caves near Paisley, Ore. Stone tools and human DNA from the ancient Oregon caves offer new evidence of how the first Americans spread through the continent- and archaeologists reported on 12 July, 2012, that they have dated broken spear points from the cave to about 13,200 years ago, as old as much different stone tools found elsewhere from the better-known Clovis culture found in the southeast and interior United States. — *INTERNET*



Yahoo Inc offices, housing its Search Marketing Group, are pictured in Burbank, California, in this file picture taken on 14 Oct, 2010. Yahoo Inc reported the theft of 400,000 user names and passwords to access its own site as well as those of other companies, saying that hackers had taken advantage of a security vulnerability in its computer systems, Reuters reported on 12 July, 2012. — *REUTERS*

an Internet publishing service that Yahoo purchased about two years ago. It helps writers, photographers and videographers to sell their work over the Web. “We are fixing the vulnerability that led to the disclosure of this data, changing the passwords of the affected Yahoo! users and notifying the companies whose users' accounts may have been compromised,” she said. AOL said the Yahoo data published on the Web included valid passwords for 1,699 accounts. Microsoft and Google declined to provide similar numbers. Other firms whose customers were at risk include Comcast Corp, Verizon Communications Inc and AT&T, Rapid7 researcher Marcus Carey said. He estimated that tens of thousands of accounts of users of services other than Yahoo were affected by the breach.

AT&T and Verizon did not have any immediate comment. Officials with Comcast could not be reached. AOL Senior Vice President David Temkin said spammers typically use credentials like the ones stolen from Yahoo to break into email accounts and use them to send out spam. “In this case, I think we actually got ahead of it before the people who stole those accounts were able to use them,” Temkin said.

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Price hike still haunts Netflix stock 1 year later

SAN FRANCISCO, 13 July — Netflix is more popular among couch potatoes than investors a year after its polarizing decision to raise US prices for video subscription services. The unexpected twist that Netflix unveiled a year ago Thursday triggered mass customer cancellations and a sell-off in its stock, which has wiped out more than \$11 billion in shareholder wealth. Netflix Inc. has bounced back this year to revive its subscriber growth. But even after a recent rally, its stock remains more than 70 percent below its peak price of nearly \$305 about a year ago, largely because of

concerns about what Netflix has been spending to attract and retain subscribers. The stock gained \$3.33, or 4 percent, to close on Thursday at \$84.97.

The company increased its prices by as much as 60 percent as part of an effort to phase out its DVD-by-mail rental service and raise more money to license TV shows and movies for its Internet video library. Preparing for the day when DVDs become obsolete makes good business sense as the ubiquity of high-speed Internet connections makes it easier and more convenient to watch video online.

Promoting Internet streaming over DVDs also helps Netflix save money on postage as it mails fewer discs. But DVDs still appeal to subscribers who want to watch the latest movie releases. That's because studios generally have refused to license their more recent material for online viewing, leaving Netflix's Internet video library with a less comprehensive selection than what's available on DVD.

The shortcoming wasn't a problem until last year because Netflix had been bundling DVDs with unlimited video streaming in a package that cost as little as \$10 per month. With the price change, Netflix split video streaming and DVD rentals into separate services that raised the monthly minimum cost for both to \$16. As if the higher prices weren't aggravating enough, Netflix CEO Reed Hastings infuriated subscribers even more a couple months later with a ham-handed apology that dropped another bombshell: The company intended to spin off the DVD service into a separate website called Qwikster. —Internet



In this 24 Jan. 2007 file photo, Netflix customer Carleen Ho holds up DVD movies, "Talladega Nights" and "Pirates of the Caribbean" that she rented from Netflix, at her home in Palo Alto, Calif. Netflix is more popular among couch potatoes than investors a year after its polarizing decision to raise U.S. prices for video subscription services by as much as 60 percent. The unexpected twist that Netflix announced a year ago on 12 July, 2012. —INTERNET

Australian study links breast milk to nut allergies

CANBERRA, 13 July — Children who are solely breast-fed in the first six months of life are at increased risk of developing a nut allergy, new research showed. A study by The Australian National University, published in the *International Journal of Pediatrics* on Thursday, investigated the link in primary school children in the Australian Capital Territory, of which Canberra is the capital.

Parents of more than 15,000 children at 110 schools were asked to report if their child had a nut allergy, and on feeding habits in the first six months of life. The study found the risk of developing a nut allergy was one-and-a-half times higher in children who were only breast-fed in their first six months. But children fed food and fluids other than breast milk were protected against nut allergies. "Our results contribute to the argument that breast feeding alone does not appear to be protective against nut allergy in children

— it may, in fact, be causative of allergy," said study author Marjan Kljakovic.

"Despite breast feeding being recommended as the sole source of nutrition in the first six months of life, an increasing number of studies have implicated breast feeding as a cause of the increasing trend in nut allergy. "Peanut allergy accounts for two-thirds of all fatal food-induced allergic reactions," added Kljakovic, a professor at the university's medical school. "It is important for us to understand how feeding practices might be playing a part." —Internet



File illustration photo of women breastfeed their babies. Children who are solely breast-fed in the first six months of life are at increased risk of developing a nut allergy, according to new research. —INTERNET



A scientific researcher works in a lab. Scientists have found a genetic mutation they say protects against Alzheimer's disease and holds promise for a possible treatment for this form of dementia. US and European researchers reported in the journal *Nature* that they had found a gene coding mutation, A673T, that protects against the disease. —INTERNET

Scientists find anti-Alzheimer's gene mutation

NEW YORK, 13 July — Scientists have found a genetic mutation they say protects against Alzheimer's disease and holds promise for a possible treatment for this form of dementia.

More than five percent of people over the age of 60 in the Western world are believed to suffer from dementia, about two-thirds of which is due to Alzheimer's disease.

Scientists in the United States and Europe reported in the journal *Nature* that they had found a gene coding mutation, A673T, that protects against both Alzheimer's and cognitive decline in elderly people who do not have the disease. "This

is a mutation in a gene that makes a protein that people have believed for a long time is involved in Alzheimers," geneticist Kari Stefansson of the Icelandic medical company deCODE genetics and lead author of the paper, told AFP.

"What this mutation does is to make the protein less harmful." If you had the rare mutation, you were between five and seven times less likely to develop the disease than the general population, said Stefansson — "a very strong protection".

Probing the genetic data of some 1,800 Icelanders, the scientists also found that people between the ages of

80 and 100 who did not have Alzheimer's disease but carried the mutation had much better cognitive function than those without it.

He added there had been a lot of research in the past two decades into manipulating the amyloid precursor protein, APP, to treat Alzheimer's — an incurable and progressive disease characterised by memory loss and dementia. The disease involves an accumulation of amyloid plaques in the brain.

This mutation could possibly represent a target for treatments to prevent Alzheimer's disease," a Nature press summary added.

Internet

Samsung's Galaxy S III is a smash; Q3 sales expected to hit 15 million

NEW YORK, 13 July — Analysts at JPMorgan estimate that Samsung will sell as many as 15 million Galaxy S III smartphones in the third quarter this year, according to French newspaper *Les Echos*.

It is also believed that the South Korean manufacturer sold about 6.5 million Galaxy S III smartphones between April and June, which suggests Samsung sold more than 21 million Galaxy S III handsets in six months.

With its latest smartphone, Samsung took a new approach. Global availability of the Galaxy S II was spread out and the handset took months to reach the US, however Samsung launched the Galaxy S III in numerous worldwide markets within weeks of its official unveiling.

The new flagship smartphone will be available from nearly 300 mobile carriers across 147 countries by the end of July.



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Shares jump on relief after China GDP, caution stays

TOKYO, 13 July — Asian shares and the Australian dollar jumped on Friday after China's second-quarter gross domestic product data landed in line with forecasts. But market relief could be short-lived as Moody's downgrade of Italy's credit rating to near-junk status just ahead of a bond auction threatens to reinforce fears over Europe's debt crisis. China's economy grew 7.6 percent in the April-June quarter from a year earlier, the slowest pace since the January-March quarter of 2009, and in line with market expectations for a 7.6 percent rise. It marks the sixth consecutive quarter of slower growth and compared with an annual growth of 8.1 percent in the first three months of 2012.

MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan .MIAPJ0000PUS jumped as much as 0.8 percent, after slumping 2.2 percent to this month's low and logging its biggest daily loss in nearly two months on Thursday. Hong Kong .HSI shares extended gains to rise 0.4 percent from 0.1 percent prior to the GDP news while Shanghai shares .SSEC turned positive, up 0.2 percent from down 0.1 percent before publication of the data. Shares in Australia .AXJO, which relies on China as its top trade partner and consumer of resources, advanced further to rise 0.6 percent while the Australian dollar rose as high as \$1.0165 from around \$1.0135.

Market makers were scrutinizing the data for clues

to the possible pace of Beijing's future stimulus measures, which will affect sentiment for riskier assets, given huge demand for resources and broad-based goods in the world's second largest economy. "People

were looking for figures below consensus expectations anyway, so the number won't change the situation that much," said Guy Stear, head of research with Societe Generale in Hong Kong.

Reuters



Visitors look at a monitor displaying market indices at the Tokyo Stock Exchange in Tokyo on 13 July, 2012.

REUTERS

Seven killed in Mauritania military plane crash

NOUAKCHOTT, 13 July—Seven people were killed on Thursday when a military plane crashed during takeoff in the Mauritanian capital Nouakchott, an army source told AFP.

The plane crashed near

a residential zone. Three of the victims are soldiers, two customs officials and two civilians, whose nationality is not yet known, the military source said on condition of anonymity. The Mauritanian News Agency AMI reported

four soldiers and three civilians had been killed in the crash. The cause of the accident was not known.

The army source described the plane as “an old, renovated DC3” which was headed for the Taziat gold mine 400 kilometres (250 miles) north-east of Nouakchott “as part of a transport contract” between the army and Canadian mine firm Kinross. Boeing’s website describes its Douglas DC3 plane, which first flew in 1935 and was widely used during World War II, as the plane which made air transportation profitable and “the greatest airplane of its time.”

Witnesses told AFP that the fire brigade was urgently dispatched to put out a blaze after the crash, however journalists were being refused access to the scene.

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A vintage Douglas DC-3 aircraft pictured at Tempelhof airport in Berlin. Seven people were killed on Thursday when a military plane crashed during takeoff in the Mauritanian capital Nouakchott, an army source told AFP.—INTERNET

Rescuers and firefighters work at the scene of the crashed Dana Airline plane in the densely populated Toyin Area of Iju Ishaga in Lagos, on 4 June, 2012. Dual engine failure caused the crash of a Nigerian aircraft that killed at least 159 people last month in the country’s largest city of Lagos, a preliminary official report said.—INTERNET



Engine failure caused Nigeria air crash last month

LAGOS, 13 July—Dual engine failure caused the crash of a Nigerian aircraft that killed at least 159 people last month in the country’s largest city of Lagos, a preliminary official report said on Thursday.

The probe into the 3 June Dana Air crash traced the cause “to the loss of two engines and non-functionality of the throttles on final descent from Abuja to Lagos,” the Accident Investigation Bureau (AIB)

report said.

All 153 people on board the Dana Air MD83 died when it crashed into a neighbourhood near the airport in Lagos, and at least six people on the ground were killed. The preliminary AIB report said: “At 1543:27 hours, the captain informed the FO (flight officer), ‘we just lost everything, we lost an engine. I lost both engines’.

“During the next 25

seconds until the end of the CVR (cockpit voice recorder) recording, the flight crew was attempting to restart the engines.” The airplane then crashed about 5.8 miles north of Lagos, it said.

The report denied media speculation that contaminated fuel could have affected the two engines.

The AIB will conduct further probes into the crash, the statement said.—Internet

Japan braces for more rain after at least 19 die

TOKYO, 13 July—Southwestern Japan was bracing for the effects of more torrential rain Friday, on top of “unprecedented” downpours that swamped whole neighbourhoods, leaving at least 19 dead and eight missing.

Television footage showed torrents of muddy water carrying uprooted trees and other debris after Thursday’s violent deluge,

while rivers burst their banks and flooded towns and villages in the main southern island of Kyushu.

Reports showed residential streets in the city of Kumamoto covered in mud, while battered cars that had been swept away by flood water were left dumped on hillsides in scenes reminiscent of the March 2011 tsunami in the northeast.

In the city of Aso,

landslides buried 17 households, killing at least 17 people with five more still missing.

Public broadcaster NHK showed rescuers continuing their search on Friday morning, using heavy machinery to remove uprooted trees, boulders and debris as rain fell. The weather had eased somewhat by Friday morning, but the Japan Meteorological Agency forecast further downpours in Kyushu later in the day.

“We expect heavy rain on the same scale we saw yesterday will fall again today. We remain on the highest alert,” said a local official in badly-hit Oita prefecture.

The city of Hita, Oita prefecture, issued evacuation orders to more than 11,000 people amid increasing fears the Kagetsugawa river, which runs through the city, would burst its banks, local officials said. Nearly 25,000 people in other areas of the prefecture were advised to seek safety, the officials said.

In neighbouring

Kumamoto prefecture, more than 250 households were told to evacuate, while everyone living in the floodplain of the Shirakawa river in Kumamoto city was advised to evacuate.

Friday’s downpours were set to add to the misery for an area where 50,000 people were ordered to leave their homes on Thursday after it was lashed by the heaviest rainfall on record.

An official in Kumamoto prefecture said at least 18 people were known to have died, with troops and rescuers continuing their search for seven still missing. In Oita, a man in his 70s died after being swept into a raging river, while another man remained missing.

Landslides and fallen trees have cut roads and water supplies in several places, with at least one small mountain community completely cutoff, the local government said.

A Japanese military helicopter dropped packages of supplies including food and water onto the isolated district, it said.—Internet



Vehicles are piled up in a residential area covered in mud after heavy rains fell at Kumamoto city on Japan’s southern island of Kyushu. Southwestern Japan was bracing for more torrential rain on Friday, on top of “unprecedented” downpours that left at least 19 people dead and eight missing as whole neighbourhoods were swamped.—INTERNET

Bombings kill NATO service member, two Afghans

KABUL, 13 July—Officials say two separate bombings in Afghanistan have killed a NATO service member and a local official with the Afghan Ministry of Women’s Affairs and her husband. NATO says the service member was killed by a roadside bomb in the south. No other details were released.

Sarhadi Zwak, a spokesman in eastern Laghman Province, says the

local official, Anifa Safi, and her husband were killed when a bomb that was hidden in their car exploded in the provincial capital of Mehtarlam.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the Friday morning attacks, but they matched the pattern of Taliban assaults that typically target Afghan government officials and Afghan and foreign forces.—Internet

Nigeria oil tanker fire kills more than 100

LAGOS, 13 July—More than 100 people who rushed to scoop up fuel after a Nigerian petrol tanker tipped over Thursday were burned to death when the vehicle and spilled oil caught fire. Children were among those killed, while dozens more were badly burned, despite a warning from troops who arrived at the crash site that a blaze could ignite at any moment.

More than 85 victims were later buried at the scene in a mass grave. The tanker driving in the southern Rivers state swerved trying to avoid three oncoming vehicles including a bus, said Kayode Olagunju, head of the Federal Road Safety Commission in the state.

Shortly after the collision, hundreds of locals in the Ahoada area flocked to the scene to collect the spilling fuel. Some troops who reached the site before the fire broke out told people to clear off, but many ignored the warning, an official from the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) said. Military personnel “got to the scene before us. They warned people to leave the scene to avoid disaster. But many of them were busy scooping fuel. They disobeyed,” said Emenike Umesiri of NEMA. The state’s information commissioner, Ibim Semenitari, told AFP that “more than 100 people were killed in the inferno... while around 50 with severe burns have been hospitalised.”

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People gather at the scene where a Nigerian petrol tanker tipped over and pools of spilled oil caught fire in Okogbe. More than 100 people who rushed to scoop up fuel after a Nigerian petrol tanker tipped over Thursday were killed when the vehicle and pools of spilled oil caught fire.—INTERNET

Central Americans flood north through Mexico to US

TUL TITLAN, (Mexico) 13 July—Deported from the United States after years working construction in New Jersey, Hector Augusto Lopez decided to rebuild his life in his hometown in eastern Honduras.

He found a steady job in a shoe store in Catacamas. Then, in March, he watched horrified as robbers shot three customers to death before his eyes. Soon after, he decided to make the hard and dangerous journey north again.

“In Honduras there is a lot of violence, a lot of robberies and a lot of poverty,” Lopez, 28, said as he waited to jump a cargo train just outside Mexico City on a recent afternoon. “There is no future there.”

Half a block away, dozens more US—

bound Central American migrants waited outside an overflowing one-story, crammed shelter, napping on pieces of cardboard, wrapping themselves in garbage bags against the cold and trading stories about their journeys north.

While the number of Mexicans heading to the US has dropped dramatically, a surge of Central American migrants is making the 1,000-mile northbound journey this year, fueled in large part by the rising violence brought by the spread of Mexican drug cartels. Other factors, experts say, are an easing in migration enforcement by Mexican authorities, and a false perception that Mexican criminal gangs are not preying on migrants as much as they had been.—Internet

Fire breaks out at Pyisonekyaw rice mill in Mawgyun

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 13 July—A fire broke out at Pyisonekyaw rice mill of U San Myint in Thaungdan Village-tract, 10 miles from Mawlamyinegyun at 5 am on 8 July.

The fire started from the outlet gas tube.

Members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade of Kyaikpi Village, Nyaungdonsu and Htipale Thaungdan village-tracts put out fire with the

use of recently-facilitated light fire engine from Kyaikpi.

The putting out of fire was supervised by Township Administrator U Htay Maung and party, Head of Township Fire Services Department U Than Soe and members, totalling 46 put out the fire with the use of one fire engine and three light fire extinguishers. They died out the fire at 8.15 am.

The fire destroyed property worth K 58.6 million. Action was taken against the offender at Kyaikpi Police Station.

Kyemon

DISTRICT NEWS

Paddy transplanting machine demonstrated in Thayawady Township

THAYAWADY, 13 July—A demonstration on use of paddy transplanting machine imported from India was held at Hsinthwelatt monsoon paddy plantation in Thayawady Township of Bago Region on 8 July morning.

At the demonstration,

Deputy Commissioner U Hla Myo of District General Administration Department discussed development of agricultural works with local farmers.

Next, the Assistant Director of District Agriculture Department, the Head of Township

Agricultural Mechanization Department and the Head of Township Agricultural Development met local farmers and urged the local farmers to use paddy transplanting machine for development of agricultural sector.

Township Agriculture



Agricultural loans disbursed to farmers in Myohla Sub-Township

MYOHLA, 13 July—Shwegu Township Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank disbursed K 50000 per acre to farmers from four wards and two villages of Myohla Sub-Township of Bhamo District on 5 July.

In Minkyaunggon Village, the bank disbursed K 2.65 million for 513 acres of monsoon paddy to 102 farmers.—Myanma Alin

FIELD TRIP MADE: Yangon Region Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Min, Head of Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Nyunt Thein and staff issued citizenship scrutiny cards and household registration to local people at Ale Village Basic Education Primary School in Letyetsan Village-tract of Thanlyin Township on 8 July.—TOWNSHIP IMMIGRATION

Myanmar, Thai to cooperate in rice mill industry

YANGON, 13 July—The delegation comprising the chairman and members of Thai Rice Millers Association made a visit from 1 to 4 July, according to the Myanmar Rice Millers' Association.

During their visit, the Thai delegation met with responsible persons from Myanmar Rice Millers' Association and discussed investment and cooperation matters.

They visited rice mills in Yangon and Patheingyi. On 2

July afternoon, Thai Rice Millers Association and Myanmar Rice Millers' Association held a meeting at Chatrui Hotel in Yangon and had a cordial meeting.

Myanmar Rice Millers' Association had visited Myanmar in the past and made observation for investment.

The Thai entrepreneurs are especially interested in agriculture, foodstuff and hotels and tourism sectors of Myanmar.

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Agricultural loans for monsoon crops disbursed in Myaungmya



MYAUNGMYA, 13 July—Myanma Agricultural Development Bank held the ceremony to disburse agricultural loans to farmers

for 2012 at Mya Shwewah Hall of Myaungmya on 8 July.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator

U Ko Ko Latt presented K 62.3 million for 1246 acres of paddy plantations to 180 farmers from Moksokwin, Phayanokto and Kanyinkaing village-tracts that paid back loans early and Manager of Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank U Myo Myint, K 9,315,000 as savings to farmers through their leaders.

Myanma Agricultural Development Bank of Myaungmya will disburse K 50000 per acre to local farmers in line with the prescribed rules and regulations up to end of August.—Myanma Alin

Summer Palethwe paddy harvested on model plot

NYAUNGU, 13 July—A ceremony to harvest high yield summer Palethwe Paddy was held at the model plot of farmer U Win Naing in Letpanchepaw Village-tract in NyaungU Township of NyaungU District on 5 July.

It was organized by District Agriculture Department.

The ceremony was attended by Deputy Commissioner U Tun Tun Win of District General Administration Department, Township Administrator U Thura Tun Lin, District and Township agricultural production, Head of District Agriculture Department U Kyaw Myint and party, Head of District Settlement and Land Records Department U Aung Hlaing and staff together with 65 farmers.

The harvesting work produced 204.39 baskets in

wet status per acre and 183.95 baskets in dry status per acre.—Kyemon

Collective tree growing ceremony held in Hsenwi Township

HSENWI, 13 July—The rainy season tree growing ceremony was held in the compound of Basic Education Primary School and in Panlaw Village of Hsenwi Township on 5 July morning.

At the ceremony Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Sai Win Khaing of

Township Constituency, State Hluttaw representative U Sai San Aye, Township Administrator U Win Hlaing, Senior Forester U Kyi Lin and departmental personnel, members of social organization and local people planted 800 saplings.

Township GAD



Tachilek observes Myanmar Women's Day

TACHILEK, 13 July—The Myanmar Women's Day 2012 was observed at Aung Myat Hall in Tachilek on 3 July morning.

Chairperson of District Women's Affairs Organization Dr Daw Htay Htay Win made a speech. Chairperson of Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Shwe Moe Thuza explained matters related to Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation.

Officials presented prizes to the winners in the essay contest in commemoration of the Myanmar Women's Day.

Next, the chairperson of

Township WAO gave cash awards to the students who passed the matriculation examination with flying colours.

After that, the chairperson and officials of

District Women's Affairs Organization presented winners in the Myanmar Traditional Costume Show and certificates of honour to contributors.

District WAO

Citizenship cards issued in Thayet Township

THAYET, 13 July—Staff of Thayet Township Immigration and National Registration Department of Thayet District issued citizenship scrutiny cards to local people and students at Nyaungbintha Village of Talapa Village-tract in Thayet Township on 28 June.

At the ceremony, Head

of Township INRD U Kyaw Htay and staff on their field trip participated in work of issuing the cards.

At the worksite, Village Administrator U Han Sein and Magway Region Hluttaw representative Daw Yin Yin Hla attended to the needs.

District Immigration

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that it was planned to upgrade Basic Education High School (branch) of Katoke Phayagyi Village in DaikU Township as BEHS, Myothit (A) Basic Education Primary School (branch) BEPS, but currently there is no plan to upgrade to upgrade Thayetaw Village BEMS (branch), Mingalun Village BEMS (branch), Mintesu Village No(6) BEHS as the number of students in those schools is low under limited number. If the number of students at monastic basic education primary school in Khindan and Yenganchaung villages has reached the limited number, measures would be taken to upgrade



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Aung Sein from Manauang Constituency asking questions.—MNA

them into basic education primary school (branch).

Regarding the question of U Kyaw Myint (a) U Phoe Toke of Moemeik Constituency about whether the stipend-granting is scrutinized or not, the deputy minister replied that the Education Ministry has for the first time took the responsibility of preparing, printing and distributing questions, organizing exams, checking answer papers, organizing viva voce, and

issuing results for stipend award examinations. The ministry managed local teachers and teachers from other townships to check the exam centres. Principals and teachers of other townships checked the answer papers in line with grading guidelines, and the exam could be held smoothly. So there was no question leakage and complaint from parents about the exam results as well, proving the real quality of award winners. In the years to come, more assignments would be given to local teachers without affecting the standard of the exam.

Daw Nan Wah Nu put forward an urgent proposal that sanctions imposed on Myanmar pose obstacles to the practice of modern, developed, discipline-flourishing democracy and whoever can get those sanctions lifted as quickly as possible anyhow is urged to work with coordination with the Hluttaw. U Htay Myint of Myeik Constituency, Daw Khin Saw Wai of Yathedaung Constituency, U Naing Ngan Lin of Dekkhinathiri Constituency, U Kyi Myint of Latha Constituency, and U Sein Win of Maubin Constituency discussed that some countries still impose sanctions on Myanmar which is undergoing a series of serious reforms. This imposes barriers to democratization process of the country, resulting in slow economic growth and recession, affecting job prospects of people and their proper livelihood. Whoever can anyhow persuade the countries to lift sanctions imposed on Myanmar should take it as national duty standing by the people

without party attachment, racism, regionalism. Sanctions have great impact on potential economic performance and democratic reforms of the country and that not lifting of sanctions harms the interests of the people and their job prospects, especially affecting the national race people of less developed regions. So, the sanctions imposed on Myanmar should be lifted immediately. The proposal is to be discussed for an answer. It is required to discuss how the Union government could guarantee human rights of the citizens and rules of law if the sanctions were lifted. The proposal should not be supported with serious consideration from various dimensions.



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Min Swe from DaikU Constituency shooting questions.—MNA

Regarding the proposal, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker said that the proposal is an important one for the State, the people and the national races. Lower living standards and other difficulties of the people in the country were derived from the sanctions imposed against Myanmar.

It caused ethnic conflicts and hindrances in peacemaking efforts. Such sanctions could hinder democracy transition of the country like Myanmar. In a

poverty-stricken society, it is difficult to ensure the rule of law. As the proposal is a concern of every individual of all stakeholders is a sine qua none.

With the agreement of the Hluttaw, the proposal and decision was confirmed.

U Aye Mauk of Mahlaing Constituency asked about progress of prescribing and revamping laws and U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency raised the question how many bills have been submitted to the office of the Attorney-General of the Union and whether there is plan to publicize names of delaying bills. In response to the questions, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo of the Office of the Attorney-General of the Union said:

Regarding the first question, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw prescribed 26 laws, including nine new legislations, 10 amendment laws, two revoked laws and five replaced laws. The Union Attorney-General's Office mainly participated in consulting and drafting the laws. As the Hluttaws approved the laws, they were prescribed by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Since the emergence of Hluttaws up to 30-6-2012, the respective ministries drafted the laws. The office had scrutinized 96 laws (bill) and 42 others are under scrutiny.

The office could not know how many bills have been submitted to the Hluttaws because they were submitted by the relevant ministries in agreement with the government. The names and numbers of laws signed and enacted by the President for which no bylaws or rules and regulations have been issued are out of knowledge



Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye replies to queries.

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of the office because it is the work of the relevant ministry.

Regarding the second question, there is no bill that takes years to be passed by the office.

U Aung Zin of Pazundaung Constituency asked how the lives of farmers could be improved. In response to the question, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than said: Engagement of private entrepreneurs in agro-industry could improve the investments of the sector which is lack of financial resources. Private companies and entrepreneurs are establishing regional crops specialized companies and joint ventures with farmers. In Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, paddy specialized companies had paid K 0.2 million for 100 baskets of paddy to farmers in advance with the guarantee to buy the paddy at the price of K 0.4 million. The government also increased the agricultural loan to K 50,000 from K 20,000 per acre this fiscal year in a move to cover agricultural cost of farmers.

Rice mills currently in operation could only give 40 per cent of rice and installation of advanced rice mills could increase the rate

by 20 per cent, helping farmers make more profits. Fertilizers and pesticides are being distributed by private sector but the interest of farmers is put before everything else.

Deputy Minister for Labour U Myint Thein submitted 2012 Minimum Wage Bill and Member of Bill Committee Dr Soe Moe Aung read out the report and findings of the committee.

The date for discussion of the bill will be announced later and MPs who are willing to discuss the bill are to submit their name list not later than 22 July, mentioning "paragraph, sub-paragraph and description" exactly.

Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee Secretary U Saw Hla Tun reviewed Foreign Investment Bill returned by the Amyotha Hluttaw.

The parliamentarians willing to discuss the review are to submit their name lists not later than 24 July.

At today's session, six questions were raised and answered, one important proposal submitted, one bill put forward and one bill reviewed.

The session for today concluded at 2.45 pm and the ninth day takes place at 10 am on 16 July.

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University of Veterinary Science plants saplings

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye attended the rainy season tree growing ceremony-2012 in front of the two-storey building of University of Veterinary Science in Zeyathiri Township, here, today.

At first, the Deputy Minister, the director-general and the rector presented saplings to branch/section officials and students.

The Deputy Minister planted a Gangaw (*Mesua ferrea*) sapling. Departmental heads planted saplings at designated places. The Deputy Minister viewed round participation of faculty members and students, totalling 1113 in growing the saplings.

At today's ceremony, they planted 1,300 saplings.

Later, the Deputy Minister inspected the hatching of fingerlings at the lake of University of Veterinary Science.

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Coordination meeting for holding 65th Anniversary Martyr's Day commences

YANGON, 13 July—Coordination meeting for holding 65th Anniversary Martyr's Day of Yangon Region took place at the meeting hall of Yangon Region government office here at 3 pm today, attended by Patron of Yangon Region 65th Anniversary Martyr's Day Organizing Leading Committee Chairman Region Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief minister said that social organizations, political parties which are registered legally and diplomats will be invited to

attend the ceremony. The chief minister urged the members of committee and subcommittee to serve their duties as 65th anniversary martyr's day is a state level ceremony.

65th Anniversary Martyr's Day Organizing Leading Committee Chairman Region Minister for Development Affairs Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint and responsible personnel from subcommittee reported on matters related to successfully holding of the Martyr's Day ceremony to the chief minister.

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Nursing trainees decorated with caps and coats

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—A ceremony to confer cap and coat on trainees from No 19 three-year nursing diploma course for 2012-2014 was held at the hall of Nursing Training School in Falam on 6 July.

Chief Minister of Chin State U Hong Ngai made a speech. Chin State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Zaw Min Oo and officials decorated the trainees with caps and coats.

The Chief Minister awarded the outstanding trainees from second and third year courses.

The Chief Minister, State Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Van Thong and departmental officials released 5000 fingerlings into Laiva Dam. In the rainy season tree growing ceremony, they planted 5000 saplings.

On 7 July, a total of 3600 saplings were grown in watershed area of Kawbok Ward in Haka.—MNA

Speaker of Pyidaungsu...

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Parliamentary Assembly, the Executive Committee Meeting and the 9th Meeting of the Fact Finding Committee to combat the Drug Menace, held in the Bromo Ballroom at Hyatt Regency Hotel at 9 am on 9 July.

At the the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly Executive Committee Meeting chaired by AIPA Chairman and Chairman of the Committee for Inter-Parliamentary Assembly Speaker U Khin Aung Myint reiterated that a proposal to advance the involvement of AIPA in cooperation between AIPA and ASEAN to the 20th ASEAN Summit and its relative meetings held in Phnom Penh in Cambodia in

April, was submitted. The Speaker said he was at the helm of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw constituted with Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw which was in session since 4 July. Despite important matters to be discussed at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, he came there to attend the assembly as he attached great importance to promotion of the role of AIPA in ASEAN, revealed the Speaker. Besides, he put forward a suggestion to focus on progress of the cooperation between ASEAN and AIPA at the 33rd ASEAN Parliamentary Assembly to be held in September.

Together with the representatives of ASEAN parliamentary and distinguished persons, the Myanmar delegation attended the dinner hosted by AIPA Chairman and Chairman of the Committee for Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation of the Indonesian House of Representatives Dr Marzuki Alie at Royal Ambarrukmo Hotel in Yogyakarta at 7 pm on 9 July.

The Myanmar delegation led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint attended the 9th Meeting of the Fact Finding Committee to combat the Drug Menace (AIFOCOM) held at Semeru Hall from 9 am to 4 pm on 10 July. There, the Speaker briefed on the report on combating the drug threat. With members of AIPA, the delegation members discussed matters related to the decision of the parliaments on fighting against abuse of drugs, arranging action for fighting against abuse of drugs under the ASEAN Vision, making a decision on the plan for formation a technical association of AIFOCOM, and then signed the statement of the meeting.

The Myanmar delegation left Indonesia in the morning on 12 July and arrived in Nay Pyi Taw via Bangkok of Thailand in the morning on 13 July.

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Traditional Medicine Law, and a representative seconded it. Hluttaw decided to discuss the bill and announced that those wishing to discuss are to submit their name lists by 19-7-2012.

Afterwards, Dr Aye

Ministers, as members of Region or State Government in accord with the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar."

U Paul Htan Htaing of Chin State Constituency No.3, U J Yaw Wu of Kachin State Constituency No.12, Daw Khin Waing Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No.1, U Sai Paung Nat of Shan State Constituency No.12, U Saw Aung Kyaw Naing (a) Sha Bu Poh of Kayin State Constituency No.1, U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No.3, U Tin Mya of Sagaing Region Constituency No.7, U Saw Tun Mya Aung of Kayin State Constituency No.5 and U Salai Khwe Yan of Chin State Constituency No.12, discussed the above-mentioned proposal.

They discussed that national races in some regions and states were allowed to elect their national races affairs ministers, based on the population there. Such provisions in the Constitution are aimed at enjoying their rights fully.

Those national races affairs ministers should be designated as the Region or State government Ministers so as to serve the interests of their people more. And they should be the members of the

Government. It needed to make coordination in accord with the Constitution. That proposal was appropriate in principle. But, it should be reviewed only after the sections of the Constitution had been thoroughly studied. It was clearly prescribed in the Constitution that the Chairmen of the Leading Committee of Self-

different natures compared with other ministers. Hluttaw should not continue to discuss it as it had already been prescribed in the Constitution and failed to agree it. It should be considered that whether or not Union Government should be urged to discuss it. It should be put on records only. No need to consider it.

Regarding that proposal, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo discussed the provisions of the Constitution regarding the Chairmen of the Leading Committee of Self-Administered Zones or Regions. According to the Constitution, there were three kinds of duty assignments for Region or State Ministers. All national races were living in regions and states nationwide. Self-

Administered Zones or Regions were formed for the united national races. But, for the national races greater than 0.1 percent of country's total population, one representative from Region or State Hluttaw was elected for one national race and assigned as national races affairs minister. Government bodies had been formed in respective regions or states. More duties were assigned to the national races affairs ministers by the Constitution so as to perform their national races affairs.

National races affairs

ministers were to undertake national races affairs after making field trips to the places where their national races live. So, a national races affairs minister would have the right to live in the house suitable for performing his or her duties in Regions or States. They would have the rights to use water, electricity, telephone and car.

with their respective duties. Monthly honorarium was the same amount as Region or State Hluttaw judges and members of Self-Administered Regions or Zones. It could be seen that in drafting bill, Bill Scrutinizing Committee drafted it with goodwill in order that allowances and insignias for national races affairs ministers would be in conformity with their duties.

By nature, Law was written in summary. In order that it could be clearer and full, necessary regulations, procedures, notifications and directives could be announced. In addition, if necessary, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw could amend and prescribe respective laws. Necessary actions would be taken by the organizations that have authorities to issue respective laws if Pyidaungsu Hluttaw laid down the directives related to duties and rights of national races affairs ministers and chairmen and members of the Leading Committee for Self-Administered Zones or Regions. When considering the laying down of those duties and rights, duties should be assigned after Pyidaungsu Hluttaw formed committee and commission to be more broadly. If the government prescribed it, it should be done in line with the directives of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. The aforesaid matters had been undertaken regarding the proposal. So, the proposal should be put on record.

Representative Dr Aye Maung submitted that he did not want to withdraw his proposal and Hluttaw should take vote. Hluttaw took vote by putting voting machine and decided not to discuss it. The meeting came to an end at 2.25 pm and will go on at 10 am on 16 July. At today's session, one bill approved, one bill discussed, one bill submitted and one proposal discussed.

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Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Saw Tun Mya Aung of Kayin State Constituency No (5) participates in discussion.—MNA

Maung of Rakhine State Constituency No.1 submitted the proposal on "Urging the Union Government to designate National Races Affairs Ministers and Chairmen of Self-Administered Division or Zone, who are same as the posts of Region or State



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Saw Aung Kyaw Naing (a) Sha Bu Poh of Kayin State Constituency No (1) participates in discussion.—MNA

Administered Division or Zones are Region Ministers. Region/State governments' productions and services meetings were not concerned with the national races affairs ministers. It would be more convenient if different duties should be prescribed for national races affairs ministers due to their



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Tin Mya of Sagaing Region Constituency No (7) takes part in discussion.—MNA

And expenses for it would be charged from State's funds.

Although rights of national races affairs ministers had been prescribed, their duties had yet to be prescribed. In general, national races affairs ministers were to carry out their national races affairs. They would have to attend the meetings when their regions or State government invited them. But, they were to try not to fail to perform their main duties. If the national races affairs ministers wanted to submit their national races affairs to the region or State government meetings, they could submit it with the approval of the Chief Minister.

So, rights were conferred on one national races affairs minister to perform his or her duties freely in respective region or state. In addition, expenses, honorarium and insignias had been prescribed in line

Kayin State Chief Minister attends rainy season tree-planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—The rainy season tree-planting ceremony was held at No.1 and No.3 Basic Education High Schools and No.210 Basic Education Post Primary School in Hpa-an on 8 July, attended by Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min.

After that, the Chief Minister grew saplings at tree-planting ceremonies at Hpa-an Industrial Zone and Htilon Village of Hlaingbwe Township.

And then, he released fingerlings into Yebok Dam.

At Paingkyon Station Hospital, the Chief Minister gave a speech at the donation of Solar Energy facility by Parami Energy Co for contributing to environmental conservation.—MNA



Daw Shwe Wa living on Kaba Aye Street, Bahan Township, Yangon Region donates K 0.5 million to Hninzigon Home for the Aged to mark her 76 birthday on 13 July.—NLM

Outstanding students honoured in Kanyutkwin



KANYUTKWIN, 13 July—Basic Education High School of Pyu Township in Bago Region held the 2011-2012 academic year's parent-teacher association and prize presentation ceremony at Mya Yadana Hall of the school on 1 July morning.

On the occasion,

Members of the School Board of Trustees and U Tun Myint (TZTM Co Nay Pyi Taw) awarded 130 students who passed the matriculation examination, 26 distinction winners, 72 outstanding students at various grades and 472 teachers.

Myanma Alin

Books, publications donated to library in Kyaunggon Township

KYAUNGON, 13 July—A ceremony to donate books to Tun Tauk Kyei Library was held in Ganeinlay Village of Asugyi Village-tract in Kyaunggon Township of Patheingyi District in Ayeyawady Region on 9 July morning.

The library with the measurement of 18 feet long, 15 feet wide and nine feet high was opened by Deputy Head of Township General Administration Department U Kyaw Zay Patt, Librarian Daw Kyin Thein and Village Administrator U Win Shwe.

Township IPRD

Talks on taxation disseminated in Taikkyi

YANGON, 13 July—A talk on revenue was held at the hall of Taikkyi Township General Administration Department on 7 July afternoon. At the talk, Township Administrator U Zaw Soe made a speech.

Head of Township Internal Revenue Department Daw Tin Tin Than made clarification on facts about rules and laws for enabling the tax payers to know commercial tax and income tax. Later, the head of Township IRD replied to queries raised by tax payers.—Township IRD



Plan to hold workshop for development of meat sector

YANGON, 13 July—The workshop will be held for development of meat sector in domestic livestock breeding industries, according to Vice-President U Win Sein of Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation in No. 24/2012 meeting with entrepreneurs recently.

"A workshop on meat sector will be staged," he said. Livestock breeders from regions and states will be invited to hold the workshop with the topics on investment of entrepreneurs in the meat sector and operating of the industries with the use of foreign investment. The outcomes of the workshop will be informed to the respective ministries.—Kyemon

Traffic lights help people create traffic safety area in Shwepyitha

SHWEPYITHA, 13 July—The traffic lights were installed by Engineering Department (Road and Bridge) of Yangon City Development Committee at the Hanchaukpin Junction in Ward 5 of Shwepyitha Township of Yangon Region in mid-June with the view to preventing traffic accidents and traffic jams.

The junction is bustling with sellers and buyers and motorcars in Shwepyitha Township. The area is busy with traffic jam daily and traffic accidents have occurred there frequently.

That is why, the authorities extended Bogyoke Road and Bayintnaung Road of the

junction to 170 feet long facilities each and expanded the width of roads. Thanks to installation of traffic lights, the vehicles and local people are safely in traffic accidents.

Myint Than Kyi (Shwepyitha)



Auxiliary fire brigade signboard put up in Zeyathiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—Township Auxiliary Fire Brigade of Zeyathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area held the ceremony to put up the signboard of the brigade in front of the Township Fire Services Department on 11 July.

Present at the ceremony were Township Administrator U Myat Thein Tun,

Head of Township Fire Services Department U Aung Thura Kyaw, members of FSD and Auxiliary Fire Brigade, ward and village administrators.

The Township Auxiliary Fire Brigade will be formed with the aim of constituting the organization at regimental level and carrying out public welfare tasks.

Maung Po Zaw

Saplings grown at tree growing ceremony in Patheingyi

PATHEINGYI, 13 July—In commemoration of the School Environment Day, the tree growing ceremony was held in the compound of No. 2 Basic Education High School in Patheingyi on 8 July.

On behalf of the Chief Minister of Ayeyawady

Region, Region Minister for Social Affairs U San Maung made an opening speech.

After that, the region minister, Region Education Officer (Admin) U Ye Myint, members of the school board of trustees, teachers and students planted saplings.—Myanma Alin

Township Administrator's Cup U-19 Football Tournament commences in Nyaungdon



NYAUNGDON, 13 July—The Nyaungdon Township Administrator's Cup U-19 Men's Football Tournament kicked off at the People's Sports Ground in Nyaungdon Township of

Ayeyawady Region on 8 July afternoon.

A total of 16 football teams from wards and villages participated in the tournament.

After the opening

ceremony, Thabyechaung Zone team trounced Mezali Zone 6-0 in the debut.

The final match of the tournament will be held on 11 August.

Myanma Alin

Rural area of Tatkon covered with maize plantations

TATKON, 13 July—Most of the farmers from some villages in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area are engaging in cultivation of maize all the year round.

"Our village grows maize the whole year," said farmer Ko Min Lwin of Nweyit Village of Tatkon Township.

Maize can be picked out after 75 days of cultivation in rainy season and 95 days in summer. The local farmers use Pankhunnga and Shwedaung strains of maize.

As Padamya maize species is expensive, the local farmers do not grow such strain due to cost ineffectiveness.

"Now is to time pick out maize. Brokers buy maize at K 65 per fruit from farmers and resell them to purchase centre at K 70 per fruit," said Ko Min Lwin.

Some farmers sell the whole plantations to the brokers.

Farmers from Nweyit Village cultivate cauliflower and cabbage in Thadingyut and Tazaungmon. Then, their products are transported to the markets from Yangon, Mandalay, Toungoo and Nay Pyi Taw.

Ye Khaung Nyunt

School Environment Day marked in Bago

BAGO, 13 July—The tree growing ceremony to mark the 2012-2013 academic year School Environment Day was held at basic education schools in Bago on 8 July morning.

At the ceremony, Bago Region Education Officer U Saw San Yin and staff of Basic Education Department together with Headmistress Daw Khin Si Si, teachers and students of Basic Education Post-Primary School in Myodwin West Ward of Bago planted over 400 saplings.

Myanma Alin

DISTRICT NEWS

Facts about revenue disseminated in Yekyi

PATHEINGYI, 13 July—A talk on matters related to revenue was held at Basic Education High School in Yekyi of Ayeyawady Region on 7 July morning.

Head of Township

Internal Revenue Department U Tun Hla gave talks on facts about the tax and revenue. Next, he donated K 50,000 to the fund of Yekyi BEHS.

Min Zaw Oo-Yekyi

Dengue hemorrhagic fever combated in Shwepyitha



YANGON, 13 July—The mosquito combating task was carried out in Ward 7 of Shwepyitha Township of Yangon Region on 10 July.

Under the supervision of Township Administrator U Aung Moe Oo, health staff, Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Soe

Moe and executives, Ward 7 administrator U Mya Soe and members of social organizations checked sanitation and use of clean water and fumigated the houses. They tasks were aimed at reducing outbreaks of dengue hemorrhagic fever in the township.

Myanma Alin



Sun Ping (2nd R), vice president of the Export-Import Bank of China (China Eximbank), and his counterpart of the African Export Import Bank B Oramah (2nd L) attend a Press conference of the Forum on China-Africa Financial Cooperation (FOCAFC) in Beijing, capital of China, on 12 July, 2012. The FOCAFC, one of the sub-forums of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), will be held in China National Convention Centre in Beijing on Friday.
XINHUA

Jobless claims fall as plants put off retooling

WASHINGTON, 13 July—The number of Americans signing up for new jobless benefits fell to a four-year low last week but an unusual pattern for summer factory shutdowns suggested layoffs might pick up again in coming weeks. A separate report on Thursday showed falling import prices, fresh evidence of a cooling global economy but also a reminder that a drop in gasoline prices could help US consumers.

The Labour Department said new claims for state unemployment benefits dropped 26,000 last week to 350,000. That was the lowest since March 2008, the early days of the last recession.

A Labor Department

official said the data, which is adjusted to account for normal seasonal swings, may have been skewed because some automakers postponed annual closures for retooling.

That means the temporary layoffs for retooling may have simply been postponed to allow manufacturers to keep up with sturdy demand, which in itself is a good sign for the economy. "While today's report does not signal a meaningful recovery in the labor market, it may point to continued strength in the auto sector," said Jeffrey Greenberg, an economist at Nomura in New York.

The four-week moving average for new claims, a

better measure of labor market trends, fell 9,750 to 376,500. That is a significant drop, although the average is only at its lowest point since May.

"It seems like the Labour Department is pretty adamant that this is more of a wonky seasonal adjustment than something we need to

put too much stock in," said Michael Hanson, US economist at Bank of America-Merrill Lynch. "The underlying trend in claims is probably still in the 370,000 range." US stocks fell, hurt by concerns about the impact of a faltering global economy. US bond prices rose, while the dollar fell against the yen.

Reuters



Job seekers attend a career fair at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey, on 6 Jan, 2011.—Reuters

S Africa nuclear power station returns to normalcy after electrical fault

CAPE TOWN, 13 July—The Koeberg nuclear power station near Cape Town returned to normalcy after automatically shutting down on Wednesday because of an electrical fault, it was announced on Thursday.

"The reactor is in a safe and stable condition and there has been no interruption to power supply as a result of the shutdown," said Eskom, South Africa's major electricity facility.

But Eskom said power supply in the country would be extremely tight during

evening peak hours Thursday evening after one unit of the Koeberg nuclear plant tripped out the previous day.

"The system is tight and customers are urged to switch off all non-essential appliances, particularly over the evening peak," Eskom said in a system status bulletin.

Koeberg, the African continent's only nuclear power station, was shut down twice in September and October last year for repairs, raising concern about nuclear security.

Facing criticism for its nuclear plan, the National Nuclear Regulator (NNR) last month made safety inspection of the Koeberg nuclear plant.

The NNR said after the inspection that nuclear installations in the country "are adequately designed, maintained and operated to withstand all external natural events considered in the original design base."

Koeberg's reactors were designed to withstand a Richter scale 7.0 earthquake. Xinhua

Over 14,000 Houstonians lose power during storms

HOUSTON, 13 July—More than 14,000 customers lost electricity as powerful thunderstorms rumbled through the US city of Houston Thursday morning, local media reported.

The storms knocked out power to about 14,632 customers as of about 7:15 am on Thursday, the *Houston Chronicle* newspaper quoted local electricity provider CenterPoint Energy as saying.

Streets got flooded as the new round of thunderstorms and rain pounded the

Houston area on Thursday, for the sixth day in a row.

Flood warnings were issued for several southeast Texas counties. A flash flood was in place for all of southeast Texas through Thursday afternoon.

One of the hardest hit areas was in northwest Harris County, where street flooding and downed trees became a common sight, local TV reported.

Lightning reportedly struck two homes in a neighbourhood. Some of the rain gauges picked up 5 to 7

inches of rain on Thursday morning.

The US National Weather Service forecast that the thunderstorms may move from northern Houston through the metropolitan area Thursday morning and then gradually taper off later in the day. Officials have warned communities about possible flooding in some counties. They also noted that street flooding is possible in Houston, including downtown areas, as the storms push through the city.

Xinhua

Bourses of Singapore, India to extend cooperation on offshore investing

SINGAPORE, 13 July—Singapore Exchange (SGX) announced Friday a product partnership with National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) to offer SGX S&P CNX Nifty options from 16 July, aiming at further enhancing offshore investors' access to the Indian economy.

The Nifty Options add to SGX's suite of Asian equity derivatives, which include SGX S&P CNX Nifty futures, the dominant Indian product

for international participants, the SGX said in a statement.

The bourse, which is said to account for 25 percent of Nifty futures trading globally, had traded this futures for 7.4 million contracts, averaging daily volume of 59,358 contracts, in the first half of this year.

Market-makers BNP Paribas, Optiver Australia, Susquehanna International Group, and Timber Hill have signed up to provide

liquidity from the start of trading of the Nifty Options.

"We are delighted to bring to international investors Nifty Options, yet another NSE product based on the benchmark Nifty index. Investors coming to SGX will find in the Nifty Options, together with the Nifty futures and Indian ETFs, a convenient and easy way to invest in the Indian economy and manage their risks," said the SGX.—Xinhua



Merchants look around a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)-driven luxurious cruise bus in North bus manufacturing base in Bazhou, north China's Hebei Province, on 11 July, 2012. LNG, as an emerging energy for buses, is environment friendly, economic and energy efficient. Bazhou's North bus manufacturing base is capable of producing 5,000 LNG buses each year.—XINHUA

China's industrial output growth accelerates in June

BEIJING, 13 July—China's industrial value-added output expanded 9.5 percent year-on-year in June, a pace slightly slower than 9.6 percent in May, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said on Friday. But on a month-on-month basis, the industrial output growth in June picked up 0.76 percent from May, according to the NBS. In the first half of this year, the industrial value-added output increased 10.5 percent year-on-year. "The pace of industrial production is still within the appropriate growth ranges," Sheng Laiyun, an NBS spokesman, told a Press conference releasing a series of economic data, including the gross domestic product (GDP).

The industrial value-added output measures the final output value of industrial production, or the value of gross industrial output minus intermediate input, such as raw materials and labour costs. China's GDP growth slowed to 7.6 percent year-on-year in the second quarter, the lowest quarterly expansion in three years, according to the NBS.

A slowing economy undermined industrial profits in the world's second-largest economy, with national industrial profits falling 2.4 percent year-on-year to 1.84 trillion yuan (290.92 billion US dollars) in the first five months, Sheng said.

In breakdown, industrial value-added output for the heavy industry sector rose 9.6 percent from a year earlier in June, while that of the light industry sector added only 9 percent.

Analyzed by ownership, the state-owned industrial enterprises registered an annualized growth rate of 6.5 percent in June, while those overseas-funded companies posted a growth of 5.5 percent in the month.—Xinhua



Staff members prepare for the upcoming auto fair in Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province, on 12 July, 2012. The 9th China Changchun International Automobile Fair will be held in Changchun from 15 July to 22 July. A total of 1036 cars from 132 companies will be exhibited on the fair, where the trade volume is estimated to achieve 2 billion yuan (about 314 million dollars).—XINHUA

United Continental places 14.7-billion-dollar order with Boeing

CHICAGO, 13 July—Airplane manufacturer Boeing announced on Thursday that United Continental Holdings, Inc will buy 150 of the company's 737 models, in a deal valued at 14.7 billion US dollars according to list prices.

The planes purchased include 100 of the Boeing 737 MAX 9 model, and 50 of the Next Generation 737-900 Extended Range models. The planes are scheduled for delivery to United between 2013 and 2022. United President and CEO Jeff Smisek said the order was placed in line with the company's growth plan of replacing older aircraft with more modern and fuel-efficient planes. According to Boeing, the MAX reduces fuel burn and CO2 emissions by 13 percent.

Boeing and United are both headquartered in Chicago. The two companies said that they look forward to continuing their partnership in the future.—Xinhua

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Miami cargo ship heads to Havana after 50 year hiatus

MIAMI, 12 July—For the first time in fifty years, a cargo ship left Miami directly for Cuba on Wednesday, carrying a load of humanitarian supplies, officials said.

"This first ship, the Ana Cecilia, left with humanitarian shipments, and we are assured that there was nothing to be sold in Cuba," shipping company spokesman Leonardo Sanchez-Adaga told AFP. The company, International Port Corp, says it has obtained a special permit from US authorities which complies with the US trade

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Civil Service Board
Vacancy Announcement
Announcement No. 12 / 2012
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(9 July 2012)

- The Constitutional Tribunal of the Union has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following position-

Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
Staff Officer (Male)	6	L.L.M
(Female)	4	
- The applicants -
 - must be citizens of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
 - must not be over 27 years of age (30 years if service personnel) on 3 August 2012.
 - must be in good health, must be physically fit and possess well intact limbs.
- Applications must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board, Nay Pyi Taw in person, or by expedited Mail Service, or by registered letter not later than 3 August 2012.
- With regards to filling in the application form, documents to be attached, mode of payment of Ks.500/ for examination fee, subjects to be studied for written examinations and personal interview, candidates applying for the vacant positions will have to follow the instructions manifested in the Guide Booklet published under Letter No. 1/ Selection (Main)/ 2012, dated 2 January 2012.
- For service personnel, his or her original application altogether with the recommendation of the ministry concerned and a passport photo of the applicant must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw through the Head of Department by 3 August 2012. An extra copy of the application together with photo must also be attached.
- Written examinations will be held in Nay Pyi Taw. Candidates will be examined in Myanmar and General Knowledge examination papers on 22 September 2012 (Saturday) and English examination paper on 23 September 2012 (Sunday).
- Identity cards for candidates sitting for the examination will be issued at Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw commencing 20 September 2012.
- For more information, applicants may contact Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in person or by phone (067 - 409052, 067 - 409430).
- This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: ucsb.imis.com.mm and www.ucsb.gov.mm.

A cargo ship waits to be unloaded in Ft Lauderdale, Florida, in 2007. For the first time in fifty years, a cargo ship left Miami directly for Cuba on Wednesday, carrying a load of humanitarian supplies, officials said.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV BANGPAKAEW VOY NO (196)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGPAKAEW VOY NO (196) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 14.7.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S WONGSAMUT OCEAN SHIPPING CO LTD

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF CITY GOLF RESORT FOR PAYMENT OF MONTHLY FEES

- It is found out that some members (Myanmars/ Foreigners) of the City Golf Resort, Yangon City Development Committee, have failed to pay their monthly fees for various reasons.
- According to paragraph (9) of the rules and regulations of the City Golf Resort, those members (Myanmars/ Foreigners) who fail to pay their monthly fees for a period of one year and over shall cease to be a member of the Resort, and so they are intimated to come and clear their outstanding dues by 31st July, 2012 at the latest. If failed to do so, it is hereby notified that their membership shall be annulled in accordance with the rules and regulations of the City Golf Resort.

General Manager
City Golf Resort

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV BIENDONG TRADER VOY NO (1228)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BIENDONG TRADER VOY NO (1228) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 14.7.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S CHINA SHIPPING (MALAYSIA) AGENCY SDN BHD

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV CHANG YU VOY NO (010)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV CHANG YU VOY NO (010) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15.7.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: SAMJOO MARITIME

Phone No: 256924/256914

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MV ZAMBALES VOY NO (104)

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: TOKO KAIUN KAISHA LTD

Phone No: 256924/256914

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV ORCHID OCEAN VOY NO (001)

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S COSCO SHIPPING CO LTD

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

South African farmer equips sheep with cell phones

A South African farmer is fielding phone calls from his sheep after equipping them with cell phones to keep tabs on the flock amid recent livestock thefts, according to local Press on Wednesday.

When the sheep call, it is always bad news for farmer Erard Louw of the Cape Town suburbs, as the phones around their necks are only set to switch on when the sheep start running, a sign thieves have cut through the fences.

"As they run it gives me a phone call and says 'sheep one' or 'sheep two' and so on, so at least I know where

to start looking because the farm is 750 hectares (1,850 acres)," Louw told the *Cape Times* daily.

Louw attached the phone-like security device to the collars of four sheep in separate flocks after thieves sneaked in and stole 27 sheep and 13 lambs a couple weeks ago, driving Louw to rack his brain for ways to protect his animals.

He said there was no use calling nearby police, as they were stationed too far away and in his experience either lacked an available car or the vehicle was out of fuel or missing tyres—also the work



Sheep graze in a field close to the Pezula Golf resort in southern South Africa on 5 June, 2010.

of thieves.

According to Louw, the cell phones have already proved their worth, with one sheep-snatcher caught thanks to the device.

Still, with theft attempts currently at their peak, given

long winter nights and early nightfall, a few sheep-robbers managed to get away in spite of the device.

"The phone did start ringing that night and I went out," he said, but added that he was too late.

Surfing goats spotted in California

California beach-goers were surprised to see two goats riding the waves on a tandem surfboard in San Diego.

Goat owner Dana McGregor, from Pismo Beach, met up with tandem surfing duo Mark and Debbie Gale to see if his goats, Goatee and Pismo, would get on a surfboard together, *The Orange County (Calif) Register* reported.

"They look pretty happy. Thinking this is going to be a little bit easier than surfing

with the wife," Mark Gale said of the challenge.

McGregor has been bringing the goats surfing for a while now, but has never put them on the same board. The pair of goats had a few rides together before Goatee, the older one, swam to shore.

"Oh my gosh. That was hilarious. I never thought I'd see the day," said surfer Po Carbal, 22. "Goats on a surfboard—I've seen it all. I think it's probably one of the oddest and coolest things I've ever seen at the beach."

News Album

Man clearing webs with blowtorch sets fire

A California man accidentally set his home on fire when he was using a blowtorch to clear his yard of cobwebs, his brother-in-law said. Eiliya Maida was using a propane blowtorch to get rid of spiders in his back yard on Saturday when he

unknowingly set dry plants on fire, the *Chico (Calif) Enterprise-Record* reported.

The flames quickly spread to the attic of Maida's home. Maida's brother-in-law, George Basbous, said he noticed smoke rings from the top of the house.

"And that's when I went crazy," Basbous said. Basbous called 911 and emergency responders were sent to the house. Firefighters put out the flames, which did an estimated \$25,000 worth of damage to the home. No injuries were reported.

Va man wins second lottery in 3 months

A Virginia man said positive thinking was his secret to winning his second \$100,000 jackpot from the Virginia Lottery in three months.

Joseph Sylvester, who won his first jackpot in April, matched all five numbers for

the Cash 5 drawing on 3 July with the ticket he purchased from the 7-Eleven on South Fern Street in Arlington, WUSA-TV, Washington, reported.

Sylvester said he used Easy Pick, which uses a computer to randomly select

the numbers for the ticket. The numbers were 11-15-19-26-27.

"It feels great to win. I guess the only advice I have is: Expect to win," Sylvester said.

He said he plans to continue playing the lottery.



Female singers dominated the top of *Forbes'* list of the highest-paid celebrities under the age of 30, released Thursday, starting with country pop sensation Taylor Swift, pictured in April 2012.—INTERNET

Songstresses dominate Forbes list of rich young celebs

LOS ANGELES, 13 July—Female singers dominated the top of *Forbes'* list of the highest-paid celebrities under the age of 30, released on Thursday, starting with country pop sensation Taylor Swift. The business magazine said the 22-year-old Swift earned \$57 million in the 12 months to May, a period that included the North American and Australasian legs of her 111-concert "Speak Now" tour.

Forbes said each Swift concert raked in an average of \$1 million, with multi-platinum

album sales and product endorsements topping up her wealth. She is expected to release a new album in October.

Teen idol Justin Bieber, 18, the only male in the top five, placed second at \$55 million, followed by Rihanna (\$53 million), Lady Gaga (\$52 million) and Katy Perry (\$45 million).

Last year, Lady Gaga topped the list at \$90 million. Forbes said her slump is likely due to the fact that she did not tour during its May-to-May review period.—*Internet*

PHILADELPHIA, 13 July—The Rodin Museum, a little jewel box of a building surrounded by formal gardens and showcasing the French artist's monumental sculptures, had by most accounts lost a certain je ne sais quoi in the 83 years since it was built.

Now, for the first time since the museum opened in 1929, the public will get to see it as its architects intended. The Rodin Museum reopens Friday after a more than three-year, \$9 million renovation that returned all its sculptures to their original locations inside and out, refurbished almost all of them—only "The Burghers of Calais" has yet to be cleaned up—and restored the grounds' formal French garden, fountain and

reflecting pool.

"It was long overdue," Timothy Rub, director and chief executive officer of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, which runs the Rodin, said at a preview event on Thursday. "We have a beautiful site and building and a great collection that had, frankly, lost some of its luster."

The inside galleries were rearranged to emphasize the way many figures in "The Gates of Hell"—Rodin's colossal masterwork that dominates the museum entrance—inspired his later iconic sculptures from "The Kiss" to "The Thinker." Behind the scenes, a new air-conditioning system will mean a swelter-free visit for summer tourists for the first time in decades. Located between the Philadelphia Museum of Art



The *Thinker* bronze cast sculpture is seen at the Rodin Museum, on 12 July, 2012, in Philadelphia. For the first time since the museum opened in 1929, the public will get to see it as its architects intended.—INTERNET

and the new Barnes Foundation on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, the classical Beaux-Arts building contains the largest collection of Auguste Rodin's sculptures outside of the Musée Rodin's collections in Paris and Meudon. It was a gift to the city from movie theater magnate Jules Mastbaum, who was introduced to Rodin's work during a 1923 trip to Paris.

Mastbaum hired two France-born architects living in Philadelphia, architect Paul Cret and landscape designer Jacques Greber, to create the limestone museum. Its holdings include more than 140 bronze, marble and plaster sculptures, plus drawings, prints, letters and books.

Internet

Bob Dylan rejects claim over first electric guitar

LOS ANGELES, 13 July—Bob Dylan dismissed on Thursday a claim that a woman in New Jersey has the guitar he played at the Newport Folk Festival in 1965, when he was infamously booed for going electric.

A lawyer for the music icon said Dylan still has the Fender Stratocaster guitar which he played on 25 July, 1965, prompting boos which forced him off stage after only three songs.

The musician had until then played solely on acoustic guitar, making his name as a protest singer with early hits including "Blowin'" in the

Wind" and "The Times They are a-Changin'."

An upcoming television documentary reportedly claims that the guitar was left on board a plane which Dylan used after the show, and that the pilot took it with him, and left it in an attic.

Dawn Peterson, a 43-year-old New Jersey woman and daughter of the pilot, Vic Quinto who died in 1977, told the PBS show "History Detectives" that her father had always said the guitar was left inadvertently on his plane.

"Since I can remember a guitar had been in the attic,



Bob Dylan, pictured in 2011.—INTERNET

although no one, including me, paid much attention to it," Peterson told the *Los Angeles Times* newspaper.

The instrument "remained in my mother's attic for another 20 years until I got married and brought it to my home," she said, adding the family had never been sure until PBS researchers confirmed the authenticity of the guitar.—*Internet*

Rolling Stones celebrate 50 years on stage

LONDON, 13 July—It's only rock 'n' roll, but the Rolling Stones definitely like it. The band celebrated the 50th anniversary of its first gig at a bash in London on Thursday, and despite being well over retirement age, the Stones have no plans to quit.

"All of this has sort of brought us back together, and we'll see what comes out of it," said guitarist Keith Richards, who revealed that the Stones have begun rehearsing for new live shows that could come later this year.

It all means Jagger may need to rethink the words he sang more than 45 years ago in "Mother's Little Helper"—"What a drag it is getting old."

The group is marking its half-century with no letup in its productivity or rock 'n' roll style. At 68, Jagger is still the cool, rich frontman of the world's most successful rock band. Now in their late 60s and early 70s, the band members celebrated the anniversary by attending a retrospective photo exhibition at London's Somerset House.

Jagger, Richards, Ronnie Wood and Charlie Watts mingled with a mixed crowd of rockers, writers and hangers-on—from Simply Red singer Mick Hucknall to playwright Tom Stoppard—at a launch party for the exhibition.

The show, which opens to the public on Friday, charts

the band's career from their first official photo shoot in 1963—young mop tops lined up against a row of red phone boxes—to their monster '80s and '90s stadium tours.

Internet



From left, Charlie Watts, Keith Richards, Ronnie Wood and Mick Jagger, from the British Rock band The Rolling Stones, arrive at a central London venue, to mark the 50th anniversary of the Rolling Stones first performance, on 12 July, 2012.—INTERNET



Manchester City won the Barclays Premier League in dramatic fashion last season. INTERNET

Barclays extends sponsorship of the Premier League

Deal extension runs for three seasons until the end of the 2015/16 campaign

LONDON, 13 July — Barclays and the Premier League have agreed a new three-year deal for Barclays to continue as the global title sponsor of the Barclays Premier League to 2016.

The deal, with a value of £40m a season to the Premier League, will run for three seasons from 2013/14 to the end of the 2015/16 season.

The agreement includes the global title sponsorship of the Premier League and exclusive worldwide marketing rights, UK and international TV programme

accreditation, extensive advertising rights, match day tickets and hospitality as well as joint community activity.

Barclays and the Premier League will continue the successful Barclays Asia Trophy tournament and the Barclays Premier League Trophy Tour that will next visit Africa and the USA.

The Barclays Premier League is broadcast for over 185,000 hours a season reaching 212 territories and over 650 million homes with a cumulative global audience of 4.7 billion. — *Internet*

Khan, Garcia eye big future after title showdown

LAS VEGAS, 13 July — Britain's Amir Khan and undefeated American Danny Garcia meet in a light-welterweight title unification showdown on Saturday with each fighter seeking a victory



L-R: Strength and conditioning coach Ruben Tabares, boxer Amir Khan, President of Golden Boy Promotions Oscar De La Hoya, and boxer Danny Garcia pose during the final news conference at the Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. The two fighters will battle for the WBC super lightweight world championship on 14 July in Las Vegas. — *INTERNET*

to launch him to another level. Khan, 26-2 with 18 knockouts, will defend the World Boxing Association title he was given earlier this week while Garcia, 23-0 with 14 knockouts, defends his World Boxing Council crown.

Khan lost the WBA and International Boxing Federation titles last December in a controversial split decision to Lamont Peterson in the American's hometown of Washington, but protested the outcome over several issues. A rematch was booked but Peterson came back positive in random doping tests and the fight was called off, with Garcia entering the picture and Khan coming into the fight after 16 weeks of training and with his WBA title returned. "It's thrilling," Khan said. Having two world titles makes the fight even bigger. "We're more than ready for this fight. That (extra training time) maybe is going

Kagawa enthused by 'greatest challenge'

LONDON, 13 July — Manchester United midfielder Shinji Kagawa says he cannot wait to get started at Old Trafford and has called it the "greatest challenge" of his career. The 23-year-old Japan international joined from German club Borussia Dortmund in June, signing a four-year contract with the Barclays Premier League club. He was officially unveiled along with fellow new boy Nick Powell, who signed from Crewe Alexandra, on Thursday.

"I'm happy to be here and every day I'll take the chance to improve myself and move further up," Kagawa told the club's official website. "It's definitely the greatest challenge of my career and I hope to learn and improve every day." "I've always said I have to improve my playing qualities; now I've been here a bit I can really feel the difference. It's at top level club and environment, and when the other internationals join us it will be even better."

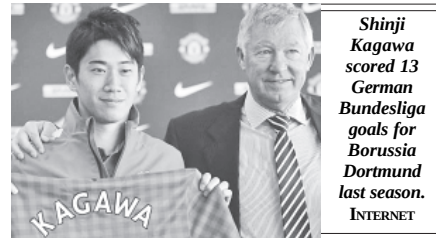
I definitely feel the attention of the media

globally now. I'm a member of a great club at Manchester United. I think I can handle the pressure and am pretty confident I can adapt to the style of the Premier League. "Everything here shows me it's a really big club and it's a great honour to play here. I want to really contribute by achieving concrete results."

Meanwhile, United manager Sir Alex Ferguson has revealed that the club are

now the European Championships are over we're trying to bring someone in."

Ferguson also revealed that midfielder Darren Fletcher, who was forced to take a break from football in December due to a chronic inflammatory bowel condition, is yet to return to training. "We are happy to be patient but he won't be starting the season," said Ferguson. "It is unfortunate



Shinji Kagawa scored 13 German Bundesliga goals for Borussia Dortmund last season. INTERNET

still looking at making new signings ahead of the start of the new season on August 18th. "We could possibly bring one or two more in," said the Scot. When there's a major international tournament on there's a delay in the transfer market. "But

because he is such a magnificent professional and such a nice lad." He has obviously got great challenges ahead. United's campaign gets under way on Monday August 20th when they travel to Goodison Park to meet Everton. — *Internet*

I'm not the man to light Olympic flame, says Beckham



British soccer player and London 2012 Olympic Games ambassador David Beckham reacts after lighting the Olympic torch with a cauldron after arriving at RNAS Culdrose base near Helston in Cornwall, south west England in this 18 May, 2012, file photo. REUTERS

LOS ANGELES, 13 July — David Beckham has suggested he is not the right man to light the Olympic flame to officially open the London Games, saying on Thursday the honor should go to an Olympian who has won gold medals. Admitting

his disappointment at failing to make Britain's Olympic soccer squad, Beckham took himself out of the running for one of the greatest honors that can be bestowed on a sportsman or woman but offered no hint as to who should have the job of lighting the cauldron on 27 July.

"I've always said, lighting the torch in the stadium is something that should be done by an Olympian... who has done incredible things for our country and won gold medals," Beckham told reporters during an interview in Los Angeles. After the decision to leave Beckham out of the Team GB soccer squad was announced, the odds on the Los Angeles Galaxy player lighting the Olympic cauldron were slashed with British bookmakers Ladbrokes quoting 5/1 at the time.

While Beckham has politely tried to remove himself from consideration as the athlete to open the Games, the former England captain had made no secret of his hopes of landing one of the three over-age spots in Stuart Pearce's Under-23 squad.

Reuters

International Sports



AC Milan owner Silvio Berlusconi

Berlusconi says Ibra and Silva sold to PSG

ROME, 13 July — AC Milan owner Silvio Berlusconi has confirmed that Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Thiago Silva have been sold to Paris Saint-Germain.

"Yes, I've sold Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Thiago Silva to PSG," he told Sky Sport 24 on Thursday. "We will save 150 million euros (about 183 million US dollars) over two years." Reports emerged this week that PSG would splash 62 million euros (about 75.6 million US dollars) to sign Thiago Silva, with whom they had agreed a deal in June, and Ibrahimovic.

Ibrahimovic's agent, Mino Raiola, met with AC Milan CEO Adriano Galliani on Wednesday and then headed to the French capital for talks with PSG director Leonardo on Thursday.

According to L'Equipe, the Sweden striker had agreed to the move in principle and Berlusconi has now confirmed the news.

Xinhua

De Gea wants Olympic gold with Spain



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MADRID, 13 July — Spain goalkeeper David de Gea has set his sights on a place on the podium at this summer's Olympic Games. La Roja are one of the favourites for gold in the football tournament, with the inclusion of three players from their Euro 2012 title-winning side in Luis Milla's preliminary squad boosting the team's credentials.

Speaking ahead of Spain's friendly match against Senegal, De Gea called on the team to emulate the national team's feat in Poland and Ukraine and finish in the top three in Britain. "We are calm, we want to play our game and be at 100 percent and go match after when we are in London," De Gea told reporters at a Press conference. — *Internet*

Donald, Westwood carry home hopes at British Open

LONDON, 13 July — More than ever the pressure will be on Englishmen Luke Donald and Lee Westwood when the British Open gets underway at Royal Lytham and St Annes next Thursday. The world No1 and world No3 have yet to win a single Major title between them and both are increasingly burdened with their failures as each of the year's four Grand Slam tournaments pass them by.

This time they head to the classic Lancashire links course south of Blackpool in the knowledge that no Englishman has won the Open since Nick Faldo at Muirfield, Scotland in 1992. No Englishman has won the Open on English soil since Tony Jacklin at Lytham in 1969. So the pressure is there and Donald for one believes that if he wants to get over that final hurdle he needs to deal



More than ever the pressure will be on Englishmen Luke Donald (pictured on 15 June) and Lee Westwood when the British Open gets underway at Royal Lytham and St Annes next Thursday. — *INTERNET*

with the stress, relax and try to enjoy himself.

Talking of his approach to the Majors he said: "I've realized that I do get a little bit more anxious, a little bit more uptight and I've gotta try and control that, and that's going to kind of be the priority, go out there and try to play with a little bit more freedom, a little bit more fun, and hopefully that's the key to getting off to a better start." — *Internet*

Focus Myanmar TV Programme**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**

(14-7-12 09:30 am ~ 15-7-12 09:30 am) MST

- * News
- * Further Cooperation between MRCS and its international counterparts
- * News
- * World Peace Through Teakwondo
- * News
- * Youth & Success (Part-I)
- * News
- * Youth & Success (Part-II)
- * News
- * BOT System precise and speedy for the People Cooperate shall we...(Yuzana Company)
- * News
- * Japan-Myanmar Cultural and Sports Exchange (Part-I)
- * News
- * New Myanmar Investment Summit 2012
- * News
- * 12 Sign Ascendants In July 2012
- * Myanmar Movie "Only Mom Can..."

MYANMAR TV

(14-7-2012) (Saturday)

- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:40 am
- 2. Dhama Puja Song
- 7:50 am
- 3. Nice and Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
- 4. Health Programme
- 8:10 am
- 5. Poem Garden
- 11:20 am
- 6. Game For Children
- 11:55 am
- 7. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News
- 1:35 pm
- 8. TV Drama Series
- 2:25 pm
- 9. Dance of National Races
- 4:00 pm
- 10. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Zoology)
- 5:05 pm
- 11. Performance With Song
- 5:30 pm
- 12. Beautiful "ASEAN"
- 5:35 pm
- 13. Game For Children
- 6:35 pm
- 14. Celebrity and Dinner
- 8:00 pm
- 15. News
- 16. Cartoon Series
- 17. TV Drama Series

Drug elimination day observed in Bokpyin

BOKPYIN, 13 July—The ceremony to mark International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was observed at Nawarat Hall in Basic Education High School in Bokpyin on 26 June afternoon.

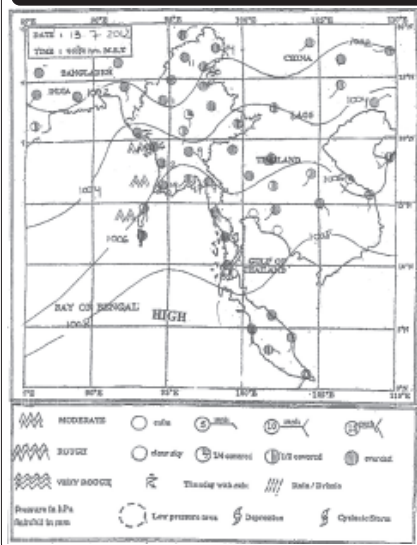
At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Nyunt Tin made a speech. Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Hla Than gave talks about narcotic drugs. Next, Township Judge U Tint Lwin explained matters related to drug law and Headmaster U Myint Shwe of Bokpyin BEHS drug abuse and dos and don'ts.

After that, officials of the organizing committee awarded winners in the painting and cartoon contests at middle and high school levels.

Township GAD



COORD MEETING HELD: Yangon Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee held the clarification for annual general meeting 2011 and work coordination meeting at city hall of Yangon City Development Committee on 10 July. Patron of Yangon Region MCWSC Daw Kin Thet Htay presents prizes to the outstanding members.—MYANMA ALIN

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**Weather forecast for 14th July, 2012**

Sr. No.		Temperature (°C/F)		Forecast	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	32/90	26/79	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(80%)
2	Kayah	32/90	21/70	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
3	Kayin	33/91	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
4	Chin	23/73	16/61	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
5	Upper Sagaing	34/93	26/79	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
6	Lower Sagaing	40/104	29/84	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
7	Tamukh	32/90	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
8	Bago	32/90	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
9	Magway	36/97	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
10	Mandalay	40/104	29/84	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
11	Mon	33/91	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
12	Yangon	33/91	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
13	Rakhine	28/82	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
14	Southern Shan	24/75	18/64	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
15	Northern Shan	33/91	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
16	Eastern Shan	34/95	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
17	Ayeyawady	33/91	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	36/97	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	33/91	23/73	One or two rain or thundershowers	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	40/104	29/84	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)

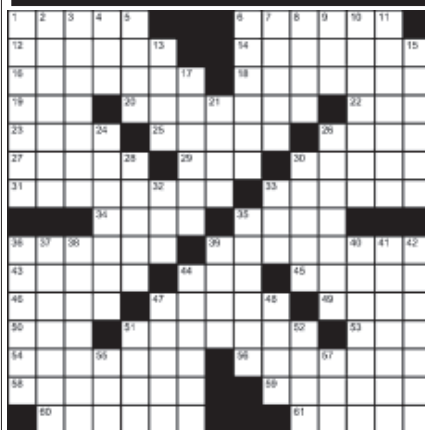
Summary of observations at 08:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Chin State, scattered in Upper Sagaing Region, Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Pang (4.09) inches, Thant (2.40) inches, Bago (2.28) inches, Kawthoung (2.04) inches, Central Yangon (1.89) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (1.85) inches, Shwebo (1.26) inches and Hlaing (1.21) inches.

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

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of increase of rain in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Crossword Puzzle**Across**

1. Suffix with sea or moon
6. Dish served with a dressing (pl.)
12. Three equal parts
14. Mushrooms having umbrella caps with gills underneath
16. Desktop card index (trademark)
18. Flirtation by touching feet
19. "... he drove out
20. Complaints
22. Casual attire
23. Bakery buy
25. Indian salad
26. "We the Living" author
27. Disguise
29. Arch
30. British coins
31. Stinking nightshades
33. Depression at the mouth of a volcano
34. Cleaning cabinet supplies
35. Deep or still place in a

of sight"**Down**

1. Duration
2. Bach piece
3. Hinged flap on an airplane wing
4. Ace
5. Christian Science founder
6. Freedom from danger
7. Ancient assembly area
8. Golden Triangle country
9. "A jealous mistress": Emerson
10. Remote
11. Kind of fair
13. Brand, in a way
15. Farmer, at times
17. Short holidays?
21. Units of length equal to .001 inch
24. Sensationalist journalism
26. House agent
28. Lightweight boat propelled by a double-bladed paddle
30. 86 is a high one
32. "20,000 Leagues" harpooner Land
33. Minor player
35. Comely
36. Escorts
37. Introduce one stage at a time (2 wds)
38. Freckle
39. "... there is no angel but Love": Shakespeare
40. Emerald Isle
41. Attacked brutally
42. Enigma
44. During
47. Grave marker
48. Furnace output
51. Catch
52. Blah
55. African antelope
57. Chain letters?

Iranian Alizadeh crowned in Tour of Qinghai Lake

LANZHOU, 13 July — Hossein Alizadeh of Iran's Tabriz Petrochemical Team (TPT) won the 11th Tour of Qinghai Lake cycling race that concluded on Thursday. Alizadeh managed to keep the yellow jersey for the leader of general individual classification from the third stage till the end. He was also awarded the blue and polka-dot jersey, which represents the best Asian rider and best climber respectively.

Luka Mezgec from Slovenia's SAVA (SAK), winner of the last stage, secured the green jersey for the best sprinter. He scored five stage victories in the 13-stage race that lasted 14 days. The last stage was a five-lap circuit race in Lanzhou, capital city of Gansu Province, covering a total distance of 78 kilometres.—Xinhua

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 Kyn 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 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 Aine, and father of Maung Lin Tun Kyaw and Maung Zami Htet who lived at No (17), Has/Ka ward, Yadana Thirti street, Thingangyun Township in Yangon passed away at Victoria Hospital at 12.30 pm on 10-7-2012 (Tuesday). The funeral service will be held at Yewee Yunnan Cemetery at 10 am on 16-7-2012 (Monday). Bereaved family

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw attends AIPA Executive Committee Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—At the invitation of President of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly Speaker of Indonesia's House of Representatives Dr. Marzuki Alie, the Myanmar delegation led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint at 8 pm on 7 July left here for Bangkok to attend Executive Committee Meeting of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly and the 9th Meeting of the Fact Finding Committee to combat the Drug Menace, held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. They arrived in Bangkok, Thailand at 10 pm local time on that day.

The delegation left Suvarnabhumi International Airport in Bangkok at 9 am on 8 July. They arrived at Hyatt Regency Hotel in Yogyakarta at 2:50 pm. The delegation together with Parliamentary Representatives of AIPA countries enjoyed the dinner hosted by Dr. Surahman Hidayat, Chairman of the Committee for Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation of the Indonesian House of Representatives, at Hyatt Regency Hotel at 7 pm.

The Myanmar delegation attended the openings of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (See page 9)



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint poses for documentary photo together with attendees to AIPA Executive Committee Meeting and 9th Meeting of Fact Finding Committee to combat Drug Menace.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw session continues for eighth day Six questions answered, one important proposal approved, one bill submitted, one bill reviewed



Photo shows arrival of Pyithu Hluttaw Representatives at Hluttaw session.
MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—The Pyithu Hluttaw session continued for eighth day at Pyithu Hluttaw Building, Hluttaw Complex, here today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 401 MPs.

Regarding the question of U Aung Sein of Manaung Constituency about if **there is any plan to establish industrial-scale cattle farming zone**, Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye replied that local cattle breeders can establish cattle farming zone, collecting the number of breeders, kinds and number of cattle. The cattle bred in the township is not dairy one but for agricultural purpose. The number of breeders is most important and if the list of potential breeders is available, the size of the land plot can be set under the supervision of management hierarchy forming breeding zone supervisory committee constituted with state-level departmental personnel.

Regarding the question of U Min Swe of DaikU Constituency about if **there is any plan to upgrade the schools**, Deputy Education Minister U Aye Kyu replied (See page 8)

Eighth day session of Amyotha Hluttaw continues One bill approved, one bill discussed, one bill submitted, one proposal discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July—Eighth day session of Amyotha Hluttaw continued at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10 am today, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 204 MPs.

Member of Bill Committee U Soe Myint submitted Bill Committee's report on Amended Export and Import Bill sent by Pyithu Hluttaw. The Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker sought the approval of Hluttaw so as to approve the each para of amended Export and Import Bill sent by Pyithu Hluttaw. Secretary of Bill Committee U San Tun submitted Bill Committee's report regarding the Anti-Corruption Bill. With respect to the Bill, U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No.6, U J Yaw Wu of Kachin State Constituency No.12 and U Hla Swe of Magway Region Constituency No. 12 discussed the facts about the amendments to the Bill. Hluttaw decided that Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee will discuss it later.

After that, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin submitted the proposal on the Bill amending the (See page 9)

Representatives seen at eighth day session of Amyotha Hluttaw.

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