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**Our Three Main National Causes** * Non-disintegration of the Union * Non-disintegration of National Solidarity * Perpetuation of Sovereignty

## To best serve interest of people and country, we have fervent desire to seek technical know-how, to set up economic engagement with other countries but sanctions are still restricting us from doing so

**President U Thein Sein**

*President U Thein Sein delivers an address at the dinner hosted to those present at US-ASEAN Business Forum at Hotel Le Meridien Angkor in Siem Reap.*—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—The US-ASEAN Economic Council and the US-ASEAN Merchants' Association hosted a dinner in honour of those present at the US-ASEAN Business Forum at Hotel Le Meridien Angkor of Siem Reap of Cambodia yesterday. President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein delivered an address at the dinner.

It was attended by President U Thein Sein, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Thai Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra, US Secretary of State Mrs Hillary Clinton, ASEAN ministers, high-level officials, ASEAN and US businessmen and guests.

US Secretary of State Mrs Hillary Clinton, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen and Thai Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra delivered addresses.

President U Thein Sein said in his address:

I have the pleasure to apprise you on our development endeavours and the

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## President U Thein Sein holds meeting with US Secretary of State

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and Secretary of State of the United States of America Mrs Hillary Clinton held a meeting at Hotel Le Meridien Angkor in Siem Reap at 6.35 pm yesterday.

On arrival at Hotel Le Meridien Angkor, President U Thein Sein was welcomed by US Secretary of State Mrs Hillary Clinton from the park of the Hotel and they cordially greeted each other and posed for documentary photo in front of State Flags of Myanmar and the U.S.

Next, the President and the US Secretary of State had a discussion at the meeting room of the hotel.

Their discussions focused on cooperation and promotion of bilateral ties based on mutual trusts, understanding and respects in relations between Myanmar and the US.

Also present at the meeting were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin and U Soe Thein, Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia U Cho Tun Aung and departmental heads.

The US Secretary of State was accompanied by US Assistant Secretary of State Mr Kurt Campbell and US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek James Mitchell and high ranking officials.

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***President U Thein Sein shakes hands with US Secretary of State Mrs Hillary Clinton.***—MNA

### Union Information & Culture Minister receives Ambassador of ROK

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# PERSPECTIVES

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## Social protection

**The fundamental needs of every citizen of Myanmar are comprehensive health care as well as income security or in other words job security. This requirement calls for opportunities such as the access to education and social security. So, we need to adopt an appropriate social protection system based on requirements of multiple classes and sectors including social protection projects for children. the vulnerable, the aged, women and the disabled**

**In this context, we need an advanced national-level institution in order that progress report on social protection, additional needs, policy and strategy formulation, assessment of the effectiveness of works during project periods and policy review and so on can be monitored in long-term.**

**Moreover, social protection plans would not develop well without the firm support of legal guideline. So, we welcome legal advices reflecting our country's objective conditions from every possible area.**

**As most of the rural areas lack social protection and the poverty rate of our country is still high when compared with regional counterparts we are implementing the Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Strategy covering a wide range of sectors. However, it is a mammoth task for a developing country like us. So, we need a lot of assistance from international organizations and NGOs.**

**Truly, we are obliged for our people, and it is the concept of our government. Accordingly, we are taking steps to draft and enact laws to make sure the unemployed have more job opportunities and the workers effective social and security protection. Moreover, we are in the process of mapping out strategies and work programmes for social protection of our country.**

**We firmly believe we can collectively build a Myanmar society where equality and harmony flourish by reinforcing social protection amidst the rapid reforms.**

## University of Nursing (Yangon) gets new lecture hall

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July— The opening ceremony for new lecture hall of University of Nursing (Yangon) under Medical Science Department was held in front of new hall on Bogyoke Aung San Street in Lanmadaw Township of Yangon Region this morning.

At the opening ceremony, Union Minister for Health Dr. Pe Thet Khin and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe opened it.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister said that the nursing training school was upgraded to University of Nursing in 1991. Now, the university admits 776 students, he said. The university is conducting Nursing Science (Normal), Nursing Science (Bridge), Diploma in Special Nursing and Master's course of Nursing Science. The institution is turning out qualified nurses by annually admitting the increased number of students, he noted.

The State has built a new lecture hall that can admit 250 students as it is necessary to extend more lecture halls due to admitting the increasing number of students, he said.

The construction of 250-student-capacity lecture hall of the university built at a cost of K 230.615 million by the government started in November 2011 and it was completed in May 2012.

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## Union Foreign Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin attends 45th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting (AMM) and related meetings

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July— Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, U Wunna Maung Lwin attended the 45th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting and related Meetings held at Peace Palace in Phnom Penh, Cambodia from 8th to 13th July 2012.

On 8 July, the Union Minister attended ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting with ASEAN Inter-governmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) Representatives. During the meeting, the AICHR Representatives reported the progress of the drafting of ASEAN Declaration on Human Rights (AHRD) to the ASEAN Foreign Ministers. Following the meeting, the Union Minister attended the Meeting of the South East Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone (SEANWFZ) Commission. Matters related to the signing of the Protocol to the Treaty on SEANWFZ by the Nuclear Weapons States were discussed in the meeting.

In the morning of 9 July, the Union Minister attended the opening ceremony of the 45th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting (AMM) and its Plenary session. During the Plenary session, the Foreign Ministers discussed subjects related to implementation of decisions of the 20th ASEAN Summit and ASEAN Community Building. In the afternoon, Retreat and Concluding sessions of the 45th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting were held.

In the afternoon of 10 July, the 13th ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Foreign Ministers' Meeting was held with Plus Three Dialogue Partners, China, Japan and Korea. ASEAN and Plus Three Foreign Ministers exchanged views on future cooperation between ASEAN and Plus Three Countries.

***Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin attendes 45th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting and related meetings in Phnom Penh of Cambodia.***

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On 11 July, ASEAN Foreign Ministers held Post Ministerial Conferences (PMCs) with ten Dialogue Partners. The Union Minister Co-Chaired the ASEAN-Russian Federation Foreign Ministers' Meeting with the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Mr. Igor V. Morgulov, who attended the Meeting on behalf of his Foreign Minister. The Meeting discussed the future direction of ASEAN-Russian Federation dialogue relations. Following the meeting, the Union Minister delivered an opening speech at the official launching of the website of the ASEAN Centre in the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO).

In the afternoon, the Union Minister attended the ASEAN-US Foreign Ministers' Meeting. In the meeting the Philippines handed over to Myanmar the Country Co-ordinatorship of ASEAN-US Dialogue Relations for 2012 to 2015. The Union Minister also attended the ASEAN-Japan, ASEAN-India, ASEAN-Canada, ASEAN-Australia, ASEAN-New Zealand and ASEAN-EU Foreign Ministers' Meetings. The Myanmar Delegation attended the ASEAN-China and ASEAN-Korea Foreign Ministers' Meetings on behalf of the Union Minister.

In the morning of 12 July, the Union Minister attended the 2nd East-Asia Summit Foreign Ministers Meeting. The Union Minister reviewed and discussed the future direction of EAS. In the afternoon, the Union Minister attended the 19th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Retreat and its plenary sessions. The Forum exchanged regional and international issues among others. The members of the Forum acknowledged and commended the political, economic and socio developments taking place in Myanmar.

After the 19th ARF, the Union Minister attended the signing Ceremonies of the instrument of extension of the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in South-East Asia (TAC) by the European Union, and the Instrument of Accession to the TAC by the United Kingdom. In the evening, the Union Minister attended the Gala Dinner hosted by H.E Mr. Hor Namhong, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

On 13th July, the Union Minister attended the 5th Lower Mekong Initiative (LMI) Ministerial Meeting as a member for the first time. He also attended the 2nd Friends of Lower Mekong Ministerial Meeting after the 5th LMI. The closing ceremony of the 45th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting was held afterwards.

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, paid courtesy call on Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padel Tacho Hun Sen together with other ASEAN Regional Forum Foreign Ministers in the morning of 12th July. He held separate bilateral meetings with the Foreign Ministers of Thailand, the People's Republic of China, Canada, New Zealand, Brunei and Bangladesh.

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and members of Myanmar Delegation returned to Nay Pyi Taw in the morning of 14 July 2012.

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## Ambassador U Tint Swai concurrently accredited to Hellenic Republic

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Tint Swai, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Italian Republic, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Hellenic Republic.—*MNA*

***Union Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi being welcomed by Ambassador of Arab Republic of Egypt Mr Hany Riad Moawad at the reception to mark National Day of Egypt at Pun Hlaing Estate in Tamarind Gardens on 13 July.***

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## Afghan police kill 40 militants, detain 28 in 24 hours

KABUL, 14 July—Afghan security forces during series of operations across the country have killed 40 anti-government militants and arrested 28 over the past 24 hours, Interior Ministry said in a statement released here on Saturday.

"During series of operations conducted in Bamyan, Baghlan, Kandahar, Zabul, Logar, Ghazni, Paktiya, Herat and Helmand provinces over the past 24 hours, 40 armed militants have been killed and 28 others arrested by Afghan National Police," the statement added.

However, it did not say if there were any police casualties. Taleban militants fighting the government have yet to comment.

*Xinhua*

## Chavez: Venezuela is no threat, Obama is a "good guy"

*Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez (R) gestures during a visit to an industrial complex in the state of Anzoategui on 13 July, 2012.—*INTERNET

CARACAS, 14 July— President Hugo Chavez denied on Friday that Venezuela was a threat to anyone, after US presidential hopeful Mitt Romney criticized Barack Obama for playing down the risk posed by the socialist leader.

Obama told a Spanish-language television station in an interview screened this week that Chavez's actions over recent years had not had a serious impact on the national security of the United States.

Romney said Obama's comments were "stunning and shocking" and showed a pattern of weakness in the Democratic president's foreign policy.

In an interview with a local Venezuelan television station on Friday, Chavez dismissed the allegations he posed any danger.

"The Venezuela of today is no threat to anyone," he said.

"It has all been a hoax by the imperialists and global far right: that uranium is being enriched in Venezuela, that we're setting up missiles here, that we're supporting terrorism."

Whenever there were efforts to improve relations between Washington and Caracas, Chavez said, they were criticized by powerful "snipers" who issued threats in the US media.

Chavez, whose stridently anti-Washington politics are highly popular in his OPEC nation, has expanded ties with Iran while the United States and other nations have increased their pressure on Teheran over its nuclear programme.

Iran denies Western charges it wants to build nuclear weapons. When Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad visited Caracas in January, he and Chavez lavished praise on each other, mocked US disapproval and joked about having an atomic bomb.

Late last year Obama told a Venezuelan newspaper the United States had no intention of intervening in Venezuela's foreign relations — but he believed the government's ties with Iran and Cuba had not benefited the Venezuelan people.

*Reuters*

## Ravaged by fires, Western ranchers face "scary" summer

*Ranchers herd cattle through town to a new location after fire officials ordered the evacuation of Fairview, Utah as the Wood Hollow fire approaches the town on 26 June, 2012.—*INTERNET

SALMON, 14 July— It took less than an hour last month for a Montana wildfire to reduce Scott McRae's ranch to thousands of blackened acres devoid of the grasses that were to sustain hundreds of cattle.

"That is 500 mouths to feed with nothing to eat in sight," said McRae, 53, co-owner of a family ranch founded in the 1880s in southeastern Montana.

McRae is among scores of ranchers across the US West whose grazing lands have been charred by blazes or ravaged by drought amid a regional shortfall of the alfalfa hay that could stave off starvation.

With drought affecting more than half the continental United States and less than a quarter of the nation's pasture and range rated good to excellent, cattle producers from Montana to Nevada are bracing for a rough season.

While some ranchers like McRae use private lands for grazing, many others pay modest fees to graze herds on acreage managed by the US Bureau of Land Management and the US Forest Service under decades-old laws governing grazing on the West's vast federal lands.

But recent wildfires in states such as Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming have displaced thousands of cows from federal rangelands which may not be fit for grazing for years. Where range has not been destroyed, drought has lessened forage.

"We're going to run out of grass. It's shaping up to be scary," University of Idaho Extension Agent Rauhn Panting said.

The dire situation in the West follows an historic drought in the ranching state of Texas last year that devastated herds and cost the state's agriculture $7.6 billion, according to Texas A&M university. The size of the Texas cattle herd fell 11 percent in the last year as ranchers had to sell cattle or move them to other states, the US Agriculture Department said.

While some areas of Texas have improved after receiving rain, the dryness has also spread north to the nation's breadbasket and threatens the worst drought since 1988 in the US corn and soybean growing belt this summer, according to weather experts.

*Reuters*

## Rainstorm triggers chlorine gas leak in Wuhan, casualty unknown

***Rescuers deal with a chlorine gas leak accident in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 14 July, 2012. A chlorine gas leak occurred in the Wuhan Xingwang Bio-Tech Co Ltd in Wuhan on Saturday morning. No information on casualties was immediately available.—*XINHUA**

WUHAN, 14 July—A chlorine gas leak occurred in a bio-tech firm in central China's metropolis of Wuhan on Saturday morning. No information on casualties are immediately available. The municipal fire department has dispatched more than 30 firefighters to the Wuhan Xingwang Bio-Tech Co Ltd.

The department said the leakage might have been triggered after the company's chemical stock was soaked by rainwater after heavy downpour battered the city on Friday.

*Xinhua*

## BASIC countries call for developed countries to commit to carbon emission reduction

JOHANNESBURG, 14 July— The BASIC countries on Friday called for developed countries to honor their commitment in reducing carbon emission at the two-day 11th Ministerial meeting on Climate Change in Johannesburg.

The joint statement by the four BASIC countries before the end of the conference challenged developed countries to honor what was agreed on at the conference on Climate Change in South African port city of Durban in 2011 and assist financially in the implementation of reduction of carbon emission and technological transfer.

The BASIC, formed by an agreement on 28 Nov, 2009, consists of four large developing countries of Brazil, South Africa, India and China with an effort to act jointly at the fight against global climate change.

Xie Zhenhua, vice chairman of the National Development and Reform Commission of China called on the developed countries to show commitment in reducing emissions.

He said, "Developed countries developed through emitting too much carbon and they should take responsibility and show total commitment."

Ministers in the statement stressed that "developing countries have demonstrated full commitment in playing their part in the global fight against climate change and have presented actions which express significant ambition to reduce emission."

The Chinese official said, "Developing countries have shown some measures of commitment in reducing climate change.We want to see that all the commitments made by all countries are fulfilled". He said China has already started playing its part, including training people from developing countries in emission reduction.—*Xinhua*

***Breiting Jet Team performs at the Farnborough International Airshow in Farnborough, England, on 13 July, 2012. —*XINHUA**

## Afghan lawmaker among 22 killed as suicide blast hits N Afghanistan

AIBAK, 14 July— At least 22 people, including an Afghan parliament member and a head of provincial intelligence agency, were killed and 60 others were injured in a suicide bombing in the northern Afghan province of Samangan on Saturday morning, an official said.

Parliamentarian Ahamd Khan Samangani was killed in the attack which took place at around 8 am local time (0330 GMT) in Qasri-e-Almsas wedding hall in the provincial capital of Aibak city, police spokesman in northern region Lal Mohammad Ahmadzai told *Xinhua*.

Some provincial officials including the provincial intelligence head were among the dead when a costly wedding party on the upswing for Samagani's son came under the massive attack, a Province official said.

Security personnel have cordoned off the area in precautionary measures, while ambulances and civilian cars evacuated the victims to the city's hospitals, the Province spokesman told *Xinhua*. Police spokesman Ahmadzai said police has started an investigation and details will be released afterwards.—*Xinhua*

## Symantec anti-virus update makes some PCs inoperable

***Enrique Salem, CEO of Symantec Corp, speaks at the Reuters Global Media and Technology Summit in New York, on 12 June, 2012. — Reuters***

BOSTON, 14 July—A bug in an update of Symantec Corp's anti-virus software caused some Windows PCs to crash late this week, making machines inoperable until they were serviced in an embarrassing episode that angered some customers. The company disclosed the problem on its website, saying that an update to its widely used Symantec Endpoint Protection 12.1 and Norton anti-virus software for businesses caused some PCs running Microsoft Windows XP software to crash repeatedly, showing what is known as the "blue screen of death."

The embarrassment comes at a challenging time for Symantec, whose shares have lost about a quarter of their value since it warned of a pending profit decline three months ago. "Enterprise security has continued to be an uphill battle for Symantec," said Daniel Ives, an analyst with FBR Capital Markets. "There is increasing competition. The company historically has not been consistent around executing."The company knows so far of about 300 corporate customers that have been affected, and about 60 consumer customers.

Customers reported it took Symantec hours to identify and fix the bug and that they needed to fix computers broken by the tainted update on their own.Symantec blamed the glitch on software compatibility issues that arose after an update was released late on Wednesday. PCs could be fixed if customers manually removed the software from each disabled computer, it said in an advisory. "Phoning Symantec support this morning was the start of the hell we went through," one customer said in a support forum on Symantec's website. "The support is a joke, the quality control is a joke, and the software is not much better."

Customers complained on a Symantec user forum that the removal process was time consuming, although one said the software maker had offered compensation for the inconvenience.That customer said on the support site that he emailed technical support to ask: "How is Symantec going to compensate customers for the hours of lost worker production and the time and effort taken by IT staffs to rectify this huge error by Symantec?"

*Reuters*

## HP's $600 million GM services deal at risk

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 July — General Motors' decision to bring much of its information technology work in-house threatens an IT service deal worth some $600 million a year to Hewlett Packard Co, two sources with knowledge of the matter told *Reuters*. It is unclear how much of the HP agreement would be affected. But the GM contract is one of the bigger contracts at the IT company, one of the sources said, adding that the loss of a significant amount of that business would be a "big deal." The sources spoke on condition of anonymity because the details of the arrangement are private.

HP and GM both declined to comment. The Detroit carmaker is a major client of HP, which has provided technology services and support to GM for a quarter-century. GM said this week it now plans to handle most of its own IT needs internally, completing the transition within three to five years by hiring thousands of software developers and replacing its outsourced work. HP revealed in July 2010 that it had bagged a multi-year, $2 billion services agreement with the carmaker, which outsources some 90 percent of its IT needs.

The world's No 1 PC maker now manages GM's technology infrastructure including providing applications development and management services for product development, manufacturing, business services, and supply chain. GM's automotive division alone accounts for $350 million annually in IT services business for HP, the source said, adding that HP also sells a lot of its products and other related services to GM.

***A view of the General Motors headquarters at the Renaissance Center in Detroit, Michigan is seen in this file photograph taken on 25 Aug, 2009.***
**Reuters**

The $600 million figure does not include that portion of HP's work with the company.

The automaker also outsources technology-related work in its OnStar division, a contract that is separate from the IT services deal the two hashed out, and one that GM may find difficult to unravel, the second source said. Onstar is GM's in-car navigation and communications system. HP has been staving off slowing demand for personal computers by moving aggressively into helping corporations manage hardware, software, and networking and storage. But in these areas it has to cope with stiffening competition from the likes of Dell Inc and IBM.—*Reuters*

## Research murky on danger of Asian carp invasion

HAVANA, 14 July—As scientists aboard a research boat activate an electric current, the calm Illinois River transforms into a roiling, silvery mass. Asian carp by the dozen hurtle from the water as if shot from a gun, soaring in graceful arcs before plunging beneath the surface with splashes resembling tiny geysers. Water quality specialist Thad Cook grunts as a whopper belts him in the gut. His colleagues duck and dodge to avoid the missile-like fish that plop onto the deck, writhing madly until someone can grasp the slimy, slithering critters and heave them over the side.

It's like a scene from a Hitchcock movie — and indeed the flying carp have played villainous roles in many a YouTube video. Biologists, however, fear a different kind of horror story may be taking shape underwater: a war for survival between the aggressive Asian carp newcomers and native species important to people who catch fish for a living or fun. "We suspect at some point there will be a real crash in the populations of some of these native fishes," said John Chick, an aquatic ecologist with the National Great Rivers Research and Education Centre on the Mississippi River near St Louis.

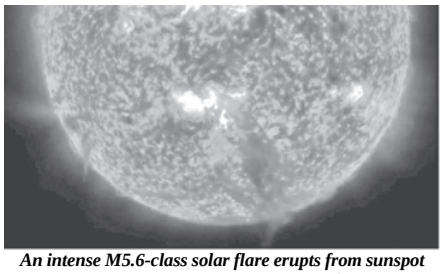
While years of study have turned up ominous signs that the carp are capable of crowding out other species and changing ecosystems, the worst-case scenario scientists expect to unfold hasn't yet been realized. Some scientists say that dire predictions about the damage carp can do may be premature. That makes the research Chick and his colleagues are conducting critical: It likely will influence how the debate over managing waterways made vulnerable by carp plays out in Congress and the courts.

US research so far has focused on rivers, where Asian carp are most plentiful. A common method for determining which fish are in a given location is to shoot an electric charge into the water that temporarily stuns them so crews can scoop them up in nets. Silver carp, an Asian type known for springing from the water when startled, manage to jump first.

Imported decades ago to cleanse algae-choked aquaculture ponds and sewage treatment lagoons, they escaped during floods and have marched up the Mississippi watershed in more than two dozen states, ranging as far as Kansas and the Dakotas. They're taking dead aim at the Great Lakes, with the leading edge on the Illinois River some 55 miles south of Lake Michigan, although their DNA has been found in Chicago a mere 6 miles from the lake.

*Internet*

***This 13 June, 2012, photo shows an Asian carp, jolted by an electric current from a research boat, jumping from the Illinois River near Havana, Ill. Scientists at a network of field stations on the Mississippi and Illinois rivers are using electric currents to stun fish so they can be scooped up and examined.Scientists are monitoring native fish populations for signs of damage from Asian carp.***
**Internet**



***An intense M5.6-class solar flare erupts from sunspot region AR1515 on 2 July, 2012 in this still from a NASA video by the Solar Dynamics Observatory.— Internet***

## Solar storm barreling toward Earth this weekend

LOS ANGELES, 14 July—The space weather forecast for Earth looks a bit stormy this weekend, but scientists said not to worry. A solar storm was due to arrive on Saturday morning and last through Sunday, slamming into Earth's magnetic field. Scientists said it will be a minor event and they have notified power grid operators, airlines and other potentially affected parties. "This isn't the mother of all anything," said forecaster Joe Kunches at the government's Space Weather Prediction Center in Boulder, Colo. "We don't see any ill effects to any systems."

The storm began on Thursday when the sun unleashed a massive flare that hurled a cloud of highly charged particles racing toward Earth at 3 million mph. It was the sixth time this year that such a powerful solar outburst has occurred; none of the previous storms caused major problems. In severe cases, solar storms can cause power blackouts, damage satellites and disrupt GPS signals and high-frequency radio communications. Airlines are sometimes forced to reroute flights to avoid the extra radiation around the north and south poles brought on by solar storms. In 1989, a strong solar storm knocked out the power grid in Quebec, causing 6 million people to lose electricity. Juha-Pekka Luntama, a space weather expert at the European Space Agency, said utility and navigation operators "will certainly see something but they will probably find ways to deal with any problems" from the incoming storm.—*Internet*

# Could Wii nunchuks make screen time healthier?

NEW YORK, 14 July — Active video games might help people burn more calories than couch-based screen time, but those who play active games tend to undo most of the difference if there's junk food available, says a new study.Those active gamers tended to eat more calories than they spent dancing, playing hockey, and drumming. They took in an average of 376 more calories than they burned, compared to about a 650-calorie surplus among the inactive groups.

Although small, these differences can mean a lot in terms of energy balance when they are multiplied over days, weeks and years, Dr Scott Leatherdale at the University of Waterloo in Canada who has studied the effects of video games on energy use but was not involved in the study, told *Reuters* Health in an email."There have been a couple of studies that have shown that TV watching and video playing increase eating, and they increase eating when compared to doing nothing," said Dr Elizabeth Lyons, who led the study at the University of Texas Medical Branch.

For the new study, Lyons and her team assigned 120 experienced gamers aged 18 to 35, randomly, to watch TV, or to play sedentary or active video games.They asked them not to eat for 2 hours before the mealtime-scheduled appointments, recorded their appetite level before each session began, and then observed them playing games or watching TV for an hour.Subjects could watch shows including 30 Rock and The Office, or play games such as Street Fighter IV to Dance Dance Revolution: Universe 2. Chocolate, chips, dried fruits and nuts and sodas were within easy reach.

***Active video games might help people burn more calories than couch-based screen time, but those who play active games tend to undo most of the difference if there's junk food available, says a new study.*— REUTERS**

There was reason to believe that people would eat less if they were playing active games, said Lyons, "because it's physically difficult to eat while you're holding things, and while you're busier."Yet when Lyons and her team looked at the difference between the groups, they found that while sedentary video gamers ate the most, averaging more than 747 calories during the hour long session, active gamers ate only slightly less, eating 553 calories on average.The findings, reported in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, surprised researchers.—*Reuters*

# Health Tip: Use caution before giving cough medicine to kids

Most anyone can buy cough medicine at the local drug store, but that doesn't mean it's harmless, especially to youngsters.

The American Academy of Family Physicians offers this advice when giving cough medicine to children:

* Never give cough medicine to a child younger than age 4 unless the pediatrician approves it.
* Never give a child a cough medicine for adults, or any medication that contains aspirin.
* Don't give your child both a prescription and OTC medication at the same time, or multiple OTC cough medicines unless the pediatrician says it's OK.
* Don't give your child cough medicine that has expired.
* If your child doesn't get better quickly, see the pediatrician before continuing an OTC medication.
* Never give your child a cough medicine just to help the child sleep.

*Internet*

# Google's Nexus tablet selling fast across retail chains

***An attendee uses Google Map on a Google Nexus 7 tablet during Google I/O 2012 Conference at Moscone Center in San Francisco, California on 27 June, 2012.* REUTERS**

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 July — Google Inc's "Nexus 7" tablet is off to an encouraging start, with major retailers running out of the gadgets as the Internet company's first entry in an increasingly crowded market showed up in US stores on Friday. GameStop said on Friday it had already run through its first two allocations of the tablet, co-developed by Google and Taiwan's Asustek that starts at $199 and has drawn glowing reviews from major gadget reviewers.Sam's Club, the warehouse chain owned by Wal-Mart Stores Inc, and Staples listed the device as being out of stock on their websites as of Friday. Office Depot's website continued to offer the device for sale as of the afternoon. Google unveiled the 7-inch tablet, which the company hopes will allow it to better compete against Apple Inc and Amazon.com Inc and funnel more people into its trove of online content, at its annual developer conference in San Francisco at the end of June.

Consumers have been able to pre-order the tablet from Google and several retailers in past weeks, and Google said it began shipping devices to consumers on Friday. "We blew through the first two allotments," a GameStop spokesperson said. A third allotment of preorders will be available in August. The game retailer declined to share exact number of preorders.

The Nexus 7 uses Google's Android mobile software, which has become the most prevalent operating system for smartphones globally, but has so far failed to make a big splash in the tablet market.By taking a greater role in the tablet arena, Google hopes to ensure that its online services remain front-and-centre to consumers, as tablets by Apple and Amazon are increasingly becoming gateways to the Web and Web-based content such as movies and music.

*Reuters*

# Early diagnosis, treatment of stroke patients could still be improved

VANCOUVER, 14 July—A new Canadian study has found that although the number of stroke deaths is declining in the country, early diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients could still be improved. The study, released on Thursday by the Canadian Institute for Health Information, examined more than 62,000 stroke cases that occurred in the Province of Ontario between 2006-2007 and 2009-2010.

It found that despite best practice recommendations, more than one in three Ontario stroke patients did not arrive at the hospital by ambulance. Quick diagnosis and treatment are critical in stroke care, because in some cases there is a short window to limit or reduce brain damage for patients, the study said. However, a national audit conducted by the Canadian Stroke Network showed that only about one-third of patients with stroke across Canada arrived at the hospital within 3.5 hours of the onset of their symptoms.

There is room for improvement in the ability of the population to recognize and respond most appropriately to the first symptoms of stroke, the study suggested.Warning signs and symptoms of stroke include weakness, such as sudden loss of strength or sudden numbness in the face, arm or leg, trouble speaking, vision problems, headache and dizziness, it said.

*Xinhua*

***MasterCard and VISA credit cards are seen in this illustrative photograph taken in Hong Kong on 8 Dec, 2010.* REUTERS**

# Nokia shuts down two China-based offices as troubles persist

NEW YORK, 14 July — Being a struggling company means layoffs and office closures, and Nokia is sadly no exception. The *Wall Street Journal* reports that Nokia is shutting down two of its regional sales offices in China as part of broader reorganization efforts aimed at keeping the company afloat while it scrambles to regain market share lost to the iPhone and Android devices. *WSJ* says that Nokia didn't immediately disclose how many workers would be let go as a result of its reorganization efforts in China.— *Internet*

***Nokia shuts down two China-based offices as troubles persist.* INTERNET**

# Visa, MasterCard, banks in $7.25 billion retail settlement

NEW YORK, 14 July — Visa Inc, MasterCard Inc and banks that issue their credit cards have agreed to a $7.25 billion settlement with US retailers in a lawsuit over the fixing of credit and debit card fees in what could be the largest antitrust settlement in US history. The settlement, if approved by a judge, would resolve dozens of lawsuits filed by retailers in 2005. The card companies and banks would also allow stores to start charging customers extra for using certain credit cards in an effort to steer them toward cheaper forms of payment. The settlement papers were filed on Friday in Brooklyn federal court.

Swipe fees — charges to cover processing credit and debit payments - are set by the card companies and deducted from the transaction by the banks that issue the cards, essentially passing on the cost to merchants, the lawsuits said. The proposed settlement involves a payment to a class of stores of $6 billion from Visa, MasterCard and more than a dozen of the country's largest banks who issue the companies' cards. The card companies have also agreed to reduce swipe fees by the equivalent of 10 basis points for eight months for a total consideration to stores valued at about $1.2 billion, according to lawyers for the plaintiffs.

The deal calls for merchants to be allowed to negotiate collectively over the swipe fees, also known as interchange fees. Merchants would also be required to disclose information about card fees to customers, and credit card surcharges would be subject to a cap, according to the settlement papers. Surcharge rules would not affect the 10 states that currently prohibit that practice, which include California, New York and Texas. An additional $525 million will be paid to stores suing individually, according to the documents.

*Reuters*

## Citizenship scrutiny cards issued in Thandaunggyi

THANDAUNGGYI, 14 July—Staff members of Thandaunggyi Township Immigration and National Registration Department made field trips to Pyasakhan Village on 2 July for issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards and household registration to the local people.

The local authorities viewed the works of field trip being undertaken by Head of Township Immigration and National Registration Department and fulfilled the requirements of issuing citizenship scrutiny cards and compilation of household registrations to the local people.

*Myanma Alin*

**TREES PLANTED:** ***Township Administrator of Madaya Township General Administrator U Aung Swe Myint and Staff Officer U Moe Thu of Township Forest Department led departmental personnel and members of Women's Affairs Organization in growing saplings in the compound of Madaya People's Hospital on 3 July.—MAUNG MAUNG KYAW***

## Volleyball umpire course opened at NIS-1 in Thuwunna

YANGON, 14 July—Jointly conducted by Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Volleyball Federation, the volleyball umpire course was opened at National Indoor Stadium in Thuwunna, here, on 12 July morning.

It was attended by officials of the Sports and Physical Education Department, Vice-President U Thein Win of Myanmar Volleyball Federation and executives, Chairman of Defence Services Volleyball Committee Lt-Col Saw Win Thoung, course director Mr Songsak Chareonpong (Thailand) and guests.

At first, the trainees were introduced to officials individually. Then, Vice-President of the federation U Thein Win made a speech.

After that, the course director extended greetings.

The training course was attended by seven officers and 13 other ranks from Ministry of Defence and 35 from ministries and clubs.

*Myanma Alin*

## Billboard put up in Myawady

MYAWADY, 14 July—Myawady Township Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee held the ceremony to put up the billboard of traffic rules in front of Basic Education High School (Myawady) on 11 July.

Chairman of the Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee Commander of District Police Force Police Lt-Col Myo Swe and members, Township Administrator U Thein Zaw Kan and departmental officials erected the billboard.

Similar ceremonies were held at the junction to the town and in front of the Bayintnaung Market.

*Kyemon*

## Farmer educative course conducted in Myawady

MYAWADY, 14 July—Myawady Township Agriculture Department of Myawady District of Kayin State conducted the farmer educative course in Hwayshan Village on 8 July and in Mahtawthalay Village on 10 July.

Assistant Director Daw Than Yi of District Agriculture Department, in-charge of District Crop Protection U Hla Wai and Head of Township Agriculture Department U Saw Hla Kyi gave lectures on production and distribution of quality seeds, improvement of soil and prevention against pesticide.

The courses were attended by 254 farmers from five villages.

*Agriculture Department*

## Trees grown in Thegon Township in rainy season

THEGON, 14 July—The 2012 rainy season tree growing ceremony took place in the compound of Township Electrical Engineer's Office in Thegon of Pyay District on 3 July.

At the ceremony, Region Hluttaw representatives U Ye Lin Aung and Daw Ohnma Moh Moh Zaw, Acting Township Administrator U Soe Lwin, the commander of Township Police Force, Head of Township Forest Department U Kyaw Min Thant presented 550 saplings to departmental personnel, NGOs and students.

They all planted saplings at the designated places.

*Township Forest*

**SAPLINGS PLANTED:** ***The Chairperson and members of Mudon Township Women's Affairs Organization, students and teachers collectively took part in tree growing ceremony in compound of Basic Education Middle School in Myoma Ward 4 of Mudon on 3 July.—MYANMA ALIN***

**CSC ISSUED:** ***Head of Latha Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Kyaw Than and staff issued citizenship scrutiny cards to students of Basic Education High School No 1 in Latha Township of Yangon Region on 5 July. The local authorities present citizenship scrutiny cards to the students.—MYANMA ALIN***

## Cash assistance provided to students in Gyobingauk

GYOBINGAUK, 14 July—A ceremony to present cash assistance for students of staff of Gyobingauk Township General Administration Department was held at the hall of the department on 8 July morning.

After giving a speech, Township Administrator U Thein Tun presented K 144,000 as cash assistance to 33 university and basic education students.

*Myanma Alin*

**DISTRICT NEWS**

## Monsoon tree growing ceremony held in An

AN, 14 July—Jointly organized by An Township General Administration Department of Kyaukpyu District and Township Forest Department, the monsoon tree growing ceremony was held at Basic Education High School No 1 in An on 11 July.

It was attended by Assistant Director U Htay Maung of Kyaukpyu District Forest Department, An Township Administrator U Myint Oo, departmental personnel, Staff Officer of An Township Forest Department U Kyaw Shwe and staff, the Township Education Officer and teachers, students and local people.

At the ceremony, they grew 200 saplings at the designated places.

*Township IPRD*

## Agricultural knowledge shared to local farmers in Yekyi

YEKYI, 14 July—The sowing of monsoon Palethwe hybrid paddy seeds for 2012-2013 cultivation season was held in conjunction with the dissemination of agricultural knowledge to farmers in Kaungchoung Village-tract in Yekyi Township of Pathein District in Ayeyawady Region on 28 June.

Assistant Director U Hla Wai of Region Agriculture Department, Head of District Agriculture Department U Sai Kya Ohn, the head of District Agricultural Mechanization Department and Yekyi Township Administrator U Aung Kyaw Oo explained agricultural technique to the local farmers.

*Min Zaw Oo (Yekyi)*

## Reading habit raised in Katha Township

KATHA, 14 July—The raising of reading habit and book donation was held at monastery in Paw-mamyiang Village in Katha Township on 29 July.

Staff Officer U Chi Maung of Katha District Information and Public Relations Department, members of Township Writers Association U San Oo (Kannaphuka-San U), U Aung Nyunt (Lu Aung), U Po Naing (Niang Gyi-Katha), U San Lwin Min (Ngwe Oh-Katha), U Myint Hein Kyaw (Katha) and U Min Naing (Reporter) donated books and publications to the self-reliant library and exercise books and stationery to students of Pawmamyaing Village.

They discussed raising of reading habits.

*Myanma Alin*

## Fire drill demonstrated at Myoma Market in Shwegu

SHWEGU, 14 July—A demonstration on fire fighting was practised in front of Myoma Market in Shwegu on 5 July.

Under the leadership of Chairman of the Fire Prevention Committee Township Administrator U Nyi Nyi, Head of Township Fire Services Department U Tin Maung Ko and member, Executive Officer U Khin Aung Ni of Township Development Affairs Committee and families of the market participated in the fire drills.—*Township GAD*

**CASH DONATED:** ***In memory of grandpa U Po Aung-Daw Mya Kyi, Daw Khin Aye Myint Aung (retired SAT), grandson U Thaung Htaik-Daw Mya Sanda Maung Maung of Magway donated K 1 million to the fund of Jivitadana Clinic of Home for the Aged in Yedashe Township on 8 July. Chairman of the Home (Moe) U Myint accepts donation.—MYANMA ALIN***

## PyinOoLwin cultivates saplings at golf course

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—The rainy season tree growing ceremony 2012 took place at PyinOoLwin Golf Course in PyinOoLwin on 8 July morning.

Those present planted 1000 saplings. Arrangements have been made to grow 6000 teak saplings for 14 villages, 59000 eucalyptus saplings for 42 villages and 1000 teak saplings for along roads, totaling 93895 saplings.

*Myanma Alin*

# Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives Member of British Parliament Mr Jeffery Donaldson and party

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received a delegation led by Member of British Parliament Mr Jeffery Donaldson at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 2 pm today.

Also present at the call were Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Director-General U Min Zaw of the President Office and departmental heads.

The Member of British Parliament was accompanied by British Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Andrew Richard Heyn and senior officers. At the call, they exchanged views on peace process in Britain with Ireland and matters related to peace-making process in Myanmar.—*MNA*

***Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives a delegation led by Member of British Parliament Mr Jeffery Donaldson at Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw.*—MNA**

## Myanmar, Japan to increase bilateral trade

***Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint addressing Japan-Myanmar Economic Networking Event at Hotel New Otani in Osaka.***
**MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—The economic delegation led by Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint attended Myanmar-Japan Economic Networking Event at Brighton Hotel in Tokyo of Japan on 11 July.

The Union minister and party then attended Japan-Myanmar economic seminar held at the Hotel New Otani in Osaka on 12 July. The seminar was attended by 100 Japan and Myanmar businessmen.

On the occasion, the Union minister explained ongoing reforms of the incumbent government and investment and trade prospects in Myanmar and replied to queries of Japan businessmen.

The Union minister and party observed production process of construction and transportation equipment at Yutani Co Ltd in Osaka. The Union minister then proceeded to Hard Lock Industry Co Ltd where he observed the production of nuts currently used in transportation vehicles, aircrafts and bullet trains. The Union minister invited the company to make investments in Myanmar. The Union minister discussed investment potentials in Myanmar with Diawa Housing Co Ltd. The delegation met over 200 Japan businessmen in Tokyo, Kyoto and Osaka and Japan to discuss promotion of bilateral investment and trade and arrived back here yesterday evening.—*MNA*

## Construction of Mandalay-Sagaing-Monywa-Shwebo link inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun inspected construction of modern technology-applied Mandalay-Sagaing-Monywa-Shwebo link and installation of machines at the control room of Mandalay Region Communication Office yesterday morning.

In meeting with the staff, the Union Minister said that as GSM/UMTS mobile phone and Internet users are increasing day by day, it is necessary to construct the links for smooth telecommunication for them. He stressed the need to pay attention to better communication of fiber links and microwave links and to build reserve links.

While in Mandalay, Sagaing and Monywa, the Union Minister met staff and explained that the Ministry commences its tasks for providing better communication service to the people by adopting reform plan in accord with the guidance of the President. At present, he said that the Ministry is making arrangements for undertaking tasks in cooperation with international companies, and therefore, it is necessary to carry out the tasks without delay.

*MNA*

***Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu being welcomed by French Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Thierry Mathou at the reception to mark French National Day at Strand Hotel on 14 July.***
**MNA**

## Myanmar young golfer to take part in The Junior Open Championship 2012

YANGON, 14 July—The young Myanmar golfers team left here yesterday evening for England to participate in The Junior Open Championship 2012 to be held in Fairhaven Golf Club of England from 16 to 18 July. Coaches of Myanmar Golf Federation, and personnel saw off the team at Yangon International Airport.

The team comprises Sithu Ye Yint, the participant and joint secretary general of MGF U Myo Tun as the team manager.

It is the first time of Myanmar golfers to take part in major Europe tournament organized by R & A, thanks to the intermediation of MGF with international golf organizations. Continuous participation in invitational tournaments would present opportunities to Myanmar golfers to compete in golf tournaments held in US. It is learnt that discussions will be made with personnel of R & A on refresher courses for coaches and golf course maintenance works for promotion of Myanmar golf standard.

*MNA*

## Dy L&F minister views sanitation tasks of the staff

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July— Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye this morning inspected planting of seasonal crops, vegetables and sanitation tasks of housing of the ministry's staff quarters at Pyinyatheikdhi ward in Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw.

The deputy minister viewed plantations of seasonal crops, vegetables, perennial crops and shade trees at staff quarters of the ministry. The deputy minister urged the staff to make more efforts in planting vegetables in order to generate more income by selling surplus vegetables, to introduce carrot and stick policy, to ensure sanitation of staff quarters and to conduct land reclamation.

*MNA*

## To best serve interest…

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democratic reforms process that are being undertaken in Myanmar.

Myanmar regained her independence in 1948 and today, at this very moment, we have reached a turning point in our history. Our country is resided by over 60 million of population with over 100 ethnic nationalities with their own languages and cultures. Geographically, we are situated between two major nations—China and India. In addition, Myanmar is located at a strategic location in Southeast Asia Region with abundant untapped natural resources, however, our country has lagged behind in development compared to other countries in the world.

Today, after nearly half a century, Myanmar has embarked on democratic path in building a new nation through peaceful transition. Myanmar is at a crucial juncture, where she has evolved from the military administration putting an end to armed conflict to achieve sustainable peace and moving toward a new democratic era while endeavouring for the development of the country.

The Government has already anticipated to encounter many difficulties and obstacles in building a new democratic society and a new nation for our people. As such, we are still facing numerous challenges. When the new government started to assume state responsibilities, many have looked upon us with suspicion and uncertainities. But with the passage of time and because of our transparency and genuine goodwill efforts, we have started to enjoy the support of many nations.

At the same time, there are still others who wish to observe our situation and maintain pressure on our country. But there are also many nations that understand our true situation and actual difficulties and challenges that our government is encountering.

With the establishment of a new government in Myanmar, the people of Myanmar wish to see true changes in the country. The government is striving to fulfill the wishes of our people. Therefore, the government has been simultaneously implementing the three reform measures.

The first reform measures is to walk out from a centralized system that the country had practiced for half a century and eventually build a mature democratic State. Democratic practice has been vanished from our country for many years and building a democratic State will be the biggest challenge for our people and our country. To be able to build a strong democratic foundation, there will be a need to take necessary reform measures in Executive, Legislative and Judiciary bodies. At the same time we are also taking necessary measures to review or revoke existing laws that no longer attend to our new system and this new era. Furthermore, we must also reform the bureaucratic system and the mindset of the government officials.

As your are well aware of the fact that we have also met with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the leader of the National League for Democracy (NLD) and have invited her to hold discussions openly so that we could set aside our differences and worked together based on common grounds. Today, she is a parliamentarian and she is at the Hluttaw. At the same time, we were able to engage also with leaders of ethnic nationalities, political parties, entrepreneurs, civil society and foreign and domestic intelligentsia and those from all walks of life.

With the aim of achieving national reconsolidation, we have granted amnesty to many prisoners. We have also taken necessary measures to relax regulations on media and telecommunications so that our people may have better access and enjoy the facilities openly. We have also invited our expatriates to return to their homeland. We have eased our printing and censorship procedures on a step-by-step basis. We have already committed ourselves to enact a Media Law for media freedom and transparency in the near future.

We have also permitted the formation of political parties, civil societies in accord with the existing laws. We have already enacted necessary laws that would protect the fundamental rights of our citizens such as formation of labour union and to enjoy freedom of assembly and freedom of speech.

The second reform measure that we are undertaking is to achieve a long lasting peace in the country. It has been over 60 years that the conflicts have emerged in our country since Myanmar's independence. And last year, we launched a new mode of operandi and coordination through a new dialogue enabling to sign ceasefire agreements with the ten ethnic armed groups. With the intention of achieving peace, we have made necessary engagement with the KIO/KIA group from Kachin State as well.

The third reform measure that we are undertaking is to transform the centralized economy into a market-oriented economy. As part of micro-economy exertion we are implementing rural areas development and poverty alleviation. We have also enacted Micro-finance Act. We have sought necessary assistance from domestic and foreign intelligentsia and experts from international organizations for sustainable micro-economic policy. We have also adopted the managed float exchange rate system in our country.

While implementing these three reform measures in parallel we face numerous challenges like the recent situation in Rakhine State which we were able to successfully calm down and bring to normalcy.

It is regrettable that we do not receive any assistance from international monetary institutions and organizations such as World Bank, IMF, ADB and UNDP in our democratic nation building endeavours due to sanctions imposed on Myanmar. And to best serve the interest of our people and our country, we have the fervent desire to seek technical know-how and to set up economic engagement with other countries but the challenge is that sanctions are still restricting us from doing so.

Myanmar is inviting foreign investors to invest in our country. In this context, the Myanmar Investment Commission has also laid down the four principles with regard to foreign investments—namely (a) to protect the interest of Myanmar citizens; (b) to protect the dignity of the State; (c) to protect national sovereignty; and (d) to allow environmental friendly investment. We are preparing to enact Myanmar Foreign Investment Law that will be of international standard. In doing so we are also seeking the advice from international experts. With the enactment of Myanmar Foreign Investment Law, we are hoping to attract more investments that will both serve the interest of our nation and investors.

The newly formed Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) has been starting its operation keeping in mind to abide by the established standards to give protection to investors, to focus on environmental protection, to emphasize on social impact protection, on transparency and accountability in financial sector which allows for internationally accepted abiding system, job creation by employees, corporate social responsibility (CSR) and technology transfer and factors gradually taking into consideration in weighing investment proposals.

Based on the recommendations from experts and suggestions on resource related investment, steps are being taken to introduce internationally used Extractive Industry Transparency Initiatives (EITI) in the near future.

To conclude, I would like to underscore the growing importance of the development of Asia in the world. We are confident that based on mutual respect among the countries and abiding by rules and procedures that all countries can live up to, we will be able to establish mutually beneficial cooperation. Here , I would like to further underscore that we shall work toward achieving our objectives through green economy so that we will be able to protect our environment and also prevent natural disasters that come with technical advancement. I believe that if our Asian countries work together we will be able to overcome these obstacles, achieve regional developments and also contribute to the maintenance of world peace, stability and prosperity.

Myanmar has lagged behind in development for the past sixty years. We are resolute to strive our all-out efforts to achieve recognition and respect from our friendly nations as a developed democratic state. We would like to reiterate our commitment to actively participate in attaining the ASEAN aims of achieving "Rich ASEAN 2030" and at the same time build mutual understanding with countries of the world based on friendship and cooperation to overcome the challenges that we may encounter.—*MNA*

***President U Thein Sein cordially greets those present at the dinner of US-ASEAN Business Forum.*** **MNA**

## Cash and kind donated to people in Rakhine State

***Wellwishers donate cash and foodstuff for locals of Rakhine State at Fire Services Department (Head Office).*—MNA**

YANGON, 14 July—Cash and kind were donated for people in Rakhine State who lost their property and assets in recent unrest at Maykhalar Hall of Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township here this morning.

Daw Than Than Win family and wellwishers donated K 721,600 million; Latha Township Lipan Buddhist Temple, K 0.5 million; U Kyaw Tun Aung and Daw Si Si Kay (Happy World), goods worth K 0.5 million; U Aung Thin and wife Daw Tin Saw Mu, U Aung Kyaw Myint, Daw Phyu Phyu Myint and U Thein Win Aung K 100,000 million each, Ma Su Yamin and Ma Phyu Ma Theint wellwishers, K 50,000 and five bales of cloth; Kayah State FSD, K 50,000; U Soe Tin and wife Daw Htway Kyin, K 50,000 and one bale of cloth; U Sein Han and wife Daw Swe, K 50,000; Ma May Oo See (a) Ma Phyo Pyae Pyae San, K 50,000; U Aung Than and wife Daw San Yi, one bale of cloth; U Thein Han and wife Daw Khin Mar Kyu, one bale of cloth; U Tin Tun and wife Daw Khin Htay Oo, four bales of cloth. FSD Director-General U Tin Moe and officials accepted donations and spoke words of thanks.

The donation to date amounted to K 287,825,523. *MNA*

# President U Thein Sein leaves Cambodia

*President U Thein Sein being seen off by officials at Siem Reap Airport after attending US-ASEAN Business Forum.*—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and party left Sokha Angkor Resort Hotel in Siem Reap of Cambodia for Siem Reap Airport by car at 8.30 am LST on 14 July to go back to Nay Pyi Taw after attending US-ASEAN Business Forum held in Siem Reap of Cambodia.

President U Thein Sein and party were seen off at the airport by Cambodian officials, Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia U Cho Tun Aung and embassy staff. President U Thein Sein and party left Cambodia by Special Flight at 9 am LST and arrived back here at 10.15 am.

*MNA*

# President U Thein Sein arrives in Cambodia to attend US-ASEAN Business Forum

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, accompanied by the delegation members, left here for Cambodia by Myanmar Airways International Special Flight on 13 July, to attend US-ASEAN Business Forum which will be held in Siem Reap of Cambodia.

They arrived at Airport at 2.45 pm LST and were welcomed there by Siem Reap Mayor Mr Sou Phirin and officials, Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia U Cho Tun Aung and embassy staff. After that, the President and party proceeded to Sokha Angkor Resort Hotel in Siem Reap by car.—*MNA*

*President U Thein Sein being welcomed by Siem Reap Mayor Mr Sou Phirin and officials at Siem Reap Airport.*

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# Dy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets member of British Parliament and party

*Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa meets a delegation led by Member of British Parliament Mr Jeffery Donaldson.*—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa received a delegation led by Member of British Parliament Mr Jeffery Donaldson, at the hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Building No.1, Hluttaw Complex, here, at 1 pm. At the call, they cordially exchanged views on Hluttaw's duties, drafting of bills by Hluttaw and opportunities for cooperation between Hluttaws for socio-economic development of both people of Myanmar and UK.

Also present at the call together with the Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw were Chairman U Sein Win of Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee, Secretaries of Hluttaw Committee, commission members, officials from Hluttaw Office. The British delegation was accompanied by British Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Andrew Richard Heyn.

*MNA*

# Union electric power No. 2 minister attends ceremony for handing over of SICS and RTU

YANGON, 14 July— A ceremony to hand over Substation Integrated Control System (SICS) and Remote Terminal Unit (RTU) which was jointly-donated and installed by Myanmar Iwatani LPG Trading Co, Ltd and Youho Electric Co, Ltd (Korea) for Hlawga Main Power Station, was held at the station of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise in Mingaladon Township, here, this morning, with an address by Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe.

The Union Minister expressed special thanks to Myanmar Iwatani LPG Trading Co., Ltd and Youho Electric Co., Ltd (Korea) that donate SICS and RTU. President Mr Yoo In-Chang of Youho Electric Co., Ltd (Korea) explained the purpose of donation. And Managing Director Mr Yoon Sang-Young handed over the documents related to SICS Automation System through Deputy Minister U Aung Than Oo.

After that, the Union Minister presented certificates of honour to Youho Electric Co, Ltd (Korea) and Myanmar Iwatani LPG Trading Co, Ltd for donation of SICS Automation System and had a documentary photo taken.

The Union Minister inspected installment of SICS Automation System and distribution of electricity in the main power station.—*MNA*

# Japan Mizuho Corporate Bank opens its branch in Yangon

YANGON, 14 July—Japan Mizuho Corporate Bank has opened its branch in Yangon, and the opening ceremony of the branch took place at Sedona Hotel here yesterday evening.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe speaking on the occasion said that he believed that the decision of Mizuho Corporate Bank to open a branch in the commercial hub of the country would contribute to economy and financial sector of the country. Development of a nation calls for human resources development apart from infrastructural one. It is learnt that Japan Airways would fly direct flight between Japan and Yangon, which is believed to attract more visitors from Japan who love Myanmar culture, cementing the bond between the tow countries. He added that Mizuho would further strengthen the long-established Japan-Myanmar friendship.

Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Takashi Saito, Vice Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Maung Maung Win and Deputy President of Mizuho Corporate Bank Mr Nagahama spoke words of appreciation.

*MNA*

*Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe delivers a speech at opening ceremony of Mizuho Corporate Bank (Yangon Branch).*—MNA

# Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw receives US Under Secretary of Economic, Business and Agriculture Affairs

*Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann receives Under Secretary of Economic, Business and Agriculture Affairs of the US Mr Robert Homats.*—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received a delegation led by Under Secretary of Economic, Business and Agriculture Affairs of the US Mr Robert Homats at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10.25 am today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Chairmen of the Pyithu Hluttaw Committees U Soe Naing and U Win Sein, secretaries, members of the Hluttaw Committees and Commission and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

The US Under Secretary of Economic, Business and Agriculture Affairs was accompanied by US Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade Mr Francisco Sanchez and US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek James Mitchell and officials.

At the call, they cordially exchanged views on political and diplomatic relations, promotion of investment, economic and trade matters between peoples of Myanmar and the US, cooperation in socio-economic development, bilateral cooperation between the governments and Hluttaws and peoples for ensuring promotion of friendly ties.

*MNA*

# Union Information & Culture Minister receives Ambassador of ROK

*Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan receives Korean Ambassador Mr Kim Hae-Yong.*—MNA

YANGON, 14 July—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan received Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar Mr Kim Hae-Yong at the meeting hall of Myanma Radio and Television on Pyay Road, here, at 3 pm today.

They discussed coverage of opening and closing ceremonies of the XXVII SEA Games and live coverage of the games.

Also present at the call were Managing Director U Ye Tint of Printing and Publishing Enterprise, Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise, Deputy Director-General of Myanma Radio and Television U Tin Wan and officials.

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## Kyaikto Township Cooperative Syndicate holds AGM

KYAIKTO, 14 July—Kyaikto Township Cooperative Syndicate held the Annual General Meeting 2011-2012 fiscal year at the hall of the syndicate in Kyaikto on 6 July.

At the ceremony, Assistant Director U Aung Moung of Mon State Cooperative Department and Chairman of Mon State Cooperative Syndicate U Sein Teik made speeches.

Chairman of the Township Cooperative Syndicate U Maung Maung Lwin and Managing Director Daw Zin Zin Naing explained progress of works in fiscal year.

After that, officials presented prizes to outstanding students of members of the syndicates in matriculation examination with flying colours.

*Township Cooperative*

## Duties of annual projects assigned to local authorities in Pyay

Pyay, 14 July—A ceremony to assign duties of projects was held at Pearl Thida hall of Township General Administration Department in Pyay of Pyay District in Bago Region on 29 June.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Aung Zaw Htet assigned duties of annual projects to ward and village authorities.

*Township GAD*

**CARDS ISSUED:** ***Head of Minhla Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Win Aung and staff issued citizenship scrutiny cards to local people at Ottwin Village-tract in Minhla Township of Bago Region on 7 July.***

TOWNSHIP IMMIGRATION

## Locals plant saplings at Thandwe GTI

THANDWE, 14 July—The rainy season tree growing ceremony was held in the compound of Government Technical Institute in Thandwe on 2 July morning.

At first, Deputy Commissioner U Tun Wai of District General Administration Department presented saplings to district and township level officials. Chairperson of Thandwe District Women's Affairs Organization Daw Yin Yin Khaing and Chairperson of Thandwe Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Wai Wai Aung gave saplings to members of District and Township Women's Affairs Organizations.

Later, they planted 1150 saplings of various species.—*District GAD*

## *DISTRICT NEWS*

# With ego too big to fail, Iowa broker admits 20-year fraud

CEDAR RAPIDS, 14 July—Russell Wasendorf Sr, arrested on Friday, confessed to a 20-year fraud at his now-bankrupt Iowa brokerage, saying business troubles and his "big" ego left him no choice: "So I cheated." In the dramatic conclusion to a week-long saga that has shaken trader confidence in the trillion-dollar US futures markets, authorities released parts of a detailed statement in which one of the industry's best-known veterans explained how he used little more than a rented PO Box, Photoshop and inkjet printers to dupe regulators in a more than $100 million scheme.

FBI agents arrested Wasendorf, 64, at the Iowa City hospital where he has been since trying to commit suicide on Monday. He was charged with making false statements to regulators, but prosecutors said they would seek more charges. He faces "decades in prison", Assistant US Attorney Peter Deegan said.

In the signed statement, left along with a suicide note and released as part of the criminal complaint, Wasendorf said he began forging bank documents after the business he built from his basement risked failing without additional capital. The timeline suggests his deceit lasted almost the entire life of his brokerage. "I was forced into a difficult decision: Should I go out of business or cheat?" he wrote.

"I guess my ego was too big to admit failure. So I cheated," the note said. It was discovered on Monday in his car outside the company's new Iowa headquarters, where Wasendorf had tried to kill himself by funneling in tailpipe exhaust. The arrest ends much of the mystery that has enveloped the futures industry this week. But it will not ease the pain of betrayal in the small Iowa town that Wasendorf made his corporate home in 2009, nor the anger of a financial industry still smarting from the failure of rival brokerage MF Global. "I have committed fraud," Wasendorf wrote in the note, the contents of which he later told authorities were true. "I feel constant and intense guilt."

Yet he also wrote in almost boastful detail about the "blunt authority" that allowed him to control the flow of documents into the company; how he used a simple post office box to trick "unquestioning" regulators; and his skill in turning out forged bank statements within hours that "no one suspected."

*Internet*

***Russell Wasendorf, chairman and chief executive officer of PFGBest, cuts the ribbon to the company's new headquarters in Cedar Falls, Iowa, in this 18 Sept, 2009 photo courtesy of the Waterloo Courier. —REUTERS***

# US investigates whether JPMorgan traders hid losses

NEW YORK, 14 July—US federal investigators are looking at whether JPMorgan Chase & Co traders hid trading losses that have since grown to $5.8 billion, according to a person familiar with the matter, after the bank said its own probe found reason for suspicion.

JPMorgan, the largest US bank, said it believes it will lose at most another $1.7 billion from the bad credit trades. Problems at the group that made the bets, the Chief Investment Office, have been fixed, said Chief Executive Jamie Dimon. CIO traders had used derivatives to bet on corporate debt. Investors cheered the bank for capping losses and taking steps to ensure it avoids similar bad bets in the future. JPMorgan's shares rose 6 percent on Friday. Even with the trading losses, JPMorgan earned nearly $5 billion overall in the second quarter, thanks to its strong performance in areas such as mortgage lending.

The trading losses may be mostly over, but with the disclosure that traders may have lied about their losses, regulatory and legal consequences will linger for some time. Blame for the problems at the CIO office may go further up the management chain to some of the most senior executives at the firm, lawyers said.

The source said that federal criminal investigators are looking at people at JPMorgan in London, where the CIO's risky bets were placed. The criminal investigation began in earnest in the past few weeks after JPMorgan's internal investigation uncovered that CIO traders may have intentionally masked losses, said the source, who is not authorized to speak about the matter and declined to be identified.—*Reuters*

***People are seen in the lobby of JP Morgan Chase's international headquarters on Park Avenue in New York on 13 July, 2012. —REUTERS***

# Cuba, India seek expanded cooperation in energy, telecom, tourism

HAVANA, 14 July—India has expressed interest in expanding cooperation with Cuba in the sectors of energy, telecommunications and tourism, media reports said here on Friday.

Indian Commerce and Industry Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said during his ongoing visit here that his country was also interested in working together with Cuba in the areas of pharmaceuticals, petrochemicals, sugar, agriculture, agrochemicals, mining and services, according to Cuba's official daily *Granma*.

Scindia, head of a visiting Indian business delegation, said India has extensive experience in developing information and communications technologies, and is keen to cooperate with Cuba in that area.

India had launched a global push to promote tourism over the past years, Scindia said. The industry is "very important, not only as a source of foreign revenue, but also for employment," he said.

Scindia arrived in Havana on Tuesday, where he met with several top government officials and business leaders, including Cuba's First Deputy Foreign Trade and Investment Minister Orlando Hernandez.

On Thursday, Scindia inaugurated a bilateral business forum which was attended by 25 Indian entrepreneurs led by Inderdeep Singh, president of the Indian Confederation of Industries.

During his meeting with Scindia, Hernandez said Cuba had prepared an offer of seven joint venture projects with Asian entrepreneurs in the fields of renewable energy, oil, paper, chemicals and tourism.—*Internet*

# 5.3-magnitude quake hits New Zealand North Island

WELLINGTON, 14 July—An earthquake measuring 5.3 struck New Zealand North Islsnad's Bay of Plenty early on Saturday morning, and there were no reports of damage.

The quake hit at 2 am (14:00 GMT Friday) and was centred 30 km east of Murupara at a depth of 60 km, according to New Zealand government geological agency's GeoNet Data Center.

It was felt across central-eastern areas of the North Island.

A small earthquake, measuring 4.2 magnitude, also rattled North Island's esters cape, some 20 km north-west of Gisborne on Saturday morning, at a depth of 30 km.

*Internet*

# Families of Concordia dead come to shipwreck site

GIGLIO, 14 July—Relatives of the 32 people killed in the *Costa Concordia* shipwreck have sailed to the Italian island where the cruise ship struck a reef six months ago to remember their loved ones.

The Concordia capsized near Giglio, an island off the Tuscan coast, on 13 Jan. On Friday, many family members came to Giglio for a memorial that was to begin at 9:42 pm, the time when the collision occurred.

Among them was Elio Vincenzi, an Italian whose wife is one of two victims whose bodies were never found. Vincenzi said "human stupidity" took his wife from him. He was apparently referring to the Concordia captain who allegedly caused the wreck by steering the ship too close to the reef and then abandoning it while passengers were still aboard.

*Internet*

***Tourists relax on rocks in front of the Costa Concordia wreckage on the Giglio Island, Italy, on 12 July, 2012. Works have begun to remove the tons of rocky reef embedded into the Concordia cruise ship's hull, a first step in plans to eventually tow the wreck away from the island, where it ran aground last January.—INTERNET***

# *Russian state commission approves new ISS crew*

MOSCOW, 14 July—A Russia state commission on Friday approved three new crew members for the *International Space Station (ISS)* ahead of their Sunday takeoff.

The crew, comprising Russian cosmonaut Yury Malenchenko, NASA astronaut Sunita Williams and Japanese astronaut Akihito Hoshide, is scheduled to lift with the *Soyuz* spacecraft from Baikonur Space Centre in Kazakhstan on Sunday morning, Russia's Federal Space Agency Roscosmos said. The State Commission meeting also approved a backup team that consists of Russian cosmonaut Roman Romanenko, NASA astronaut Thomas Marshburn and Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield, local media reported.

Russia's Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Centre said previously that the new crew members have passed all exams at the training centre.

Vitaly Lopota, president of Russia's Rocket and Space Corporation Energia, told local media the company was ready for the launch. "All systems are in order, there are no problems with the equipment. We are ready for the launch," *Interfax* news agency quoted Lopota as saying.

Energia, the largest company of Russian space industry, is a lead developer of the Soyuz and Progress spacecraft and is in charge of all operations involving manned space flight. The *Soyuz* carrier rocket is scheduled to blast off from Baikonur at 6:40 Moscow time (0240 GMT) on 15 July, according to Roscosmos.

After the capsule's docking with the orbital station on 17 July, the trio will join the current *ISS* crew, which includes Russian cosmonauts Gennady Padalka and Sergei Revin and NASA astronaut Joe Acaba, who have been in orbit since mid-May.—*Xinhua*

# Colorado says dentist put thousands at HIV risk from reused syringes

DENVER, 14 July—A suspended Colorado dentist reused syringes and needles in his now-shuttered practice, potentially exposing thousands of patients to HIV and hepatitis infection, health officials warned on Friday. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment sent letters to 8,000 patients of dentist Stephen Stein, urging them to seek tests for the diseases after learning of "unsafe injection practices" at two Denver-area clinics he owned between September 1999 and June 2011. Investigators found that Stein reused needles and syringes in several patients' intravenous lines at his oral surgery and dental implant clinics, in violation of standard medical protocol, the department said in a statement.

"This practice has been shown to transmit infections," the statement said. It added that there had been no confirmed cases of anyone contracting the viral infections through Stein's clinics.

In the letters sent to Stein's former patients, the health department urged them to be tested for HIV, hepatitis B and hepatitis C, said Jan Stapleman, a department spokeswoman.

Stein's records were incomplete, so it is likely more people were possibly exposed than those already identified, she said. A hot line established for Stein's patients to call was "very busy" all day on Friday, Stapleman said.—*Reuters*

# CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

## MV DANU BHUM VOY NO (309)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DANU BHUM VOY NO (309) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15.7.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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***Police Officers walk near the plane that crashed on landing at Le Castellet airport, near Toulon, southern France, on 13 July, 2012.*** —INTERNET

# Private jet crash kills three Americans in France

LE CASTELLET, 14 July— A French official says a private plane has caught fire and crashed on landing at Le Castellet airport in southern France, killing the three Americans on board.

Paul Mourier, prefect of the Var region where Le Castellet is located, said two men, aged 60 and 24, and a 30-year-old woman died in the Friday afternoon crash of the Gulfstream F4 from Nice. The victims, all burned, weren't identified. Some 60 firefighters doused the flaming aircraft, which lost a wing on its landing approach. Five divers searched a nearby swamp to ensure there were no other victims. An investigation into the cause of the crash on a windless day has been opened.—*Internet*

# 240,000 ordered to evacuate in Japan deluge

TOKYO, 14 July—Almost a quarter of a million people were ordered to leave their homes in southwest Japan on Saturday as heavy rain pounded the area for the third day, with 20 already dead, officials and reports said.

The Japan Meteorological Agency warned of more landslides and floods on the main southern island of Kyushu as rainfall of up to 11 centimetres (4.3 inches) per hour was recorded on early Saturday.

Evacuation orders had been issued to about 240,000 people in the north of Kyushu where more rivers burst their banks, public broadcaster NHK and *Jiji Press* news agency reported, compiling figures from various authorities.

They were told to go to designated shelters such as schools and other public facilities, while more people were advised to leave their homes.

Television footage showed torrents of muddy, debris-strewn water and flooded houses following what officials described as "unprecedented" downpours from a weather front on Thursday.

Along the Yamakuni river in Oita prefecture, water was seen reaching the roof of a riverside drive-in restaurant.

More than 75 centimetres of rain fell in 72 hours in the inland city of Aso, the meteorological agency said.

The death toll remained at 20 overnight and seven missing, with 19 of the fatalities from landslides and house collapses in and near Aso.

*Internet*

***Workers remove debris from the railing of a bridge in Kumamoto prefecture, on Japan's southern island of Kyushu, on 13 July . Evacuation orders had been issued to about 240,000 people in the north of Kyushu where more rivers burst their banks, public broadcaster NHK and Jiji Press news agency reported, compiling figures from various authorities.***—INTERNET

# Survivors: Avalanche hit with no warning, no sound

***Relatives of the victims of the avalanche enters the hospital near Chamonix, France on 13 July, 2012. An avalanche in the French Alps swept Thursday nine climbers to their deaths on a slope leading to Mont Blanc.*** —INTERNET

CHAMONIX, 14 July— Climbers who survived the massive avalanche in the French Alps that killed nine of their colleagues said on Friday they were tossed around by a wave of snow that hit without a sound. Local officials, meanwhile, insisted it would have been impossible to foresee Thursday's deadly avalanche.

One survivor, Danish climber Thomas Dybro, 30, told *The Associated Press* that he was deeply shaken by what happened and wouldn't be returning anytime soon to Mont Blanc.

"All of a sudden big pieces of ice fell down right next to us. ... And then a split second after that it all came down and hit us and blew us away," he recalled. "I feel like I've been hit by a truck and did ten rounds (of boxing)."

Three Britons, three Germans, two Spaniards and a Swiss climber were killed and 14 people were injured in the avalanche on one of the most popular routes to the summit of Mont Blanc, western Europe's highest peak at 15,782 feet (4,810 meters).

Daniel Rossetto, a 63-year-old mountain guide, said the avalanche hit silently as he led two Danish climbers up the mountain, tossing them around like a washing machine. Luckily they were on the edge of the massive slide and all three survived.

"Big chunks of snow fell onto us so we were swept. We all fell together. And that's it. It's quick but it's always too long," he told *AP*. "It's a lot of impact. It's a 40-degree slope, and we fell about 200 to 250 metres (650 to 820 feet)."

Early summer storms had left behind heavy snow but the weather had cleared enough in the past several days to encourage many guided and independent teams of climbers to set out. The avalanche on the north face of Mont Maudit hit two hours after 28 climbers had left a high-altitude climbing hut.

Britain's ambassador to France, Sir Peter Ricketts, said the climbers "were doing nothing imprudent" and there were "no indications of an avalanche" ahead of time.

The area where the wind-slab avalanche occurred typically sees between four and 10 accidents per day this time of year, but rarely something so serious, said Jean-Louis Verdier, the deputy mayor of Chamonix and a mountain guide himself. On busy days, up to 80 people a day can be on that route.

*Internet*

# Hospitals struggle to save victims of Nigeria oil fire

LAGOS, 14 July—Medical workers on Friday struggled to save the survivors of a massive petrol fire in southern Nigeria, as the death toll, previously put at roughly 100, rose by at least four. Relatives of those who were engulfed in flames while scooping fuel from an overturned tanker flocked to area hospitals and found family members who were hardly recognisable.

Sade Orisola said she received a call to say that her brother was among those burned on early Thursday in the inferno on a major highway in Rivers state.

"When I got to the hospital I met a different person wrapped under a huge bandage," she told *AFP* as she sobbed outside the Federal Medical Centre in Yenagoa, capital of neighbouring Bayelsa state.

"'Can that be my brother?' is what I asked."

Rivers officials said more than 100 people were killed and 50 others injured in the fire. The severely burned survivors were rushed to several hospitals and medical workers were struggling to assess the full loss of life.

"What I can tell you is that we are still losing people," Rivers information commissioner Ibim Semenitari said. "In one of the hospitals where we had 13 wounded, four people have died," she added. More fatalities were feared at two other hospitals and the the state plans to release a final toll on Monday, Semenitari explained.

Medical workers at the hospital in Yenagoa who requested anonymity said they were not equipped to care for victims with such high degree burns, a common problem in Nigeria, where many hospitals lack the most basic facilities. The tragedy happened after the tanker swerved to avoid three oncoming vehicles in Rivers' Ahoada area, a key trading hub in the oil-rich Niger Delta region. Semenitari said that the toll could have been much higher had the fire occurred closer the town of Ahoada, as even more people may have rushed to the scene to collect the fuel spilling out of the toppled truck.—*Internet*

***A victim of a petrol tanker fire is treated for burns at the Federal Medical Centre in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State.***—INTERNET

# Tata chief keeps high hopes for Nano

MUMBAI, 14 July—The head of India's vehicle-to-steel conglomerate Tata Group says he still has high hopes for the Nano, billed as the world's cheapest car, despite a slow sales start.

"The fundamental economies of the Nano... will continue to establish itself in the Indian market with a wider sales and service network," Tata chairman Ratan Tata said in the firm's annual report released on Friday.

Ratan Tata's desire to create a safer, cheap vehicle for families travelling on scooters on India's dangerous roads inspired the creation of the four-door hatchback known as the "people's car".

"The potential market for such an affordable car is enormous throughout the developing world," said the 74-year-old Tata, one of India's most respected businessman, who retires at the end of the year.

During the last fiscal year, Nano sales rose 10.73 percent to 77,989 units from a year earlier. But the number is still a far cry from Tata's hopes, voiced at the car's unveiling in 2008, of eventually selling a million cars a year.

Tata started working on the snubnosed car when he saw families riding scooters — "the father riding with his young kid standing in front of him, his wife seated behind him holding a baby" — and being told the death rate for two-wheel riders on India's busy roads was three times that of those in cars.

But after the car received global acclaim at its unveiling, the Nano was plagued with start-up problems. A land acquisition row forced Tata to abandon a nearly completed plant and build another, badly delaying production.

Tata has insisted the concept of the low-cost Nano, whose base model sells for 154,540 rupees or $2,800, is solid.

"The launches of similar small cars (in the Indian market) by others vindicate our belief that this segment was missing in the product line."—*Internet*

***A pedestrian walks past an advertisement for the Tata Nano in Mumbai. The head of India's vehicle-to-steel conglomerate Tata Group says he still has high hopes for the Nano, billed as the world's cheapest car, despite a slow sales start.***—INTERNET

# S African scientists find most complete pre-human skeleton

South African scientists said on 12 July they had uncovered the most complete skeleton yet of an ancient relative of man, hidden in a rock excavated from an archaeological site three years ago.

The remains of a juvenile hominid skeleton, of the Australopithecus (southern ape) sediba species, constitute the "most complete early human ancestor skeleton ever discovered," according to University of Witwatersrand palaeontologist Lee Berger.

"We have discovered parts of a jaw and critical aspects of the body including what appear to be a complete femur (thigh bone), ribs, vertebrae and other important limb elements, some never before seen in such completeness in the human fossil record," said Berger, a lead professor in the finding.

The latest discovery of what is thought to be around two million years old, was made in a one-metre (three-foot) wide rock that lay unnoticed for years in a laboratory until a technician noticed a tooth sticking out of the black stone last month.

***A rock in Johannesburg is said to contain what South African scientists claimed to be the most complete skeleton yet of an ancient relative of man, hidden in a rock excavated from an archeological site three years ago.***

# Third Friday the 13th of the year

A Delaware mathematician said 13 July's Friday the 13 th is the third this year, which is the maximum number of times the date can occur in a single year.

Tom Fernsler, a mathematician at the University of Delaware, said 2012's three Friday the 13th, 13 Jan, 13 April and 13 July, are all exactly 13 weeks apart, the first time that has happened since 1984, *USA Today reported* on Friday.

Fernsler said 13 is historically seen as unlucky, as is Friday. He said Jesus was crucified on a Friday and Judas, the apostle who betrayed him, was the 13th guest at the Last Supper.

***Cast member Danielle Panabaker arrives on the red carpet for the Los Angeles premiere of the motion picture horror film "Friday The 13th", at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles on 9 Feb, 2009.***

"If you're not superstitious, maybe you should be," Fernsler said. "Eighty-seven percent of all the people in the world are superstitious about something. The other 13 percent are liars."

## News Album

***Judges Steven Tyler (L) and Jennifer Lopez speak onstage at a FOX Broadcasting event in January 2012. Lopez announced on Friday she was quitting ratings-challenged TV talent show "American Idol," a day after Tyler announced his departure.***
**INTERNET**

# J Lo follows rocker Tyler out of 'American Idol'

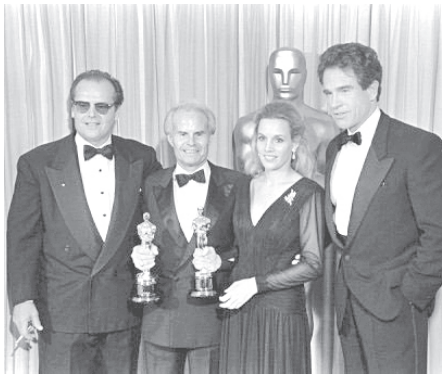
LOS ANGELES, 14 July— Jennifer Lopez announced on Friday she was quitting ratings-challenged TV talent show "American Idol," a day after fellow judge Steven Tyler announced his departure. Lopez had hinted as much on Thursday, when the Aerosmith frontman revealed that he was leaving the Fox show, which has struggled notably against new NBC rival "The Voice."

"I honestly feel like the time has come... to get back to doing the other things that I do, that I put on hold," Lopez said on Friday on "American Idol" host Ryan Seacrest's radio show. "I had put it on hold because I love 'Idol' so much. You have a lot of other responsibilities and other things you want to do."

Tyler and Lopez became judges on the hit talent show in September 2010, joining record producer Randy Jackson, who has been on the show since it launched.

Tyler said on Thursday he was returning to his first love — rock music. "I strayed from my first love, AEROSMITH, and I'm back — but instead of begging on my hands and knees, I've got two fists in the air and I'm kicking the door open with my band," he said in a statement.

"American Idol," which has aired for 11 seasons, has struggled with falling ratings, and was thrown into disarray by the departure of judges Simon Cowell, Ellen DeGeneres and Kara DioGuardi two years ago. "The Voice" premiered on NBC last year and was an immediate hit, with judges Christina Aguilera, Cee Lo Green, Adam Levine and Blake Shelton. It has been renewed for a third season.—*Internet*



***Producers Richard Zanuck (2nd L) and his wife Lili Zanuck (2nd R) flanked by US actors Jack Nicholson (L) and Warren Beatty (R), after they received an Oscar for best picture for the film "Driving Miss Daisy" at the 62nd Annual Academy Awards in Hollywood in 1990. Richard Zanuck, famous for films including "Jaws," "Driving Miss Daisy" and a string of Tim Burton films, died aged 77, media reported.—*** **INTERNET**

# Peter Chan, Samantha Morton on Venice festival jury

, 14 July—Hong Kong director Peter Chan and British actress Samantha Morton will be on a jury presided by US producer Michael Mann for the Venice film festival starting next month, organizers said on Friday.

They will be joined by French actress and model Laetitia Casta and Israeli director Ari Folman in the nine-person jury which awards the Golden Lions.

Chan started out working on Jackie Chan films and his directorial debut "Alan and Eric: Between Hello and Goodbye" in 1991 went on to win awards.

His latest production, Teddy Chen's "Bodyguards and Assassins" was a big box office hit Asia-wide and picked up eight prizes at the Hong Kong Film Awards.

The 35-year-old Morton has been nominated for an Oscar twice and her most recent appearance was in "Cosmopolis" by David Cronenberg.

The other jury members are Serbian actress and performer Marina Abramovic, Italian director Matteo Garrone, French-Swiss director Ursula Meier and Argentinian director Pablo Trapero. The Venice film festival starts on 29 August and runs until 8 September.—*Internet*

***Hong Kong actress Sandra Ng (L) and director Peter Chan (R) pose for pictures while walking down the red carpet at the 31st Hong Kong Film Awards in April 2012. Chan and British actress Samantha Morton will be on a jury presided by US producer Michael Mann for the Venice film festival starting next month.—*** **INTERNET**

# Hollywood producer Richard Zanuck dies, aged 77

LOS ANGELES, 14 July—Oscar-winning US film producer Richard Zanuck, famous for films including "Jaws," "Driving Miss Daisy" and a string of Tim Burton movies, died on Friday aged 77, his publicist said.

The Hollywood veteran, son of Twentieth Century Fox mogul Darryl F Zanuck, worked with Burton on films from 2001's "Planet of the Apes" remake to 2010's "Alice in Wonderland," as well as his latest film, "Dark Shadows."

He won an Oscar in 1990 for "Driving Miss Daisy," and another prize from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the Irving G Thalberg Memorial Award, the following year.

Zanuck died of a heart attack in Los Angeles, his publicist said in a statement.

Hollywood icon Steven Spielberg, director of 1975 classic "Jaws," once described Zanuck as "a director's producer," according to industry daily *Variety*.

"He always feels his job is to protect the director. Having run a studio for many years, he understood the corporate pressure put on filmmakers and yet he still turned out to be the filmmaker's best friend," Spielberg said.

The daily cited Burton as having praised Zanuck's "calming influence' while making 2005's "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." "I've worked with a lot of people who like to create chaos so they can solve the chaos," he said.

"He's not one of those people. It's amazing that someone who's been through as much as he's been through remains as passionate and optimistic about the whole thing," he added.

Zanuck is survived by his wife Lili Fini Zanuck, sons Harrison and Dean and nine grandchildren, his publicist said.
*Internet*

# Bruce Willis says I would do anything for Demi

WASHINGTON, 14 July — Bruce Willis has admitted that he would "probably do anything" for his ex-wife Demi Moore, who he split from in 2000. The 57-year-old actor, who has remained close to Moore since their divorce insists that the actress, their daughters Rumer, 23, Scout, 20, and Tallulah, 18, his current spouse Emma and their baby girl, three-month-old Mabel, are the most important people in his life.

"I'm very proud of my daughters. I would do anything for them. And for my wife Emma. And probably for Demi as well," Contactmusic quoted him as telling in magazine.

Willis reveled that he is particularly proud about the fact that the duo managed to keep their split private, despite their high-profile, as he thinks it was important for the welfare of their children. "We both didn't want to wash our dirty linen in public. We did that for our children as well," he added. Demi was hospitalized and endured a stint in rehab for an eating disorder and substance abuse issues earlier this year.—*Internet*

***Bruce Willis***

# Chelsea top UEFA revenue list

***Blues earn almost 60m euros from winning the Champions League last season***

LONDON, 14 July — Chelsea made nearly •60m from winning UEFA Champions League campaign last season. The Premier League club finished top of UEFA's revenue list for teams competing in European competition in the 2011/2012 season. Chelsea, who beat Bayern Munich to win the competition on a dramatic penalty shoot-out, received •59.935m from the European competition organizer.

This sum consisted of •29.9m for participation, match and performance bonuses, and •30.035m from the television market pool. Bayern received the second biggest share, earning •41.730m for finishing as runners-up. Chelsea's revenue from their participation in Europe was an increase of •15m more than they received in the 2010/11 season when they reached the quarter-finals. Premier League clubs occupied three of the top eight places in the revenue list, with Manchester United earning •35.182m despite going out in the group stages.

Arsenal earned •28.221m, while Manchester City made •26.525m — an increase in over •20m from the previous season when they played in the UEFA Europa League. UEFA distributed •754.1m in prize money to the 32 teams who figured from the group stage onwards, which consisted of •413m in fixed amounts plus •341.1m from the market pool. Every club received a minimum •7.2m, comprising a participation bonus of •3.9m and •3.3m from the six •550,000 match bonuses given per group game. Clubs that took part in the UEFA Champions League qualifying rounds also received solidarity payments. The gap between the money received for participation in the two European competitions is illustrated by Atletico Madrid receiving •10.518m for winning the Europa League. UEFA distributed •150.36m to the 48 clubs that played in the Europa League and the eight teams that joined the knockout stages from the UEFA Champions League.

UEFA 11/12 revenue to English clubs

Chelsea: •59.935m (10/11: •44.5m)

Manchester United: •35.182m (10/11: •53.2m)

Arsenal: •28.221m (10/11: •30m)

Manchester City: •26.525m (10/11: •6.1m)

Stoke: •3.526m

Birmingham City: •3m

Tottenham Hotspur: •2.950m (10/11: •31.1m)

Fulham: •2.950m

*Internet*

***Chelsea finished the season by winning the UEFA Champions League in Munich.*— INTERNET**

***Lucas Moura***

# Sao Paulo rejects 33 million-euro Man Utd offer for Lucas

RIO DE JANEIRO, 14 July — Brazilian club Sao Paulo has reportedly rejected a 33 million-euro offer from Manchester United for winger Lucas Moura. Sao Paulo, which owns 80 percent of the player's economic rights, is requesting 30 million euros for its share of the transfer, Estadao reported.

For the deal to go ahead Manchester United will need to raise its offer to 37.5 million euros or Moura, who holds the remaining 20 percent of his economic rights, must forgo his cut of the deal. Representatives from the English Premier League club were reportedly still in Sao Paulo on Friday evening in the hope of striking an agreement.

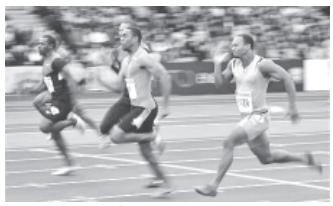
Earlier this month Sao Paulo rejected respective 25 million-euro offers from Inter Milan and Chelsea for the starlet. Real Madrid has also shown in interest in the 19-year-old but is yet to make a formal bid. Moura is currently with Brazil's 18-man Olympic squad for a pre-Games training camp in Rio de Janeiro.

*Xinhua*

# Gay warms up with chilly 100 victory

LONDON, 14 July — Tyson Gay got a taste of the tough conditions the world's best sprinters may face at the Olympics next month while winning the 100 meters in 10.03 seconds at the London Diamond League meeting on Friday. The American's planned showdown with former world record holder Asafa Powell failed to materialize when the Jamaican decided not to risk aggravating a groin injury. With the rain lashing the track during the evening and the temperature plummeting to almost winter levels, it began to look a sensible move with the Olympic 100 meters heats only three weeks and a day away.

So Gay, whose 9.69 seconds personal best makes him the second-fastest man ever over the distance behind Usain Bolt had to content himself with beating a field still packed with American and Jamaican sub-10 second talent and gaining some more experience of racing in a London "summer" In his heat Gay was sluggish out of the blocks and had to work hard to force his way into second place in a blanket finish, his 10.15 the same as heat winner Michael Frater of Jamaica. It was a similar story in the final as Frater made the early running.



***Tyson Gay of the US (2nd R) competes and wins the men's 100m finals during the Diamond League London Grand Prix athletics meet at Crystal Palace in London on 13 July, 2012.* — REUTERS**

Gay was a little clumsy out of the blocks again but smoother into his pickup. He had to work hard on his concentration running in the shadow of giant compatriot Ryan Bailey, who will also run in the Olympic 100 along with US trials winner and 2004 Olympic champion Justin Gatlan, Gay, easy to spot in his bright orange vest, maintained his form well though and forced his way through to record a satisfying victory into a 1.3 meters headwind ahead of Bailey (10.09) and Jamaican Nesta Carter (10.13), who just edged Frater.— *Reuters*

# Manchester City defeated in pre-season opener

LONDON, 14 July — Premier League champions Manchester City slumped to a 1-0 defeat to Al Hilal of Saudi Arabia in their opening pre-season match on Friday.

Coach Roberto Mancini used 24 players in the match with Carlos Tevez, Yaya Toure, Vincent Kompany, Pablo Zabaleta and Adam Johnson all in the starting eleven.

The only goal of the game came in the 68th minute when Shaker Nawaf Alabid beat goalkeeper Eirik Johansen with a fierce drive.— *Internet*

***Manchester City's Carlos Tevez is pictured in April 2012. Premier League champions Manchester City slumped to a 1-0 defeat to Al Hilal of Saudi Arabia in their opening pre-season match on Friday.*— INTERNET**

# Wickmayer ousts error-prone Bartoli

STANFORD, 14 July — Yanina Wickmayer pounced on nine double-faults from Marion Bartoli to knock the French second seed out of the quarter-finals of the WTA hardcourt tournament in Stanford. Belgium's Wickmayer, seeded fifth, ousted Bartoli 6-3, 6-2 to advance to a semi-final clash with American Coco Vandeweghe. Vandeweghe reached the first WTA-level semi-final of her career with a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Poland's Urszula Radwanska. Top seed and defending champion Serena Williams, playing the week after capturing her fifth Wimbledon title, was due on court later against South African Chanelle Scheepers.

Waiting for the winner of that contest will be Sorana Cirstea after the Romanian roared back to upset Slovak third seed Dominika Cibulkova 6-7 (5/7), 6-2, 6-0. Cirstea coped with a bevy of incorrect line calls, but won six Hawk-eye challenges confirmed by the electronic line calling system. "After that many, I didn't trust anyone anymore," she said. "I felt like someone was playing a joke on me. There were too many mistakes, I've never experienced this."

***Yanina Wickmayer of Belgium returns a shot to Marion Bartoli of France at the Stanford University Taube Family Tennis Stadium in California. Wickmayer won 6-3, 6-2.* INTERNET**

"It was just hilarious. It was everyone, not just one linesperson. The chair umpire didn't over-rule anything. I'm thankful we have this (Hawk-eye) system. It was important to stay in the match mentally." The Romania also helped her own cause with 15 aces and won the last 10 games on the way to victory. Bartoli, the 2009 champion and runner-up to Williams last year, was plagued by errors in a match lasting just under 90 minutes. She double-faulted twice in what proved to be the final game when she lost serve for the fourth time.

Bartoli saved the first match point she faced, but Wickmayer followed with a winner Bartoli couldn't reach. It was world number 37 Wickmayer's first win over the 2007 Wimbledon finalist and world number 10 in four meetings. Bartoli considers the Stanford University campus one of her favourite venues, having played the event 10 times. Coming into the contest with Wickmayer, she had won 20 of her last 29 matches played in California. Wickmayer, now into her fourth semi-final of 2012, kept Bartoli well off the top of her game.— *Internet*

***Sorana Cirstea of Romania prepares to return a shot against Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia during the Bank of the West Classic at Stanford University Taube Family Tennis Stadium on 13 July in Stanford, California. Cirstea roared back to upset Cibulkova 6-7 (5/7), 6-2, 6-0.*— INTERNET**

**International Sports**

# Isner, Harrison advance to ATP Newport semis

NEWPORT, 14 July — Defending champion John Isner hammered 12 aces to defeat Izak van der Merwe 6-4, 7-6 (7/2) and reach the semi-finals of the ATP Tour's Hall of Fame Tennis Championships. Top seeded Isner will square off against fellow American Ryan Harrison who was leading 6-4, 3-0 in his quarter-final when Benjamin Becker, of Germany, retired with an injury. "He mixed up the serve and volleys more than I anticipated. I thought he was going to do it every time, so that threw me off a little bit," said Isner, after his Friday win.

"When good servers meet on a court like that, it's not necessarily going to be so pretty. It was the sort of match I expected. I'm sure I could have played better, and more aggressive, but all in all I'm very happy with the result." The 26-year-old Isner is seeking to reach his third final of the year and defend a title for the first time in his career. He finished runner up earlier this year to Roger Federer at Indian Wells. Isner, who beat Belgian Olivier Rochus in last year's final, won 85 percent of his first-serve points against the South African qualifier on the grass courts.

German Becker retired from his match after 57 minutes with a left hamstring injury. "It was unfortunate that he had to retire," Harrison said. "You never want to have anything bad like that happen to another guy. "I felt I was playing and serving well and was in a good position there. I hope he has a speedy recovery." Isner and Harrison have met once before with Isner taking the first-round contest in Memphis two years ago. Harrison is chasing his first ATP Tour title.

*Internet*

***Defending champion John Isner, pictured in April, hammered 12 aces to beat Izak van der Merwe 6-4, 7-6 (7/2) to reach the semi-finals of the ATP Tour's Hall of Fame Tennis Championships.*— INTERNET**

## Focus Myanmar TV Programme

### MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

**(15-7-12 09:30 am ~ 16-7-12 09:30 am) MST**

* News
* A Glimpse to Japan's Industrial & Technological Success
* News
* The Garden in border area where colourful flowers bloom
* News
* Song On Screen
* News
* Aiming At The Victories
* News
* MI People's Celebrities "Zaw Paing & Moe Hay Ko"
* Panasonic Products Launching Ceremony
* News
* Cultural Heritage
* News
* Myanmar Movies Impact "You, naughty guy..how dare you!"
* News
* Oxen Brothers
* Myanmar Movie "Love On The Internet"

### MYANMAR TV

**(15-7-2012) (Sunday)**

**7:00 am**
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

**7:40 am**
2. Dhama Puja Song

**7:50 am**
3. Nice and Sweet Song

**8:00 am**
4. Health Programme

**8:40 am**
5. International News

**11:20 am**
6. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News

**11:30 am**
7. TV Drama Series

**12:30 pm**
8. How It's Works

**12:50 pm**
9. Myanmar Video Feature

**4:25 pm**
10. One Village & One Product

**4:35 pm**
11. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Math)

**5:05 pm**
12. Teleplay (Health)

**6:20 pm**
13. Cartoon Series

**8:00 pm**
14. News
15. Cartoon Series
16. TV Drama Series
17. New Melody

## PSG negotiating with Ibrahimovic but still no agreement, says Leonardo

***Zlatan Ibrahimovic'***

PARIS, 14 June — Leonardo has met Zlatan Ibrahimovic's agent Mino Raiola, as the two parties attempt to thrash out a deal that will give the green light to the French side's 65m euros double swoop for the AC Milan striker and his teammate Thiago Silva. According to Sky Sport 24, the Brazil defender has already agreed terms with the Parisians and all that remains for the move to go ahead is for the forward to do the same.

However, the PSG sporting director brushed off claims that Ibrahimovic was already in Paris today for his medical, telling the channel: "We're dealing with him, I am neither optimistic nor pessimistic, we will continue to go forward in search of a deal."

He continued to explain, "We are not currently there yet. When will Ibra arrive in Paris? When we close the deal."

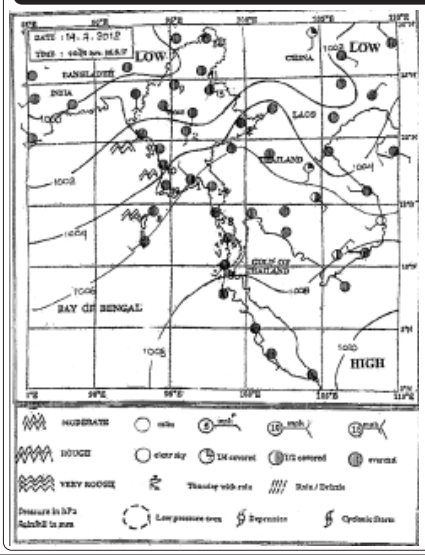
Raiola met Leonardo for a duration of four hours on Friday afternoon at the Parc des Princes to resume negotiations that started between the pair the night before, and both sides are reportedly confident that an agreement is close to being reached.

Ibrahimovic is claimed to be holding out for 14m euros per year, while PSG initially offered him 9m euros. Nonetheless, a three-year contract worth 12m euros per year should be enough for the 30-year-old Swede.

Meanwhile, Milan is said to be already lining up replacements for Ibrahimovic and Thiago Silva, and have been linked with moves for Manchester City striker Edin Dzeko and Schalke's young centre-back Kyriakos Papadopoulos.

*Internet*

***Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas***




## *Weather forecast for 15th July, 2012*

| Sr. No. | | Temperature (°C/°F) | | For Tomorrow | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Maximum | Minimum | Forecast | Percent |
| 1 | Kachin | 25/77 | 23/73 | Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH) | (100%) |
| 2 | Kayah | 27/81 | 20/68 | Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 3 | Kayin | 27/81 | 21/70 | Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH) | (100%) |
| 4 | Chin | 21/70 | 16/61 | Widespread rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 5 | Upper Sagaing | 31/88 | 25/77 | Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH) | (100%) |
| 6 | Lower Sagaing | 32/90 | 25/77 | Scattered rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 7 | Taninthayi | 29/84 | 24/75 | Widespread rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 8 | Bago | 29/84 | 24/75 | Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 9 | Magway | 32/90 | 26/79 | Scattered rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 10 | Mandalay | 33/91 | 26/79 | Isolated rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 11 | Mon | 28/82 | 19/66 | Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH) | (100%) |
| 12 | Yangon | 31/88 | 22/72 | Widespread rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 13 | Rakhine | 27/81 | 24/75 | Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH) | (100%) |
| 14 | Southern Shan | 23/73 | 18/64 | Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH) | (100%) |
| 15 | Northern Shan | 23/73 | 21/70 | Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH) | (100%) |
| 16 | Eastern Shan | 28/82 | 24/75 | Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH) | (100%) |
| 17 | Ayeyawady | 31/88 | 24/75 | Widespread rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 18 | Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw | 31/88 | 24/75 | Isolated rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 19 | Neighbouring Yangon | 31/88 | 22/72 | One or two rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 20 | Neighbouring Mandalay | 33/91 | 26/79 | Isolated rain or thundershowers | (80%) |

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| Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today | During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mandalay and Magway Regions, scattered in Lower Sagaing Region, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Mon State and isolated heavy falls in Mandalay Region and Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Paung (4.76) inches, Thabeikkyin (4.25) inches, Gwa (3.15) inches, Theinzayat (3.03) inches, Mogok (2.68) inches, Chaungzon (2.60) inches, Bhamo (2.44) inches, Dawei and Nyaunglebin (2.40) inches each, Taungup (2.36) inches, Shwegyin and Thaton (2.17) inches each. |
| Bay Inference | Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal. |
| State of the Sea | Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface fwind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. |
| Outlook for subsequent two days | Moderate monsoon. |

## Answers for Yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

## *NLM-ner Joke*

### let me hold your monkey

A woman got on a bus holding a baby.

The bus driver said: "That's the ugliest baby I've ever seen."

In a huff, the woman slammed her fare into the fare box and took an aisle seat near the rear of the bus.

The man seated next to her sensed that she was agitated and asked her what was wrong.

"The bus driver insulted me," she fumed.

The man sympathized and said: "Why, he's a public servant and shouldn't say things to insult passengers."

"You're right," she said. "I think I'll go back up there and give him a piece of my mind."

"That's a good idea," the man said. "Here, let me hold your monkey."

## Farah fires Olympic home hopes with London win

LONDON, 14 July — World 5,000 meters champion Mo Farah underlined his credentials to become Britain's first Olympic long-distance gold medalist by winning his final warm-up in style at the London Grand Prix on Friday.

Farah, who also won world silver in the 10,000 in Daegu last year, was confronted by a wall of sound from a bumper home crowd as he pulled away from Australia's Collis Birmingham on the final lap to win in 13 minutes, 6.04 seconds.—*Reuters*

**PRIZE AWARDED:** ***Head of District Sports Officer Daw Mi Mi Maw and athletes handed over championship trophy which the Yangon West District women's football team (B) secured in the Yangon Region Chief Minister's Inter-District Women's Football Tournament to Deputy Commissioner U Kyaw Thu Zaw of Yangon West District General Administration Department on 6 July.***

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## Nay Pyi Taw Sports Training Centre completes

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—The Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Ground was upgraded to the Nay Pyi Taw Advanced Sports Training Camp as of January 2012. At present, all construction tasks have completed by cent per cent.

The sports training camp comprises halls for football, chess, billiards and snooker, Pancek Silat, Sepak Takraw, Judo, Sepak Takaw, Gym and Fitness Center, shooting Wushu, weightlifting, Taekwondo, Karatedo, table tennis, gymnastics and wresting sport events.

Moreover, all the halls of sports are facilitated with dressing rooms, toilet and lockers with air-conditioners.

The Ministry of Sports built the sports training centre for enabling the athletes of various sports federations from Yangon who will take part in the XXVII SEA Games to have easy access to be familiar with Nay Pyi Taw and to enjoy advanced trainings from sports federations in Yangon.

*Myo Myint (MNA)*

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

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

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# President U Thein Sein meets Cambodian Prime Minister

*President U Thein Sein holds discussion with Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen at Sokha Angkor Resort Hotel in Siem Reap of Cambodia.*—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, at Sokha Angkor Resort Hotel in Siem Reap of Cambodia, at 5.45 pm on 13 July.

At the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on cooperation in ASEAN, further mutual cooperation between Myanmar and Cambodia and political progress in Myanmar. Also present at the meeting together with the President were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin and U Soe Thein, Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia U Cho Tun Aung, departmental heads. The Cambodian Prime Minister was accompanied by ministers and high-ranking officials.—*MNA*

# President U Thein Sein holds discussions with Thai Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein had a discussion with Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra of Thailand at Sokha Angkor Resort Hotel in Siem Reap at 3.30 pm yesterday.

On the occasion, they cordially discussed matters related to the visit of the Myanmar President to Thailand, support of Thailand for lifting the sanctions from Myanmar imposed by the US, promotion of international relations including the US with Myanmar for its political reforms, preparations of US entrepreneurs to make investment in Myanmar, and more cooperation between Myanmar and Thailand in building Dawei Deep Sea-port in Myanmar.

Also present at the meeting were Union Minister U Soe Thein, Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint, Myanmar Ambassador U Cho Tun Aung and departmental heads.

The Thai Prime Minister was accompanied by ministers and senior officers.

*MNA*

***President U Thein Sein makes discussion with Thai Prime Minister Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra at Sokha Angkor Resort Hotel in Siem Reap of Cambodia.***

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# President U Thein Sein arrives back in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and party arrived back here at 10.15 am today by Special Flight of Myanma Airways International after attending US-ASEAN Business Forum held in Siem Reap of Cambodia. They were welcomed back 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 Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Ministers at President Office U Thein Nyunt and U Soe Maung, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, 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' affairs ai Mrs Tuot Kunthea of Cambodia Embassy and embassy staff.

Myanmar delegation members—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint and departmental officials—also arrived back on the same flight.—*MNA*

***President U Thein Sein and party being welcomed by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and officials at Nay Pyi Taw Airport after attending US-ASEAN Business Forum.***—MNA

**With three-page supplement of Bill Revoking The Land Acquisition (Mines) Act and Securities Exchange Bill attached.**