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True patriotism

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

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

Yangon, Mandalay technological universities to be upgraded as centres of excellence

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July—A coordination meeting on upgrading Yangon Technological University and Mandalay Technological University to Centres of Excellence was held at Mandalay Technological University on 10 July afternoon.

Director-General Dr Zaw Min Aung of Technical and Vocational Education Department, Rector of Mandalay Technological University Dr Mya Mya Oo and faculty members reported on preparations for curriculum, equipment for practical training course and curriculum of respective departments to upgrading the two universities to centres of excellence.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint said that although there are a lot of technological universities, institutes and computer universities in global countries, some of them are chosen as centres of excellence provided with international level teaching aids, faculty members, modern curriculum and academic techniques meeting international standards by spending a large sum of money.

He continued to say that Myanmar has opened 33 technological universities. However, it is unaffordable to upgrade all 33 technological universities to centres of excellence at the same time depending on money and other academic matters. Thus, Yangon Technological University and Mandalay Technological University are the foremost



Coordination meeting on upgrading Yangon Technological University and Mandalay Technological University to Centres of Excellence in progress.—MNA

ones to be upgraded, he said.

The advanced technological universities will admit qualified students who passed matriculation exam. Yearly, the two universities will admit about 250 students each with above 450 marks in the matriculation exam. The academic

years will be designated as six years. On completion of training period, BE and BArch degrees will be conferred on the graduates and BS (Bio Tech) on those who completed the four-year course. Moreover, ME and PhD courses will be conducted to the students, he added.—MNA

Ceremony to provide education and health aids and to grant scholarships to students by Aungthiri Foundation in progress.—MNA

Aungthiri Foundation provides scholarships for outstanding students



NAY PYI TAW, 15 July—The ceremony to grant education, health and scholarships of Aungthiri Foundation was held at No 20 Basic Education High School in Nay Pyi Taw Pobbathiri Township here this morning.

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan, Deputy Education Minister U Ba Shwe, Nay Pyi Taw

Council Member U Than Aung, Chairman U Tha Htay of Aungthiri Foundation and members, departmental officials, townsenders, teachers, students and invited guests were present at the ceremony.

Nay Pyi Taw Council Area Education Officer U Myint Zaw explained matters related to education and Head of Health Department Nay Pyi Taw Council

Area Dr Daw Hla Hla Kyi facts about the health.

Union Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin presented 2012 matriculation exam highest pass rate award to Headmistress Daw Htee May of No 3 Basic Education High School and outstanding award to five-distinctions winner Maung Aye Chan Maung.

Union Minister U Tint Hsan awarded three and two-distinctions

winners and Deputy Minister U Ba Shwe, Nay Pyi Taw Council Member U Than Aung and Aungthiri Foundation Chairman U Tha Htay one-distinction winners.

Aungthiri Foundation Chairman U Tha Htay and members donated scholarships to students and medicines worth K 4 million which will be used at rural healthcare centers in Pobbathiri Township.

On behalf of the students, five-distinctions winner Maung Aye Chan Maung spoke words of thanks.

At today's ceremony, Aungthiri Foundation donated K 16.25 million and out of them, K 12.25 million will be used for providing scholarships and K 4 million will be used for rural healthcare centers.

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Peace, harmony and amity of our ethnic people

Myanmar's present population is estimated at 60 million and it is growing. Normally, the population of every country is growing but there are many exceptions. Most of the developed countries are experiencing very slow population growth thanks to the people's intellectual level and effective family planning plus birth-spacing methods.

Because of the late marriages and increase in the number of singles, some of the rich industrialized countries are facing zero population growth or even a decline in population. As birth rates drop and life expectancy soars, they have fewer youth population with a larger number of elderly persons to care. The result of this trend is that they have less working-age people while the number of pensioners is rising high. So, they are importing labour from abroad, and hosting sometimes a very large number of both legal and illegal migrant workers from many parts of the world with different beliefs and ideologies.

As for our country Myanmar, she is a developing country, with a modest birth rate of nearly 1.8 percent. So, the country has an appropriate population ratio between youth and elderly persons. This means we will have no shortage of labour. Although the birth rate is low in the urban, most of the rural people marry young and bear more children.

Like in most of the developing countries there is rural migration to urban which actually is the constant source of labour especially for the increasing number of production factories emerging at the industrial zones and estates the government and the citizen entrepreneurs are establishing in various parts of the country.

Here, the result is that we do not require any imported labour, apart from well-experienced technicians and professions. So, the country is not in a position of accepting any illegal immigrants entering on various grounds. We believe in our internal force whose greatness depends on the degree of peace, harmony and amity among our own ethnic people.

Selecting of universities table tennis athletes and prize-awarding ceremony held

YANGON, 15 July—2011-2012 academic year recruiting of universities selected athletes level table tennis men's final match and prize presentation ceremony took place at Yangon University recreation center yesterday evening.

After the final match, prize presentation followed. Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) representing table tennis team and Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) representing table tennis team exchanged commemorative pennant.

Director-General U Zaw Htay of Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) awarded first prize to Thet Ko Ko Latt (Mawlamyine University), second prize to Ye Htut Aung (Hinthada University) and third prize to Thet Zin (Mingyan Degree College). Director-General in-charge Dr Myo Thein Gyi of No 1 Basic Education

Myanmar Media Development Center (MMDC) commissioned into service

YANGON, 15 July—The opening ceremony of Myanmar Media Development Center (MMDC) of Forever Group Co Ltd was held at Junction Square Cineplex at the junction of Pyay Road and Kyundaw Street in Kamayut Township this morning, attended by Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan.

Also present on the occasion were Yangon Region ministers, departmental heads of the Ministry of Information, the executive director and party of Forever Group Co Ltd, responsible persons of social organizations and invited organizations, those of media and related companies, media entrepreneurs and officials of TV and FMs, guests and media.

Executive Director U Win Maw of Forever Group Co Ltd explained the brief history of training centre and Director U Khin Maung Htay subjects to be conducted at the training centre and technology.

Next, the audio and video presentation on MMDC was presented with the use of projector.

Asia Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) Director Mr Yang Binyuan explained efforts made for opening the training center.

Project Manager/Media Trainer Mr Eberhard Sucker



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan visits Myanmar Media Development Center (MMDC).—MNA

of Deutsche Welle Akademie (DW) and Sony Corporation Senior General Manager Mr Masahiro Soga of Japan made speeches.

Yangon Region Minister for Electric and Industry U Nyan Tun Oo, Managing Director of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise U Aung Myo Myint, DW Project Manager/Media Trainer and Sony Corporation Senior General Manager cut the ribbon to open the center.

The Union minister and party visited the MMDC.

The MMDC was established in 2008 with a view to fulfilling the media technology and necessary of the training for TV channel under the guidance of the Ministry of Information. Number of skillful media professionals is high

demand in developing media works. MMDC runs its functions by serving the interest of the people through media. At present, MMDC plans to open the professional course for uplifting the proficiency of the media person and to conduct the foundation courses for those who passed matriculation examination and graduates.

The MMDC is aimed at uplifting the proficiency of TV crew members of the Ministry of Information so as to develop TV media technology with brilliant fine arts skills and to create the job opportunities and developing human resources in TV broadcasting field of private TV industry.

MMDC sets an aim to open graduate course and post-graduate course

recognized by international universities and it will be a focal point for development of media sector.

Despite standing as non-profit organization, the media will invest the profit without sharing it. The center will link cultural heritage, beautiful geographical condition, natural resources and sector-wise development with skillful media human resources.

In line with the directives of the Ministry of Information, Forever Group Co Ltd will take responsibility for undertaking management and development of MMDC that will develop Myanmar media sector and turn out new generations and for continuously training the trainees.—MNA

Deputy SWRR Minister attends signing ceremony of MoU



YANGON, 15 July—The signing ceremony of Memorandum of Understanding between Relief and Resettlement Department under Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and three organizations such as Malteser International (Myanmar), Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and International Rescue Committee (IRC) was held at Chatrium Hotel, Yangon, this morning.

Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe gave a speech. And then, officials from both sides signed the MoU and exchanged notes.

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Deputy SWRR Minister U Phone Swe attends signing ceremony of MoU between Relief and Resettlement Department and Malteser International (Myanmar), Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and International Rescue Committee (IRC).—MNA

Department presented consolation prizes to Lin Hein (Mandalay University), Ye Htut Win (Hinthada University) and Htein Lin Naung (Taunggyi University).

Thet Ko Ko Latt, Ye Htut Aung, Thet Zin, Lin Hein, Ye Htut Win and Htein Lin Naung were selected as universities table tennis tentatively selected athletes of the Education Ministry.—MNA

Moderate earthquake jolts

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July—A moderate earthquake of magnitude (5.4) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (east-southeast of Kohima, India), about (250) miles northwest of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (02) hrs (28) min (44) sec M.S.T today, announced Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA

Obama rallies supporters in rainy battleground Virginia

GLEN ALLEN, 15 July—US President Barack Obama, soaked to the skin as he rallied supporters during a downpour in the election battleground state of Virginia on Saturday, kept up his attack on Republican Mitt Romney as the rhetoric hardened on both sides.

Standing before about 900 people at the Walkerton Tavern & Garden who stood cheering and chanting despite the drenching rain, Obama attacked Romney's record as head of a private equity firm and contrasted his middle class childhood with Romney's wealth.

"I don't want a pioneer in outsourcing. I want some insourcing. I want to bring companies back," Obama told the crowd in this town near Richmond, his soaked blue shirt sticking to his arms and rain dripping from his face, as supporters chanted "Four more years."

With polls showing a close race for the 6 November election, Obama has constantly painted Romney as a multi-millionaire private equity specialist who is out of touch with ordinary voters.

The president continued that on Saturday, reminiscing about humble vacations as a child when his family would

travel on a Greyhound Bus and a highlight was being able to swim in the motel swimming pool or using the motel's vending machines.

The Obama campaign also released two new ads on Saturday, one of which played clips of Romney demanding the president apologize followed by clips

of the Republican candidate attacking Obama. "Mitt Romney. He sure asks for a lot of apologies. When he's not busy launching attacks," the ad said.

In the other ad, the main sound is of Romney singing "America the Beautiful." Meanwhile, the ad scrolls through lush images of Bermuda and the Cayman Isles to draw attention to the Republican's offshore bank accounts while referencing the outsourcing of US jobs.

The Romney campaign slammed Obama for the ads.

"Every day, President Obama hits a new low," said Romney campaign spokeswoman Andrea Saul. "It is sad and shameful that President Obama would mock America The Beautiful. But sadly it's not surprising for the man who launched his presidency with an apology tour."

Reuters



US President Barack Obama is pictured during a heavy rain storm at a campaign rally in Glen Allen, Virginia, 14 July, 2012. Obama travelled to Virginia on Saturday for campaign events. —REUTERS

New York pier fire extinguished after heavy smoke

NEW YORK, 15 July—A fire broke out at a New York pier popular with shoppers and tourists on Saturday, sending heavy smoke aloft over Manhattan before firefighters extinguished the blaze with no injuries, a fire official said.

The cause of the fire at Pier 17 in the South Street Seaport, which hosted a music festival on Saturday, is under investigation, a spokesman for the New York Fire Department said.

It burned an area of wood planks and structure covering about 100 feet by 100 feet, and was extinguished in just over an hour and a half without destroying any stores, he said. A total of about 140 firefighters responded to the incident.

The Howard Hughes Co, which operates the seaport, said it would work with authorities in their probe, adding that plenty of firefighters and police had been on hand because of the festivities, which were given the all-clear to continue.

"The safety and security of visitors to the Seaport are always of the utmost importance, and thankfully there were no injuries in this incident," Michael Piazzola, senior general manager of the Howard Hughes Co, said in a statement.

Reuters



Smoke rises off Pier 17 and floats along the East River toward the Brooklyn Bridge as firefighters fight a three alarm fire at the South Street Seaport, on 14 July, 2012 in New York. About 140 firefighters and the US Coast Guard responded to the blaze that broke out about 4 pm Saturday. There were no injuries. —INTERNET

Rainstorms leave 11 dead, thousands homeless

GUIYANG, 15 July—Rainstorms in Guizhou Province since Wednesday have left at least 11 people dead and damaged homes of 980,000 residents, the provincial civil affairs bureau said Saturday. The bureau said that most of the deaths were caused by mountain torrents, landslides and avalanches triggered by the rainstorms. The bureau said local authorities are carrying out rescue work and handing out disaster relief goods, including providing quilts, rice and oil to the homeless. The provincial observatory said more heavy downpours were likely to hit parts of Guizhou from Saturday to Monday.

Local governments are evacuating hundreds of residents away from areas prone to geological disasters. Meanwhile, rainstorms have also wreaked havoc in east China's Anhui Province and the central province of Hunan. Torrential downpours hit mid and southern parts of Anhui from Friday, triggering landslides in some area. The Anhui provincial fire department said Saturday a part of the urban area of Anqing City was flooded on Friday. Firefighters and police had to use life rafts to rescue over 600 stranded residents. —Xinhua

Afghan minister survives assassination attempt

KUNDUZ, 15 July—An Afghan government minister survived a bomb attack on his motorcade in northern Afghanistan on Sunday, the second assault on a high-profile politician in two days, but two of his bodyguards were wounded, provincial officials said.

Higher Education Minister Obaidullah Obaid was travelling from Baghlan to Kunduz Province when one of the cars in his convoy hit a roadside bomb, Munshi Majid, the provincial governor of Baghlan who was in the same motorcade, told Reuters.

"The minister is safe," Munshi said. "Two policemen were wounded in the bomb attack," he said, adding that the bomb exploded on a highway outside Baghlan city.

Sunday's attack came a

day after a suicide bomber blew himself up at a wedding reception in Samangan province, also in the north, killing a top Afghan official and 22 others.

On Friday, a car bomb killed a regional head of women's affairs in the east of the country.

Insurgents have spread their reach from their traditional strongholds in southern and eastern areas of Afghanistan to northern parts of the country once considered relatively safe.

Homemade bombs are by far the most lethal weapons deployed by insurgents and remain the single biggest killer of civilians, as well as foreign and Afghan troops.

Violence in Afghanistan is at its fiercest since US-led Afghan troops overthrew the Taliban government in 2001. —Reuters



This photo provided by Lt Col Jose Garcia shows US Army Lt Col Townley Hedrick, a representative of the 101st Airborne Division, presents four letters from Sgt Steve Flaherty to his sister-in-law Martha Gibbons and uncle Kenneth Cannon on Saturday, on 14 July, 2012. —INTERNET

Letters of SC soldier killed in Vietnam come home

COLUMBIA, 15 July—Four letters from a courageous South Carolina soldier who tried to tell his family about the fearsome battles that raged around him in Vietnam were returned to his family Saturday, some 40 years after he was killed.

Military representatives of the Army's 101st Airborne Division presented the letters from Sgt Steve Flaherty of Columbia to his uncle Kenneth Cannon and sister-in-law Martha Gibbons during a ceremony at the state's memorial honoring Vietnam veterans. Flaherty was killed in combat in Vietnam in 1969. Vietnamese soldiers took the letters after Flaherty's death. They were turned over to Defence Secretary Leon Panetta last month when he visited Vietnam.

"It's a miracle these letters have shown up after all this time," Cannon said, taking a peek into the envelope that held the missives. The 80-year-old Navy veteran said the family had decided to study them in private because of the emotion of the moment. "They are in remarkable condition to be 40-years old," he added. "I know Steve would be glad they are back home."

Gibbons, 73, said the family decided to donate the letters to a South Carolina military museum that is planning an exhibit honoring the nearly 1,000 South Carolinians who died in the conflict. —Internet

Spain reforms to raise \$69 billion

MADRID, 15 July—The Spanish government's most recent reforms will slash 56.4 billion euros (\$69 billion) from the public deficit in the next two and a half years, an official document showed on Saturday, leaving a gap to be filled by taxes on energy. Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy pledged 65 billion euros of savings from tax hikes and spending cuts on Wednesday in a painful package aimed at convincing the EU and investors his government is serious about reform.

The 8.6 billion euro shortfall will be covered by other measures such as new energy and environmental taxes, according to a document for international

investors posted on the Economy Ministry website. Of the 56.4 billion euros of measures laid out so far, about 34.4 billion euros will come from changes to tax rates and 22 billion from spending cuts until 2014. The government has said it will approve a new energy tax scheme in July that will force utilities and consumers to share the burden of a 25 billion euro tariff deficit to energy companies.

Spain needs to erase 65 billion euros from its public deficit in order to reach EU debt reduction targets by 2014. It must cut its public deficit of 8.9 percent of gross domestic product to 6.3 percent in 2012, 4.5 percent in 2013 and 2.8 percent the year after. —Internet

An Afghan man walks at the site of attack in Samangan Province on 14 July, 2012. A suicide bomber killed a prominent anti-Taliban politician and 22 other guests at a wedding reception in the northern Afghan Province of Samangan on Saturday, officials said.

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UFO sightings reported in Heilongjiang Province

BEIJING, 15 July—Heilongjiang residents said they saw an unidentified flying object on Friday, the second time in a week such observations have been reported in the northeastern province. Zhang Wei and Dai Guobin, workers at a sand processing plant in Zhangjiadian village in Harbin, capital of Heilongjiang, said they witnessed a black flying object, the shape of an eagle and larger than an airplane, at noon on Friday.

The object hovered in the sky about 500 to 1,000 meters from the two workers for about a minute and then flew off, according to Zhang and Dai. Zhang reported it to Chen Gongfu, 70, a retired professor from the school of astronautics at the Harbin Institute of Technology. Zhang told *China Daily* that he was not sure if the object the two saw on Friday was the same one reported on Sunday in the Phoenix Mountain National Forest Park, which is about 200 kilometers away from the sand factory.

Chen, who is studying the UFO reports in the forest park, said he has talked to at least four eyewitnesses who said they saw the same flying object at different times and locations. Li Hui, a tourist, said she saw a luminous flying object hovering low in the sky at 3:42 pm on Sunday when a photographer was taking her picture at a viewing platform in the park. Li was quoted by *Harbin Daily* as saying that she unconsciously looked back after taking a picture and saw a floating, shiny object.

But the flying object was taken in a picture by the photographer, Wu Chunyan, who also saw the UFO and quickly pressed the shutter. The photo clearly shows a luminous object. Chen, the retired astronautics professor, said the object looked a lot like a moth when he first saw the picture, but he ruled out the possibility as more eyewitnesses in different locations said they also saw the flying object.

Xinhua



Photographer Wu Chunyan spotted and snapped this unidentified flying object in the Phoenix Mountain near Harbin, Heilongjiang Province, on Sunday.—XINHUA

Basking sharks off Hebrides to be tagged and tracked

biologists will tag sharks found in the waters around Coll, Tiree and Hyskeir, a group of rocky islets near Canna. Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and the University of Exeter will track the fish over several months. The public will also be able to monitor the sharks' behaviour via a website.

The scientists said the project would provide information on the location and behaviour of basking sharks during the summer, and also track how far into deeper water they go in winter. Project manager Dr Suz Henderson, from SNH, said the sharks visited

Scottish waters every summer. She said: "We want to know how the sharks use the waters between Skye and Mull and how long they remain in the area.

"We'd also like to find out how important this area is in the life cycle of the sharks, and if some areas are used more than others. The results from this project will help to answer these questions." Dr Henderson added: "In addition an area between Skye and Mull has recently been identified as a place where it might be appropriate to develop a marine protected area to protect basking sharks.

"The tagging work will help determine if an MPA is an appropriate way to safeguard these magnificent animals." SNH said the study area overlapped a site of a proposed offshore wind farm west of Tiree, known as the Argyll Array.—Internet



Basking sharks off Coll and Tiree will be satellite tagged.—INTERNET

LONDON, 15 July — Scientists are to attach satellite tags to 20 basking sharks in an effort to better understand how the fish behave in the sea between Skye and Mull. Marine

Silk protein lets vaccines stand the heat

NEW YORK, 15 July — Vaccines are desperately needed in the developing world. Even when they're available and inexpensive, there's still a major problem: most vaccines need to be refrigerated. Reaching the relevant populations often means traveling to areas where electricity and refrigeration are spotty at best. Nearly half of the vaccine doses around the world are lost to the heat. Also, the cost of refrigeration contributes to about 80 percent of the cost of the vaccines. So silk experts at Tufts University have come up with a potential solution: encase the vaccines in silk protein. Silk proteins contain nanoscale pockets that can hold and protect biological compounds. Inside the silk protein wrap, the compounds stay biologically stable. In the lab, they were able to stabilize the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine for more than 6 months at a variety of tropical temperatures.

The technology also worked with antibiotics. Stored at a month at temperatures reaching 140 degrees Fahrenheit, the antibiotics kept their potency. The research is in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Internet

An unearthen skeleton dating back about 700 years is seen at a recently discovered archeological site in Mexico City, on 13 July, 2012. According to Mexico's National Institute of Anthropology and History, INAH, the site is about 700 years old and is a neighbourhood of Tepaneca merchants.—INTERNET



The Soyuz-FG rocket booster with Soyuz TMA-05M space ship carrying a new crew to the International Space Station, ISS, blasts off from the Russian leased Baikonur cosmodrome, Kazakhstan, on 15 July, 2012. INTERNET



Soyuz rocket launches on mission to space station

BAIKONUR, 15 July—A Russian Soyuz craft launched into the morning skies over Kazakhstan on Sunday, carrying three astronauts on their way to the international space station, where they will quickly start preparing for a frenzy of incoming traffic. NASA astronaut Sunita Williams, Russian cosmonaut Yuri Malenchenko and Japan's Akihito Hoshide are set to travel two days before reaching their three colleagues already at the permanent space outpost.

Families and colleagues watched the launch from an observation platform in the Russian-leased cosmodrome in the dry southern steppes of this sprawling Central Asian nation. Liftoff took place at the exact scheduled time of 08:40 am local time (0240 GMT), sending a deafening roar as the craft gained height. Despite withstanding intense G-force pressure, the three astronauts looked relaxed in televised footage as they performed a series of routine operations.

The Soyuz jettisoned three rocket

booster stages as it was propelled into orbit, which takes just over nine minutes. At that stage, a doll given to Malenchenko as a mascot by his daughter and suspended over the three astronauts floated out of view on television footage, indicating the craft had escaped the earth's gravitational pull. The shell that surrounds the capsule during the launch phase also peeled away, soaking the astronauts in bright yellow sunshine pouring through the viewing hatches.

The solar arrays that deployed on the Soyuz after orbital entry will provide the craft with the power it needs during its two-day trip. Williams, tightly squeezed into the cramped craft, gave a thumbs-up sign and waved to onboard cameras as Russian space agency chief Vladimir Popovkin congratulated the crew over radio control. Malenchenko, who is piloting the Soyuz, is one of Russia's most experienced astronauts and is making his fifth voyage into space.

Internet

Blackberry maker loses patent suit over software

SAN FRANCISCO, 15 July—A federal jury in San Francisco has found beleaguered Blackberry maker Research in Motion Ltd liable for \$147.2 million in damages for infringing on patents held by Mformation Technologies Inc. Amar Thakur, a lawyer for Mformation, said on Saturday that the verdict late Friday followed a three-week trial and a week of deliberations by an eight-person jury. Mformation, of Edison, NJ, sued Research in Motion in October 2008, alleging that Canada-based

RIM infringed on its 1999 invention for remotely managing wireless devices. Mformation's software allows companies to remotely access employee cell phones to do software upgrades, change passwords or to wipe data from phones that have been stolen.

Officials at RIM, which has been struggling with plummeting sales, a declining stock and other problems, did not provide a comment on Saturday. Thakur said the jury ruled that Research in Motion should pay his client \$8 for each of the 18.4 million

Blackberrys that were connected to the Blackberry Enterprise Server, from the day the lawsuit was filed until the time of the trial. That's a total of \$147.2 million. He said the software at issue is the heart of the business of Mformation, a privately held company with several hundred employees. "We believe it's been fundamental to the success of Research in Motion," Thakur told *The Associated Press*. The patent at issue was filed in 2001 and issued in 2005, he said. RIM, of Waterloo, Ontario, has previously denied it did anything wrong. RIM has seen its business crumble as it increasingly loses market share.—Internet

Remains of 15 found in ancient Mexican settlement

MEXICO CITY, 15 July—Archaeologists in Mexico City have unearthed the skulls and other bones of 15 people, most of them the children of travelling merchants during Aztec times. Researcher Alejandra Jasso Pena says they also found ceramic flutes, bowls, incense burners, the remains of a dog that was sacrificed to accompany a child in the afterlife and other artifacts of a pre-Columbian civilization.

Jasso Pena said on Friday that construction was about to start on five buildings in a Mexico City neighbourhood when the National Institute of Anthropology and History asked to carry out an excavation of the site first.

Experts suspected the site was an important ceremonial center for the Tepanec tribe between 1200 and 1300. The influential traders living there were called Pohtecas. Archaeologists say excavation is continuing at the site.

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Shale will free US from oil imports, says ex-BP boss

OXFORD, 15 July — The big growth in oil extracted from shale rock means the US will not need to import any crude within two decades, the former boss of BP has said. Lord Browne told a conference in Oxford the US would be “completely independent of imported oil, probably by 2030”. He also said the amount of shale gas in the US was “effectively infinite”.

Shale oil and gas is extracted using a method called fracking, but the process has been controversial because of the environmental risks associated with it. Lord Browne is a director of fracking firm Cuadrilla.

He told the Resource 2012 forum on water, food and energy scarcity that the development of shale oil and gas was “quite extraordinary”, and that the world was now entering the “latest age of primary energy”.

Under the process of fracking, oil or gas is extracted from shale rock by pumping a mixture of sand, water and chemicals into the rock at high pressure. In April this year, a panel of experts appointed by the UK government ruled that test fracking could



Development of shale oil and gas is “extraordinary”, says Lord Browne.

INTERNET

continue, but under strict conditions. The report came after a Cuadrilla site in Lancashire had to stop test fracking in 2011 after two small earthquakes were felt at the surface.

There are also concerns that fracking — which is banned in France and Switzerland — risks polluting water supplies. However, the practice is now widespread in the US. Lord Browne said the sector needed stronger government regulation to prevent any bad practice. He said: “Shale gas has a very bad reputation, as a result of the weak players cutting corners. “Regulation tightening would be welcome.” — *Internet*

Euro falls to two-year low against the dollar

LONDON, 15 July — The euro has fallen to its lowest level against the dollar for two years on worries over eurozone prospects and as minutes from the US Fed dampened hopes of any new stimulus measures.

The euro fell to \$1.2165, its lowest level since mid-2010. US Fed minutes released on Wednesday from its June meeting suggested it was not planning any imminent additional moves to boost the US economy.

In contrast, the European Central Bank cut interest rates last week. It cut its key benchmark rate from 1% to 0.75%, a record low for the eurozone, and also cut its deposit rate, from 0.25% to zero.

European stock markets

also closed lower, with London's FTSE 100 shedding 1%.

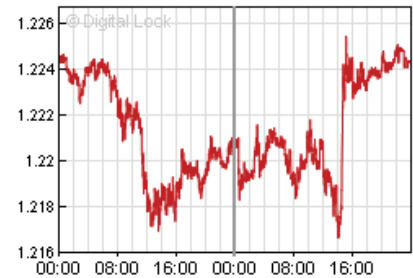
The value of the euro has also been hit by worries over growth prospects for the eurozone and whether it can tackle the current debt crisis.

“Every single central bank except for the Fed is easing, and until that happens

we expect the dollar to stay supported,” George Saravelos, currency strategist at Deutsche Bank, told the Reuters news agency.

“The euro is likely to weaken further as it will be hurt by the ECB's decision to cut the deposit rate and there will be a shift in funding.”

Internet



LG is the world's second biggest producer of LCD displays.—INTERNET

LG Display pays to settle US LCD price-fixing case

LONDON, 15 July — LG Display has agreed to pay \$380m (£246m) to settle an LCD panel price-fixing case in the US. The company denied doing anything wrong, but said it had agreed to a settlement to avoid “the expense and burden of protracted litigation”.

It was the largest amount paid by any of the 10 companies that have settled the case, including Toshiba, Samsung, Sharp and Hitachi. They were

accused of fixing the prices of LCD panels between 1996 and 2006. The money will go to US consumers and state governments. The alleged price fixing would have increased the prices of devices using LCD displays such as televisions and laptop computers. Samsung paid \$240m to settle the case in December, while Toshiba is to pay \$21m and AU Optronics is to pay \$170m. — *Internet*

Study ties chemicals in beauty products to women's diabetes risk

NEW YORK, 15 July — Chemicals in beauty and personal care products may boost women's risk of diabetes, a new study suggests, although the authors cautioned that the finding is far from conclusive. Researchers found that elevated concentrations of chemicals called phthalates in women's bodies are associated with an increased chance of developing diabetes. Phthalates are hormone-disrupting chemicals commonly used in products such as soaps, nail polishes, hairsprays, perfumes and moisturizers.

The chemicals are also used in a number of other consumer products, such as electronics, toys and adhesives. In this study, researchers analyzed concentrations of phthalates in the urine of 2,350 women from across the United

States. They found that women with the highest levels of mono-benzyl phthalate and mono-isobutyl phthalate were nearly twice as likely to develop diabetes as those with the lowest levels of the two chemicals.

Women with higher-than-average levels of mono-(3-carboxypropyl) phthalate had about a 60 percent increased risk of diabetes, and those with moderately high levels of the chemicals mono-n-butyl phthalate and di-2-ethylhexyl phthalate had about a 70 percent increased risk of diabetes. The study, published online 13 July in the journal *Environmental Health Perspectives*, was led by Tamarra James-Todd, a researcher in the division of women's health at Brigham and Women's Hospital, in Boston. — *Internet*

Safe composting tips for people with food allergies

NEW YORK, 15 July — Composting food waste is safe for people with food allergies if they take some basic precautions, according to the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI). In order to compost food safely, people with food allergies must prevent allergen particles from somehow getting inside their body, such as through an open wound or by inhaling fine particles in the air or fumes.

To reduce the risk of exposure to food allergens, AAAAI experts advised that people with food allergies take the following steps while composting:

- * Wear a pollen mask to prevent inhaling any particles.
- * Cover scratches or open wounds with goggles, gloves or long sleeve shirts and pants.
- * Keep in mind the possible effects of heat on food. Like boiling or roasting foods, the heat from composting could have an unforeseen effect on the allergic properties of foods. As a result, the AAAAI recommended that people with food allergies take these safety precautions when handling materials after the composting process as well.

Anyone with food allergies who comes into contact with people who have been composting food waste should also be sure they wore gloves or thoroughly washed their hands when they were finished to prevent exposure to allergen particles, the AAAAI noted.

Internet

Questionnaire filled by parents may help identify 1-year-olds at autism risk

WASHINGTON, 15 July — 31 percent of children identified as at risk for autism spectrum disorders (ASD) at 12 months received a confirmed diagnosis of ASD by age 3 years, a new study has revealed.

In addition, 85 percent of the children found to be at risk for ASD based on results from the First Year Inventory (FYI), a 63-item questionnaire filled out by their parents, had some other developmental disability or concern by age three, said Grace Baranek, PhD, senior author of the study and an autism researcher with the Program for Early Autism, Research, Leadership and Service (PEARLS) in the Department

of Allied Health Sciences at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine.

“These results indicate that an overwhelming majority of children who screen positive on the FYI indeed experience some delay in development by age three that may warrant early intervention,” she said.

Lead author of the study, Lauren Turner-Brown, PhD, also a researcher with PEARLS and the Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities said, “Identification of children at risk for ASD at 12 months could provide a substantial number of children and their families with access to intervention services months or years

before they would otherwise receive a traditional diagnosis.” The First Year Inventory was developed by Grace Baranek, PhD, Linda Watson, EdD, Elizabeth Crais, PhD and J Steven Reznick, PhD, who are all researchers with PEARLS.

In the study, parents of 699 children who had completed the FYI when their child was 12 months old completed additional screening questionnaires when their child reached age 3.

In addition, children who were found to be at risk for ASD based on these measures were invited for in-person diagnostic evaluations. — *Internet*

China economic growth slows to 7.6% in second quarter



LONDON, 15 July — China's economy has grown at its slowest pace in three years as investment slowed and demand fell in key markets such as the US and Europe. Gross domestic product rose by 7.6% in the second quarter, compared with the same period a year ago. That is down from 8.1% in the previous three months. In March, Beijing cut its growth target for the whole of 2012 to

7.5%. China accounts for about a fifth of the world's total economic output and any slowdown may hamper a global recovery.

At the same time, many of Asia's biggest and emerging economies are becoming increasingly reliant on China as a trading partner. “China has been a big factor for the slowdown in Asia this year,” said Tai Hui from Standard Chartered Bank in Singapore. He added that if China's growth does not pick up in the second half of the year then “that's going to mean a very difficult second half for a lot of the manufacturers in this region”.

However, despite Friday's slower growth figures many analysts tried to allay fears of a so-called hard landing in China's economy and its subsequent impact on the rest of the world. “If you get a drop in the growth rate of 1 percentage point per annum, that's not a lot in terms of the world gross domestic product,” Edmund Phelps, a professor of political economy at Columbia University and a Nobel prize winner, told the BBC. — *Internet*

Hailstorms damage Xinjiang's cotton fields

URUMQI, 15 July—More than 50,000 mu (3,333 hectares) of cotton was damaged in hailstorms that swept through western Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region on Friday and Saturday, said local authorities on Sunday.

A total of 50,110 mu of cotton plants and 1,000 mu of fruit trees were damaged in the western Xinjiang's Awat county, a county known as the "capital of cotton" in China, said county officials.

Large hailstones tore cotton leaves and bolls from the stems of the plants, said local farmers.

Located in the northwest of Taklimakan Desert where several rivers meet, Awat boasts favourable conditions for growing cotton plants and is famous for cotton production.—Xinhua



This handout picture received from the ER24 emergency services shows a general view of the site of an accident in Malelane. The driver of a truck which crashed with a train in South Africa leaving at least 25 farm workers dead will be charged with murder, state media reported Saturday.—INTERNET

S African driver to face murder charge after train crash

JOHANNESBURG, 15 July—The driver of a truck which crashed with a train in South Africa leaving at least 25 farm workers dead will be charged with murder, state media reported on Saturday.

The driver will appear in court on Monday on 25 charges of murder for the accident near the town of Malelane, south of the famed Kruger National Park, the South African Broadcasting

Corporation reported. A train transporting coal to Mozambique collided with the four-tonne truck at a level crossing on Friday and dragged it down the tracks. Officials and local media had given the death toll as 26 on Friday.

President Jacob Zuma condemned the crash, attributed to the driver's negligence, and the way in which the farm workers had been forced to travel in a

shipping container on the back of the truck. "It is shocking that in this day and age people are transported in containers," he said on state television. Railways and freight rail in South Africa are owned and operated by Transnet, the state-run transport and logistics company. The firm said in a statement that the driver had failed to stop at the level crossing.

Internet

Stray mortar bomb kills four in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, 15 July—A stray mortar bomb smashed through a house in a village in northwestern Pakistan on early Sunday, killing three children and their mother and injuring their father, police said.

The pre-dawn incident took place in Shaikhani village, a suburb of Peshawar close to the Khyber tribal district, where the military is fighting against local warlord Mangal Bagh and his Lashkar-e-Islam

faction. "The victims were asleep. A mother and her three children died on the spot," Shafiullah Khan, a senior police officer told AFP. The two sisters and their brother were aged between two and nine years, Khan said.

The officers said it was not yet clear who fired the mortar bomb but Pakistani troops and Mangal Bagh's fighters exchange fire on a daily basis.

More than 250,000 people have fled the fighting in

Khyber since January, according to Pakistani officials. Khyber is part of Pakistan's semi-autonomous tribal belt on the Afghan border, considered to be the world's premier al-Qaeda hub despite the killing of Osama bin Laden by United States troops last year. Separately, Taleban militants on Sunday bombed a government-run high school for boys in the outskirts of Peshawar, partly destroying the building. The



Photo illustration shows a Pakistani policeman next to a police check post in the tribal area of Khyber Agency in 2008.—INTERNET

remote-controlled bomb was planted on the outer wall of the school. Islamist militants oppose girls education and

have destroyed hundreds of schools, mostly for girls, in northwest Pakistan in recent years.—Internet

Pedestrians enter the Taste of Chicago in Grant Park on 13 July, 2012. Once a 10 day affair that wrapped around 4th July, the "Taste" has been shortened to five.

INTERNET



CHICAGO, 15 July—Chicago's showcase summer festival, Taste of Chicago, is struggling to find a new identity amid dwindling revenues and more choices for cash-strapped residents and visitors.

The 32-year-old food festival, which draws millions of people to Grant Park each July, used to be Chicago's

Chicago food fest struggles as revenues dwindle

premiere event bringing together restaurants from around the city. But after financial losses the past three years, organizers made the

fireworks and high-profile entertainment she remembered. "It's a little disheartening," said 44-year-old Davis of Bartlett, Ill.

Meanwhile, other festivals across the country are doing well. Los Angeles and Austin both had successful inaugural food and wine festivals last year. The Taste of Philadelphia has expanded, adding more space, food trucks and another stage for entertainment. The Hawaii Food & Wine Festival donated \$250,000 to charities after the event in 2011.

Taste of Chicago has lost \$2.7 million in the last three years, officials say. This year, the city tried to cut some losses by selling 15,000 concert tickets at \$25 each; more than 7,000 tickets still were available on opening day. The festival moved from July Fourth weekend to a week later and was cut from 10 days

to five. It features 40 vendors, down from nearly 60.

The Taste's well-established brand is one of its greatest assets, but that might also be holding it back, experts say.

"Chicago is the granddaddy of them all," said Ira Rosen, North American director of the International Festivals and Events Association. "Maybe it has suffered from its success. People say, 'Been there, done that. What's new? What's different?' If they've not kept that cutting edge, it's going to hurt."

At its peak in 2006 and 2007, the event saw 3.6 million visitors. But last year, it drew 2.3 million visitors, down 11 percent from 2010. In addition to the most recent adjustments, the expensive annual fireworks show was axed two years ago, something officials cite as one reason attendance dropped.

Internet

More than 60 highway mishaps in six months in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 15 July—At least 190 people have been killed and 629 people have been injured in 68 reported highway road accidents in Nepal that occurred from January this year till date.

According to the data provided by the Traffic Police Control, the number of the deaths and injured are in the 68 different mishaps that have occurred in different highways around the country. As many as half of the number of injured were reported to be in severe conditions after the accident while more than 15 of the dead are minors this year alone.

In 2011, as many as 2527 people had died in similar highway mishaps, according to the data provided by the traffic police.

Many of the road accidents have been caused by overtaking buses and other vehicles, speeding vehicles, collisions of buses and vehicles that ply on the highway and vehicles skidding the road and plunging many feet at the side of the road. As many as 10 deaths this year has been caused by vehicles hitting pedestrians in the highway. Two of the reported mishaps were caused by brake failure.

While carelessness is the prime reason for these accidents, unskilled and often times drunken drivers are also the reason behind such mishaps. Amongst the reported incidences, sometimes it becomes difficult to estimate the numbers of the dead and the missing because many vehicles are overloaded beyond its limits. Similarly, the condition of the highway, which are narrow, bumpy and has lots of turnings due to their mountainous location are also the reasons for the occurrence of such mishaps, especially during the monsoon season.

Xinhua

Four hurt, none gored at Spain's running of the bulls

PAMPLONA, 15 July—Four thrill-seekers were treated for cuts and bruises but no one was gored as thousands of runners packed the streets of Pamplona for the San Fermin festival on Saturday, eager to share in the adrenaline-fueled experience of this year's final running of the bulls.

Doctor Ignacio Iribarren, a spokesman for Pamplona's Navarra hospital, said only four runners had been admitted for treatment — two with head concussions, and two with arm and leg injuries.

Television images broadcast nationally showed runners being brushed aside and knocked over by bulls, their horns missing them by inches as they thundered down the city's narrow cobble-stone streets.

A Navarre government statement said three of those injured were Spaniards, and a fourth — suffering concussion



Reveler falls on Estafeta corner running with Torrehandilla's fighting bulls ranch, during the eighth and last running of the bulls at the San Fermin fiestas, in Pamplona northern Spain, on 14 July, 2012.—INTERNET

— was a 28-year-old Irish national.

One runner had a lucky escape when he sprang to his feet — having been knocked down by the leading bull — only to find himself just in front of the following pack. Experienced runners, who are known as "los divinos" — the divine ones — for their ability to survive such close brushes with death, generally agree that standing in front of charging bulls is something that should never be done.

In 1995, a 22-year-old American, Matthew Tassio, fell, and rather than remaining curled up on the ground while the pack passed over, stood up and faced the animals. A bull's horn struck him in the chest, killing him.

Once the bulls reached the bullring Saturday, a daredevil rushed from the crowd to meet one of them as it headed to internal stables, only for him to be knocked over and head-butted by the bull as the watching crowd shrieked in horror. A cape-waving attendant swiftly intervened, saving him from further tragedy by distracting the bull's attention and leading it away.—Internet

Ward and Village-tract Sanghanayaka Committees in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Ba Sein (Religious Affairs)

According to the concrete resolution of the First Successful Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders of 1980, the different levels of the Sangha Organizations throughout country could be formed and also the very first unity of the Sangha of All Orders could be reconstructed within one hundred year in the history of Buddhism of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The different levels of Sangha Organizations are as follows:-

1. State Ovadacariya (Patron) Committee of Sangha.
2. State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders.
3. State Sanghamahanayaka Committee.
4. State/Region Sanghanayaka Committees.
5. Township Sanghanayaka Committees.
6. Ward/Village-tract Sanghanayaka Committees.

These different levels of the Sangha Organizations represent over five hundred thousand members of the Sangha in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar who are striving to carry out the noble task of purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Sasana. Including other (5) Sanghanayaka Committees, the Ward and Village-tract Sanghanayaka Committees consisting of (19993) members of Sangha have been formed throughout the Union of Myanmar since 1980. Members of Ward and Village-tract Sanghanayaka Committees shall be elected by the majority of the members of Sangha who are residing in respective regions and states of the respective townships throughout the country. The general election of Ward and Village-tract Sanghanayaka Committees shall be held in accordance with principles of the different levels of Sangha Organizations of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar after five years' term.

The main objectives of the ward and village-tract Sanghanayaka Committees are to carry out the noble task of the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana and other religious matters in their

respective Ward and Village-tract.

Ward and Village-tract Sanghanayaka Committees

There are altogether (5508) Ward and Village-tract Sanghanayaka Committees consisting of (19993) members of Sangha throughout the country.

Functions and duties of Ward and Village-tract Sanghanayaka Committees

1. Shall carry out their functions concerned in accordance with the fundamental principles approved and adopted by the Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders and procedures of Sangha Organization, procedures of settlements of Vinayadhamma Kamma Adhikarana Disputes Act, other decisions and instructions approved and passed by the meeting of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders.
2. Shall perform their duties leading to the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana and the unity of the members of Sangha.
3. Shall make monks and novices (Samaneras dwelling in their ward and village-tract to know and follow the instructions of the higher levels of Sangha Organizations).
4. Shall collect and prepare the final lists of monks and novices in their Ward and Village-tract in each year of retreat and shall send it, to respective township Sanghanayaka Committee.
5. Shall report their functions to respective township Sanghanayaka Committees occasionally.
6. Shall occasionally give advice and counsel to monks and novices in their Ward and Village-tract without affecting management of respective monasteries and monastic institutions.
7. If one of group-members or members of Ward and Village-tract Sanghanayaka Committees is (are) suspected in any case without complainant, he (they) shall be sent for to receive counsel of responsible

member of respective Ward and Village-tract Sanghanayaka Committees.

8. If he or they do not follow the counsel, he or they shall be sent for in front of (2) or (3) Executive members of Ward and Village-tract Sanghanayaka Committee for the second time.
9. If he or they have not followed, for the third time he or they shall be sent for again.
10. If not yet, he or they shall be removed from group-members of Ward and Village-tract Sanghanayaka Committee until confession made by him or them, and complete particulars of such person or persons shall be informed to the Township Sanghanayaka Committee.
11. Ward and Village-tract Sanghanayaka Committee and removed persons shall obey and follow the decision of Township Sanghanayaka Committee.
12. If the removed persons do not obey and follow the decisions of Township Sanghanayaka Committee, it shall be reported to the Ward and Village-tract Sanghanayaka Committee, the authorities concerned and the Township Sanghanayaka Committee.
13. If any representative of Sangha Samutti, any member of Vanayadharas, any member of Sangha Working Committee, any members of Sanghanayaka Committee or any member of Sangha Patron Committee falls vacant, it shall be informed to respective Township Sanghanayaka Committee within (5) days after vacancy has been fallen.

According to the functions and duties of the Ward and Village-tract Sanghanayaka Committees, various matters and affairs in connection with the members of Sangha or Sangha Organizations can only be decided and settled by members of the Sangha themselves. Matters of the Sangha cannot be decided and settled by any civil court or authorities concerned.

Shwepyitha Township organizes tree growing ceremony in rainy season

YANGON, 15 July—The 2012 rainy season tree growing ceremony was held along Pya Nawade Road and Shwebahorngroad in Ward

1 of Shwepyitha Township of Yangon Region on 10 July morning.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U

Aung Moe Oo and township level departmental personnel planted Gangaw (*Mesua ferrea*) and other saplings.

After that, Forester U Min Aung of Township Forest Department and staff, Ward 1 Administrator U Khin Maung Myint, members of social organizations and local people planted 400 saplings.—*Myanma Alin*



DISTRICT NEWS

Passenger speed boats run along Mandalay-Bhamo route

MANDALAY, 15 July—Three passenger speed boats namely Shwe Keinnayi run along Mandalay-Bhamo route of Ayeyawady Branch of Inland Water Transport as of 10 July.

It is one-night trip. The passenger boat is facilitated with 100 sofa seats and air-conditioners.

The Shwe Keinnayi speed boats are constituted

with recreation rooms, restaurants and bars. Myanmar foods, Chinese foods, tea and coffee are available onboard the ships for comfortable voyage.

The vessels depart Mandalay every Tuesday and Friday and Bhamo every Thursday and Friday twice a week. Tickets are available at the Inland Water Transport office, Gawwein jetty office

and offices of IWT along the route. The tickets are fixed at K 20,000 for Mandalay-Bhamo, K 16,500 for Kyaukmyaung-Bhamo, K 11,000 for Tagaung-Bhamo, K 9500 for Htigyaing-Bhamo, K 6000 for Katha-Bhamo and K 3000 for Shwegu-Bhamo.

The ticket price for foreigners is 60 USD per head.—*Kyemon*

Myanmar, Thai entrepreneurs focus on development of iron and steel industry

YANGON, 15 July—A 24-member delegation led by Mr Wikrom Vijragupta of Iron and Steel Institute of Thailand held a discussion with members of Myanmar Iron and Steel Development Subcommittee, members of Myanmar Industry Association and Myanmar iron and steel entrepreneurs at My Garden Restaurant in People's Park of Yangon on 11 July.

At the iron and steel development discussion, Yangon Region Minister for Electric and Industry U Nyan Tun delivered an address.

Secretary of Myanmar Iron and Steel Development Subcommittee Dr Kathy Lwin explained current situation of iron and steel industry in Myanmar.

U Aung Khin Myint of



the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry discussed current trade of the State and investment policies and replied to queries raised by those present.

Accompanied by members of the Myanmar Iron and Steel Development

Subcommittee, Thai guests on 12 July visited No 3 Steel Mill in Ywama of Insein Township, Industrial Zones in Dagon Myothit (South) Township and Steel King in Thakayta Industrial Zone.

Responsible persons explained matters related to their respective works.

Myanma Alin

Bamboo fibre underwear flows into market in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 15 July—Advantages of bamboo fibre underwear for men flows into Mandalay market, according to Biz care Distribution.

The underwear can

absorb sweat three times of its weight and then dry it.

The lighter weight of its advantage is suitable for sports athletes. Bamboo fibre is softer and smoother than wool. So, users can

enjoy comfortability. The wears prevent bacteria, bad smell and fungus. So, the bamboo fibre underwear contributes to health of the user.

Kyaw Min Thaw

First plenary meeting of Myanmar Publishers and Distributors Association kicks off

YANGON, 15 July—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe attended opening session of first plenary meeting of Myanmar Publishers and Distributors Association at the meeting hall of University of Nursing (Yangon) in Bogyoke Aung San in Lanmadaw Township here this morning. The Union minister delivered an address at the meeting.

It was also attended by Region Minister for Finance and Revenue Daw San San Nwe, Region Minister for Electricity and Industry U Nyan Tun Oo and Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Myint Thein, officials of Information and Culture Ministries, chairpersons and members of invited associations, the chairman, CEC members, executive members and members of Myanmar Publishers and Distributors Association and invited guests.

The Union minister said Myanmar Writers Association, Myanmar Journalists Association and Myanmar Publishers and Distributors Association were formed after reformation of literature associations suited with the democratic society was decided at emergency conference of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association held at the same venue on 24 March, 2012. Following the decision, the first conference of Myanmar Writers Association was held on 16 June, 2012. The day on which the first plenary meeting of MPDA took place is said to be the red-day of Myanmar literary world.

The government is initiating sweeping reforms to make the long-for democracy a reality. Various civil societies have been formed in accord with the constitution.

The committee for formation of MPDA systematically drafted rules and regulations and elected leaders of the association independently. The association is hoped to serve the interests of men of letters, publishers, distributors, the nation and the people.

As the association has been formed, it needs to consider which plan will be undertaken and how it will be implemented. In doing so, it should relate the past, the present and the future. The



association derived from MWJA should preserve the fine traditions of print media in the national interest based on the patriotic spirit. Policy, agenda and short-term or long-term goals should be adopted to safeguard the interest of the literary world. Fundamental principles of the association are:-

1. To bring information of writers and journalists to the public,
2. To form advanced and systematic distribution network of publications, and
3. To distribute publications to libraries and bookworms at home and abroad.

Difficulties including transportation and costs in distributing publications to townships and villages have come to the attention. There is relatively less number of wholesale distributors. And there are difficulties between publications and wholesale distributors, and between wholesale and retail distributors. All stakeholders including publishers and distributors must come up together with solutions to tackle the issues while connecting the network with rural self-reliant libraries in order to stretch it.

The association is urged to organize book fairs as in neighbouring countries to where international publishing houses should be invited. It is suggested to have broader view to enhance the role of print media.

The Union minister then urged the association to exert efforts to put Myanmar publications and periodicals into international market. He added that penetration into international market would require international standard serial number (ISSN) for periodicals and international standard book number (ISBN) for publications. So, since

August 2007, the Literature Scrutiny and Registration Department had made contacts with the International ISBN Agency which agreed the country's membership in October, 2009. At the same time, the department had carried out related works in line with procedures to sign contract, memorandum of understanding with ISBN and membership fees was paid in August, 2011 to get group prefix. In April, 2012, the Information Ministry had handed the responsibility over to Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association to deal with works for opening of ISBN Agency. It is learnt that International ISBN Agency had permitted the formation of ISBN Agency of Myanmar. The country has reportedly got 5-digit ISBN group identifier 978-99970. Reincarnated brothers associations of the MWJA are to deal with issuance of ISBN numbers for publications, cataloguing in publication (CIP) in the future.

The Union minister quoted the President's inaugural speech on 31st March, 2011 on which the new government took the office as "It is required to attach great importance to the role of the press, the Fourth Estate and to give serious attention to constructive criticism of the press". This is the policy of the government toward the media, inviting the constructive criticism of the press. So, in line with the policy, the State media has to not only inform the policies and stances, functions and messages of the government to the public and but also point out the weak points of the Union government and governmental departments positively. In addition, they must reflect the opinions, feedbacks and aspirations of the people in response to the Union government and

government departments.

In other words, the State media must transform itself to public service media in terms of form and content. The transformation from State media to public service media is in the course of implementation with three objectives, namely—(1) To inform the policies, stances and functions of the Union government to the public; (2) To reflect the opinions, wishes, aspirations and feedbacks of the people in response to actions of the Union government and government departments; (3) To make constructive criticisms of the actions of the Union government and government departments.

The reform must be undertaken step by step. Public service media must be viewed in broader context of control, fund allocation and service, and thus what is possible must be done first in the transition process toward the mature service. Moreover, government departments, the people and journalists must join hands in this process with mutual understanding.

In building the democratic nation of the future, the media, the Fourth Estate, must monitor the executive, legislative and judicial pillars to be able to practice very essence of

democracy correctly. In addition, they must inform and educate the people, the fifth pillar of the nation. To be able to accomplish these duties, the Fourth Estate must be proficient and genuine one. The Union minister added that his own view of five norms for journalists is based on historical events and the warnings of national leader General Aung San, Prime Minister U Nu and other reliable and well-known journalists against those incidents.

Those norms are sine quo non for private media to become the genuine Fourth Estate and fundamental points for State media in transforming itself into public service media.

The Union minister then explained the print media reforms of the ministry in line with the changing era and new system that the print media law (draft) was submitted to the Union government after the final coordination with the Union Attorney-General's Office. The draft can be discussed at the ongoing parliamentary session after the Union government has passed it. The Union minister reiterated that the norms of the print media bill are not lower than those of international community and ASEAN

fellow countries and the law is aimed for emergence for dignified genuine Fourth Estate and not for restricting journals and press freedom. While measures are being taken for enacting of print media law, recommendations have been sought from respective associations and organizations for formation of core press council in order that things can go well when the law is once promulgated. In line with those suggestions, core press council has been established and informed to the President's Office for its approval.

Now, Myanmar Publishers and Distributors Association could be reconstituted and meet for the first time. The Union minister concluded that he believed that members of the association could help the association to stand firm and tall in literary world for ever, serving the interests of the writers, literary world, publishers and distributors, and nation and its people as the association was the tower of strength for those from literary world.

The Union minister and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe posed for documentary photo together with responsible persons.—MNA



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan delivers an opening speech at first plenary meeting of Myanmar Publishers and Distributors Association.

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CITIZENSHIP CARDS ISSUED: The issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards by Patheingyi Township Immigration and National Registration Department was held at Shwe Mingala Dhammayon in Ward 14 of Patheingyi on 3 July. Ayeyawady Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Maung Maung Win presents citizenship scrutiny card and household registration to a local people.

TOWNSHIP IMMIGRATION



Progress of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint yesterday morning inspected maintenance of Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Chaungnet-Taungdwingyi Road.

At the construction site of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) Project, the Union Minister met the superintending engineers of Magway Region and Special Project Group-5 and officials.

The Union Minister looked into installation of steel frames at the bridge on Migyaungye-Pahtanago bank, placing of floor, installation of iron frames between RP-4 and RP-5 and progress of motor road, railroad and bridges on approach road on Migyaungye-Pahtanago bank.

Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) is linking

Migyaungye-Pahtanago near Ywathit Village and Sitkoebin Village of Magway Township and Malun. Upper structure of main bridge is of steel frame and reinforced concrete floor and RC approach bridge. The lower structure is of RC foundation. The main bridge will be 3215 feet long, and approach motor roads 2624 feet long and approach railroad 3939 each. The two-way motor road is 28 feet wide and the railroad 10 feet wide. Three feet wide pedestrian ways flank the motor road. The clearance will be 320 feet wide and 57 feet high. The facility can withstand 60-ton loads.

The Union Minister inspected upgrading of Thityagauk-Pahtanago section on Migyaungye bank by Airport Special Group-5.—MNA

Myanmar, Japanese musicians stage Orchestra Concert Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July — Orchestra Concert Myanmar played together by Myanmar and Japan musicians was staged at the Myanmar Radio and Television in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township this afternoon.

During the concert, Myanmar musicians led by Conductor U Tin Thein played Mann Taung Yeik-kho, Bwe-dot and Shwe Pyi Aye. Japanese musicians led by Mr Yosikagu Fukumura, Japanese Conductor, and Ms Anna Sowanna, Violin Soloist, played the Creature of Prometheus by Beethoven, Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso by Saint Saens, Zigeunerweisen (Gipsy Airs) by Sarasate, Spanish Violinist and Symphony No. 41 in C (Jupiter) by Mozart.

After the concert, Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win presented bouquets

of flowers to Myanmar and Japan musicians.

The Japanese music band led by Conductor Mr Yoshikazu Fukumura rehearsed together at the Myanmar Radio and Television in Yangon from 28 June to July 12 and staged the concert at the National Theatre in Yangon on 13 July.

Myanmar musicians will stage concerts together with international musicians in the future.

The live coverage of Orchestra Concert Myanmar was broadcast by the Sky Net Music Channel.

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National music band and Japan musician stage orchestra Concert.

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NPED Dy Minister attends Hong Kong Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July—Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw and party attended Hong Kong-East Asia Region Cooperation-Hongkong Summit held in Hong Kong of China on 11 July.

The summit was attended by economic-related ministers and high-ranking officials from Hong Kong, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Singapore.

The deputy minister, speaking at the plenary session meeting, explained progress of economic reforms, rural development and poverty alleviation scheme and, rural and urban development programmes, national development planning, implementation of four economic objectives of the State, special economic zone law, Dawei special economic zone law, investment prospects and job opportunities, national-level implementation for establishment of ASEAN Economic Community, efforts for meeting MDGs, and trading between Myanmar and Hong Kong.

In the afternoon, businessmen from Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia,

China mainland took part in discussion at Hong Kong-East Asia Cooperation Hong Kong Summit. The Myanmar delegation

attended the summit and arrived back on 12 July evening.

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Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw making discussion at Hong Kong-East Asia Region Cooperation-Hongkong Summit.—MNA

Dy Finance and Revenue Minister attends 7th Pan-Beibu Gulf Economic Co-operation Forum

YANGON, 15 July— The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Shein attended the 7th Pan-Beibu Gulf Economic Co-operation Forum held in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region in Southern China from 12 till 13 July.

Delegates from China, Myanmar, Philippines, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Thailand and Brunei, and economists spoke speeches and exchanged views on economic

cooperation at the forum that targets to common interest from economic cooperation.

The Deputy Minister participated in the discussions revealing that Myanmar current developments and potentials of economic cooperation to be involved in near future. He held a meeting with officials from Guangxi Zhuang Region government and discussed economic cooperation to be done in the region.—MNA



Head of Crazy English Club in Nay Pyi Taw Lt-Col Than Swe (Retd) and trainees donated cash and kind for people in Rakhine State on 13 July.—MNA

Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Shein at the seventh Pan Beibu Gulf Economic Cooperation Forum held in Nanning of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China.—MNA



Narcotic drugs, paraphernalia seized near Mantonpa Village of Laukkai Township

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July—Narcotic drugs and paraphernalia were seized from the house of Li Shaik Chin who refined narcotic drugs near Mantonpa Village of Laukkai Township, Shan State, on 9 July.

A team led by Commander of Laukkai District Police Force Police Lt-Col Aung Soe Win and a team led by Police Captain Nyunt Lwin of Kunglong (Anti-Drug) Squad searched the house of Li Shaik Chin who was refining narcotic drugs near Mantonpa Village, 17 miles from Laukkai at 3.30 pm on 9 July. The authorities seized eight men including house owner Li Shaik Chin and one woman together with narcotic drugs and related equipment in making the drugs. These persons



Narcotic drugs and paraphernalia seized from the house of Li Shaik Chin who refined narcotic drugs near Mantonpa Village of Laukkai Township, Shan State.

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were seized together with one Pietro Beretta 9mm pistol and four rounds of ammunition, 73 kilos of solid Ice (worth K 730 million at local price K 100 per kilo), 274 kilos of liquid Ice (worth K 2055 million at local price K 7.5 million per kilo), three grams of Khatkhu (worth K 3600 at local price K 1200 per gram), 120 kilos of phosphate, 9.5 litres of acetic acid, and 11 related materials worth K 3145 million in total.

Laukkai Police Station opened files against Li Chauk Chin (a) Li Kyon Chin, 50, son of U Li Kyein Kya, Kokang/Buddhist, Tonchein Ward 1, Laukkai, Lu Lauk Wu, 30, son of U Lu Lauk Loo, Konkang/Buddhist, Sinaing Village of Laukkai Township, Lu Lauk Haw, 27, son of U Lu Lauk Loo, Konkang/Buddhist, Sinaing Village of Laukkai Township, Maw Nyo Kyu (a) Kyaw Sein Win, 24, son of U Lon Pauk, Konkang/Buddhist, No 126, Thanlwin Road, Ward 12, Lashio,

Maw Sai Hsain, 18, son of U Maw Kyein Min, Kokang/Buddhist, Karmaing, Mongmaung Village of Kunlong Township, Maw Lauk Wu (a) Maw Htoo The, 29, son of U Maw Yway Lon, Kokang/Buddhist, Pasinkyaw Village of Laukkai Township, Si Shaik Chan (a) Si Ah Chan, 41, son of U Si Shaik Lauk, Kokang/Buddhist, No 51, Thida Lwin Road, Ward 7, Lashio and Thong Shaik Lint, 24, son of U Taung Shan Pa, Kokang/Buddhist, Lukawma Village of Taukshwe Village-tract in Laukkai Township and Lu Shaik San (a) Lu Sin Kyu, 40, father U Lu Lauk Lu, Kokang/Buddhist, Tonchein Ward 1, Laukkai under MaYa (Pa) 4/2012, Narcotic/Psychotic 15/16 (b), 19(a), 21/22 (b) together with evident narcotic drugs and processing narcotic drugs, related materials, arms and ammunitions. Investigation is being undertaken for arresting related persons.—MNA

More people to have easy access to telephone in 2015-16

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July—Principal U Kyaw Soe of Telecommunications and Postal Training Centre said that about 70-75 per cent of population can use telephones in 2015-2016.

In the period of reform in democracy era, the department-centred system is to be reformed as the public-centred one; opportunities will be created for enabling the 70-75 per cent of population to use telephone; and price of telephone will be accessible for the people, said the principal. At present, most of the people aim to buy telephones from Myanma Posts and Telecommunications. In the media world, communication is playing a key role for lifestyle of the people.

Ye Khaung Nyunt

Kyaikpi BEHS of Mawgyun facilitated with new building

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 15 July—The opening of new school building was held at Basic Education High School in Kyaikpi Village of Mawlamyinegyun Township on 5 July morning.

At first, Township Administrator U Htay Maung, Township Education Officer U San

Myint and Township Manager U Aung Naing Moe of Adipati Agricultural Produce Trading Ltd of Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd formally opened the new school building.

The new building, 120 feet long and 30 feet wide brick noggin facility, was built at a cost of K 15 million

by Adipati Agricultural Produce Trading Ltd of UMEHL and K 7.7 million by local people of Kyaikpi Village.

Thanks to new building, students from Kyaikpi Village and its surrounding 10 villages will have easy access to learning education comfortably.

Myanma Alin



MWEA to host talks on women's health

YANGON, 15 July—Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association will give talks on health of women at Chatrium Hotel from 1 pm to 3 pm on 21 July.

OG Specialist Associate Professor U Soe Lwin and party will give lectures.

Members of social organizations, intellectuals and intelligentsia and media persons are invited to take part in the discussions.

The interested persons are to dial 389376, 254400 and 389380.

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DISTRICT NEWS

Taxation lectured to middle school students in Mayangon Township

YANGON, 15 July—Under the arrangements of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue and the Ministry of Education, the second week of July was designated as Tax Week.

With regard to the tax week, talks on taxation were given to basic education middle school students.

On 12 July, Assistant Director U Min Naing Oo of Internal Revenue Department gave lectures on taxation to about 500 students of Basic Education Middle School No. 4 in Mayangon Township.

Kyemon

UMFCCI meets Japanese guests

YANGON, 15 July—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung, Vice-President U Zaw Min Win and General Secretary Dr Myo The received Chairman of Nagoya Commerce

Association Chairman of Okaya Co. Ltd of Japan Mr Tokiuchi Okaya and party at the office of the federation on 5 July.

At the meeting, they discussed promotion of Myanmar-Japan businesses, interests of Japanese entrepreneurs in Myanmar

economy due to discussions of Myanmar delegation in Nagoya in June 2012, assistance for investment of Japanese entrepreneurs in Thilawa Special Economic Zone and cooperation with Japanese SME entrepreneurs in small-scale and medium-scale industries in Myanmar.—UMFCCI



Paddy seeds of Paletwe strain sown in Kyaunggon

KYAUNGKON, 15 July—A ceremony to sow Paletwe hybrid paddy seeds was held on the farmland of farmer U Maung Soe in Zayatkwine Village of Zayatkwine Village-tract in Kyaunggon Township, Patheingyi District, Ayeyawady Region, on 5 July morning.

On the occasion,

Township Administrator U Myo Kyaw Kyaw, Staff Officer of Township Agriculture Department U Win Htin Soe, Deputy Head

of Township Settlement and Land Records Department U Sein Tin, officials and local farmers sow paddy seeds.

Township Agriculture



CSC ISSUED: A ceremony to present citizenship scrutiny cards was held at Basic Education Post-Primary School in Kaunghaw Village-tract in Hsenwi Township on 3 July. Staff Officer U Tun Kyaw of Township Immigration and National Registration Department presents citizenship scrutiny cards to the local people.—TOWNSHIP IMMIGRATION

Collective tree growing ceremony held in Kyaunggon Township

KYAUNGKON, 15 July—Kyaunggon Township Forest Department organized the rainy season tree growing ceremony along both sides of Patheingyi-Kyaunggon Road in Ward 3 in Kyaunggon of Patheingyi District on 3 July morning.

At the ceremony, the Township Administrator, township departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people planted 1100 saplings.

Myanma Alin

France's Hollande vows to fight job cuts, graft



France's President Francois Hollande (L), Culture minister Aurelie Filippetti (R) and Delphine Batho (C), French Minister of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, applaud as they sit on the reviewing stand on the Place de la Concorde during the traditional Bastille Day military parade in Paris on 14 July, 2012.—REUTERS

PARIS, 15 July—President Francois Hollande marked Bastille Day celebrations on Saturday with a pledge to fight industrial layoffs and clean up French politics, after watching troops parade down the Champs Elysees as jets streamed the national colours overhead.

The Socialist leader's first National Day since winning office in May was overshadowed by outcry at mass job cuts announced by

future. Jobs are my priority," Hollande said in the interview at navy headquarters overlooking the historic Place de la Concorde, where thousands went to the guillotine during the Revolution.

Hollande, who pledged during his campaign to curb the highest unemployment level in 12 years, faces a major challenge after Peugeot said on Thursday it would axe 8,000 jobs in France.

Accusing the company's management of strategic errors and misleading the public over its intentions, Hollande said he could not accept the restructuring plan as it stood and promised public incentives to help French-made cars.

During the interview he also said he had told his partner, journalist Valerie Trierweiler, and the wife of his four children, Segolene Royal, to end a public spat.

The parade — which ended with parachutists landing before the presidential tribune — came

carmaker Peugeot and a scandal over his private life threatening to undermine his image as "Mr Normal".

Reviving the tradition of a 14 July television interview, scrapped by his predecessor Nicolas Sarkozy, Hollande said France had to make an "effort" to restore its public finances but ruled out the kind of painful austerity causing protests in Spain and Italy.

"My mission is to help France recover and give it a

DAVAO CITY, (Philippines), 15 July—Five people were killed and several others wounded when a truck rammed a group of people at a dumpsite in the southern Philippine city of Davao on Saturday afternoon, local police said on Sunday.

The accident happened at New Carmen, a village in the city's Tugbok district, around 1:30 pm on Saturday, according to Superintendent Marcial Magistrado, spokesperson of the southern Mindanao police.

In a text message, Magistrado told Xinhua that the dump truck owned by Comval Tropical Fruits Inc. was traveling towards the dumpsite but lost its brakes and plowed a dozen people. The injured were rushed to the Southern Philippines Medical Center for treatment.

Magistrado said the driver is now under police custody facing criminal charges.

Xinhua

Five killed as wayward truck rams crowd in S Philippines



Photo taken on 13 July shows Britain army sets up surface-to-air missiles around London Olympics venues to beef up security for the games. XINHUA

Brunei celebrates Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah's 66th birthday

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 15 July—Borneo's sovereign state of Brunei Darussalam on Sunday celebrated in pomp and splendor the 66th birthday of its king who has reigned the Sultanate for 45 years in a legacy of an unbroken 607-year-old Muslim dynasty.

Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, wearing a black military uniform and a gold sash, arrived with Her Majesty Saleha Mohamed Alam in a motorcade that passed flag-waving schoolchildren, tourists and royalists who flocked around the Sultan Omar Ali Saifuddin square in Bandar Seri Begawan, where the main celebratory procession is held.

Many citizens were there

to express their appreciation to the king for his services.

"I'd love to see the king and I'm doing my part to be here as a way to thank the king for his contribution in giving free education, free healthcare among others to the people," university lecturer, Aishah Din, told Xinhua.

It was during Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah's reign when technological advances led the Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sdn Bhd (BSP) to major offshore discoveries in the 1960's, raising the oil production to 250,000 barrels a day from the 15,000 barrels a day produced post-World War II.

BSP is owned by the Bruneian government and a joint venture company by

Shell and Royal Dutch oil companies. The Bruneian royalty holds part of Brunei Shell Petroleum shares.

Brunei is ranked the world's fifth richest with a GDP per capita of 48,333 US dollars.

National flags with red crest against a yellow, black and white backdrop were hoisted across the country and drop-down posters conveying well wishes to the king hung on building walls encompassing the Sultan Muda Omar Ali Saifuddin Square.

The ceremony started with the monarch, who is also the defense supreme commander, inspecting the guards of honor when a 21-gun cannon salute was fired.

Reuters

as Paris struggles to pare back one of the highest levels of public spending in Western Europe to meet an EU deficit target of 3 percent of GDP next year.

The government announced 7.2 billion euros (\$8.8 billion) in new taxes last week to plug a budget shortfall for this year and needs to find 33 billion euros in 2013 to meet its European deficit targets or risk unnerving financial markets.

"I knew the state of France before I inherited it. I am not going to pretend that I just discovered it," Hollande said.

He said the government was looking at a raft of measures to fill the shortfall, including an increase in the CSG social welfare charge recommended by the state auditor this month, which would hit all households.

"I'm not going to announce today an extra tax for the majority of the French ... A rise in the CSG is one of the things under study, among other measures," he said.

Reuters

India to build 43,000 houses for Sri Lanka's war displaced

COLOMBO, 15 July—India is to build 43,000 houses for Sri Lanka's war displaced communities in the north and east of the country, the Indian High Commission in Colombo said on Saturday.

Contracts to build the houses have been awarded to the respective agencies and the project will be implemented immediately.

The Indian High Commission said that the construction of 43,000 houses for resettlement and rehabilitation of war displaced in the north and east is part of the overall commitment by India to build 50,000 houses in Sri Lanka for the war affected communities.

The beneficiaries of the 43,000 houses will be selected through a transparent and norm-based process on the basis of clearly defined and objective criteria.

In order to ensure early operationalisation of this commitment, a pilot phase for the construction of 1,000 houses in the five districts of Northern Province was launched in November 2010 of which 950 houses have already been completed.

In the last phase of the project, which is also expected to commence soon, about 6,000 houses will be directly built by construction agencies for people from most vulnerable sections of the war displaced in the northern and eastern provinces and for the estate sector in the Central and Uva Provinces, the High Commission said.

Xinhua



Workers are seen at the Changqing depot of Wuhan Subway Line No 2 in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 14 July, 2012.—XINHUA

Cuba says cholera outbreak not spreading

HAVANA, 15 July—Cuba said on Saturday that a cholera outbreak in eastern Cuba is diminishing and has not spread to other parts of the country. A Public Health Ministry statement said there were 158 confirmed cholera cases and three people had died since the illness was first detected in Manzanillo, a city of 130,000 residents located on the southern coast of Granma Province.

"The outbreak of cases transmitted through water is diminishing, with no indication the illness has spread through food or other means," Saturday's Health Ministry statement said. "Isolated cases have been diagnosed in other parts of the country in people coming from Manzanillo. There is no spread

of this epidemic," it said.

Cuban authorities first reported the outbreak on July 3, stating there were 53 cases and three deaths at the time.

Manzanillo residents, especially those who live on the outskirts of town, rely on wells and latrines that flooded in June due to heavy rainfall, contaminating water and causing thousands of cases of severe diarrhoea, of which some proved to be cholera.

Cholera, a bacteria that quickly spreads through contaminated water, is generally not fatal but can kill in just a few hours when diarrhoea and vomiting cause dehydration, especially among the elderly.

While residents in Granma province have been kept informed through radio

and television as the government moved to limit the outbreak, national authorities remained mum after the 3 July statement, fuelling rumours of a national epidemic.

A number of countries, including Cuba's biggest tourism provider, Canada, have posted travel warnings.

The United Nations says Cuba has one of the best preventive health care systems in the developing world and it has ample experience battling cholera in Haiti, where hundreds of Cuban doctors and nurses have worked for over a decade and a cholera outbreak has killed more than 7,000 people since that country's 2010 earthquake.

Reuters



Photo taken on 13 July, 2012 shows the power transmission lines of the Three Gorges Dam in Yichang, central China's Hubei Province. As the second flood peak of this year passed, the Three Gorges power station started to operate at full capacity after its 32 turbine generators were all put into use on Friday. XINHUA

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs

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

1. It is under process to bid tender and scrutinize by Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications, Planning and Training Department with the goodwill of distribution international status of postal services to public in order to provide postal service by joint venture with domestic/foreign companies which are providing Postal services.
2. In such an implementation, in order to comply with international rules and regulations for tender bidding, and international standards, to be transparent, it is intended to implement with the international experience and suggestions of Consultant companies and organizations existing with international experience which could conduct as Consultant in the process of tender preparation, tender bidding, scrutinizing and selection, thus Consultant companies and organizations which are interesting to implement these works are invited to submit the proposals.
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A man waits for his results after being tested for HIV/AIDS at a government run Voluntary Counselling and Testing Centre (VCT) in Nairobi's Kibera slum. A cure for AIDS remains a distant prospect but a host of drug treatments and other advances have fueled fresh hope that new human immunodeficiency virus infections may some day be halted for good.—INTERNET

Hopes high as AIDS conference returns to US

WASHINGTON, 15 July—A cure for AIDS remains a distant prospect but a host of drug treatments and other advances have fueled fresh hope that new human immunodeficiency virus infections may some day be halted for good. Strategies for ending the 30-year AIDS epidemic through advances in treatment, testing and prevention are high on the agenda of a major meeting of experts in HIV/AIDS when it returns to the United States next week after two decades.

“What we know is absolutely possible is that we can end the pandemic even without having a cure,” said Anthony Fauci, a leading AIDS expert and director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Held every two years, the International AIDS Conference has convened elsewhere around the world but not in the US since 1990, due to a travel ban on HIV-positive individuals. The ban was overturned by US lawmakers under president George W. Bush in 2008 and signed into law by President Barack Obama in 2009.

The conference's return to the United States was expected to draw a star-studded crowd of 25,000—more than the usual 20,000—including celebrities, politicians, AIDS activists and scientists, organizers said.—Internet

Two South Korean black bears sits idle at a zoo in Kwachon, south of Seoul, in 2001. South Korean police shot dead one bear and another was on the run after the pair of female six-year-olds escaped from a farm on the outskirts of Seoul on Saturday, a report said.

INTERNET



MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY HOLIDAY NOTIC

As the wharves warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 19th July 2012 (Martyr's Day) Goods Shipped or delivered on payment will be received as Holiday Fees.

Sydney navy base opened to cruise ships

SYDNEY, 15 July—A strategic Sydney naval base is to be used to dock large cruise liners, Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard said on Sunday, just months after the government advised against it on security grounds. Sydney is running out of space to accommodate an explosion of cruise ships wanting to dock while some of the new superliners, such as *Queen Mary 2*, can not fit under the city's Harbour Bridge.

Some 214 cruise ships arrived in Sydney last year, up from 150 the previous year. They currently dock at the Overseas Passenger Terminal in Circular Quay or on the other side of the bridge at Barangaroo.

Rather than turn down docking requests, the New



South Wales state government earlier this year asked if the Garden Island navy base in Woolloomooloo, near the heart of the city, could be used as well. The national government announced a review and in March concluded it was “essentially incompatible” with the future needs of the navy, saying

Australian Navy ships (top) are seen at the Garden Island Naval Dockyard, at Woolloomooloo Bay near Sydney, in May. The base is to be used to dock large cruise liners, Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard said on Sunday, just months after the government advised against it on security grounds.—INTERNET

Australia's national security should outweigh commercial considerations.

“It's difficult if not impossible to envisage greater access in the short term,” Defence Minister Stephen Smith said in March. But Gillard has had a change of mind.

Internet

400,000 told to evacuate in Japan deluge

TOKYO, 15 July—About 400,000 people were ordered or advised to leave their homes in southwest Japan on Saturday as heavy rain pounded the area for a third day leaving 29 dead or missing, officials and media 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 Saturday.

Evacuation orders were issued to about 260,000 people in the north of the island where more rivers burst their banks, Kyushu's local

media reported.

They were told to go to designated shelters such as schools and other public facilities.

Nearly 140,000 other people were advised to leave their homes to avoid possible disaster, according to officials contacted by AFP in the four affected prefectures in Kyushu.

Television footage showed torrents of muddy, debris-strewn water and flooded houses following what officials described as “unprecedented” downpours from a seasonal rain front.

Along the Yamakuni river in Oita prefecture, water levels were seen reaching the roof of a riverside drive-in restaurant before subsiding later. In Fukuoka prefecture alone, 78,600 people were ordered to evacuate their homes as rivers overflowed in dozens of places and 181 landslides occurred, an official said.

About 820 houses were damaged and three bridges washed away, Fukuoka prefecture spokesman Hiroaki Aoki told AFP by telephone.

“Two men were rescued from landslides but their conditions were not immediately available. One woman was still trapped,” he said. “I don't remember any flooding which stretched over such a wide area in our prefecture.”—Internet



Local residents look out towards a vegetable field submerged by floodwaters in Tosu, Saga Prefecture, on Saturday. About 400,000 people were ordered or advised to leave their homes in southwest Japan on Saturday as heavy rain pounded the area for a third day leaving 29 dead or missing, officials and media said.—INTERNET

Bear shot dead, another on run in S Korea

SEOUL, 15 July—South Korean police shot dead one bear and another was on the run after the pair of female six-year-olds escaped from a farm on the outskirts of Seoul on Saturday, a report said. The duo broke out of their pen in Yongin, about 40 kilometres (25 miles) from Seoul, the Yonhap news agency said, quoting police.

About 20 police hunters and 10 dogs went after the bears, and one of them was shot dead about three hours later. The other remains on the run. No one was hurt at the farm, which raises about 100 bears, said police officer Wi Ma-Seok.—Internet



In this photo provided by Kings Island, Thelma Gratsch, center, celebrates her 90th birthday on 13 July, 2012, by riding her favourite roller coaster, Diamondback, at Kings Island amusement park in Mason, Ohio. Gratsch estimates she has ridden the tallest and fastest roller coaster at Kings Island more than 100 times since the ride opened in 2009.

Ohio woman turns 90, celebrates on roller coaster

An Ohio woman has spent her 90th birthday doing one of her favourite things: whizzing around the tracks of a roller coaster at 80 mph.

The Kings Island amusement park says Thelma Gratsch took a ride on the Diamondback coaster to celebrate her milestone birthday on Friday. The 230-foot-high steel ride is the tallest and fastest coaster at the park near Cincinnati.

The Mount Lookout woman guesses she's ridden the Diamondback more than 100 times since it debuted in 2009.

Park officials believe she's the oldest guest to have taken a spin on the ride.

Gratsch has had a Kings Island season pass every year since they were introduced in 1979.

Kitten stows away on 6,500-mile journey

Animal rescuers in California said a kitten stowed away in a shipping container and made a 6,500-mile freighter trip from China.

Marcia Mayeda, director of the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care & Control, said the kitten survived the trip without any food or water and was taken to the Carson Animal Centre after the crate she was in was delivered Thursday to a Compton business, the *Los Angeles Times* reported.

Workers at the Carson Animal Centre said they have dubbed the 3-month-old kitten Ni Hao, which is Mandarin for "Hello."

"She's doing OK; she was pretty weak and dehydrated," Mayeda said.

"It was touch and go at first, but staff has been taking good care of her."



The 3-month-old stowaway kitten was named "Ni Hao," Mandarin Chinese for "Hello."

News Album

Universal greenlights Edgar Wright's "The World's End"

LOS ANGELES, 15 July—Universal has given the greenlight to "The World's End," the final installment in an unofficial trilogy of dark British comedies, the company announced on Friday as it began circulating a new teaser poster.

The latest film directed by Edgar Wright and co-written by star Simon Pegg follows "Shaun of the Dead" and "Hot Fuzz."

The story begins 20 years after five childhood friends attempted an epic pub crawl, trying to drink in 10 different taprooms before finishing off at The World's End. They are convinced by the most enthusiastic friend, Gary King — a 40-year-old who never moved past his teenage mentality — to stage an encore. As they go from pub to pub, they realize they have embarked on a journey to save humankind.

The poster confirms that Nick Frost is unsurprisingly co-starring alongside Pegg. It appears to list the 11 pubs in the crawl, highlighting the namesake drinking den at the bottom.

The film will be distributed by Focus Features and, according to the poster, will be released in 2013 although no exact date has been set.—Reuters



Actors Simon Pegg and Nick Frost pose for a portrait in New York City, on 7 March, 2011. REUTERS

Jennifer Lopez 'sad for' Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes

WASHINGTON, 15 July—Jennifer Lopez has said that like the rest of tinseltown, she was rocked by the news of Katie Holmes' split from Tom Cruise at the end of last month.

The 42-year-old singer insists that nobody wins in the settlement, and that it is about more than just child custody.

"I heard about it when I was in South America and I was stunned," Contactmusic quoted Lopez as telling Entertainment Tonight.

Lopez, whose father is a Scientistologist like Cruise, announced her split from her estranged husband Marc Anthony last year.

"I'm sad for them.

They're both really lovely people, and just like Marc and I, it's not what you want to happen. You fight and you try until you realize you can't anymore," she said.

Holmes is keeping primary custody of their six-year-old daughter Suri Cruise and the 50-year-old actor will have visitation rights.

However singer-and-actress Lopez believed that it's about more than just their biological daughter together.

"You know I just wish them, you know, peace in their decision. And really for Suri and their other children as well, because you become such a family, it's not just Suri, it's Connor and Isabella



British model Kate Moss

How Kate Moss saved George Michael

LONDON, 15 July—Kate Moss has made a life-saving cameo in George Michael's latest music video.

The 49-year-old singer took to his Twitter page to confirm rumours that the model had filmed a cameo in the video for his new single "White Light", which is said to be all about his recent battle with

pneumonia.

"Oh and by the way, in the video, a certain superhero (our Kate) saves my life. We shot two endings, one with the heimlich manoeuvre...and one where she gives me full on CPR. Mouth to mouth. Not really," the *Telegraph* quoted him as tweeting.

"But honestly, she is my

saviour, on film at least," he added.

It's not the first music video Moss has appeared in. She pole-danced in the video for The White Stripes' "I Just Don't Know What to Do With Myself" in 2003 and also appeared in Primal Scream's "Some Velvet Morning" video.

Internet

Cuccioli joins 'Spider-Man' musical cast

NEW YORK, 15 July—Robert Cuccioli is taking over the role of Norman Osborn/The Green Goblin in Broadway's "Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark," producers said.

The actor is best known for his Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle-winning and Tony-nominated performance in another dual, the title characters in "Jekyll and Hyde."

He is to join the cast of "Turn Off the Dark" on 7 Aug at the Foxwoods Theatre.

Patrick Page, who originated the role of Norman Osborn/The Green Goblin, will

play his final performance on 5 Aug. He is leaving to star in the Roundabout Theatre Company's upcoming production of "Cyrano De Bergerac."

"There aren't a lot of actors out there who can pull off utterly likable and totally terrifying at the same time, and so we feel extremely lucky that the great Robert Cuccioli has agreed to take on this role," "Turn Off the Dark" producers Michael Cohl and Jeremiah J Harris said in a statement on Wednesday. "Of course, this announcement is bittersweet for all of us, because throughout the extraordinary

history of 'Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark,' Patrick Page has been there every step of the way—as mentor, cheerleader, spokesperson, company leader and consummate performer. We are, of course, sorry to see him go, but will all be cheering him on in 'Cyrano.'"

Internet

People gather outside the site of Spider-Man: Turn Off The Dark the day after the official opening is postponed again as the musical will undergo an overhaul which could delay the opening until June at Foxwoods Theatre in New York City on 9 March, 2011.—INTERNET



Justin Bieber sued for USD 9.23m over loud concert noise

WASHINGTON, 15 July—Justin Bieber is being sued for 9.23 million dollars by a woman who claims that the noise at one of his concerts permanently damaged her hearing.

According to the suit, Stacey Wilson Betts had taken her daughter to see Bieber's show in Portland, Oregon two years ago in July.

Betts claimed that it was incredibly loud inside the arena thanks to Bieber's shrieking fans ... but Bieber made it much more worse when he climbed into a "heart-shaped aluminum/steel gondola" which was pulled out into the crowd, TMZ.com reported.

In the suit, Betts claimed



Singer Justin Bieber performs during the MuchMusic Video Awards in Toronto, in this file picture taken on 17 June, 2012.—INTERNET

that Bieber "created a wave like effect of screaming by pointing into various sections

of the arena. He then enticed the crowd into a frenzy of screams by continuously waving his arms in a quick and upward motion."

She said that the gondola acted as a "sound conductor creating a sound blast that permanently damaged both of my ears."

As a result, Betts claimed that she now suffered from tinnitus ... which causes a constant pulsing, whooshing sound that makes it hard to sleep.

She also complained of other hearing-related damage.

Betts is suing Bieber along with his record label, the concert promoter and the arena, demanding 9.23 million dollars in damages.—Internet

Villas-Boas: I am absolutely counting on Van der Vaart



Tottenham boss Andre Villas-Boas

LONDON, 15 July — Tottenham boss Andre Villas-Boas insists that Rafael van der Vaart is a key part of his plans for the coming Premier League season. Questions had been raised over whether the playmaker would fit into the new manager's system, with the Portuguese having made attacking midfielder Gylfi Sigurdsson his first signing after taking charge. The Netherlands international has been strongly linked with a move to former club Hamburg but, with Luka Modric seemingly edging closer to

an exit, the 34-year-old says he wants to keep Van der Vaart.

With Van der Vaart, at the moment I am absolutely counting on him," Villas-Boas told The Sunday Telegraph. "It's a totally different situation from Luka, who has been chased by different clubs in the past two seasons and is continuing to drag interest. "We have to make sure the club's interests are met, and it's up to the chairman to decide that." Tottenham finished fourth twice during former boss Harry Redknapp's reign and the Englishman insisted that the club should go on to challenge for the title under his successor. And Villas-Boas says he is using the 65-year-old's words as motivation for his players, even though he says chairman Daniel Levy has not made such demands.

"Harry said last year that Tottenham could go on to win the title, and we have to take that on if we want to go forward as a club," the ex-Porto boss continued. "That is basically the challenge I have put to the players, although it is not a challenge the chairman has put on to me." But the chairman wants continual success and that can only happen when you



Rafael van der Vaart

put trophies in your cabinet and hopefully we can do that. "The club must be in the top four, and for us to bridge the gap to the title is a tremendous step, but it is one that the club

is willing to make based on what Harry built from last year. Treating other competitions in another way is another thing I want to do and have told the players that."

Villas-Boas' also went on to express his belief that he can be a success at White Hart Lane, despite following the widely popular Redknapp. "A good start is always very important," he added. The departure of Harry might leave some fans reluctant, as always happens when you have managerial changes, because people [managers] create empathy and success. "This club recognised Harry's success, but eventually decided to make changes and I was appointed. I want to make sure we move forwards rather than look backwards, and winning games is the best way to win over the fans." — *Internet*

Adriano is happy at Barcelona and will stay with the club, says agent



Barcelona's Adriano

BARCELONA, 15 July — The agent of Barcelona's Adriano revealed that the 27-year-old will not leave the club, putting an end to speculation regarding his future. The versatile Brazilian started just 13 games last season, and it was believed that he could be headed for the exit door in the summer. However, Adriano's representative Paolo Alfonso moved quickly to dismiss that notion and revealed that negotiations over an extension will soon commence.

"Adriano is very happy at Barca and will continue there next season. It was very difficult for him to finally arrive at this club and he will continue here. Furthermore,

the relationship with the board is great," the agent told Radio COM. "As is normal for a player with two years on his contract, Adriano will be negotiating a renewal. But there is no hurry." "Right now, the player is on vacation and I will be with him in a few days." Adriano joined Barcelona from Sevilla in the summer of 2010. — *Internet*

International Sports

Serena, Vandeweghe advance to Bank of West final

STANFORD, (Calif), 15 July — Serena Williams' final tuneup for the London Olympics will be an All-American affair. Williams overpowered Romania's Sorana Cirstea 6-1, 6-2 in the Bank of the West Classic on Saturday night to set up the first All-American WTA final on home soil in eight years



Serena Williams, of the United States

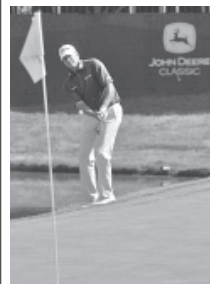
against lucky loser Coco Vandeweghe.

"It's cool," Williams said. "Everybody's always asking about American players. Now we have a great player like Coco who's doing well and she took her second chance to the ultimate degree. I'm really happy for her. I'm glad she's American. I'm so glad she's American. If she goes all the way and wins (Sunday), I would be really, really happy for her." Exactly a week after winning her fifth Wimbledon title, Williams cruised to another victory in 60 minutes. The quick work came despite Williams converting only 38 percent of her first serves, calling it "outrageous." Williams hardly sweated and returned to the court immediately after the match to practice her serve.

She will go for her second straight title at Stanford on Sunday against Vandeweghe, who reached her first WTA

Tour final with a 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 victory against Belgium's Yanina Wickmayer. The 20-year-old American failed to make it out of qualifying and only got into the main draw when Bojana Jovanovski withdrew with an injury. The last "lucky loser" to advance to a WTA final was eventual runner-up Melinda Czink in 2005 at Canberra, Australia.

"It's a dream come true for me being in the finals of a WTA event," Vandeweghe said. "Hopefully this is a good omen for the rest of the summer for me." The last American final at home on the WTA Tour came in 2004, when Lindsay Davenport topped Williams in Los Angeles. Nobody seems to be able to slow Serena these days. Still jet-lagged from traveling more than 5,000 miles and eight time zones from the All England Club, Williams delivered her most impressive performance of the week. — *Internet*



Steve Stricker hits his third shot on the 18th hole during the third round of the John Deere Classic at TPC Deere Run, on 14 July, in Silvis, Illinois.

INTERNET

SILVIS, (Illinois), 15 July — Troy Matteson fired a five-under par 66 for a three-shot lead at the John Deere Classic over three-time defending champion Steve Stricker. Matteson on Saturday had a 54-hole total of 18-under 195.

Matteson leads Stricker at PGA John Deere

Stricker was on 198 after a 66 that included seven birdies — including four in a row from the 14th. "Those were four nice birdies in a row, which I really needed," said Stricker, who fell five adrift of Matteson at one point.

Although he finished with a bogey at 18, Stricker kept himself in contention to achieve the rare feat of winning the same tournament four times in a row. "I have a good time here. Obviously, a lot of good vibes going around here having won the last three years," said Stricker, who is attempting to join Young Tom Morris, Walter Hagen, Gene Sarazen and Tiger Woods as players who have won the same tournament four straight times. Woods has

accomplished the feat twice. Zach Johnson posted shot 66 for 199, sharing third place with Brian Harman (69).

Australia's John Senden carded a four-under 67 that featured an eagle at the par-five second hole and two birdies with no bogeys to lead a group on 13-under 200. He was joined by Billy Hurley, who carded a 64, and JJ Henry, who signed for a 69. A two-putt birdie at the par-five second hole got Matteson going, and he backed it up with a nine-foot birdie putt at the third. He added birdies at six and 10 before his first bogey of the day at the 11th, where he drove into the trees. Matteson rebounded with birdies at 13, 16 and 17 before his three-putt bogey at the last. — *Internet*

Haye defeats Chisora in British heavyweight grudge match

LONDON, 15 July — Former world heavyweight champion David Haye knocked fellow Briton Dereck Chisora to the canvas twice in the fifth round to win their grudge match in pouring rain at Upton Park in east London on Saturday. The pair were involved in an ugly brawl at a news conference in Munich last February following Chisora's defeat by WBC heavyweight champion Vitali Klitschko.

Haye had flown to Germany in pursuit of a bout with Klitschko after losing to his brother Vladimir last year and subsequently announcing his retirement. Saturday's fight at the home of English Premier League soccer club West Ham United for the WBO



Britain's David Haye (R) looks down at opponent Dereck Chisora after scoring a fifth round knockout in their fight for the vacant WBO and WBA International Heavyweight Championship at Upton Park in London on 14 July, 2012. — *REUTERS*

and WBA international heavyweight titles had been sanctioned by the Luxembourg Boxing Federation. The British Boxing Board of Control would not sanction the fight

because neither boxer held a British license.

The pair traded blows in a lively opening four rounds with Haye shading Chisora on points after landing a ferocious uppercut in the fourth. In the fifth round, the former world cruiserweight champion unleashed a devastating left-right combination in the space of 10 seconds to win by a knockout. Haye told talkSPORT radio he had been surprised by Chisora's durability. "At the back of my mind I knew he was tough, I knew he was durable. I really trained hard," he said. "I knew my conditioning was great and I knew the further this fight went on the more I would relax."

Reuters

Germany's Greipel wins stage 13 of Tour de France

LE CAP D'AGDE, (France), 15 July — Andre Greipel of Germany led a photo-finish sprint to win the 13th stage of the Tour de France on Saturday, while Britain's Bradley Wiggins retained the overall leader's yellow jersey as the race headed south to the Mediterranean.

The windy and flat 134.8-mile run, with one major climb from Saint-Paul-Trois-Châteaux to Le Cap d'Agde, was tailored for a win by one of the race's sprinters. Greipel's ability to get over the super-steep Mont Saint-Clair climb, in the picturesque

port town of Sete about 14 miles from the finish, helped pave the way for his victory. Several other top sprinters — such as Britain's Mark Cavendish — struggled up the hill and fell back.

Greipel, who turns 30 on Monday, earned his third stage victory of this year's Tour after winning the fourth and fifth stages in sprint finishes.

Still-photo imagery showed he won by half a wheel's length ahead of Slovakian rider Peter Sagan. Edvald Boasson Hagen of Norway was third.

Internet



Andre Greipel of Germany crosses the finish line ahead of Edvald Boasson Hagen of Norway, left, to win the 13th stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 217 kilometers (134.8 miles) with start in Saint-Paul-Trois-Châteaux and finish in Le Cap d'Agde, France, on 14 July, 2012. — *INTERNET*

Focus Myanmar TV Programme**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**

(16-7-12 09:30 am ~ 17-7-12 09:30 am) MST

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- * News
- * A Genuine of Fountain of Theravada Buddhist in France
- * News
- * Southern Chin State Traveller's Art exhibition
- * News
- * Japan-Myanmar Cultural and Sports Exchange (Part-II)
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- * Myanmar Movie "By means of Love"

MYANMAR TV

(16-7-2012)(Monday)

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- 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:50 am
- 3. Nice and Sweet Song
- 8:05 am
- 4. Cute Little Dancers
- 8:15 am
- 5. Teleplay (Agri)
- 8:30 am
- 6. Dance Of National Races
- 4:10 pm
- 7. Dance Variety
- 4:20 pm
- 8. Musical Programme
- 4:40 pm
- 9. Performance With Song
- 4:35 pm
- 10. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Botany)
- 5:10 pm
- 11. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 5:20 pm
- 12. Myanmar Language
- 5:35 pm
- 13. Documentary
- 6:20 pm
- 14. Sing & Enjoy
- 8:00 pm
- 15. News
- 16. World's Stars
- 17. TV Drama Series



Former world number one Lleyton Hewitt, pictured in June 2012, reached the final of the ATP Hall of Fame Championships on Saturday with a 6-4, 5-7, 6-2 victory over American Rajeev Ram. — INTERNET

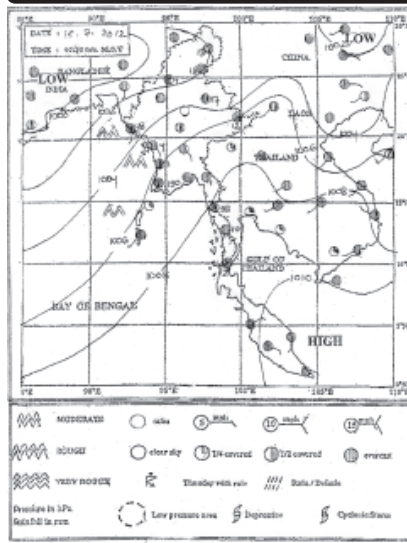
Isner to face Hewitt in Newport final

NEWPORT, 15 July—Top seed and defending champion John Isner will take on former world number one Lleyton Hewitt Sunday in the final of the ATP Hall of Fame Championships. America's Isner fired 11 aces in a 7-6 (7/4), 6-3 victory over sixth-seeded compatriot Ryan Harrison, while Hewitt reached his first ATP final in more than two years with a 6-4, 5-7, 6-2 victory over 2009 Newport champion Rajeev Ram.

Hewitt, who received a wild card into the draw, was playing in his first semi-final since June 2010, when he

captured the grass court title in Halle. Hewitt rallied from an early break in both the first and third sets, finally wrapping up the victory in 2 hours and 21 minutes. "Early on in the match, I had a lot of break points, but he came up with big first serves," Hewitt said. "I didn't get a look at a second serve on a break point. "It was a matter of if I got that small opportunity, with a second serve and a break point, I had to step up and take it." The 31-year-old Aussie was pleased to keep his run going on the grass courts of Newport.

Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**Weather forecast for 16th July, 2012**

Sr. No.		Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	28/82	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(100%)
2	Kayah	28/82	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
3	Kayin	29/84	21/70	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
4	Chin	22/72	16/61	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
5	Upper Sagaing	30/86	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(80%)
6	Lower Sagaing	35/95	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
7	Tanintharyi	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
8	Bago	31/88	24/75	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
9	Magway	36/97	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
10	Mandalay	35/95	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
11	Mon	28/82	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(80%)
12	Yangon	32/90	23/73	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
13	Rakhine	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(80%)
14	Southern Shan	24/75	17/63	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
15	Northern Shan	26/79	22/72	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
16	Eastern Shan	25/77	22/72	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
17	Ayeyawady	30/86	23/73	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	35/95	24/75	One or two rain or thundershowers	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	32/90	23/73	One or two rain or thundershowers	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	35/95	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

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 wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate to strong monsoon.

Peterson helps Sporting KC beat Columbus 2-0

COLUMBUS, 15 July — Jacob Peterson and Teal Bunbury scored, and Sporting Kansas City beat the Columbus Crew 2-0 on Saturday to grab sole possession of first place in the Eastern Conference.

Kansas City (11-5-3) took the lead in the sixth minute when Peterson Joseph split the defense with a pass to Peterson, who beat goalkeeper Andy Gruenebaum for the 1-0 lead. Bunbury got the second goal in the 82nd minute off a counterattack.

"We were talking right before the game about making that run and how maybe we could have some success," Peterson said. "It was a great ball. All I had to do was slip it in. It was all predicated on (Joseph). I had the easy part." Kansas City's defence handled the

struggling Crew (6-7-4), who have dropped three of four.

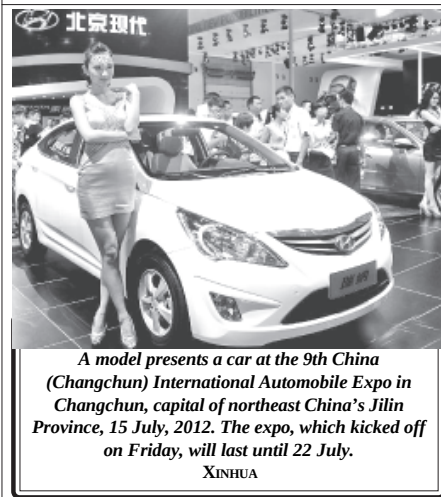
"It was hard for them to break us down and they were a little frustrated," Sporting Kansas City coach Peter Vermes said.

"We scored a great goal early on. Whenever you play away from home the big thing you have to realize is the pressure is on the other team to drive the game. You know they've got to entertain their home fans. We played solidly defensively. We didn't give much away."

Jimmy Nielsen made four saves for his eighth shutout of the season. He got help in the 48th minute when Justin Meram's header went off the crossbar.

"We had momentum. We had chances," Crew coach Robert Warzycha said. "You have to score."

Internet



A model presents a car at the 9th China (Changchun) International Automobile Expo in Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province, 15 July, 2012. The expo, which kicked off on Friday, will last until 22 July.

XINHUA



CSC ISSUED: At Tayza Thiri Hall of No 1 Basic Education High School in Yekyi Township of Patheingyi District in Ayeyawady Region on 9 July, Head of Patheingyi District Immigration and National Registration Department U Ko Ko Latt, Head of Township INRD U Aung Win Thein and Headmistress Daw Sein Mar Aye issued citizenship scrutiny cards to the local people. MIN ZAW Oo

Collective tree growing ceremony held in Mongping

MONGPING, 15 July—Mongping Township Forest Department of Monghsat District in Shan State (East) and Women's Affairs Organization jointly organized the monsoon tree growing ceremony on Peinhshan Ward near Kengtung-Taunggyi Union Highway on 5 July morning.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Saw Nyi Nyi Htwe, In-charge of the Township Forest Department U Hsan Lin and staff, departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people participated in the tree growing ceremony and planted 520 saplings.

Township Forest

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

City winger signs new contract

Omar Elabdellaoui has expressed his delight after being handed a new two-year contract with Manchester City



MANCHESTER, 15 July—The 20-year-old winger has not yet made a first-team appearance for the club, having arrived from Skied in 2008.

He spent time on loan with Norwegian side Stromgodset in 2011 and admits he did not know whether he still figured in City's plans.

However, Elabdellaoui has now been granted an extension and he is hoping to keep making a positive impression during the pre-season tour of Austria.

"I wasn't sure what was going to happen towards the end of last season or what City were thinking so it was great to be offered a new deal," he told the club's official website.

"I didn't know if I'd be on the pre-season tour or not so I was really happy to be included in the party because it is really good to be around the senior players that are here in Austria and things couldn't be going better.

"I'm enjoying training, feeling sharper every day and it was great to get a run out against Al Hilal on Friday evening.

"We have two more games left on this tour and I hope I can be involved in those matches, too."—*Internet*

MMCWA organizes rainy season tree growing ceremony 2012

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association held the rainy season tree growing ceremony 2012 at the place in front of its office in Dekkhinathiri Township, here, at 8 am yesterday.

Also present on the occasion were Honorary Patrons of the MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of President U Thein Sein, Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, wife of Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, President of the association Dr Mon Mon Aung and

CEC members, officials of the Ministry of Health, responsible persons of social organizations and guests.

Honorary Patrons Daw Khin Khin Win and Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, and President Dr Mon Mon Aung planted Shwehintha mango plants and viewed round growing of saplings by attendees of the ceremony and staff.

At today's ceremony, the MMCWA grew 512 shade, vegetables and flowery saplings.

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People in Rakhine State provided cash, clothes



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

YANGON, 15 July—A ceremony to provide cash and clothes to the people in Rakhine State who lost their houses and properties in the unrest in the state was held at Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township today.

At the ceremony, Phayus Myitta medicine donation group of Mawlamyine market 2 donated K 750,000 and sellers at Pyithu market K 1,100,000 and 8 bales of clothes and 50 Steel plates, U Ye Win Naing-Daw Myat Myat Khaing of Mingaladon flowering park K 10,000 and two bales of

clothes, U Maung Maung-Daw Cho Cho Sein family K 20,000, U Win Naing-Daw Aye Thein family K 50,000 and a box of clothes, father and sisters K 50,000 in memory of late U Myint Oo (Superintending Engineer-Rtd), Lt-Col Win Maung Than-Daw Khin Aye Lwin family K 200,000 in memory of parent U Maung Maung-Daw Mya Mya, Captain Aung Than Myint and Ko Win Thura, U Aung Thu-Daw Moe Moe Khine family K 50,000 and a bale of clothes, U Kyi Oo Naing-Daw Lwin Lwin Htay family a bale of clothes, Ma Ei Yamin Soe Naing

Nokia Lumia 900 Price Dropped to \$49

WASHINGTON, 15 July—The price of Nokia's flagship U.S. Windows Phone device, the Lumia 900, has been cut in half.

The smartphone is now available on AT&T's website for \$49.99 in blue, white, black, or the recently released pink with a two-year contract.

The Lumia 900, formerly \$99, features a 4.3-inch screen and packs a 1.4-GHz processor along with an 8-megapixel camera with Carl Zeiss lens.

The phone will not be upgradeable to Windows Phone 8 come fall, but it will go to Windows Phone 7.8, which improves the phone's start screen but doesn't include new APIs for more powerful apps.

Microsoft is still struggling to make a dent in the mobile market,



according to recent data from Nielsen. Its aging Windows Mobile platform actually outpaced the newer Windows Phone at 3 percent vs. 1.3 percent last month. Despite Microsoft's close ties to Nokia, meanwhile, most Windows Phone users are using Samsung or HTC

devices, both capturing 0.5 percent to Nokia's 0.3 percent.

Of those who have purchased a Lumia 900, however, it appears that most are happy with their device. A recent survey of U.S. customers conducted for Nokia by the independent research firm Nielsen, found that 96 percent of Lumia 900 owners are extremely or somewhat satisfied with their device, and 95 percent would recommend it. Eighty-three percent said their expectations of the device were exceeded.

It's not entirely shocking that a Nokia-commissioned study found that people love the Lumia, but the findings are consistent with responses from PCMag's Readers' Choice Awards.

Internet

PSG complete Silva signing

Big-spending Paris St Germain have splashed the cash again after confirming the signing of Thiago Silva on a five-year deal from AC Milan



PARIS, 15 July—The French club had been chasing the Brazil international since the end of last season, although Milan owner Silvio Berlusconi was initially unwilling to part with the player's services.

Silva even signed a new long-term contract at the start of this month as the Italian giants tried to fend off interest, but

they have finally succumbed to PSG's financial power after agreeing to the sale of the 27-year-old defender.

The player's agent, Paulo Toniello, admitted on Saturday morning that a move was still some way off, but Les Parisiens have now announced the capture of Silva after terms were thrashed out later in the day.

The Ligue 1 outfit released a short statement which read: "Thiago Silva, 27 years old, Brazilian international, from AC Milan, has this Saturday signed with Paris Saint-Germain for five seasons."

The Rossoneri revealed on Friday they had sold Silva and Zlatan Ibrahimovic to PSG. However, the Sweden international has yet to agree on a switch to Parc des Princes.

His representative, Mino Raiola, told reporters: "He is not in Paris to pass his medical. We will continue to work and give a press conference when everything is settled."—*Internet*

and Ma Hsaung Wutyi Min a bale of clothes, Daw Khin Khin Htay family K 200,000, Ko Thet Cho-Ma May Thet Htar (Nay La-2 construction materials trading) K 150,000, Daw Yin Kyi K 10,000 in memory of parent, employees of Sky Net K 210,000, Lingua Workshop K 100,000 and 12 bales of clothes, Daw Mu Mu Win, Ma Nyunt Nyunt Win, Soe Win Aung @ Kaw Kaw and Zayar Tun four bales of clothes, Maung Zayar Tun K 200,000, Captain Thet Tin Nyein-Ma Yuzana Myint family a packet of clothes, kitchen

utensils, medicine and umbrella, Captain Kyaw Thurein Lwin-Ma Aye Nanda Than a bale of clothes, Ko Kyaw Swa Myint-Ma Pan Mo Mo Thwin a bale of clothes and Daw Swe Swe Oo K 10,000.

After accepting the donations, Director-General U Tin Moe and officials of Fire Services Department spoke words of thanks.

Up to now, the donations to locals of Rakhine State amounted to K 290,755,523.

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Basking sharks off Hebrides to be tagged and tracked

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UFO sightings reported in Heilongjiang Province

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