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Fourth regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continues for second day

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—The fourth regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued for the second day at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building, Hluttaw Complex, here, attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 616 MPs.

At the session, U Ba Shein of Kyaukpyu Constituency, U Aung Sein of Manaung Constituency, U Tha Sein of Kyauktaw Constituency, U Shwe Maung of Buthidaung Constituency, U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency, U Khaing Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency and U Htay Win of Rakhine State Constituency No. 7 discussed in support of the declaring of the State of Emergency with ordinance No (1/2012) of the President.

Approval was sought from the Hluttaw about the ordinance and the Hluttaw approved it.

Next, with regard to relating to establishment of diplomatic relations with foreign countries presented by the President, U Nyunt Tin of Yangon Region Constituency No. (2), U Win Swe of Nyaungshwe Constituency in their discussions, suggested that it was appropriate to establish diplomatic ties with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Malawi, Bhutan, UAE, Luxemburg, Latvia, Estonia, and Dominican Republic and such establishment would be fruitful for Myanmar.

Today's session came to an end at 3.55 pm and the third day session is reported to resume at 1 pm tomorrow.

At today's session, State of Emergency declaration with the ordinance No (1/2012) of the President was discussed



and approved and establishment of diplomatic relations with foreign countries proposed by the President was discussed.—MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives signing the attendance book.—MNA

Donation of cash and kind for locals of Rakhine States continues

YANGON, 16 July—Cash and kind donation ceremony for locals of Rakhine State who lost their property and possessions due to various reasons occurred in Rakhine State took place at Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township, here this morning.

On the occasion, Daw Kyi Kyi Mya and family donated K 300,000 and one bale of cloth, U Tin Tun Thet- Daw May San Myint and family four baskets of plates, two bale of clothes, one bale of blanket, one tea set, Dr

Thein Tun-Dr Than Toe and family K 100,000 and one basket of plates, two bale of clothes, Ma Khine Thazin Oo K 15,000, U Myo Naing Oo- Daw Ohnma and sons Maung Aung Myat Thu, Maung Thant Zin (Singapore) and family K 100,000, Dhamma Yadana Sayadaw U Nyakawbhatha from Bago K 50,000 and five sets of robe. Director-General U Tin Moe and officials of Fire Services Department accepted the donation and spoke words of thank. So far, the donation has amounted to K 291,320,523.—MNA

Volleyball referee course concludes

YANGON, 16 July—The concluding ceremony of 2012 FIVB, VCP Referee Course, jointly organized by Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Volleyball Federation was held at National-Sports Gymnasium No.1 Thuwunna here yesterday evening. It was attended by responsible persons from Sports and Physical

Education Department, Vice-President of MVF U Thein Win and executives, Chairman of Tatmadaw Volleyball Committee Lt-Col Saw Win Thung and director of volleyball refereeing course and invited guests. On the occasion, Vice-President U

Thein Win of MVF presented completion certificates to the trainees.

Course Director Mr Songsak Chareonpong made a concluding address.

On behalf of MVF president, Vice-President U Thein Win gave a gift to course director.—MNA

Flood warning

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—According to the 12:30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Hkamti is 1220 cm. It may reach its danger level 1360 cm during the next 48 hours commencing noon today, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (16-7-2012)

Hkamti	(1.66) inches
Maungtag	(1.50) inches
Ye	(1.50) inches
Bilin	(1.46) inches
Toungoo	(1.42) inches

PERSPECTIVES

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Children and toys

With the advent of a variety of toys, safety should be the first priority when selecting a toy, especially for children under five who may be curious but unable to sense the danger from toys.

A safe toy is the one that cannot get stuck in the mouth, nose or ear. Sharp edges should be avoided. Artificial colouring can also cause harm as the children often suck or swallow the toys and their wrappings, so parents should make sure that the toys are free from harmful substances and, preferably, are made from natural products.

Parents should select toys according to the age and developmental stage of the children in order to maximize the beneficial effects on emotions, social skills, intellect and imagination. A good toy should also allow multiple players or let the parents participate in some way. Board games and guessing games offer chances for interaction with other family members, something crucial to child development.

Some expensive toys may have benefits that are worth the price, but many can often be substituted with less costly options. Some parents can even make toys themselves, which can impress their children. Parents should remind themselves that price does not equal quality, love or parental understanding.

Meanwhile, parents should not give in to their children's whims too often, by buying toys as that could spoil them. On the other hand, they should not be too strict either, or an unhealthy distance can be created. And don't be more indulgent towards your children.

Stationery and school uniforms donated for displaced persons

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—Organized by Kachin State government, the donation ceremony of stationery, school uniforms and personal goods of Kachin State government, state level departmental personnel, departmental officials from Bhamo District, NGO and wellwishers for displaced persons was held at Bhamo Town Hall on 13 July morning with an opening address by Kachin State Minister for Social Affairs Daw Bauk Jar.

At the ceremony, wellwishers donated exercise books, pens, umbrella, slippers, medicines and school uniforms worth K 26,400,000, Region Head U Kyi Tha of Relief and Resettlement Department K 513330, Myanmar Motion Asiayon twenty-nine bale of cloth, 700 dozens of exercise books worth K 15,445,000 for displaced persons through officials.—MNA

Myanmar U-22 Football Team honoured

YANGON, 16 July—Myanmar U-22 football team which sailed through the Asia U-22 qualifier from Group G was honoured at Sedona Hotel yesterday evening.

Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee and Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan presented US\$ 20000, Patrons of Myanmar Football Federation U Aung Ko Win and U Tayza US\$ 30000 and US\$ 20000, Chairman of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw US\$ 30000, CEO U Kyaw Oo on behalf of Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw FC Football Team U Phyo Ko Ko Tint Hsan US\$ 20000, MNL Club owners and donors US\$ 250,000 to the team through Yangon Region Minister U Myint Swe and Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint.

Next Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan delivered an honouring speech. And then Chairman of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw spoke words of praise.

The qualifier matches played by Myanmar team were showed video slides. Afterwards they posed documentary photos.

Manager U Than Toe Aung spoke words of thanks on behalf of Myanmar U-22 Football Team.

The responsible persons from Myanmar Football Federation presented certificates of honour and presents to Yangon Region Police Force, Myanmar Football Fun Group and Myanmar Youth in Action Children our Future Digicel Cheering Group.

This was followed by a dinner.—MNA

Union ministers hold round-table discussion with EITI



Union ministers and high-ranking officials of the Union ministries hold round-table discussion with Mr Jonas Moberg, Head of Secretariat of Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—Union ministers and high-ranking officials of the Union ministries of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar had round-table discussion with Mr Jonas Moberg, Head of Secretariat of Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) of Norway at the Ministry of Industry this evening.

Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein delivered an opening speech and Mr Jonas Moberg explained reforms to be carried out for establishment of good governance and adoption of strong policies, and transparent approaches of the EITI for economic performance and poverty reduction of the nation through exploitation of natural resources.

Next, Union ministers, and representatives of the EITI explained ways and means for Myanmar to join the EITI, reforms to be undertaken by the country to be globally recognized as an EITI member, systematic spending of

revenues from natural resource, work plans for establishing social contract between the people and the government and building lasting peace in the country through future norms for transparency of the country and taxation procedures.

The round-table discussion was attended by Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Myint Zaw, and personnel of Myanmar Investment Commission and related ministries.

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Myanmar delegation led by Dy health minister back from Cambodia



Deputy Health Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin attends meeting on lower Mekong River Basin gender equality rights of women and policy on authority of women. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Health

Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin attended the meeting on Lower Mekong River Basin gender equality rights of women and policy on authority of women held in Siem Reap of Cambodia from 12 to 13 July.

The deputy health

minister participated in discussion of gender equality rights and health measures. The meeting aimed at exchanging views between women from Lower Mekong River Basin countries for adopting policies for gender equality

and authority of women and initial cooperation for Lower Mekong River Basin countries that include four basic principles—education, health, environmental conservation and infrastructural sectors organized by the US.

Myanmar delegation comprised Deputy Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Chairperson of Myanmar Women Affairs Federation Dr Daw Thet Thet Zin, Legal Advisor to President Daw Khin Myo Myint, Director-General Daw Yin Yin Myint and Deputy Director-General Daw Maw Maw from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Deputy Director-General Dr Wah Wah Maung of the National Planning and Economic Development Ministry.

The Myanmar delegation arrived back here by air on 14 July evening.

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Stipends, prizes presentation held

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—The outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2011-2012 academic year were honoured in conjunction with granting stipends for the students of 2012-2013 academic year of Thaton Township War Veteran Organizing Committee of Myanmar

War Veteran Organization at the committee hall yesterday morning, attended by Chairman of Township War Veteran Organizing Committee Captain Khin Maung Shwe (Retd).

Next, the Chairman of Township War Veteran Organizing Committee and township level

departmental personnel presented K 20000 per one distinction and stipends for the students through responsible persons.

At the ceremony, awards for outstanding students K 120,000 and stipends for 2012-2013 academic year students K 4,140,000 were presented.

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Two police officers stand on duty on the footbridge to the shopping centre adjacent to the Olympic Park in Stratford, the location of the London 2012 Olympic Games, in east London on 15 July, 2012.—REUTERS



LONDON, 16 July—London's Olympic Games is not threatened by a major security contractor's failure to find enough staff, ministers and the head of the city's organizing committee said

No games security threat despite guards fiasco

on Sunday, seeking to quell a political storm ahead of athletes' arrival.

Three days ago, the government announced it would draft in 3,500 extra troops as cover after

concerns over the safety of athletes and spectators, and raised fears that those trying to get into venues would face long queues to get through security.

"(Security) has not been compromised," Sebastian Coe, chairman of the London Olympic organising committee (LOCOG), told BBC radio.

"This is not about numbers. This is simply about the mix. We will have a safe and secure Games. Would I prefer not to be dealing with this two weeks out? The answer of course is yes."

Safety has been at the top of organizers' list of concerns ever since four young British Islamists killed 52 people in suicide bomb attacks in the capital the day after London was awarded the games in 2005. Last month Jonathan Evans, the head of the MI5 domestic intelligence agency, warned that the

Games presented an attractive target.

While senior officials say there is nothing to indicate any attack is being planned, holes in the security apparatus have been highlighted before thousands of athletes and officials start arriving on Monday.

The Observer newspaper on Sunday cited an unnamed senior border official as saying that suspects on government watch lists were being allowed into Britain without proper checks because inexperienced recruits were being used to man borders.

John Vine, the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders, has warned that staff who have only basic training and ask fewer questions have been drafted in to deal with huge queues at passport control at Heathrow airport.—Reuters



Bogard Felipe Lugo de Leon (R) is escorted by policemen during his presentation to members of the Press at the Federal Police Command Centre in Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 15 July, 2012. Bogard Felipe Lugo de Leon has been linked to the homicide of 3 elements of the Federal Police during a shootout at the Benito Juarez International Airport on 25 June.—XINHUA

About 150,000 children die of preventable disease annually in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 16 July—The Unicef has reported that nearly 150,000 Indonesian children under five die of preventable diseases every year, a media reported here on Monday.

Edward Carwardine, the Head of UNICEF's Communication and Partnership Cluster for Indonesia blamed that low awareness of basic preventable healthcare among economically weak and under-educated people, and a lack of basic health services and health facilities in a number of areas, especially in more remote parts of the archipelago, contributed to the alarmingly high number of deaths.

"The preventable diseases are closely related to personal and environmental healthcare," Carwardine was quoted by the *Jakarta globe* as saying.

The head of the Unicef noted that awareness of basic preventable healthcare among economically weak and under-educated people is still low.

Consequently, many children under five are susceptible to diseases caused by poor sanitation, such as diarrhea, dengue fever, and other communicable illnesses, he said.

"In fact, the diseases can be prevented if they have a good knowledge and awareness of healthy lifestyles," said Carwardine.

UNICEF also said around 10,000 Indonesian women die due to complications following childbirth each year.

Xinhua

18 wounded in twin blasts in E Afghanistan

PUL-E-ALAM, 16 July—At least 18 people were wounded Sunday morning in twin bomb attacks in eastern Afghan province of Logar, the police said.

"Our report said that a total of 18 people with majority of them civilians were injured in two back-to-back bomb blasts in provincial capital Pul-e-Alam this morning," deputy provincial police chief Rahis Khan Saddiq told *Xinhua*.

He said the first blast occurred at round 8:40 am local time near the Red Crescent office in the province 60 km south of capital Kabul. A second explosion ripped through the scene of the first blast after people and security forces gathered to evacuate the victims, the source said.

Some injured were in critical conditions, he added.

The attackers seems to have followed old tactics which depends on creating initial blast to attract security forces and people, then they set off another blast to get higher casualties.

A total of 14 civilians were killed and nine injured in similar bomb attacks in southern Kandahar Province on 8 July.

Violence has been on the rise since Taleban launched an annual spring offensive on 3 May.

In a separate incident, five militants were killed when an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) detonated prematurely in Koh-e-Safi district of Parwan province, 55 km north of Kabul Saturday night, a provincial official said on Sunday.

The Taleban insurgent group, who launch massive IED attack against security forces, has yet to make comments.

Xinhua

Back in Russia flood zone, Putin tries to protect image

KRYMSK, 16 July—Vladimir Putin flew to southern Russia on Sunday for the second time in eight days to meet survivors of deadly floods, determined to dispel an image of leading a weak state two months after returning to the presidency.

Dressed casually in a blue-and-white check shirt, Putin chatted with residents of the town of Krymsk whose homes were damaged in floods that killed 171 people in Russia's traditional "bread basket" area known as the Kuban on 7 July.

"We need to help people in the true sense of the word—to help them clear their homes and lands," Putin said, promising to send 5,000

servicemen to the region to help provide food, water, medicine and tents for the needy. Lines of military trucks were already parked outside the mountain town of 57,000 people near the Black Sea, where most of the deaths happened.

In the centre, white tents have been erected to treat and shelter survivors, and bulldozers were still clearing mud and debris shortly before midnight.

Television footage of the visit was beamed across Russia, and was clearly intended to depict Putin as in control and playing the role of the nation's leader.

Local authorities have been accused by residents of

failing to issue proper flood warnings, and Putin wants to deflect any blame after being accused of reacting too slowly to disasters soon after he was first elected president in 2000.

Putin often goes to the scene of big natural or man-made disasters but it is unusual for him to go twice in such a short time, underlining his nervousness about his image following opposition protests that have undermined his authority.

Just how effective his visit was remained unclear. He had met only officials and not flood victims during his first visit a few hours after the flooding began last week. But some residents remained unimpressed on Sunday.

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Russia's President Vladimir Putin attends a meeting with his Ukrainian counterpart Viktor Yanukovich in the Black Sea resort of Yalta, on 12 July, 2012.—REUTERS

"Putin visited our street but didn't talk to us. He didn't talk to any of the people here. He was surrounded by guards and they didn't let anyone near him," Galina Matsko, a shop manager in her early 40s, said outside her one-storey home - two of its walls ruined and a wardrobe propping up the roof.—Reuters

Two killed, 16 injured in Iraq armed attacks

BAQUBA, 16 July—Two people were killed and 16 others injured on Sunday in separate gunfire and bomb attacks in Iraq's eastern province of Diyala, a provincial police source said.

Gunmen using assault rifles shot dead a civilian near his house in the town of Khalis, just north of the provincial capital city of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, a young girl was killed by gunmen in front of her house in the town of Muqaddiyah, some 40 km northeast of Baquba, the source said.

In addition, a home-made bomb went off near the house of a leader of the government-backed Awakening Council

group in northeastern Baquba, wounding 15 people, the source added.

Some of the 15 wounded were inside their houses as the powerful blast damaged six surrounding buildings, he said, adding that the group leader himself survived the attack unharmed.

The Awakening Council group, also known as Sons of Iraq Movement or Sahwa, consists of mostly anti-US Sunni insurgent militant groups, who turned their rifles to fight al-Qaeda network after Sahwa's leaders became dismayed by al-Qaeda's brutality and religious zealotry in the country.

Also in Diyala, an unidentified gunman threw a hand grenade on a police patrol in al-Tahrir area just south of Baquba, injuring one

policeman, he added.

Diyala Province, which stretches from the eastern edges of Baghdad to the Iranian border east of the country, has long been a stronghold for al-Qaeda militants and other insurgent groups since the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003.

Xinhua



Dead fish float at the south lake in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 15 July, 2012. Large amount of dead fish showed up at the south lake of Wuhan recently. For several years, the dumping of sewage water and garbage made the environment of the lake worse and worse.—XINHUA

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Indian gov't likely to give nod to Mars mission soon

NEW DELHI, 16 July — India's state-owned space agency, the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), has said that the government is soon going to give its nod to the country's Mars mission, local media reported.

"India's much-awaited mission to Mars is in the final stage of approval," said ISRO chief K Radhakrishnan, quoted by *The Times of India* newspaper. The mission is likely to be launched from Sriharikota in the southern

Indian state of Andhra Pradesh either in November 2013, 2016 or 2018, the newspaper said.

"Many studies have been done relating to this mission," Radhakrishnan said. The ISRO chief also said that India's first dedicated astronomy satellite, Astrosat, will be launched in 2013. "All the instruments are going through their final evaluation and it'll be a national laboratory available to scientists both in India and abroad," he said.

Xinhua

Our friends' weight influences our weight gain and loss

NEW YORK, 16 July — People who hang out with friends heavier than they are tend to gain weight. Those who socialize with leaner friends tend to maintain their weight, or even lose a few pounds. But why? Is it that friends influence our behavior? Or do we simply tend to have friends that resemble ourselves—the birds of a feather flock together effect.

To find out, researchers looked at students from two high schools. One school is rural and mostly white. The other is urban, with a racially mixed student body. The researchers analyzed the students' body mass and social networks.

They found that overweight students who had lean friends had a 40 percent chance of dropping weight within a year, versus only a 27 percent chance of gaining weight during that time.—*Internet*

The logo of Lenovo is seen on a computer monitor during a news conference in Hong Kong on 27 May, 2010.—REUTERS



HONG KONG, 16 July — Lenovo Group Ltd is on track to overtake Hewlett-Packard Co as the world's biggest PC maker by sales as soon as this year, making it the first Chinese company to grab the top spot globally in a technology sector. The ThinkPad maker's rise highlights the advance of China's technology firms on the world stage in recent years thanks to a combination of aggressive pricing, overseas acquisitions and their taking advantage of a fast-growing home market. Analysts, however, also warn that Lenovo's rapid gains in market share have come at the expense

China's Lenovo inches closer to a global tech title

2 PC vendor in the third quarter of 2011, had a 14.9 percent global market share in the April-June quarter this year, a mere 0.6 percentage point away from HP's 15.5 percent, according to research firm IDC's latest data. Figures from industry tracker Gartner show an even narrower gap, with Lenovo just 0.2 percentage point from HP.

In another technology sector, China's Huawei Technologies Co Ltd, the world's No 2 maker of telecom equipment, had been expected to surpass Sweden's Ericsson in 2011 sales. But slow telecom spending, stiff competition in the handset market and difficulties in tapping the massive US market held it back. Lenovo's rise has been helped by its purchase of Germany's Medion and a joint venture with Japan's NEC Corp last year, as well as its acquisition of IBM Corp's PC business in 2005. Investors have rewarded Lenovo for its market share gains, sending its stock up by around 16 percent this year and

outpacing rivals HP, third-ranked Dell Inc and No 4 Acer Inc, whose stocks have dropped over the same period.

Lenovo currently trades at a multiple of 12.5 times forward earnings, the second-highest among the top-five PC makers and well above the 4.6 times multiple for HP, Thomson Reuters Stamine data showed. But profit margins have suffered. Lenovo had a 1.4 percent operating margin in the latest quarter, lower than HP's 7.4 percent and Dell's 6.2 percent, the data showed.

"HP, Dell and Acer have switched lanes in the PC race and passed the baton to Lenovo in terms of focusing on sales rather than margins," said Dickie Chang, an analyst at IDC in Hong Kong. Another risk is slowing growth in the PC market as the global economy, including Lenovo's home turf and stronghold China, eases. China accounts for about 42 percent of Lenovo's total revenue, with the bulk of that coming from PC sales.—*Reuters*

Microsoft, NBC dissolve MSNBC.com joint venture



In this 14 Dec, 1995, file photo, Robert Wright, president and chief executive officer of NBC, speaks in New York with Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates, displayed on screen, speaks from Hong Kong, during a news conference announcing that NBC and Microsoft would form a joint venture to start a cable news channel and related online service called MSNBC. Microsoft is pulling out of the joint venture that owned MSNBC.com so it can build its own online news service. The breakup, announced late on 15 July, 2012, dissolves the final shred of a 16-year marriage between Microsoft Corp. and NBC News, which is now owned by Comcast Corp.—*INTERNET*

SAN FRANCISCO, 16 July — Microsoft is pulling out of the joint venture that owned MSNBC.com, freeing the world's largest software maker to build its own online news service. The breakup announced late Sunday dissolves the final shreds of a 16-year marriage between Microsoft Corp and NBC News, which is now owned by Comcast Corp. The relationship began to unwind in 2005 when Microsoft sold

its stake in MSNBC's cable TV channel to NBC. NBC is buying Microsoft's 50 percent interest in the MSNBC website for an undisclosed amount. MSNBC.com will be rebranded as NBCNews.com, and readers who logged into MSNBC.com late Sunday were automatically redirected to NBCNews.com.

The website will move its headquarters from Microsoft's corporate

campus in Redmond, Wash., to NBC News' longtime home in New York. The online divorce stemmed from the two partners' desire to gain greater control over their digital destinies as the Internet becomes an increasingly important part of their businesses. The inherent constraints of being locked into a joint venture sometimes handcuffed Microsoft and NBC. Microsoft, in particular, had grown frustrated by contract terms requiring it to exclusively feature MSNBC.com content on its own websites. That exasperation was exacerbated by the MSNBC cable channel's strategy to counter Fox News Channel's appeal to conservative viewers by tailoring its programming for an audience with a liberal viewpoint. The strategy fed a perception that material from MSNBC's website was politically slanted, too. "Being limited to MSNBC.com content was problematic to us because we couldn't have the multiple news sources and the multiple perspectives that our users were telling us that they wanted," said Bob Visse, general manager of MSN. Now that it has shed those shackles, Microsoft is preparing to launch its own news service this fall. Although he declined to

provide many details about the operation, Visse said the news staff will be about the same size as the roughly 100 people who created original content for the MSNBC.com. By hiring its own news staff to feed material to its websites, Microsoft is embracing the same strategy as the owners of two other major Internet companies, Yahoo Inc and AOL Inc.

Microsoft has leaned on its lucrative franchise selling personal computer software to pay for massive Internet investments that have rarely paid off, much to the frustration of its shareholders. The software maker initially invested \$220 million in the MSNBC joint venture. It's unclear if Microsoft ended up making any money on the alliance. As a whole, the company's online operations, which include the Bing search engine and MSN portal, have lost more than \$10 billion in the past seven years. Even as it sets out to compete against NBC News, Microsoft will continue to highlight the top stories from its former partner for the next two years under terms of the split. NBC News, in turn, believes it will be able to attract more traffic to its stable of websites by forging other partnerships that were off limits when it was tied to Microsoft.—*Internet*

Viewers turning to YouTube as news source

NEW YORK, 16 July — A new study has found that YouTube is emerging as a major platform for news, one to which viewers increasingly turn for eyewitness videos in times of major events and natural disasters. The Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism on Monday released their examination of 15 months of the most popular news videos on the Google Inc.-owned site. It found that while viewership for TV news still easily outpaces those consuming news on YouTube, the video-sharing site is a growing digital environment where professional journalism mingles with citizen content. "There's a new form of video journalism on this platform," said Amy Mitchell,

deputy director of the Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism.

"It's a form in which the relationship between news organizations and citizens is more dynamic and more multiverse than we've seen in most other platforms before." More than a third of the most-watched videos came from citizens. Than more half came from news organizations, but footage in those videos sometimes incorporated footage shot by YouTube users. The Japanese earthquake and tsunami was the most-viewed news event during the length of the study, which spanned January 2011 to March 2012. The top videos from Japan included footage from surveillance cameras, a news network and a Japanese Coast Guard vessel — a typical variety of sources. Such dramatic events were often among the most watched videos. Other popular news events included the Russian elections, unrest in the Middle East, the collapse of a fair stage in Indiana and the crash of an Italian cruise ship.

"One of the things that emerges here is the power of bearing witness as a part of a news consumption process," said Mitchell.—*Internet*



This file image of a screen grab provided by Google Inc on 1 Dec, 2011 shows the YouTube website.

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GSK in weekend talks to buy Human Genome: sources

LONDON, 16 July — GlaxoSmithKline is holding talks this weekend with Human Genome Sciences to agree a deal to acquire it for some \$2.6 billion, after pursuing the US biotech company for three months, sources familiar with the situation said on Sunday.

The British pharmaceutical giant could sweeten its previous \$13 per share offer for Human Genome with a small bump and a deal may come as soon as Monday, one of the sources said. An agreement has yet to be

reached and the talks could still fall apart, the sources cautioned. They asked not to be identified because the matter is not public. Human Genome, which rejected GlaxoSmithKline's \$2.6 billion offer in April as too low and launched an auction process, has come under pressure from investors to try and strike a deal with the British drugmaker in the absence of any alternative bids.

The US company—an early pioneer of gene-based drug discovery—has set itself

a 16 July deadline for finding higher bids, but interest has been limited because GSK, its long-time partner, already has marketing rights to its drugs. US biotech company Celgene Corp was at one stage considering whether to bid and conducting due diligence, according to a separate source familiar with the matter, but negative analyst and investor reaction when news of those discussions broke deterred the US group. Without alternative bids, Human Genome shareholders have been pressing the company's management to engage with GSK before 16 July to avoid a share price collapse—and that argument has been a trigger for the weekend discussions.

Human Genome, which has been trying to find another buyer in a separate auction process after GSK took its offer directly to shareholders, reached out first to its hostile suitor to negotiate a deal, according to one of the sources.

Reuters



A GlaxoSmithKline logo is seen outside one of its buildings in west London, on 6 Feb, 2008.—REUTERS



This file illustration photo shows an automated robot arm picking up a bottle of prescription pills at an automated pharmacy. New Zealand announced plans on Monday to ban the use of drugs offering so-called 'legal' highs unless manufacturers can provide clinical evidence that they are safe. INTERNET

New Zealand to clamp down on 'legal' highs

WELLINGTON, 16 July — New Zealand announced plans on Monday to ban the use of drugs offering so-called 'legal' highs unless manufacturers can provide clinical evidence that they are safe.

Associate Health Minister Peter Dunne described the move as a knockout blow to the market for products such as synthetic cannabis and legal "party pills", which mimic the effects of drugs like ecstasy without using illicit substances.

Dunne said current legislation was failing

because as soon as regulators banned a synthetic drug, manufacturers simply tweaked its formula slightly and relaunched it in the marketplace.

"The new law means the game of catch-up with the legal highs industry will be over once and for all," he said.

At the moment, authorities must prove a synthetic drug is harmful before ordering it off the shelves. Dunne said that under the new law, all synthetic psychoactive drugs will be illegal until their producers can provide clinical proof, such as toxicology

reports and evidence from human trials, that they are safe.

"Companies wishing to sell these products will need to apply to this regulator with scientific data similar to that which is required for the assessment of new medicines," he said.

The department of health estimated that carrying out clinical tests would cost manufacturers up to NZ\$2.0 million (\$1.6 million) for each synthetic drug, effectively deterring them from trying to sell such substances in New Zealand.

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Scientists see AIDS vaccine within reach after decades

CHICAGO, 16 July — At an ill-fated press conference in 1984, US Health and Human Services Secretary Margaret Heckler boldly predicted an effective AIDS vaccine would be available within just two years. But a string of failed attempts — punctuated by a 2007 trial in which a Merck vaccine appeared to make people more vulnerable to infection, not less — cast a shadow over AIDS vaccine research that has taken years to dispel. A 2009 clinical trial in Thailand was the first to show it was possible to prevent HIV infection in humans. Since then, discoveries have pointed to even more powerful vaccines using HIV-fighting

antibodies. Now scientists believe a licensed vaccine is within reach.

"We know the face of the enemy," said Dr Barton Haynes, of Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, and recent director of the Center for HIV AIDS Vaccine Immunology (CHAVI). The research consortium was funded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), founded in 2005 by the National Institutes of Health to identify and overcome roadblocks in the design of vaccines for the human immunodeficiency virus, which causes AIDS. NIAID's funding of CHAVI ended in June.

Unlike many viruses behind infectious disease, HIV is a moving target, constantly spitting out slightly different versions of itself, with different strains affecting different populations around the world. The virus is especially pernicious since it attacks the immune system, the very mechanism the body needs to fight back. "The virus is far more crafty than we ever thought," said Haynes, who will outline progress in vaccine research at the International AIDS Society's 2012 conference being held in Washington from 22-27 July.

Thanks to drugs that can control the virus for decades, AIDS is no longer a death

sentence. New infections have fallen by 21 percent since the peak of the pandemic in 1997 and advances in prevention — through voluntary circumcision programs, prevention of mother-to-child transmission and early treatment — promise to cut that rate even more. Still, as many as 34 million people are infected with HIV worldwide. And with 2.7 million new infections in 2010 alone, experts say a vaccine is still the best hope for eradicating AIDS.

Teams have been working on a vaccine for nearly three decades, but it wasn't until RV144, the 2009 clinical trial involving more than 16,000 adults in Thailand, that researchers achieved any hint of success.

The test of a combination of two vaccines followed several big failures, including the stunning news that Merck's vaccine may have increased the risk of infection among men who were both uncircumcised and had prior exposure to the virus used in the vaccine.

"It had an extremely chilling effect on the whole field," said Colonel Nelson Michael, director of the US Military HIV Research Program at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, which led the RV144 trial.

Reuters



About 2880 candles are seen lit during a World AIDS Day event in Jakarta on 1 Dec, 2009.—REUTERS

eBay's hottest business brings benefits, risks



Visitors chat next to the eBay logo at the CeBIT computer fair in Hanover on 2 March, 2011.—REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 16 July — "Neither a borrower nor a lender be" is a well-known warning from Shakespeare's "Hamlet." PayPal, eBay Inc.'s online payment service, heeded that advice for much of its existence, charging fees for processing transactions rather than lending money that may not be repaid. But Bill Me Later, one of eBay's fastest-growing businesses, is changing that. BML, as it's known, offers credit to online shoppers, letting them pay typically a few months after purchases. eBay bought the business for almost \$1 billion in the midst of the 2008 financial crisis. Last year, BML accumulated \$2.3 billion in loans, up 64 percent from the previous year. Wall Street will be looking for the unit to keep up its hot growth streak when eBay reports second-quarter results on 18 July.

BML is a potentially juicy new source of profit growth for eBay. The business also helps other parts of the company — for example, it could make PayPal more profitable by reducing funding costs, analysts say. "This is one of the most prominent and fastest-growing businesses eBay has, and I think it becomes more prominent going forward," said Gil Luria, an analyst at Wedbush Securities. "BML is very important because it allows eBay to expand PayPal into a true financial product, as opposed to a purely transactional service," Luria added.

"But PayPal will take on more credit risk as BML expands," Luria warned. If BML gets big enough and PayPal's growth slows, that could pressure eBay's valuation, he added.

Reuters

US Air Force tests biofuel at \$59 per gallon

WASHINGTON, 16 July—The US Navy angered Republicans by spending \$26 a gallon for biofuels for this week's Great Green Fleet demonstration, but the Air Force received little attention when it paid twice as much per gallon to test synthetic jet fuel last month.

The Air Force bought 11,000 gallons of alcohol-to-jet fuel from Gevo Inc, a Colorado biofuels company, at \$59 a gallon in a programme aimed at proving that new alternative fuels can be used reliably in military aircraft - once, that is, their pricing is competitive with petroleum, which now costs \$3.60 a gallon.

The cost of the Air Force demonstration — \$639,000 — was far less eye-catching than the \$12 million the Navy spent for biofuels to power a carrier strike group on alternative energy for a day.

But it was part of the same Pentagon push, which has escalated under the administration of President Barack Obama, to adopt green solutions to rising fuel costs.

Some Republican

lawmakers have criticized the high price-per-gallon paid by the Navy as wasteful Pentagon spending at a time of significant budget cuts and a shrinking fleet.

They have also blasted Obama for making green energy a cornerstone of his agenda, with federal funds flowing to alternative energy companies that may not make economic sense, as in the case of bankrupt solar-panel maker Solyndra.



An A-10C Thunderbolt II flies over Florida's Gulf Coast on 29 June, 2012, marking the second flight of an aircraft powered solely by an alcohol-derived jet fuel blend. Gevo Inc recently sold the US Air Force 11,000 gallons of fuel at \$59 per gallon to complete certification testing to ensure it can be used in military jets.—REUTERS

Jeff Scheib, Gevo vice president for fuels, said the alcohol-to-jet fuel made for the Air Force was expensive as it came from a small demonstration plant in Silsbee, Texas, which makes only 7,500 to 8,000 gallons of biofuel a month.

Once the company builds a commercial-scale refinery, expected around 2015, "we believe we can be cost competitive on an all-in basis with petroleum jet fuel

over the life of a contract," Scheib said.

Pentagon officials say alternative fuel development is strategically important because the United States relies too heavily on fossil fuels from foreign sources, leaving it vulnerable to price shocks and disruptions.

The Air Force spends about \$10 billion a year on energy, with nearly \$9 billion of that being for jet fuel, Kevin Geiss, Air Force deputy assistant secretary for energy, said recently.

Planning is done two years in advance, so officials in 2009 were expecting jet fuel to cost about \$2.37 a gallon in 2011. Instead, prices rose as high as \$3.96 a gallon.

"What that results in, for this year, was about a billion dollar shortfall from what we had budgeted for in fuel," Geiss said. Geiss said Air Force work on biofuels was focused on ensuring that products likely to achieve commercial-scale production are formulated correctly for use in aircraft engines. The Navy's mission is much broader, he said.—Reuters



Rescue workers use heavy equipment to remove rubble and look for survivors buried under debris of damaged buildings following the collapse of an 11-story building under construction onto three adjacent buildings that killed at least 10 people in the Gomrouk neighbourhood of Alexandria, Egypt, on 15 July, 2012.—INTERNET

11 killed in high-rise collapse in Egypt

ALEXANDRIA, 16 July—An apartment tower under construction collapsed on adjacent buildings in the Mediterranean city of Alexandria, killing 11 people, Egypt's Health Ministry said on Sunday.

The ministry said five other people were injured and that search teams were searching for survivors buried under rubble. The 11-story building in the poor Alexandria neighbourhood of al-Gomrouk collapsed late on Saturday onto three adjacent buildings, reducing much of the structures to rubble. All the dead and injured lived in the three smaller buildings.

Building collapses are not uncommon in Egypt, where shoddy construction is widespread in shantytowns, poor city neighbourhoods and rural areas. With real estate at a premium in big cities like Alexandria and Cairo, developers seeking bigger profits frequently violate planning permits and exceed the number of stories allowed.—Internet

Bus falls into Nepal river killing nine



Local residents watch as a rescue team searches for the bodies of Hindu pilgrims after a bus fell into an irrigation canal near the pilgrimage site of Triveni, Nawalparasi some 100km southwest of Kathmandu, on 15 July.—INTERNET

KATHMANDU, 16 July—A bus swerved off a road in central Nepal before dawn on Monday and plunged into a river, killing nine people, police said — the latest in a

string of deadly accidents on the country's highways. The incident came less than 24 hours after at least 39 pilgrims were killed when an overcrowded bus taking them

from India to a Hindu festival in southern Nepal fell into a canal.

Police said on Monday's deaths occurred when the night-bus fell 200 metres (650 feet) down a cliff after the driver was thought to have fallen asleep.

"A passenger bus on its way to Kathmandu from Katari slipped off the road at Krishnabhir and fell into the river," police sub-inspector Narayan Prasad Chalise said.

"We recovered six bodies from the accident site and three seriously injured died in hospital in Kathmandu. Another 17 people are injured and are undergoing treatment."

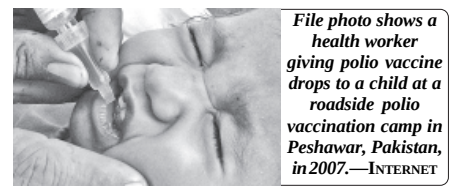
Accidents are relatively common on Nepal's highways because of poor roads, badly maintained vehicles and reckless driving.—Internet

Polio campaign troubles imperil 350,000 Pakistan children

PESHAWAR, 16 July—Pakistan on Monday postponed a polio immunisation campaign in parts of its tribal belt, jeopardising the health of more than 350,000 children after the Taliban banned inoculations.

Local Taliban and Pakistani warlord Hafiz Gul Bahadur, whose followers are fighting Western troops in Afghanistan, banned the vaccinations in the northwestern region of Waziristan to protest against US drone attacks.

They have condemned the immunisation campaign, which began nationwide on Monday, as a cover for espionage. Pakistani doctor Shakeel Afridi was jailed for 33 years in May after helping



File photo shows a health worker giving polio vaccine drops to a child at a roadside polio vaccination camp in Peshawar, Pakistan, in 2007.—INTERNET

the CIA find Osama bin Laden using a hepatitis vaccination programme as cover.

Fighting between government troops and local warlord Mangal Bagh also made it difficult to inoculate all children in Khyber district, officials said.

"The campaign has been postponed in North and South Waziristan and Bara (district) of Khyber," Mazhar Nisar, in charge of the polio monitoring cell at the prime minister's secretariat, told AFP.

Officials in Miranshah, the main town of North Waziristan, said a meeting of tribal elders to discuss immunisation had been postponed due to a military curfew.

In Khyber, administration official Irfanullah Wazir told AFP that the target was to vaccinate 200,163 children, but conceded the campaign would be affected in parts of Bara and the Tirah valley, where 111,556 children need the drops.

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Waterfall-like rain eases in Japan, but 27 dead

TOKYO, 16 July—Most of the quarter-million people forced to flee massive flooding in southwest Japan were able to return home by Monday, but weather officials warned the danger had not fully passed from the record rainfall that left at least 27 people dead over the weekend.

Thousands of homes and hundreds of roads were damaged, and hundreds of landslides were reported. The military airlifted food by helicopter to stranded districts.

The rain "was like a waterfall," Yoko Yoshika said in Yamaguchi prefecture (state). "It was horrible."

Yoshika, wife of an award-winning Hagi-yaki style potter, said workers scrambled to carry out a bucket relay with plastic pails to get rid of the water flowing into their shop.

In Yame, a city of 69,000 in Fukuoka prefecture, 74 people in three separate areas were stranded by the flooding.

"Our region gets hit with heavy rain every year, but I have never experienced

anything like this," city employee Kumi Takesue said.

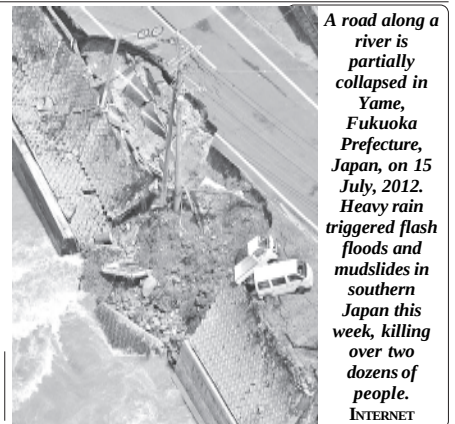
"Rice paddies and roads all became water so you couldn't tell what was what," she said, adding that she had to wade in knee-high water, even near her home, which was not as hard hit as other areas.

Killed in Yame city were Katsutoshi Matsumoto, a 70-year-old who died when caught in a landslide while he was out looking at his rice paddies, and Shinobu Fuetu, 83, whose home was buried in mud.

Weather officials warned people to be careful even in areas where rain had subsided because the land was still mushy and prone to landslides. Rain could start again later on Monday, further endangering the area, they said.

Even as some of the water subsided, homes and farms on the southern island of Kyushu, hardest hit by the downpour, were still getting food shipments, although mostly by land, local officials said.

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A road along a river is partially collapsed in Yame, Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan, on 15 July, 2012. Heavy rain triggered flash floods and mudslides in southern Japan this week, killing over two dozens of people. INTERNET

Constitutional Tribunal of the State hears enquiry

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—The Mon State Hluttaw Speaker has asked through the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker to the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union to interpret the following: whether the legislation of the State Hluttaw in accordance with Schedule (2) of Section 188 of the Constitution under Section 326 (b) of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law is against the Section 446 of the Constitution or not, or whether the legislation shall be done without violation of the Section 446 of the Constitution; in case some existing laws and some provisions in the existing laws are different from and/or ambiguously confused with provisions in

Schedule (2) of the Section 188 of the Constitution, whether these laws and provisions shall be still in effect as they are not revoked or amended yet; if some existing laws and some provisions in the existing laws are different from and/or ambiguously confused with provisions in Schedule (2) of the Section 188 of the Constitution, proceedings can be made only after revoking or amending in accordance with Section 446 of the Constitution.

The tribunal comprising Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union and all its members heard the document No. 3/2012 at Room No. 1 at 10 am this morning.—MNA

Union A & I Minister inspects Samar Diversion Weir, Kinda Dam

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, accompanied by Deputy Minister U Khin Zaw, Mandalay Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock U Myint Than, inspected construction of sand-disposal sluice gate of Samar Diversion Weir in Myitha Township yesterday.

The sluice gate has been completed by 98 per cent, it is reported. The Union minister called for establishment of model farms in and around Myitha for interests of the local farmers.

The Union Minister then inspected the irrigation area of the left canal of Kinda Dam near Yitkan Village. The left canal is reported to be irrigating 13000 acres of farmland beside it.

Thanks to sand-disposal sluice gate of Samar Dam, water of Panlaung River will be controllable as desired, preventing flood against Myitha and its surrounding regions, clearing debris in Kathaung Creek flowing through Myitha, and effectively preventing about 1000 acres of cropland downstream Samar Diversion Weir from flood.—MNA

DISTRICT NEWS

Plastic carpets placed on platform of Shwedagon Pagoda



YANGON, 16 July—With a view to ensuring smooth travelling of pilgrims during the rainy season, members of the Sangha and people, three-yard plastic carpets are placed on platforms of Shwedagon Pagoda as of June.

The Pagoda Board of Trustees and wellwishers donated 150 sheets of plastic carpets at K 22000 each for preventing slips of walkers. There needs about 350 more sheets of plastic carpets on the platforms.

In the past, roles of carpets made of coconut fibre

were placed along the platforms during the rainy season but these facilities were not in conformity with the image of the pagoda. Moreover, the coconut fire carpets soaked water with bad smell.

Thanks to plastic carpets, the pilgrims can visit the pagoda conveniently and pleasantly.

The Pagoda Board of Trustees makes arrangements for visitors to donate three-yard plastic carpets per K 22000.

Pwint Oo (Yangon)

Over 400 vehicles allowed to be imported under permissions

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—The Vehicle Import Supervisory Committee of the Ministry of Commerce issues import permits to the people to be able to import the vehicles as of 11 May 2012. Up to 12 July evening, import permits have been issued for 4115 vehicles.

The Ministry of Commerce issued an announcement on 7 May that it will allow the citizens who have opened the foreign exchange accounts at the Myanmar Investment and Commercial Bank to import vehicles of above 2007 models (except buses) regardless of right and left drive.

Although the original announcement stated a point "except buses", at present, the ministry allows imports of buses and wagons. However, import permits for over 4000 vehicles included saloons and private cars, and the citizens are not yet to import buses and wagons.

Before issuing the import licences, the programme is being realized for substitution of overage vehicles with new model cars. From 20-9-2011 to 12-7-2012, import permits have been issued for 46987 vehicles.

According to the individual vehicle import programme, every citizen of above 18 has the opportunity to import one each of car. If those wishing to import the cars do not have any foreign exchange, they may open the foreign exchange accounts without difficulty after buying foreign exchange at money changers in Yangon.—Tin Htwe (MNA)



Books and TV donated to rural libraries in Myaungmya Township

MYAUNGMYA, 16 July—With the aim of ensuring social economic development of rural people and widening of scopes, a ceremony to donate books and equipment to Tun Lin Library was held in Thayetkon Village in Sakamya Village-tract in Myaungmya Township on 5 July.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Ko Ko Latt made a speech. Next, Staff Officer Daw Hla Kyi of Myaungmya District Information and Public Relations Department explained the durability of the library. Assistant Lecturer U Kyin Soe (Maung Hline Thit-Chitsayammyay) of

Myaungmya Education College gave talks on knowledge in literature.

After that, Township Administrator U Ko Ko Latt donated one set of 15-inch LCD TV, Head of Myaungmya Township IPRD Daw Yi Yi Lwin and U Than Win family books, library committee member U Myint Kyaw one drawers of chestnut and local people K 70,000. Members of the library committee accepted the donations.

The library was built at a cost of K 1.5 million contribution by local people and K 900,000 by U Than Win and family in addition to the capital of the State.

District IPRD

School uniforms provided to offspring of vendors

DANUBYU, 16 July—A ceremony to provide school uniforms to students of vendors from Myoma Market under control of Danubyu Township Development Affairs Committee was held at the office of the in-charge of the market in Danubyu on 10 July.

The ceremony was held for 2012-2013 fiscal year.

At the ceremony, Executive Officer U Htay Hlaing of Danubyu Township Development Affairs Committee presented one set of school uniform to 11 offspring of vendors.—Myanma Alin

Kawthoung Township observes Myanmar Women's Day 2012

KAWTHOUNG, 16 July—At Hantahwady Hall of Kawthoung Township General Administration Department on 3 July morning, the Myanmar Women's Day 2012 was observed with an address by Chairperson of District Women's Affairs Organization Daw Cho Cho Thein.

Secretary of District Women's Affairs Organization Daw San Myint read the paper on health sector, Chairperson of Township WAO Daw Khin Mar Kyi on environmental conservation and Headmistress Daw Mi Yi Yi of Basic Education High School No. 1 on culture.

After that, officials presented prizes to Ma Wai

Wai Lwin who secured one bronze medal in the sailing event of the XXVISEA Games, Daw Nay Za Htay who won the model trainee award in the Special Refresher Course No. 75 for Basic Education Teachers, 56th time blood donor Daw Gandama and 20th time blood donor Daw Lwin Lwin Oo, the aerobic team that stood third in the region aerobic contest, one four-distinction winner and two three-distinction winners in the 2011-2012 academic year matriculation examination, three winners in the high school level essay contest to mark the Myanmar Women's Day and three in the middle school level.

Myanma Alin

MADB disburses agricultural loans to farmers of Ingapu

INGAPU, 16 July—Myanma Agricultural Development Bank of Ingapu Township in Hinthada District held a ceremony to disburse agricultural loans to local farmers at the hall of Township General Administration Department on 6 July.

After making speeches, Township Administrator U Hlwan Moe Han and Manager of Myanma Agricultural Development Bank U Mya Kyaing presented agricultural loans to the farmers.

At the ceremony, the bank disbursed K 82450000 for 1649 acres of farmlands to 231 farmers from two village-tracts.—Township GAD



PADDY SEEDS SOWN: The paddy seed sowing ceremony was held on 12-acre research farm near irrigated area of Khabaung Dam in Padaukkhin Village of Kyettet Nyaungbin Village-tract in Ottwin Township of Toungoo District on 7 July. Deputy Commissioner U Hla Min Htut of Toungoo District General Administration Department, officials of District Agricultural Coordination Committee and local farmers view sowing of paddy seeds.—DISTRICT GAD

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be taken to handle the cases of most of the farmers turning to the jobless, partner companies of government committing lawless acts, educating companies to understand confiscation of farmland for K 35,000 compensation per care is out of Land Confiscation Act; if there is any plan to let farmers who lost their farms in model mechanized farm special zone in Dagon Myothit townships to register as tenant farmers in line with law and if the Union government has any plan to let farmers who have lost the farms re-run the farms, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than replied that complete explanation was given about the reclamation of modern farmland in Dagon Myothit townships at the previous Hluttaw sessions. The farmers who primarily owned those farms could get relevant wages now, working at the mechanized farmland based on their skills with their job opportunities and incomes getting improved.

Region/State governments can handle regional issues on the ground under the law. Currently, farmland bylaws have been formulated to enforce the enacted Farmland Act and the by-laws can be promulgated soon. Those issues can be handled in line with Farmland Act, farmland by-laws, based on objective conditions, in the long-term interests of the State.

Regarding the question of U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency about the strategic food management measures for food security of the State, the deputy minister replied that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Ministry of Commerce are taking care of rice production and rice exports based on daily consumption of the people. The Commerce Ministry keeps rice reserve in support of the farmers. The Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry is working in partnership with private sector for establishing modern rice mills for increased production of rice in milling process. It is targeted to put 19.31 million of acres under paddy this year, the second year of the fifth five-year plan, and to put 19.46 million of acres on 2015-2016.

Only the surplus is exported abroad in line with trading policies ensuring food

security. Mobilization is made at strategic level to call for active participation of the private sector for boosting rice productivity. In addition, Myanmar Rice Association and Central Cooperatives Association purchase monsoon and summer rice directly from farmers to ensure there is no shortage of rice. In addition, rice dealers and farmers are working in cooperation for a switch to high-yield monsoon paddy.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint replied the questions of two Hluttaw representatives.

Regarding the question of U Kun Thein Pe of Hopong Constituency about **if there is any plan to upgrade Kyuntaung-Kyauktalone-Saikaung-Honan-Maukme road into road of the Public Works or Union Highway**, the deputy minister replied that the road in Shan State (south) is 88 miles and one furlong and its nine miles and one furlong Loisaung-Saikaung section was undertaken by the Ministry of Border Affairs. But, the Construction Ministry has proposed to take over the road from the Border Affairs Ministry.

In 2010-2012 financial year, maintenances of roads and bridges was undertaken with the revenue maintenances funds. In 2012-2013 financial year, it would be carried out with the Shan State government's fund. That road has been put on the road lists of Public Works managed by Union Government. Funds would be submitted in 2013-2014 financial year.

With respect to the question raised by U Nyan Win of Hlinethaya Constituency on behalf of U Tin Maung Win of Mingaladon Constituency, on **"there is a plan to repair Nyaungdon road between mile post 1 mile and four furlongs and mile post two miles and six furlongs, in Hlinethaya Township, Yangon Region"**, Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint replied: This road section includes in Aungzeya Bridge approach road (three miles and two furlongs long) implemented by Ministry of Construction. And Asia World Co has been allowed to build it through B.O.T system and had completed tarmacking of it on 18 June. Ministry of Construction is pushing B.O.T entrepreneurs for following the designated instructions.

Regarding the question of U Myint Kyi of Latha Constituency on **"there is a plan to abolish the notorious expense-sharing health system from which the benefits have**



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Han Sein of Taikkyi Constituency on behalf of Dr Nay Lin of Seikkan Constituency puts question.—MNA

to be shared to lower staff and repaid into the government budget in the name of other income, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint replied:

Sharing of income that comes from the current expense-sharing health system to the lower level staff does not exist. Incomes of separate patient room, Lab, X-ray room and pathology departments in People's Hospitals have to be paid as government's revenue income, used in Hospital's maintenances and in providing needy hospitalized patients with medicine. Ministry of Health is scrutinizing and supervising monthly reports of sending to the government as revenue and allocation sent by respective hospitals.

To provide health care coverage to all citizens, especially the needy people, Ministry of Health conducted the research on the probabilities of township-based health care expenses protection programme in Yedashe and DaikU Townships in Bago Region in 2011. Based on these research findings, township-based social health care guarantee system that will be ideal for Myanmar will be tested.

On behalf of Dr Nay Lin of Seikkan Constituency, U Han Sein of Taikkyi Constituency raised the question on **"According to the health care programme, projects on reducing the mortality rates of pregnant women and children under five are being implemented. I would like to know the current conditions from 2000 to date and the objectives for 2015."**

Under the programme of Myanmar



Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint replies to questions.—MNA

health care programme, projects on reducing the mortality rates of pregnant women and children under five are being implemented. From 2000 to date, the mother mortality rate in 100,000 live births was 300 in 2000; 230 in 2005, 200 in 2010; and is expected to be 130 in 2015. Death toll under five per live birth was 66.1 percent in 2003; 46.1 in 2009; and is expected to be 43.3 percent in 2015. Ministry of Health is making cooperation with World Health Organization (WHO), UNFPA and UNICEF so as to get necessary health care expenses. And the Ministry is also cooperating with International organization Aus Aid. Coordination is being made to prescribe necessary laws and by-laws.

At the proposal-submitting session, U Than Nwe of Budalin Constituency submitted the proposal on **"with the aims of ensuring the restoration of natural environment and eco-system stability and long-term extraction of timbers and forest products, special emphasis should be placed on perpetuation of natural forests"** and Dr Than Win of North Okkalapa Constituency, on **"urging the Government to form Myanmar Traditional Cultural Conservation Commission and lay down the projects for promoting the standard of national culture"**.

The date on which the above-mentioned proposals are discussed will be announced later. Those representatives who want to discuss it are to submit the name lists by 12.30 pm on 17 July. The meeting came to end at noon and will go on at 10 am tomorrow.—MNA

Plantations inspected in Mandalay, Magway regions

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun looked into establishment of arid-zone greening forest plantations, conservation of old plantations and conservation and greening of mountain ranges in Mandalay and Magway Regions on 14 July.

The Union Minister inspected conservation in Kogway reserved forest in Yamethin Township near mile post No. (251/1) on Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Expressway, village-used plantation in Kyaukpadaung Township near Natmauk-Mahlaing district-to-district road, 25 acres of plantation and 25 acres of watershed plantation in Meiktila Township.

Yesterday, the Union Minister looked into forest plantations in Kyaukku proposed protected forest in NyaungU Township,



which is jointly implemented by Forest Department and JIFPRO, greening tasks in the eastern part of Mt. Tankkyi in Pakokku

Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun inspects plantations for greening of eastern part of Mt. Tankkyi in Pakokku Township.—MNA



Township, river water supply for agriculture purpose and conservation of the remaining forest in the protected forest.

He also inspected firewood plantations for greening of Seikpyu-Kazunma region and Yenangyoung plain.—MNA

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The Health Department has not yet planned to construct the building for the station hospital in the 2012-2013 fiscal year. However, the department will give top priority to construction of the building in the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Regarding the second question, the deputy minister replied that in-service doctors can pursue the medical diploma courses, master courses and post-graduate Ph. D courses while post-graduate diploma courses are conducted for out-service doctors.

The issue of allowing out-service doctors to attend post-graduate medical courses have been discussed at meetings of the Management Committee of the Ministry of Health and today, the courses cannot provide enough seats even to in-service doctors due to training capacity.

To promote the capacity of out-service doctors who are working at private hospitals and clinics, the hospital they are working for will take responsibility for their sustainable learning opportunities. They will be accepted to attend the post-graduate courses when an opportune situation happened.

Regarding the third question, the deputy minister replied that the old ECG machine at Taninthayi Township Hospital was replaced with the new one about four months ago and the hospital spent its funds to get the new one. The 50mA X-ray machine

is being repaired at the Central Medical Storage Department in Yangon on 6 July, 2012, and it the machine is beyond repair, the ministry will provide a new machine to the hospital. Concerning surgical operations, the township hospital will provide surgical operations that it can perform and it will transfer patients who need to receive treatment given by specialists to a People's Hospital. Meanwhile, in an attempt to gain trust from patients, medical



Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Than Myint of Taninthayi Region Constituency (10) puts question.

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staff would explain the patients until they understand why they are sent to the People's Hospital.

Still, there is no plan to assign a surgeon to Taninthayi Township Hospital due to its organizational set-up as it is the 50-bed one. However, one assistant surgeon and one township health officer will be assigned to the hospital when the number of patients increases in the future.

Regarding the fourth question, the deputy minister replied that the Health Department has already issued an order dated 13, January, 2011, to construct a 16-bed hospital in Hpakant Township, Kachin State and work on construction of the building for the hospital will start in the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min replied to the query raised by Representative Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency (4) on **"whether or not there is any plan to take action against the bus lines running in town and expresses that break the bus line laws and fail to meet the standard of a passenger bus"**, and by Representative U Myint Tun of Bago Region Constituency (10) on **"when will the required gravels to be used in repairing the remaining sections of Latpadan-Tharawaw railway section delivered to the site"**. He said that Road Transport Administration Department issued a license to a passenger bus only if it has acceptable capacity. But some bus owners added more seats than usual in their buses so as to get more profits. The Department did not give green light to such owners. For most of the buses plying in town were Japan-made, the department issued licenses to them in accord with their type approval. Officials from the department together with officials from the Transport Planning Department and the Traffic Police Force continue inspecting buses at highway terminals and bus-stops before those buses were in operation. Effective actions would be taken against the buses that are not in conformity with the set standards with the

notifications of the representatives and the public are to inform the department.

Regarding the query raised by Representative U Myint Tun of Bago Region Constituency (10), the Union Minister said that Myanmar Railway was carrying out the maintenance of railways sections with the use of 19 gravel coaches. Filling of gravels on Yangon-Mandalay up/down (771 miles) and Yangon round railroad



Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Mya Ohn of Kachin State Constituency (8) asking question.

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up/down (59 miles) are on top priority. For Yangon-Pyay railroad section, only 1374.80 suds of gravel had been filled from June, 2011 to date. Latpadan-Tharawaw railroad section would be supplied with gravels before the last week of August.

The meeting came to an end at 11 am and continues at 10 am tomorrow. At the today's session, six questions were raised and answered.—MNA

Course (1/2012) for Township Health Department heads opens

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—A ceremony to open course (1/2012) for township heads of Health Department of Ministry of Health, was held at Ministry, here, this morning, with an address by Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin.

In his speech, the Union Minister said that Myanmar needed to promote health care system on a wider effective scale. As part of its effort to promote the health care system, it needs to employ more qualified health staff, conduct the courses and provide the hospitals with medicine and medical equipment, thereby contributing to harmonious development of health care.

Township Health Department heads are the key leaders for promoting the health care of people in Townships and rural areas. He urged the trainees to make strenuous efforts to achieve the objectives of the Ministry and to provide more health care to the national races. A total of 34 trainees from Regions and States are attending four-week course. The course covers knowledge on health care system, health policy, management, health economics, social dealing.—MNA

Rakhine State Chief Minister attends provisions ceremony of locals in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—A donation ceremony for locals who lost their property in recent riots in Rakhine State was held at the hall of Rakhine State Chief Minister on 14 July morning.

At the ceremony, U Aung Thu and wife Daw Li Swe Lant of Lotaya Taungaya Gems Company donated 500 bags of rice worth K 8,250,000, officers/staff families of officiating regional control head (Sittway) 224

bags of rice worth K 3,700,000 and U Kyaw Myint of Kan Tar Oo Gems Company, U Kyaw Lwin and family 181 bags of rice worth K 3,000,000. Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin accepted the donations. The region Chief Minister attended the meeting for uplifting of trade in July 2012 of Border Trade Department (Sittway) held at Rakhine State Merchants and Industries Association Hall and left the necessary

Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister addresses higher pass rate of the matriculation examination ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung on 14 July delivered an address at the ceremony for higher pass rate of the matriculation examination, held at Kanthaya Hall of Patheingyi University in Patheingyi.

He said, in his speech, that there had got an increase in pass rate of the exam last year that was recognized as a banner year. The fruitful results came out on account of opening teaching method learning courses for township education officers especially subject teachers. He emphasized that the

instructions. Next the Region Ministers for Planning and Economic and Security and Border Affairs discussed boosting of trade and security matters.

Afterwards, the Deputy Director of Border Trade Camp (Sittway) and members of OSS, responsible persons from Rakhine State Merchants and Industries Association and entrepreneurs held discussion on booming of trade.—MNA

teachers taking that courses need to pay full concentration on learning their respective subjects so that they would be able to give clear teaching to students in the regions and states where they are assigned, citing that in spite of improving in pass rate of the matriculation exam at

Czech delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister arrives in Yangon

YANGON, 16 July—A goodwill delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister of the Czech Republic Mr. Karel Schwarzenberg arrived Yangon by special flight at 2:45 pm today.

They were welcomed by officials concerned of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Yangon International Airport.

The guests paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda in the evening.—MNA

region level, the pass rate of the exam is decreasing at township level. In conclusion, he urged those

present to promote pass rate of the matriculation examination higher and higher.—MNA

Students in Mandalay get knowledge on revenue

MANDALAY, 16 July—Office of the Revenue Departments in Mandalay under the Internal Revenue Department of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue disseminated knowledge on revenue to students in the respective schools on 11 July.

Assistant Director U Aye Min of Township Revenue Department gave talks on the subject to over 1350 teachers and students led by Headmistress Daw Than Than Win at No. 27 Basic Education High School in Pyigyitagun Township; AD U Nyi Nyi Lwin to over 1000 teachers and students led by Headmistress Daw Tin Tin Win at No. 13 BEHS in Maha Aungmye



Township; Staff Officer U Sai Htay Aung of Township Revenue Department to over 1500 teachers and students led by Headmaster Dr Than Htaik Soe at No. 26 BEHS in Chanmya Thazi Township; AD U Aung Tun Oo of Township Revenue Department to 580 teachers and stu-

dents led by Township Education Officer U Ne Win and Headmistress Daw Khin Nyo Aye at No. 1 BEHS in Amarapura Township.

After the talks, students were provided with books, pamphlets, comic books depicting knowledge on revenue.—Tin Maung (Mdy)

Collection of tax explained in Bago Township



BAGO, 16 July—Bago Township Internal Revenue Department of Bago Region of Ministry of Finance and Revenue held a talk on plan

for collection of tax at its office in Bago on 6 July morning.

The talk included taxation over entrepreneurs of stores, department stores, hotels and inns, and restaurants in line with the prescription of commercial tax.

It was attended by 49 entrepreneurs from Bago. Assistant Director Daw Aye Aye Maw of Bago Township Internal Revenue Department explained matters related to collection of tax. A staff officer also explained tasks of the entrepreneurs.—*IRD*

Trees grown as monsoon activity in Bokpyin

BOKPYIN, 16 July—The monsoon tree growing ceremony was held at Pearl Shweyi Golf Course in Bokpyin on 3 July.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Nyunt Tin, members of Women's Affairs Organization, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and social organizations, departmental officials and staff participated in growing of 500 teak, ironwood, mahogany and Gangaw (*Mesua ferrea*) saplings.

Moreover, Staff Officer U Htay Win of Forest Department and staff shared knowledge about cultivation technology.—*Myanma Alin*

Wakema Township observes International Cooperative Day

WAKEMA, 16 July—A ceremony to mark International Cooperatives Day was observed at Wakema Township Cooperative Department of Ayeyawady Region on 7 July.

Chairman of the Cooperative Syndicate U Tin Win and Staff Officer of Township Cooperative Department Daw Khin Win made speeches.

Later, officials presented prizes to winners in the essay, article, poem and cartoon contests to mark the International Cooperative Day.—*Myanma Alin*



TREES PLANTED: As part of efforts to establish rural housing and plantations in 2012-2013 fiscal year, Staff Officer U Win Tun of Thazi Township Forest Department, staff and local people grew saplings.
MYANMA ALIN

Farmlands covered with thriving Paletwe hybrid paddy plantations

KUNGYANGON, 16 July—Paletwe hybrid paddy plantations are being cultivated across the nation thanks to high yield of per acre depending on weather and water. At the same time, Kungyangon Township achieves success in growing of Paletwe paddy.

On 5 July, a ceremony to share cultivation technology for extended cultivation of Paletwe hybrid paddy was jointly organized by Yangon Region Agriculture Department and Sun Moon Star Company at the office of Kungyangon Township Agriculture Department.

Deputy Head of Yangon Region Agriculture

Department U Hla Hsan made a speech. Head of District Agriculture Department U Kyaw Kyaw and seed production expert from Sun Moon Star Co U Aung Myint discussed sharing of technology.

At the ceremony, Head of Township Agriculture Department Daw Than Than Hsint explained extended cultivation of Paletwe hybrid paddy in 2012-2013 rainy season.

Later, the local farmers observed thriving of nurturing Paletwe hybrid saplings in the farmlands of farmer U Win Kyi in Kamapa Village.

Township Agriculture



Citizenship scrutiny cards issued to local people in Monghsat

MONGHSAT, 16 July—A ceremony to present citizenship scrutiny cards to

the local people in 10th-mile Chaungzon Village of Kyade Village-tract in Monghsat

UMFCCI President meets Indonesian Ambassador

YANGON, 16 July—Indonesian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Sebastianus Sumarsono called on President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung, General Secretary Dr Myo Thet, and Chairman of Myanmar Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipment Merchants Association Dr Win Sithu at the office of the federation on 5 July morning.

At the meeting, they cordially discussed promotion of bilateral trade between the two countries, opening of hospital for investment matters, opportunity to produce medicines, hotel services, mining and information for other investment matters.

UMFCCI

Thingaha Cup nurtures new generation footballers in Thayawady District

THAYAWADY, 16 July—The Thingaha Cup Men's Open Football Tournament, organized by Thayawady District Sports and Physical Education Committee, kicked off at the district sports ground in Thayawady on 8 July, with an address by Deputy Commissioner U Hla Myo of District General Administration Department.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu, Bago Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Aung Kyaw Oo, Region Minister for Finance and Revenue U Myint Lwin Oo, Deputy Director of Bago Region Sports and Physical Education Department U Thein Myint, administrators

Rainy season tree growing ceremony held in Ngaputaw Township



NGAPUTAW, 16 July—The rainy season tree growing ceremony was held on the land of Sappada Ordination Hall in Southern Ward of Ngaputaw Township of Ayeyawady Region on 3 July morning.

At the ceremony,

Township Administrator U Win Ko Ko, Staff Officer U Htaik Lwin Oo of Township Forest Department, departmental personnel and local people planted 1200 saplings including 300 ironwood, 600 mahogany and 300 eucalyptus species.

Township Forest

Blood donated at Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed)

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—The Blood Donors

Association of the Office of the Auditor-General of the Union organized the blood donation ceremony for the seventh time at Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed) on 13 July morning, attended by Deputy Auditor-General U Myo Myint.

Also present on the occasion were Director-General Daw Khin San Oo of the Office of the Auditor-General of the Union and officials, Director-General Dr Min Than Nyunt of Health Department, Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Phyu Phyu of Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed) and in-charge of the blood bank Dr Htein Win.

Altogether 40 blood donor of the Office of the Auditor-General of the Union donated blood on the occasion.—*Myanma Alin*

DISTRICT NEWS

Saplings planted in Pinyinmana as monsoon activity

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—Pinyinmana Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area held the monsoon tree growing ceremony 2012 in the compound of Basic Education High School No. 3 on 5 July.

It was attended by Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council Col Myint Aung

Than, Deputy Director U Than Oo of Nay Pyi Taw Forest Department, Assistant Director U Thet Toe, Township Administrator U Kyaw Tint, members of social organizations, departmental officials and students.

They planted over 500 saplings.—*Township GAD*



Farnborough Airshow wraps up with 72-b-USD contracts

FARNBOROUGH, 16 July—As this year's Farnborough International Airshow wrapped up on Sunday, orders and commitments have been confirmed worth a total of 72 billion US Dollar.

The figures covered 758 aircraft and represent a 53-percent increase on the 2010 show and close to the 2008 figure when sales peaked at 8.8 billion dollar.

Airshow organizers, Farnborough International Ltd, confirmed that the event attracted over 1500 exhibitors with representation right across the supply chain. Over 70 military delegations from 46 countries attended with a further 13 delegations from the civil sector.

Over 140 aircraft took part in the static and flying displays at the Farnborough Aerodrome including the Boeing 787 Dreamliner which flew on the first three



The Royal Air Force (RAF) Red Arrows perform during the Farnborough International Air Show in Hampshire, Britain, on 15 July, 2012. The air show was concluded on Sunday.—XINHUA

days of the show—a Boeing and FIA first—and the Airbus A380 in attendance for the full seven days.

"2012 marks another successful year for the Farnborough International Airshow. Our growth in exhibitor numbers and continued patronage from organisations such as EADS, Finmeccanica and

Boeing keeps us at the top of the aerospace events calendar" said Shaun Omrod, Chief Executive of FIL.

The Farnborough International Airshow is a seven-day international trade fair for the aerospace industry which is held in even-numbered years in mid-July at Farnborough Airport in Britain.—Xinhua

Two US states probing banks over Libor manipulation

NEW YORK, 16 July—New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman has launched a probe into possible manipulation of the Libor benchmark international lending rates by global banks, his spokesman said on Sunday.

Schneiderman, along with Connecticut's Attorney General George Jepsen started the investigation six months ago into the possible rigging of Libor, the London interbank offered rate, New York Attorney General spokesman James Freedland told Reuters.

Libor is compiled from estimates by big banks of how much they believe they have to pay to borrow from each other. It is used for \$550 trillion of interest rate derivatives contracts and influences rates on many lending transactions, including mortgages, student loans and credit cards.

"Working together, the New York and Connecticut attorneys general have been looking into these issues for over six months, and will continue to follow the facts wherever they lead," Freedland said.

Jepsen's spokeswoman did not immediately respond to a call and an email for comment. Barclays Plc, the bank at the center of the Libor scandal, was fined a record

\$450 million last month by US and British authorities for manipulating the rate, but the deal does not shield Barclays employees from criminal prosecution.

The US Justice Department is also building criminal cases against several financial institutions and their employees related to the manipulation of interest rates, *The New York Times* reported on Saturday.—Reuters



A man walks past a branch of Barclays bank in central London, on 28 June, 2012.—REUTERS

A sign board of a BP petrol station is seen in Moscow on 1 June, 2012.—REUTERS



MOSCOW, 16 July—The billionaire co-owners of Anglo-Russian oil venture TNK-BP would be willing to sell their stake to British oil major BP for cash and stock to put an end to a bitter shareholder conflict.

That was the position presented by Mikhail Fridman, one of the quartet of investors who own half of Russia's third-largest oil company through the AAR consortium, to meetings in

New York and Boston with large institutions that own BP stock.

"The message Mikhail Fridman delivered was that the partnership in its current form has run its course," AAR CEO Stan Polovets said on Sunday of the meetings this past week, which followed up on a series of investor briefings in London in June.

"The shareholders need to find a way to realign ownership interests and

eliminate the internal contradictions that are tearing TNK-BP apart."

Shareholder relations, which have often been rocky at TNK-BP since BP came in as an equal partner in 2003, worsened last year when the British major tried to reach a strategic alliance with state-controlled Russian oil major Rosneft.

AAR blocked the deal in the courts, successfully arguing that it violated an exclusivity clause in the TNK-BP shareholders' agreement. The ensuing fallout has left the company without a board quorum, blocking dividend payments. Fridman quit in May as CEO and BP at the start of June put its stake up for sale.

Under a timeline set by the shareholder pact, AAR has until the end of this week to express its interest in buying

BP's stake. BP can negotiate with other interested parties but cannot do a deal with them for a further 90 days.

AAR will submit an expression of interest on July 19, Polovets said. It would be willing to buy one-half of BP's stake in TNK-BP—or a 25 percent stake—at a current market price of around \$10 billion (6.42 billion pounds).

But AAR's preferred option would be to exchange its stake in TNK-BP for cash and a stake of 10-12 percent in BP. "It would make more sense for all parties involved," Polovets told Reuters.

Such a deal would release BP from the obligations under the TNK-BP shareholders' agreement barring it from partnering with other companies in Russia, such as Rosneft and gas export monopoly Gazprom, Polovets added.—Reuters

Merkel urges more Europe, stresses conditioned aid

BERLIN, 16 July—German Chancellor Angela Merkel reaffirmed her support for a closer and more centralized European Union on Sunday, which should be the price for Berlin's continued aid for indebted neighbours.

"Without Europe, we cannot represent our values, our ideas and our ideals," Merkel said in an interview with German public television ZDF that was aired on Sunday evening.

In the long run, the EU should be a closer political union, which has more binding force over member states and could discipline those who breach the rules, she said. Merkel said the future of Europe would be the dominant theme in Germany's federal election next year, when the chancellor is seeking the third term.

Voters have to answer

these questions: "what is Europe and what ideas we have of Europe", she added.

Merkel stressed that Germany's rescue efforts in the eurozone debt crisis are not without conditions. Those heavily indebted nations which received lifelines from outside should keep their fiscal targets and accept more supervision from Brussels.

Any attempts "saying 'let us show solidarity but meanwhile has no supervision and no conditions' will have no chance with me or with Germany," Merkel said.

For Thursday's voting in the Bundestag, or the lower house of parliament, on a 100-billion-euro rescue package for Spanish banks, Merkel said she is confident on securing absolute majority from lawmakers.

Xinhua

Dengue mosquitoes found in Nepali capital

KATHMANDU, 16 July—Significant numbers of Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus mosquitoes that spread dengue and chikungunya have been found in Nepali capital Kathmandu in the recent surveillance carried out by District Public Health Office (DPHO), Kathmandu, local media reported on Monday.

According to Monday's *Republica* daily report, the team led by entomologist Sishir Panta that conducted a week-long surveillance in various parts of Kathmandu

last week, has submitted its report to DPHO on Sunday with proofs of vectors.

"They brought some Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus mosquitoes found in various locations of Kathmandu," Chief of Kathmandu DPHO Mahendra Prasad Shrestha was quoted by the daily as saying showing the specimens.

Shrestha said that the report will be forwarded to the Department of Health Services and the Health Ministry.

The DPHO has deployed 70 health workers in door-to-door awareness program after learning about high prevalence of dengue vectors in Kathmandu.

Entomologist Panta said humidity and rising temperatures provide favourable environment for the vectors to spread. People store water in households due to water shortage providing habitat for dengue spreading Aedes aegypti mosquitoes which live in clean water and bite during daytime.

Xinhua



Nokia Lumia 900 cell phones are shown for sale in Carlsbad, California on 11 April, 2012.—REUTERS

NEW YORK, 16 July—Nokia Oyj has cut the US price of its flagship smartphone in half, barely three months after its launch, in an effort to stanch losses in market share to rivals

Nokia cuts price of flagship smartphone in half

such as Apple Inc and Samsung Electronics Co.

The cost of the Lumia 900 Windows phone has been reduced to \$49.99 from \$99 with a two-year agreement, Nokia spokesman Keith Nowak said on Sunday.

Nokia's phone is sold at AT&T Inc stores. Nowak said the price cut "is part of our ongoing lifecycle management, which is jointly done between Nokia and carrier customers."

The spokesman also said a price cut is not unusual at

this time in a smartphone's life cycle, noting that Samsung has cut the price for its Galaxy S II, launched before the Lumia 900.

Once the world's dominant mobile phone provider, Nokia was late to embrace smartphones, and has also been losing market share in less expensive mobile phones. Featuring a 4.3-inch screen, 1.4-gigahertz processor and 8-megapixel camera, the Lumia 900 uses largely untried software from Microsoft Corp.—Reuters

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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 Myanma 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, Myanma 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.
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Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs

Bank Holiday

All Banks will be closed on 19th July (Thursday) 2012, Martyr's Day being public holiday Under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Central Bank of Myanmar



Two red Madagascar lemurs, an endangered species, frolic in a daisy bed at Doué-la-Fontaine zoo in western France.—INTERNET

Lemurs the world's most threatened mammal

PARIS, 15 July—Lemurs, the furry apes brought to fame by the Disney animation film "Madagascar", are the most endangered mammals on Earth, an International Union for Conservation of Nature conference found. An IUCN workshop met in Madagascar this week to discuss the world's 103 lemur species as conservation deteriorates amid political turmoil that has lasted three years.

"Madagascar has, by far, the highest proportion of threatened species of any primate habitat region or any one country in the world. As a result, we now believe that lemurs are probably the most

endangered of any group of vertebrates," said primatologist Christoph Schwitzer, one of the conference organisers.

Over 90 percent of the world's lemur species—found only on the Indian Ocean island—were upgraded to critically endangered, endangered, or vulnerable on the IUCN's Threatened Species list. The destruction of the primates' tropical forest habitat and an upsurge in bushmeat hunting have depleted lemur numbers since conservation efforts broke down after a coup in 2009, the body said in a statement late on Friday.

Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV DELIGHT VOY NO(159)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DELIGHT VOY NO (159) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 17.7.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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

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Heavy rain plagues South, East China

BEIJING, 16 July—Heavy rain has swept across central and southern China, killing dozens and forcing thousands to evacuate. Rain-triggered floods have killed 10 people and affected over 2 million others in central China's Hubei Province. Recent rainstorms in Guizhou Province left at least 11 people dead and affected nearly a million others. And east China's Anhui Province and central Hunan have also been badly affected by extremely heavy rain over the past few days.

It's not easy to live a normal life here when your whole city has been mired in floods for days.

Here in Yangyang City in Anhui Province, hundreds of people are still trapped in their houses, waiting to be taken to safety. Meters-high water forced rescuers to try different ways of reaching to those trapped.

Families' belongings are also passed out, one thing at a time. Over the course of 3 hours, rescuers managed to take over 200 people to safe areas. They also brought in disaster relief goods such as blankets and rice, to help those left homeless.—Xinhua

1,500 aquarium fish, corals seized at Manila pier

MANILA, 15 July—Philippine authorities seized some 1,500 live aquarium fish and about 150 live pieces of brain coral at a Manila pier on Friday just before they were to be shipped to Japan.

The fish and corals in water-filled plastic bags stored in styrofoam boxes were seized by quarantine officers, said fisheries bureau law enforcement chief Andres Menguito.

He said the fish and corals were headed for Japan and likely being smuggled because there was no permit to export them. Nobody who

had been transporting the aquatic species could be found. "The quarantine officers were able to inspect the cargo. Perhaps when the person in charge of the fish saw some quarantine officers were already inspecting, they disappeared," Menguito told AFP. The officer expressed hopes suspects could be traced through documents used to bring the fish, hidden inside some cartons, to the pier.

The export of live aquarium fish without a permit is forbidden, and gathering or possessing corals is illegal in the Philippines. A conviction



for those crimes can lead to up to eight years in prison, Menguito said. Environmentalists have previously warned excessive harvesting of ornamental fish and other marine resources from the Philippines could threaten the country's fish stocks and other sea life.—Internet

A visitor views the inside of an aquarium tank in Manila in 2009. Philippine authorities seized some 1,500 live aquarium fish and about 150 live pieces of brain coral at a Manila pier Friday just before they were to be shipped to Japan.

INTERNET

New York dog wedding costs \$250k

A New York woman said she is throwing a record-setting \$250,000 wedding for her dog to benefit the Humane Society of New York.

Wendy Diamond, founder of Animal Fair Media, said Thursday night's wedding of her rescued pooch, Baby Hope, and Chilly Pasternak, a Virginia dog chosen in an online matchmaking vote, will include a \$15,000 seven-piece orchestra, a \$6,000 custom wedding dress and

\$5,000 worth of sushi, the *New York Daily News* reported.

Diamond said about 250 humans and 50 dogs are expected to attend the ceremony, which will feature Triumph the Insult Comic Dog as a special guest.

"It's going to be the sweetest wedding—and just one of the funniest evenings ever," Diamond said. "I never need to get married, now, because this wedding has everything."



The display windows of retail stores set a wedding atmosphere for Chelsea Clinton and Marc Mezvinsky in Rhinebeck New York City on 31 July, 2010.

Diamond said the affair is being helmed by Harriette Rose Katz, who planned Billy Baldwin's wedding to

Cheyenne Phillips.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Humane Society of New York.

Woman receives ticket for cursing

A Grapevine, Texas, mother received a ticket for using profanity in an argument with another mother at a water park in front of children.

Kristy Dugray, 34, said she was talking to a woman when another mother interrupted their conversation, instigating a heated argument requiring multiple officers to report to the water park, KXAS-TV, Dallas/Fort Worth reported. "I have a nice

vocabulary," Dugray said. "It just came out. I told her what I thought about her ... She was telling me how awful I was and how I had a horrible heart inside and I was a terrible, ugly person inside. So I told her she was an ugly person on the outside."

"It's just not the kind of language that we felt was appropriate," Grapevine police Lt. Barry Bowling said. "The cursing was what was offensive to not only the victim but the bystanders who were in the area at the time."

Dugray received a ticket for disorderly conduct. She said she plans fight her ticket in court without cursing at the judge.

Police: Car thief fell asleep at the wheel

Hollywood, Fla., police said they arrested a teenager who passed out drunk behind the wheel of a stolen car.

Police said Nicholas Jackson, 19, was spotted sleeping in the car, with the engine running, Tuesday, the *South Florida Sun Sentinel* reported.

Officers said Jackson was under the influence of alcohol. Jackson was charged with grand theft auto.

2-faced kitten dies in RI; had 4 eyes, 24 toes

A kitten with two faces born days ago in Rhode Island has died.

His name was Gemini. He had four eyes, two noses, two mouths, two ears and 24 toes — seven on each front paw and five each on the back.

WJAR-TV reports Gemini died Friday. He was

one of five kittens in his litter. He was tiny enough to fit in the palm of a hand.

His owners in Providence say he had two tracheas going into one throat. They fed him by bottle because he ate very slowly.

Veterinarian Ernest Finocchio (fin-OH'-kee-oh)

is president of the Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

He says he'd never seen such a kitten. He says it could've been twins that didn't separate properly.

Two-faced kittens are very rare and seldom survive.

News Album

Ice Age beats Spider-Man to top North America box office



This image released by 20th Century Fox shows Sid, voiced by John Leguizamo, center, surrounded by his family in a scene from the animated film, "Ice Age: Continental Drift."—INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 16 July— "Ice Age: Continental Drift," the fourth of the successful "Ice Age" franchise, beat "The Amazing Spider-Man" to top the North America box office with better-than-expected 46 million US dollars at the weekend, according to

studio estimates released by Hollywood.com Sunday.

"Ice Age: Continental Drift," the family friendly animation from the 20th Century Fox, debuted in 3,880 theaters of the North American market after it has been released in international

territories since the weekend following 29 June. The film has drawn huge numbers of kids and parents to theaters and is on its way to rule all 34 global markets with its shattering opening performance, despite the fact that the other two 3D animated films "Brave" and "Madagascar 3" are still being screened in theaters.

The fourth installment, like its predecessors full of humor and love, has taken in more than 200 million dollars before it was released in North America. The other three installments of the "Ice Age" franchise has raked in more than 2.1 billion dollars worldwide, including nearly 600 million in North America.

The Sony's reboot "The Amazing Spider-Man" was

the second with 36 million US dollars at its second weekend screening, bringing its two-week total to 200.2 million dollars in North America. With new director Marc Webb and leads Andrew Garfield and Emma Stone, the film has been enjoying a fantastic north American and international box office performance. The first 3D "Spider-Man" film passed the 400-million-dollar threshold worldwide on 11 July. Seth MacFarlane's "Ted" from the Universal Pictures, a R-rated film featuring a foul-mouthed but funny teddy bear, also enjoyed another solid week, taking in another 22.1 million dollars in earnings, bringing its three-week total to over 159 million dollars in US and Canadian markets.—Xinhua

Nolan delayed 'Dark Knight Rises' for Cotillard

NEW YORK, 16 July — It's possible French actress Marion Cotillard could have been replaced as a love interest for Christian Bale's Batman in the movie, "The Dark Knight Rises"

That's because she was due with her first child, a son named Marcel, around the beginning of filming for the third installment in the franchise. Director Christopher Nolan tells the August issue of *Vogue* magazine he wanted to "figure it out." Most of her scenes were pushed back a month and Nolan made room on set for Cotillard's family.

Still, he marveled at the Academy Award winner's ability to do her job so soon

after giving birth, calling it "amazing to see" and describing her as "Superwoman." Nolan and Cotillard also worked together on the 2010 film "Inception."

The August issue of *Vogue* magazine hits stores on 24 July.—Internet



This cover image provided by Vogue shows the August 2012. INTERNET

Oscar-winning actress Celeste Holm dies at 95

NEW YORK, 16 July— Oscar-winning actress Celeste Holm—who was the original girl who couldn't say no in the musical "Oklahoma!"—has died aged 95, her family said.

Holm, who won the best supporting actress Academy Award in 1948 for "Gentlemen's Agreement" and later appeared in "High Society" (1956), died at her home in New York.

She was admitted to hospital a week ago, said her niece Amy Phillips, cited by CNN. "She passed peacefully in her home in her own bed with her husband and friends and family nearby," she said.

She also garnered Oscar nominations in 1950 for "Come to the Stable," in which she played a French



Celeste Holm attends The Academy of Motion Picture Arts And Sciences Celebrates The 65th Anniversary Of "Gentlemen's Agreement" at Lighthouse International Conference Centre in April 2012 in New York City.—INTERNET

nun, and in 1951 for "All About Eve," which starred Bette Davis.

The New York-born actress made her professional debut in a production of Shakespeare's "Hamlet" starring Leslie Howard, and got her first big part on Broadway in 1940, opposite Gene Kelly. The role which really made her name was Ado Annie in the original production of "Oklahoma!" in 1943, in which she sang the showstopper, exclaiming: "I Can't Say No!"

She signed with 20th Century Fox and went to Hollywood to make a series of movies starting with "Three Little Girls in Blue" in 1946. "Gentlemen's Agreement" was her third film.

Internet



US singer Bruce Springsteen performs with the E. Street Band during their European tour to promote their latest album "Wrecking Ball" in Frankfurt on 25 May, 2012.—REUTERS

LONDON, 16 July—An epic Bruce Springsteen concert in London's Hyde Park ended on Saturday with organisers pulling the plug with the singer and ex-Beatle Paul McCartney still on stage and playing at full throttle after more than three hours of music.

Springsteen had danced and worked the crowd with

Springsteen storms through London marathon

the energy of a man of half his 62 years, running through most of his classics before being joined by McCartney to rip through the Beatles' "I Saw Her Standing There" and "Twist and Shout".

The pair were still singing for 65,000 rained-soaked but rapturous fans when the organizers turned off the microphones in line with an agreed 10.30 pm curfew.

The Hard Rock Calling festival was the New Jersey native's 45th show in a 67-date tour of North America and Europe tied to "Wrecking Ball", a new album full of angry songs about corporate greed and the plight of ordinary working men and women.

Unlike on other dates, when he has introduced new songs such as "Jack of All Trades" and "Shackled and Drawn" with commentaries on the economic crisis, he avoided political polemics for the most part in a city that has been rocked by a new round of banking scandals in the past month. The focus was on having a giant street party.

Springsteen opened with "Thunder Road", standing alone at the microphone accompanied only by pianist Roy Bittan. It was, he noted, the first song he had played in his debut appearance in London at the Hammersmith Odeon in 1975.

Reuters

Rodgers: Borini can be Liverpool favourite



Fabio Borini previously worked with Brendan Rodgers at Swansea City.—INTERNET

LIVERPOOL, 16 July — Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers says new signing Fabio Borini will be a great asset for the club in the future. After the Italy international signed a long-term deal to move from Roma to Anfield, Rodgers said Borini's versatility would make him a

fans' favourite. "I was very keen to bring him here. Fabio fits the model of what we're trying to do in building not only for now, but also for the future," he told Liverpool's website.

"He's a big talent, 21 years of age, he scores goals, and his passion, focus and concentration is a very important part of his game — and a big part of what you want from a player." Borini previously worked with Rodgers in Chelsea's youth set-up and more recently when he was on loan at Swansea City in 2011. Rodgers added: "[Chelsea] took him in from Bologna when he was 16 and he progressed incredibly well as a young player to go on to play for the first team at Chelsea." It didn't work out in terms of he couldn't agree a contract, but before he left I

took him on loan to Swansea and he made a big, big impression there and really helped us in our promotion charge that season. "He left and went away (to Roma) and in the last season he's done incredibly well. I think the supporters will love him. As I said, he's a goalscorer, but he's a multifunctional player who can play in a number of positions — and someone I believe has got great growth."

Borini, 21, made four first-team appearances for Chelsea, before firing six goals in 12 appearances at Swansea. Rodgers said: "He is arguably the best physical player I've worked with in terms of his pace, power and fitness. Mentally, he's very strong. We've got a player who is on the up and someone who I think Liverpool will benefit from." — *Internet*



Sara Errani, pictured in June 2012, captured the Palermo Open on Sunday to become the first Italian ever to win four WTA titles in a season. INTERNET

Errani makes Italian history in Palermo

PALERMO, 16 July — Sara Errani captured the Palermo Open on Sunday to become the first Italian ever to win four WTA titles in a season. Errani, who had already won claycourt events at Acapulco, Barcelona and Budapest this year, routed eighth seed Barbora Zlahavova Strycova in the final, 6-1, 6-3. "It wasn't easy like the score looks — Barbora was playing very aggressively and it was tough for me," said French Open runner-up Errani. The previous record for most WTA titles in a season for an Italian came just last year, as Errani's best friend and doubles partner, Roberta Vinci, won three, at Barcelona, 's-Hertogenbosch and Budapest.

"I wasn't thinking about the record today, but I'm very happy to have the record — to win four tournaments in a season is incredible for me," Errani said. "It's a magic period for me. This year I've played some fantastic tennis on clay, losing only a few matches, but I really want to improve my results on hard and grass." — *Internet*

Barcelona in 60 million-euro deal for Neymar

RIO DE JANEIRO, 16 July — Barcelona has reportedly won the race to sign Brazilian sensation Neymar by securing a 60 million-euro deal for the striker.

The Catalan club is hopeful of bringing Neymar to the Camp Nou after the Olympic Games although it is unlikely he will move before the 2013-14 season, Lancelotti reported.



Neymar

The 20-year-old is currently contracted with Brazilian club Santos until the 2014 World Cup. Barcelona is understood to have made a down-payment for the star which guarantees his transfer to the reigning FIFA Club World Cup champion.

News of the deal follows calls from former Brazil international strikers Ronaldo and Rivaldo for Neymar to join a European club to fulfill his potential. The reported deal ends the hopes of Chelsea, Juventus and Real Madrid, which have also expressed their interest in the starlet. — *Xinhua*

International Sports



WBA champion Amir Khan (L) of Britain battles with WBC champion Danny Garcia of the US, during their WBC/WBA 140 pound unification fight at the Mandalay Bay Events Center in Las Vegas, Nevada on 14 July, 2012.—REUTERS

Briton Khan knocked out in fourth round by Garcia

LAS VEGAS, 16 July — American Danny Garcia knocked out Britain's Amir Khan in the fourth round to add the WBA light-welterweight crown to his WBC super-lightweight title in Las Vegas on Saturday. Khan, 26-3 (18 KOs), looked the superior fighter early on, showing vastly superior hand speed as he landed right hands behind a long jab and opened up a cut on Garcia's eye with a left hook.

Garcia's defence remained tight and effective, however, and in the third round began throwing thudding shots to Khan's body and near the end of the round he landed a powerful counter left hook that dropped Khan hard on to his back. The Briton struggled to his feet, but was on shaky legs as the bell rang. Garcia dropped Khan again at the start of the fourth with a right hand and as he retreated, Garcia gave chase, launching huge punches as he did so.

A left hand put Khan down once more, and although he beat the count, referee Kenny Bayless stopped the fight though the Briton thought the stoppage may have been premature.

"I was a little surprised the ref stopped it," he said. I thought he was going to let us continue. My mind was clear, and I thought my legs were okay. "(But) it wasn't my night. I respect Danny. He was countering very well against me. I got a little complacent and he took advantage and he caught me." Garcia said he had felt the Briton had underestimated him.

"We knew Khan was going to come out fast because he thought I had no power," said Garcia who improved to 24-0 (15 KOs). "But I waited and stepped up and used the speed and power I have. And it worked." The loss was Khan's second successive defeat after he lost his WBA and IBF titles on a split decision to Lamont Peterson last December. Peterson subsequently tested positive for synthetic testosterone, which he admitted he took before the Khan fight, and the WBA reinstated Khan as champion on Thursday. — *Reuters*

Berbatov says Ferguson would sell him for five million pounds

LONDON, 16 July — Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson is willing to sell out-of-favour striker Dimitar Berbatov for five million pounds, the Bulgarians said on Sunday. Berbatov, who has scored a record 48 goals for Bulgaria, has lost his starting spot at United even though the club took up an extra year's option on his contract in March. He joined United from Tottenham Hotspur in 2008 for 30.7 million pounds.

"I read the papers and I see they say 10 million pounds is my price. I go and talk with Sir Alex, and he says to me five million," the 31-year-old Berbatov wrote on his Facebook page. So who is telling the truth, what do you think? I love this club but I am not going to be useful to anyone if I am not playing. And I want to play. "But for unknown reasons it's not going to happen, or my chances will be limited, so it's better for everyone if we say goodbye."

Berbatov scored 14 goals in his first season at United and found the target 12 times in his second season before finishing the following campaign as top goalscorer

with 22. However, last season he found himself behind Wayne Rooney, Danny Welbeck and Javier Hernandez in the pecking order for a starting place as Ferguson admitted earlier this year that he would not be able to guarantee the Bulgarian regular first-team action.

Reuters



Manchester United's Dimitar Berbatov watches the ball during Paul Scholes' testimonial soccer match against New York Cosmos in Manchester, northern England, on 5 Aug. 2011.—REUTERS

Spain's Ferrer wins Swedish Open final



Spain's David Ferrer

BASTAD, (Sweden), 16 July — David Ferrer has won his second Swedish Open title after defeating fellow Spaniard Nicolas Almagro 6-2, 6-2. The No 5-ranked Ferrer was never challenged during the clay-court match, which was his 11th career victory over Almagro.

Almagro has never beaten Ferrer. Ferrer last won the Swedish Open in 2007. Robert Lindstedt of Sweden and Horia Tecia of Romania won the men's doubles at the tournament earlier Sunday, defeating Alexander Peya of Austria and Bruno Soares of Brazil 6-3, 7-6(5). — *Internet*

Chapman wins US Senior Open to join trio of stars

LAKE ORION, (Mich), 16 July — Roger Chapman earned the right to be mentioned in the same sentence with Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player and Hale Irwin. Not bad for a self-described former European Tour journeyman. The Englishman shot a 4-under 66 on Sunday to win the US Senior Open by two strokes at 10 under at Indianwood. He won the Senior PGA Championship by the same margin two months ago on the other side of Michigan. Chapman, Nicklaus, Player and Irwin are the only players to win the US Senior Open and Senior PGA Championship in the same year. "It's a true honor," Chapman said. Before this year, his career highlight was a European Tour win in Brazil in 2000. Bernhard Langer (72), Fred Funk (67), Tom Lehman (68) and Corey Pavin (68) finished tied for second at 8-under 272 at the Champions Tour's fourth of five majors. Pavin's two-stroke penalty after his first round for hitting a ball that moved a fraction of an inch proved to be costly.

Entering the final round, it seemed as if the only lingering question was how easily Langer would win. Langer, though, found out what the first- and second-round leaders — Tom Kite and Lance Ten Broeck — did the previous two days: It's not easy to stay consistent at Indianwood. Langer took a four-shot lead into the final round and closed with a shaky performance that spoiled his shot at winning his second US Senior Open. — *Internet*



Roger Chapman drives on the 12th hole during the final round at the US Senior Open golf tournament at the Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Lake Orion, Mich., on 15 July, 2012.—INTERNET

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

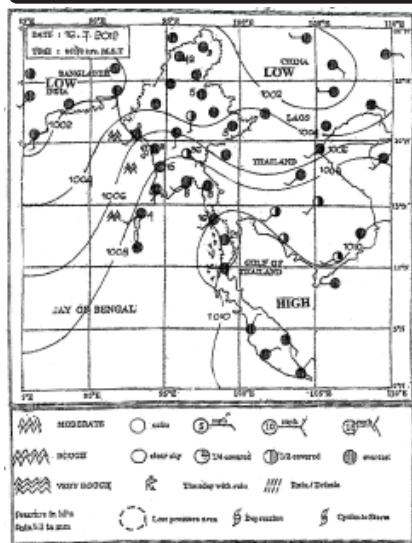
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- 8:00 am 4. Songs Of Yester Years
- 8:40 am 5. International News
- 4:10 pm 6. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm 7. Teletype (Traffic)
- 4:35 pm 8. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Third Year (Physic)
- 5:00 pm 9. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:05 pm 10. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 5:15 pm 11. One Village & One Product
- 5:30 pm 12. Myanmar Radio And Television By State Traditional Orchestra
- 7:15 pm 13. Sing A Song
- 7:35 pm 14. "Documentary On Human Trafficking"
- 8:00 pm 15. News
16. Bakery World
17. TV Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 17th July, 2012

Sr. No.		Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	27/81	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
2	Kayah	28/82	21/70	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayah	28/82	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
4	Chin	19/66	15/59	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	30/86	25/77	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	36/97	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Tanintharyi	29/84	23/73	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
8	Bago	30/86	25/77	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	34/93	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	36/97	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	28/82	22/72	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
12	Yangon	29/84	24/75	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	24/75	17/63	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	28/82	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	29/84	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	27/81	24/75	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Myanmar	32/90	25/77	One or two rain or thundershowers	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	29/84	24/75	One or two rain or thundershowers	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	36/97	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Region, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Yangon Region, fairly widespread in Bago, Ayeyawady and Tanintharyi Regions, Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States, scattered in Upper Sagaing and Magway Regions, Shan and Chin States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (1.66) inches, Mawngaw and Ye (1.50) inches each, Biliu (1.46) inches and Tonggou (1.42) inches.

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

Likelihood of increase of rain in the Rakhine Coasts.

Green, green trees in Land of Victory



SHWEDO, 15 July— Myanmar women, under the banner of Myanmar Women's Affairs Organization, district and township level government staff and member of social organizations totalling 1000 led by Chairperson of District WAO Daw Shwe Si, Assistant Director U Hsan Aung of Shwedo District Forest Department, Administrator U Thet Lwin Tun of Shwedo Township and Staff Officer U Ye Lwin of Forest Department participated in tree-growing ceremony held to the south of Maha Nandar Lake in Shwedo on 30 June.

They grew 150 saplings of Myanmar's famous golden teak, 550 neem trees, 55 ironwood trees, 250 eucalyptus, 25 Gangaw (*Mesua ferrea*) saplings, 25 star-flower (*Mimusops elengi*), 50 Yinmar (*Chukrasia tabularis*) and 50 Maezali (*Cassia siamea*). —Kyemon

Colombian navy seizes one ton of cocaine

BOGOTA, 16 July—The Colombian navy captured four drug-trafficking suspects and more than one ton of cocaine in a recent operation along the Caribbean coast, authorities said Sunday.

Colombian Defense Minister Juan Carlos Pinzon said the four were travelling in a speed boat when spotted by a navy helicopter.

The navy unit alerted two frigates, which then sent other boats to chase it, Pinzon said, adding that passengers on the suspicious boat then dumped a number of packages into the sea.

"Four people were arrested by National Navy units, and 81 cocaine packages were recovered," which contained more than one ton of cocaine, said the minister.

Pinzon, who did not specify when the operation was conducted, said the suspected drug-traffickers first claimed they were Costa Ricans, but apparently they were Colombians.

Xinhua

Serena beats jet lag to win Stanford title

STANFORD, 16 July—Top seed Serena Williams overcame a week fighting jet-lag to beat fellow American Coco Vandeweghe 7-5 6-3 to retain the Stanford Classic title on Sunday. Just eight days after winning her fifth Wimbledon single title, Williams fought off a set point in the first set before overcoming big-serving Vandeweghe, who had reached her first WTA final. The 30-year-old Williams used her experience and know-how to race past the 20-year-old, nailing 21 winners. Vandeweghe struck 20 winners but also committed 25 unforced errors.

Williams, who had been contending with jet lag much of the week after travelling from London to California, was satisfied with the title run. "I played well enough to win, but I can do a lot better and play stronger," she said. "But there are a lot of positives and I was fighting and I didn't quit. I survived and didn't play my greatest, but mentally I was there and that really helped me a lot." Vandeweghe served for the first set at 5-4 but could not convert her only set point when Williams

ripped a cross court backhand return off a second serve. It took Williams six break points to break back to 5-5, but the 20-year-old Vandeweghe finally handed it to her when she double faulted.

"I been serving well all week and I still feel like I served

serve in the set and Williams sealed the title with a forehand winner down the line.

Williams won her 43rd career title, tying her with her older sister Venus for the most titles among active players on the WTA tour. The world number four has now also



Serena Williams of the US poses with the trophy after defeating compatriot Coco Vandeweghe during the finals of the Stanford women's tennis tournament on the Stanford University campus in Palo Alto, California on 15 July, 2012.—REUTERS

pretty well against Serena, but she's a great player and she going to take advantage of opportunities, especially on second serves on set point," Vandeweghe said. Williams took a 3-1 lead in the second set when Vandeweghe again double faulted and while she pushed Williams with her huge serve and heavy ground strokes, she could not get a break point on the Williams

won 28 of her last 29 matches. She will now take a couple of days off, play an exhibition match and then head to London to prepare for the Olympics where she will defend her doubles title with Venus and attempt to win the singles gold. "A gold medal will mean a lot to me, but I can't lay all my hopes and dreams on that," she said.

Reuters



French soldiers attend the annual Bastille Day military parade in Paris, France, 14 July, 2012. Under grey sky of a windy day, French President Francois Hollande celebrated his first-ever National Day (known outside of France as Bastille Day) as head of state on Saturday with usual pomp, military parade and flight show.

XINHUA

Bahrain's traditional market in Isa Town gutted by massive fire

MANAMA, 16 July—Firefighters are trying to control a fire that spread Sunday across a traditional market in Bahrain's Isa Town and destroyed several shops.

The fire has been continuing for over six hours and roads leading to the area were blocked by the police as a precautionary measure.

It resulted in major

losses, but no casualties were reported.

The Interior Ministry said civil defense team were present at the site to extinguish the fire.

This is the second fire in almost five years that has destroyed the row of shops in the area, which is popular for its flea market and shops selling furniture and rugs.

Xinhua

Fourth regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for ninth day

Six questions answered, two new proposals discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July—Pyithu Hluttaw session continued for the ninth day at Pyithu Hluttaw Building, Pyithu Hluttaw Complex, here, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 407 MPs.

Six questions were answered and two new proposals discussed at the today's session.

First, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker explained his actions in response to the urgent proposal of Daw Nan Wah Nu of Kunheing Constituency on 13 July and the decision of the Hluttaw. The Hluttaw approved to coordinate with whoever can get sanctions lifted anyhow. In response to the decision, the Speaker met a delegation led by Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs Mr Robert D Hormats on 14 July. During the meeting, the Speaker expressed his thanks to US government for relaxing the economic sanctions. But the reliable sources said Mc Cornell and Mrs Feinstein submitted the proposal to the congress for replacement of the nine years (period) in 108-61:50 USC letter No 1071 of the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, for two times on 12 July and then the proposal was handed to the financial committee. If the proposal was approved, the period of economic sanctions against Myanmar would reach 2015. So, the Speaker requested the US under secretary to assist as possibly as he can in dissuading the proposal. In addition, the Speaker told the delegation that the releasing of economic sanctions was just for US firms only, excluding Myanmar businessmen, exports and foreign exchange, which was viewed as one-sided action. The Speaker said he requested the US delegation



The attendees seen at ninth day of Pyithu Hluttaw session.—MNA

and US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell to review the case and to take interests of Myanmar citizens and national race people into consideration before Hluttaw representatives.

The Speaker in all seriousness urged the MPs to dissuade the US government from extending the term of sanctions

against Myanmar but persuade it to lift sanctions both for two sides and for regular currency exchange in the interests of the nation and its people, if possible.

Regarding the question of Daw Su Su Hlaing of Dagon Myothit (South) Constituency about **what measures would** (See page 8)

Fourth regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw continues for ninth day

Six questions answered in today's session



Amyotha Hluttaw representatives attending meeting.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July — Amyotha Hluttaw continued its meeting for the ninth day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Building here today, attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 209 representatives.

In the question and answer session, U Myint Htun of Bago Region Constituency No.11 asked **a plan to build a 16-bed hospital in the Village of Zibyugon in Latpadan Township, Bago Region**; Dr Myat Nyanna Soe of Yangon Region constituency No. 4 asked **if there is a plan to allow out-service doctors to join post-graduate courses as in-service doctors**; UThan Myint of Taninthayi Region constituency No. 10 asked **if there is a plan to help the situation that Taninthayi Hospital is not reliable for patients and to send a surgeon to the hospital** and U Mya Ohn of Kachin State constituency No 8 asked **matters related to upgrading of hospitals in Hpa-kant Township**.

Regarding the first question, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint replied that the dispensary at the Village of Zibyugon Village has been promoted to a 16-bed hospital. Though the village has agreed to build the building for the hospital on self-reliance basis, the plan has not yet came into take shape. (See page 9)

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Warning of high tide

NAY PYI TAW, 16 July— The public are here by informed that exceptionally high spring of from 20.0 feet to 20.6 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period 19th July to 25th July 2012. That it is not serious because the high tide have reached up to 21.7 feet high above datum in the year 2010 and 2011, and that the warning is issued only because high tide reaches over 20 feet high above datum, announced the Myanmar Port Authority.— MNA