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Union Minister calls for collaborative efforts of social organizations

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—Union Minister at the President Office Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Thein Nyunt met members of field survey and implementation team for rural development and poverty alleviation in villages in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area at General Administration Department of Zabuthiri Township here this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union minister said that eight teams of such kind would be established to make field surveys for the third time. The teams are constituted with personnel of the GAD, and graduates in health care, livestock, agriculture and engineering who will carry out relevant tasks. In the evening, personnel of GAD and graduates would give talks on implementation of rural development works and policies of the State and health care.

The Union minister called on the women's affairs organizations, maternal and child welfare supervisory

committees, Red Cross societies, auxiliary fire brigades, and war veterans organizations to coordinate with the teams to fulfill the needs of local people. The Union minister confirmed the Nay Pyi Taw Council's commitment to address the difficulties of local people. The Union minister called for accomplishment of the tasks and protection of the rural people on behalf of the government.—MNA



Union Minister at President Office U Thein Nyunt delivers an address at a meeting with members of field survey and implementation teams for rural development and poverty alleviation.—MNA

Development of livestock breeding, meat and fish production coordinated



Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint delivers an address at the meeting to review accomplishment of Livestock Breeding and Meat and Fish Production Subcommittee.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint delivered an address at the meeting to review accomplishment of the Livestock Breeding and Meat and Fish Production Subcommittee at the Ministry of Livestock and

Fisheries today.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister said that the subcommittee could achieve remarkable success in rural development and poverty alleviation within one year and emphasized formation of meat and fish groups to distribute quality

pedigrees of animals to the rural areas and disburse loans to the local people.

He continued to say that the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and the Ministry of Cooperatives join hands for distribution of pig, chicken, duck, cow and goat to rural areas for their development.

Moreover, encouragement is being given to breeding of milch cow in Meiktila, Mandalay and Pyin Oo Lwin districts and Shan State. He stressed the need to achieve greater success in the works after reviewing the one-year tasks based on the government policies.

Next, Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Aye and officials submitted reports on progress of works from July 2011 to June 2012 and future tasks.

After coordinating the works, the Union Minister gave necessary instructions.—MNA

Assistant Director of Township Internal Revenue Department Daw Macy Thauang assigned duties to departmental officials and ward administrators.

Myanma Alin

Duties of project assigned to officials in Yankin Township

YANGON, 20 July—A ceremony to assign duty of annual projects for 2012-2013 fiscal year was held at the hall of Yankin Township

General Administration Department on 13 July.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Win Aung and

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (20-7-2012)

Taungup	(5.28) inches
Gwa	(4.76) inches
Manaung	(3.86) inches
Ngathainggyoung	(3.74) inches
Thandwe	(3.55) inches
Myaungmya	(3.50) inches
Putao	(2.79) inches
Hinthada	(2.76) inches
Nyaunglebin	(2.72) inches

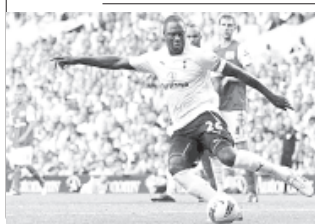
Global Vipassana Pagoda outside to solid Replica of famous Shwedagon Pagoda of Republic of the Union of Myanmar having already been built in Mumbai, Republic of India

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NASA completes another Orion parachute test



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King announces retirement from football

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PERSPECTIVES

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Money: friend or foe?

Some argue that money makes everything while some argue that money does not buy happiness. If so, what does money really mean in our daily life?

The use of barter system may date back to at least, 100,000 years ago. Paper money or banknotes came into existence in China during Song Dynasty. In modern world, money is far more than a medium of exchange, a unit of account and a store of value.

There has been a considerable debate over the role of money in health. Some argue money cannot buy health. In reality, money does buy health, at least it can extend ones' lifespan; otherwise there won't be a booming market of illegal human organs trading and worldwide reported crimes of doctors smuggling human body parts for own profits. Kidnapped and killed, the poor especially in developing countries fall the victim of this thriving black market while money badly spoils the ethics of medical practitioners.

Money also buys influence not only for an individual but also for a particular country. As to the former case, money becomes the devil when it comes to the pocket of egocentric unscrupulous persons. It can harm and ruin the life of others around his bad master. As to the latter, money can be used as a foreign policy tool to move recipients closer to donors in policy space.

It has become a cause of serious concern for human resources development of our country that post-graduate degrees can also be bought with money without having to have expert knowledge. Who is to blame for this? The system, the buyer, the seller, or all of them or money that makes things easier?

Money is an essential part of our live although we cannot eat money to fill our stomachs. Money may not make everything, but it makes almost everything. Money, in the hands of self-centred people, is the weapon to kill and in the hands of philanthropic men, is the seeds which bear fruits for others. It just depends on how you spend. Anyway, life would be quite meaningless if we just live for money and ourselves.



CASH DONATED: U Aye Thi-Daw Kyin Shwe of Zigon Road in Nathagon Ward of Insein Township of Yangon Region donated K 500,000 to medical trust-fund of Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently. Secretary of Executive Committee of the Home U Win Swe accepts cash donation.—NLM

Sagaing Region Chief Minister inspects development tasks in YeU

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye attended an opening ceremony of Linyaungchi Library in the compound of Htantaw Bodhi Basic Education High School in YeU Township of Shwebo District on 17 July. Region Minister for Finance and Revenue U Saw

Myint Oo, Region Hluttaw representative U Soe Tint Aung and library donor U Myint Than (MRTV-Retd) formally opened the library.

The Region Chief Minister and officials presented publications and sport gear to the village.

Next, the Region Chief Minister inspected summer paddy plantations, winnowing and earthen embankment of YeU-Tamartaw-Kanhtooma Road.

The Region Chief Minister and party also attended an opening ceremony of Khithit-alinyaung Library in Taungkon Village of YeU Township. Sayadaw U Tejinda, the Region Finance and Revenue Minister and



Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye views reading of people at Khithit-alinyaung Library in Taungkon Village of YeU Township.—MNA

the Region Hluttaw representative formally opened the library.

He then returned

certificates of honour them and donated publications and sport gear to the village. He inspected winnowing

of Sinnweyin paddy (1.80 acres) and dredging of watercourse in Mu River.

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Mon State Chief Minister visits Kyaikhtyoe Pagoda

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint met pagoda board of trustees of Kyaikhtyoe Pagoda at Kimpun recreation camp at the foot of Mt Kyaikhtyoe on 16 July and heard reports on renovation of religious buildings, pagoda platform and up-road.

The chief minister called for maintenance of religious buildings and proper drainage. He then inspected the repair works on the pagoda platform.

The chief minister then inspected measures for safety of up-moving vehicles and construction of drains against erosion of motor roads.

The chief minister met committee members and carriers at Up Vehicle Association Executive Committee at Kimpun recreation camp.—MNA

Extra bus fare for front rooms of buses not allowed

YANGON, 20 July—In a meeting with media person, an official of Yangon Region All Private Bus-line Control Committee disclosed that the committee does not allow the buses to separate bus fares for driver room and rare of the bus.

"Some passengers who took seats in the driver room gave bus fare with extra charge for their comforts. However, a complaint was submitted to the committee due to the fact that the bus driver asked K 1000 per seat from the passenger in the driver room of the Hilux bus that ran its route leading to Thanlyin. So, the committee does not limit the bus fare for the buses. All the fares are the same," he explained.

The extra bus fares are mostly collected on the Hilux bus lines. In addition, some city buses collect extra bus fare.

"Before office hours, the buses carry packed passengers on boards. Due to offer of driver, I came up from the door of the driver room and took a plastic chair beside him. In the rare, I must pay K 100 as bus fare. But, I could take a seat at K 200 per seat in the driver room comfortably. At a time when special buses cannot give such service, K 200 per seat in the driver room is not bad,"

Coord meeting held for invitation to tender to build basic education schools

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—A coordination meeting on invitation to tender for construction of basic education schools in Kachin State with the use of funds in 2012-2013 fiscal year was held at the office of Kachin State government on 18 July, with an address by Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai.

Kachin State Minister for Social Affairs Daw Bauk Ja reported on matters related to construction of schools and construction companies in 2012-2013 fiscal year.

The State Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding, Speaker of the State Hluttaw U Ra Wam Jone, Secretary of the government U Min Chit Oo, representatives of the State Hluttaw and officials participated in the discussions.

The Chief Minister instructed the commissioner of the state to supervise the invitation to tender, timely complete of schools meeting the set standard and State Hluttaw representatives to participate in supervisory tasks.

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Cash awards for outstanding students handed over

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—A ceremony to hand over cash awards for outstanding students of staff from various departments of Myanma Railways under Ministry of Rail Transportation who passed the matriculation examination for 2011-2012 academic year with flying colours was held at the hall of Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station, here, this afternoon.

Managing Director U Thein Swe gave a speech and handed over cash awards for the outstanding students to officials.

At the ceremony, cash awards for 436 outstanding students were handed over to the officials.—MNA

said a passenger who goes to Bogyoke Market from Kyimyindine daily.

At that time, some drivers of city buses give about three plastic seats to passengers to be able to collect extra bus fares.—Kyemon



US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton talks with her deputy chief of staff, Huma Abedin, during the Open Government Partnership event in New York on 20 Sept, 2011. —REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 20 July—Senator John McCain publicly supported a senior Obama administration official in denouncing concerns by a group of House Republicans that her family may have connections to the Muslim Brotherhood, which they fear may be trying to gain access to high levels of the US government.

Former Republican presidential candidate

Michele Bachmann and four other lawmakers in the House of Representatives asked the State Department's inspector general's office last month to investigate the possibility that Huma Abedin, a top aide to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, had family ties to the Islamist political group.

Their 13 June letter asserted that the State Department had recently taken action "enormously

US Senator McCain stands by Hillary Clinton aide

favorable" to the Muslim Brotherhood and that its interests could pose a security risk for the United States.

The letter cited a security study by an outside group alleging that three members' of Abedin's family, including her father who died two decades ago, and her mother and brother were linked to operatives or organizations of the Muslim Brotherhood.

"Her position affords her routine access to the secretary and policymaking," the letter said.

A State Department spokesman said Clinton "very much values" Abedin's "wise counsel and support" and called the allegations preposterous.

McCain, the 2008 Republican presidential nominee, took to the Senate floor and called the assertion an "unwarranted and

unfounded attack on an honorable woman" and public servant whose family had never been shown in any way to "harm or threaten" the United States.

Bachmann said in a statement on Wednesday that the letter to the State Department and similar correspondence to inspectors general at the Pentagon, Homeland Security and Justice departments are "unfortunately being distorted."

"The intention of the letters was to outline the serious national security concerns I had and ask for answers to questions regarding the Muslim Brotherhood and other radical groups access to top Obama administration officials," Bachmann said.

She said she would continue to speak out on the issue. —Reuters



Afghan President Hamid Karzai and British Prime Minister David Cameron (C) talk during reviewing the guard of honour at the welcoming ceremony in Kabul, Afghan, on 19 July, 2012. —XINHUA

Roadside bomb kills five Afghan police

TRINKOT, 20 July—Five police were killed as a roadside bomb struck a police van in Uruzgan province 370 km south of capital Kabul, spokesman for provincial administration Abdullah Humat said on Friday.

"A mine planted by militants on a road in Sarab district struck a police vehicle late Thursday night as a result five policemen including the police chief of Sarab district were martyred," Humat told Xinhua.

He also blamed Taliban militants for planting the mine, saying Taliban insurgents by organizing roadside bombs and other subversive activities want to intimidate both locals and government employees. However, Taliban militants fighting the government are yet to make comment. —Xinhua

Panetta orders Pentagon to monitor media for information leaks

WASHINGTON, 20 July—Defence Secretary Leon Panetta ordered senior Pentagon officials on Thursday to begin monitoring major US news media for disclosures of classified information in an effort to stop the release of government secrets after a series of high-profile leaks.

The announcement came hours after Panetta and other senior defence officials appeared before a closed-door hearing of the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee to discuss recent disclosures of classified security information.

Reports about US cyber warfare against Iran, procedures for targeting militants with drones and a double agent who penetrated a militant group in Yemen have angered US lawmakers. Some have charged the leaks were timed to benefit President Barack Obama's re-election bid.

Representative Buck McKeon, the Republican chairman of the House panel, told a news conference later

that he did not believe the Pentagon was behind the leaks and that Panetta and the other officials were taking the issue seriously.

"Both the chairman and I were very convinced that Secretary Panetta and all of the folks at the Pentagon are taking it seriously, are trying to mitigate the damages and



US Secretary of Defence Leon Panetta pauses during a news conference at the Pentagon in Washington on 29 June, 2012. —REUTERS

prevent it in the future," said Adam Smith, the top Democrat on the panel.

Panetta, Army General Martin Dempsey, the top uniformed military officer, and chief Pentagon lawyer Jeh Johnson appeared before the committee to answer questions. McKeon said they

agreed the recent leaks had caused damage, but did not elaborate.

In addition to the media monitoring ordered by Panetta, the Pentagon said it had taken a number of other steps in recent months to improve information security.

The measures included improved training for handling classified information, the publication of a manual with clear instructions on what constitutes an unauthorized disclosure and the creation of an online security incident reporting system.

"The department is continuously improving its security posture and overall capability to prevent unauthorized disclosures," the Pentagon said in a statement disclosing the recent security changes.

McKeon said the House panel was "concerned about the leaks that have come out over the years and accelerated, it seems, over the last few months."

Although he said he did not believe the Pentagon was the source of the most recent

leaks, McKeon declined to comment on speculation the White House was responsible.

Senator John McCain, Obama's Republican opponent in the 2008 presidential election, has suggested some of the leaks may have been calculated to boost the Democratic president's re-election efforts - a charge the White House emphatically denies.

Pentagon Press Secretary George Little told a briefing on Thursday that Panetta, Dempsey and members of the House committee were of one mind about the leaks.

"The unauthorized disclosure of classified information is truly disturbing," he said. "It's of concern to the secretary, and I think members on the Hill express similar concern. And the secretary is clearly prepared to try to address the problem inside the department."

McKeon said the US government was "actually doing pretty good" in handling its secrets, given the fact that 4 million people had some form of classified clearance. (Additional reporting by Phil Stewart; Editing by Peter Cooney) —Reuters

US says Iran ships using foreign flags to evade sanctions

WASHINGTON, 20 July—The United States warned the maritime industry on Thursday that Iranian ships were still using other country's flags in an attempt to evade Western sanctions against the country.

Sierra Leone is the latest country to revoke its flag for



Empty and disused Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL) containers are seen at Malta Freeport in the Port of Marsaxlokk outside Valletta on 10 Feb, 2012. REUTERS

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a vessel controlled by the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL), which is on the US blacklist for its involvement in Iran's weapons programme.

The United States and the European Union have implemented tough sanctions against Iran in an attempt to stop the country from acquiring nuclear weapons.

The US penalties forced Iran's major trading partners to reduce their Iranian crude imports.

The EU enacted a ban from 1 July on insuring ships carrying Iranian oil that has also crimped Teheran's oil exports.

The United States said port authorities had to be on the look out for fabricated vessel registration and phony flags.

Reuters

Bulgarian bus bomber's video released

BEIJING, 20 July—Bulgarian officials say a lanky, long-haired man with a fake Michigan driver's license carried out the deadly suicide attack on a bus full of Israeli holidaymakers.

Bulgarian television aired security camera footage on Thursday showing the suspected bomber wandering in and out of the terminal shortly before the blast.

He was dressed as a tourist, and carried a large

backpack with wheels, as well as a smaller bag. Bulgaria's foreign minister said the suspect had been in the country for 4 to 7 days and was about 35 years old.

Officials are using DNA samples to establish his identity. Prime Minister Boiko Borisov told reporters that a Michigan driver's license was retrieved, but he said US officials responded "there was no such person in their database."

Xinhua

US Navy helicopter crashes in Oman, fate of crew unknown

WASHINGTON, 20 July—A US Navy helicopter crashed in Oman on Thursday and the fate of its five crew members was unknown, the US military said, even as it ruled out hostile activity. The helicopter, a MH-53E Sea Dragon, manufactured by United Technologies Corp's Sikorsky Aircraft unit, crashed 58 miles southwest of Muscat while flying a heavy load in support of the Omani government.

"The crash was not due to any sort of hostile activity and the status of the five crew members is still being determined," said the statement from US Naval Forces Cent—Reuters

Smoke rises from burning NATO supply trucks in Samangan Province, on 18 July, 2012. A bomb planted by the Taliban destroyed 22 NATO trucks carrying supplies to their forces in northern Afghanistan, the Taliban and police said on Wednesday. REUTERS



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Fibre broadband deal with BT 'puts Wales in fast lane'



Carwyn Jones said next generation broadband would help the economy.—INTERNET

LONDON, 20 July — An agreement to provide almost all homes and businesses with quicker broadband speeds will put Wales in the "fast lane", First Minister Carwyn Jones has said. The Welsh government has signed a deal with BT to upgrade the network for 96% of properties by 2015. It hailed the £425m deal as the biggest of its kind in the UK and a boost for the economy. Mr Jones said: "Today is the day that Wales moved into the fast lane." It will mean broadband speeds for Wales around 15 times faster than those available now.

According to a report out this week by the regulator Ofcom, Wales has the lowest

level of super fast broadband in the UK, with 34%. Most of the improvement will be in towns and cities where the density of the population means the private sector can provide the infrastructure at a profit. Coverage in Scotland is 42% and in Northern Ireland, where there has already been a big push, it is 96%. The £425m next generation broadband scheme for Wales, about half of which will be paid for by the public sector, will lay fibre optic cables across tens of thousands of miles.

The announcement on Thursday, made at the first minister's end-of-term news conference, follows an 18-month procurement process.

The Welsh government asked the industry what plans businesses had to invest in the network. Officials say 52% of Wales would not have benefited from next generation broadband without government intervention.

BT was the only company left in the process after the last of the others pulled out earlier this year.

But Mr Jones insisted the deal was good value for the taxpayer, with every £1 of Welsh government investment matched by £6 from other sources.—INTERNET

Storm petrel seabirds can smell their relatives

LONDON, 20 July — Seabirds are able to pick out their relatives from smell alone, according to scientists. In a "recognition test", European storm petrels chose to avoid the scent of a relative in favour of approaching the smell of an unrelated bird. The researchers think this

behaviour prevents the birds from "accidentally inbreeding". The study is the first evidence that birds are able to sniff out a suitable mate. It is published in the journal *Animal Behaviour*.

Lead researcher Francesco Bonadonna, from the Centre of Functional and Evolutionary Ecology in Montpellier, France, told BBC Nature that the birds used smell to recognise and communicate their "genetic compatibility". Sniffing out a genetically suitable mate is a well-known phenomenon in mammals. But until recently, scientists thought that birds relied on vision and sound when choosing a partner. According to Dr Bonadonna, the fact that they use odours explains how these birds manage to return to their family colony to breed and avoid mating with a relative.

European storm petrels remain in the colony they are



The birds use their sense of smell to choose a genetically compatible mate.—INTERNET

Seabird secrets



- * See the secret bird surveys carried out from the air
- * Find out how the world's largest falcon spends much of its life hunting at sea
- * See how an iron-age structure provides the perfect petrel roosting site

Russia starts building Moon spaceship, eyes Lunar base

MOSCOW, 20 July — Russia has started building a spacecraft for manned Lunar missions with the first test scheduled in 2015, the project developer said on Thursday. "The work has already started. The unmanned tests are scheduled in 2015, the first manned mission is planned in 2018," head of the Central Research Institute of Machine Building Gennady Raikunov told local media. These spaceships are designed to land on and lift off from the Moon, work as space tug boats and service modules for other space vehicles, Raikunov said.

"(Russian federal space agency) Roscosmos has planned the creation of a new manned transportation system to conduct manned flights to the Moon, servicing the vehicles in space," he said. Raikunov linked the Lunar program to the fate of Russian segment of the International Space Station (ISS). Whether Russia will continue the ISS work after 2020 depends on the progress of the Lunar program. "It is necessary to determine the main direction of manned cosmonautics development. Current strategy envisages focusing on the manned flights to the Moon, including the creation of a base on its surface," he said.—Xinhua

Google launch SMS version of Gmail in Africa

NEW YORK, 20 July — Google has launched a text message-based version of its email service targeted at users in Africa. Gmail SMS can run on so-called "dumb phones" which only have very basic features and no access to the Internet. The service has so far been made available in Ghana, Nigeria and Kenya. Gmail SMS is the latest in a line of Google products aimed at the African market — the company is also running educational programmes in the region.

The search giant describes its efforts in improving computer science training as "an important goal for Google in 2012". It recently offered grants to 17 universities to expand its Computer Science for High School project. However lack of access to affordable hardware is still seen as a critical barrier to technology adoption across the continent.

Geva Rechav, Google's product manager for emerging markets, explained in a blog post how Gmail SMS was adapted to work by using

simple text commands. "Gmail SMS works on any phone, even the most basic ones which only support voice and SMS," he wrote. "Gmail SMS automatically forwards your emails as SMS text messages to your phone and you can respond by replying directly to the SMS. 'You can control the emails received by replying with commands such as MORE, PAUSE and RESUME.'"

"Additionally, compose a new email as an SMS and send to any email address recipient—who will find your

message in the right email conversation thread!" It will be free to receive messages from the system, but any sent texts will be subject to standard network rates. Across Africa, adoption of mobile services has been swift and widespread. Mobile commerce offerings like microfinancing tool M-Pesa have in excess of 15 million users.—INTERNET



Emails can be received in text form, free of charge.—INTERNET



An employee sits in front of a poster advertising the new iPad at an Apple Store in Wuhan, Hubei Province on 19 July, 2012.—REUTERS

Apple's latest iPad makes low-key debut in China

SHANGHAI, 20 July — Apple Inc staged a low-key launch of its latest iPad in China on Friday, free of the chaotic scenes that plagued the tech darling's previous product debuts in its most promising growth market. The calm, orderly queues in Shanghai and Beijing came as a surprise to many Apple fans in China, who are used to standing overnight in snaking queues with scalpers to get their hands on the latest product. "I'm very surprised that there is no line. I thought there was going to be a long line so I came over a bit earlier to

pick it up," said an IT worker, Sun Xufei, who was the first in line of a small queue of around 20 people waiting outside the Shanghai Lujiazui Apple store.

The launch of the latest iPad, which features a sharper display and better camera than previous versions of the wildly popular tablet, comes weeks after Apple paid \$60 million to a Shenzhen-based company to settle a trademark lawsuit over the iPad name. Apple adopted an online reservation system that allowed it to control the flow of people to its stores and avoid a repeat of

the riotous iPhone 4S launch in January, when one of its flagship stores in Beijing was pelted with eggs by scalpers who had turned rowdy.

"This method is much better because everyone's time is precious," said a 33-year-old entrepreneur who only gave his last name and Zhong. Apple has two retail stores in Beijing, three in Shanghai, one in Hong Kong and a network of authorized resellers. Chinese government officials said the company is looking to open two more in the major cities of Chengdu and Shenzhen.—Reuters

Hacker claims to have accessed 50,000 accounts from Wall Street IT recruiting firm

NEW YORK, 20 July — An Internet hacker belonging to a group called TeamGhostShell broke into recruiting website ITWallStreet.com, Computer World reported.



Hacker claims to have accessed 50,000 accounts from Wall Street IT recruiting firm.—INTERNET

The information compromised, which includes full names, mailing addresses, email addresses, usernames, hashed passwords and phone numbers, was posted online on Thursday, and thousands of hashed passwords have reportedly already been decrypted.

The leaked data also includes details such as salary and bonus expectations of the potential employees and even feedback on specific candidates.

Another file contained email conversations and thousands of phone call records between recruiters and potential candidates.

The hacker behind the breach, known only as Masakaki, suggested the attack was meant as a sign of support for the Occupy Wall Street movement.

Andiamo Partners, the New York-based recruiting firm that operates the website, did not confirm or deny the breach.—INTERNET

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Microsoft makes its first ever loss

WASHINGTON, 20 July — The computing giant Microsoft has made its first-ever quarterly loss after it wrote off some of the value of its online advertising business. The loss came after it wrote down the value of Aquentive by \$6.2bn (£3.94bn, 5bn euros), which failed to bring the profits expected by Microsoft. That led to a \$492m loss in the three months to the end of June, compared with a profit of \$5.9bn a year ago.

The company has not made a loss since it joined the stock market in 1986. It took over Aquentive in 2007 but it struggled to compete with rival

Google. Microsoft paid \$6.3bn for Aquentive. Microsoft is doing well in other areas, despite the decline in popularity of its Windows operating system, which dominated the personal computer market for years. Revenue for the three months to June rose by 4% to \$18.06bn.

Excluding the adjustment for the asset write-down, and the holding back of some income related to the launch of its Windows 8 system, Microsoft profits beat those expected by investors. Shares were up 1.6% after the results were announced. Microsoft says the update of the Windows systems is the most



Microsoft's advertising business struggled to compete with rival Google. — INTERNET

important redesign in more than 10 years.

Windows 8, which will launch in October, will feature a new look that will present applications in a mosaic of tiles. Importantly, it will also enable the operating system to work on tablet computers, which

along with smartphones are the fastest-growing sector of the computing market. Microsoft is also planning to release its own tablet, the Surface. Earlier this week, Microsoft previewed its next version of the Office system, which is expected to be released next year. — Internet

Shares steady, oil ease; euro dips on Spain worries

HONG KONG, 20 July — Asian shares eased on Friday but were poised for their biggest weekly gain since January, as strong US corporate earnings lifted the S&P 500 to a 2-1/2 month high while Spain's fiscal woes kept the euro under pressure. Oil prices eased after hitting an eight-week high overnight as Middle East tension stoked supply concerns, while a rally in soft commodities has seen corn

and soybean prices soar to record highs due to a worsening US farm-belt drought.

The euro fell against the dollar and hovered near a record low versus the Australian dollar on Friday, undermined by worries about Spain's fiscal woes and recent falls in shorter-term euro zone interest rates. The MSCI Asia Pacific ex-Japan index .MIAPJ0000PUS was little changed by midday.

It is up 2.4 percent so far this week. "We've had a reasonably good week for equities and there's something of a shift in terms of what people are looking at," said Christian Keilland, head of trading at BTIG in Hong Kong. "There's obviously some rotation into the tech sector and everyone's looking at the agriculture space to see how that may affect things." There was evidence suggesting some investors were selling into strength with regional funds seeing net outflows of \$63.3 million compared with the prior week's inflows, according to Citigroup. Cyclical markets such as Korea and Taiwan led the outflows, Citigroup said.

Japan's Nikkei .N225 fell more than a percent with pharma and electrical equipment makers the biggest drags as worries about US economic growth soured sentiment. Shrinking factory

activity in the US mid-Atlantic region and more evidence of sluggish job growth has kept investors in export-reliant Japan wary about the impact of soft US data on corporate earnings. Financials were also under pressure with Mitsubishi UFJ (8306.T) down 3.2 percent after shares of Morgan Stanley (MS.N), in which the Japanese bank owns a stake, tumbled as it reported a drop in revenues.

Banks remained under pressure in South Korea in the wake of a domestic rate-fixing probe that follows investigations into the suspected manipulation of the Libor international benchmark in other major economies.

A group of banks being investigated in an interest rate rigging scandal are looking to pursue a group settlement with regulators rather than face a Barclays-style backlash by going it alone, people familiar with the banks' thinking said.

Reuters



A man walks past a panel outside a bank displaying the half-day close of the Hang Seng Index (HSI) in Hong Kong on 18 June, 2012. — INTERNET

Renault-Nissan to invest \$160 million in Korea unit

PARIS, 20 July — Renault-Nissan Alliance will invest \$160 million to roll out Nissan models at its South Korean unit, the French automaking group said on Friday.

Renault-Samsung Motors in the southern port of Busan will produce an annual 80,000 units of Nissan's crossover Rogue, beginning in 2014, Renault-Nissan said in a statement.

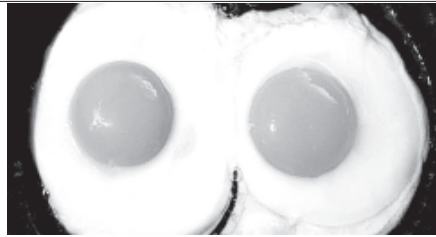
"Adding production in Korea shows a commitment across the alliance to helping Renault Samsung Motors achieve its targets for cost competitiveness and growth," said Renault-Nissan Alliance chairman and CEO Carlos Ghosn.

The new investment plan comes at a time when Renault-Samsung has been suffering from plunging sales. In the first six months to June this year it sold 83,062 units, down 33 percent from a year earlier.

Internet



Renault-Nissan Alliance will invest \$160 million to roll out Nissan models at its South Korean unit, the French automaking group said on Friday. — INTERNET



Some people with egg allergies after they are treated with the very food they are allergic to, say US researchers. — INTERNET

LONDON, 20 July — Omelettes, meringues and pasta could one-day be back on the menu for some people with egg allergies after they are treated with the very food they are allergic to, say US researchers. The only option for patients is to completely avoid foods containing egg. A study on 55 children showed some were able to eat egg after minuscule amounts were gradually added to their diets. However, the treatment is still experimental and doctors say it should not be tried at home. Egg allergies are one of the most common allergies and are thought to affect up to 2.5% of children.

Gradually introducing the food which causes an allergic reaction has been successful in other foods such as such as peanuts. Parents were given powdered egg to mix into their

Google reports sales and profits jump

LONDON, 20 July — Internet giant Google has reported a jump in sales and profits for the three months to the end of June in its first results statement since taking over Motorola Mobility Holdings (MMH). Net income for the quarter was \$2.79bn (£1.77bn), up 11% compared to \$2.51bn a year earlier.

Google said revenue rose 35% to \$12.21bn for the period after a \$1.25bn boost following the acquisition of MMH. Revenue at its core internet business rose 21%. Shares in Google rose about 3% in after-hours trading following the results.

As well as generating money through advertising based on searches, Google also makes the popular Android mobile phone operating system. During the period, the company also launched its Nexus 7 tablet computer. The company's chief executive, Larry Page, said the Nexus had received "rave reviews." — Internet



In the past three months the internet giant bought Motorola Mobility and launched its Nexus 7 computer. — INTERNET

Health Tip: Bring baby back to a safe home

Before you bring baby home from the hospital, make sure the environment is safe. The womenshealth.gov website offers this checklist before mom and newborn leave the hospital:

- * Make sure the crib and other baby items are in good shape (especially if they are secondhand) and have not been involved in a recall.
- * Remove any stuffed animals, blankets and pillows from baby's crib.
- * Make sure all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home are working.
- * Place a list of emergency numbers, including poison control, near each phone.
- * Make sure you have a corded landline phone in your home, in case of power failure.
- * Make sure the number on your house, apartment or condo is visible, in case emergency workers have to find you.
- * Make sure there are handrails on all stairs. — Internet

Egg allergies 'treated with egg'

children's food, building up to about a third of an egg every day. The findings, presented in the New England Journal of Medicine, report that after 22 months of egg therapy, 75% of the children were able to eat the equivalent of two eggs without reacting. The children were tested again after at least a month of no longer having the daily egg treatment. Of these, 28% could still eat egg without reacting and were considered allergy-free.

One of the researchers Dr Wesley Burks, from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, said: "This study gives us hope that we're closer to developing a treatment." Almost a third of the children had a permanent change and were no longer egg-allergic." Dr Stacie Jones, from University of Arkansas, said: "Reducing these kids' allergic response to egg also lessened parental anxiety over how their children might react if accidentally exposed to egg at school or at someone else's house." However, about 15% of children did not finish the treatment, mostly due to allergic reactions.

Lindsey McManus, from the charity Allergy UK, said: "This is a very exciting development into immunotherapy for food allergy. "Similar to recent trials being carried out into immunotherapy for peanut allergy at Addenbrookes hospital, the results are very promising. "It is however very early days and more research will be needed before this is used as a regular form of treatment. We would echo the warning in the report that this should never be tried at home due to the risk of serious allergic reactions." — Internet



Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev (R) and his Belarusian counterpart Mikhail Myasnikovich attend the signing ceremony in Minsk, Belarus, on 18 July, 2012. Belarus and Russia signed here on Wednesday a general contract for developing the Belarusian Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) on Wednesday. —XINHUA

Chinese president meets president of Cote d'Ivoire

BEIJING, 20 July—President Hu Jintao held talks with Cote d'Ivoire President Alassane Dramane Ouattara on Friday morning.

Hu welcomed Ouattara's visit and attendance at the opening ceremony of the fifth Ministerial Meeting of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) during the open session of the meeting.

Hu said he appreciates the importance Ouattara has attached to relations with China since he took office. Hu said he is ready to exchange views with Ouattara on relations between China and Cote d'Ivoire, as well as issues of common concern.

Ouattara said it was a "pleasure and honor" for him to visit China and attend the opening ceremony.

He recalled his term as vice managing director of the

International Monetary Fund and spoke highly of the assistance rendered by China to people in Cote d'Ivoire and Africa.

Ouattara said China's assistance helped the country make it through a time of crisis.

Prior to their talk, Hu held a welcoming ceremony for Ouattara at the Great Hall of the People.

Xinhua



Bolivia's President, Evo Morales (L) and his Argentina's counterpart Cristina Fernandez pose for a photo during a signing ceremony, in Cochabamba, Bolivia, on 18 July, 2012. —XINHUA

China reprimands Russia for alleged attack on Chinese fishing boats

BEIJING, 20 July — China's Vice Foreign Minister Cheng Guoping on Thursday expressed strong dissatisfaction with Russia over an alleged attack on a Chinese fishing vessel, which has left a fisherman missing.

China is very dissatisfied with Russia's actions to detain the Chinese fishing boat and crew after opening fire on the boat, Cheng said in a statement when summoning a Russian diplomat.

China demands Russia to thoroughly investigate the incident and inform China of the results in a timely manner, Cheng said. Russia should make sure that the detained sailors are safe, their legitimate rights are guaranteed and they are granted with humanitarian treatment, Cheng said.

Earlier media reports said Russia also detained another Chinese fishing boat one day before the attack which occurred on Monday.

Cheng also demanded

Russia to release the boats and let the fishermen go quickly and make all-out efforts to search for the missing sailor.

The Russian diplomat said Russia is investigating the incident, and will notify China as early as possible. He said he will report China's stance back to Russia.

According to the Chinese Consulate in Vladivostok, Russia's Far-East region, two Chinese fishing ships from China's eastern Shandong province were seized by Russia—one on Sunday and the other, on Monday. One ship carried 19 fishermen while the other had 17 on board. One ship was detained at the port of Nakhodka, while the other was heading there.

The local coastal service notified the consulate on Tuesday that the two ships were detained because they entered Russia's exclusive economic zone. According to the RIA Novosti news agency,

a Russian coast guard vessel, the Dzerzhinsky, fired warning shots and then opened targeted fire to stop a Chinese fishing ship that had been fishing for squid. —Xinhua

NASA completes another Orion parachute test

HOUSTON, 20 July — NASA completed another successful test on Wednesday of the Orion crew vehicle's parachutes high above the Arizona desert in preparation for the spacecraft's orbital flight test in 2014. Orion will carry astronauts deeper into space than ever before, provide emergency abort capability, sustain the crew during space travel and ensure a safe re-entry and landing.

A C-17 plane dropped a test version of Orion from an altitude of 25,000 feet above the US Army Yuma Proving Ground in southwestern Arizona. This test was the second to use an Orion craft that mimics the full size and shape of the spacecraft.

Orion's drogue chutes were deployed between 15,000 feet and 20,000 feet, followed by the pilot parachutes, which deployed the main landing parachutes. Orion descended about 25 feet per second, well below its maximum designed touchdown speed, when it landed on the desert floor.

"Across the country,

NASA and industry are moving forward on the most advanced spacecraft ever designed, conducting drop and splashdown tests, preparing ground systems, designing software and computers and paving the way for the future of exploration," said William Gerstenmaier, associate administrator for the Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate at NASA

Orion parachutes have so-called reefing lines, which when cut by a pyrotechnic device, allow the parachute to open gradually, managing the initial amount of drag and force on the parachute.

The main objective of the latest drop test was to determine how the entire system would respond if one of the reefing lines was cut prematurely, causing the three main parachutes to inflate too

for eventual human-rated certification.

In 2014, an uncrewed Orion spacecraft will launch from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida on Exploration Flight Test-1. The spacecraft will travel 3,600 miles above Earth's surface.

This is 15 times farther than the International Space Station's orbit and farther than any spacecraft designed to carry humans has gone in more than 40 years. The main flight objective is to understand Orion's heat shield performance at speeds generated during a return from deep space.

In 2017, Orion will be launched by NASA's Space Launch System (SLS), a heavy-lift rocket that will provide an entirely new capability for human exploration beyond low Earth orbit.

Designed to be flexible for launching spacecraft for crew and cargo missions, SLS will enable new missions of exploration and expand human presence across the solar system. —Internet



Headquarters in Washington.

"Today's parachute test in Yuma is an important reminder of the progress being made on Orion and its ultimate mission—enabling NASA to meet the goal of sending humans to an asteroid and Mars."

quickly. Since 2007, the Orion programme has conducted a vigorous parachute air and ground test program and provided the chutes for NASA's successful pad abort test in 2010. All of the tests build an understanding of the chutes' technical performance

Eight mn worldwide receiving HIV treatment

WASHINGTON, 20 July—Over eight million people worldwide had access to life-saving treatment in low- and middle-income countries last year, an increase of 1.4 million over 2010, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) said in a report. The report—Together We Will End AIDS—said that despite the substantial numbers of people newly starting treatment, it is only just over half (54 percent) of the 14.8 million people eligible, Xinhua reported.

According to the report, some 34.2 million people are living with the AIDS virus globally, including 2.5 million who became infected last year. And 1.7 million died in 2011.

New infections and deaths dropped slightly last year.

The report also outlined the significant progress that has been made in reducing new HIV infections in children. Since 2009, new infections in children have fallen by an estimated 24 percent. Some 330,000 children were newly infected in 2011, almost half that at the peak of the epidemic in 2003 (570,000).

The report says domestic funding for HIV has exceeded international investments. Low- and middle-income countries invested \$8.6 billion for the response in 2011, an increase of 11 percent over 2010. International funding however remained flat at 2008

levels (\$8.2 billion).

The report points to a \$7.2 billion funding gap, which it says the world must address by 2015 to treat everyone in need and to offer effective prevention interventions more widely.

"This is an era of global solidarity and mutual accountability," said Michel Sidibe, executive director of UNAIDS.

"Countries most affected by the epidemic are taking ownership and demonstrating leadership in responding to HIV. However, it is not enough for international assistance to remain stable—it has to increase if we are to meet the 2015 goals." —Internet

FBI seeks public help to track AK-47 Bandit

LOS ANGELES, 20 July—The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and law enforcement officials spanning three separate regions in the western United States said they continue to seek public assistance relative to an unidentified armed bank robber now linked to three bank robberies, the most recent of which occurred in the Seattle area on 6 July.

Following the initial robbery that occurred in Chino, California, on February 29, the suspect shot a police officer with the Chino Police Department, seriously wounding him. In each robbery, the suspect brandishes an AK-47—style assault rifle with a drum magazine.

The suspect is seen in bank surveillance video and photographs dressed in tactical gear over a dark-coloured, short-sleeved collared shirt and blue pants.

He also wears a black full-face ski mask, a blue ballistic vest, and/or a green mesh vest marked "Sheriff."

"The suspect is known to law enforcement as the AK-47 Bandit. A reward of up to \$20,000 is being offered in exchange for information leading to the arrest of the suspect known as the AK-47 Bandit," said the FBI in a statement. —Internet



A pair of mechanical hands made by Grade Seven students from Qingzhu huxiangyi Foreign Languages School of Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province, play an electronic keyboard at the 12th China Adolescent Robotics Competition in north China's Tianjin Municipality, on 19 July, 2012. Participants need to display their originality on bionic robots stimulating human or plants in Thursday's competition. The 12th China Adolescent Robotics Competition, which kicked off on Wednesday, attracts nearly 3,100 participants from 519 teams all over China. —XINHUA

Global Vipassana Pagoda outside to solid Replica of famous Shwedagon Pagoda of Republic of the Union of Myanmar having already been built in Mumbai, Republic of India

Ba Sein (Religious Affairs)

All Buddhists and Buddhist communities throughout the world are very pleased and honoured to learn that the Global Vipassana Pagoda, the outside to the solid Replica of the famous Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has been already built in Mumbai, the most populous city and the commercial capital of the Republic of India.

According to the humble and respectful invitation of SN Goenka, Chairman of the Global Vipassana Foundation of India, the eight Ovadacariya Mahatheras (Patrons) from the Republic of the Union of Myanmar led by Abhidhajamaharathaguru Abhidhajaagamajotika, the most Ven Bhaddanta Kumara, Chairman of the State Sanghamahanayaka Committee extended religious visit to Mumbai, the Republic of India and ceremoniously performed the auspicious state-driving and laying-stone foundation for the construction of the Global Vipassana Pagoda in accordance with rites and rituals of Buddhism. The construction of the Global Vipassana Pagoda was systematically carried out under the close instructions and guidance of SN Goenka, Chairman of the Global Vipassana Foundation of India in accordance with Ovada (Admonition) of the State Sanghamahanayaka Committee of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

This Global Vipassana Pagoda will ever stand as a significant indication of religious and friendly relationship

between the two nations, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of India. The Pagoda will also exist as a significant symbol of the genuine Teachings of the Buddha returned to India from Myanmar, and it will also highlight to propagate and promote the teachings of the Buddha throughout the world.

The Global Vipassana Pagoda of 325 feet in height is slightly less than the height of the famous Shwedagon Pagoda out respect to Myanmar. It is learnt that the land near Mumbai, worth about U.S \$ 5 million and covering an area of 11 acres was donated, on which the Global Vipassana Pagoda has been already built. The Pagoda is hollow structure which looks similar from the outside to the solid Replica of the famous Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

This Global Vipassana Pagoda has a dome, 280 feet wide, which is bigger than any masonry dome in the world. The pillarless hall under the dome of the Pagoda, accommodation of seating 8000 people, rests on an octagonal platform and solid stone foundation. A huge approach staircase was also built. In addition, of the two smaller pagodas of 65 feet height each, have been already completed including meditation cells. Its is further learnt that already about US\$ 12 million has been spent on stage 1 and 2 of the project for construction of the pagoda and it was also spent US\$ 5 million for stage 3, and final stage

of the project for complete construction of the Global Vipassana Pagoda.

This historic and significant Global Vipassana Pagoda will not be only the most visible symbol of this legacy but it will also shine in all its golden resplendence on the skyline of Mumbai, the most populous city and the commercial capital of the Republic of India.

Four kinds of Cetiya (Pagodas)

During the time of the Omniscient Buddha, and after the noble demise of the Omniscient Buddha, the four kinds of the pagodas were built by world Buddhist communities dedicating to the nine Supreme Attributes of the Buddha. The four kinds of Cetiya (Pagodas) are as follows:-

1. Dhatu Cetiya (Pagoda) in which the sacred relics of the Omniscient Buddha are enshrined.
2. Dhamma Cetiya (Pagoda) in which scriptures and inscriptions of the Omniscient Buddha are enshrined.
3. Oddhissa Cetiya (Pagoda) in which Buddha Images and Statues are enshrined.
4. Pariboga Cetiya (Pagoda) in which materials and objects used by the Omniscient Buddha are enshrined.

The Global Vipassana Pagoda will stand forever as the Dhatu Cetiya (Pagoda) for being homage and respectfully worshipped by all Buddhists and Buddhist communities across the world.

Employees of Micro-credit Cooperative Society holds meeting

MACHANBAW, 20 July—Machanbaw Township Employees Micro-credit Cooperative Society of Putao District held its annual general meeting at the township Cooperative Department on 8 July morning. At the ceremony, Staff Officer Daw Kya Mar Htar of Township Cooperative Department

explained more savings of money, increase of members, durability of cooperative societies and poverty alleviation of rural people.

Myanma Alin

Knowledge about taxation disseminated to basic education students in Kalay

KALAY, 20 July—With the aim of enabling the students to understand taxation, a talk on taxation knowledge, organized by Kalay Township Internal

Revenue Department of Kalay District in Sagaing Region, was held at Basic Education High School No. 1 at 8 am on 14 July and BEHS No. 2 at 10 am the same

day. Head of Township Internal Revenue Department U Myint Wai gave lectures on taxation to the students.

Myanma Alin

Saplings planted in compound of school

BOGALE, 20 July—In commemoration of the School Environment Day, the rainy season tree growing ceremony for 2012 was held in the compound of Basic Education Post-Primary School in

Kyaungchaung Village of Thabaung Village-tract in Bogale Township on 10 July morning.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Htin Kyaw and staff, Staff Officer U Kan Tun of

Township Forest Department and departmental personnel, members of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Women's Affairs Organization, teachers, students and people totaling 315 planted 1200 saplings inside and outside the compound of the school.—*Myanma Alin*



Cash assistance provided to students of vendors

PATHEIN, 20 July—With a view to ensuring rural development and poverty alleviation, the ceremony to provide school uniforms and cash assistance to offspring of slow-moving vehicle drivers and vendors was held

at the hall of Township Development Affairs Committee in Pathein on 9 July.

The drivers and vendors of Myoma Market lent loans from Rural Development Bank.—*Myanma Alin*

Compensation presented for death persons in Thanlyin

YANGON, 20 July—With regard to death of eight persons on the bus of Yangon-Kyauktan route that collided with the school ferry in Thanlyin on 13 June, Myanmar Insurance presented compensation for the death persons at the office of Yangon South



District All Private Bus-line Control Committee in Thanlyin on 12 July. At the ceremony, Daw Thet Mar, in-charge of Yangon South

District Myanmar Insurance, presented K 4 million—K 500,000 per death person—to the families.

Myanma Alin

DISTRICT NEWS

New school building handed over in Yekyi Township

PATHEIN, 20 July—A ceremony to open new school building at Basic Education Primary School was held in conjunction with the handing over of the school building at the school in Dogon Village of Yekyi Township in Ayeyawady Region on 15 July.

On the occasion, Speaker of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw U Hsan Hsint, Region Minister for Social Affairs U San Maung and the Region Education Officer made speeches.

Wellwisher U Ko Ko Aye handed over documents related to the school to Headmistress Daw Sein Aye of Yekyi Basic Education High School.

The new school building was constructed at a cost of K 32.65 million contributed by General Manager U Ko Ko Aye and U Yan Naing Lwin and family of Phyo Sithu Trading Co Ltd (Yangon).

The facility is 90 feet long, 30 feet wide and 12 feet high RC building.—*Kyemon*



Religious ceremonies held to mark 65th Anniversary Martyrs' Day in regions, states

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—In memory of fallen national heroes, Regional and state governments conducted religious ceremonies to offer "soon" and donate offertories to the Members of the Sangha on 65th Martyrs' Day yesterday.

During the ceremony at the City Hall in Myitkyina, Kachin State, Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai, Speaker of Kachin State Hluttaw and members of the Kachin State government received Five Precepts from the members of the Sangha, donated offertories to them and shared merits gained.

Similarly, the religious

ceremonies to mark the 65th Martyrs' Day were held in Patheingyi, Ayeyawady Region and in Loileik, Kayah State, yesterday.

Magway Region Government and Tanintharyi Region Government also conducted the religious ceremonies in Magway and Dawei yesterday respectively.

Mandalay Region Government held the religious ceremony to mark the Martyrs' Day at the Mandalay City Development Committee Office in Mandalay yesterday.

During the ceremony, the congregation led by

Chief Minister U Ye Myint and Commander of the Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Aung received Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Aggiya of Maha Visodhdhayan Monastery.

Bago Region Government held the religious ceremony at Buddha Athan Dhamma Beikman Building in Bago yesterday. During the ceremony, the congregation led by Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win received Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sasana of Panhlaing Monastery and donated offertories to the members of Sangha.

MNA

ADB's findings on Myanmar tax system explained

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—A press conference on Myanmar tax system, jointly organized by Internal Revenue Department under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue and Asian Development Bank (ADB), took place at the meeting hall of the department, here, on 18 July, with an opening address by Director-General U Myat Maw of Internal Revenue Department.

A delegation led by Principle Economist Mr. Kelly Bird of ADB held talks with officials from Internal Revenue Department on the

provisions, tax policy, tax management of existing Revenue Law, Trading Tax Law, Office Act and Myanmar Stamp Act, which are being practiced by IRD, from 9 to 17 July. The press conference is meant to explain the findings on Myanmar tax system in comparison with International tax system.

The Internal Revenue Department is taking the advices from the missions of World Bank, International Monetary Fund, Asian Development Bank, Japan International Cooperation

Agency, International Tax and Investment Centre, Myanmar Development Resource Institute and Centre for Economic and Social Development as well as from scholars at home and abroad.

Plans are under way to acquire technical assistances for technology and human resources development and cooperation processes, relating to the advantages and disadvantages of current tax system, procedures and current and long-term reforms.

MNA

Donation ceremony for locals of Rakhine State continues

YANGON, 20 July—Donation ceremony for locals of Rakhine State who lost their homes and property due to recent unrest occurred in Rakhine State was held at Maykhala Hall of Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon

K 300,000, Director U Than Kyaw Kyaw and members of Nay Pyi Taw Fire Services Department K 200,000, U Soe Win Shein- Daw Myint Myint Kyu of Malikha Housing from Thingangyun K 100,000, U Aung Kyaw Yin (from

Kyi, Daw Aye Mon from Baukhtaw three bales of clothes, Private Toe Aung- Ma Win Sandar from Mayangon fire Station one bale of clothes, U Saw Tun Hla Baw of Myanmar Fisheries Federation coffee mix and noodles worth



Wellwishers donate cash and foodstuff for locals of Rakhine State at Maykhalar Hall of Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon.

MNA

Township here this morning.

At the ceremony, Shwethazin family and staff (Third Time) donated a hundred boxes of Fuji detergent cream worth K 2,100,000, members of YWCA micro-credit (Botahtaung Township) K 704,000, military nursing officers (in-service and retired) K 500,000 and three bales of clothes, Maung Thiha Shwe (Kaba-Aye Villa) K 260,000, U Tin Hlaing of Hlinethaya Development Affairs Group

Korea) K 100,000, U Min Soe- Daw Than Than Myint from Mayangon Township K 100,000 and one bale of clothes, in memory of two parents, U Myint Tun Aung- Daw Zin Nwe Lin (from Abudhabi) K 50,000, Daw Mi Mi Khaing, Daw Tin Tin Aye from Insein K 20,000 and one bale of clothes, Ma Shwnle Yadana Aung and Ma Zarchi Le Hnin from Dagon Myothit (North) three bales of clothes, one basket of kitchen utensil, Daw Khin Khin Kyi, Daw Myint Myint

K 60,000, headmaster, teachers and students from No. 2 Basic Education Middle School from Kyimyindine one bale of clothes, U Aung Myint, Daw Kyin Htay and wellwishers from North Okkalapa Industrial Zone fifteen bags of clothes and personal goods. Fire Services Department Director-General U Tin Moe and officials accepted the donations and spoke words of thanks.

Up to date, the donations amounted to K 299,471,023.—MNA

FSD plans to buy 100 fire engines for taking fire preventive measures

YANGON, 20 July—Although there are about 1200 fire engines across the nation, the Fire Services Department needs about 600 more fire engines, said an official of FSD (Head Office).

At present, the department has invited tender to purchase foreign-made 100 fire engines that can carry 800-1000 gallons of water.

An official of the department said, "It can be said that Yangon is enough for number of fire engine. But, the countryside needs a lot of fire engines. According to the five-year plan adopted by the government, a plan is under way to allot more fire engines to the various townships of the nation."

The fire engines to be

purchased are to have GPS system although the fire engines in Yangon have been facilitated at command and control centres.

Moreover, the persons, associations and companies wishing to donate fire engines to their native regions and other areas may contact Fire Services Department.

Myanma Alin

In memory of late U Tin Ngwe living in 'Nya' ward of North Okkalapa Township, Daw Khin Khin Win and family donated K 500,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Vice-Chairman U Aung Than of the Home executive committee recently.

NLM



Golden opportunities for job hunters

YANGON, 20 July—Under the supervision of the Ministry of Labour, with the assistance of work.com.mm, the Job Opportunity Exhibition, managed by Strategy First Institute, was opened at UMFCI Office Tower on Minye Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township of

Yangon Region on 18 July. At first, Deputy Director-General U Thet Naing Oo of Labour Department of the Ministry of Labour made an opening speech.

Principal of Strategy First Institute U Aung Chit Khin expressed thanks for holding the show.

After that, the Deputy Director-General and guests visited the exhibition.

The exhibition comprised 34 booths of employment agencies, pharmaceuticals and medicine equipment, foodstuff, furniture, housing construction

project and website booths.

Those wishing to take positions may submit applications for respective jobs.

At the exhibition, the labour cards are immediately issued to labour applicants. Work.com.mm will award K 1 million to work applicant. The exhibition will last 9 am to 5 pm on 19 July.

Kyemon

Job Opportunity Exhibition in progress.



Collective sanitation tasks carried out in Taikkyi Township

TAIKKYI, 20 July—As part of efforts to keep Taikkyi clean and pleasant and combat dengue hemorrhagic fever, the sanitation was

carried out in the township on 14 July morning.

The local people carried out sanitation in Khanma-1 Street and



Khanma-2 Street in Ohdan Ward of Taikkyi.

In undertaking the task, Township Administrator U Zaw Soe, Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Tin Tun, Executive Officer U Soe Win of Township Development Affairs Committee, township level departmental personnel and staff, members of social organizations and local people participated in sanitation tasks and dredging of drains for proper flow of water.

The sanitation tasks in the township are carried out every Saturday.

Myanma Alin

Myanmar Women's Day observed in Salingyi

SALINGYI, 20 July—Organized by Salingyi Township Women's Affairs Organization of Monywa District, the Myanmar Women's Day was observed at the hall of Township General Administration Department on 3 July morning.

Chairperson of Township WAO Daw Nan Aye Nyein Zin talked about matters related to Myanmar

Women's Affairs Federation, Township Judge Daw Wah Swe about prevention against human smuggling and human trafficking, Township Law Officer Daw Khin Swe Tun about the law protecting the women and Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Khin Win Kyi about the dynamic patriotism.

Myanma Alin



TAXATION TALKED: The talk about taxation knowledge was given at Basic Education High School No 1 and No 2 in Insein Township on 7 July. Head of Township Internal Revenue Department U Aung Moe Kyaw explains matters related to taxation.—MYANMA ALIN

Librarian multiplier course opened in Shwepyitha Township

YANGON, 20 July—Shwepyitha Township Information and Public Relations Department of Yangon North District and Township Library Supervisory Committee opened the librarian multiplier course No 1/2012 at the TV hall of Township IPRD on 14 July with the aim of widening the scope of knowledge of the people and turning out skillful librarians.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Aung Moe Oo delivered a speech. Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Khin Nin Kyi explained the

purpose of conducting the training course.

Also present on the occasion were departmental

officials, course instructors, ward and village administrators and trainees.—Myanma Alin



CASH DONATED: In memory of late Brigadier-General and former Ambassador U Kya Nyo Chit Pe, wife Daw Nwe Nwe Tun and family of 148 (B), Dhammazedi Road in Bahan Township, elder brother Prof Dr U Than Aye and elder sister Prof Dr Daw Khin Ohn Chit and family, donated K 500,000 to U Hla Tun Cancer Hospice Foundation recently. Secretary of the Hospice U Tun Aye accepts cash donation.—MYANMA ALIN

Citizenship cards issued to local people in Singaing Township

SINGAING, 20 July—Singaing Township Immigration and National Registration Department of Mandalay Region is implementing the process of Moe Pwint-3 Plan up to now.

According to the plan, Head of Kyaukse District INRD U San Aung and staff, the Staff Officer of Township INRD and staff issued citizenship scrutiny cards and household registrations to 94 persons and 16 households at the Dhammayon of the monastery in Theinnigon Village free of charge.

Myanma Alin

Bank loans disbursed to local farmers in Maubin

MAUBIN, 20 July—Maubin Township Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank of Maubin District in Ayeyawady Region presented bank loans to local farmers for cultivation of monsoon crops in 2012 at the hall of the bank in Maubin on 13 July morning.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Aung Kyaw Lin of General

Administration Department made a speech, and Manager of the Township Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank U Aye Thauk explained matters related to the loans.

Next, Head of Maubin Township Land Records Department U Tin Win presented K 17.5 million to farmers of Thonkyaing Village, Bank Manager U

Aye Thauk K 26.25 million to the farmers of Wedaunt Village, Staff Officer of Maubin Township Agriculture Department U Nyei Lay Maung K 20 million to farmers of Kawekkin Village and Staff Officer of Maubin District Agriculture Department U Myo Khant K 37.4 million to local farmers of Achan Village.

Myanma Alin



Pyapon Township WVO provides cash assistance to students

PYAPON, 20 July—Pyapon Township War Veterans Organization held the ceremony to provide cash assistance to offspring of its members for 2012-2013 academic year at the hall of the Township WVO on 8 July afternoon.

On the occasion, Major Ye Htut of the local station and Deputy Commissioner

U Kyaw Soe Win of District General Administration Department made speeches.

Chairman of the Township WVO Lt Than Htay (Rtd) explained the purpose of providing cash assistance to the students.

After that, Officials presented K 730,000 as cash assistance for pursuing education provided by

Ayeyawady Region War Veterans Organization and Pyapon Township WVO to five university students, 11 high school students, 20 middle school students and 11 primary students.

Myanma Alin

TREES PLANTED: The tree growing ceremony took place along both sides of Myanaung-Kanaung Road in Myanaung Township on 3 July. Township Administrator U Aye Kyu, members of Township Women's Affairs Organization and departmental personnel grow 1194 teak saplings, 273 eucalyptus saplings and 289 mahogany saplings.—MYANMA ALIN



Gunmen in Pakistan wound WHO workers, agency says

GENEVA, 20 July—Gunmen in Pakistan shot and wounded a staff member of the World Health Organization (WHO) and an expatriate consultant working for the United Nations health agency on Tuesday, the WHO said. The two men, who were working on a polio immunisation campaign, were in stable condition in hospital after their vehicle was fired on in Gadap Town, Karachi, it said.

The agency said its staff member was a Pakistani national, while police in Pakistan said the wounded consultant was Ghanaian. "One WHO staff member and one international consultant were injured, when their vehicle was shot at by armed men," the Geneva-based agency said in a statement.

"At this point, there is no evidence to suggest that this was a deliberate or targeted attack against polio eradication efforts or WHO. WHO is grateful to the Pakistan authorities for launching an investigation into this event," the WHO said.

On 16 June, a Pakistani militant group threatened action against anyone conducting polio vaccinations in the region where it is based, saying the health care drive was a cover for US spies. The group, based in North Waziristan and led by Hafiz Gul Bahadur, said it had banned vaccinations for as long as US drone aircraft continued to fire missiles in Pakistan.

The WHO and its partner agencies are working to wipe out the crippling disease, which remains endemic in just three countries—Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan.

Some 200,000 mainly Pakistan volunteers are deployed in



A health worker administers a polio vaccine to a child during a nationwide drive against the disease in a hospital in Islamabad on 8 August, 2007.—INTERNET

the vaccination campaign in the country, which some clerics have condemned. "This incident will not distract from the progress Pakistan is making this year, as the country is closer than ever to eradication," the WHO said.

The country has recorded just 22 cases of polio so far this year through 10 July, against 59 during the same period last year, WHO spokesman Oliver Rosenbauer said.

Pakistan is an increasingly dangerous environment for aid workers. In May, the International Committee of the Red Cross stopped most of its work in Pakistan following the murder of a staff doctor in Quetta, pending a risk assessment of its operations in the country.—Reuters

48 charged in US Medicaid fraud probe

NEW YORK, 20 July—Four dozen people were charged on Tuesday with cheating the government-run Medicaid health insurance plan for the poor out of millions of dollars through a scheme to resell expensive HIV medications and other drugs that programme recipients had received at heavy discounts.

Medicaid recipients, some of them AIDS patients, would fill their prescriptions at little or no cost monthly and sell the drugs for cash to aggregators, according to documents unsealed in Manhattan federal court.

The aggregators then altered the drug containers to make them appear new and sell the medicines through a national underground market to unsuspecting pharmacists, who would buy them at discounts, the court papers said. Some of the drugs illegally resold included HIV medications such as Gilead Sciences Inc and Bristol-Myers Squibb's Atripla, which Medicaid prices at \$1,635 per bottle. Other drugs included asthma medication and pain killers.

Charges were brought against 48 people across the United States. FBI spokesman Peter Donald said that 35 people were in custody, including 16 in the New York area, 13 in Florida and two in Pennsylvania. The charges included conspiracy to commit wire fraud, mail fraud and healthcare fraud, as well as conspiracy to commit money laundering and prescription drug fraud. The Manhattan US Attorney's office, which is prosecuting the case, said law enforcement authorities would hold a news conference on the charges later on Tuesday.—Reuters



Rescuers transfer villagers in Duchang County of east China's Jiangxi Province, on 17 July, 2012. The flood control and prevention headquarters of Jiangxi Province announced on Monday that, as of Sunday morning, 168,700 people have been affected by rainstorms sweeping central and north areas of Jiangxi. The extreme weather has also led to the collapse of 49 houses.—XINHUA

Singapore Exchange to launch higher mainboard admission standards

SINGAPORE, 20 July—Singapore Exchange (SGX) announced Thursday its higher mainboard admission standards, aiming at ensuring its position as a competitive and relevant global exchange and attracting larger companies seeking to list here.

Effective from August 10th, companies intending to join SGX's mainboard must have a market capitalization at Initial Public Offerings (IPO) of not less than 150 million Singapore dollars (1 US dollar equals 1.25 Singapore dollars) if they are profitable in the last financial year and have an operating track record of at least three years.

Otherwise the com-

panies need to have a market capitalization at IPO of not less than 300 million Singapore dollars if they only have operating revenue in the latest completed financial year.

The bourse currently requires a minimum market capitalization of 80 million Singapore dollars based on the issue price for mainboard listings.

In addition, companies with minimum consolidated pre-tax profit of at least 30 million Singapore dollars for the latest financial year and has an operating track record of at least three years can also be listed on the mainboard.

The former regulations

required companies only a cumulative pre-tax profit of at least 7.5 million Singapore dollars over the last three years, or 10 millions over the latest one or two years.

The IPO shares issued must be at least 0.5 Singapore dollar each, up from 0.2 Singapore dollar in the past.

The SGX also announced their intention to increase the proportion of IPO tranches allocated to retail investors, particularly for listings which draw high retail subscription, aiming at encouraging more retail participation. They schedule to cover the consultation in 2012 and implement the measures in 2013.—Xinhua

Indonesia aims to boost rubber plantation productivity

JAKARTA, 20 July—The Indonesian government revitalized state-owned rubber plantations with a target to increase productivity by 44.5 percent to an annual average of 1,300 kilograms per hectare by 2015, local media quoting official reported here on Wednesday.

The revitalization programme would cover 350,000 hectares of plantation area and around 300,000 hectares of the area needed total rejuvenation, while the remaining area would require land intensification methods, said Rismansyah Danasari-putra, Agriculture Ministry perennial crop director.

To support the plan, the government set aside 5 trillion rupiah (some 530 million US dollars) funds, said Rismansyah.

"Within the next three years, we will provide fertilizers for 50,000 hectares and seeds for the rest," he was quoted by the Jakarta Post as saying.

Productivity is the main problem for local rubber

producers, as their annual rubber output per hectare is still far lower than other rubber producers in Southeast Asia, such as Thailand and Malaysia.

Thailand, for example, can produce more than 1,500 kilograms per hectare. About 95 percent of the country's rubber plantations in Indonesia, the world's second largest rubber producer, are located in Sumatra and

Kalimantan. Last year, the overall rubber plantation areas totaled 3.45 million hectares, with the majority being held by smallholders (85 percent), followed by private companies (8 percent) and state-owned enterprises (7 percent).

Rubber is one of the key contributors to Indonesia's overall exports. Last year, 2.6 million tons of rubber was exported, with a value of 12.43 billion US dollars.—Xinhua



A vehicle stops in front of a screen which displays the temperature of 37 degrees Celsius during a heatwave in Greater Toronto Area, Canada, on 17 July, 2012. The temperature in Greater Toronto Area climbs up to 37 degrees Celsius on Tuesday, marking the seventh consecutive day of temperature over 30 degrees Celsius.—XINHUA

Malaysia eyes mercantile exchange to provide more investment opportunities

KUALA LUMPUR, 20 July—Malaysian government is planning to set up a mercantile exchange to provide extra investment opportunities, local media reported on Thursday.

The country's Securities Commission is drawing up plan to introduce a mercantile exchange to facilitate investment in gold futures and other precious metals, as part of new initiatives for the capital market announced by the government.

There was strong interest among Malaysians to look at additional asset classes for investment purposes, Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak said while announcing the initiatives.

The Securities Commission would present a comprehensive proposal to the government after looking into the domestic landscape and experiences of similar markets around the world, he was quoted as saying by local media on Thursday.

Securities Commission Chairman Ranjit Singh Ajit Singh told reporters that a comprehensive proposal on the Mercantile Exchange implementation would be ready within a year.

He admitted that the new exchange might face fierce competition from mercantile exchanges which had already established in the region. "However, that doesn't mean that we don't embark on it. Domestic demand is very strong," he said.—Xinhua

Thai tourism industry grows 7.6 pct in first half 2012

BANGKOK, 20 July—The Thai tourism industry continued its strong performance in the first six months of 2012, with total arrivals of 10,496,789, up 7.60 percent over the same period of last year, the country's tourism authority said on Wednesday.

The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) said in a report that the most important contributor to the growth was arrivals from China which, for

the first time, crossed the one million arrivals mark in the six-month period to record a total of 1,124,234, up by a robust 28.87 percent over the same period in 2011.

China was followed by Malaysia, Russia and Japan. East Asia recorded 5,486,941 arrivals to Thailand, accounting for 52.27 percent of total arrivals. For 2012, TAT has set a "Conservative" target of 20.5 million total international visitors, which

will be exceeded if the international economic and geopolitical situation remains stable, it said.

Despite last year's flood crisis, Thailand's tourism business registered a record-high revenue of 734.59 billion baht, up 23.92 percent over 2010. The largest number of foreign tourists were from Malaysia, at 2.47 million, followed by China, 1.76 million.

Xinhua

Video games aid stroke patients in rehabilitation in Australia

SYDNEY, 20 July — Video games are an effective rehabilitation tool for stroke patients, an Australian neurophysiologist said on Thursday. Dr Penelope McNulty at Neuroscience Research Australia in Sydney leads a team that has developed a new stroke rehabilitation therapy which uses the Nintendo Wii to help their patients.

McNulty's team has found that an intensive two-week training program based on the Wii could result in significant improvements in the strengthening of muscles and nerves in patients' arms and hands, even for people that had a stroke many years ago. "It was previously thought that the movement

and function stroke patients had at the time they left hospital was the only recovery they would make," McNulty said in a statement.

"But we have worked with people who have had strokes one month to 21 years ago, and excitingly, they all improve," she added. McNulty said the Wii was fun and inexpensive to use. "This type of rehabilitation motivates participants to actually complete their therapy, which is essential for maximum recovery," she said. Neuroscience Research Australia is working on ways to make the therapy available across the country as there are over 60,000 strokes in the nation each year.

Xinhua

Defence guideline targets private investment

BEIJING, 20 July — Defence-related industries will open more to private investors in a "fair and safe manner", according to an investment guideline unveiled on Thursday.

Investors and State-owned defense technology enterprises will be treated equally across the board, including licensing and tax, said the guideline, jointly crafted by the State Administration of Science, Technology and Industry for National Defence and the General Armament Department of the People's Liberation Army.

The guideline, however, only applies to private investors on the mainland.

Investors are encouraged to get involved in weapon development and production, the restructuring of State-owned enterprises as well as developing technology for both military and civilian use.

A catalog detailing the

weapons private companies can develop and produce is being revised and will be released later.

The guideline aims to boost competition in military procurement and some projects will be submitted for open tender. The military budget for 2012 is 670 billion yuan (\$105 billion).

The defence industry is potentially lucrative for investors, especially during a period of modernization, insiders said.

Zhang Hanya, chairman of the Investment Association of China, said that private companies have already been involved in certain defense sectors, including the production of dynamite, clothing and machinery. But private companies face limitations, especially financial, compared with State-owned enterprise, he said.

"These limitations restrict the role of private companies in the defence

New tri-layered tablet to prevent heart attack, stroke among aged

LONDON, 20 July — A four-component polypill could bring substantial health benefits to people aged 50 and over, giving them an average of 11 years of life without a heart attack or stroke, a new British clinic trial showed. Queen Mary University of London on Thursday issued a statement saying its researchers invented a polypill — a tri-layered tablet — containing three blood pressure lowering medicines and a statin for lowering cholesterol. Blood cholesterol and blood pressure are main causes of heart attack and stroke.

It was given to people without a history of cardiovascular disease aged 50 or more. They experienced a 12 percent reduction in blood pressure and a 39 percent reduction in harmful cholesterol, according to the study published in the journal *PLoS One*. "The health implications of our results are large. If people took the polypill from age 50, an estimated 28 percent would benefit by avoiding or delaying a heart attack or stroke during their lifetime," said Dr David Wald, principle investigator of the trial at Queen Mary.

"On average, those who benefit would gain 11 years of life without a heart attack or stroke." The study was a randomized placebo-controlled trial, whose design could produce highly accurate and reliable results. The researchers are now calling for regulatory support to make the polypill available to the public, saying that even if only 50 percent of people aged 50 or more took the pill, about 94,000 heart attacks and strokes would be prevented each year in Britain. —Xinhua



A boy plays a driving game in a simulator which will tell the carbon emission of a car at the end of the game in the Hangzhou Low Carbon Science & Technology Museum in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, 18 July, 2012. —XINHUA

Seven injured in 8-vehicle collision in western Japan

OSAKA, 20 July — At least seven people were injured Friday in an accident involving eight vehicles in Okayama Prefecture in western Japan. According to the country's public broadcaster Nippon Hoso Kyokai (NHK), the accident occurred at around 9 am local time on the Sanyo Expressway in Kasaoka City of the prefecture.

The broadcaster said a truck slammed into other seven vehicles that had stopped on the motorway due to traffic congestion and those injured were carried to hospitals. The motorway was temporarily closed after the crash but reopened by noon. The cause of the accident is under investigation. —Xinhua

Toward a cure for AIDS : Scientist set research agenda



Chinese medical staff test blood samples for HIV/AIDS at a disease prevention and control centre in Nanchang on 11 April, 2005. —REUTERS

CHICAGO, 20 July — A team of global scientists has devised a strategy to find a cure for AIDS, an effort inspired by the remarkable

story of a single US patient named Timothy Ray Brown who was cured from the disease.

Brown's treatment in Berlin involved the destruction of his immune system and a stem cell transplant from a donor with a rare genetic mutation that resists HIV infection.

The procedure is too costly and too difficult to replicate on a large scale. But in the years since his successful treatment in 2007, Brown's story has become a rallying point for scientists who believe the time is now right to seek a cure for AIDS.

Reuters

NZ scientists raise alert on central North Island volcano

WELLINGTON, 20 July — New Zealand scientists have raised their alert status on a large volcano in the centre of the North Island after it was shaken by a series of small earthquakes. The government's GeoNet seismic monitoring agency on Friday raised its six-level volcanic alert around Mount Tongariro

from Level 0 to Level 1, meaning the volcano has gone from dormant to showing signs of volcanic unrest.

"Small volcanic earthquakes have been recorded beneath Mount Tongariro. The sequence started on 13 July, but soon declined, restarting on 18 July and increasing in number on 19 and 20 July," said a statement from GeoNet.

The earthquakes were small, below magnitude 2.5, and about 2 to 7 kilometres below Tongariro's craters.

GeoNet scientists were planning to deploy portable seismic recorders around the epicenters of the quakes, and take samples of selected hot springs, crater lakes and fumaroles in the area, in order to better understand the significance of the quakes.

"Our historic seismic data has shown that these small volcanic earthquakes are common at Tongariro, but usually only occur at an average rate of two per year. We have recorded more than 20 since 13 July," said the statement.

Seismic activity indicating unrest was last detected at Tongariro in 2001.

"Our routine volcano monitoring also includes the chemistry of the lakes, springs and fumaroles on Tongariro. These were last sampled in May 2012. The samples collected in May show no anomalies." Mount Tongariro is a volcanic complex comprising numerous craters and vents.

Ash eruptions were recorded from Tongariro from 1855 to 1897, as well as unconfirmed activity in 1926 to 1927. Also Friday, Civil Defence Minister Chris Tremain warned New Zealanders against complacency when it comes to natural hazards.

He said a survey of national levels of preparedness showed 88 percent of New Zealanders had done something or thought about doing something to prepare for an emergency, while 55 percent said they had taken steps to prepare themselves or their household in the last 12 months. —Xinhua

Indian scientists try to crack monsoon source code

NEW DELHI, 20 July — Scientists aided by supercomputers are trying to unravel one of Mother Nature's biggest mysteries — the vagaries of the summer monsoon rains that bring life, and sometimes death, to India every year. In a first-of-its-kind project, Indian scientists aim to build computer models that would allow them to make a quantum leap in predicting the erratic movements of the monsoon. If successful, the impact would be life-changing in a country where 600 million people depend on farming for their livelihoods and where agriculture contributes 15 percent to the economy. The monsoon has been dubbed by some as India's "real finance minister". "Ultimately it's all about water. Everybody needs water and whatever amount of water you get here is mainly through rainfall," said Shailesh Nayak, secretary of the Earth Sciences Ministry.

India typically receives 75 percent of its annual rain from the June-September monsoon as moisture-laden winds sweep in from the southwest of the peninsula. The importance of the recently launched five-year "monsoon mission" has been underscored by this summer's patchy and below-average rains, which have provoked much anxious sky-



A girl runs for cover as it rains as monsoon clouds gather over Meerwada village in Guna district in Madhya Pradesh on 19 June, 2012. —REUTERS

watching and fears of drought in India's northwest, even as floods in the northeast displaced 2 million people and killed more than 100. Agriculture Minister Sharad Pawar cautioned this week that there was no need for alarm just yet, although he fretted that the monsoon was "playing hide-and-seek".

Working with counterparts in the United States and Britain, Indian scientists are trying to crack the monsoon's "source code" using super-fast computers to build the world's first short-range and long-range computer models that can give much more granular information about the monsoon's movements. —Reuters



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Panda named Fengyi plays at the Zoo of Guilin, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 19 July, 2012. Fengyi, a six-year-old female panda, was one of the eight "Olympic pandas" on display in Beijing in 2008. Fengyi, together with another Olympic panda Fuwa, will be on loan for 10 years to Malaysia to strengthen bilateral ties between the two countries, according to Malaysia's Natural Resources and Environment Ministry.

XINHUA

"MYANMAR SEAMEN'S FEDERATION FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY"

The First General Assembly of Myanmar Seamen's Federation will be held on the 12th August, 2012 Sunday from 9 to 12 A.M at Yuzana Hotel on Shwegondine Road.

All Overseas Seafarers are cordially invited to attend the assembly.

Remark : Lunch will be provided.
You are requested to bring the copy of CDC.

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US House passes Pentagon budget

WASHINGTON, 20 July — The US House of Representatives on Thursday evening passed next year's defence budget in a massive 607-billion-US-dollar bill that would fund the Pentagon and pay war costs from October, 2012, to September, 2013. The Republican-controlled House approved the measure in a 326-90 vote, after two days of debate and several amendments. The bill increases Pentagon base funding by about 1 billion dollars over the 2012 levels, to 519 billion dollars, but cut war funding by 27 billion dollars, to about 88.5 billion dollars.

The House version of the Pentagon budget has to be reconciled with the Senate version before it could be presented to President Barack Obama for his signature.

The Democratic-controlled Senate has made clear its opposition to the House bill, saying it broke a spending deal reached last year. The House bill is 3 billion dollars above the Pentagon's request, and 8 billion dollars above the spending caps in last year's Budget Control Act. The Senate is unlikely to take up the bill until August. —Xinhua

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Photo taken on 18 July, 2012 shows the water level of the Thunderbird Lake in Cleveland County, Oklahoma State, the United States. —XINHUA

Two dead as flash floods hit southern Philippines

COTABATO, 20 July — At least two people were killed in a flash flood that struck southern Philippine province of South Cotabato. Governor Arthur Pingoy said on Friday Saya Cala, 65, and daughter Monda Cala, drowned on Thursday after they were swept by rampaging floodwaters while crossing a creek in the village of Upper Maculan in Lake Sebu town.

The victims were at the middle of the creek when the rushing floodwaters came. Around 50 families were also displaced in nearby town of Isulan in Sultan Kudarat due to floods caused by bad weather, according to Mayor Diosdado Pallasingue. —MNA/Xinhua



Traffic moves through the Golden Gate Bridge during its 75th anniversary in San Francisco on 27 May, 2012.

Driving tax considered in California

A California transportation agency said it is considering a tax on motorists for each mile they drive in their cars.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the San Francisco Bay area agency leading the discussions on the possible tax, said the plan would likely involve GPS-like devices installed in cars to keep track of the miles traveled by motorists, with low-income drivers excepted, the *San Jose Mercury News* reported on Wednesday.

Randy Rentschler, a

spokesman for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, said the plan for a vehicle miles traveled tax, or VMT, could take up to a decade to implement if it is embraced by the public.

"I don't want to say it's pie in the sky. A VMT charge is really an option for the future to be looked at and considered," Rentschler said.

The Association of Bay Area Governments, which includes city councilors and county supervisors, is scheduled to analyze a study of the proposal on Thursday.

Woman purged from voter rolls is not dead

A Florida woman said a letter saying she has been removed from voter rolls due to her death is the second such letter she has received.

Constance Smith, 61, of College Park, said she received a letter from the Orange County Supervisor of Elections office Friday, the same day her absentee ballot arrived in the mail, the *Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel* reported Wednesday.

"This letter is to inform you that the person named above has been removed from the Orange County vote rolls after we received

notification of their death," the notice read.

Smith said she received a similar letter in 2008, which officials attributed to the death of a woman with a similar name who had the same birth date. She said it took her six months to clear up the mistake in 2008 and it involved her obtaining a "non-death" certificate from the Florida Department of Health.

Linda Tanko, deputy supervisor of elections for Orange County, said the error may have been the result of the Social Security Administration sharing



A voter walks into a voting booth in Nashua, New Hampshire on January, 10 2012.

erroneous information with the Florida Division of Elections.

"We certainly apologize. I've already taken the

steps to get her straight on the books," Tanko said. "But I'm only as good as the next death list that comes down" from the capital.



People of 72 different nationalities set a Guinness World Record.

72 nationalities gather on Ferris wheel

Guinness World Records confirmed a world record was set at a Swedish theme park when people of 72 nationalities gathered on a Ferris wheel.

Guinness confirmed the Monday afternoon record at Gothenburg's Liseberg theme park, organized in connection with the Gothia Cup youth soccer tournament, the Swedish news agency TT reported on Wednesday.

"By bringing different nationalities together on one ride we want to show our borderless world and our common responsibility for its future, regardless of nationality, religion, sex or color," said Dennis Andersson, general secretary of Gothia Cup. Annabel Lawday, a Guinness representative, was on hand to witness the record, which beat the previous record of 50 nationalities on a single ride.

News Album

Tom Cruise reunites with daughter Suri

NEW YORK, 20 July—Actor Tom Cruise met his six-year-old daughter Suri here for the first time since ex-wife Katie Holmes filed for divorce.

Cruise, who came here on Tuesday morning, was spotted carrying Suri into the Greenwich Hotel where he's staying.

"He has been dying to see her," starpulse.com quoted a source as saying.

The father-daughter's day began when the 50-year-old flew in from Los Angeles after wrapping the shoot for his film "Oblivion".

He picked up Suri from Holmes's apartment. According to tmz.com, both



Actor Tom Cruise

Cruise and Holmes did not see each other. He was reportedly only there for about five minutes.

Part of their day together included him taking Suri to her gymnastics class at the

Chelsea Piers.

It is reported that the father and daughter will spend several days together while he's in town.

The last time Cruise was publicly seen with his daughter was while he and Holmes were still married and the three were out for dinner in Iceland.

"Katie wants to make sure the visits are in the context of him being a parent figure. He adores Suri, but now he's afraid he won't be able to have a close relationship with her," said a source close to Holmes.

Internet

Katie Price loves making money

LONDON, 20 July—Model Katie Price, who has her own range of clothes, books, perfumes and bedding, has always been keen to earn cash and is forever coming up with ways to boost her wealth.

The 34-year-old has an estimated fortune of worth Rs 45 million pounds. "My mum's friend gave me the Kylie song 'Tears On My Pillow' for my 12th birthday and I also got a tape recorder so I used it to record that song and others off the radio and sell them for 1 pound. I have



Model Katie Price

always loved the thrill of making money," the-

sun.co.uk quoted Price as saying.

"I was very shrewd from a young age. I remember going to a pet shop with my mum aged about nine and there was a black rabbit that I desperately wanted but she said 'no'. I thought to myself, 'I am going to have that rabbit', and when we got home I found Mum's cheque book and wrote out and signed one in her name for the price of the rabbit. "I posted it off to the pet shop and they phoned back a few days later and asked to check some details with my mum. I was grounded for a week," she said.—Internet

Gaga to build floating palace in Greece



Singer Lady Gaga

be floating, so anyone wanting a gander will only be able to see it if they go by boat," dailystar.co.uk quoted a source as saying.

The 26-year-old's dream house will have a church, tennis court and "it will also include a tennis court and two pools", the source added.

It was even rumoured that Gaga was planning to tie the knot with boyfriend Luc Carl in Crete.

Internet



Singer Elton John

LONDON, 20 July—Singer Elton John says he always thought his homosexuality was "common knowledge" which is why he never officially came out until he was asked directly.

The 65-year-old, who married partner Renate

I thought people knew I was gay: Elton John

Blauel in 1984 before confirming he was gay in 1988, says he was "waiting" to be asked about his sexual preferences, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

Asked by 'Today' host Matt Lauer why he didn't come out until he was in his 40s, he said: "Nobody asked me. When (journalist) Cliff Jahr asked me in Rolling Stone, 'I'm gonna ask you a question, but if you don't want to answer it, I'm gonna

turn the tape recorder off.'

"And I said, 'You're gonna ask me if I'm gay or not.' And he said, 'How did you know that?' I said, 'I've been waiting for people to ask me this. It's not exactly a secret. I live with my manager. I'm openly gay outside. I don't have a girlfriend. And nobody's ever actually out — I just thought it was common knowledge."

Internet

Madonna cancels Australian tour



Pop star Madonna

LONDON, 20 July —Pop star Madonna has called off plans to tour Australia for the first time in nearly 20 years.

The 53-year-old had provisionally booked a number of arenas with plans to take her Mdn shows to Melbourne and Sydney later this year (12). An announcement about the Australian dates was due later this year (12), but Madonna's tour promoters at Live Nation have now confirmed the singer will not be going ahead with the shows, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

Madonna has not played in Australia since taking The Girlie Show World Tour Down Under in 1993.—Internet

Sylvester Stallone hires private investigator

LOS ANGELES, 20 July—Actor Sylvester Stallone has hired a private investigator to find out how his 36-year-old son, Sage, died.

He was found unresponsive on Friday at his Studio City apartment here. According to tmz.com, Sylvester wants PI Scott Ross, Los Angeles County

Coroner's office, to figure out what happened to Sage, and even though there is no evidence of foul play, he is not ruling that out.

He also wants to know about Sage's final weeks, whether he was using drugs or consuming alcohol, and if there was anything troubling his son.

An initial autopsy on his body, which was completed on Sunday, proved inconclusive and the cause of death is not expected to be known for up to two months until the toxicology tests are completed.—Internet

Actor Sylvester Stallone



King announces retirement from football

LONDON, 20 July — Tottenham Hotspur captain Ledley King has announced his retirement from football at the age of 31. The England international defender made his Spurs debut at the end of the 1998/99 season against Liverpool. He went on to make 266 Barclays Premier League appearances for Spurs and won 21 caps in total—but he has found his chances for first-team football restricted by a chronic knee injury.

The centre-half, who never played for another club during his career, is to stay at Spurs in an ambassadorial role.

"I have been here since I was a boy, I have always considered it my club and have always found it hard to imagine wearing the shirt of another team," King told Tottenham's official website. "I know that being a one-club man is a rarity these days, but I have always enjoyed being part of the set-up here and the challenge of putting this club up with the elite where it should be. I would like to say thank you to everyone at the club and to the fans. I have missed a lot of football over the years, but the Spurs fans have always been patient and incredibly supportive with me

during difficult periods. Sadly my injuries and inability to train have now finally brought an end to my career."

The club will hold a testimonial match for King at White Hart Lane at the end of the 2012/2013 season, with the opposition determined at a later date. Chairman Daniel Levy said: "It will undoubtedly be a special night at the Lane, the chance for fans and teammates to pay tribute to our longest-serving, not to mention one of the most gifted players in the history of the club." He added: "Ledley has made a magnificent contribution to this club—as a wonderful player, captain and ambassador." It has been well documented how he has battled against injury over the years and it is testament to the character of the man how he managed to sustain such high standards of performance on the pitch, while providing such fine leadership. — *Internet*



Tottenham Hotspur defender Ledley King has never played for another club.
INTERNET

Bodine to make 200th start at Chicagoland Speedway

CHARLOTTE, 20 July — Todd Bodine will make a milestone start in Saturday night's Truck Series race at Chicagoland Speedway. The event will be the 200th for Bodine, and it will make him the only driver with at least 200 starts in all three of NASCAR's national series. "You get into this sport because you love it, want to go in circles, win races and have fun, and here we are 21 years later with all these starts, and a lot of wins, good times and great friends," said the 48-year-old Bodine. "It seems just like yesterday I was running my first race at Stafford Springs."

Bodine has made 241 starts in NASCAR's top Sprint Cup Series, and he's got 325 starts in the second-tier Nationwide Series. With a total of 766 starts, Bodine ranks 20th all-time in combined series.



In this 30 Oct, 2008, file photo, NASCAR Truck Series driver Todd Bodine stands on pit road at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas. Bodine will make a milestone start in Saturday night's Truck Series race at Chicagoland Speedway. The event will be the 200th for Bodine, and it will make him the only driver with at least 200 starts in all three of NASCAR's national series. — *Internet*

starts. But Bodine is chasing wins, and he'd like to add to that total at Chicago. The two-time Truck Series champion has 22 victories in that series, but only one this year. He'd like to add another win Saturday night in his Red Horse Racing entry.

"While you try to win them all, it would be pretty special to win the 200th," Bodine said. "To have that kind of longevity in the sport and still be able to get it done, especially in a significant moment like that, definitely would make it a lot more special." Bodine has a pair of runner-up finishes in three Truck Series starts at Chicagoland and has won the pole at the track in the Truck, Nationwide and Cup Series. After Saturday night's race, Bodine has a long way to go to catch Rick Crawford's record 334 Truck Series starts. He believes he's got another 134 races in him. "I'd like to have that," he said of Crawford's mark. "I feel like I've got another 10 years left, 334 is doable." — *Internet*

International Sports

Walk in the park gives Scott lead at British Open

LYTHAM ST ANNES, 20 July — Unlike the guys in charge of the weather forecast, Adam Scott got everything just about right Thursday in the British Open. Scott was determined not to take himself out of contention in the opening round at Royal Lytham & St Annes, as he had done in the first two majors this year. Caddie Steve Williams gave him a pep talk to play the first hole like it was the last one. Even more inspiration came from the international flags posted above the massive grandstand down the left side of the first tee.

They weren't flapping. They were sagging. In surprisingly calm conditions, Scott raced out to the lead and almost into the record book. He stood on the 18th tee needing a birdie to break the major championship scoring record, and instead made



Marion Bartoli of France returns to Vania King during day five of the Mercury Insurance Open Presented By Tri-City Medical at La Costa Resort & Spa, on 18 July, in Carlsbad, California. The top-seeded Bartoli struggled in her second round win (6-4, 5-7, 6-4) as she needed treatment on her left hip. — *Internet*

CARLSBAD, 20 July — Injured Marion Bartoli will need to recover fitness when she plays American Christina McHale, who lined up a Friday quarter-final at the WTA event with a 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 win over Misaki Doi. The top-seeded Bartoli, of France, struggled in a second round win on Wednesday over American Vania King as she needed treatment on her left hip.

The world number 10 is counting on solid hardcourt performances this summer in North America as she misses

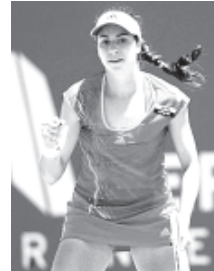
Bartoli hopes for speedy recovery at WTA Carlsbad

the London Olympics due to a longstanding feud with the national federation over her insistence that her father should be her only coach.

Bartoli spent on Thursday in rehab with the hopes of being ready for McHale, one of two American Olympians in the quarter-finals. "I will be able to rest and have good work on it from the physio and get my whole body loose and relaxed," Bartoli said after her late-night on Wednesday win which included a staggering 18 double-faults. "It is great to have a day off, that's for sure. But I will have to figure out why my serve is not on right now."

McHale showed her fighting qualities as she recovered to beat Doi after nearly three hours, with the 27th-ranked winner reprising a victory over her opponent from Stanford two years ago. Japan's Doi put McHale under pressure on serve, but the American saved 16 of a massive 19 break chances to reach her second quarter-final

of the season after Doha. "I have to give credit to Misaki because she played really, really well," said the winner. "She made it hard for me. In the third set I started finding my rhythm more on my serve, which made it easier then for me to hold." — *Internet*



Christina McHale celebrates winning a point during her match against Misaki Doi of Japan during day six of the Mercury Insurance Open Presented By Tri-City Medical at La Costa Resort & Spa, on 19 July, in Carlsbad, California. McHale won 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.
INTERNET

Motta leaves Juventus for Bologna

ROME, 20 July — Bologna has completed the loan signing of Juventus defender Marco Motta, with the option of acquiring a 50 percent stake in the defender next summer.

The Italy international spent the second half of last season at Catania, but had been heavily linked with the Rossoblu in recent weeks and his move to the Dall'Ara was finally confirmed on Thursday evening. "Bologna FC 1909 announces that it has reached an agreement with Juventus for the transfer of defender Marco Motta on a temporary basis, with a right to redeem half of the player's registration," a statement on the club's website read.

Motta initially arrived in Turin on loan from Udinese in 2010 before sealing a permanent transfer the following summer. — *Internet*



Juventus defender Marco Motta



Adam Scott of Australia lines up a putt on the first green at Royal Lytham & St Annes golf club during the first round of the British Open Golf Championship, Lytham St Annes, England, on 19 July, 2012.
INTERNET

bogey to settle for a 6-under 64. It matched the lowest Open round ever at Royal Lytham and gave the Australian a one-shot lead over Paul Lawrie, Zach Johnson and Nicolas Colsearts.

"It was just like a nice walk in the park today," Scott said. "And it was not what

we've experienced in the practice rounds. I'm sure there's going to be some weather elements thrown at us the next three days, so just going to have to knuckle down to handle that. But I'm confident. My ball striking is good. I think I can get it around no matter what the conditions are." The proof was in limp flags and red numbers on the scoreboards.

Scott was among three dozen players with rounds in the 60s, a group that included Tiger Woods. Trying to end a four-year drought in the majors, Woods raced out to four birdies in seven holes to take the early lead, only to settle into a series of pars and one adventure through grass up to his knees for a lone bogey that gave him a 67. In his third Open at Lytham, Woods said it was as easy as he had ever seen it play. — *Internet*

Nadal out of London Games with injury

MADRID, 20 July — Olympic champion Rafa Nadal's withdrawal from the London Games because of injury deprived the tournament of one of its biggest attractions and left Spain reeling on Thursday. The gold-medal winner in Beijing four years ago has failed to recover from a knee problem, and so will also miss out on the honor of carrying his nation's flag at the opening ceremony. The



Rafael Nadal of Spain Spanish tennis federation (RFET) said Feliciano Lopez would be his replacement in the singles, while Marc Lopez would step in to partner Marcel Granollers in the doubles.

The country's Olympic

committee (COE) said a meeting on Friday would decide on a replacement flag bearer for the 27 July parade. "I'm not in a condition to be able to compete," Nadal, 26, said in a statement. "It's one of the saddest moments of my career." Nadal won a record seventh French Open title in June but crashed out in the second round at Wimbledon in a big upset against lowly ranked Czech Lukas Rosol. Earlier this

month, he pulled out of a charity match against Novak Djokovic at Real Madrid's Bernabeu stadium saying he was suffering from tendonitis and needed to rest.

Nadal had hoped to return to Wimbledon this month to defend his Olympic title and his withdrawal echoes his plight of 2009 when a similar knee problem meant he had to withdraw from the grasscourt grand slam, a year after winning it for the first time in an epic final against Roger Federer. — *Reuters*

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

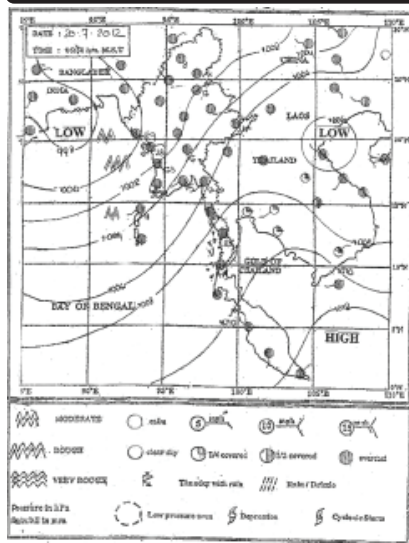
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- * News
- * Thailand Myanmar Business Matching
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- * News
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- * Myanmar Movie (Deadhead Yet Cherished)

MYANMAR TV (21-7-2012) (Saturday)

- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta by Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
- 2. To be Healthy Exercise
- 7:40 am
- 3. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:10 am
- 4. Poem Garden
- 11:10 am
- 5. Musical Programme
- 11:55 am
- 6. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News
- 2:30 pm
- 7. Song of National Races
- 2:50 pm
- 8. International News
- 4:20 pm
- 9. Cultural Dances
- 4:40 pm
- 10. Instrumental Music
- 5:05 pm
- 11. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:30 pm
- 12. Beautiful "ASEAN"
- 6:35 pm
- 13. Celebrity and Dinner
- 7:00 pm
- 14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
- 15. News
- 16. Cartoon Series
- 17. TV Drama Series
- 18. Gitaadagale Phwinbaohn

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 21st July, 2012

S. No.	No.	Temperature (°C)		Forecast		Percent
		Maximum	Minimum			
1	Kachin	27/81	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
2	Kayah	27/81	26/88	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
3	Kaye	28/82	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
4	Chin	22/72	17/63	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
5	Upper Sgaw	32/90	26/79	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
6	Lower Sgaw	35/95	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
7	Tanintharyi	30/86	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
8	Bago	29/84	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)	
9	Magway	32/90	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
10	Mandalay	37/99	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
11	Maw	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
12	Yangon	28/84	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
13	Rakhae	28/82	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)	
14	Southern Shan	23/73	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
15	Northern Shan	30/86	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
16	Eastern Shan	28/82	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
17	Ayeyawady	27/81	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	28/82	23/73	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	28/84	22/72	One or two rain or thundershowers	(80%)	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	37/99	27/81	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)	

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sgaw Region, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mandalay Region, scattered in Magway Region, fairly widespread in Upper Sgaw Region, Rakhae and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Ayeyawady Region and Rakhae State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Taunggyi (5.28) inches, Owa (4.76) inches, Maung (3.86) inches, Ngathachong (3.74) inches, Thabeik (3.55) inches, Myingyung (3.50) inches, Panat (2.79) inches, Hmabada (2.76) inches and Nyaung-U (2.73) inches.

Bay Inference

Monsoon is vigorous in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea

Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days

Continuation of strong monsoon.

Outstanding students honoured in Patheingyi

PATHEINGYI, 20 July—A ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students in the 2012 matriculation examination and stationery and school uniforms to students was held at the hall of the Kimmalinkyun (Highway) Bus Terminal in No 3 Shwewuthmon area of Patheingyi in Ayeyawady Region on 13 July afternoon.

The students are offspring of members of the bus lines, bus owners, gate officers, drivers and bus conductors.

At first, Head of Region Transport Planning Department Daw Tin Tin Hla made a speech. Chairman of All Private Bus-line Control Committee U Myint Lwin explained presentation of the prizes to the outstanding students and stationery and school uniforms to the students.

Next, the Head of Region Transport Planning Department gave prizes to the matriculation exam-passed students and stationery and school uniforms to other students.

Myanma Alin



TREES PLANTED: The rainy season tree growing ceremony was held in Haikkaba forest reserve in Kunlong Township of Kunlong District in 15 July. Deputy Commissioner of District General Administration Department U Kyaw Thet, Township Administrator U Min Swe, district and township level departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people cultivate saplings.—MYANMA ALIN

Wimbledon to move back a week from 2015

LONDON, 20 July — Wimbledon organizers have bowed to players' wishes by announcing a later start date from 2015, extending the tennis grass-court season and increasing the gap with the French Open, they said in a statement on Thursday. The grand slam will be pushed back a week, giving players three weeks to adjust from the slower French Open clay courts.

"The best interests of tennis will be served by allowing the players more time to recuperate and to adjust from the clay of Roland Garros to the grass at Wimbledon," said Philip Brook, chairman of the All England Club. "All our research indicates that there is

widespread support within the game for extending the gap between the French Open and Wimbledon and, importantly, we think most players will welcome the prospect of a longer grass court season and spending more time on the softer surface of grass.

"In making this change from 2015 we recognize that there will be some important consequences for the overall tennis calendar and enough time needs to be given to allow us all to plan accordingly." Players have long complained that the two-week gap between the clay and grass seasons is insufficient. Wimbledon 2015 will run from 29 June to 12 July.—Reuters



Andy Murray of Britain serves to Roger Federer of Switzerland in their men's singles final tennis match at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London on 8 July, 2012.—REUTERS

Crossword Puzzle



Across

- Blabs
- Northern New York
- Proved right (2 wds)
- Writes in symbols
- ___ The Cat, appeared in "Breakfast at Tiffany's"
- Divide into three equal parts
- Guardian (2 wds)
- "A pox on you!"
- "... ___ he drove out of sight"
- Retains possession of
- Becomes tiresome
- Bar bill
- Hawaiian dish
- Artwork that clarifies
- Exchange (2 wds)
- Otagia

- Recommended food plan (2 wds)
- Branch
- Ring bearer, maybe
- Twangy, as a voice
- Scatter seeds again
- Backstabber
- Ceiling
- Advanced study after college
- City NE of Oakland, CA
- In pieces
- Profitable
- Exaggerated saintliness
- Pardon granted by a government
- Drink with a straw
- a big laugh
- Sort
- Song and dance, e.g.
- "Beowulf," e.g.
- "Fiddlesticks!"
- ___ function
- "O patria mia" singer
- Hidden valley
- It's a piece of cake
- Genius
- Supernatural
- Length x width, for a rectangle
- Makes lace
- Alpine transport (hyphenated)
- Pink, as a steak
- "___ for the poor"
- Downer
- "Evangeline" setting
- Most recent
- Express
- Crosswise threads (pl.)
- Mouth, in slang
- Make waves
- Cottontail's tail
- "___ I care!" (2 wds)
- Face-off
- "Do ___ others as..."
- ___ Khan
- "China Beach" setting, shortened
- Bolivian export

Down

- Doughnut-shaped surface
- Desk item
- Advanced
- Balcony section
- Litigant
- Not given medical care
- Dermatologist's concern
- Really need to bathe
- Spoonful, say
- Absorbed, as a cost
- P.I., e.g.
- "C' ___ la vie!"
- Line in a play that elicits

Chin State Chief Minister explains progress of regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—Chin State government held a press conference on multi-sector development of Chin State, at Haka of Chin State on 17 July.

At the ceremony, Chin State Chief Minister U Hong Nagi said that the government has carried out community-centered development tasks to be able to fulfill socio-economic needs of people effectively. The State was also promoting the power of the country by means of extended forming of social and economic organizations, rural cooperative societies and promoting human



The meeting on Regional Development of Chin State in progress.
MNA

resources development, in every townships. In conclusion, he said that it needed to form social and

economic organizations in townships of the State.

After that, Chief Minister U Hong Ngai replied to the

questions raised by townselders of respective townships of Chin State.

MNA

Qualifier Golf Tournament on 13-14 Aug

YANGON, 20 July—Qualifier Golf Tournament, jointly organized by Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Senior PGA, will be held at Shwemantaung golf course in Mandalay on 13 and 14 August. The tournament is classified into three groups, namely—Professional, Senior Professional and Teaching Pro. All men golfers who want to participate in the qualifier must be H' Cap 0-12 at Amateur level.

For the Senior Professional level, those golfers' age must be 50. Those who had qualified for professional and senior professional levels are entitled to compete in Myanmar PGA and Senior PGA tournaments.

Those wishing to compete in the tournament may register at the Shwemantaung Golf Course along with fee of K 50,000 not later than 2 pm on 11 August and dial 09-2037671, 0973130474 or 01-651374.

MNA

Talk on traffic rules, anti-human trafficking, threat of drugs given

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—A talk on traffic rules, prevention against trafficking in person and threat of narcotic drugs was held at No 2 Basic Education High School in Loikaw on 18 July afternoon.

In-charge of the Traffic Police Force IP Hlaing Oo of Kayah State Police Force gave talks on traffic rules and disciplines for pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists, IP Kan Win of Anti-Human Trafficking Squad of Kayah State Police Force on prevention against trafficking in persons and victims of human trafficking and IP Tin Soe of Taunggyi Anti-Drug Special Squad on facts about threat of narcotic drugs.

The talk was attended by teachers and students totalling 1300.—MNA

Low pressure area on northwest Bay of Bengal

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—According to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, a low pressure area has formed over Northwest Bay of Bengal.

Under the influence of low pressure area, rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Bago and Ayeyawady Regions and Kayah State, widespread in Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Kayin and Mon States with regionally heavyfall in Rakhine State, isolated heavyfall in Bago and Ayeyawady Regions. Occasional squalls with rough sea will be experienced off and along Myanmar coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 40 mph, said Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA

Knowledge about taxation disseminated in Pantanaw

PANTANAW, 20 July—A talk on fact about taxation was held at Myat Pyinnya Hall of Basic Education High School in Pantanaw of Ayeyawady Region on 14 July.

Head of Township Internal Revenue Department Daw Sein Myint gave talks on taxation.

After that, staff of the Township IRD donated books on taxation to the library of Pantanaw Basic Education High School.

Myanma Alin

Hazard's brother appears Blues bound



Eden Hazard's brother Thorgan is expected to complete his move to Chelsea on Friday.—INTERNET

LONDON, 20 July—Thorgan Hazard's move to Chelsea could be completed on Friday, according to to Lens sporting director Antoine Sibierski.

Hazard is expected to follow in the footsteps of his more celebrated elder brother Eden by joining the Blues this summer and his Ligue 1 employers appear to have accepted the move is inevitable.

Sibierski told his club's official website: "It should be official tomorrow. (When I arrived) there was no intention of letting him go and I met him very quickly after my arrival to show my confidence in him.

"He still had one year left and it was proposed he extended it but he told me eye to eye that did not interest him and he wanted to leave Lens.

"I realized 48 hours later why, when I learned Chelsea wanted him. I understand."

Lens coach Jean-Luis Garcia also accepted there was no chance of keeping Hazard.

He added: "He is a boy of 19, his elder brother signs for Chelsea and he is urged to do so by the same club, who won the Champions League.

"Congratulations to Thorgan. Unfortunately we cannot go against such an opportunity. Good luck to him.—Internet

Valencia agree fee for Gago

MADRID, 20 July—Valencia have agreed a fee with Real Madrid for midfielder Fernando Gago, the La Liga club have confirmed.

Gago, 26, arrived in Valencia on Thursday evening after the fee - reportedly in the region of €3.5 million - and personal terms were agreed, Los Che announced on their official club website.

Gago initially made a strong impression after joining Madrid for more than €20 million from Boca Juniors in January 2006, helping the club to La Liga titles in 2007 and 2008. But he fell down the pecking order following the arrivals of Xabi Alonso, Sami Khedira and Nuri Sahin, and spent last season on loan at Roma.



Fernando Gago is set to return to La Liga after a stint in Italy.
INTERNET

Sergio Canales looks set to join Gago in transferring to Valencia, with his loan move expected to be made permanent in the coming days. The 21-year-old spent last term on loan at the Mestalla, but his opportunities were limited by two serious knee injuries.

Internet

72 nationalities gather on Ferris wheel



People of 72 different nationalities set a Guinness World Record.

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