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President U Thein Sein visits Temple of the Emerald Buddha

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—President U Thein Sein and party visited the Temple of the Emerald Buddha in Grand Palace, Bangkok, Thailand on 24 July morning.

The President signed the visitors' book at Chakri Mahaprasat Throne Hall in Grand Palace and viewed round the building.

The President and party paid obeisance to the Emerald Buddha and presented cash donation.

They then observed mural paintings and works of arts around the temple and posed for documentary photo together with Thai personnel.

They then paid homage to pagoda in the precinct and viewed round religious buildings.—MNA

President U Thein Sein and party pose for documentary photo at Temple of Emerald Buddha in Grand Palace, Bangkok together with officials of Thailand.—MNA



Myanmar vows to strengthen prevailing friendship, open-hearted mutual trust, bilateral cooperation between two neighbouring countries

Thai Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra hosts dinner to President U Thein Sein



President U Thein Sein delivers address at dinner hosted at Outer Santi Maitri Building at Government House in Bangkok.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—Thai Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra hosted a dinner to President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein at Outer Santi Maitri Building of the Government House in Bangkok of Thailand on 23 July evening.

The dinner was also attended by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development

U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min, Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, Deputy Minister for Industry U Myo Aung, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thang Lwin, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Tin Win and departmental heads.

On arrival at the Government House, the President was welcomed by the Thai Prime Minister. The two leaders viewed gifts to be exchanged.

The President cordially greeted those present at the dinner at Reception Hall and viewed arts and cultural booth of Thailand displayed in the hall.

The Thai PM then hosted a dinner to the President and his entourage. The Thai PM proposed a toast.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Myanmar's anteroom

With dilapidated infrastructures and poor utility services, nobody won't believe that Yangon was once "the garden city of the East" famed for its spacious parks and leafy avenues. In rainy seasons, Yangon's roads often flood since box culverts of the city's decades old waste disposal system are blocked.

The city with the largest urban population in Myanmar contributed by emerging satellite towns encapsulating the city centre is prone to urbanization issues. The city's service providers found themselves hard to cope with constantly growing consumption.

Following the government's car import policy reforms, luxury vehicle prices, once merely a display of wealth by elites, have come within the reach of upper middle class. Consequently, the moon surface-alike downtown roads of Yangon which hosts a large segment of the middle-class urban population are congested largely.

Yangon is a city with largest number of colonial buildings in Asia. The Yangon regeneration plan should be built around the ancient buildings which could be transformed into luxury hotels and museums while attaching an immense importance on yuppifying the city.

Recent reports suggest that more gas power plants will be built in the outskirts of Yangon to satisfy growing electricity demand of the city. For the long run, the municipal officials of the seat of Yangon region government should pay more attention on renewable energy sources as most of global cities are trying to acclaim themselves as green cities.

As Myanmar has opened up once again to the outside world, world businessmen and tourists are flocking into the country. Yangon has become the anteroom of Myanmar where almost all business deals are done and the famous cordial welcome is first extended. To attract more visitors, we need to rearrange our anteroom.

Political party applies for registration

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—Union Election Commission has been scrutinizing and passing political parties. The Zomi Congress for Democracy applied for registration as political party to the Union Election Commission today.—MNA



The War Veterans Organization of Mohnyin Township held a ceremony to present stipends to outstanding students for 2012-2013 academic year at the office of the organization on 21 July.
NLM 001

Computer technicians of MCF discuss to promote education standard of computer universities

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—A ceremony for holding talks with scholars of Myanmar Computer Federation to improve higher education standard of the universities of computer studies was held at the meeting room of Yangon University of Computer Studies under the Ministry of Science and Technology on 22 July, with an attendance of Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint.

The Union Minister pointed out that the professors of Computer University and external computer technicians need to join hands to uplift the standard of computer universities to become centre of excellence in Myanmar. Yangon Technological University and Mandalay Technological University have been improved to Center of Excellence as well as some computer universities are being tried to uplift Centre of Excellence, he said. The curricula that prescribed for those universities will meet not only the standard of international level but market demand, laws, and modern technology, he noted. In this way, the education standard of computer universities can be improved as expected and it will become Centre of Excellence, said the Union Minister.

As the duration of computer science and technology courses have been extended to five years, the faculty members are responsible for not only training the students theoretically and practically but also providing necessary teaching for those students enabling them to apply advanced technology, he noted.

Next, the directors-general of the Ministry of Science and Technology and the rectors and faculty members of the universities of computer studies discussed the ways to improve computer education system in Myanmar.

Moreover, President of Myanmar Computer Federation

Union Health Minister visits Lewe Township Hospital

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin visited 100-bed township hospital in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township yesterday.

The Union Minister inspected departments, wards and operation theatres of the hospital.

He then visited health staff training school under Health Department in Lewe and met township health officer trainees.

The Union Minister urged the trainees to win trust of the people, providing quality healthcare to patients with a heart of gold.—MNA



Public notice for remonstrance

1. Zomi Congress for Democracy, headquartered at No. 203, the third floor of Room-18, on Pansodan Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon Region, applied for registration as a political party on 26-7-2012 in accord with Political Parties Registration Law Section 5. In applying for its registration, the party has submitted its name, flag and logo to be used as mentioned hereunder.
2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rule 14 (d) that those who wish to remonstrate with the Union Election Commission about the party name, flag and logo may do so with firm evidence within seven days from the date of this announcement.



Flag of Zomi Congress for Democracy



Seal of Zomi Congress for Democracy

Union Election Commission

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of H. E. Mr. Luis Fernando Danus Charpentier as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Chile to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Mr. Luis Fernando Danus Charpentier was born on 21 October 1954 in Antofagasta, Chile. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile in 1976. He served at various capacities at the Chilean Embassies in United Kingdom, New Zealand, Malaysia and Indonesia as well as at the Chilean Permanent Mission to the United Nations.

Currently, he is serving as Chilean Ambassador to Singapore and he will be concurrently accredited to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Singapore.—MNA

U Thein Oo and computer technicians exchanged views on work procedure of Myanmar computer education system from ASEAN standard to international standard each step by step.

The Union Minister met faculty members of Yangon University of Computer Studies and urged them to turn out outstanding students with international level. He then left necessary instructions.—MNA

MRTV, CRI to jointly organize Myanmar poem recitation contest

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—Myanmar Radio and Television under the Ministry of Information of Myanmar and CRI of China will jointly organize a Myanmar poem recitation contest.

The poems in Myanmar language for the contest, which do not have specific requirements for age, education and title, must portray Myanmar-China friendship, and natural beauties and traditional customs of the two countries. There is no limit of words, but wordings that could tarnish the image of any other

country and political wordings will not be accepted. The contestants must send the original copy and two copies of the poem, typed or handwritten, on the only page, attaching an assurance of his/her own creation, the pseudonym, the brief curriculum vitae, complete address and two passport photos, to Myanmar Poem Recitation Contest Organizing Committee, MRTV, Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon) or MRTV, Yangon (Pyay Road) or Myanmar@cri.cn through email, not later than 30 October.

The names of tentatively selected poems will be announced and the contest is scheduled to be held in the end of November. Two special prizes (China trip), one first prize, three second prize and five third prize and beautiful poem prizes will be awarded. For more details, one may contact MRTV (Nay Pyi Taw) (Ph: 067-79475 and 067-79374).—MNA



Bus and cars wade through a flooded street in Tianjin, north China, on 26 July, 2012. Heavy rainfall hit the municipality from Wednesday afternoon to Thursday.

XINHUA

Iran accuses Israel of plotting Bulgaria bus attack

UNITED NATIONS, 26 July—Iran's UN envoy accused Israel on Wednesday of plotting and carrying out a suicide bomb attack on a bus in Bulgaria a week ago in which five Israeli tourists were killed.

A suicide bomber blew up the bus in a car park at Burgas airport, a popular gateway for tourists visiting Bulgaria's Black Sea coast, killing himself, the Israeli tourists and the Bulgarian bus driver and wounding more than 30 people.

Israel has accused Iran and the Lebanese Islamist group Hezbollah of the bombing. Iran has denied the accusations.

"It's amazing that just a few minutes after the terrorist attack, Israeli officials announced that Iran was behind it,"



A bus that was damaged in a bomb blast on Wednesday is seen outside Burgas Airport, about 400km (248 miles) east of Sofia on 19 July, 2012. —REUTERS

Iran's UN Ambassador Mohammad Khazaei told a UN Security Council debate on the Middle East. "We have never and will not engage in such a despicable attempt on ... innocent people."

"Such terrorist operation could only be planned and carried out by the same regime whose short history is full of state terrorism operations and assassinations aimed implicating others for narrow political gains," Khazaei said. "I could provide ... many examples showing that this regime killed its own citizens and innocent Jewish people during the last couple of decades.—Reuters

At least 5 missing after tanker explosion off Malaysia's east peninsula

KUALA LUMPUR, 26 July—At least five people were missing after a fire broke out on a tanker early Thursday morning near the docking area of the federal territory of Labuan, an island off Malaysia's east peninsula, its operator said.

Malaysia International Shipping Corporation (MISC) said in a statement that a fire broke out onboard its 38,000 DWT IMO II chemical/palm oil tanker, Bunga Alpina. "The ship has 29 crew members, of which 23 are Malaysians and six Filipinos. At present, 24 have been safely brought ashore whilst five are still unaccounted for," the statement said.

Sources told Xinhua that the fire broke out after an explosion.

Officials at the local fire-fighting department confirmed the accident, which happened around 2:30 am, but declined to provide further details by saying the rescue operation is still underway. The vessel was alongside the Methanol terminal owned by Malaysia's state oil and gas giant, Petronas when the incident took place, MISC said.—Internet

Fighter scrambled to intercept aircraft ahead of Games

LONDON, 26 July—Britain's controversial Olympic security procedures swung into action on Wednesday when a fighter jet was scrambled to intercept an aircraft that had entered restricted airspace.

The Typhoon jet was ordered to intercept the aircraft after it failed to contact air traffic controllers, the Ministry of Defence said.

Communications were then restored and the fighter jet told to stand down.

Olympic organizers have been criticised for militarising the Games after missile batteries were installed in residential areas around Olympic sites to guard against aerial attacks. Thousands of troops have also been deployed to secure the Games.

"We can confirm that

one Typhoon launched shortly before 1130 today," a defence ministry spokeswoman said. "This was in response to a commercial aircraft that was out of communication with air traffic control services. Communications were quickly restored. No further action was required."

Security officials are on high alert ahead of and throughout the 27 July to 12 August Games. Experts warn that the Olympics are the type of high-profile event that could be targeted by militants. London transport bombings killed 52 people in 2005, a day after Britain found it had won the right to host the Games.

Olympic teams from countries in or near regions of political turmoil, such as the Israel, are particularly

wary. This year is the 40th anniversary of the 1972 Munich Games attack by Palestinian militants that killed 11 Israeli team members.



British warships, fighter jets, surveillance aircraft and helicopters are on standby in case of security breaches.

Anti-war protesters have

British Prime Minister David Cameron (C) meets flight crew on the HMS Ocean on the River Thames as he pays tribute to their involvement in Olympic security, in London on 25 July, 2012.

REUTERS

accused the Ministry of Defence of creating a climate of fear, and the ministry itself is trying to lower its profile.

Reuters

Homemade South Korean satellite to go boldly into space

SEOUL, 26 July—Years of rummaging through back-alley electronics stores will pay off later this year for a South Korean artist when he fulfills his dream of launching a homemade, basement-built satellite into space.

"Making a satellite is no more difficult than making a cellphone," said Song Hojun, 34, who said he built the \$500 OpenSat to show people they could achieve their dreams.

"I believe that not just a satellite, but anything can be made with the help of the Internet and social platforms. I chose a satellite to show that symbolically."

There's a long history of do-it-yourself satellites being launched by universities and scientific groups around the world, as well as amateur radio clubs, but Song said his is the

first truly personal satellite designed and financed by an individual.

An engineering student at university, Song regularly incorporated technology into his art pieces. In a work

called Apple he used light bulbs that would "ripen" — change color from green to red when people take photos of it with flashes.

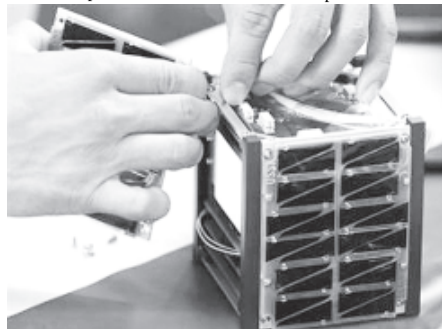
After working as an intern at a private satellite

company, he came up with the idea for his "Open Satellite Initiative," which in turn led him to contact space professionals from Slovenia to Paris.

"I'm just an individual, not someone working for big universities, corporations or armies, so they open up to me and easily give out information," said Song.

The bespectacled Song spent nearly six years combing through academic papers, shopping online at sites that specialize in components that can be used for space projects, and rummaging through electronic stores hidden in the back alleys of Seoul.

Heran a small electronics business to support himself, but the bulk of his funds came from his parents.—Reuters



Song Ho-Jun shows his satellite during an interview with Reuters at his house in Seoul on 10 July, 2012.

REUTERS

168,000 affected by Typhoon Vicente in S China

NANNING, 26 July—Typhoon Vicente has affected 168,000 people in Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, including 9,900 who were forced to evacuate, local authorities said Wednesday. Vicente, this year's eighth typhoon, made landfall near the city of Taishan in Guangdong province early Tuesday, bringing gales and rainstorms to Guangdong and Guangxi.

Between Tuesday night and Wednesday afternoon, precipitation surpassed 200 mm in several cities in Guangxi, while winds of more than 70 km per hour were recorded in the cities of Nanning, Yulin, Wuzhou and Beihai, according to the region's meteorological centre.

The storm has toppled more than 1,200 farm houses and damaged 8,490 hectares of crops. Direct economic losses totaled 46.6 million yuan (\$7.3 million), the region's civil affairs department said. In Guangdong, three people died and six others were reported missing due to disasters caused by the typhoon, which also caused temporary blackouts and traffic disruptions. Local meteorological authorities in Guangxi said heavy downpours could continue into Friday.

MNA/Xinhua

Pedestrians brave the strong winds in Central, the business center in Hong Kong on 23 July, 2012.

INTERNET

Seven soldiers killed in S Philippine clash

ZAMBOANGA CITY, 26 July—Seven soldiers died and five others were wounded in Thursday's clash between military and suspected Abu Sayyaf militants in the southern Philippine province of Basilan.

Lt Col Randolph Cabangbang, spokesman of Western Mindanao Command, said the Abu Sayyaf militants initially

harassed the military detachment in Upper Cabangbang, Sumisip town at about 7:30 am local time.

The soldiers were pursuing the first group that initially harassed the army detachment when they bumped into the bigger enemy group. The fighting continued as the troops pursue the militants. Those killed and wounded were retrieved and airlifted to the military base in the city.

According to Cabangbang, the ground troops believed that the group it encountered was the same group responsible in an attack early this month against rubber plantation workers which left six people killed.—Xinhua



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Skydiver Fearless Felix jumps from 18 miles up

SANTA FE, 26 July — Felix Baumgartner has done it again. On Wednesday, Baumgartner took another stratospheric leap, this time from an altitude of more than 18 miles — an estimated 96,640 feet, nearly three times higher than cruising jetliners. He landed safely near Roswell, NM. His top speed was an estimated 536 mph, said Brian Utley, an official observer on site. It's the second test jump for Baumgartner from such extreme heights and a personal best. He's aiming for a record-breaking jump from 125,000 feet, or 23 miles, in another month. He hopes to go supersonic then, breaking the speed of sound with just his body.

"It has always been a dream of mine," Baumgartner said in a statement following Wednesday's feat. "Only one more step to go." Longtime record-holder Joe Kittinger jumped from 102,800 feet — 19.5 miles — in 1960 for the Air Force. Kittinger monitored on Wednesday's



In this 15 March, 2012 photo provided by Red Bull Stratos, Felix Baumgartner prepares to jump during the first manned test flight for Red Bull Stratos over Roswell, NM on 25 July, 2012, the 43-year-old Austrian plunged to Earth from an altitude of more than 18 miles landing safely near Roswell, NM. — INTERNET

dry run from a mini Mission Control in Roswell. As he did in March, the 43-year-old Austrian ascended alone in an enclosed capsule lifted by

a giant helium balloon that took off from Roswell. He wore a full-pressure suit equipped with parachutes and an oxygen supply — there's virtually no atmosphere that far up.

It took about 1½ hours to reach his target altitude. He was in free fall for an estimated three minutes and 48 seconds before opening his parachutes. "It felt completely different at 90,000 feet," Baumgartner noted. "There is no control when you exit the capsule. There is no way to get stable." In March, Baumgartner jumped from 71,581 feet, more than 13 miles, saluting before stepping from the capsule. Bad weather earlier this week delayed the second test jump until Wednesday. NASA is paying close attention to this Red Bull-funded project dubbed Stratos, short for stratosphere. The space agency wants to learn all it can about potential escape systems for future rockets.

Internet

Wireless electric-car charging tech to be tested in London

LONDON, 26 July — Wireless electric-vehicle charging technology is to be tested in London. Chip developer Qualcomm says plug-in charging is too "cumbersome" and its tech could lead to batteries being topped up while cars are being driven. Trials involving an adapted version of Formula 1 car designer Delta Motorsport's E4 coupe electric car will take place before the end of the year. Further tests involving vehicles made by the French manufacturer Renault will follow in 2013.

Inductive charging — which involves using an electromagnetic field to transfer energy between two objects — is less power-efficient than alternatives such as charging posts or battery-swapping stations, but Qualcomm says the difference is only "marginal." The adoption of WECV [wireless electric vehicle charging] technology will lead to a shift in charging behaviour, said Qualcomm.



Delta's electric sports cars will be the first to test Qualcomm's kit in London. — INTERNET

"Drivers will charge their electric vehicle little and often and potentially use dynamic charging to complement local stationary charging, removing range anxiety. This means that batteries could be smaller with the resulting reduction in electric vehicle cost and weight." The firm added that its technology — dubbed Qualcomm Halo — could be used to keep vehicles' battery charges at between 40-80%, thereby maximising the life expectancy of the equipment. For the moment, it will only work when a vehicle is

stationary.

Delta said it had become involved to help it learn more about the innovation. The firm said it expected it to take a day's worth of mechanical modifications to add the new kit to its test vehicles. "It's very straightforward to add the technology," said Delta's technical director Nick Carpenter. "We add a vehicle mounted pad which is connected to a Qualcomm controlled unit which in turn is connected directly to the battery."

Internet



Employees hang a poster advertising the new iPad at an Apple dealership in Wuhan, Hubei Province on 19 July, 2012. — REUTERS

Apple says Samsung patent royalty demands unfair

SAN FRANCISCO, 26 July — Apple Inc said Samsung Electronics Co Ltd is demanding from the iPhone maker a far higher patent royalty than Apple pays to other companies, at a rate the South Korean company has never sought from any other licensee. The information was contained in portions of an Apple legal brief freshly unsealed in US court on Wednesday, and provides more detail about each side's negotiating position in the run-up to a high stakes trial set to begin next week. In a separate filing, Samsung contended that its royalty demands are consistent with industry norms.

Also on Wednesday, a US magistrate in San Jose, California, ruled that Samsung wrongly let employees delete emails that could have helped Apple pursue its \$2.53 billion lawsuit over disputed patents. The magistrate, Judge Paul Grewal, also said that a jury may hold this matter against the South Korean company. "We intend to appeal Judge Grewal's decision to the trial judge, and if necessary, to the Court of Appeals," Samsung said in a statement. "Samsung remains committed to complying with all information requests from the court." A trial is scheduled to start in the San Jose federal court on 30 July. Apple and Samsung, the world's largest consumer electronics corporations, are waging legal war around the world, accusing each other of patent violations as they vie for supremacy in a fast-growing market for mobile devices. — Internet

Microsoft reportedly won't let Dell build a tablet for Windows RT launch

WASHINGTON, 26 July — It's no secret that Microsoft is being much more careful than usual when it comes to which vendors it will let make tablets based on its Windows RT operating system for its initial Windows 8 launch this fall. And according to Unwired View, only four of Microsoft's (MSFT) original equipment manufacturers have been given the green light to make Windows RT tablets so far: Asus, Toshiba, Samsung and Lenovo.

Hewlett-Packard had originally been asked to make a Windows RT tablet, but the company declined the offer last month, thus opening up speculation that Dell might take its place. However, Business Insider's Julie Bort reached out to see whether Dell is actively involved in making a Windows RT tablet this year and has received a rather cagey answer, as Dell would only confirm that it's working on a Windows-based tablet for release at some point in the future and wouldn't go into specifics about specs or release dates.

Bort also mentions that "since Microsoft announced it would be competing with its OEM partners making tablets, Dell has released a bunch of new high-end ultrabooks that can run Linux," meaning relations between Microsoft and Dell might not be the warmest at the moment. — Internet

Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer claims huge cosmic ray haul

Geneva, 26 July — The largest-ever experiment in space has reported the collection of some 18 billion "cosmic ray" events that may help unravel the Universe's mysteries. The data haul is far greater than the total number of cosmic rays recorded in a full century of looking to date. Run from a centre at Cern, the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer (AMS) aims to spot dark matter and exotic antimatter. The astronauts who installed it on the space station in 2011 are in Geneva to see an update on

The experiment, seen here installed on the space station, cost some \$2bn. — INTERNET

how it is performing. Mission commander Mark Kelly told reporters that AMS was "the pinnacle of the science that the ISS will do". The huge number of events seen by the experiment includes some of the highest-energy particles from the cosmos that we have ever seen. Kelly's flight - the STS-134 mission — was the

last for the shuttle Endeavour before it was retired from the NASA fleet. The crew visited the Payload and Operations Control Centre at Cern on Wednesday, where a shift of six scientists is watching what is whizzing through the AMS 24 hours a day.

AMS deputy spokesman Roberto Battiston told BBC



News that seeing the astronauts back in town was "a great joy". "We are really thankful of these astronauts because we should never forget they put their lives at stake to do something that for us is pure fun — that is our interest, our curiosity," he said. "They have high expectations that the AMS will find something interesting, because they put a lot of effort into it. They feel part of the family." At the heart of the seven-tonne, \$2bn machine is a giant, specially designed magnet which bends the paths of extraordinarily high-energy charged particles called cosmic rays onto a series of detectors, giving hints of what the particles are.

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LG Electronics' profit falls as mobile loses money

SEOUL, 26 July — LG Electronics reported a lower quarterly profit as its mobile phone division sank to a loss and forecast its earnings to deteriorate further, underlining the challenges for its smartphone business as it struggles with competition from Apple and Samsung. The South Korean company said Wednesday its April-June net income totaled 159 billion won (\$138 million) on revenue of 12.9 trillion won. Quarterly income was up nearly 50 percent from a year earlier but fell 35 percent from the previous three months.

The quarter-on-quarter drop was a source of concern for investors as sales of

consumer electronics are usually stronger in the second quarter. Shares of LG Electronics Inc fell 2.1 percent in Seoul, compared with the benchmark Kospi's 1.4 percent decline. LG, which was unseated by Apple Inc in 2011 as the world's No. 3 mobile phone maker by sales, blamed its lower profit on the mobile division's 57 billion won quarterly operating loss. That partly offset profit from LG's TV business. Basic handset sales declined while expenses to promote its new smartphones went up, LG said.

The mobile business of LG Electronics is being squeezed in both the premium

and low-end markets. Chinese handset makers ZTE and Huawei are aggressively increasing low-cost smartphone sales while Apple and Samsung Electronics Co leave little room for a third player in the top-end market. The second-quarter mobile loss comes after the division briefly enjoyed two consecutive quarters of profit. LG's mobile division lost nearly 1 trillion won in 2010 and 2011 combined as its Optimus smartphone series failed to compete with Samsung's Galaxy phone and Apple's iPhone.

LG said its third-quarter operating profit will moderately decrease from the second quarter, even as sales go up by a small margin. Seasonal demand for home appliances and air conditioners goes down in the third quarter, while sales of TVs and smartphones are expected to rise, David Jung, LG's chief financial officer, told investors. Jung said profitability at the mobile communication business will not be too bad for the rest of the year with new high-end mobile device launches due in North America and Japan.

But he stopped short of guiding investors on when the company can fully turn around

its mobile business, which contributed about half of the company's profit during its heyday. Even as LG plans to expand its mobile market share with its Android-powered smartphones running on a fourth-generation wireless service, analysts are skeptical about its outlook. Sales could falter if mobile chip shortages continue and the launch of the new iPhone, expected in the third quarter, could steal the spotlight from LG's new handset release.

"It is tough to be sure about the recovery in LG's mobile phone business," said Eugene Kim, an analyst at Taurus Securities who has a hold rating on shares of LG Electronics.

Quarterly operating profit from LG's TV business more than doubled from the previous year to 216 billion won. But the amount changed little from the previous quarter. LG is betting on the release of a high-end television that uses an advanced display panel to boost TV profit. The company said TV markets in advanced countries will expand in the second half of this year despite a weak outlook for the global economy. —Internet



A boy watches a 3D animation movie at a display for LG Electronics products inside the COEX Mall in Seoul, South Korea, on 25 July, 2012. —INTERNET

Cancer drug flushes out lurking AIDS virus

WASHINGTON, 26 July — Scientists in the United States said on Wednesday they had used a cancer drug to flush out the AIDS virus lurking dormant in trial patients' white blood cells — a tentative step towards a cure. The ability of the HIV genome, or reproductive code, to hide out in cells and be revived after decades poses a major obstacle in the quest for a cure. Being able to expose the virus in its hiding place would allow scientists to target the host white blood cells in a killing blitz. "It is the beginning of work toward a cure for AIDS," David Margolis, co-author of the study published in the journal *Nature*, told AFP as the International AIDS Conference was under way in Washington.

HIV is a retrovirus, inserting its DNA into the genome of host white blood cells, CD4+T cells in this case, and turning them into virus factories. Sometimes it goes into hiding in some cells even as others keep on producing. Some 34 million people around the world are living with HIV, which destroys the immune system and has caused about 30 million AIDS-related deaths since the disease first emerged

in the early 1980s. In the latest study, researchers in the United States used the chemotherapy drug vorinostat to revive and so unmask latent HIV in the CD4+T cells of eight trial patients.

The patients were also on antiretroviral drugs, which stops HIV from multiplying but have to be taken for life because they do not kill the virus hidden away in reservoirs. "After a single dose of the drug, at least for a moment in time, (vorinostat) is flushing the virus out of hiding," Margolis said of the trial results — the first drug ever shown to do so. "This is proof of the concept, of the idea that the virus can be specifically

targeted in a patient by a drug, and essentially opens up the way for this class of drugs to be studied for use in this way." The drug targets an enzyme that allows the virus to lie latent.

The researchers cautioned that vorinostat may have some toxic effects and stressed this was merely an early indication of feasibility that had to be explored further. Exactly what would happen after the virus was unveiled in reservoir cells was also not certain, said Margolis. "We know that many cells that produce HIV die in the process. We know many cells that produce HIV can be identified and killed by the immune system. As far as we can tell, all

the viruses floating around while patients are taking therapy don't get into cells because they are blocked by the therapy," he said.

Without a host cell, the virus would die within a few minutes. "There is a possibility that this could work. But ... if it is only 99 percent true and one percent of the virus escapes, it won't succeed. That is why we have to be careful about our work and what we claim about it." In a comment published with the study, HIV researcher Steven Deeks said the research provided "the first evidence that ... a cure might one day be feasible". But, as is common with early clinical trials, the study raised more questions than answers — including ethical concerns about giving potentially toxic drugs to HIV-infected people who are otherwise healthy, he said.

"These data from the lab of David Margolis are genuinely exciting for those exploring pathways to achieving a cure for AIDS," Oxford University HIV researcher John Frater told AFP, calling for investment in further research.

Internet



The AIDS Quilt is laid out on the National Mall on 23 July as part of the 19th International AIDS Conference in Washington. Scientists in the United States said Wednesday they had used a cancer drug to flush out the AIDS virus lurking dormant in trial patients' white blood cells — a tentative step towards a cure. —INTERNET



Logitech posts wider Q1 loss as weak demand bites

LONDON, 26 July — Logitech, the world's biggest computer mouse maker, fell to a deeper first-quarter net loss, missing analyst forecasts, as the company struggles with weak demand amid worries about the global economy. The Swiss-listed firm said it booked a first-quarter net loss of \$52 million, or 32 cents per share, wider than a year earlier net loss of \$30 million, or 17 cents per share.

The company was expected to post a first-quarter loss of \$24.7 million, or 14 cents a share, according to a Reuters Poll. Quarterly sales were \$469 million, down 2 percent from \$480 million a year ago. Excluding the

unfavorable impact of exchange rates, sales were flat compared with the prior year, Logitech said. The Swiss-listed firm has been grappling with weak demand as concerns about the global economy keep shoppers from buying new webcams, speakers and keyboards.

The euro's weakness against the dollar and the fact that computer systems are becoming less dependent on peripheral components hit its figures earlier this year. Logitech has implemented a restructuring plan, and said it continues to expect to benefit from the organizational streamlining and cost savings. Reuters

Mexico to vaccinate 10 million birds in flu outbreak



MEXICO CITY, 26 July — Mexico will start vaccinating some 10 million poultry on Thursday against the highly contagious bird flu strain that has already led to the deaths of five million birds which either fell ill or were slaughtered. "Starting Soon, we are going to vaccinate hens and chicks across the country to put an end to this bird flu epidemic," Mexican President Felipe Calderon said.

The president indicated that the ultimate goal is to have a batch of 80 million vaccinations, so that "in the coming weeks, (Mexico can) end this economic impact on poultry producers." The virus responsible for the outbreak, H7N3, has occasionally affected humans in various parts of the world, according to the United Nations, but has not shown itself to be easily transmittable between humans.

The prices of both eggs and chickens have soared in the wake of the outbreak, leading inflation to rise as well. According to Mexico's national statistics agency, the first half of July saw an inflation rate of 4.45 percent, the highest level in 18 months. The agriculture ministry has said poultry farming "contributes up to 40 percent of the total volume" of the country's livestock production, and the "economic loss" from this epidemic "is and will be irreparable."

The outbreak was first detected on 20 June in the western state of Jalisco. A national animal health emergency was declared at the beginning of July. Health officials keep a close watch on such outbreaks since so-called swine flu broke out in Mexico in 2009. The H1N1 virus spread into a global pandemic that claimed the lives of 17,000 people.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann makes discussion.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—The seventh day Pyidaungsu Hluttaw regular



Dr Htay Win of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No. 5 holds discussion.

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session was held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall in the Hluttaw Complex here this afternoon, attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 620 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

The Hluttaw sought approval of the Hluttaw representatives to amend the Foreign Currency Management Bill as amended in report of Joint Bill Committee. The bill was approved with the majority vote of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

U Aung Mya Than of Nyaungdon Constituency, U Sai Win Maung of Shan State Constituency No (5), Dr Htay Win of Ayeyawady Region Constituency

No (5), U Aung Myint of Gangaw Constituency, U Sai Than Naing of Papun Constituency, U Sein Tun of Htantabin Constituency, U Shwe Maung of Buthidaung Constituency, U Ohn Tin of Rakhine State Constituency No(10) and Daw Nan Se Aua of Hpa-an Constituency discussed the proposal submitted by U Tin Htut of Zalun Constituency on “**doing justice to farmland confiscation not to harm farmers**”. They discussed the proposal is a good one in the interest of the farmers. They welcomed the directive of the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to form a commission. Once the proposal is approved, tasks will be carried out in accordance with Section (228), Sub-section (a) of the constitution. Now is time the country is marching towards democracy. The new government led by the President is initiating measures for all-round development, rural development and poverty alleviation. Easing difficulties of farmers should be prioritized. Their lives should be improved. The proposal is seconded to alleviate poverty and create job opportunities for farmers.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann said in his discussion: The proposal submitted by Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Tin Htut of Zalun Constituency is an

opportunity for all. It is an opportunity for all citizens and the Union, rather than a challenge. Legislatures, government and judicial bodies are democratically elected. Questions can be raised, and proposals and bills can be discussed frankly in an organized manner in the Hluttaws. The Hluttaws are fulfilling desires, attitudes and needs of the people. Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Tin Htut submitted the desire of people and attitudes and needs of farmers as a proposal.

The Tatmadaw government deserves thanks for creating such opportunities. The Tatmadaw government initiated multi-party democracy system and market economy, holding referendum. The world was taken aback by peaceful transition. Each and every citizen needs to enjoy democratic rights and opportunities in disciplined manners. As the people, the people's representatives, the people's government and the civil servants have specific duties and authorities in respective organizations, they will be able to serve the interest of the country and its people appropriately.

The incumbent government will have to continue confiscating lands to implement projects, plans and undertakings in the interests of the people

and the State. Fair undertakings with goodwill which will profit the people, the country and the Union will have to be welcomed.

If discussions from various aspects on the proposal of Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Tin Htut are reviewed, the issues are based on:-

- (1) compilation of accurate demographic data,
- (2) whether respective individual's or organization's implementation of policies introduced by leaders with goodwill and good intentions is fair or legitimate,
- (3) whether original objectives of projects and plans can be carried out or are reasonable,
- (4) transparency, and
- (5) check-and-balance system.

Taking lessons from the case, we must continue democratic reforms boldly. We should not be hesitant.

Democracy wins every one's heart. It can be said it is owned by the public, not a thing of an individual or a group. Undisciplined conducts cannot be done, citing democracy. Democracy has discipline. We should be cautious in order to avoid mob democracy and democratic authoritarianism.

I want to reiterate the

call for performing duties in the interests of the people, the country and the Union fairly with no consideration of political affiliation, dogmatism, regionalism, sectarianism, and religion and personality cult.

As the Hluttaw representatives discussed the proposal submitted by U Tin Htut with genuine goodwill, the persons who will be assigned duties in accordance with the decision of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw need to perform duties in the interests of the people, the country and the Union, getting rid of greed, vengeance and retaliation.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than said in his discussion that the Union government, and respective Region/State governments and Hluttaws will settle the issues in accordance with Farmland Law, bylaws and rules and regulations in consideration of case-wise reality. The Union government will handle the case fairly. He then proposed to put the proposal on record. The proposal was put on record with majority vote.

As the Hluttaw agreed to form the commission to investigate farmland acquisition, the Hluttaw will form the investigation commission.

Today's session concluded at 4.05 pm and the date for sixth day session will be announced later.

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Modes of development over-dependent on natural resources not an option for sustainable development

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—The Seventh Korea-Myanmar Bilateral Forestry Cooperative Meeting took place at Myat Taw Win Hotel here this noon, with an address by Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun.

Present at the meeting were members of the joint committee led by Deputy Minister of Forestry of the Republic of Korea Mr Kim Nam Gyun, and officials of

the Environmental Conservation and Forestry Ministry.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister said the Korea-Myanmar Bilateral Forestry Cooperative Meetings were held since 1999 in the ROK and Myanmar on a rotating basis once every two years. Based on the results of those meetings, such joint-projects as biodiversity conservation, afforestation, dry zone greening works, reduction of climate change impact,

REDD Plus, wood-based industries, research and development could be implemented. Dry zone greening projects implemented under the assistance of KOICA between 1998 and 2010 could help reduce desertification, decline in quality of farmland and dryness to some extent. Likewise, AKECOP initiated in 2010 also contributed to restoration of forests,

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The Seventh Korea-Myanmar Bilateral Forestry Cooperative Meeting in progress at Myat Taw Win Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

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Specific law for protection of rights of national races people in desperate need

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—The fourth regular session of the Pyithu Hluttaw continued for 15th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex, here today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 411 MPs.

Regarding the question of Daw Nan Se Aua about **whether women can be elected to the post of village administrator if qualified, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint replied that any man or woman has the right to be elected in line with provisions and procedures of election by the supervisory team inclusive of five respected and influential community elders.**

Regarding the question of **taking of census nationwide in 2014** by Daw Win Maw Tun of Yenangyoung Constituency, Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi replied that the last nationwide census was taken in 1983 and thus preparation must be made due to lack of experiences over 30 years. The nationwide census would be taken in 2014 through four phases—preparation, conducting survey, compiling records, assessing and publicizing the report. The entire project would take 3 years and 10 months and population facts could be publicized within 2015. Some of the preparation works have been completed and some underway. The

Hluttaw Socio Development Committee was formed to cooperate with the ministry for taking census.

U In Phon San (a) U Intu Phon San of Machanbaw Constituency, U Sai Bo Aung of Muse Constituency, U Htan Lein of Mindat Constituency and U Khun Maung Thauung of Pinlaung Constituency discussed the proposal of U T Kun Myat of Kutkai Constituency about enactment of a law for protection of the rights of national races people submitted at 7th day session.

U In Phon San of Machanbaw Constituency discussed that the country was home to diverse national races. The 1947 Constitution prescribed equal rights of the citizens including national races, freedoms, religious rights and social and economic rights. However, the constitution failed to bring about development in border regions where the national races resided, widening the rich and poor gap. Committees for development of broader regions and national races were established at different levels in the time of the Tatmadaw government after 1988. Thanks to the efforts of committees, some regions witnessed development to some extent, but remote regions of national races could not see the same results. **In the time of the incumbent government, Ministry of Border Affairs was established imple-**

menting transportation, education, health and regional development works in the regions of national races. However, the ministry had to focus on comprehensive development covering the entire nation including urbanized ones and thus effective actions must be taken for less-developed regions of national races. The government must guarantee duties and rights of national races vested by the Constitution and existing laws.

U Sai Bo Aung of Muse Constituency discussed that it was found that there was still no specific duties



U In Phon San (a) U Intu Phon San of Machanbaw Constituency makes discussion.—MNA

and laws, by-laws, procedures, notifications and instructions for elected national race affairs ministers of regions and states to take care of the affairs of national races concerned. So, it needed to



President U Thein Sein and Thai Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra view fine arts and culture booth of Thailand at Reception Hall of Outer Santi Maitri Building at Government House in Bangkok.

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enact a law protecting the rights of national races to guarantee constitutional rights for the minorities, to build suspicion-free unity among national races people, and to set clear duties of national race affairs ministers. In addition, the law must be enforced to letter.

U Htan Lein of Mindat Constituency discussed that the constitution stated that every citizen has the right to enjoy equality, freedom, and social justice. In addition, it is prescribed that the State shall help develop language, literature, arts and culture of national races; help promote national unity, amity and mutual assistance; help develop socio-economic life inclusive of education, health, economy and transportation and so forth of less-developed national races people. Whether the Union government, region/state government, self-administered division/region can exercise as

prescribed in the constitution and whether people can adhere to provisions of the laws would decide the amount of fruits. The law should be enacted for the benefits of over 100 national races residing in the country.

U Khun Maung Thauung of Pinlaung Constituency discussed that the law was in desperate need at a time when the country was building discipline-flourishing, multi-arty democratic nation and was the longed-for law of the national races people. There was no national race that did not love and cherish own language and cultural traditions and each national race was obliged to preserve them. Some national races had witnessed development and some not yet. In the first meeting of the Union level peacemaking committee, the President instructed that the works of the Union level peacemaking committee could be accomplished rapidly if the legislature

would assess the equal rights and other rights of national races people prescribed by the law and enact related laws. The Hluttaw was required to enact a certain law for protection of rights of national race people in order that dissatisfaction and old attitudes of the national race people such as suspicion over the equality, social justice and freedom could be vanished.

U Maung Toe of Minhla Constituency submitted a bill amending the Union Auditor-General Law.

The Hluttaw decided to discuss the bill and would hand it over to Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee to handle it.

Two questions were answered, one proposal discussed and one proposal put forward at today's session.

The session came to an end at 12 noon and the 16th day session continues at 10 am tomorrow.

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conservation of bio-diversity, promotion of forest farming, and capacity building for human resources development.

Furthermore, AFOCo could be signed at ASEAN+3 Summit held in Bali of Indonesia during November, 2010. The adopted framework would help climate curb change problems, facilitate sustainable development of forest and bio-diversity, rural development and poverty alleviation scheme.

Means of development over-dependent on natural resources are not an option for sustainable development. Green strategies with a focus on low-carbon emission and natural resources conservation were in desperate need. Means of green development were new viable policy for sustainable development and poverty alleviation. For this reason, green economy and green development have gained significance, which was the major result of UN Sustainable

Development Conference held in June of 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Myanmar was in the process of democratic transition and had made known socio-economic prospects to the globe. It was actively collaborating with all the global organizations for environmental conservation and in its transformation from brown economy to green one. There was a great deal of prospects for investment in various sectors including the forestry throughout the transition period. Myanmar would like to cooperate with Korea on a long-term basis as the latter was a leading country in low-carbon and green development strategies.

Capacity building through environmental awareness of the people and technical support and initial investments and so forth were in actual need in implementing green economy. Poverty alleviation and impacts of global climate change a barriers to development of the nation.

Utmost efforts must be made for management enabling to fight poverty and famine, reduce environmental impact and ecological degradation and sustainability of forest resources.

Next, the Korean deputy minister delivered an address. Personnel of the two countries discussed

cooperation in forestry sector, ongoing plans and future actions including completion of Myanmar forestry investment guide book, restoration of forests in Bago Mountain Range with the assistance of the Korean Forest Service progress in reduction of climate change impacts through implementation of REDD Plus, implementation of AFOCo agreement, fund-raising for restoration of mangrove forests damaged by Nargis Cyclone, sending of overseas students to Korea, continuous forest management, reduction of climate change through REDD Plus, conservation of watershed areas, afforestation of mangrove forests, conservation of bio-diversity and implementation of new projects for communal forest establishment.

The two countries signed MoU on forestry sector cooperation in 1999. With the assistance of ROK, such projects as development of wood-based industries, human resources development and technological transfer, establishment of forests in cooperation with the KOICA were carried out since then.

The delegation leaders of the two countries signed the agreed minutes, bringing the meeting to an end.

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President U Thein Sein visits Temple of the Emerald Buddha

President U Thein Sein and party at Temple of Emerald Buddha in Grand Palace, Bangkok together with officials of Thailand.(News on page 1)

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Thai Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra extends greetings at dinner.

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Myanmar vows to strengthen prevailing...

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President U Thein Sein thanked the Thai Premier for hosting to the delegation a grand banquet which, he said, reflected the traditional friendly ties and growing cooperation between the two countries.

He tagged his trip as a historic and meaningful first-ever goodwill visit to Thailand as the Head of State after the democratically elected government had taken office in Myanmar.

The President recalled memories of scenic Thailand and hospitable people he had witnessed in his visit to Thailand as the Prime Minister in 2008. He expressed his delight of revisiting the beautiful Bangkok.

He expected to observe the Thai government's measures to bring about economic progress of Thailand, bearing challenges of natural disasters, during previous years in his stint in Thailand.

He vowed to strengthening prevailing friendship, open-hearted mutual trust and bilateral cooperation between the

two neighbouring countries, sharing 1300 miles long border, and common traditional customs, beliefs, and religions. The President welcomed recent progresses in mutual cooperation. He also thanked the Thai Prime Minister for her understanding and invaluable support towards Myanmar and its people.

The elected Myanmar government has pledged to fulfill the desires and needs of the people, he said. In so doing, the government is bringing about political stability for stability of the country while adopting peace-making policies, he explained. He said it is also striving to realize socio-economic development of the people.

He expressed his congratulations on Thailand's economic development and wished future success of Thailand and Thai people.

The President also wished good health of His Royal Highness Thai King and Queen and Thai Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra. He then proposed a toast to physical and mental wellbeing of those present at the dinner.

The two leaders then had dinner together.

Thai cultural troupe performed traditional dances and songs of the two countries at the dinner. The President then gave away a bouquet to the cultural troupe.—MNA

Union ministers, rice entrepreneurs, peasant representatives visit rice remilling factory, paddy plantations in Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint Taw Council Area, Yangon, Mandalay, Ayeyawady and Bago Regions, visited 30000-ton Rice Remilling Factory near Ayudhaya of Thailand on 24 July morning.

Vice-Chairman Mr Siripong Aroonratana of CP Livestock Co Ltd of Thailand explained facts about Rice Remilling Factory. The factory was built through latest technology and it runs cent per cent operation

this year. Twenty-two Japan-made Satake rice mills are being operated at the factory to remill 1.8 million tons of rice yearly. A total of 65 per cent of rice is exported and the remaining 35 per cent distributed for local consumption. The construction of factory was valued at US\$ 100 million. The Union ministers and party viewed remilling factory, quality control lab, polishing factory, rice warehouse and packaging factory.

After that, they visited paddy plantations on a manageable scale near Ayudhaya. They discussed cooperation programme to modernize rice industry and rice mills in Myanmar with officials of CP Co.—MNA



Union Labour Minister discusses labour affairs during visit to Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi met employee protection NGOs, the Thai Minister of Interior and the Thai Immigration Commissioner on his visit to Thailand and discussed migrant workers.

On 24 July morning, the Union minister received representatives of BAT, FED Foundation, MAP Foundation, Mekong Migration Net Work which are employee protection NGOs in Thailand and media persons of NHK, Irrawaddy and Eleven Media Group at the meeting hall of Myanmar Embassy in Thailand. In the meeting, he said that the President specified his discussion on protection of the interest of migrant workers at the meetings between the two countries; NGOs are to carry out the issues that the government cannot undertake; emphasis will be placed on the issues submitted by NGOs; and it is necessary to join hands among government service personnel, social organizations and migrant workers. Next, he met the Thai Minister of Interior and held a discussion on issuance of temporary passports for all Myanmar migrant

workers, urging employers not to hold passports of workers, free travelling, issuance of stay permits over C of I for dependents of migrant workers, creation of learning opportunity for children of migrant workers at schools in Thailand and opportunity for learning monastic education at monasteries in Mahachaing and Surat Thani regions.

After viewing issuance of temporary passport at Bangkok Camp in the afternoon, the Union Minister attended to the needs of Myanmar workers.

In meeting with the Thai Immigration Commissioner, the Union Minister discussed issuance of stay permit with new form of temporary Myanmar passports through one stop service, reduction of visa fee in making temporary Myanmar passport in line with the coordination and prevention against human smuggling in resending the Myanmar migrant workers to border areas due to various reasons.

On 23 July, four employee representatives and one employer representative visited RH Textile Co Ltd in Mahachaing Region of Bangkok, the cold storage of Phatthana Seafood Co Ltd where 1915 employees are working and the cold storage of Thai Union Co Ltd where 10000 employees are working. They met employers and employees and discussed peace in worksite relations, enforcement of worksite disciplines, rights of health and matters related to employers and employees.—MNA

Union Minister for A&I U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint and Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min visit 30000-ton rice remilling factory.—MNA

President U Thein Sein heads for home

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein accompanied by members of the delegation left Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Bangkok in a motorcade on 24 July afternoon and arrived at Don Mong Airport.

The President and party

were seen off at Don Mong Airport by Privy Council member Mr Thepkamol Devakula of Thailand, Deputy Prime Minister Gen Yuthasak Sasiprapha, Minister for Transport Mr Charupong Ruang-suwan, Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Pisanu

Suvanajata, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Tin Win, Military Attaché Col Win Maung, staff and families of embassy and military attaché office.

The President and party left Don Mong Airport at 5.50 pm local standard time. MNA



President U Thein Sein receives Thai Minister of Defence Air Chief Marshal Sukumpol Suwanat and party at Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Bangkok. (News on page 16)—MNA



President U Thein Sein receives Vice-Chairman Mr Adirek SriPratak and party of CP Group Co of Thailand at The Siam Suite of Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Bangkok. (News on page 16)—MNA

Tatmadaw provides aids to Putao

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—Education, health and socio-economic conditions of local national people and government employees in Putao of Kachin State have improved, following smooth road transportation and swift commodity flow as it is reachable in a day in ordinary times by car from Myitkyina, 218 miles away.

KIA, since starting armed attacks on 9 June, 2011, exploded bridges along Myitkyina-Putao 11 times. On 2 July, KIA exploded 270 ft long Phoninkha Bailey Bridge near milepost No (36). Although vehicles could use by road of the bridges in ordinary times, they are not accessible in rainy season due

to inundation. Local people and government employees faced difficulties of higher living expenses stemmed by such difficulties.

To tackle the issue on temporary basis, Tatmadaw transported foods and aids for local national people and government staff in Putao on 24 and 25 July. The Y-8 aircraft of Defence Services (Air) transported 730 bags of rice, 4 barrels of edible oil, 250 viss of salt, 800 viss of

onion and other food, stationery and assistance along Myitkyina-Putao road.—MNA

Myanmar Air Force transports food and aids for local people and government services personnel in Putao region.—MNA



President U Thein Sein being seen off by Privy Council member Mr Thepkamol Devakula, Deputy Prime Minister Gen Yuthasak Sasiprapha and officials at Don Mong Airport of Bangkok.—MNA



Vice-Chairman Dr Mark Fung and party of Singapura Investment Holdings Pte Ltd meets President U Thein Sein. (News on page 16)—MNA

CPT Ministry seeks advices for communication sector development

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—“It needs to learn the communication sector reforms of the neighbouring and regional countries—how they surmounted the challenges and limitations on the path—to be on a par with them in terms of communication services,” stressed the Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun at Communication and Information Technology Development Workshop at the ministry here this

morning.

The Union Minister speaking on the occasion called for frank discussions about the rapid development of communication sector for development of the nation and socio-economic improvement of each citizen. He underscored the need to cooperate with local/foreign private sectors in undertaking reforms toward communication sector development of the nation. He said his ministry invited international communi-

cation tender consultant and take actions for establishment of joint venture companies seeking advice from the consultancy. The reformation of the communication sector called for parallel renewal in legislation and regulations, technology, finance, human resources development and capacity building of the staff personnel. Efforts must be exerted with goodwill for success of the communication sector reform and fulfillment of the communicational needs of the people.

Present at the workshop were Deputy Minister U Win Than, departmental heads, professionals of communication sector and departmental heads, chief engineers and professionals submitted ten papers and replied queries of those present.

The ministry would seek advices for development of communication sector by holding seminars and the seminars would be held in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay.—MNA

Land Allotment and Utilization Scrutiny Committee formed for ensuring systematic management of land utilization

Kalewa Coal-fired Power Plant between Kalewa and Tamu regions under feasibility study

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July—The 15th day session of Amyotha Hluttaw continued at the Amyotha Hall of the Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10.15 am today, attended by 208 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives including Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint.

U Swe Aung of Yangon Region Constituency (12) asked **whether there is a plan to consider benefit of farmers who really cultivate and produce crops in forest land.** Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun replied that although the country has 57 per cent of forest coverage around 1980, it declines to 46.96 per cent based on the calculation in 2011. Thus, emphasis is being placed on designation of forest reserves and protected forests for effectively conserving the forests and for realizing State forest policies to extend 30 per cent land of State as forest reserves.

Since their establishment, the forest lands had not caused losses of houses and property of local people. The present situations are based on squatter activities after designating the forest lands.

With regard to squatter activities as residence, cultivation and slash-and-burn farming in the forest lands, action should be taken against those offenders under the existing forest laws. However, they are local people residing near the forest reserves and they are working their tasks as their owned lands for cultivation. Therefore, the ministry considers in all aspects not to occur unacceptable problems. Thus, the ministry does not take action against the local people for their activities of

entering the forest lands and organizes the local people to establish community forestry through crops plus forest patterns and private forests. Arrangements are being made for applying effective plans not to occur extension of more squatters in the forest land. Action was taken against the persons in some cases under forest law, forest rules and Flora and Fauna Conservation and Environmental Conservation Law.

Okkan, Magari, Thabyu, North Hline Yoma, Hline Yoma hilly forest reserves and South Hline Yoma forest reserves adjacent to Mingala Ward, Chingon, Thanatchaung, Uppon, Phalon Station, Kinpati, Yedwington, Tabu Yaythoe, Kywebok, Sanywa, Chaungsauk and Hsinsakhan village-tracts of Taikkyi Township were established on 159394 acres of total lands between 1875 and 1880 years.

According to the statistics, a total of 305 acres of squatter, farmland, cropland and others are located in the above-mentioned forest reserves. A total of 5992 acres of private teak and hardwood forest plantations and 37225 acres of other crops are allowed on the forest reserves. The **Land Allotment and Utilization Scrutiny Committee** was formed for ensuring systematic management of land utilization in the nation by implementing land utilization policies and land utilization plans. On completion, land utilization tasks can be undertaken systematically for fulfilling the requirement of agricultural lands of local people and development of the State.

The officials from local

authorities, Forest Department and related departments made field trip inspections, designation of borders for farmlands and putting records on map references in six forest reserves to inspect cultivation of farmlands of local people from village-tracts of Taikkyi Township. The team of authorities allows them to utilize the lands as farmlands only and does not allow them to utilize the lands through other ways and means. Not to extend squatter activity, they will give educative talks to the local people and supervise their tasks.

U Thein Win of Sagaing Region Constituency No 9 asked **whether there is a plan to establish coal-fired power plant in suitable place in coal-produced Kalewa-Tamu region.** Deputy Minister for Electric Power No 1 U Myint Zaw replied that a study on deposit of coal was conducted to implement a 600-megawatt Coal-fired Power Plant Project in the place, seven miles north to Kalewa of Kalay District of Sagaing Region. The study showed that from 1.35 million tons to 1.89 million tons of coal must be used annually for operation of the plant and the adequate coal can be extracted from Paluzawa Coal Mine for the plant. The necessary survey has been conducted by the Ministry of Mines. Paluzawa Mine is one of two coal deposits in Kalay Township where Ministry of Mines has conducted surveys. The deposit has 55.6455 million tons of coal and there remains 55.4466 million tons of coal at the mine by June 2012.

As such, the ministry holds several meetings for ensuring least degradation of environment and for

emphasizing technological issues so as to implement Kalewa Coal-fired Power Plant to be installed with 600-megawatt generating capacity between Kalewa and Tamu regions. Moreover, feasibility study are being conducted. In case, construction of the power plant will be undertaken under procedures.

U Sai Tin Aung of Kachin State Constituency No 5 asked **whether there is a plan to fully disburse agricultural loans to farmers who cultivate above 10 acres of paddy.** Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw replied that the government gives priority to disbursement of agricultural loans to the farmers who work under 10 acres of farmlands because they may face difficulty to spend money on agricultural tasks and increases disbursement of loans year after year. This year, K 50,000 per acre of loans is being disbursed to the farmers.

The government has no plan to disburse loans to farmers who own above 10 acres of farmlands, the farmers who own above 10 acres of farmlands can seek the investment by pawning the whole area of farmland or parts of it in accord with Section 9 (B) of Chapter III of the Farmland Law approved Hluttaws.

Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko submitted a proposal on the **Bill Revoking Public Welfare Services Protection Act** to be considered by the Amyotha Hluttaw. U Mya Ohn of Kachin State Constituency No 8 seconded the proposal. The Hluttaw approved to consider the bill. The representatives wishing to participate in discussions may enlist, not later than 31 July.

Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko submitted a proposal on the

Bill Revoking the Law Protecting the Peaceful and Systematic Transfer of State Responsibility and the Successful Performance of the Functions of the National Convention against Disturbances and Oppositions to be considered by the Amyotha Hluttaw. U Thein Hlaing of Sagaing Region Constituency No 8 seconded the proposal. The Hluttaw approved to consider the bill. The representatives wishing to participate in discussions may enlist, not later than 31 July.

Dr Khin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No 9, U Ohn Tin of Rakhine State Constituency No 10 and U Maung Aye Tun of Rakhine State Constituency No 9 With discussed the proposal on **drawing new law for development of civil tenancy and revocation of 1960 Civil Tenancy Supervisory Act** submitted by U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No 3.

With regard to the proposal, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko said that a large number of houses were destroyed in major cities of Myanmar the war time of Second World War. Due to internal insurgencies after regaining Independence, the people from rural areas resettled in urban areas. In consequence, rents of tenancy hiked excessively due to shortage of housings. Therefore, the Civil Tenancy Supervisory Act was promulgated as temporary act in 1946. The temporary act was amended in 1948 and then it was substituted with the 1960 Civil Tenancy Supervisory Act.

The act was not prescribed with equal terms of provisions for problems between landlords and tenancy. The provision that states it shall not collect deposit in addition to rent or the deposit more than one-month rent is not conformity with the present time. As the



U Sai Tin Aung of Kachin State Constituency No 5 raising queries.—MNA

provision was a hinderance to expell the tenants, the landlords lose the rights. That is why the act is not conformity with the present system.

In sending a message by the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw to the President on 2 May 2012, the Ministry of Home Affairs is to seek approval from the Hluttaw, to amend or to substitute nines laws with new ones in line with the rules and regulations. The 1960 Civil Tenancy Supervisory Act is one of these acts. Thus, the 1960 Civil Tenancy Supervisory Act was revoked in accord with the guidance of the President and the ministry coordinates with the Office of Attorney-General of the Union to be able to submit the **Land Tenancy Law (Bill)** in line with Section 156 of the Constitution, and he noted that the proposal should be withdrawn.

Proposer Hluttaw representative U Phone Myint Aung submitted his opinion to put the proposal on record, and the Hluttaw decided to record it.

The Hluttaw session came to an end at 11.35 am and the 16th day session will be held at 10 am tomorrow.

At the today's session, three questionnaires were answered, two bills submitted, one bill discussed and recorded.—MNA



Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi holds discussion with Commissioner of Immigration of Thailand.

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MNA

High tide warning

YANGON, 26 July—The Public are here by informed that exceptionally high Spring of from 20.0 feet to 21.0 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period 1st to 6th August 2012. That it is not serious because the high tide have reached up to 21.7 feet high above datum in the year 2010 and 2011, and that the warning is issued by Myanmar Port Authority only because high tide reaches over 20 feet high above datum.—MNA

Britain awards 4.5 billion pound trains deal to Hitachi

LONDON/TOKYO, 26 July—Britain has approved a 4.5 billion pound (\$7 billion) contract with a consortium led by Japan's Hitachi (6501.T) to build 92 intercity trains at a newly-built factory in northern England, in a deal which will create more than 900 UK jobs.

The Agility consortium, made up by Hitachi and British construction company John Laing, has long been the preferred bidder for the contract, which the Japanese firm had originally hoped to seal by December 2009.

Hitachi will assemble 596 railway carriages at the factory to be sited in County Durham in north east England, Britain's Department for

Transport said on Wednesday.

The deal will create 730 skilled jobs at the factory, with a further 200 jobs during the site's construction, said British Transport Secretary Justine Greening.

The company will also locate its European rail research and development facilities at the site, a move which would enhance the factory's ability to win further rail contracts across Europe, Britain's Department for Transport said.

The contract has been seen as key to Hitachi's ability to break the dominance of Germany's Siemens, Canada's Bombardier and France's Alstom in the



A man coming down an escalator passes an advertisement for Hitachi in Tokyo on 8 March, 2011.—REUTERS

global railway market.

Hitachi said it aimed to begin production as early as 2016 at a rate of 35 rail cars per month.

The trains will replace existing diesel-powered trains

dating back to the 1970s and 1980s.

The new rolling stock will be a mixture of all-electric and "bi-mode" diesel-electric trains.

Reuters

Ocean waves could supply 10 pct of Australia's electricity by 2050

SYDNEY, 26 July—The waves in the ocean could supply about 10 percent of Australia's electricity by 2050, a new study released on Wednesday by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO) found.

The national science agency's study found that Australia's ocean energy resources could power a city the size of Melbourne by 2050. Ian Cresswell, director

energy in Australia," he said in a media release.

The report of CSIRO found that although wave energy could possibly provide 10 percent of Australia's electricity needs by 2050, there were many economic, technological, environmental and societal challenges that would determine its place in Australia's future energy mix.

The report also found the areas that could benefit from wave energy technology include Perth, the southern coastline and to a lesser extent the east coast of Australia, while tidal technology could supply niche areas such as northeast Tasmania and the Kimberley region in Western Australia.—Xinhua

UK to rule in October on Pentagon hacker US extradition

LONDON, 26 July—A British computer hacker accused by the United States of breaking into top secret military and space agency networks will learn the result of his six-year fight against extradition within three months, a court heard on Tuesday.

Gary McKinnon faces up to 60 years in jail if convicted in American courts for what one US prosecutor has described as the "biggest military computer hack of all time".

US officials say he knocked out hundreds of military computers in the months after the September 11, 2001 attacks, undermining security and causing damage worth nearly \$1 million.

McKinnon, 46, admits hacking into Pentagon and NASA computers from his bedroom in London, but



File photograph shows computer expert McKinnon arriving at the High Court to challenge his extradition to the United States, in London January 20, 2009. REUTERS

says he was only looking for evidence of aliens and UFOs.

He suffers from Asperger's syndrome, a form of autism, and his lawyers say he is too ill to be sent for trial in the United States.

British Home Secretary (interior minister) Theresa May will announce her decision on whether

McKinnon should be sent to the United States for trial by mid-October, a lawyer representing the British government told the High Court in London.

May has been studying medical reports before making up her mind and has been busy supervising the security for the Olympic Games, which open in London on Friday. Her spokesman had no immediate comment on the case.

McKinnon's mother Janis Sharp said the further delay was unacceptable.

"If Theresa May had got an ounce of compassion she would make her decision now, before the Olympics, because she has any number of medical reports - these delays are destroying my son's life," she told reporters outside court.

Reuters

Toshiba to cut memory chip production by 30 percent

TOKYO, 26 July — Japan's Toshiba Corp, the standout performer among the country's battered chip-makers, plans to cut production of flash memory chips by 30 percent after being caught by oversupply and tumbling prices. Toshiba's NAND flash memory has been a rare bright spot among Japan's fading chip industry, which has struggled to upgrade old plants and make the big investments needed to compete with aggressive overseas rivals.

Japan's last remaining player in the dynamic random memory (DRAM) market, Elpida Memory Inc, filed for bankruptcy in February, while Renesas Electronics Corp is scrambling to avoid the same fate by cutting its workforce and closing half of its domestic plants. Toshiba, the world's No. 2 maker of NAND

flash memory chips after Samsung Electronics, said on Tuesday it will slash production at its Yokkaichi plant in western Japan due an oversupply of chips for USB drives and memory cards.

"I'm a little surprised that they're cutting that much. Everyone knows that demand has not been as strong as expected," said David Motozo Rubenstein, senior

technology analyst at Religare Global Asset Management in Tokyo. "Apple's their biggest customer, with the new iPhone likely to come out later this year you would think they would build a little inventory for that," he added. Analysts estimate that more than half of Toshiba's NAND chip output ends up in Apple's blockbuster iPhones.—Reuters



Japan's leading chipmaker Toshiba Corp said on 24 July, 2012, it will cut production of NAND flash memory chips by 30 percent, underscoring the challenging supply conditions in the chip market and knocking its shares. REUTERS

Sweden's anti-immigrant sniper guilty of two murders

STOCKHOLM, 26 July—A Swedish man who fired sniper shots at foreign-looking people was found guilty of two counts of murder on Tuesday, highlighting racial tensions in the Nordic region traumatized by Norwegian mass killer Anders Behring Breivik. Peter Mangs was arrested in 2010 after a 12-month shooting spree in the southern Swedish city of Malmo.

The court found the 40-year-old Mangs guilty of the 2009 murder of a Swedish-born woman who was sitting next to an immigrant friend in a car when Mangs fired multiple shots.

He was also convicted of murdering an Iranian-born

man by shooting him in the chest in his apartment in 2003.

Mangs was also found guilty of four attempted murders during 2009 and 2010.

The court heard how one victim was shot through a window while working out in a gym and another while waiting for a bus. Some of the shootings were in broad daylight.

Mangs will be sentenced, probably in September, after a psychiatric evaluation determines whether he should be committed to a psychiatric institution or jail.

He had pleaded not guilty to all the serious charges, but guilty to two counts of causing property damage and he faces a possible life term.

Prosecutors said Mangs was obsessed with guns, hostile to immigrants and had an interest in Sweden's "Laser man", a racist gunman called John Aunonius who used a rifle equipped with a laser sight to shoot immigrants in the early 1990s. He was convicted of murder and nine attempted murders in 1994.

Like the July 2011 rampage by Breivik who killed 77 people in what he said was a stand against Muslim immigration, the Malmo attacks expose a vein of racist extremism in a region which prides itself on tolerance.

Roughly 40 percent of the population of Malmo, Sweden's third-largest city,



Peter Mangs, who was arrested on suspicion of three murders and 13 attempted murders over a seven-year period, sits at court in Malmo, on 21 Dec, 2010.—REUTERS

are first or second-generation immigrants and one in three is unemployed, compared with a national jobless rate just over 8 percent.

The sniper attacks have added to the city's reputation for crime, alongside a spate of shootings police have attributed to gang crime.

Reuters

US sanctions target Mexican drug lord's wives, business network

WASHINGTON, 26 July—The United States targeted Mexican drug lord Juan Jose Esparragoza Moreno on Tuesday by freezing the US assets of his two wives and other family members as well as those of his shopping mall, gas stations and other businesses.

A statement from the US Treasury said it was blacklisting 10 people linked to Moreno, a leader of Mexico's Sinaloa drug cartel, prohibiting Americans and US companies from doing business with them.

The department targeted

businesses in Mexico Moreno operates with one of his wives and her four children, including a residential community, a shopping mall and an industrial park.

It also blacklisted seven gas-station firms controlled by one of Moreno's other wives.

Moreno, also known as El Azul, was indicted on drug-trafficking charges by a Texas court in 2003 and is wanted in both the United States and Mexico. Both countries offer monetary rewards for information leading to his arrest.—Reuters

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Seven coal miners dead after explosion in northern Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 27 July—An explosion on Wednesday in a coal mine in northern Mexico killed seven miners, officials said, highlighting lax safety conditions in small mines that are often poorly regulated.

Emergency services brought the bodies of the men, aged between 20 and 39 years old, to the surface after an hours-long rescue effort, said Juan Antonio Ibarra, a emergency services official in the coal-mining state of Coahuila.

"Sometimes these mines don't have the appropriate security measures," said Ibarra. Ibarra said a pocket of

gas likely caused the explosion that occurred 246 feet (75 meters) underground.

The rescue operation, which involved up to 50 people, had moved slowly because of the need to ventilate the mine to prevent another explosion, Ibarra said.

The "pozito," or little hole, coal mine, which is privately operated by the El Progreso mining company, faced fines and sanctions in past, the Mexico's labour ministry said in a statement.

The mine had been inspected 16 times since 2009 and access restrictions were enacted as recently as June after inspectors found it lacked emergency exits, the labour ministry added.

"The government pledges to continue inspections of high-risk mines across the country," the statement said.

The company could not immediately be reached for comment.

Men have mined the largely unregulated pozito mines that dot Coahuila for more than a century.

A 2006 methane explosion at the much larger Piedras Negras mine, owned by Grupo Mexico (GMEXICO:BMX), killed 65 miners.—Reuters



Photo taken on 25 July, 2012 shows three exquisite snuff bottles displayed in the Palace Museum in Taipei, southeast China's Taiwan. The exhibition "Lifting the Spirit and Body: The Art and Culture of Snuff Bottles" kicked off in Taipei Palace Museum on Wednesday.

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Dated. 27 July, 2012.



People are pictured enjoying the hot weather on the banks of the River Thames ahead of the London 2012 Olympic Games on 25 July, 2012.

REUTERS

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Dozens stranded over Thames as cable car breaks down

LONDON, 26 July—Dozens of travellers were left stranded high above the River Thames after London's newly unveiled cable car broke down in sweltering heat on Wednesday.

The 45 million pound system that links two Olympic venues ground to a halt for over 30 minutes.

"All passengers were safely back in the terminal by 12:18 pm and water and first aid were made available to them. We would like to apologize to anyone affected."

The cable car, which connects the O2 Arena in Greenwich with the ExCel exhibition centre at the Royal Docks in east London, was launched to great fanfare by London mayor Boris Johnson last month.

Some passengers took to social media site Twitter to vent their frustration.

One, Alastair Owens, posted a photo of the stationary cable cars and tweeted: "London Emirates cable car has broken down and we're dangling mid air over the docks — seem to be evacuating..." "Can see cable cars closest to ground have been evacuated, but we in mid air are being told nothing."

Reuters

Danny Price, head of operator Emirates Air Line, said: "The Emirates Air Line is now back up and running after experiencing a technical fault at 11:45 am."

Chinese city in \$130 billion economy stimulus plan

BEIJING, 26 July—The government of Changsha, the capital of central China's Hunan Province, has launched an 829 billion yuan (\$130 billion) investment stimulus programme to bolster the local economy, state media has reported.

The money would be spent on 195 projects, including airport, subway and urban infrastructure facilities, as well as developing energy efficient industries, said a report by the official China News Service on Wednesday.

The government of Changsha, a city known for its machine-making and non-ferrous metal industries, would also speed up financial reform and innovations, said the report, which provided no details about how the program would be financed. The China News Service paraphrased Chen Runer, the Communist Party secretary of Changsha, saying that economic pressure on the city could not be ignored, despite relatively stable growth in the face of global headwinds, and it was time for initiative.

There was no reference to the programme's existence on the government of Changsha's website on Thursday.

Zhang Zhiwei, chief China economist at Nomura in Hong Kong, calculates that the headline number on the stimulus plan is worth 147 percent of Changsha's nominal GDP in 2011, or 1.8 percent of China's national economic output.

Even if spread over five years, Zhang says the implied investment would be equivalent to 46 percent of total annual



A man walks past a residential construction site with his luggage as he speaks on a mobile phone in Changsha, Hunan Province on 9 July, 2012.—REUTERS

fixed asset investment in Changsha.

Skeptics say a programme on that scale is implausible and could not be properly financed with China's banks still nursing bad loans worth an estimated 2-3 trillion yuan after local governments racked up debts of 10.7 trillion yuan in the wake of Beijing's nationwide stimulus program unveiled in 2008.—Reuters

7 people killed in blast in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 26 July—At least eight people including two children were killed and 20 others got injured on Thursday in a bomb blast in Pakistan's northwestern tribal region of Bajaur, local media reported.

According to local media, the blast took place in the main market of the Salarzai area of Bajaur Agency, Pakistan's northwestern restive region bordering Afghanistan.

In the blast, one person was killed on the spot while over two dozen others were injured who were quickly shifted to the Pusht Headquarters Hospital where seven of them succumbed to their injuries.

People were busy with shopping when the blast hit the market with a big bang.

The nature of the blast and its intensity were unknown yet but officials speculated that it was either an improvised explosive device (IED) or a remote-controlled blast.

At least six shops and a couple of vehicles were also destroyed due to the impact of the blast.

Soon after the blast security forces cordoned off the area and started a search operation in the nearby areas to arrest the suspects.

No militant group or organization had claimed responsibility for the blast yet.

Xinhua



Tote bags express Olympic dissatisfaction

A British designer says his line of sarcastic tote bags for London residents annoyed by the Olympic Games is proving popular.

Toby Leigh said he took great care not to violate any Olympic copyrights when he created the totes, which are modeled on the London 2012 logo but do not contain the word "Olympics" or any associated symbols, *The Sun* reported on 24 July.

"You can't use the words London 2012 or the Olympic rings, but they can't copyright the word London," Leigh said. "The typeface isn't the same typeface either."

The bag slogans include "They're all on steroids," "I'm renting my flat to fat American family" and "It only took me three hours to get to work this morning."

Leigh said sales have been so brisk the bags have temporarily sold out.

Britney Spears tough to please: Simon Cowell

LONDON, 26 July—Music Mogul Simon Cowell says singer Britney Spears is a tough judge on reality show "The X Factor" and not at all easy to please. "Britney is quite mean, which I think you will discover," said Cowell.

The 52-year-old who is known for giving tough comments himself, says that Spears and fellow judge Demi Lovato are harder to please than him or fourth judge singer L. A. Reid, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

"They are harder to please than me or L.A. They



Music Mogul Simon Cowell

are very happy giving people a no. They definitely have their own opinions," he said.—*Internet*

Cure AIDS with love, says Elton John

WASHINGTON, 26 July—Singer Elton John believes AIDS can be cured with love as that is what drives research into the potentially fatal disease.

"Maybe you think I am naive. Maybe you think I am off my rocker. Here I am telling an audience of 7,000 global health experts that you can end AIDS with love," he said at the AIDS 2012 international conference, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

"But thanks to all this compassion, all this love, more than 8 million people are on treatment.. Thanks to



Singer Elton John

people who have chosen to act, who have chosen to care, we can see an end to this epidemic..." he said.

"... but it's going to take a lot more compassion to get us there, a hell of a lot more," he added. The 65-year-old went on to note that "shame and stigma" prevent many people from getting help with the condition and discussed his belief that everyone needs to feel that they matter in the world.

"We have inexpensive and accurate take-home tests for HIV. But we can't convince people to get tested if they think their lives don't count... Millions of people around the world feel ashamed because of who they are. They feel subhuman, worthless, like they don't matter at all," he said.

—*Internet*

News Album

Magazine compiles exam answer mistakes

A London-based higher education magazine has released the entries in this year's "exam howlers" contest, which seeks to find the funniest test mistakes.

Times Higher Education said the entries in this year's contest, which are submitted by professors, include a sentence about the time "Stalin began to build a buffet zone in Eastern Europe," rather than a "buffer zone," and a student's statement that

during the Middle Ages, "most books were written on valium," rather than vellum.

"Spain was a very Catholic country, since Christianity had been taken there in the third century BC," wrote one student, while another, submitted by the same professor, spoke of "Pope Paul V, himself a Catholic." The winner of the contest is scheduled to be announced in next week's issue of *Times Higher Education*.

Missing python found in owner's yard

Authorities in Virginia said they have found a Myanmar python reported missing from its owner's home.

The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office said the 10-foot-long snake disappeared this month from its owner's Yorktown home and was found on 23 July coiled up in the yard of the home, *The (Norfolk) Virginian-Pilot* reported on 24 July.

The sheriff's office said the snake was healthy and was returned to its owner.

Worthington to team up with Schwarzenegger?

LOS ANGELES, 26 July—"Avatar" star Sam Worthington is reportedly in talks to star alongside Arnold Schwarzenegger in David Ayer's "Ten".

According to variety.com, the details of Worthington's role has been kept under wraps, but the actor "plans to accept" the offer.

Penned by Skip Woods, "Ten" focuses on an elite DEA task force who deals with the world's deadliest drug cartels. Specialising in complex mobile operation,



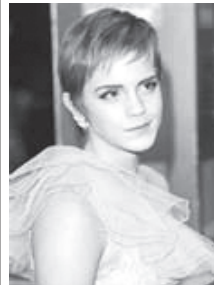
"Avatar" star Sam Worthington

the team executes a tactical raid on a cartel safe house.

What looks to be a typical raid turns out to be an elaborate theft operation, pre-planned by the DEA squad. After hiding millions in stolen cash, the team believes their secret is safe—until someone begins assassinating them one by one.

—*Internet*

Emma Watson feels shy around fans



British actress Emma Watson

LONDON, 26 July — British actress Emma Watson struggles to cope with her fame as she becomes a bit shy when fans recognize her.

The 22-year-old became well-known as a pre-teen when she landed the role of Hermione Granger in the

"Harry Potter" franchise.

In a series of posts on Twitter, she posted: "It's been 10 years but I still feel so uncomfortable with being recognised. Just a bit shy I suppose," reports contactmusic.com.

"I wish I had camouflaging powers like a superhero. That would be so helpful. Except for with kids, they are usually shyer than me so I don't feel so bad," she further posted.—*Internet*



Actor Stephen Merchant

Rowling plans tree houses for her kids

"Harry Potter" scribe JK Rowling revealed she is spending \$388,000 to build a pair of interlinked tree houses for her kids in Scotland.

Rowling submitted drawings to Edinburgh Council planners showing each of the tree houses, one for her 9-year-old son and another for her 7-year-old daughter, will be accessible through tunnels built in the garden of her home and the two houses will be linked by a rope bridge, *The Daily Telegraph* reported Tuesday.

"It would be highly unlikely that JK Rowling will not get permission for these tree houses," a council source said, "They are only for her children to play in, she's not seeking permission for residential permission for them."



British author J K Rowling at Wimbledon in London.

Kristen Stewart sorry for cheating on Robert Pattinson

LOS ANGELES, 26 July—U.S. actress Kristen Stewart publicly apologized for cheating on her boyfriend, Robert Pattinson, with the married director of "Snow White and the Huntsman." The longtime couple are the stars of the romantic "Twilight" vampire film franchise and have been dating for several years.

Several media outlets reported on Tuesday Stewart, 22, recently had a brief fling with director Rupert Sanders, who is 41, married and the father of two children. TMZ said Stewart publicly confirmed the affair Wednesday and apologized to Pattinson, 26.

"I'm deeply sorry for the hurt and embarrassment I've caused to those close to me and everyone this has affected," the actress said. "This momentary indiscretion has jeopardized the most important thing in my life, the person I love and respect the most, Rob. I love him, I love him, I'm so sorry." Sanders issued a separate statement to People.com on Wednesday.

"I am utterly distraught about the pain I have caused my family," said Sanders, who is married to actress-model Liberty Ross. "My beautiful wife and heavenly children are all I have in this world. I love them with all my heart. I am praying that we can get through this together."—*Internet*



Kristen Stewart with her "Snow White and the Huntsman" director Rupert Sanders. INTERNET

Stephen Merchant to star in HBO pilot

LONDON, 26 July—British actor and writer Stephen Merchant, a frequent collaborator of Ricky Gervais, is penning and will star in a TV pilot for HBO, *Deadline* reported.

The BBC said the show is based on Merchant's 2011 stand-up comedy tour "Hello Ladies" and will be about an Englishman looking for love in Los Angeles.

Merchant is best known for his work with Gervais on the original British version of "The Office," as well as the sitcoms "Extras" and "Life's Too Short."

He has also appeared in the big-screen comedies "Hall Pass" and "Tooth Fairy."—*Internet*

Brazilian star Oscar joins Chelsea

Talented playmaker becomes the fourth signing for the Blues this summer

LONDON, 26 July — Chelsea have completed the signing of Brazil international Oscar from Internacional. The 20-year-old playmaker, who is preparing for Brazil's London 2012 Olympic campaign, has become Chelsea's fourth signing of the summer.

"A 5ft 10in attacking midfielder who can play wide, he has a reputation for good pass-and-move football, protecting the ball and choosing the right moment to play passes," read a statement on the club's official website. Oscar, full name Oscar dos Santos



Chelsea manager Roberto Di Matteo has made his fourth signing this summer.—INTERNET

Emboaba Junior, started his career with Sao Paulo in Brazil, making his first-team debut in 2008.

He moved to Internacional two years later and was used as a substitute in the 2010 FIFA Club World Cup. Regarded as one of his country's brightest stars, Oscar has played for Brazil at every age group from Under-15 to Under-20 and was part of the side that won the Under-17 World Championships four years ago.

He also scored a hat-trick as his side defeated Portugal 3-2 in Colombia to win the FIFA Under-20 World Cup last year. Oscar made his senior debut for Brazil in September 2011 and has won six caps, the last of those coming against Argentina in June, a match in which he claimed his first goal for his country. Chelsea have already completed the signings of brothers Eden and Thorgan Hazard as well as Marko Marin in this transfer window.—Internet

Roma beats Liverpool 2-1 at Fenway Park

BOSTON, 26 July — Michael Bradley and Alessandro Florenzi scored second-half goals, lifting Italy's Roma to a 2-1 victory over Liverpool in an exhibition game at Fenway Park on Wednesday night. Bradley sent a right-footed kick by keeper Brad Jones that caromed into the goal off the left post in the 63rd minute, drawing chants of "USA! USA!" from the crowd of 37,169. He's the son of former US coach Bob Bradley.

Florenzi scored off a rebound from directly in front in the 69th minute—two minutes after entering the game. Charlie Adam scored in the 80th minute for



Roma forward Francesco Totti (10) passes the ball past Liverpool's Ryan McLaughlin (43) during the first half of their friendly match at Fenway Park in Boston, on 25 July, 2012.—INTERNET

Liverpool. "We did some good things," Roma coach Zdenek Zeman said through a translator. "We were well-placed, but we still lack 90 minutes." Liverpool was without captain Steven Gerrard because rules require rest following international tournaments. Luis Suarez (Uruguay) is scheduled to play at the London Olympics and also isn't on the North American tour for Liverpool.

The match was played in the home of the Boston Red Sox, owned by Fenway Sports Group—also the owner of Liverpool. There was a sea of red in the recently turned 100-year-old ballpark, but it wasn't red for the Red Sox. For one night, Fenway was transformed into the home of Liverpool's fans. The usual Red Sox jerseys worn by fans with the names and numbers on the backs reading: "Ortiz 34" and "Pedroia 15" were missing and a number of "Gerrard 8" and "Suarez 7" jerseys filled the park.

"It was incredible. I told them before, 'You'll be able to tell your grandkids you played football at Fenway Park,'" Liverpool coach Brendan Rodgers said. The match was dubbed "Football at Fenway 2012" and it had the flavor of one at Anfield. The media meal also was accordingly "fish and chips"—an English staple.—Internet

Japan off to winning start in Olympic women's soccer

COVENTRY, 26 July — World champions Japan got off to a winning start at the London Olympic Games women's soccer tournament when they beat Canada 2-1 on Wednesday. Japan dominated throughout the match with better individual skills and more fluent teamwork. Winger Nahomi Kawasumi and playmaker Aya Miyama scored in the first half. Melissa Tancredi pulled one back for Canada after the interval, but they could make no more troubles for the confident Japanese girls. Britain's women's team began their campaign in Cardiff with a 1-0 win over New Zealand.

Team GB played better in the first half after a shaky start and midfielder Anita Asante went close three times. Controlling the pace of the game, Britain broke the deadlock in the second half as defender Stephanie Houghton netted a fine free-



Mizuho Sakaguchi of Japan heads the ball during the preliminary round Group F match of women's football between Japan and Canada, at City of Coventry Stadium, Britain, on 25 July, 2012. Japan won the match 2-1. XINHUA

kick from just outside the area in the 64th minute. A horrible defensive mix-up gave New Zealand a great chance to level the scores less than ten minutes later as two defenders collided to put Sarah Gregorius through on goal, but her tame shot was easily saved by Karen Bardsley.

The United States staged

a spectacular comeback as they beat France 4-2 after lagging 2-0 behind. Alex Morgan scored twice. The reigning Olympic champions looked in trouble at Glasgow's Hampden Park when Gaetane Thiney and Marie-Laure Delie handed France a 2-0 lead after 13 minutes. However, Abby Wambach's header and a

cool finish from Morgan brought the score level before half-time and further goals from Carli Lloyd and Morgan early in the second half gave the Americans a deserved victory. Later, Brazil went top of Group E as they opened their Olympic campaign in style with a comfortable 5-0 victory over tournament newcomers Cameroon at the Millennium Stadium.

Early goals from Francielle and Renato Costa put Brazil in control, before captain Marta with a brace and substitute Cristiane sealed victory. Sweden beat South Africa 4-1 after a first-half scoring spree in their Olympic Games Group F clash at the City of Coventry Stadium. The DPR Korean team took the field an hour late - after a protest over the use of the ROK flag by mistake in a pre-match presentation - to beat Colombia 2-0 with two goals from Kim Song-Hui.

Xinhua

Fearsome Amanar may hold key to women's gold

LONDON, 26 July — It sounds like an ancient civilization, or perhaps a villain from the Indiana Jones films, but the Amanar could hold the key to glory in the women's gymnastics at the London Olympics. One of the most fiendish vaults in the women's event, the Amanar requires gymnasts to perform two and a half twists in mid-air after producing a back handspring onto the vault. The more orthodox double-twisting Yurchenko vault—named after Soviet gymnast Natalia Yurchenko—requires only two twists to be completed, and the extra half twist in the Amanar makes all the difference.

With the vault 10cm lower for the women than it is for the men, female competitors are not as high in the air when they spring into their salto, giving them less time to introduce twists and tucks to their routine. The Amanar also necessitates a blind landing, as the final half twist obscures the gymnasts' view of the floor and means that they finish their vault facing away from the apparatus. "A lot of people don't think that a half twist is that much, but it's a lot harder," said Jordyn Wieber of the United States, the reigning women's all-around world champion, in a New York Times interview earlier this month.

"It takes a while to master it." It is not a vault for the faint-hearted. Quite apart from the terror of not being able to see the floor until the

very last moment, the final twist exerts extreme pressure on the knee and ankle joints of the gymnast. Russia's Aliya Mustafina can testify to the Amanar's menace, having torn the anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee when attempting the vault at last year's European Championships. It remains to be seen whether she will attempt the Amanar in London, but Wieber certainly will. Only the Americans boast a team of five female gymnasts who can all perform the Amanar, with the graceful McKayla Maroney—who took gold on the vault at last year's World Championships—arguably

the finest exponent.

The Amanar is named after Romanian gymnast Simona Amanar, the three-time Olympic champion, who unveiled a rusty version of it to the world at the 2000 Games in Sydney. It has a 6.5 difficulty rating—0.7 points higher than the double-twisting Yurchenko—which means it is a vault that confers a serious advantage upon any gymnast brave enough to pull it off. With the vault a feature of the all-around competitions for both teams and individuals, as well as an event in its own right, the Amanar looks set to deliver a decisive twist in the tale at the O2 Arena.—Internet



Simona Amanar of Romania approaches the vault at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. It sounds like an ancient civilization, or perhaps a villain from the Indiana Jones films, but the Amanar could hold the key to glory in the women's gymnastics at the London Olympics.—INTERNET



Andy Roddick from the United States

Roddick up for Olympic glory on his favorite surface

LONDON, 26 July — Andy Roddick from the United States is eagerly awaiting the London 2012 Olympic Games tennis tournament which will be played at Wimbledon on grass, one of his favorite surfaces. It's the first time since tennis was reintroduced to the Games as a medal sport (at Seoul 1988) that it will be played on grass. Roddick reached the men's singles final at the Wimbledon Championships three times during his career—in 2004, 2005 and 2009.

"I'm excited the Olympics are on grass as it's a surface that I favor," he said. "I've been looking forward to it." "I'm curious to see what it will feel like. It's two-out-of-three sets until the final. Two-out-of-three sets on grass is a crapshoot, so I'm excited. Anything goes there."

Roddick, who last competed in the Games at Athens 2004, added: "You are playing for something different. Normally we deal in very selfish terms as a tennis player, especially as a singles player.—Internet

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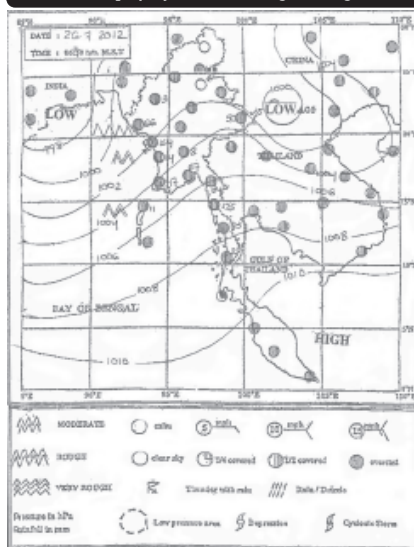
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- 2. To be Healthy Exercise
- 7:50 am
- 3. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:10 am
- 4. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 8:25 am
- 5. Teleplay (Health)
- 4:00 pm
- 6. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
- 7. Musical Programme
- 4:40 pm
- 8. Song of National Races
- 5:00 pm
- 9. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:10 pm
- 10. Songs Of Yester Years
- 5:20 pm
- 11. Myanmar Language
- 5:35 pm
- 12. Documentary
- 5:50 pm
- 13. Sports Highlight
- 6:20 pm
- 14. Internet Garden
- 7:00 pm
- 15. Teleplay (Policy)
- 8:00 pm
- 16. News
- 17. Just For Laughs
- 18. TV Drama Series
- 19. Song Lover

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**Weather forecast for 27th July, 2012**

Sr. No.		Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	28/62	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
2	Kayah	25/77	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayah	27/81	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
4	Chin	24/75	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	32/90	26/79	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	32/90	26/79	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
7	Tanintharyi	25/77	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
8	Bago	24/75	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
9	Magway	31/88	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	30/86	26/79	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
11	Mon	29/84	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
12	Yangon	30/86	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	26/79	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	21/70	17/63	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	20/62	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	23/73	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	32/90	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	29/84	23/73	One or two rains or thundershowers	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	30/86	22/72	Some rain or thundershowers	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	30/86	26/79	One or two rains or thundershowers	(100%)

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Sagaing, Magway Region and Kayah State, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Regions, Shan and Chin States and Widespread in the remaining Regions and States with generally heavy falls in Tanintharyi Region, Rakhine and Mon States and isolated heavy falls in Upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Regions and Kayah State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyaukpada (6.86) inches, Launglon (5.75) inches, Dawei (4.96) inches, Ye (4.61) inches, Pagan (4.29) inches, Gwa (4.25) inches, Thabeik (4.01) inches, Chawngon (3.79) inches, Kyaukpada (3.62) inches, Kaly and Hpa-an (3.27) inches each, Kengung and Central Yangon (2.61) inches each and Mawlaik (2.07) inches.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea: Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Central Myanmar areas.

North Korea incident overshadows action

CARDIFF, 26 July — A major diplomatic incident marred the first day of competition at the London Olympics on Wednesday when the North Korea women's soccer team walked off after the South Korea flag was mistakenly displayed before their match against Colombia. The error occurred in Scotland at Glasgow's Hampden Park stadium which was hosting one of the day's six matches kicking off the women's tournament and led to a lengthy delay before the game eventually started.

Kicking off almost an hour later than the scheduled start time of 1845 GMT, North Korea were far more composed on the pitch and went on to record a 2-0 victory. In the day's other games, reigning Olympic champions the United States, bidding for a third successive gold, came from behind to beat France 4-2, world champions Japan

defeated Canada 2-1 and hosts Britain overcame New Zealand 1-0. Brazil, among the favorites for gold, thrashed Cameroon 5-0 and Sweden, another possible medalist, thumped South Africa 4-1.

But the drama in Glasgow marked a day in which sporting action began around Britain two days before the official opening ceremony in London on Friday. The trouble started when the South Korea flag was shown on a giant screen before the kickoff of the Group G match at Hampden Park, one of five venues hosting games outside London, and Olympic organizers had to issue an apology.

"The South Korean flag was shown in the video package on the screen before the kickoff and the North Koreans were naturally very upset about that," Hampden Park media manager Andy Mitchell told Reuters. "We



Children hold the North Korean flag ahead of the women's Group G football match between North Korea and Colombia at the London 2012 Olympic Games in Hampden Park, Glasgow, Scotland on 25 July, 2012. — REUTERS

have made a full apology to the team and the North Korean NOC (National Olympic Committee). A genuine mistake was made for which we apologize. Steps will be taken to ensure it does not happen again." When asked if he thought it was an accident, North Korea coach Sin U-gun was not so sure and said he would ask the organizers the same question.

"We were angry because our players were introduced as if they were from South

Korea, which may affect us greatly as you may know," he said. "Our team was not going to participate unless the problem was solved perfectly and fortunately some time later, the broadcasting was corrected and shown again live so we made up our mind to participate and go on with the match," he added. "If this matter cannot be solved, we thought going on was nonsense. Winning the game cannot compensate for that thing." — Reuters

Crime News**Stimulant tablets worth K 900 million seized in Myitkyina**

MYITKYINA, 26 July—Supervisor Police Captain Sai Thein Zaw and party of Myitkyina Special Anti-Drug Squad managed purchase of large amount of narcotic drugs. Of them, Police WO Khin Zaw took the appearance of drug buyer.

At about 7.30 pm on 21 July, they received call of traffickers to inform them to wait on Mandalay-Myitkyina Union Highway beyond the Akye checkpoint in Akye Village of Myitkyina Township. Together with witnesses, the authorities seized the traffickers and searched them under the law.

The authorities seized 300,000 stimulant tablets weighing 30 kilos worth K 900 million and K 900,000 in cash of proceeds from selling narcotic drugs, one China-made ZTE mobile phone with number of 09-49215905 in the rare trunk of driver Thauang Myint (a) Meliho, citizenship scrutiny card with U Meholi, one green Mazda jeep and wheel tax.

Thauang Myint (a) Meliho confessed that the stimulant tablets were trusted by U Yan Hson (a) Yan Saw of Chanmyathazi Township of Mandalay Region.

At present, action was taken against Thauang Myint (a) Meholi, 54 at Myitkyina No 1 Police Station under Maya (1) 65/2012 and 15/19(a)/20(a)/21 of narcotic drug and psychotropic substances law. Investigation is in process to arrest Yan Son (a) Yan Saw.

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PRIZES AWARDED: The prize presentation for distinction winner students in matriculation examination 2012 was held at Pinyin Yadana Hall of Basic Education High School No 1 in Pakkoku on 24 July. Deputy Commissioner U Khin Maung Yi of District General Administration Department presents prize to an outstanding student.

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U Kyaw Mra
Rtd. Director, Sports and Physical Education Department
Rtd. General Secretary,
Myanmar Olympic Committee
(75) years

U Kyaw Mra, second eldest son of (former Chief Secretary to the Govt of the Union of Myanmar & Former Special Adviser of Public Administration Division, UN Hdqrs, U Shwe Mra-Daw Khin Tint), brother of U Tun Mra-Daw Maibelle Maw, U Soe Mra-Daw Yin Ung, U Win Mra-Daw Mya Mar Mar Win, U Mg Mg Mra-Daw Tin Tin Khaing, U Paw Myint Oo-Daw Mra Sandy, U Aye Kyaw-Daw Mra Hninzi, Dr Rai Mra-Dr Katherine Ba Thike, Dr Aung Mra, Dr Zan Mra-Dr Aye Khin Tu passed away at Sakura Hospital on 25-7-2012 (Wednesday) at 5:40 am. Funeral will be at YAY WAY CEMETERY on 27-7-2012 (Friday) at 12 noon.

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President U Thein Sein attends luncheon hosted by Joint Standing Committee on Commerce, Industry and Banking of Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein on 23 July attended a luncheon hosted by Joint Standing Committee on Commerce, Industry and Banking of Thailand at Shangri-La in Bangkok of Thailand.

Also present at the luncheon together with the President were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Myint Hlaing, U Tin Naing Thein, U Aung Kyi, U Than Htay and U Win Myint, the Kayin State chief minister, the Taninthayi Region chief minister, the adjutant-general, deputy ministers, the Myanmar ambassador to Thailand and departmental heads.—MNA

President U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo together with those present at the luncheon hosted by Joint Standing Committee on Commerce, Industry and Banking of Thailand.—MNA



President U Thein Sein receives Thai businessmen

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—President U Thein Sein received Thai businessmen separately at The Siam Suite in Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand, on 23 July evening.

The President met CEO and

President U Thein Sein receives CEO and Chairman of PTT Group Dr Pailin Chuchottaworn and CEO of PTTEP Mr Tevin Vongvanich at Mandarin Oriental Hotel.—MNA

Chairman of SCG Group Mr Kan Trakulhoon and party at 3.15 pm.

He received CEO and Chairman of PTT Group Dr Pailin Chuchottaworn and CEO of PTTEP Mr Tevin Vongvanich at 3.45 pm and Vice-President Mr Adirek SriPratak of CP Group Company at 4.30 pm.

Present at the calls together with the President were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Myint Hlaing, U Tin Naing Thein, U Aung Kyi and U Than Htay, the deputy industry minister, the Myanmar ambassador to Thailand and departmental heads.—MNA



President U Thein Sein receives guests separately

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received guests separately at Mandarin Oriental in Bangkok on 24 July.

At 10.30 am, the President received Indochina Bureau Chief Ms Anasuya Sanyal of Channel News Asia International Television and replied to queries in a TV interview.

At 11.45 am, the President received Chairman Mr Upakit Pachariyangkun and party of Dawei Power and Utility Co. Ltd and discussed donation of two 122 MW turbine generators and investment of 15 MW generators for Dawei Industrial Zone.

At 1.30 pm, the President received the delegation led by Thai Minister of Defence Air Chief Marshal Sukumpol Suwanatat.

The President also received CP Group Chairman Mr Dhanin Chearavanont and party and discussed development of agriculture and livestock breeding sectors in Myanmar. He met with Chairman U Hla Win and party of MK Group of Companies and had a discussion on breeding of cows and milch cows, establishment of milk and dairy product factories and training for livestock breeding. The President also received Chairman Mr Vikrom Kromadit and party of Amata Foundation and focused on development of industrial zones. Moreover, he received Vice Chairman Dr Mark Fung and party of Singapura Investment Holdings Pte Ltd and discussed upgrading of



President U Thein Sein receives CP Group Chairman Mr Dhanin Chearavanont and party at Mandarin Oriental Hotel.—MNA

education and health sectors of Myanmar.

Also present at the calls were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Myint Hlaing, U Tin Naing Thein,

U Aung Kyi, U Than Htay and U Win Myint, Chief Minister of Taninthayi Region U Myat Ko, the Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand and departmental heads.—MNA