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Myanmar War Veterans Organization awards distinction winners in 2011-2012 matriculation exam

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—Patron of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended prize presentation ceremony to WVO members' offsprings who passed 2011-2012 matriculation exam with flying colours at Myanmar WVO Headquarters in Lewe Township here this afternoon.

The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services said in his address that three and above distinctions winners from families of veterans who had accomplished duties of the Tatmadaw and retired for various reasons would receive the same honour like those from active Tatmadaw members.

It will be found that the government does not turn a blind eye on retirees, war veterans and their families and even empower them. The goodwill of the government towards the retirees could be seen in the pension rise in 2011. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 30 March, 2012, prescribed "Assistance for families of disabled or deceased or fallen Tatmadawmen Law" in accordance with the new constitution.

The government is also adopting plans to make sure that the education sector could cultivate nationalist fervour in the citizens while improving education standards of the country.

The onus is on WVO members who have well-established nationalist fervour to hand down the legacy of nationalist views, perspectives and spirit to their own offsprings, schoolchildren and youths.

This will make them morally healthy, adhering to laws, disciplines and ethics. Moral lessons beyond textbooks are to be taught. The students need to continue their education to turn themselves into good and able citizens who obey teachings of respectable persons, develop full consciousness and have reasoning power.

They need to try to become the educated new generation with patriotic spirit to safeguarding the country and the people. The students are urged to improve their capacity built on the talents in hand, helping the government realize national education plans, realizing the commitment of the government and the Tatmadaw to education promotion, valuing parent's and teachers' legacy and achieving educational goals.

Patron of Myanmar WVO Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presented medals, awards and certificates of honours to five six-distinction winners in 2011-2012 matriculation exam.

Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe, General Hla Htay Win from



Patron of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing cordially greets WVO members' offsprings who passed 2011-2012 matriculation exam with flying colours.—MNA

the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Nyan Tun and wife Daw Khin Aye Myint, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Myat Hein and wife Daw Htway Htway Nyunt, Lt-Gen Myint Soe, Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut, Lt-Gen Hla Min and Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) Chairman of Myanmar WVO Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Wai Lwin, Defence Services Inspector-General Lt-Gen Thauang Aye, Military Appointment-General Lt-Gen Win Myint, Judge Advocate-General Lt-Gen Yar Pyae and officials awarded distinction winners.

A total of 80 students were awarded at today's ceremony.—MNA

Our Three Main National Causes

- * Non-disintegration of the Union
- * Non-disintegration of National Solidarity
- * Perpetuation of Sovereignty

Chinese markswoman Yi shoots down first London Games gold

LONDON, 28 July—Chinese shooter Yi Siling shot down the first London Olympics gold medal in women's 10-meter air rifle Saturday with a score of 502.9 points.

Poland's Sylwia Bogacka, who shared the lead with Yi in the qualification with 399 points, finished 0.7 behind to settle with a silver.

Yi's teammate Yu Dan came up from fourth place in the qualification to grab a bronze, further 0.7 points trailing.

Yi 23, world No. 1 in the event, extended a stable and consistent performance in the final, shooting all her ten shots above 10 points and won the title in a deserved and convincing way.—Xinhua



China's Yi Siling wins gold medal, the first gold medal for both the London 2012 Olympic Games and the Chinese delegation.

XINHUA

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (28-7-2012)

Dawei	(7.60) inches
Launglon	(5.87) inches
Bago	(4.02) inches
Myeik	(3.62) inches
Maubin	(3.58) inches

Flood bulletin for Thanlwin River

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—According to the 3:30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an 752 cm has exceeded by 2 cm above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 750 cm during the next 24 hours commencing this noon, said Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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In the line of Service

It was in the misty period of Civil Service history that in 1853 AD, the Northcote-Trevelyan Report on the Reform of the British Civil Service was submitted and enacted. Thirty three years later, in 1886 the Konbaung sovereign kingdom of Mandalay was wantonly subjugated. Heretofore the rural social structure known as the village pervaded all along the socio-economic fabric until it was radically supplanted by township as the basic economic and administrative unit under the Colonial rule. The triple functions of the then administrator were: maintenance of law and order, collection of revenue and the administration of justice.

The Rule of Law manifests itself in many areas of the civil society. The bedrock of functions of the Colonial Administration were the Civil Service Regulations, Fundamental Rules, Discipline and Appeal Rules, the Official Secrets Act, Codes of Ethics and Morality etc. The administrators selected thereto under open competition were permanent career officials from recruitment, training and posted to various levels of progression till honourable retirement. They were committed to serve the public with honesty, efficiency and dignity. They upheld the principal tenets of the covenanted Oath of office namely: *Integrity, Anonymity and Impartiality*; to act judiciously without bias or favour; must be free from partisan politics to earn the confidence and trust of the people. The Civil Service maintains the continuity of good governance and stable administration in the context of the elective representations of the parliamentary democracy.

The post Independence years after 1948, had witnessed new awakening for the Civil Service, functioning under the parliamentary democracy system. In addition to the regulatory functions, added responsibilities and accountability were called upon for nation building and development. In the intervening years many changes were affected, administrative reorganizations instituted as the Civil Service moved onwards with resilience.

The New Year 2011 heralds dawn of representative democracy, good governance and clean government, manifestations of transparency and civil society. For the Civil Service more challenging tasks lie ahead. The generation gap of the oldies with their education, experience, all-round expertise of general administration, dignity, discipline and good conscience, were never been more critically felt. A new momentum will need to start with new aspiring generations, picked objectively from among a pool of good graduates, recruited and trained in public administration, general management, management of strategic human resources, and analytical knowledge of the rules and regulations which make the composite whole of the regulatory and development process. A conscious start must essentially be made as of now, and there's no time to lose.

Through endurance, patience, tenacity and dedication, the Civil Service will eventually respond for the public at large in ways it had served before.

Japan Heart Chairman Dr Hideto Yoshioka and Managing Director Mr Yoshinori Komaru of Myanmar Yutani Co Ltd donated two Nipro Hemodialysis machines worth US\$ 32000 to Medical Superintendent Daw Tin Nwe Kyi of Thingangyun Sanpya Hospital and Dean of Renal Department Dr Daw Khin Thida Lwin on 26 July. (News reported) —MNA

17th Plenary Meeting of 6th SSMNC concludes

YANGON, 28 July—The 17th Plenary Meeting of the 6th State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee continued for the second day at Wizaya Mingala Dhamma Thabin Hall, here, this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Mandalay Bharmo Monastery Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa and member Sayadaws, Adviser U Arnt Maung and departmental officials.

Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Uttamañānabhivamsa, Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Janeya and Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Çintitalankara discussed Vinicchaya, religious and education affairs of the first-

assigned branch of the Committee.

Next, they discussed the submissions to the SSMNC.

After that, Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Suradhaja, Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Nandasara and Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Dhammapalabhivamsa responded to discussions on the Vinicchaya report of the duty-assigned branch of the Committee.

Joint Secretary Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vijjodaya sought the approval from the meeting participant Sayadaws for the report.

Today, disciples led by Sayadaw Bhaddanta Manita of Weluwun Shwegyin Monastery of Kyaikkasan, Thingangyun Township offered alms for the eighth time to members of the Sangha from the second day meeting.—MNA

Coord meeting emphasizes development of energy and electrical sectors of State

YANGON, 28 July—A coordination meeting on development of energy and electrical sectors of the State was held at the hall of the Ministry of Energy, here, yesterday morning.

At the meeting, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min and Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe made speeches.

The meeting focused on current implementation of the ministries for development of energy and electrical sectors, future tasks and plan to provide assistance for implementation of seeking possible electrical and



energy sources in regions and states.

Next, region and state ministers for Electric and Industry discussed undertakings in regions and states, future tasks, and assistance from the ministries.

Directors-general of respective ministries replied to discussions. Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Aung Than Oo gave a concluding remark.—MNA

The coordination meeting on energy and electrical sectors of the State in progress.

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Functions of Myanmar Shipyards, Myanmar Mercantile Marine College, Myanmar Maritime University inspected

YANGON, 28 July—Deputy Minister for Transport U Han Sein met the Managing Director and officials at Myanmar Shipyards yesterday morning and he looked into building of new watercraft, repairing works of vessels and docking of vessels at the 12000-ton dry dock.

After that, the Deputy Minister visited academic departments, mess hall and

training to students at Myanmar Mercantile Marine College.

In the afternoon, the Deputy Minister met with the Rector and officials at the meeting hall of Myanmar Maritime University and gave instructions on academic and management matters. Later, he grew a sapling after visiting the university.

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Preparations should be made for accommodation of guests

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung met managers-in-charge of 31 hotels from Nay Pyi Taw at Myat Taw Win Hotel of Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, here, this morning.

The deputy minister instructed them to make efforts for providing accommodation to increasing number of tourists with business visa at hotel rooms in Nay Pyi Taw and to join hands with the ministry for placing emphasis on human resource development and security measures.

He stressed the need to accommodate the guests in administrative city Nay Pyi Taw and economic hub Yangon in comparison with Laos, Cambodia and Thailand and to improve their hotels to create MICE Market (Meeting, Incentive, Conference and Exhibition) for businessmen.

He said that as a conference will be held in Nay Pyi Taw in coming September with attendance of over 500 international entrepreneurs, hotels in Nay Pyi Taw are to be prepared for accommodation of the guests with suitable services in conformity of the city. Moreover, he said that it is necessary to make preparations for providing hotel service and rooms to the guests in the XXVII SEA Games to be held in December 2013, prepare reception and food catering services at game village and take security measures. In conclusion, he instructed them to strictly abide by directives of the ministry and grow flower plants in front of the hotels.—MNA

Serbian parliament approves new government led by Ivica Dacic

BELGRADE, 28 July — Serbian parliament on Friday voted to approve the government led by Ivica Dacic, nearly three months after an inconclusive election on 6 May. The new cabinet will be sworn in after a brief recess.

Lawmakers in the 250-seat Belgrade parliament voted 142 to 72 to endorse Socialist Party of Serbia (SPS) leader Ivica Dacic as prime minister at the helm of a coalition with nationalists. Seventy-two lawmakers voted against and 26 abstained.

Dacic received a mandate on 28 June, 2012 to form a coalition government with President Tomislav Nikolic's nationalist Progressive party. The new government will be the country's 12th administration after Bulgaria introduced a multi-party system in 1990.

Xinhua



Members of the new cabinet of Serbia attend the swearing-in ceremony in Belgrade on 27 July, 2012. Serbian parliament on Friday voted to approve the government led by Ivica Dacic. —XINHUA

Mexican navy captures regional boss of Zetas drug cartel

MEXICO CITY, 28 July — Mexico arrested one of the top traffickers of the Zetas drug cartel accused of overseeing the feared gangs' operations across the south of the country, the navy said on Friday. Naval forces captured on Thursday Mauricio Guizar, known as "El Amarillo," in a hotel in small town in the central state of Puebla where he was holed up with 20 grenades, an anti-tank bazooka and a submachine gun, the navy said in a statement. Guizar is implicated in the killing of four soldiers in the Gulf state of Veracruz in April.



Federal agents take photographs of a sprayed "Z", the symbol of Zetas drug cartel, on a pillar at a crime scene in the municipality of Cadereyta on 13 May, 2012.

REUTERS

He is accused of being a lieutenant of one of the Zetas' top commanders, Oscar Omar Trevino, and running operations in five southern states for the cartel, which traffics cocaine and other narcotics to the United States. The Zetas were founded by army deserters and authorities say they are responsible for some of the bloodiest massacres in Mexico's drug war. More than 55,000 people have been killed in drug-related violence since outgoing President Felipe Calderon launched an army-led offensive against the cartels shortly after taking office in late 2006.

A new president, Enrique Pena Nieto, from the opposition Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) was elected on 1 July promising a change in security strategy as many voters tired of the spiraling violence. Calderon claims high-level captures of drug capos as a success in the drug war, with security forces succeeding in detaining or killing around two dozen of Mexico's 37 most wanted kingpins over the past six years. But analysts say attacking top cartel leaders has led to internal splits in the criminal organizations and caused more violence.

Trevino and his brother Miguel Angel Trevino Morales, one of the alleged leaders of the Zetas, are both at large and were charged this year in the United States with laundering drug proceeds by buying, breeding and racing American racehorses. Guizar's arrest follows the detention of other alleged Zetas this week in Puebla, including William de Jesus Torres, known as "The Worm Eater," who gave authorities information about the cartel's structure.

Reuters

Venezuelan president confirms to attend Mercosur summit

CARACAS, 28 July — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has confirmed that he will attend Tuesday's summit of Latin America's largest trade bloc in Brazil. In an announcement broadcast by both television and radio networks, Chavez said he will travel to Brasilia the day before the Mercosur conference. The gathering is convened to formalize Venezuela's official entry into the bloc, created in 1991 to promote free trade of goods and services through a common trade policy and other measures in the region.

Mercosur is composed of Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay. But Paraguay has been suspended from the group since late June following the controversial impeachment of former President Fernando Lugo by the opposition-controlled Congress. Paraguay's suspension allows Venezuela's full entry into Mercosur, as it has been the only member blocking Caracas' accession since it first applied in 2006. Other South American nations, including Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Peru and Ecuador, are associate members.

The summit will also mark Chavez's first official trip abroad since his battle with cancer began last year. He declared on 11 May that he had fully recovered from the disease, which required several trips to Cuba for surgery and radiation therapy treatment. —Xinhua



Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez

Trade fair to further expand China-Vietnam trade links

HANOI, 28 July — The 2012 China's Guangxi-Vietnam Trade Fair, that kicked off here on Thursday last week, has ushered a more vibrant trade relations between Vietnam and China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. With 140 pavilions covering an area of 4,500 square metres, the four-day fair showcased over 1,000 different products, including electrical machinery, sugar production technology, construction materials, food, medicines and other high-tech products.

On display at the trade fair's outdoor pavilion were China-made heavy equipment such as trucks, excavators and cars. In recent years, the sector of new energy vehicles in China has developed strongly, Yang Bin, general manager of the China Sumpo Electricmotor Fabricate company, said. Interviewed by Xinhua, Yang said that apart from being environment-friendly, using

electric vehicle is also very economical.

"The cost of using electric vehicle is only one-tenth of the cost of maintaining a motorcycle," Yang said. Vietnam is known as the world's motorcycle capital with some 5 million motorcycles plying the roads of Hanoi alone.

"We hope that we can soon work with the Vietnamese government to bring our products to Vietnam. We plan to set up an assembly plant here not only to save on costs and also to promote local employment," Yang said. Ma Jixian, deputy director-general of the Department of Commerce of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, said that the holding of the trade fair is an important step in promoting economic cooperation between Guangxi and Vietnam. "Since 2006, Guangxi has held six Guangxi-Vietnam trades fair which have received very good response from local

enterprises," Ma said.

"Thanks to the holding of these trade fair, the trade volume between Guangxi and Vietnam has kept increasing around 40 percent annually in the past few years and the value of contracts signed during trade fairs has also increased about 50 percent year-on-year," Ma added. According to the Guangxi Department of Commerce, the commercial ties between Guangxi and Vietnam have been strengthened in recent years, with bilateral trade increasing by 47.7 percent over the 2010 figure to nearly 7.6 billion US dollars in 2011. Government statistics showed that trade turnover between Vietnam and Guangxi topped among ASEAN countries, accounting for 79.3 percent of the total trade between Guangxi and ASEAN.

Xinhua

Cuban dissident Oswaldo Paya talks to reporters in Havana in this 30 March, 2011 file photo.

REUTERS

Cuba blames Spanish driver in crash that killed dissidents

HAVANA, 28 July — A Spanish politician was to blame for a car crash that killed two Cuban dissidents, including Oswaldo Paya, Cuba said on Friday in a report on an accident that has raised suspicions among opposition activists and some foreign governments. The preliminary report, based on the testimony of three eyewitnesses and the Spanish driver Angel Carromero Barrios, said Carromero did not heed a series of signals to slow down for repair work on the road and lost control of the car.

It estimated the car was travelling at 75 miles per hour (121 km per hour) at the time of the accident. The posted speed limit was 37 mph (60 kph). Paya, the 60-year-old leader of the Christian Liberation Movement, and fellow dissident Harold Cepero were killed in the crash on Sunday in eastern Granma province. Both were riding in the back seat and neither wore a seatbelt, the report said. Along with Carromero, the vice president of Spain's ruling Popular

Party's "New Generations" movement, Swedish politician Aron Modig, chairman of Sweden's Christian Democrats' youth wing, was riding in the front seat. Both had their seatbelts fastened.

The two foreigners escaped relatively unscathed from the crash and remain in the country as the investigation continues. The report indicated possible criminal charges were being considered. The report's conclusion that Carromero was to blame for the accident suggested that he could face charges of reckless driving and involuntary manslaughter. Paya's death caused consternation within dissident circles and among Cubans living abroad and some foreign governments. His family has repeatedly questioned whether his death was due to an accident, and alleged that the car may have been run off the road.

"Angel Carromero declared... that he did not remember seeing the signals warning of the state of the road. He added that when he entered the road under repair at a speed he could not recall... he braked hard in an effort to slow down and the car began to slide to the side until it hit a tree," the report said. (Modig) declared he was sleeping when he felt the breaking and the car slide to the side, after which he lost consciousness," it added. The report cited a tractor driver and cyclist who were travelling in the same direction as the ill-fated vehicle. Both said it was moving at excess velocity, passed the tractor, hit the unpaved part of the highway and crashed. —Reuters



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Google admits it did not delete Street View data

LONDON, 28 July—Google Inc said on Friday it had not kept its promise to delete all the personal data, such as emails, its Street View cars collected in Britain and other countries in 2010.

The US company admitted in May 2010 that its vehicles, which photograph neighborhoods to create street level images, had accidentally collected data from unsecured wireless networks used by residents in more than 30 countries.

The failure to comply with a promise to delete all the data was notified to Britain's Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), which said the fact that the data still existed appeared to breach an undertaking signed by Google in November 2010.

"The ICO is clear that this information should never have been collected in the first place and the company's failure to secure its deletion as promised is a cause for concern," the ICO said.

Google said the data came to light when it searched by hand its Street View disk inventory.

"Google has recently confirmed that it still has in its possession a small portion of ... data collected by our Street View vehicles in the UK," Peter Fleischer, Google's global privacy counsel said in a letter published by the ICO.



Google Executive Chairman Eric Schmidt speaks at the Global Investment Conference in London on 26 July, 2012.—REUTERS

"Google apologizes for this error." Google said it was in the process of notifying relevant authorities in other countries. The ICO told Google it must supply the data immediately so it could be subjected to forensic analysis before the ICO decided on the necessary course of action.

The Web search leader was fined \$25,000 in April for impeding a US investigation into Street View data collection. —Reuters



The Twitter page for Vermont Tourism is seen on 26 July, 2012. Copying Sweden, Vermont's tourism department has launched a new social media campaign that relies on its residents to tweet about why Vermont is a great place live, work and visit.

INTERNET

MONTPELIER, 28 July— account, to get the word out Vermont's tourism about their state. department is giving state Each week, a different residents reins to a Twitter Vermontor will take over the

Vermont gives residents reins to Twitter account

Twitter handle THISISVT, posting glimpses of life in Vermont for seven days.

The thinking is that as more people become dependent on consumer-generated content such as product reviews or trip advice, the Twitter postings will work to draw people to Vermont.

"We thought this was really kind of a cool way to create that user-generated review of why Vermont is a great place to live, work and visit," said Steve Cook, deputy commissioner of the Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing.

But Vermont wants to avoid the controversy that Sweden's Twitter account has stirred after a woman posted comments about Jews. To keep the tweets inoffensive and positive, Vermont's tourism department said it is requiring residents to explain why they want to participate and what they would talk about, and to provide the state with their twitter handle. The account debuted this week with Ken Millman, who lives in Alburgh and works in Burlington, tweeting about his commute, cows, fishing in Lake Champlain and visiting his mother in Quebec.—Internet

Ancient statues smuggled from Nigeria to return home

NEW YORK, 28 July—A handful of roughly 2,000-year-old figurines began a journey back home to Nigeria on 26 July after being seized at John F Kennedy Airport in New York City. At a repatriation ceremony held at Homeland Security Investigation offices on the west side of Manhattan, Nigeria's Consul General Habib Baba Habu took legal possession of the terracotta sculptures, which he said had been stolen from the country's national museum.

Habu called today a special day. "It is the day that America has extended a gift of friendship that we will never forget," he said.

Ancient artifacts

On display for the ceremony were seven pieces of figurines, which resembled bits of cylindrical gingerbread men thanks to the orange hue of the terracotta. The two best preserved pieces, a head and torso, and a pair of legs standing on a pedestal, appeared to have once belonged to a single figure.

All are the work of the Nok culture, which existed within what would become Nigeria from more than 2,000 years ago, before disappearing in the early centuries of the first millennium.

Each of the six terracotta heads bore a distinctive face, which is typical of Nok sculpture, Habu said, explaining that the ancient artisans drew from individual people in normal life, depicting them riding horses or donkeys, for example, or with farm tools.

Nok artisans were prolific, many similar figurines have left Nigeria,



Two of the figurines American officials formally returned to the Nigerian government on 27 July. These roughly 2,000-year-old sculptures are the work of the Nok culture and were stolen from the Nigerian national museum.

INTERNET

Habu said: "Many of them are at museums all over the world, some were taken out legally."

Nigeria has laws that control the export of Nok pieces; however, the sculptures have flooded out of the country. In the 1990s, so many reached the European art market that the prices dropped sharply, according to a New York Times article in 2000.

Internet

Seven nations face sanctions over endangered species

GENEVA, 28 July—Seven nations may lose their ability to legally trade tens of thousands of wildlife species after UN conservation delegates agreed Thursday to penalize them for lacking tough regulations or failing to report on their wildlife trade.

UN conservation delegates at a weeklong CITES meeting in Geneva approved sanctions against seven nations — Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Paraguay, Nepal, Rwanda, Solomon Islands and Syria — if they do not either strengthen their laws or provide national reports that are required of them before 1 October.

They would prevent the countries from legally trading in any of the 35,000 species regulated by the 175-nation Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species,



said Juan Carlos Vasquez, a spokesman for the UN office that administers the treaty.—Internet



In this file photo provided by Florida Museum of Natural History, a new genus of frogmouth bird, seen at top right, shown in Gainesville, Fla, was found in the Solomon Islands by Florida Museum of Natural History ornithologists Andrew Kratter and David Steadman. INTERNET

A Sumatran tiger with a badly injured leg is seen inside a cage, after it was caught in a villagers' snare, as it waits for medical treatment in Indonesia.

INTERNET

A sixteen day old baby elephant enjoys sun at an elephant breeding centre in Sauraha in Chitwan, about 170 kilometres (106 miles) south of Katmandu, Nepal. —INTERNET

A list of valuable endangered species

Here are some of the more valuable species found in those countries that conservationists worry about:

- Comoros Islands: Lemurs, a rare and exotic species.
- Guinea-Bissau: Marine turtles, manatees and chimpanzees.
- Paraguay: Jaguars, tamarins and forestland.
- Nepal: Tigers, rhinos, elephants, snow leopards and red pandas.
- Rwanda: Mountain gorillas, chimpanzees, black rhinos
- Solomon Islands: Parrots, cockatoos and other wild birds.
- Syria: Lizards, snakes, parrots, ibis, flamingos and other birds.—Internet



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A man talks on his mobile phone outside a now closed store in the Allston neighborhood of Boston, Massachusetts recently. —REUTERS

NEW YORK, 28 July—Consumer sentiment fizzled in July, falling to its lowest level of the year, as Americans took a dim view of the employment situation and

Consumer sentiment falls to 2012 low

their income prospects, a survey showed on Friday.

The Thomson Reuters/University of Michigan's final reading on the overall index on consumer sentiment fell to 72.3 from 73.2 in June.

It was the second month in a row attitudes have soured and the lowest level since December.

But the level was a touch higher than economists' expectations for it to be unchanged from July's preliminary reading of 72.

"While consumers do not anticipate an economy-

wide recessionary decline, they do not expect a pace of economic growth that could satisfactorily revive job and income prospects," survey director Richard Curtin said in a statement.

"Moreover, consumers have become increasingly convinced that current economic policies are incapable of solving the underlying problems facing the economy."

Stocks held gains immediately after the data, while Treasury bond yields hit session highs.

The survey's barometer of current economic conditions edged up to 82.7 from 81.5, while the gauge of consumer expectations slipped to 65.6 from 67.8.

Concerns of higher food prices appeared to be taking a toll, with 45 percent of consumers saying their finances had recently worsened, citing lower incomes and higher prices.

Only 10 percent expected to see inflation-adjusted gains in their incomes next year.

Reuters

Health Tip: Why some seniors can't sleep

Older adults still need seven or eight hours of sleep each night to feel rested and refreshed in the morning. But getting that much sleep poses a challenge for many elderly people.

The American Academy of Family Physicians mentions these common causes of sleep problems among seniors:

- * Age-associated changes in the sleep-wake cycle.
- * Age-associated reduction in the body's production of "sleep hormones," such as melatonin.
- * Smoking and increased consumption of alcohol or caffeine.
- * Pain or illness.
- * Taking certain medications.
- * Disorders such as sleep apnea or restless legs syndrome.—Internet

Chevron 2Q profit slips seven percent

NEW YORK, 28 July—Chevron's net income fell nearly 7 percent in the second quarter as oil prices and production declined.

The oil giant said Friday it earned \$7.21 billion, or \$3.66 per share, last quarter. That compared with \$7.73 billion, or \$3.85, a year earlier. Revenue fell by 9 percent in the quarter to \$62.6 billion.

Those results beat Wall Street estimates of \$3.23 on revenue of \$71.4 billion, according to FactSet. Shares rose by 24 cents to \$108.51 in premarket trading.

Chevron Corp., the second-largest US petroleum company behind Exxon Mobil, said production from its global network of oil and natural gas wells fell 2.6 percent in the second quarter. It also sold oil for lower prices in the US and overseas. Natural gas fetched only half as much in the US as it did a year earlier, though gas prices rose internationally.

The fall in production and prices was tempered by a surge in profits at Chevron's refining and marketing

operations. Profits rose 80 percent as the company sold about \$200 million in assets, including its stake in a South Korean energy business. Chevron's refineries were more profitable because the cost of oil fell and they sold gasoline and other fuels at higher prices on the West coast.

Like many of its peers, the San Ramon, Calif.-based company has increased spending on exploration this year, even though lower oil and gas prices are generating lower returns.

"Despite current weakness in the global economy, we continue to invest in our long-term growth projects to help deliver affordable energy to meet future demand," Chairman and CEO John Watson said.

A slump in oil and natural gas prices also weakened quarterly profits at Exxon Mobil, Royal Dutch Shell, Occidental Petroleum Corp. and ConocoPhillips. BP reports its second-quarter financial results next week.

Internet

Alcohol can triple original dose of medicine

SYDNEY, 28 July—Always avoid alcohol while taking certain medicines because it actually triples the original dose, warn researchers.

Lab experiments have demonstrated how alcohol made several drugs up to three times more available to the body, effectively tripling the original dose, said Christel Bergstrom, associate professor of pharmacology at Monash University, who led the study.

Bergstrom and colleagues explain that beverage alcohol, or ethanol, can cause an increase in the amount of non-prescription and prescription drugs that are "available" to the body after taking a specific dose, the journal *Molecular Pharmacology* reports.

Alcohol can change how enzymes and other substances in the body interact with many of the 5,000 such medications on



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the market. Some of these medications don't dissolve well in the gastrointestinal tract, especially in the stomach and intestines, according to a Monash statement.

The researchers sought to test whether ethanol made these drugs dissolve more easily. If so, this would make the drugs more "available" in the body, possibly intensifying their effects when combined with alcohol.

They used a simulated environment of the small intestine to test how rapidly

medications dissolved when alcohol was and was not present. Almost 60 percent of the 22 medications in their tests dissolved much faster in the presence of alcohol.

In addition, they found that certain types of substances, such as those that were acidic, were more affected. Some common acidic drugs include warfarin, the anticoagulant; tamoxifen, used to treat certain forms of cancer; and naproxen, which relieves pain and inflammation.

Internet

Facebook's value slides by \$10 billion; outlook unclear

NEW YORK, 28 July—Investors wiped \$10 billion off the value of Facebook Inc on Friday, taking the recently listed shares to a new low, after the social network offered no forecast and analysts said mobile investments would put future earnings under pressure.

The 17 percent slide in the shares took Facebook's market capitalization to \$48 billion — half its IPO launch value of \$100 billion in May.

The latest slide cost CEO Mark Zuckerberg, the 28-year-old who founded Facebook in his Harvard dorm room, around \$2.3 billion, based on his shareholding.

The social network just beat revenue expectations on Thursday in its first quarterly earnings but the company failed to reassure investors about its future prospects.

"Facebook has established itself as an Internet utility but it might take a while for Facebook to gain Wall Street love," Citi Investment Research analysts said in a note.

Investors worried about how the social network would make money from mobile advertising had hoped that the company would signal that revenue growth was picking up.

At least four brokerages, including Barclays Capital, cut their



price targets on Facebook stock, although most suggested it was worth much more than current trading levels.

Created just eight years ago, Facebook continues to

grow — hitting 955 million active users a month at the end of June — but its shares have slid since its May IPO as investors questioned a valuation of more than 50 times earnings.—Reuters

Monitors show the value of the Facebook, Inc stock during morning trading at the NASDAQ Marketplace in New York this years. REUTERS

This Tuesday, 17 July, 2012 photo shows a Chevron gas station in downtown Los Angeles, Friday, on 27 July, 2012. INTERNET





A crushed automobile is seen the morning after the town was hit by a tornado in Elmira, New York on 27 July, 2012. — REUTERS

ELMIRA, 28 July — Violent thunderstorms barreled through the Ohio Valley and mid-Atlantic regions of the eastern United States late on Thursday, killing two people and cutting power to more than 130,000 homes and businesses in New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania. The storms spawned at least one tornado, which touched down in Elmira, New York, toppling trees and ripping off rooftops, the National Weather Service said. Officials in Pennsylvania and New York reported two storm-related deaths. A woman camping in Genesee, Pennsylvania, near the New York state line, took refuge from the storm in her car. She was killed when a tree fell on the car, said Potter County emergency services director John Hetrick. New York

Two dead, over 130,000 without power after fierce storms

City police said a 61-year-old man in Brooklyn's Cobble Hill neighborhood was killed when scaffolding at a church collapsed on him as the storm passed through near 8 pm.

He was identified as Richard Schwartz, a longtime assistant attorney general in New York who was at the forefront of investigations involving such high profile targets as Microsoft and the National Football League. "It's possible lightning struck the top of the roof, causing some bricks to fall on top of the scaffolding," said a police spokesman. The storms forced the cancellation of over 900 flights on Thursday, according to FlightAware, a Texas-based company that tracks the status of flights. The highest number of cancellations was at LaGuardia Airport in New York. The one reported tornado hit Elmira's east side hardest. In one four-block neighbourhood, most homes had trees toppled on them, street signs were bent and tree trunks had debris wrapped around them. Several cars were crushed by downed trees.

One two-story brick building had most of its second story torn off in the storm, and most power remained out for the city's 29,000 residents on Friday morning. Meteorologists said 70-mile-per-hour (113-kph) winds were reported in parts of Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Oklahoma. As the storms sent black, menacing clouds across cities and open country, hail ranging from dime- to quarter-sized fell in some areas of Pennsylvania, AccuWeather.com said. By midday Friday,



A storm cloud begins to dump rain as it passes over the Brooklyn borough of New York, on 26 July, 2012. — REUTERS

utilities across the region had made only modest progress in restoring power, with more than 130,000 homes and businesses still without electricity.

Pennsylvania accounted for a majority of those still without power, with more than 85,000 customers in the dark early Friday, according to electric companies serving the region. Roughly 34,000 people in New York were without power, most of them in the southern-tier region near Elmira, according to NYSEG. About 13,500 customers in eastern Ohio were still offline, according to AEP Ohio. The storms formed along a cold front stretching from the Ohio Valley into the northeast, bringing the threat of damaging winds, hail and tornadoes, according to the Weather Channel. — Reuters

Int'l AIDS Conference ends, urges more commitments to combat HIV/AIDS

WASHINGTON, 28 July — The 19th International AIDS Conference concluded Friday in Washington DC, with a call for greater commitments to the fight against HIV/AIDS. "It is unacceptable" that scientifically proven treatment and prevention tools aren't reaching people who need them most," Nobel laureate Françoise Barré-Sinoussi, co-discoverer of the AIDS virus and new president of the International AIDS Society, told the meeting's closing session. "All of you have created the possibility that we could have an AIDS-free generation," former US president Bill Clinton said at the closing session. "We just have to keep pushing the rocks

up the hill."

Clinton, who works to provide low-cost HIV medications to foreign nations through his Clinton Foundation, said donors will continue to fund the response to the world AIDS crisis despite global financial woes and urged greater transparency by all involved. "If we all keep producing results I believe the money will be there. And I am committed to doing whatever I can to see that it does. We do have to prove over and over again that we are making the most of the money," he said. Speaking on the same occasion, US House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi said recent successes in combating the disease are

welcome but shouldn't lead the world's governments to curtail their search for a cure.

"This optimism must not make us complacent," she said. "Even in difficult fiscal times, cutting back on our HIV/AIDS investments is a false economy that costs us more in the future." "Where there is scientific opportunity, there is a moral obligation to fund it," Pelosi said. "Where there are people in need of drugs and care — and communities in need of prevention — we have a moral obligation to provide it. And where there is discrimination, we have a moral obligation to continue to fight it." "HIV/AIDS is still adapting," she added, "So must we." The International



Former US President Bill Clinton delivers remarks at the XIX International AIDS Conference closing ceremony in Washington DC, the United States, on 27 July, 2012. — XINHUA

AIDS Conference is the largest gathering of professionals working in the field of HIV, including people living with HIV and other leaders in the HIV response. It plays a fundamental role in shaping the global response to HIV and in keeping HIV and AIDS on the international political agenda. — Xinhua

Xinhua photos on China exhibited in Budapest

BUDAPEST, 28 July — A "Xinhua Gallery" photo exhibition, organized by China's Xinhua News Agency, opened here on Thursday to give Hungarians a closer look at China. A selection of 31 stunning photographs taken by Xinhua photographers brought forth to visitors unique Chinese landscapes as well as natural and architectural wonders. It also covered some of the Chinese

sites inscribed on the UNESCO's World Heritage List. In the opening ceremony, Zhang Jin, a senior official of Xinhua News Agency, said that the exhibition was designed to showcase the splendors of Chinese scenery, culture and history to the Hungarian public. "Our two countries have deep historical ties and this Xinhua exhibition can strengthen the bridge of communication between Hungary and

China," he said, adding that "modern-day relations are also developing intensively on both economic and cultural fronts." Zhang highlighted two of the exhibited photographs as examples of links between Hungary and China, which showed the landmark buildings in Shanghai designed by Hungarian architect Laszlo Ede Hudec.

"Hudec was a key figure in our common history,"

Zhang said. Guo Xiaoguang, China's cultural attaché in Hungary, lauded the exhibition, saying this "wonderful window will be open to the Hungarian public as well as the local Chinese community, and can provide an opportunity for Hungarians and Chinese people to better understand each other." The Xinhua Gallery was supported by the Asia Centre, a local commercial center hosting many businesses from China and elsewhere in Asia.

Xinhua

Over 700 have died to reconstruct Iraq: US report

WASHINGTON, 28 July — At least 719 people participating in reconstruction projects financed by the United States in Iraq were killed during the conflict between 2003 and 2010, a US study revealed on Friday. The report by the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction said the toll included 318 Americans, 111 third country nationals, 271 Iraqis and 19 whose nationalities were not known. SIGIR conducted the study from 1 May, 2003 to 31 Aug, 2010, when the US declared the end of combat operations and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

During that time, the United States spent \$60 billion on reconstruction projects and to stabilize the country, according to the report. No central database exists to track the number of deaths, which SIGIR says may exceed the number given in the report. Iraqi deaths comprised 38 percent of the toll, roughly matching US military casualties, which comprised 37 percent of the death toll, according to SIGIR. Most of those killed (71 percent) were involved in projects to develop Iraq's infrastructure and to shore up its civil society, the report found.

About 20 percent of those killed were involved in training Iraqi police, and eight percent in Iraqi army training programs. Some 4,409 US soldiers were killed in the conflict. The US military completed its withdrawal from Iraq in December 2011, nine years after the conflict began. Still, the US embassy in Baghdad is among the largest in the world, with 12,000 employees, largely from private enterprises, in April. The embassy is behind an ongoing program to train Iraqi police.

Internet



Iraqis work at a new construction site in Baghdad in 2008 as reconstruction efforts in the Iraqi capital continued despite the unstable situation in the war-torn country. At least 719 people participating in reconstruction projects financed by the United States in Iraq were killed during the conflict between 2003 and 2010, a US study revealed on Friday. — INTERNET

Pakistan president invites Indian PM to visit

ISLAMABAD, 28 July — President Asif Ali Zardari Friday formally invited the Indian prime minister to visit Pakistan, an official said, the latest sign that tensions are easing between the two countries. "I can confirm that President Asif Ali Zardari has sent a letter to the Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and invited him to visit Pakistan," Zardari's spokesman, Farhatullah Babar, told AFP. "The letter has been sent through the High Commission (of Pakistan in India) and the president also invited PM Manmohan Singh to visit his ancestral hometown in Pakistan." It was not immediately clear when the visit would take place, but the Press Trust of India news agency suggested that it could be November.

The invitation is the latest bid by the neighbours to normalise relations. The nuclear-armed rivals have fought three wars since independence in 1947, but in 2010 resumed a fragile and slow-moving peace process suspended by the 2008 Mumbai attacks blamed on Pakistani gunmen. Earlier this month, Indian cricket chiefs invited Pakistan for a series in December-January — the rivals' first in five years. Cricket ties were also severed after the Mumbai attacks, which killed 166 people in India's financial capital. — Internet

Internal Revenue Department explains taxation in Mandalay



MANDALAY, 28 July—The Internal Revenue Department under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue held the ceremony to clarify matters related to taxation at the hall of Mandalay Region Internal Revenue Department on 23 June morning.

Director U Aung Moe Kyi of Staff and Research

Branch of Internal Revenue Department explained variety of revenue and tax, different taxes for businesses and importance of stamp tax.

Director U Kyaw Kyaw of Commercial Tax Branch briefed those present on keeping accounts due to commercial tax law and provisions of rules and regulations and calculating of tax.

Later, the officials concerned replied to queries raised by those present.

Kyemon

Pineapples flow into fruit brokerages in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 28 July—Pineapples produced from Hsipaw and Nawngkhio of Shan State (North), PyinOoLwin Township, Kyinganaing, Naungkhamgyi, Yechanoh and Aungchantha are flowing into the markets of fruits by car small and large on 85th Street in Mandalay daily.

The fruits from Hsipaw

and Nawngkhio are sold at K 500 to K 800 per fruit depending on the sizes. The fruits from PyinOoLwin are sold at K 150-K 200.

Although the retailers buy PyinOoLwin pineapple due to its sweet taste, the growers cannot send a lot of fruits because of high transport change.

Kyemon



Duties of project assigned in Dalla

YANGON, 28 July—A ceremony to assign duty of project for 2012-2013 fiscal year was held at Thiri Zeya Nawrahta Hall in Dalla on 13 July morning.

Chairman of the

Township Planning and Implementation Committee Township Administrator U Tun Tun Win presented letter of assignment to departmental officials.

Myanma Alin

Crime News

YANGON, 28 July—A criminal case that the uncle ordered his nephew and cut him with sword occurred in Ukyay Ward of Uyin Village-tract in Pyinmana Township.

At 11 pm on 18 July, MaungZawZaw, 31 of Ukyay Ward in Uyin Village-tract of Pyinmana Township left for house of his mother by

motorcycle. Near the AyonU sawmill on 80-foot road, his uncle Myint Maung, 46 and son Khin Maung Oo, 22 from the same ward with swords ordered Maung Zaw Zaw to stop the motorcycle and then Myint Maung cut Maung Zaw Zaw with sword.

In the incident, Maung Zaw Zaw was injured at lift side of head (unserious) with bruise.

With regard to the accident, Maung Zaw Zaw opened a file of law suit at Pyinmana Police Station.

Kyemon

Uncle cuts nephew on motorcycle with sword

MLF invites cash, book donations

Myanmar Libraries Foundation is giving encouragement to broadening the horizon of the people and developing

self-reliant libraries across the nation.

Those wishing to donate cash and books to the libraries may contact

Myanmar Libraries Foundation at No. 228 on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township, Yangon, Tel: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756.



TREESGROWN: Salin Township General Administration Department and Township Forest Department of Magway Region jointly organized the 2012 rainy season tree growing ceremony in the precinct of Seinpan Monastery in Salin on 7 July. They plant 846 saplings on the occasion.—KYEMON

Malaria Control Week launched in Lashio

LASHIO, 28 July—The ceremony to launch the World Malaria Day and the National Malaria Control Week was launched at the

hall of Nursing Training School in Lashio on 13 July morning.

At the ceremony, Deputy Commissioner U

Kyaw Naing Moe of Lashio District General Administration Department made a speech. Additional Head of Shan State Health Department Dr Zaw Min Tun read the message sent by the Union Minister for Health.

Myanma Alin

Displaced students learning education in basic education schools in Waingmaw

WAINGMAW, 28 July—Arrangements are being made to teach the displaced students from Kachin State at relief camps and related basic education schools in townships for 2012-2013 academic year.

In this regard, a total of 137 high school students, 513 middle school students and 749 primary students are pursuing education at 25 basic education primary,

middle and high schools in Waingmaw Township of Kachin State.

Waingmaw Township Education Officer Daw Khin Than Nwesaid, "We provides necessary assistance for enabling the displaced students to learn education. We have given necessary stationery to them. Social organizations and well-wishers also donate cash and kind including school

uniforms. At present, a total of 270 students from three relief camps are learning education at Basic Education Primary School in Mongna Village-tract (Law-amkahtaung)."

Up to now, a total of 5049 displaced people from 1271 households are being accommodated at 13 relief camps from June 2011 to July 2012.

Myanma Alin

Books, publications donated to library in Mawgyun

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 28 July—A ceremony to donate books to Lawka Alin Library was held at its building in Lawkadat Village of Mayan Village-tract in Mawlamyinegyun Township on 15 July morning.

Township Administrator U Htay Maung, departmental personnel and well-wishers donated 1392 books, U Htein Lin and family of Yangon K 100,000, U Aung Myat Kyaw and family and U Tin Win and family K 50,000 each, U Aung Hsan Tun and

family K 30,000, U Han Kyi and family of Hsanthit U Village of Bogale Township K 150,000 and U Ohn Thein and family of Bogale K 30,000. Members of the library committee accepted the cash donations. The library was constructed with the contributions by the State and the local people. It is 24 feet long and 15 feet wide building.—Myanma Alin



School uniforms provided to students of vendors

MONGPHYAT, 28 July—A ceremony to provide school uniforms to 20 students of vendors was held at

Bayintnaung Hall of Mongphyat on 11 July.

Executive Officer U Win Naing Oo of Mongphyat Township Development Affairs Committee presented school uniforms to the students.—Myanma Alin

District News

Pumpkin sold a lot at Meiktila market



MEIKTILA, 28 July—Pumpkin from Pyinmana and Lewe and its surrounding areas are much flowing into Meiktila daily.

Pumpkins are being sold not only in Meiktila but also in the markets of Mahlaing, Taungtha, Myingyan,

Kyaukpadaung, Kume, Myittha and Mandalay, said a pumpkin broker from Meiktila Phyo Wai Mall.

Depending on the quality of fruit, pumpkin gets prices of K 500 to K 1200. The fruit can be stored one week to 10 days safely.—Kyemon

Citizenship scrutiny cards issued in grassroots level

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—Head of Tatkon Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Soe Win and staff made a field trip to Shadaw Village of the township so as to implement Moe Pwint Plan-3 from 16 to 18 July.

The team issued citizenship scrutiny cards to 250 eligible persons.

Kyemon

Union S & T Minister calls for promotion of engineering education to international level

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—A coordination meeting on writing of new curricula and contexts for technological universities, colleges, institutes and schools under the Ministry of Science and Technology continued at Yangon University of Technology on 23 July, with an address by Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union minister quoted the President saying as Union ministries are to undertake reforms as necessary for sector-wise comprehensive development of the country, adopting reform strategies. It is high time the Ministry of Science and Technology initiated reforms in nurturing qualified technicians and computer literate, pivotal for development of the nation. In particular, work plans have been adopted for pushing



forward the engineering education of the country to reach international level. As the first step, Yangon University of Technology and Mandalay University of Technology would be upgraded into centre of excellence in the coming academic year.

Likewise, work plans have been initiated for a shift to international-level curricula and contexts at

technological universities, colleges, institutes and government technical training schools nationwide, provision of learning aids and recruitment of instructors phase by phase. What should be changed must be changed beginning this year, only then the engineering education of the country could be promoted to international norms through ASEAN level. The

Union minister called for open discussions of those present.

Retired professors U Nyi Hla Nge, U Ba Myint, Dr Kyaw Win and Dr Aung Shein of the Science and Technology Ministry made discussions, comparing the changing international engineering education system and present engineering education system of the country. It was followed by suggestions of those present.—MNA

Union ministers visit Palethwe hybrid paddy farm

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint this morning visited Zay Nyaungbin Village in Bago Township of Bago Region where they presented offertories to presiding Sayadaw of Shwedagonlay Monastery Bhaddanta Dhammasara.

Palethwe hybrid paddy was cultivated in the precinct of the monastery with the assistance of agriculturalists and disciples. The Union ministers viewed 15-acre 23-day old Palethwe hybrid paddy plantation and presented foodstuffs and cash awards to female paddy-tranplanters and agricultural staff.

MNA

Stakes driven for new building of Sagaing University

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—Union Ministers U Khin Maung Myint and Dr Mya Aye and Deputy Minister U Soe Tint drove stakes for construction of new building for Sagaing University in Sagaing Region this morning.

Union Ministers U Khin Maung Myint and Dr Mya Aye gave instructions on ensuring construction of the university building meet set standards.

In meeting with the headmistress, teachers and students together with school board of trustees at Shweponkywe Village Basic Education High School in Sagaing Township, Union Minister U Khin Maung Myint explained that three school buildings were constructed by spending cash assistance of the State and that of wellwishers. He urged teachers and school board of trustees to maintain the school buildings for its durability and turn out outstanding students.

Union Minister Dr Mya Aye attended to the needs of school and teachers.

Next, Union Minister U Khin Maung Myint presented 150 sets of raincoats and 100 sets of school uniforms to high school students, Union Minister Dr My Aye, one computer and exercise books and Deputy Minister U Soe Tint, office stationery, to the headmistress.

Later, they viewed progress of constructing of the new building.

MNA

Loading of relief aids for Putao District inspected



NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai together with State Security and Borders Affairs Minister Col Than Aung, State Social Affairs Minister Daw Bauk Ja, State

Transport Minister U Kamann Dunaw, Secretary of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission U Sit Myaing and officials yesterday morning inspected loading of rice, clothes and edible oil into the aircraft of

Myanma Airways for the convenience of locals and government staff in Putao District.

On 25 July, State government and Hluttaw office donated 350 bags of rice for locals and government staff in Putao District by Tatmadaw Aircraft Y-8. Putao District deputy commissioner and Hluttaw representatives in cooperation with town-sellers distributed the rice to people and staff at reasonable price.—MNA



Ma Lin Le Naing Maung of Tamway Township in Yangon Region donated K 300,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently.

NLM

Union Education Minister visits Shwebo University

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye inspected site for construction of extended lecture hall and staff quarters of Shwebo University this morning.

In meeting with faculty members and staff at the meeting hall of the university, he called for sticking to ethics and moral code of conduct, learning constantly, showing mutual respect, abiding by rules and regulations for staff and nurturing brilliant human resources.

MNA

Dy F & R Minister visits Asia World Port

YANGON, 28 July—Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Shein visited Asia World Container Yard in Ahlon Township here this afternoon and viewed issuance of imported vehicles, import and export procedures, inspection of containers to be exported with X-ray machine and storage of containers at Asia World Port and Htitan Jetty.

The deputy minister heard reports on port clearance works presented by the director-general of Internal Revenue Department, calling for systematic procedures in export and import warning against delays, corruption and misconduct.

MNA



CASH DONATED: Yedashe Township Administrator U Myint Thein and departmental officials together with ward and village administrators donated K 300,000 to fund of Home for the Aged in Yedashe Township on 4 July.

MYANMA ALIN



Women Organization Network holds sales and talks for people of Rakhine State

YANGON, 28 July—To help the local people of Rakhine State suffering from various miseries in present situation, Women Organization Network (Myanmar) held a sale and talk at Judson Avenue on Pyay Road in Yangon on 21 July.

NGO women's organizations sold handicrafts, traditional utensils and costumes, foodstuffs and souvenirs. Moreover, Boksonma chilli powder, steel wares and spile shirts and Thamedoh Khit journal participated in the sales.

The proceeds from the sales will be donated to the local people of Rakhine State, said Director of Kayin Women Movement Daw Susana Hla Hla Soe.

In addition to the sales, wellwishers donated cash and kind to be sent to Rakhine State. At the talk, Daw Susana Hla Hla Soe of Kayin Women Movement, U Maung Hla Thauang, U Yan Kyaw and Daw Dwe Bu discussed peace process and participation of people in the process. They talked about opportunity of people to take part in the peace process.

Kyemon

CSC ISSUED: Head of Mogok Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Thein and staff carried out issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards at the administrative office in Shawliwaing Ward in Mogok Township of Mandalay Region under supervision of the head of PyinOoLwin District INRD. On 6 June, Head of District INRD U Aung Myint presents citizenship scrutiny cards to ward administrator.—KYEMON



Multiplier course provided to librarians in Bamauk

BAMAUK, 28 July—The librarian multiplier course was conducted to librarians of libraries from three villages of Laythi Village-tract in Bamauk Township of Katha District on 4 July morning.

Head of Township Information and Public

Relations Department Daw May Thu Han gave lectures on durability of village libraries and purpose of conducting multiplier librarian courses.

After that, she donated books and publications to libraries through the village administrators and officials. Later, T-3 Daw Mya Nyunt lectured librarian course to the trainees.

Myanma Alin

Drive Safely

Ceremony marks providing ART to 10000th patient in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 28 July—The National TB Control Project of Health Department, National HIV/AIDS Control Project and the Union jointly organized providing ART to the 10000th patient and the educative talk at the hall of Mandalay Region Health Department on 16 July morning.

Medical Superintendent Dr U Maung Win of Mandalay General Hospital made an opening speech. Dr U Moe Swe of RHD, Leader Dr Nyein Chan and Dr Phillip participated in discussion on ceremony to mark giving ART medicine to 10000th patient.

The programme of giving ART to patients being implemented by National TB Control Project of Health Department, National HIV/AIDS Control Project and the Union covers 14 townships concluding seven townships in Mandalay, Pakokku, Taunggyi, Lashio, Myingyan, Monywa,

District News

Meiktila and Thakayta townships.

In seven townships of Mandalay, ART medicines are being provided to over 6000 patients. According to the statistics of the Ministry of Health, there are about 120,000 patients who need to take ART medicines across the nation.

Depending on the fund, the Union plans to extend townships to be able to provide ART medicines to the patients. Moreover, the group will give treatment to the patients at its hospital. It is expected that ART providing programme will be extended to 2015.—Kyemon

TREES PLANTED: The rainy season tree growing ceremony was held near mile post No 8/0 on Thazi-Taunggyi Union Highway near Thikhaung Village of Kalaw Township on 17 July. Shan State Minister for Forest and Mines U Sai Aik Paung plants a sapling.

MYANMA ALIN



Mandalay Teaching Hospital (300-bed) marks World Blood Donor Day

MANDALAY, 28 July—As blood is donated as noblest activity, the number of blood donors decline day by day, said Medical Superintendent Dr Nwe Nwe Win of Teaching Hospital (300-bed) at the ceremony to honour blood donors and hold collective blood donation ceremony to mark the World Blood Donor Day at the hospital on 62nd Street in Mandalay on 20 July morning.

The medical superintendent said that the root cause of declining number of blood donors is based on increasing number of Hepatitis B carrier. Moreover, the person with other symptoms of lack of opportunity for donating blood, she said. The declining of blood donor number can be controlled by injecting the blood donors with Hepatitis B, and the wellwishers need to donate Hepatitis B vaccine, she noted.—Kyemon

Taxation knowledge disseminated

NYAUNGLEBIN, 28 July—Internal Revenue Department of Nyaunglebin Township of Bago Region held the talks on taxation at the hall of Basic Education High School No 1 in Nyaunglebin at 9 am on 12

July and BEHS No 2 at 3 pm and BEMS on 13 July.

Head of Township Internal Revenue Department Daw Tin Moe Thu gave talks on taxation to the teachers and students.

Myanma Alin

COURSE CONCLUDES: The gold industry course No 2/2012 free of charge concluded at office of Yangon Region Gold Entrepreneurs Association on 18 July. Chairman of the region association U Myo Myint presents completion certificate to a trainee.

MYANMA ALIN



Palethwe hybrid paddy cultivated in Maukmai

MAUKMAI, 28 July—The cultivation of high yield Palethwe hybrid paddy for 2012-2013 cultivation season was held on three acres of farmland of farmer U Sai Kaw Kham in Kamahtan field in Hsihson Ward of Maukmai Township on in Shan State

17 July morning.

Before the cultivation, Township Administrator U Tin Maung Soe gave a speech.

Head of Township Agriculture Department U Maung Maung Soe explained cultivation of

Palethwe hybrid paddy. After that, the township administrator, departmental personnel and ward and village administrators together with local farmers viewed cultivation of paddy on three acres of farmlands.

Myanma Alin

Information for anti-human trafficking

The government is accelerating its tasks in taking preventive measures against trafficking in person.

In so doing, telephone numbers are announced as the connections with authorities concerned for enabling the people to actively participate in the tasks of anti-human trafficking.

These telephone numbers are 067-412555 and 067-412666 in Nay Pyi Taw, 09-49555666 in Muse, 09-49555777 in Mandalay and 09-49555888 and 09-49555999 in Yangon.

Crime News

TATKON, 28 July—A team led by Police Cpl Khin Yu of Tatkon Police Station of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area searched Ma Mar Mar Lwin on Mingala Road in Region 10 in Bo Min Yaung Ward of Tatkon at 11.35 am on 17 July.

They seized three sheets of paper with money amounts and digits of two-digit lottery and K 50100 of assorted currency notes. A file of lawsuit was opened against

Gamblers arrested in Tatkon

her at Pa/224/2012 at Tatkon Police Station.

The same morning, a team led by Police Cpl Sein Myint searched Ma Thin Thin Yu beside the road near Aung San Hall in Bo Min Yaung Ward of Tatkon and seized amounts of two-digit lottery on three sheets of paper, K 27235 in assorted currency notes. Therefore, a file of lawsuit was opened against her at Pa/223/2012 at Tatkon

Police Station.

At 12.50 pm the same day, a team led by Police Cpl Maung Maung searched suspected Maung Myaing near Toll Gate of Kyathe-aing Village in Tatkon Township. The authorities seized one book with amounts of two-digit and three-digit lotteries and K 200,200. Action was taken against him at Pa/225/2012 at Tatkon Police Station.

Kyemon

NATO: Afghan militant attacks up 11 percent

KABUL, 28 July — The US-led coalition says insurgent attacks in Afghanistan during the past three months were up 11 percent, compared to the same period last year.

The latest statistics also say that the number of attacks in June was the highest for any month since fighting surged in the summer of 2010. NATO released the figures on Thursday. They indicate a disturbing uptick in attacks at a time when foreign troops are leaving and insurgents are trying to prove they remain a potent force.

The coalition offered two possible reasons for the uptick. It says a shortened poppy harvesting season prompted insurgents to start their spring offensive earlier this year. Also, with more Afghan security forces on the ground and taking the lead in more operations, more of them are getting killed.—Internet



Commuters try to get on a bus on a flooded road following a heavy rain, in Tianjin, China on 26 July, 2012. Residents impatient for official updates compiled their own death tolls Thursday for last weekend's massive flooding in Beijing and snapped up survival gear following new forecasts of rain, reflecting deep mistrust of the government's handling of the disaster.—INTERNET

China busts 600 online criminal gangs

BEIJING, 28 July — Chinese Police have busted more than 600 online criminal gangs, including those involved in arms trade and pornography. The operation was part of a special campaign against crimes launched in March, *Xinhua* reported.

As of June, over 10,000 people had been arrested, the public security ministry said in a statement.

Thirty Internet service providers have been punished for granting network access to unlicensed websites.

Internet

IMF offers Haiti 7.4 mln USD for reconstruction

SANTO DOMINGO, 28 July — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) offered Haiti 7.4 million US dollars for the reconstruction of the earthquake-ravaged nation, local Press said on Thursday.

The fund is part of the 46.9 million dollars from the fifth credit line set by the IMF on July 2010, when the Fund condoned Haiti a debt of about 268 million dollars.

At the end of March, the IMF unblocked another 15-

million-dollar loan, as part of the same three-year credit program for a total of 60 million dollars.

Haiti is struggling to recover after the January 2010 earthquake that had killed 222,570 Haitians and leveled the capital Port-au-Prince.

Last month, an IMF delegation visited Haiti and expressed their satisfaction for its economic progress made during the three months after the country overcame

the political crisis caused by the resignation of former Prime Minister Garry Conille.

The delegation asked Haitian Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe to accelerate the reconstruction of the country in a "favorable political context."

In April, the IMF predicted that Haiti's GDP would grow 7.8 percent in 2012, higher than last year's 5.6 percent.

Xinhua

Nissan profits drop 15% as strong yen bites

TOKYO, 28 July — Nissan has reported a 15% fall in net profit in the first quarter after the strong yen hit its results. Net income was 72.3bn yen (\$900m; £577m) in the April-to-June period, but revenue rose 2.6% to 2.14tn yen. Despite the fall, the Japanese carmaker remained upbeat as sales continued to grow, driven by the popularity of its model line up.

Nissan also said that it expected to reach its full-year forecast of 400bn yen profit. Operating profit for the quarter was down 19.7% from a year earlier to 120.7bn yen. "Operating profit

declined chiefly because of the impact of historic high levels of the yen that continue until now and a temporary increase in sales costs in North America," said Nissan.

A stronger currency hits profits when overseas earnings are repatriated back home. The yen has hovered near record highs reached against the dollar last year. To offset the unfavourable currency exchange rate, Nissan has shifted its production abroad to Thailand, which has become an important production hub for Japanese companies.

Internet



Chief executive Carlos Ghosn has vowed to make Nissan number one.

INTERNET

Mexico, S Korea sign cooperation agreement on tourism

MEXICO CITY, 28 July — Mexico and South Korea on Thursday signed a memorandum of understanding to strengthen cooperation in tourism, Mexico's Tourism Ministry announced.

The bilateral agreement signed by Mexican Tourism Minister Gloria Guevara and Deputy Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism of South Korea, Kwak Young-Jin, aims to strengthen the sector and increase the flow of visitors, because "this activity is key to economic development in both countries," said the ministry. According to Guevara, South Koreans are frequent visitors to Mexico.

In the first five months of the year, the number of Korean visitors has increased 11.3 percent, compared with the same period last year. "With the signing of this memorandum, Mexico is pursuing the strategy of market diversification, strengthening the goals outlined in the National Agreement on Tourism," said Guevara. For his part, Deputy Minister Kwak said that the Maya world, cultural tourism, gastronomy and adventure had attracted the interest of Korean tourists, therefore, "Mexico has become one of the main destinations in the Americas."

He acknowledged Mexico's leadership worldwide in the tourism sector and the strong impetus given to the activity to include the sector in the final declaration at the meeting of leaders of the Group of Twenty (G20).—*Xinhua*

Tourist boats surround rescuers trying to free a sperm whale (C) stuck in shallow waters at Pakis Jaya beach in Karawang, West Java, on 27 July, 2012.—INTERNET



Onlookers hamper whale rescue in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 28 July — Rescuers in Indonesia fought on Friday to help a sperm whale stuck in shallow waters to return to sea, as their efforts were hampered by local residents arriving on boats and driving it back to shore. The 11-metre (36-feet) whale has been stuck near Pakis Jaya beach in West Java since Wednesday, said Benvika, a rescuer from the Jakarta Animal Aid Network, which is leading the rescue bid.

"We almost set it free a few times yesterday, but the noise from the engines of dozens of boats bringing in

local residents confused and disoriented the creature, and it couldn't swim out to sea," he told AFP.

"It is still breathing normally but losing a lot of energy," he said by phone from the beach, 120 kilometres (75 miles) east of the capital Jakarta. "It seems to have difficulty moving its tail, and we have to work quickly to save its life," he said, adding 16 divers were involved in the rescue effort. Local residents were paying the equivalent of half a US dollar each for boat rides close to the whale, he said. Some had jumped off the

boats and onto the whale on Wednesday, causing wounds to its body, Benvika said. Before rescuers arrived fishermen had also tried to crudely pull the animal back to sea, also hurting it in the process, he said, adding the whale was covered with blisters on its back. Up to 30 boats carrying tourists had converged around the whale at one time, he added. He said volunteers were stopping boats setting sail from the Pakis Jaya beach, but were unable to intercept vessels arriving from neighbouring coastal villages.—Internet

Depression during pregnancy tied to preemie births

NEW YORK, 28 July — Women who have depression symptoms during pregnancy may be more likely to deliver early, a new study suggests. Researchers found that of more than 14,000 pregnant women, those who screened positive for possible clinical depression had an increased chance of preterm birth: 14 percent delivered before the 37th week of pregnancy, versus 10 percent of other women. The findings, reported in the *American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology*, do not prove that depression directly leads to preterm birth. The researchers were able to account for some other factors—like a mother's race and age—and depression was still linked to preterm birth risk. But there are other

variables the study could not weigh, like moms' smoking and drinking habits during pregnancy, and their pre-pregnancy weight.

So there could be other explanations. Still, the findings jibe with past studies that have found a link between prenatal depression and preterm birth, said senior researcher Dr Richard K Silver, of the North Shore University Health System and University of Chicago in Illinois. And with depression being a form of serious stress for moms, a link to preterm birth is also "biologically plausible," Silver told *Reuters Health*. Some studies have found that women who use antidepressants during pregnancy have a higher risk of preterm birth—though that does not prove the

medications are to blame. And Silver said he thinks it's more likely that medication use is serving as a "proxy" for potential effects of depression itself.

The current findings are based on more than 14,000 women who were screened for prenatal depression between 2003 and 2011. Nine percent screened positive, which meant they were at risk of clinical depression and were referred for a full evaluation. Overall, those women went on to have a higher rate of preterm birth. Silver's team then accounted for certain other factors, including the mom's age, race and history of preterm birth. Even then, women with depression symptoms were 30 percent more likely than symptom-free women to

deliver early. The findings do not prove cause-and-effect, nor that treating depression will prevent preterm births. Silver said he's not aware of research suggesting that depression treatment—whether it's medication or talk therapy—improves women's pregnancy outcomes. "That's to be determined," Silver said. It's a tricky thing to study, he noted, since researchers cannot ethically conduct a clinical trial where they withhold treatment from some depressed pregnant women while treating others. So researchers have to rely on studies that, for example, look back at women's medical records and see if those who were treated for depression had different pregnancy outcomes than pregnant

women whose depression went untreated. And again, those types of studies leave questions about cause-and-effect. In the meantime, Silver said pregnant women with depression should be educated on the potential warning signs of preterm labor.

Those include pressure in the pelvis that feels like the baby pushing down; vaginal bleeding; and cramps or contractions that come every 10 minutes or more often. In some cases, medications can be given to stop early labor or at least delay birth. As for depression treatment, many women do not want to take medication of any kind during pregnancy, Silver noted. "Talk therapy" or support groups are also options, he said—though the availability can be limited, and insurance coverage spotty.—*Reuters*

Cautious consumers, foreign trade curb second quarter growth

WASHINGTON, 28 July — US economic growth slowed in the second quarter as consumers spent at their slowest pace in a year, increasing pressure on the Federal Reserve to do more to bolster the recovery. Gross domestic product expanded at a 1.5 percent annual rate between April and June, the weakest pace of growth since the third quarter of 2011, the Commerce Department said on Friday. First-quarter growth was revised up by a tenth of a percent to a 2.0 percent pace.

Details of the report were weak, with foreign trade being a drag and stocks of unsold goods rising. That, together with signs that activity slowed further early in the third

quarter strengthens the argument for the Fed to offer the economy additional stimulus at its September meeting. The economy has lost altitude and flying pretty close to stall speed. Monetary policy is the only game in town and additional easing is highly likely," said Sung Won Sohn, an economics professor at California State University Channel Islands in Camarillo, California.

The ailing economy could cost President Barack Obama a second term in office when Americans vote in November. Obama's approval rating on his handling of the economy is slipping. An *Ipsos/Thomson Reuters* poll published last



Shoppers are seen outside an Aeropostale store in Time Square in New York, on 27 July, 2012.— Reuters

week showed 36 percent of registered voters believe Republican candidate Mitt Romney has a better plan for the economy, compared to 31 percent who had faith in Obama's policies.

In a nod to the darkening economic outlook, the White House on Friday cut its growth estimate for this year

to 2.3 percent from 2.7 percent back in February. The growth forecast for 2013 was pared to 2.7 percent from 3.0 percent. The economy's expansion following the 2007-09 recession is the slowest since the 1980-81 period and the recession itself was the deepest in the post-war period.— Reuters

Two horses destroyed after showing Hendra symptoms at Australian farm

BRISBANE, 28 July — Biosecurity Queensland in Australia confirmed on Friday that two horses had been euthanized on a quarantined property near Rockhampton where a foal died of Hendra virus infection a week ago.

Queensland Chief Veterinary Officer Rick Symons said the two had clinical signs of the virus infection.

He said the horses suddenly became ill showing nervous signs and were destroyed at the owner's request to prevent further suffering.

"There are no more

horses on the property, but there are still two dogs," Symons said in a statement.

They are being monitored daily and the property will remain under quarantine until late August.

Symons said three properties near Queensland's Mackay were also under quarantine after a confirmed case of Hendra virus in June.

A woman who nursed the sick foal on her property before it died was cleared in a first round of medical tests. Hendra is usually passed from bats to horses, and then to humans.

Xinhua

Asian-American soldier faced punishment before he shot himself, trial told

FORT BRAGG, 28 July — A Chinese-American soldier in Afghanistan was forced to crawl about 50 yards (metres) as punishment while his superiors yelled and hurled rocks at him hours before he took his own life, a fellow soldier testified on Friday in a court-martial hearing. Private Danny Chen killed himself by a gunshot in a guard tower in southern Afghanistan last October. One of his superiors, Sergeant Adam Holcomb, is standing trial in Fort Bragg on allegations his physical mistreatment and racial harassment pushed Chen to commit suicide.

Holcomb, 30, has pleaded not guilty and faces nearly 18 years of confinement and a dishonorable discharge if convicted on charges that include negligent homicide.

On Friday, Holcomb's defense lawyers called a dozen witnesses in an attempt to shift the focus from his conduct to what some described as Chen's shortcomings as a soldier. The soldiers described harsh conditions at the remote combat outpost where stress ran high, politically incorrect nicknames were used and soldiers endured physical discipline when they failed to measure up.

A service member who served with Chen, Specialist Nicholas Sepeda, said Chen was not physically fit when he arrived in Afghanistan and his superiors frequently put him through "corrective training" involving push-ups, squats and other harsher measures. He described the scene of Chen being forced to crawl to a guard tower while

several non-commissioned officers threw rocks at him and yelled, "Incoming!" "I didn't think it was right they were throwing rocks at him," Sepeda said.

On one occasion, Holcomb pulled Chen out of his bunk and dragged him across sharp rocks, lacerating his back, Sepeda said. Sepeda took photographs of the injuries. "He was treated like dirt, wasn't he?" a military prosecutor asked Sepeda on cross-examination. "Yes he was," Sepeda replied. But Sepeda said non-commissioned officers at the outpost disciplined or "smoked" other soldiers, including himself. Sepeda said he did not think Chen was targeted for harassment as much as he initially thought immediately after Chen's suicide.— Reuters



A car drives from the residence of slain charge d'affaires Olga Fonseca at Venezuela's Embassy at the Runda neighbourhood in Kenya's capital Nairobi on 27 July, 2012.

REUTERS

Top Venezuelan Embassy official killed in Kenya

NAIROBI, 28 July — The head of Venezuela's embassy in Kenya was strangled to death at her official residence in the capital Nairobi, police said on Friday. Nairobi police said they believed the charge d'affaires and acting ambassador, Olga Fonseca, was killed at the mansion, which is surrounded by an electric fence and located in the exclusive Runda neighbourhood.

"We received reports that she was found dead in the house on her bed. What

we have seen is that she has been strangled," Anthony Kibuchi, Nairobi area police commander, told reporters outside the home. Fonseca started her job on 15 July, Kenya's ministry of foreign affairs said. Officials in Caracas said she was also Venezuela's representative to UN agencies based in Nairobi, and had responsibility for Tanzania, Uganda and Rwanda.

Venezuela's government expressed its deepest regret at the "deplorable" and

"violent" killing and said it was confident the Kenyan authorities would catch the perpetrators.

The government offers all the collaboration that may be needed," Venezuela's foreign ministry said in a statement.

"Fonseca had a brilliant diplomatic career... she was recognized for her impeccable personal and professional life, and for her services to just causes." The motive for the killing was not immediately clear.— Reuters

United Nations fails to agree landmark arms-trade treaty

UNITED NATIONS, 28 July — Delegations from around the world failed on Friday to agree a landmark UN arms-trade treaty to regulate the more than \$60 billion industry, opting for further talks and a possible UN General Assembly vote by the end of the year, diplomats said.

More than 170 countries have spent the past month in New York negotiating a treaty, which needed to be adopted by consensus, so any

one country effectively could have vetoed a deal. Instead, no decision was taken on a draft treaty.

But this leaves the door open for further talks and a draft arms-trade treaty could be brought to the 193-nation UN General Assembly and adopted with a two-thirds majority vote.

Diplomats said there could be a vote by the end of the year. "We feel that we could have agreed (a treaty). It is disappointing that more

time is needed. But an arms-trade treaty is coming — not today — but soon. We've taken a big step forward," said a spokesman for Britain's delegation. One person every minute dies from armed violence around the world, and arms control activists say a convention is needed to prevent illicitly traded guns from pouring into conflict zones and fueling wars and atrocities. They cited conflicts in Syria and elsewhere as examples of why a treaty is necessary.

While most UN member states favored a strong treaty, activists said there was a small minority of states, including Syria, North Korea, Iran, Egypt and Algeria, who loudly voiced opposition to global arms control throughout the negotiations. But ultimately, arms-control

activists blamed the United States and Russia for the inability to reach a decision on Friday, as both countries said there was not enough time left for them to clarify and resolve issues they had with the draft treaty.

Moving forward, President Obama must show the political courage required to make a strong treaty that contains strong rules on human rights a reality," said Scott Stedjan, a senior policy advisor at Oxfam America, which fights poverty and other injustices.

The draft arms-trade treaty under negotiation required countries to assess if a proposed arms export could be used to commit or facilitate a serious violation of international humanitarian or human rights law.— Reuters

US piles more duties on Chinese wind towers

WASHINGTON, 28 July — The United States slapped on Friday a second round of duties on wind turbine towers from China, ratcheting up tensions between the two countries in the renewable energy sector. The US Commerce Department said it was imposing preliminary anti-dumping duties of about 20 percent to 73 percent on Chinese-made steel towers. It also set preliminary anti-dumping duties of about 53 percent to 60 percent on steel towers from Vietnam to offset what the department said was below-market pricing.

US imports of the wind towers in 2011 totalled about \$222.1 million (141.1 million pounds) from China and about \$78.8 million from Vietnam. The decision is another victory for the Wind Tower Trade Coalition, a group of US producers who say they are being driven out of business by unfair Asian competition. In May, the Commerce Department set preliminary "countervailing" duties of about 14 percent to 26 percent on Chinese towers to offset Chinese government subsidies.

The United States has also set preliminary duties on solar panels from China in another renewable energy case that has strained trade ties. Importers have to post bonds based on the preliminary rates while Commerce continues its investigation. A final decision on duty rates is expected by the end of the year.— Reuters



Campaigners for the Control Arms coalition set up a mock graveyard next to the United Nations building in New York, on 25 July, 2012.

REUTERS

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV MOROTAI VOY NO (183) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 29.7.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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Cargo traffic surges 3.5 pct at S Korea's seaports in first half of 2012

SEOUL, 28 July—Cargo traffic at South Korea's seaports rose 3.5 percent in the first half of 2012 compared with the same period last year, fueled by increased trade of machinery, automobiles and cement, the government said Thursday. The country's 31 seaports handled 668.35 million tons of cargo during the first six months of the year, according to the Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritimes Affairs.

The volume of machinery and automobiles processed by local ports grew 17.3 percent and 15.2 percent, respectively. The figure for cement also increased 7.6 percent, while the volume for bituminous coal dropped 6.5 percent.

The volume of container cargo handled at the country's seaports also gained 6.3 percent on-year to 11.21 million TEUs or 20-foot-equivalent units during the first half, the ministry said.

The Port of Busan, the country's largest, retained its fifth place in the world in terms of container cargo handling, with an increase of 8.4 percent to 8.53 million TEUs.—Xinhua



Visitors attend the 14th Ani-Com & Games Hong Kong in south China's Hong Kong, on 27 July, 2012. The 14th Ani-Com & Games Hong Kong (ACGHK) opened in Hong Kong on Friday, attracting some 170 exhibitors.—XINHUA

Enbridge suffers new oil leak, shuts key pipeline

CALGARY, 28 July — Canada's Enbridge Inc said an oil spill in Wisconsin had forced it to shut down part of the main pipeline system delivering Canadian crude to US refiners on Friday, a fresh blow for a firm already facing fierce criticism from regulators. Almost two years to the day after a major spill on a different part of its network, Enbridge shut down Line 14 after a leak that it estimated at around 1,200 barrels of oil. The 318,000 barrel per day (bpd) line, part of the Lakehead system, carries light crude oil to Chicago-area refineries. "Enbridge is treating this situation as a top priority," said Richard Adams, vice president of US Operations at Enbridge.

"We are bringing all necessary resources to bear." The cause of Friday's spill was undetermined and Enbridge Energy Partners said it had no estimate on when flows would resume. Line 14 is one of four lines that ship mainly Canadian crude via Lakehead, a 2.5 million bpd network that is the principle route for Canadian exports. The news will not help Enbridge build public trust in its network, which has come under scrutiny following several high-profile incidents, including a spill in Alberta last month and a massive leak in Michigan two years ago. Just weeks ago, the US National Transportation Safety Board delivered a scathing report of Enbridge's handling of the

China seeks release of ships detained by Russia

BEIJING, 28 July—China is currently negotiating with Russia to arrange the release of two detained Chinese fishing vessels and their crew.

The Foreign Ministry says China hopes the two sides can solve the dispute, while keeping in mind the friendship between the two nations. The diplomatic wrangling follows the Russian coast guard's seizure of two Chinese ships fishing in Russia's exclusive economic zone.

It has also been reported that another two Chinese fishing ships have also been detained off Russia's Far-east Region.

Xinhua

the criticism of the company, especially from the US regulator, makes it more difficult to convince Canadians to support Northern Gateway.

"It really raises some serious questions about the system, and we really have to take a hard look at this," said Dan Woynillowicz, spokesman for the Pembina Institute, a Canadian-based energy and environment think tank. The spate of incidents shows the need for regulators to take a much more active role in investigation and enforcement, possibly including more physical checks by regulators of data submitted by operators, he said. This month, under growing public pressure, Alberta said it would launch a probe into its pipeline network.—Reuters

July 2010 rupture of its Line 6B near Marshall, Michigan, which led to more than 20,000 barrels of crude leaking into the Kalamazoo River.

US pipeline regulators fined it \$3.7 million for the spill, their largest ever penalty. The incidents have caused furor just as the company seeks approval for its \$6 billion Northern Gateway pipeline to Canada's West Coast from Alberta amid staunch opposition from environmental groups and native communities that warn against oil spills on land and in coastal waters. This month, Enbridge Chief Executive Pat Daniel acknowledged in an interview with Reuters that

Xinjiang railway service suspended due to flood

URUMQI, 28 July — Train services on parts of the Southern Xinjiang Railway in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region was suspended on Saturday morning due to flood, local authorities said.

The flood water has immersed parts of the rails and caused the train service of the Turpan-Korla section to be suspended, a Urumqi Railway Bureau official said.

More than 300 rescuers are working at the site. The trapped passengers have been arranged in safe places.

Xinhua

An excavator works at a greenbelt in Beijing, capital of China, on 27 July, 2012. The city is on guard against heavy rain, which has been forecasted over the coming days.
XINHUA

Japan probes under-reporting of Fukushima radiation dosage

TOKYO, 28 July—Japan's health ministry said it would investigate reports that workers at the stricken Fukushima nuclear power plant were urged by a subcontractor to place lead around radiation detection devices in order to stay under a safety threshold for exposure.

The *Asahi Shimbun* newspaper reported on Saturday that an executive from Build-Up, a subcontractor to plant owner Tokyo Electric Power, told workers to cover the devices called dosimeters when working in high-radiation areas.

Dosimeters can be worn as badges or carried as devices around the size of a smartphone to detect radiation. Nine workers wore the lead plates around the devices once after the executive's plea, Public broadcaster NHK said, citing the subcontractor's president.

Japanese law has set an annual radiation exposure safety threshold of 50 millisieverts for nuclear plant workers during normal operations.

But a massive earth-quake and tsunami that crippled the Fukushima plant in March 2011 led to a breach of containment structures that released radiation, keeping large areas around the plant off limits more than a year later.

A Tokyo Electric Power spokesman told Reuters on Saturday the company was aware from a separate contractor that Build-Up made the lead shields, but that they were never used at the nuclear plant. Build-Up could not be reached for comment.

Reuters



Photo taken on 25 July, 2012 shows various 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. The display includes various snuff boxes and bottles as well as related paraphernalia, especially reflecting how the ancient Chinese court responded to the European fashion of snuff to create a unique culture of snuff bottles.
XINHUA



Canadian agency warns of risks of eating raw, undercooked shellfish

VANCOUVER, 28 July — The British Columbia Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) in western Canada is reminding the public of illness risks associated with eating raw or undercooked bivalve shellfish. BCCDC, an agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority, said this week that shellfish such as oysters, clams, mussels, scallops, and cockles might accumulate bacteria, viruses, toxins or other impurities present in the water.

The agency suggested the public consume only cooked shellfish and ensure adequate cooking time as cooking would destroy viruses and bacteria and decrease the risk of gastrointestinal illness. Purchase shellfish only from approved sources and avoid cross-contamination when handling raw and cooked seafood were also included in the safety tips.

It urged anyone becoming ill with diarrhea and vomiting after eating shellfish should report illness to local public health office or primary care provider and see a physician if symptoms persist or become severe. Five cases of locally-acquired *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* infection that linked to raw shellfish have been reported this year, while 42 cases of vibrio were reported in 2011, according to the agency.—Xinhua

\$5,000 reward for missing cat

A Chicago family is offering a \$5,000 reward for the return of their missing Savannah cat—a mix between a cat and an African serval—in the San Diego area.

Paul Fosco, whose son, Mike, owns the feline, said Ivy the Savannah cat wandered off in La Jolla, Calif., about a week ago and they have even attempted to use a bloodhound team from Los Angeles to find the kitty, KGTV, San Diego, reported Thursday.

"For people who own pets and are truly in love with them, it's not just a pet," Fosco said. "It's a member of the family. It's more than just a cat or a dog." Experts said a first generation Savannah cat costs between \$20,000 and \$25,000, while the prices vary—but are still rather expensive—for a second-generation cat like Ivy. The family said Ivy has been outfitted with a microchip and they are hoping to find the cat before returning to Chicago in a few days.



In this 19 May, 2005, file photograph, people cheer at the end of a ride on Six Flags Great Adventure's roller coaster, Kingda Ka, in Jackson, NJ. A boy is recovering after he was hit in the face by a bird on 26 July, 2012.

Boy hit by bird on NJ roller coaster

A boy is recovering after he was hit in the face by a bird while riding a roller coaster at an amusement park in New Jersey.

The collision occurred as the Kingda Ka coaster at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson was returning to the station Thursday.

Park spokeswoman Kristen Siebeneicher tells the Asbury Park Press ([http://](http://on.app.com/N1hV0G)

on.app.com/N1hV0G) the boy was taken to a hospital for treatment of minor injuries to his face and neck. She says it's unclear what type of bird it was, but characterized it as small, and says its carcass is being handed over to the Ocean County Health Department.

The 45-storey Kingda Ka coaster, which reaches speeds up to 128 mph, was shut down for 30 minutes.



Tyler Goldenberg, 17, practices for the 2012 World Yo-Yo Contest in Orlando early next month. The Phoenix teen is ranked No. 12 in the nation.

Arizona teen prepares for yo-yo competition

A 17-year-old Arizona boy who is the 12th ranked yo-yo performer in the nation said he is gearing up for next month's 2012 World Yo-Yo Contest.

Tyler Goldenberg of Phoenix said he came in 70th at last year's event in Orlando, Fla., and is hoping to place in the Top 50 of the 300-some competitors at the 2-4 Aug competition this year. The Arizona Republic, Phoenix, reported Thursday.

Goldenberg said he has been practicing his minute-long routine 10 or 20 times per day during the past two months. He said he is proficient with performance, choreography and originality, but his speed has room for improvement.

The teenager said he is also looking forward to what follows the competition. "The rest of the time it's just a five-day party with my friends from all over the world," he said.

Three kudus born at NC zoo

Officials at the North Carolina zoo said they have welcomed a trio of newborn kudus, a species of African antelope.

Tom Gillespie, a spokesman for the zoo, said two of the baby kudus, which were born in the past week, are on display while the third is receiving medical treatment before joining its siblings at the African Plains exhibit, the Raleigh News & Observer reported Thursday.

Gillespie said another



kudu, a baby giraffe and two fringe-eared oryx calves have

also been born at the zoo in the past two months.

News Album

Robin Roberts taking time off from 'GMA'

NEW YORK, 28 July—Robin Roberts says she plans to take medical leave from "Good Morning America" this summer to undergo treatment for a bone-marrow disease. The "GMA" anchor and breast-cancer survivor is



Robin Roberts interviews Luke Bryan on stage when he performs on the Good Morning America Show at the Rumsey Playfield/SummerStage in Central Park in New York City on 13 July, 2012.—INTERNET

battling myelodysplastic syndrome.

Roberts, 51, said Thursday she will take a medical leave in late August or early September to undergo a marrow transplant. It is unclear how long she will be gone.

"It's fascinating—slash-scary how to prepare yourself for something like this," the New York Daily News said. Roberts told reporters in a Los Angeles press conference she participated in via satellite from New York.

Filling in for her while she is out on leave will be Barbara Walters, Diane Sawyer, Katie Couric and Kelly Ripa, ABC News President Ben Sherwood said.—INTERNET

Missing actress found alive at airport

NEW YORK, 28 July—Troubled actress Mabel Pantaleo has been found alive at New York's John F. Kennedy airport, said her mother, who reported her missing this week.

Pantaleo, 31, who suffers from manic-depressive disorder, was last seen at her Manhattan apartment Sunday morning. Her mother Sylvia officially reported her missing Monday, but she wasn't found until Thursday night, said ABC News.

Sgt. John Butthorn of the New York Police Department said New York Port Authority police picked Mabel up after



Comedienne and actress Kathy Griffin attends the premiere of the musical documentary "Katy Perry: Part of Me", at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles on 26 June, 2012.

INTERNET

NEW YORK, 28 July—Bravo Media says it has green-lit a second season of

Bravo orders second season of 'Kathy'

"Kathy," a weekly prime-time talk show starring US comedian Kathy Griffin.

Each episode of the show features Griffin and a panel of civilians and celebrities commenting on the week's most-talked about moments.

Guests on Season 1 include Jane Fonda, Anderson Cooper, Sharon Osbourne, Chelsea Handler, Whitney Cummings and Jimmy Kimmel.

"Look, I don't know what the hell's gonna happen in Season 2 of 'Kathy,' I'm still

sore from Season 1," Griffin said in a statement Thursday. "It's kind of like 'not Martha Stewart' meets 'not a tall Ellen' meets a lot of negative energy. Last season, I had every one on my couch from Jane Fonda to Chelsea Handler to Anderson Cooper to my dog walker. Just sit back and laugh. I'll do all the embarrassing stuff... Oh, and I'm nominated for an Emmy."

"Bravo's relationship with Kathy Griffin has outlasted Katie and Tom's,

Ashton and Demi's and while we won't be couch-jumping, we continue to be in awe of her quick wit, rude humor and spot-on analysis of pop culture and celebrity happenings," Frances Berwick, president of Bravo Media, said in a statement. "The first season of 'Kathy' struck a chord with our educated, upscale viewers with its fresh new approach to not-letting-anyone-get-away-with-anything TV."

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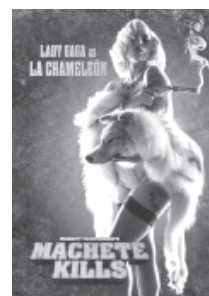
Lady Gaga to act in 'Machete Kills'

LOS ANGELES, 28 July—US pop star Lady Gaga has confirmed she is to make her big-screen acting debut in the action movie "Machete Kills."

Director Robert Rodriguez announced the casting and posted an image of the recording artist as her character La Chameleon on Twitter Thursday.

"I just finished working with @LadyGaga on @MacheteKills, she kicked SO MUCH ASS! Holy Smokes. Blown away!" Rodriguez said in a Twitter posting.

"Yes it's true, I will be making my debut as an actress in the amazing MACHETE KILLS BY @RODRIGUEZ IM SO EXCITED!!! AH! Filming was insane," Lady Gaga said in a separate message.



Machete Kills" poster featuring Lady Gaga. From director Robert Rodriguez's Twitter account.—INTERNET

The sequel to 2010's "Machete" stars Danny Trejo, Jessica Alba, Michelle Rodriguez, Alexa Vega, Zoe Saldana, Mel Gibson, Vanessa Hudgens and Charlie Sheen. It is set for release in 2013.—INTERNET

'Christmas Story' musical to open on B'way

NEW YORK, 28 July—"A Christmas Story, The Musical!" is to open on Broadway at The Lunt-Fontanne Theatre this holiday season, producers announced Thursday.

Based on the classic 1983 movie, the stage show will play in New York from 5 Nov to 30 Dec. It began an out-of-town tour last year with stops in Hershey, Pa; Detroit; Raleigh, NC; Tampa, Fla; and Chicago.

Casting for the Broadway production is soon to be announced, the producers said.

"In 1940s Indiana, a bespectacled boy named Ralphie has a big imagination and one wish for Christmas—a Red Ryder BB Gun. A kooky leg lamp, outrageous pink bunny pajamas, a cranky department store Santa, and

a triple-dog-dare to lick a freezing flagpole are just a few of the obstacles that stand between Ralphie and his Christmas dream," a synopsis said.

The film's original Ralphie, actor-producer Peter Billingsley, is producing the show.—INTERNET



Director Peter Billingsley attends the premiere of his new motion picture comedy "Couples Retreat" in Los Angeles on 5 October, 2009.—INTERNET



Athletes of participating countries stand in the middle of the Olympic Stadium during the athletes parade at the opening ceremony of the London 2012 Olympic Games, on 27 July, 2012.—REUTERS

LONDON, 28 July—The Queen declared the London Olympics open after playing a cameo role in a dizzying ceremony designed to highlight the grandeur and eccentricities of the nation that invented modern sport. Children's voices intertwining from the four corners of her United Kingdom ushered in an exuberant historical

pageant of meadows, smokestacks and digital wizardry before an audience of 60,000 in the Olympic Stadium and a probable billion television viewers around the globe.

Many of them gasped at the sight of the 86-year-old queen, marking her Diamond Jubilee this year, putting aside royal reserve in a video where

London opens with pageant for next generation

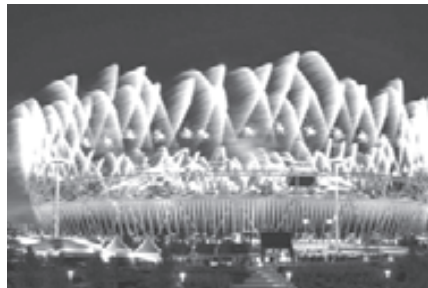
she stepped onto a helicopter with James Bond actor Daniel Craig to be carried aloft from Buckingham Palace. A film clip showed doubles of her and Bond skydiving towards the stadium and, moments later, she made her entrance in person." In a sense, the Olympic Games are coming home tonight," IOC President Jacques Rogge told the crowd.

This great, sports-loving country is widely recognised as the birthplace of modern sport."

To underline the point, Bradley Wiggins, crowned five days earlier as Britain's first winner of the Tour de France and hoping to add more road cycling gold in London, tolled the world's largest tuned bell to begin the ceremony. In one moment of simple drama, the stadium

fell silent as five giant, incandescent Olympic rings, symbolically forged from British steel mills, were lifted serenely out of the stadium by weather balloons, destined for the stratosphere. And at the climax of an evening that

had children centre-stage, seven teenage athletes were given the honour of lighting the Olympic cauldron that will burn for the duration of the Games, in keeping with the theme of "Inspire a Generation".—Reuters



Fireworks explode off the Tower Bridge during the night of the opening ceremony of London 2012 Olympic Games in London on 27 July, 2012.

REUTERS

Wenger: No offers for Van Persie



LONDON, 28 July—Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger claims the Premier League club have received no offers for captain Robin van Persie.

Speculation about Van Persie's future is rife after the Netherlands international announced he will not sign a new deal once his contract at the Emirates expires at the end of the 2012/13 season.

Addressing reporters after the Gunners suffered a 2-

0 pre-season defeat to Manchester City on Friday, Wenger was in no mood to discuss his striker's future.

"The Van Persie case doesn't cross my mind," Wenger told reporters. "We have had no offers. He is close to fitness, of course, but we have not had any contact about him at all. "We will not come back forever on Van Persie, we have many strikers at home. Van Persie is one of them, but we also have (Lukas) Podolski and (Olivier) Giroud.

"For now, we must prepare for the season and it is about more than one player."

When asked about reported interest from City, Manchester United and Italian giants Juventus for Van Persie's signature, Wenger hit out at the fervent attention devoted to his star player's future. "We have talked about Van Persie," he said. "We have just played a football game tonight, there are four English people here and there have

been four questions about Van Persie.

"I have talked about that, I am not talking about that question anymore. Do you understand? "If you understand and respect what I said, then why do you ask me again?"—Internet



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INTERNET

Games are rare new experience for Clijsters

LONDON, 28 July—Fifteen years into her career and just months from retiring for a second time, Belgium's Kim Clijsters does not come across many new experiences in tennis but playing in the Olympics will be one of them. The former world number one, who missed Beijing in 2008 after retiring a year earlier to have her daughter, plays the opening match on Wimbledon's court two on Saturday against Italy's Roberta Vinci.

"You kind of feel like you are going on a school trip, when we took the train and we were all dressed the same and had our backpacks," the 29-year-old, who plans to retire again after the US Open in September, told reporters at a Belgian team briefing on Friday. "It was fun and it was exciting, having been on tour for 15 years, to have a new experience. "I look forward to



Belgium's Kim Clijsters

just getting to feel what the Olympic atmosphere is like. I am not really thinking about retirement until I have come to that. I am still here because I want to do well and I want to play good tennis."

The four-time grand slam winner, who never reached the Wimbledon final, bid farewell to the tournament for the last time three weeks ago with a fourth-round defeat by Germany's Angelique Kerber.

But she is looking forward to being back at the famous venue, even if the Games facelift took a bit of getting used to.—Reuters



American Stacy Lewis, pictured on 26 July, birdied the final hole for a three-under-par 69 to retain the lead at the halfway stage of the Evian Masters here on Friday.—INTERNET

Lewis retains Evian Masters lead

WASHINGTON, 28 July—American Stacy Lewis birdied the final hole for a three-under-par 69 to retain the lead at the halfway stage of the Evian Masters here on Friday.

The 27-year-old shot a course record 63 and led by two shots after the opening round and, with three birdies and an eagle at the long seventh on another day of perfect weather, she stayed ahead on 12-under-par.

However, she sits just one shot clear of South Korea's Lee Il Hee. Helped by a great run of four birdies in a row from the 13th, Lee posted a 67 to take second place while Paula Creamer, who won here as a teenager back in 2005, and South Korean Park Inbee are joint third on nine under.

Creamer shot a 67 while Park had 64, the lowest score of the day. Lewis, who broke through with a victory in last year's Kraft Nabisco Championship, has already won twice this year at the ShopRite and Mobile Bay LPGA Classics and has risen to No 3 in the world.

Lewis birdied the fourth and then made a raking putt for eagle at the seventh to reach the turn in 33. She dropped her first shots of the tournament at the 12th and 14th but bounced back with a birdie at the long 15th and another at the eighth, where her chip for eagle lipped the hole. Lee attributed her score to an improvement in her putting.—Internet

Disciplinary hearing against four France players

PARIS, 28 July—A French Football Federation committee was on Friday examining whether to impose sanctions on four players for disciplinary breaches during Euro 2012.

The panel will decide whether to fine or suspend Sami Nasri, Yann Mvila, Hatem Ben Arfa and Jeremy Menez for their behaviour during last month's competition, which saw France crash out to eventual winners Spain in the quarter-finals.

Manchester City's Nasri risks the heaviest sanction, after shouting "Shut your

mouth" to television cameras following his goal in the 1-1 draw with England in a tirade he later said was aimed at a journalist who wrote a critical article. He then directed a string of foul-mouthed insults at an AFP journalist after the Spain match.

Ben Arfa has been

summoned for an altercation with coach Laurent Blanc in the changing rooms after the 2-0 defeat to Sweden, while Menez has been called over a spat with captain Hugo Lloris and insulting the referee after the Spain game.

Mvila has been asked to explain his refusal to shake



Arsenal's French player Sami Nasri (right) vies with Sunderland's Anton Ferdinand at the Emirates Stadium in London on February 20.

INTERNET

Olympics formally kicks off with lively opening ceremony in London



Fireworks light up Tower Bridge.

International Sports

Focus Myanmar TV Programme**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**
(29-7-12 09:30 am ~ 30-7-12 09:30 am) MST

- * News
- * Myanmar Mining Summit
- * News
- * Food Trip (Episode-1) (Part-II)
- * News
- * Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Steamed Rice with Chicken Basil"
- * News
- * The Hotel Amara (Part-II)
- * News
- * MI People's Celebrities "Wine Su Khine Thein"
- * A Ceremony to inherit the Buddha's Legacy
- * News
- * Music Programme
- * News
- * Preparations for ASEAN Economic Community in Myanmar
- * News
- * IT Product Show in Tatko
- * Myanmar Movie (Challenging of Love)

MYANMAR TV

(29-7-2012) (Sunday)

- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
- 2. To be Healthy Exercise
- 7:40 am
- 3. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:50 am
- 4. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:10 am
- 5. (38) Phyar Mingalars
- 11:00 am
- 6. Martial Song
- 11:10 am
- 7. Musical Programme
- 12:30 pm
- 8. How It's Works
- 12:50 pm
- 9. Myanmar Movie
- 4:25 pm
- 10. Song Of National Spirit
- 4:50 pm
- 11. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:05 pm
- 12. Documentary
- 5:20 pm
- 13. Sing & Enjoy
- 6:20 pm
- 14. Cartoon Series
- 6:40 pm
- 15. Tamyethnar Takwetsar
- 8:00 pm
- 16. News
- 17. Cartoon Series
- 18. TV Drama Series
- 19. New Melody

NLM-ner Joke**Help wanted...**

A local business was looking for office help, so they put a sign in their window saying "HELP WANTED. Must be able to type, must be good with a computer and must be bilingual. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer."

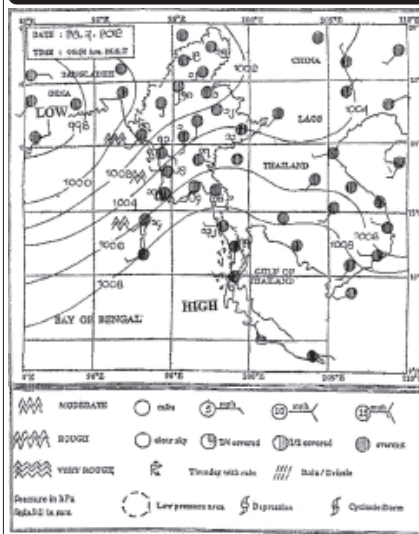
A short time afterward, a dog trotted up to the window, saw the sign and went inside. He looked at the receptionist and wagged his tail, then walked over to the sign, looked at it and whined.

Getting the idea, the receptionist got the office manager. The office manager looked at the dog and was surprised, to say the least. However, the dog looked determined, so he led him into the office. Inside, the dog jumped up on the chair and stared at the manager. The manager said, "I can't hire you. The sign says you have to be able to type."

The dog jumped down, went to the typewriter and proceeded to type out a perfect letter. He took out the page and trotted over to the manager and gave it to him, then jumped back on the chair. The manager was stunned, but he told the dog, "The sign also says you have to be good with a computer."

The dog jumped down again and went to the computer. The dog proceeded to demonstrate his expertise with various programs, producing a sample spreadsheet and database and presenting them to the manager. By this time the manager was totally dumbfounded. He looked at the dog and said, "I realize that you are a very intelligent dog and have some interesting abilities, however I still can't give you the job."

The dog jumped down and went to a copy of the sign and put his paw on the part about being an Equal Opportunity Employer. The manager said, "Yes, but the sign *also* says that you have to be bilingual." The dog looked him straight in the eye and said, "Meow."

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**Weather forecast for 29th July, 2012**

Sr. No.		Temperature (°C/F)		Forecast	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	27/81	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
2	Kayah	23/73	19/66	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayah	25/77	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(100%)
4	Chin	21/70	16/61	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	28/84	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	30/86	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Taintharyi	25/77	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(100%)
8	Bago	27/81	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	28/82	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	27/81	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	28/84	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)
12	Yangon	31/88	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	27/81	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	18/64	16/61	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	25/77	20/68	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	22/72	20/68	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	27/81	21/70	Some rain	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	21/70	Some rain	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	27/81	24/75	One or two rain	(100%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

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 (35-40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate to strong monsoon.

Korea women archers on target but US in the hunt

LONDON, 28 July—South Korea's archery queens assumed their traditional place at the top of the ranking round for the London Games on Friday, but the United States pushed them close and may feel this is the year to end the Asian powerhouse's Olympic dominance.

Hours after South Korea's men set individual and world records in the 72 arrow ranking round, Ki Bo-bae, Lee Sung-jin and Choi Hyeon-ju posted 1,993 points out of a possible 2,160.

Each arrow can score a maximum of 10 points for hitting the centre of a target 70 meters away.

Ki and Lee both shot 671, as did Taiwan's Tan Ya-ting, while America's

Khatuna Lorig shot 669 in fourth. The scores gave South Korea the top team ranking, followed by the United States, Taiwan and Mexico.

South Korea's women have been the dominant force in archery for more than 20 years, winning 12 of the last 13 gold medals, with only China's Zhang Juanjuan denying them a perfect record by winning the individual title in Beijing.

The gap between them and the rest of the world has been narrowing, however, thanks in part to Korean coaches plying their trade around the world and growing global interest in the sport particularly in the United States.

Reuters

South Korea's Ki Bo-bae takes aim during the women's archery individual ranking round of the London 2012 Olympics Games at the Lords Cricket Ground in London on 27 July, 2012.

REUTERS

**Dangerous food...**

A dietitian was once addressing a large audience in Chicago. "The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here, years ago. Red meat is awful. Soft drinks erode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG, and none of us realizes the long-term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water."

"But there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all and we all have, or will, eat it. Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?"

A 75-year-old man in the front row stood up and said, "Wedding cake."

Answers for Yesterday's Crossword Puzzle**Htaik Thu San awarded to outstanding students in Yamethin**

YAMETHIN, 28 July—A ceremony to present Htaik Thu San award to outstanding students, organized by KEC Education for 2011-2012 academic year, was held at the school in Kyaungbyugon Ward of Yamethin of Mandalay Region on 16 July afternoon.

At the ceremony, the headmistress of Basic Education High School No. 1 and those present gave words of advice to students.

After that, the chairman of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee and officials presented Htaik Thu San awards to the outstanding students.—Kyemon



DHF PREVENTED: With a view to ensuring prevention against dengue hemorrhagic fever, Health staff members fumigated at Basic Education High School No. 3 in Naungya A Ward of Loikaw on 3 July.—MYANMA ALIN

Environmental and social impacts to be taken into consideration in implementing power supply projects: Union EP No. 2 Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—Electric Power Department, Hydrolancang International Energy Co Ltd and Htoo Trading Co signed an MoU on conducting feasibility study of natural gas and thermal power plant in Yangon (Hlawga), at Golden Palace Hotel, here, yesterday evening, attended by Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union minister said as the country is rich in water resources, hydropower generation used to be the major electricity supply policy, building hydropower plants the length and breadth of the nation. Although electricity can be produced to full capacity in monsoon, there is decline in electricity generation during summer, demanding further establishment of gas and coal-fired power plants as the base load for stable supply of electric power to the national grid. So, such resources-dependent power generation facilities are set as based load, hydropower generation as peak load as well as for reserve power in the new policy.

The Union minister quoted the President saying as the incumbent government has managed to achieve remarkable success in political reforms and national



Signing ceremony of MoU on conducting feasibility study of natural gas and thermal power plant in Yangon (Hlawga) in progress.—MNA

reconciliation as the first wave reform strategy, the second wave would be focused on economic performance of the country and socio-economic development of the people, setting the electricity sector top in its agenda in response to socio-economic requirements of the people. It has been invited to local and foreign investors to invest in electricity sector of the country. The State has adopted policies for not affecting the interests of national races and environment in implementing the development projects.

The Union minister called for submission of EIA report along with the feasibility study report and adherence to policies of the State.

Today, Yangon is consuming about 800 megawatts, nearly the half of the domestic consumption. In recent years, the electricity consumption has surged by nearly 15

per cent yearly and thus plans were laid down to construct more power plants as the base load around Yangon, said the Union minister, calling for comprehensive feasibility study report of the project.

Next, the personnel of partner companies spoke words of thanks, followed by signing of the MoU. Present on the occasion were Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Myint Zaw, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Aung Than Oo, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, departmental heads and personnel of the partner companies.—MNA

Union Minister inspects rural development and poverty alleviation tasks in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area



Union Minister at President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt inspects medical staff providing treatments to patients in Sipingyi Village of Zeyathiri Township.
MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—Accompanied by Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Kan Chun and Member of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee U Myo Aung, Union Minister at the President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council

U Thein Nyunt on 27 July morning inspected undertakings of compilation of field statistics and implementation of rural development and poverty alleviation teams in Sipingyi Village of Zeyathiri Township.

He viewed medical staff providing treatments to patients. He met with villagers, members of maternal and child welfare association, red cross society members and auxiliary fire brigade members and clarified the tasks being carried out by the State for rural development and poverty reduction. He visited the Pinyin Alin Library where Nay Pyi Taw Council Member Dr Paing Soe presented cash assistance for village religious verses recitation associations and inspected earthwork for embankments in Sipingyi and Chaungkangyi villages and viewed immunization of cattle by veterinarians and healthcare provided to patients in Hnantaw village in Pinyin Township.

Nay Pyi Taw Council Member Col Myint Aung Than then provided cash for religious and social associations. The Union minister and party then met villagers of North Kyaungsu village in Dekkhinathiri Township where Nay Pyi Taw Council Member Dr Than Aung donated cash for religious and social associations and viewed vegetable patches on manageable scale and healthcare provided by medical team and cordially greeted the local people. On arrival at Shwekyarbin ward in Zabuthiri Township, they inspected healthcare provided by the medical staff and looked round the vegetable patches. Eight rural development and poverty alleviation implementation teams are conducting fieldworks in villages in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.—MNA

MRTV, MRTV-4 to broadcast Waso robe offering ceremony live

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—The Waso robe offering ceremony 2012 will be held at Sasana Maha Beikman of Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda at 10 am on 30 July.

The ceremony of offering robes will be broadcast live through MRTV and MRTV-4 beginning 9.45 am on that day.—MNA

Alexandr Vinokurov of Kazakhstan wins gold in the men's Road Race

LONDON, 28 July — Alexandre Vinokurov of Kazakhstan claimed an unexpected but deserved win in the men's Olympic road race Saturday, wrecking Mark Cavendish's hopes of delivering a first gold of the Games for the hosts.

Columbia's Rigoberto Uran won the silver with Norway's

Alexander Kristoff taking the bronze after 249.5 km of racing which finished in the shadow of Buckingham Palace on The Mall.

Race favourite Cavendish finished well off the podium as Britain's highly-fancied team were undone by a combination of tactical racing and some incisive, late attacks.

With no race radios and

teams of a maximum five riders, Britain were constantly tested throughout the race which took in nine laps of the hilly 15.4 km Box Hill circuit, to the south of London. After an early 12-man breakaway went on to build a lead of six minutes and were eventually joined by 10 counter-attackers, Belgian Philippe Gilbert attacked solo only to be reeled in 42 km from the finish.

Internet



Alexandr Vinokurov of Kazakhstan celebrates crossing the finish line to win the men's Road Race Cycling on Day 1 of the London 2012 Olympic Games.—INTERNET