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President U Thein Sein felicitates His Majesty of Kingdom of Morocco

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty King Mohammed VI of the Kingdom of Morocco, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Morocco, which falls on 30 July 2012.—MNA

True patriotism

- * It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Government attaches immense importance to creating constant learning society in the face of Knowledge Age's challenges

Outstanding students honoured in Yamethin Township

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint attended a ceremony to honour outstanding students at Anawrahta Hall of Basic Education High School No 1 in Yamethin this morning.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker said that the government has attached an immense importance to realizing an education system that could create constant learning society in the face of challenges of Knowledge Age.

Deputy Education Minister U Aye Kyu urged the teachers to turn out outstanding students to achieve higher pass rate in matriculation exam as the government gives the Education Ministry the top

priority.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint awarded three highest pass rate schools for 2011-2012 academic year matric exam, Deputy Minister U Aye Kyu four-distinction winners, Region Minister for Electric Power and Industry Dr Myint Kyu three-distinction winner and officials distinction winners. —MNA

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint presents prize to the school with best pass rate in 2011-2012 academic year matriculation examination in Yamethin Township.—MNA



High tide warnings at Thanlwin, Sittoung, Bago, Shwepyin Rivers

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—According to the 12:30 hr M.S.T observations today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an 781 cm has exceeded by 31 cm (about one foot) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 750 cm during the next 48 hours commencing this noon.

The water level of Sittoung River at Madauk 1122 cm has exceeded by 52 cm (about 1.7 feet) above its danger level. It may remain above its

danger level 1070 cm during the next 72 hours commencing this noon.

The water level of Bago River is 861 cm. It may reach its danger level 910 cm during the next time 48 hours commencing this noon.

The water level of Shwepyin River at Shwepyin is 657 cm. It may reach its danger level 700 cm during the next 48 hours commencing this noon, said Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA

Chinese Ye breaks world record and wins women's 400m medley gold

LONDON, 29 July—China's Ye Shiwen shattered world record to win a gold medal in the women's 400 individual medley at London Olympics on Saturday.

Ye touched in 4:28.43 to wipe out the previous record held by triple Olympic champion Aussie Stephanie Rice from Beijing Olympics by one second.

Ye was nearly three seconds ahead of silver medalist Elizabeth Beisel from the United States who clocked 4:31.27. Another Chinese swimmer Li Xuanxu pocketed a bronze at 4:32.91.

Ye trailed Rice in the first butterfly leg, and overtook her after the second backstroke leg. Then she was behind Beisel who had a super-fast breaststroke leg but finally managed a devastating burst over the last freestyle

leg to power home with a gold and a new world mark.

Rice, three-time gold medalist at the Beijing Olympics, was shut out of medals with a sixth place.

"I thought I had lost the race after the first 200 metres,

while freestyle is my best leg. Saying that, I never expected to break the world record. I dreamed of gold, but never the record. I am overwhelmed," said Ye in tears.

Ye, world champion of



Gold medalist Ye Shiwen (R) of China poses with bronze medalist Li Xuanxu of China. XINHUA

but on the breaststroke I realized I was in the top two or three and was confident I could win on the last leg," said Ye after the race.

"I have worked on my butterfly and backstroke since the World Championship,

200m individual medley at Shanghai Worlds, fell on top of the world after her golden night at the London Aquatic Center. It is the first world record set in the swimming events at London Olympics. Xinhua



Sun Yang of China poses at the awarding ceremony of men's swimming 400m freestyle competition at London 2012 Olympic Games in London, Britain, on 28 July, 2012. Sun Yang won gold medal in this event and set a new Olympic Record with 3:40.14. XINHUA

Sun Yang of China wins men's 400m freestyle gold

LONDON, 29 July—Chinese swimming sensation Sun Yang upset defending champion South Korean Park Tae Hwan in men's 400m freestyle to win a historic Olympic swimming gold for China on Saturday.

Sun was behind Park in the first 200m, and narrowed the gap in the third 100m. He put on a devastating burst over the last 100m to overtake Park at 3:40.14, setting a new Olympic record.

Park posted 3:42.06 to settle for a silver and Peter Vanderkaay from the United States finished 3:44.69 to take a bronze. Sun was the first male Chinese swimmer to claim an Olympic gold.

"I felt the pressure because my coach is not in good health, so maybe he has been under more pressure than I am. I want to dedicate this victory to him," said Sun, who starred at last year's Shanghai World Championships as he smashed Grant Hackett's decade-old 1,500m world record.

"I have swum my personal best time and I want to use this swim to tell the South Koreans (who were angry after Park was disqualified this morning) something. I want to show that we are good swimmers

and we do not need to do anything other than swim in order to win," said a confident Sun.

The gold medal is one of the most eagerly awaited clashes between Park and Sun. In London, Sun finally succeeded in the revenge after losses to Park in the 400m freestyle at the 2011 Shanghai World Championships and the 2010 Guangzhou Asian Games.—Xinhua

PERSPECTIVES

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Legislature and lawmakers

Over one year has elapsed since the civilian government took office under the constitution. Last year saw the unanticipated changes in political panorama of the country which once was isolated from the international stage, placing it back on the global radar screen.

The country's practice of parliamentary democracy which lasted from 1948 to 1961 in the post-independence period was a complete failure. Finger may be pointed at who or whom or this or that, but comprehensive review must be conducted to find out the certain causes behind the collapse and to learn lessons if we do not want history to repeat itself.

The state legislature has been in operation for over one year and a half. In fact, the majority of the MPs have little or no parliamentary experiences, raising questions to their capacity. Some even criticized the two houses are just for show. No one is perfect from the birth. Even the old democracies cannot fulfill all the demands of each citizen.

Although the efforts of the two speakers and MPs are evident, efficacy should not be neglected. It is of no use just putting simple questions to the parliament but innovations must be made. Furthermore, reasonable length of time should be allowed to the legislative branch, however precious time should not be wasted on trial over the coming four years.

Moreover, as people are the fundamental part of democracy, the legislature should empower people to take part in law enactment ensuring the participatory process of legislations, listening more closely to their voices. In turn, negative criticism would only impede the progress of the parliament.

It is every citizen's wish to see to the country standing with her head held high on the global stage even if he is in desperate plight. MPs are no exception. At the moment, what we should focus on is in the interests of the national interests, setting aside personal hatred and ideological differences. This is the common ground toward common goal, no doubt.



In commemoration of his birthday, U Win Naing-Daw Wai Wai Mon and family from Inya Road of Kamayut Township donate K 500,000 to the fund of Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Vice-Chairman U Thein Aung of executive committee recently.—NLM

Mon State Chief Minister calls for broader participation of civil societies in realizing gov't policies

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint on 27 July met members of social organizations, Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, Women's Affairs Organization, state Fire Brigade and State Red Cross Society at Mon State Government Office.

He heard reports submitted by officials of the organizations.

State Hluttaw Speaker U Kyin Pe, the chief justice of



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state High Court, the state advocate-general, the state auditor-general and state ministers explained associational spirits, rules and regulations, and tasks being carried out by departments and social organizations cooperatively.

In his concluding remarks, the chief minister called for

Deputy Minister inspects tasks of IWT, MPA

YANGON, 29 July—Deputy Minister for Transport U Han Sein met the managing director of Inland Water Transport and officials at its office, here, yesterday.

The deputy minister viewed use of iPay Card by passengers at Pansodan-Dalla Jetty, progress of new dockyard construction project of IWT in Dagon (Seikkan) Township, construction of new vessels at Ahlon Dockyard and docking works.

In the afternoon, he met the managing director and officials of Myanma Port Authority at the MPA Office. He then inspected Theinbyu Dockyard, docking of foreign going liners at Sule No 5/6 Jetty and uploading and loading of commodities.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw Council member inspects two damaged bridges

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—Accompanied by Nay Pyi Taw Council Area Superintending Engineer U Thein Hsaing, Assistant Engineer U Aung Ko Oo and officials of Bridge Construction Special Group (3), Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Kan Chun yesterday inspected Thabyechaung Bridge and Wegyi Bridge that broke on 27 June due to overflow of Hsinthe Creek in Tatkon Township.

Thabyechaung self-reliant Wooden Bridge is 375 feet long linking Shwemyo and Thabyechaung villages. Wegyi self-reliant Wooden Bridge, 350 feet long, links Wegyi Village of Pobbathiri Township and Winbyan Village in Zeyathiri Township. Heavy rains and strong current of Hsinthe Creek destroyed the two bridges on 27 July.

Bridge Construction Special Group (3) carried out detailed measurement of the bridge for repairing it as quickly as possible.—MNA

Meal, Waso robes donated to SSMNC Sayadaws

YANGON, 29 July—Bhaddanta Manita, Abbot of Kyaikkasan Wailuwun Shwekyin Monastery in Thingangyun Township in Yangon East District, and disciples offered a day meal and Waso robes to Sayadaws who had attended 17th Plenary Meeting of the Sixth State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee at SSMNC refectory on Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Hill in Yangon yesterday morning.

The congregation received Five Percepts from Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Khemindasami, Abbot of Chauktetgyi Phayagyi Monastery and shared merits.

MNA



broader participation of social organizations in realizing policies of the government.

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Nippon Foundation shows generosity

YANGON, 29 July—The donation ceremony by the Nippon Foundation from Japan to the New World Therapeutic Training Center for Special Needs Children in Yangon was held today at the Myanmar Medical Association Building. The objective of the donation is to develop a 'foundation' to help the special needs children who require appropriate care, accommodation and support to be accepted in the family, school and community.

New World Therapeutic Training Center was established on 9 March 2008 in response to a growing and pressing need of the special needs community in Myanmar.

Future plans of the foundation include:

- Training of trainers for special needs children, parents and caregivers, pre-school and primary school teachers from all parts of Myanmar
- Residential service programme for children and parents from other parts of the country.—NLM



Mawlamyine District Deputy Commissioner U Aung Cho and Daw Nan Saw Ohnmar Win family donate K 600,000 for renovation of Kyaikthanlan pagoda through the secretary and treasurer of the pagoda board of trustees who returned certificate of honour on 26 July.—NLM

Israel thanks Obama for security agreement

TEL AVIV, 29 July — Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak thanked US President Barack Obama for his decision to reinforce security and military cooperation with the Jewish state, his office said.

Mr Barak welcomes President Obama's decision to sign a law reinforcing cooperation in defence affairs between America and Israel, including the decision to grant an extra \$70 million in aid towards the 'Iron Dome' project," his office said in a statement.

"This new law... is a new expression of the ongoing support of the (Obama)

administration and the US Congress towards the security of the state of Israel," it added. Obama signed the law on Friday surrounded in the Oval Office by representatives of the pro-Israel lobby AIPAC and by US lawmakers. He said the law, which gives Israel preferential access to US arms and munitions, "underscores our unshakable commitment to Israel's security."

The US leader also saluted the \$70 million contribution this year to the Iron Dome missile defence system, designed to protect Israel against rocket attacks



Israeli Minister of Defence Ehud Barak speaks during the annual International Cyber Security Conference at Tel Aviv University in June 2012. Barak has thanked US President Barack Obama for his decision to reinforce security and military cooperation with the Jewish state.—INTERNET

from Islamist militants in Lebanon and the Gaza Strip. The project has received \$205 million in US funding since its inception.

Internet

Russian cargo spacecraft re-docks with ISS

Moscow, 29 July—The Russian cargo ship Progress has successfully re-docked with the International Space Station (ISS) early Sunday, after the failed attempt five days ago.

The unmanned Progress M-15M, which arrived at the ISS in April, undocked from the station early Monday morning to conduct engineering tests and try out the upgraded Kurs-NA rendezvous system.

But the first re-docking attempt failed due to certain

Russian cargo spacecraft re-docks with ISS.

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problems in the freighter's new Kurs-NA rendezvous system, said Russia's Mission Control Centre (MCC) on Tuesday.

No problems were reported about Sunday's second attempt in the video

streamed from Russian mission control. Progress freighters have been the backbone of the Russian space cargo fleet for decades. Russia lost a Progress cargo ship in 2011 for the first time in 30 years.—Xinhua



A girl stands next to a closed down business in Madrid on 27 July, 2012.

Spain has for the first time conceded it might need a full EU/IMF bailout worth 300 billion euros (\$366 billion) if its borrowing costs remain unsustainably high, a euro zone official said.

REUTERS



BRUSSELS, 29 July—Spain has at last conceded it may need a state bailout and policymakers are considering writing down Greek debt to their central banks, European officials said on Friday, as

Spain discusses state bailout; ECB seen writing off Greek debt

markets anticipated radical new action to pull the continent out of its debt maelstrom.

European Central Bank President Mario Draghi, who on Thursday pledged to do whatever was necessary to

Bloomberg report.

Citing two central bank officials, the report said Draghi's proposal involves Europe's rescue funds buying government bonds on the primary market, flanked by ECB purchases on the secondary market to ensure transmission of its record low interest rates. Weidmann poses the biggest obstacle to any ECB plan to buy government bonds, and Draghi would need to win him over. A Bundesbank spokesman said meetings between the two men "are not unusual; they take place if there is something that needs to be discussed". An ECB spokeswoman also said it was usual practice for Draghi to meet with governing council members such as Weidmann, but declined further comment.

The Bloomberg report also said Draghi favoured

granting a banking licence to the euro zone's planned permanent bailout fund, the European Stability Mechanism (ESM), which would allow it to borrow money and deploy more firepower if called upon to rescue an economy as big as Spain's.

The crisis in the euro zone has been thrown into higher gear by a surge in borrowing costs for Spain and by an acknowledgement by Brussels officials that Greece is too far off its targets to be saved by its second bailout package, agreed just five months ago. Spain, the next country in the firing line, is far larger than the four other countries that have accepted EU bailouts, and rescuing it would require action on a scale as yet unforeseen. It may be a price that needs paying to save the single currency, analysts say.—Reuters

17 insurgents killed in Afghanistan within 24 hours

KABUL, 29 July—A total of 17 Taliban insurgents have been killed and 18 others detained in five cleanup operations carried out by the Afghan police, army and the NATO-led coalition forces in deferent provinces within the past 24 hours, the Afghan Interior Ministry said on Sunday.

"The joint force also found and defused five different mines besides seizing four RPG-7 or rocket propelled grenades, five PK machine guns, eight pistols, 25 rounds of shells and a hand grenade in the above operations," the ministry said in a statement providing morning operational updates.

Separately, Afghan police found and defused an anti-vehicle mine in western Farah province on Saturday, it said.

In another development, up to 12 Taliban insurgents were killed during a cleanup operation in Gilan district of eastern Ghazni province late Saturday.—MNA/Xinhua

Afghan truckers a forgotten front in a war growing deadlier by the day



Trucks carrying supplies for NATO troops cross into Afghanistan from Pakistan at the Tor kham on 28 July, 2012.—REUTERS

KHOSH GOMBAT, 29 July—In the cabins of their "jingle" trucks flamboyant with tinsel baubles and painted tiger patterns as they move NATO's war supplies, Habibullah thinks he and other drivers are becoming a forgotten front in an Afghan war growing more vicious. From a dusty truck park midway between Kabul and the Pakistan border, and under the constant thump of helicopters from Jalalabad airbase over the road, Habibullah moves food and military materiel across the Taliban's eastern heartland, from Nuristan to the former al Qaeda cave stronghold of Tora Bora.

We worry about our fate when NATO leaves, because the Taliban also call us the infidels. For them, we are not just the enemy, but also traitors," said the soft spoken 23-year-old, who contributes seven trucks to a cooperative with five owners.

It is a thankless and increasingly deadly job, and one so mired in graft that the drivers see a fraction of the cash paid by US military paymasters, with the rest skimmed by middlemen or even going into the hands of insurgents for "protection". Only this week, three of Habibullah's trucks were attacked and burned by Taliban amid the rugged mountains of Nuristan, a virtual no-go zone for NATO soldiers after heavy past losses and now garrisoned by a handful of Afghan troops and police.

Reuters

Missouri Walmarts evacuated after bomb threats

WASHINGTON, 29 July—Seven Walmart stores in Missouri were evacuated after receiving bomb threats but no explosives were found, a Walmart spokesman said on Saturday.

The threats were called in late on Friday to stores in Raytown, Gladstone, Jefferson City, Nixa, St Peters and Ozark, spokesman Dan Fogleman said.

The retailer is working with police to find those responsible, Fogleman said. No explosives were found and no injuries were reported.

Reuters

US presidential hopeful Romney arrives in Israel for visit

JERUSALEM, 29 July—Presumed US Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney arrived in Israel Saturday night for a brief visit that is widely seen aimed at wooing the votes of Jews in the upcoming elections. Israel is the second leg of Romney's three-country tour that began in London and will also take him to Poland.

Romney, who enjoys cordial ties with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, is scheduled to meet Netanyahu on Sunday morning. He will also meet Israeli President Shimon Peres and Palestinian National Authority Prime Minister Salam Fayyad, according to Israeli media.

Romney is scheduled to give a foreign policy address in the late afternoon in

Jerusalem, but reporters have not been invited to attend the event. Romney is slated to leave for Poland at about noon on Monday. Before taking off, he is scheduled to host a fundraiser at the King David

Hotel in Jerusalem on Monday morning. The cost to attend the event, where Romney is expected to appear for 45 minutes, is 50,000 US dollars per donor, *The Jerusalem Post* reported.—Xinhua



Men push a family past a fuel tanker, carrying supplies for NATO Forces, at the Pakistan-Afghan border of Torkham recently. — REUTERS

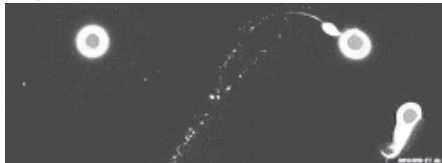
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Moon formation: Was it a 'hit and run' accident?

Moscow, 29 July—Scientists have proposed a fresh idea in the long-running debate about how the Moon was formed. What is certain is that some sort of impact from another body freed material from the young Earth and the resulting debris coalesced into today's Moon. But the exact details of the impactor's size and speed have remained debatable. In a report online to be published in *Icarus*, researchers suggest that the crash happened with a much larger, faster body than previously thought.

Such theories need to line up with what we know about the Moon, about the violent processes that set off the creation of moons, and what computer simulations show about the more sedate gravitational "gathering-up" that finishes the job. In recent years, scientists' best guess for how the Moon formed has been that a relatively slowly moving, Mars-sized body called Theia crashed into the very young Earth. That would have heated both of them up and released a vast cloud of molten material, much of which cooled and clumped together to give rise to the Moon. That would suggest that the Moon is made up of material from both the early Earth and from Theia, which should be somewhat different from one another.

What complicates that story is a number of observations of "isotopic compositions"—the ratios of naturally-occurring variants of some atoms—taken from the Earth and from lunar samples. While the Moon has an iron core like Earth, it does



Computer simulations suggest a large, fast-moving body impacted the Earth to create the Moon.— INTERNET



The mix of similar and different "isotope ratios" confounds the issue.— INTERNET

not have the same fraction of iron—and computer models supporting the Theia impact idea show just the same thing. However, the ratio of the Earth's and the Moon's oxygen isotopes is nearly identical, and not all scientists agree on how that may have come about. Confounding the issue further, scientists reporting in *Nature Geoscience* in March said that a fresh analysis of lunar samples taken by the Apollo missions showed that the Moon and the Earth shared an uncannily similar isotope ratio of the metal titanium.

That, they said, gave weight to the idea that the Moon was somehow cleaved from the Earth itself. Now, Andreas Reufer, of the Centre for Space and Habitability in Bern, Switzerland, and colleagues have run computer simulations that suggest another possibility: that a far larger and faster-moving body made an even more glancing blow with the young Earth. They said this body would have lost only a small amount of material and most of it would have continued on after the "hit-and-run".

That results in a much hotter disc of debris from the collision, but matches up with what would be needed to make a Moon-sized body. The authors suggest that since most of what became the Moon would have been liberated by the impact from the Earth, similarities between the isotope fractions should be more pronounced. More analyses of different elements within lunar samples—and a great deal more computer simulations that result in a Moon like our own—will be needed to settle the debate.— Internet

Coating heals itself after damage

LONDON, 29 July — Scientists have taken a new approach to creating coatings that heal themselves when they are damaged. The research could potentially have applications in scratch-resistant phones and "self-cleaning" cars." Functional" coatings that, for example, repel water and dirt have previously been dogged by relatively short lifetimes. But the journal *Advanced Materials* reports that researchers have worked out how to increase their longevity.

A major stumbling block when applying these layers is that the smallest scratch can remove them, eradicating their special properties. It damages the nano-sized molecular groups that repel water and dirt, for example. But this problem could be overcome by making a coating with self-healing properties. Such self-healing materials

mimic living organisms that can repair their tissues. Now, Prof Bert de With of the Eindhoven University of Technology in the Netherlands and his colleagues have discovered a nano-structure solution to the problem.

Functional molecules—for example "hydrophobic" molecules that repel water and dirt—can be coated onto the surfaces of products. Prof de With and his team found that by attaching these molecules on the end of polymer "stalks" and mixing these throughout the coating, any that are removed by scratches are replaced by a new, self-orienting layer.

The result is that any coating, such as an antibacterial layer, would be "self-repairing" after small amounts of damage, as the molecular chains just below the damaged layer re-cover the surface.—Internet



"Hydrophobic" surfaces repel water and grime but can be limited by short lifetimes. INTERNET

IDC: Samsung extends lead in smartphones

NEW YORK, 29 July — Samsung has extended its lead over Apple in smartphones, in part because its new Galaxy phones came out before Apple updated its iPhone, research group IDC said on Friday. Samsung's Galaxy S3 phones got good reviews when it was released late in the second quarter. In the US, the phones work with the faster fourth-generation, or 4G, cellular networks that major wireless companies have been building. The Galaxy's screen is larger than the iPhone's, while the Samsung phone is lighter and thinner. An iPhone with 4G capabilities isn't expected until this fall. The current model, the iPhone 4S, came out in October, and sales typically drop several months after each release.

According to IDC, Samsung Electronics Co shipped 50.2 million smartphones worldwide in the second quarter and had a market share of 33 percent, up from 17 percent a year ago. Apple Inc's fell slightly to 17 percent, from 19 percent a year ago. It sold 26 million iPhones in the April-June quarter. Besides having the Galaxy S3 out months before a new iPhone, Samsung also benefited from its strategy of developing several devices

for a range of consumers. By contrast, Apple targets only the high-end market with its iPhone.

IDC's report came out the same day Samsung reported another record-high quarterly profit, thanks to Galaxy sales. Robust sales of smartphones helped offset a



Samsung Electronics' Galaxy Tabs tablet computers are displayed at the company's shop in Seoul, South Korea, on 27 July, 2012.— INTERNET

slowdown in other consumer electronics businesses such as televisions and personal computers. IDC said the big question is how well Samsung's phones will sell once the new iPhone comes out. Analysts believe Samsung will achieve a record-high profit again in the third quarter when Galaxy S3 sales are expected to reach a peak, but sales are likely to drop or slow in the holiday quarter once Apple's new

iPhone comes out.

Overall, phone manufacturers shipped 154 million smartphones in the second quarter, a 42 percent increase from 108 million a year earlier. That was slightly below IDC's forecast of 43 percent and was the slowest growth since the fourth

quarter of 2009. At that rate, IDC said it would be tougher for Samsung and Apple to expand their market shares further. IDC said economic turmoil in Europe could put growth prospects at risk. Including basic cellphones, vendors shipped 406 million units, up from 402 million a year earlier. Samsung and Apple combined claimed nearly half of the smartphone market.

Internet

Android and Nokia MeeGo phones hijacked via wallet tech

WASHINGTON, 29 July — A skilled hacker has shown how to hijack a smartphone via a short-range radio technology known as Near Field Communication (NFC). Charlie Miller created tools that forced phones to visit websites seeded with attack software. The software on the booby-trapped websites helped Mr Miller look at and steal data held on a handset. NFC is becoming increasingly common in smartphones as the gadgets are used as electronic tickets and digital wallets.

Mr Miller, a research consultant at security firm Accuvant, demonstrated the work at the Black Hat hacker conference in Las Vegas. During his presentation, Mr Miller showed how to attack three separate phones: the Samsung Nexus S, the Google Galaxy Nexus—which both run Android—and the Nokia N9, which runs on the MeeGo system. To attack the phones Mr Miller wrote software to control a reader tag that works in conjunction with NFC. As its name implies, NFC works when devices are brought close together or are placed near a reader chip.

In one demo Mr Miller piped commands through his

custom-built chip that abused a feature of the smartphones known as Android beam. This allows phone owners to send links and information over short distances to other handsets.

He discovered that the default setting in Android Beam forces a handset to visit any weblink or open any file sent to it. Via this route he forced handsets to visit websites that ran code written to exploit known vulnerabilities in Android. The fact that, without you doing anything, all of a sudden your browser is going to my website, is not ideal," Mr Miller told tech news website Ars Technica. In one demonstration using this attack Mr Miller was able to view files on a target handset.

On the Nokia phone, Mr Miller demonstrated how to abuse NFC and take complete control of a target handset, making it send texts or make calls, via the weaknesses exploited by his customised radio tag.

Mr Miller said that to successfully attack the Android phones they must be running a particular version of the operating system, be unlocked and have their screen active. Nokia said it was aware of Mr Miller's research and said it was "actively investigating" his claims of success against its N9 phone. It said it was not aware of anyone else abusing loopholes via NFC. Google has yet to comment on the research.

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More and more people are using NFC to make low value purchases via their phone. INTERNET

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Photo illustration shows two surgeons performing a surgery. Conjoined 15-month-old twins attached at the pelvis and sharing three legs were successfully separated at a Malaysian hospital in a complex 24-hour operation, reports said on Saturday—INTERNET

Malaysian hospital separates conjoined twins

KUALA LUMPUR, 29 July — Conjoined 15-month-old twins attached at the pelvis and sharing three legs were successfully separated at a Malaysian hospital in a complex 24-hour operation, reports said on Saturday. The boys, Muaiman and Muaimin Azli, were separated at Hospital Kuala Lumpur in an operation involving a 60-strong medical team, including 19 surgeons and anaesthetists, *The Star* reported.

“With proper rehabilitation, both boys can lead a fairly normal and independent life,” Zakaria Zahari, the head of the paediatric surgery at the government hospital was quoted by *The Star* as saying. Zakaria said the case was the hospital’s most complex so far because the twins shared genitalia and a bladder. “The sexual and reproductive functions of both twins will be assessed further as they grow,” he said.

Both boys are in a stable

condition following the July 14 operation. Muaimin will get a prosthetic leg, while Muaiman will keep both of his legs.” For now, I’m just glad that they are safe,” the twins’ father, 40-year-old mechanic Azli Sabran, told *The Star*. A hospital official confirmed the surgery was successful but could not immediately provide further details. The twins are the 14th conjoined pair to be separated at the hospital and the 21st in the country, according to *The Star*.

Zakaria said one in every 250,000 to 500,000 live births in Malaysia, which has a population of 28 million people, involved conjoined twins but not all survived, especially if they were joined at the heart. Kuala Lumpur Hospital also became the first government hospital to perform a kidney transplant between a married couple with different blood groups in an eight-hour surgery on Tuesday, the *New Straits Times* reported.

Internet

New York’s JFK Airport top germ spreader

NEW YORK, 29 July — New York’s John F Kennedy Airport is a teeming hub for international flight — and globe-trotting germs, a new study says. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology paper published this week named JFK as the top of a list of “super-spreaders” in contagious diseases. Next in the list came Los Angeles International, Honolulu, San Francisco, Newark Liberty, Chicago O’Hare and Washington Dulles, MIT said. Top germ hub status doesn’t actually mean the airports are disease-ridden themselves.

The study instead measured a wide variety of factors contributing to the airports’ role in the spread of infectious disease. These include travel patterns,

geographic location and waiting times. The idea was to help understand and predict how viruses like SARS and bird flu get around and prompt epidemics in an ever-more connected world.

“Our work is the first to look at the spatial spreading

of contagion processes at early times, and to propose a predictor for which ‘nodes’ — in this case, airports — will lead to more aggressive spatial spreading,” said Ruben Juanes, an energy studies professor.

The findings could form



A woman cleans up at Terminal 3 at New York’s JFK Airport in January. A new study found that the international hub is teeming with globe-trotting germs.—INTERNET

Airbus delays A350 XWB entry as EADS profits triple

PARIS, 29 July — Airbus has said it will delay the introduction of its fuel-efficient A350 XWB to fix a glitch related to its wings. The planned wide-body, which is a rival to Boeing’s Dreamliner, will now be delayed by three months until the second half of 2014, forcing its parent company EADS to take a 124m euro (\$152m; £97m) hit as a result. Earlier, EADS said net profit more than tripled in the second quarter to 461m euros from 121m euros a year earlier. EADS shares jumped 6.66% on the news.

The A350’s delay is due to a production problem involving drilling holes in the plane’s wings. A350 project manager Didier Evrard said that the preparation for a new automated drilling process took longer than expected, causing production schedules to be delayed by several weeks. The A350, which is made of carbon composite, is already a year behind schedule. Airbus

has also faced recent problems with wing cracks in its A380 superjumbo planes, which have forced clients such as Qantas Airways to delay their deliveries by almost four years until the aircraft are fully fixed.

EADS chief executive Tom Enders, who took over the company in June, said: “Let’s be honest: We have a problem with the A380 with the wings. Obviously, some airlines who would have put in an order this year are tempted to wait a little longer.” He told reporters he expects deliveries for the A380 to drop next year as a result of the repair. “We do expect that the hiccup with the wing cracks and the solutions will impact deliveries and I do expect that we will not reach 30 deliveries next year,” he said.

“Obviously we have a challenge dealing with the wing cracks and with customers and that will result in a temporary — temporary — delivery doubt. But we know

how to fix the problem and it’s well underway.” EADS, which is a consortium of aerospace and defence manufacturers from France, Germany and Spain, was upbeat about its business despite the wing problems, citing strength in Airbus and its space and Eurocopter helicopter units. It improved its full-year guidance and said that the current sovereign debt crisis in Europe was unlikely to disrupt air traffic.

Plane manufacturers are ramping up production amid robust demand for fuel efficient

aircraft, particularly from emerging markets.

EADS now expects Airbus to deliver some 580 commercial aircraft. It spelled out its goal to receive orders for between 600 and 650 aeroplanes this year. It also expects revenue to continue to grow at around 10% in 2012. Sales in the second quarter rose 12% to 13.5bn euros compared to a year earlier. US rival Boeing has also raised its full-year earnings on higher commercial aeroplane deliveries and defence sales.

Internet



Airbus will delay rolling out its A350 to fix a glitch.

INTERNET

Nokia confirms closure of final Finnish factory



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SALO, 29 July — Nokia (NOK) on Friday confirmed the imminent closure of its last factory in Finland. Though there have been some bright spots for Nokia, the struggling smartphone maker

reported its third consecutive billion-dollar loss in the second quarter this year, highlighting just how difficult it has become for vendors to thrive in a market dominated by just two companies.

As part of Nokia’s continuing efforts to cut costs, the company on Friday told Yle that its last Finnish factory in Salo, Finland will close this fall. 780 workers will lose their jobs as a result, finding themselves among the 10,000 employees Nokia will lay off by the end of 2013.

Internet

Apple to buy mobile security firm AuthenTec

SAN FRANCISCO, 29 July — AuthenTec, a US mobile and network security provider, announced Friday that it has agreed to be acquired by Apple. In regulatory filings with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) posted on AuthenTec’s website, the company said Apple will pay 8 US dollars a share for its stock,

security in mobile payments by phones, and is seen by some analysts as a target of Apple’s purchase.

In its filings with the SEC, AuthenTec said it has reached agreement with Apple to share between them certain confidential information that “may be used solely for the purpose of developing a 2D fingerprint sensor for Apple



Apple to buy mobile security firm AuthenTec.—XINHUA

representing a 56.9 percent premium to AuthenTec’s closing share price on Thursday.

Apple will pay a total of about 356 million dollars for the acquisition, the biggest deal it has done in quite some time, according to a report by technology news website AllThingsD. AuthenTec, headquartered in the US state of Florida, offers a diverse range of mobile and network security products to companies including Cisco, Fujitsu, HP, Lenovo, Motorola and Samsung.

One of its key offerings is fingerprint sensor, which can be used for authentication and

that is suitable for use in an Apple product.” Apple may also use the acquisition to beef up its intellectual property in the increasingly competitive mobile payment market.

Under their agreements, Apple is paying 20 million dollars to buy non-exclusive licenses and certain rights of AuthenTec’s technology and patents. Apple also has the option to license technology and patents from AuthenTec on a perpetual, non-exclusive basis for up to 115 million dollars. AuthenTec said the deal, subject to regulatory approval and other conditions, is expected to close in the third quarter of 2012.—Xinhua

Man hides cash in oven; cash gets baked by accident

SYDNEY, 29 July — One man probably has learned a costly lesson about where he hides his cash. The unidentified father from Sydney, Australia, sold his car last weekend. The \$15,000 (approximately \$15,652 in US dollars) in proceeds was earmarked for his mortgage payment and other bills, according to Australian media. Opting not to squirrel away the loot in a mattress or bury it in his backyard, he decided to hide it his oven, which rarely gets used.

Bad move: Turns out, his wife decided to use the oven that day, preheating it for chicken nuggets for their two children and,

yes, cooked the cash." It was everything I had," he told the news station. "I've got nothing to my name. That money was supposed to go towards my mortgage." His wife was equally distraught and, reportedly, could not stop crying when telling her husband after she discovered what happened: The cash was baked into a colorful burnt mess.

The man reached out to his lender and the Reserve Bank of Australia for help. The Reserve Bank advises people to take damaged currency to a bank. According to the Reserve Bank policy, "if several pieces of the same banknote are presented, the Reserve Bank's



Australia man's cash is baked in his oven.— INTERNET

policy is for each piece to be worth a share of combined value paid should be the face value the value in proportion to its size. The of the original banknote."— Internet

JPMorgan creates more management checks and balances

NEW YORK, 29 July— JPMorgan Chase & Co Chief Executive Jamie Dimon reshuffled his management team, in a step that analysts see as creating more checks and balances in the upper ranks after the bank suffered from embarrassing trading losses. Analysts said the changes, announced on Friday, position Michael Cavanagh and Daniel Pinto as prime candidates to succeed Dimon, 56, when he is ready to retire. Cavanagh, 46, and Pinto, 49, were named co-chiefs of commercial and investment banking. Matt Zames, 41, was named co-chief operating officer and is also seen as a strong candidate to succeed Dimon. In an interview, Dimon said that he has no plans to retire soon, but that he is always thinking about grooming successors.

"I serve at the pleasure of the board, but I do hope to be here for many, many more years," Dimon said. The shake-up will result in a number of senior positions that are jointly held by two executives, at least temporarily. Analysts said these co-heads may help prevent the bank from sustaining the same kinds of trading losses that occurred in the first half of the year. JPMorgan said two weeks ago that it had sustained nearly \$6 billion of trading losses from bad bets made in its Chief Investment Office. That group had been headed by Ina Drew before the losses surfaced in May and she left. The bank has admitted that few scrutinized Drew's group.

"What happened in the CIO office was that there weren't enough people taking

a close enough look," said Richard Bove, an equities analyst at Rochdale Securities. "That was a lesson for every division in the company." The



A man walks past JPMorgan Chase & Co's international headquarters on Park Avenue in New York on 13 July, 2012.

REUTERS

losses from the bets known as the "London Whale trades" were a huge black eye for Dimon, a CEO long praised for his risk-management skills. But Dimon said the changes were in motion before

the CIO's difficulties emerged, and were driven in part by the difficulty of operating banking businesses given the profusion of new regulations globally.

Reuters

Four arrested over Ivory Coast UN peacekeeper killings

LONDON, 29 July— Four men have been arrested in connection with the ambush killings in Ivory Coast of seven UN peacekeepers on its border with Liberia, Ivory Coast President Alassane Ouattara said on Friday. An adviser to Ouattara said the four had been arrested in Liberia and would be extradited to Ivory Coast to stand trial. The seven United Nations peacekeepers, all from Niger, were killed on 8 June when their patrol came under fire near the town of Tai, close to the porous border, in what Ivorian authorities said was a cross-border raid.

"We have just arrested four people who perpetrated that attack and killed the seven peacekeepers," President Alassane Ouattara said during a visit to London, where he was planning to watch the Olympics opening ceremony. He said those arrested included "the head of the operation", but gave no further information as to the identities or nationalities of the four men. Liberian government officials said they were not immediately able to comment on Ouattara's remarks while Ivory Coast's UN mission, UNOCI, said it was not aware of any arrests.

Reuters



UN (United Nations) peacekeepers from Bangladesh carry the coffin of one of seven UN peacekeepers from Niger who were killed on 8 June, 2012 in western Ivory coast near the Liberia border, during a ceremony at UN headquarters in Abidjan on 14 June, 2012. — REUTERS

Cuba sees fewer forest fires in 2012

HAVANA, 29 July—An early rainy season and improved government management helped cut the number of forest fires in Cuba in the first half of the year by almost 50 percent, Cuba's National Corps of Forest Rangers (NCR) said on Friday. Some 376 forest fires were recorded in the first six months of 2012, down 46 percent compared with the same period a year ago, when rangers battled 695 fires.

From January to May each year is the traditionally dry season in Cuba and considered as the most high-risk period. NCR Fire Fighting Director Maylivis Ynowuje praised the low number, saying that only 2,865 hectares of land had been affected by fires early this year, less than a third of the annual average figure of 10,000 hectares.

Ynowuje said that two

principal factors led to less forest fires in the country—better coordinations among state agencies in charge of fire prevention, and the early arrival of the rainy season, which for the first time in more than a decade started in April instead of May. In addition, since January 2012, Cuba's National Forest Fire Monitoring Center has used satellite technologies to monitor temperature hikes in rural areas throughout the country. The center also keeps a databank on forest fires and adopts other fire-fighting measures. Negligence continues to be the top cause of forest fires, accounting for 89 percent, mainly due to the reckless actions of hunters, poachers, smokers, and operators of agricultural machinery or other equipment without spark safeguards, the official said.

Xinhua

Cambodia records 11 pct drop in landmine casualties in 6 months

PHNOM PENH, 29 July— Cambodia on Saturday reported 100 landmine casualties in the first six months of this year, a 11 percent decrease compared with 112 casualties at the same period last year, according to a report from the Cambodian Mine and Explosive Remnants of War Victim Information System.

The report said that from January to June this year, landmines had killed 21 people and injured 79 others, down 16 percent and 9 percent respectively. During the first half of this year, the worst tragedy occurred on 3 February when an anti-tank mine exploded, killing 8 people in Banteay Meanchey province, some 400 kilometres northwest of Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia.

Since 1979 to June 2012, landmines had killed 19,641 people and injured 44,480 others, said the report. Cambodia is one of the world's worst countries affected by mines as the result of nearly three decades of war and internal conflicts from the mid-1960s until the end of 1998. Five most mine-laid provinces are Battambang, Banteay Meanchey, Oddar Meanchey, Pailin and Preah Vihear.— Xinhua



People are stranded at the Xuanwumen Subway Station in downtown Beijing, capital of China, on 27 July, 2012. A new round of torrential rain pelted the capital Friday evening. — XINHUA

Six Chinese officials punished for coach overloading

CHANGSHA, 29 July— Six officials in Taoyuan County of central China's Hunan Province have been given disciplinary demerits after a coach with 39 seats carrying 111 passengers were discovered, local authorities said on Friday. The coach, heading to Jiangmen city in the neighbouring Guangdong Province, carried 111 people including 22 students and children on 4 July. It exceeded 185 percent of its capacity, according to a statement issued by the provincial safety production commission office.

Six officials in the county traffic police department and traffic bureau were given administrative demerits or serious warning according to the disciplinary rules of the Communist Party of China, the statement said. Kang Lihui, the driver of the coach, were deprived of his driver's license and was banned from engaging in the transportation business for lifetime.

Kang was also fined 2,000 yuan (316 US dollars). A string of fatal road accidents that involved overloading have happened in recent years in China. In one of the most serious cases, 22 people, including 20 preschoolers and two adults, died when the school bus, a nine-seat van that was illegally converted to fit 64 people, crashed head-on with a coal truck in November. Another 42 children were injured.— Xinhua

Monsoon paddy plantations thriving in Yedashe



YEDASHE, 29 July—Although local farmers faced difficulties in cultivation of monsoon paddy due to

reduction of rainfalls in Yedashe Township, now they are at works with energetic efforts because of dropping rains daily beginning last week of July.

At present, the local farmers relying on favourable weather are placing emphasis on timely completion of growing paddy on acre by acre.—Ko Lwin (Swa)

Licences issued to unlicensed motorcycles in Pyu

Pyu, 29 July—Head of Taunggyi District Directorate of Road Administration U

Thaung Myint and officials issued licences to unlicensed motorcycles at the

Dhammayon in Myoma West Ward of Pyu on 21 and 22 July.

The officials inspected various types of unlicensed motorcycles.

Myanma Alin

Stake driven for construction of schools in Taungdwingyi

TAUNGDWINGYI, 29 July—With the assistance of Magway Region government, school buildings with the measurements of 30 feet long, 20 feet wide and 13 feet high worth K 3.5 million are under construction at Basic Education High School branch in Koebin Village and BEHS Branch in Kokkogwa Village in Taungdwingyi Township.

Ceremonies to drive stakes for construction of school buildings were held at Kokkogwa BEHS branch on 18 July and that of BEHS



Branch on 20 July.

The works were under supervision of Township Administrator U Aung Htut, Township Education Officer Daw Khin Win Shwe and U

Kyi Thein who fulfilled the requirements.

A plan is under way to complete construction works within one month.

Kyemon

Crime News

Drug traffickers arrested in Lashio

HSIPAW, 29 July—Lashio Anti-Drug Special Squad of Shan State (North) exposes stimulant possessors and traffickers in Lashio continuously.

The squad seized three persons with 6520 stimulant tablets worth K 13 million, one tuk-tuk, one motorcycle and one telephone. Action was taken against them at No. 1 Police Station in Lashio under Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.—Kyemon



Three drug traffickers and driver seen with 6520 stimulant tablets worth K 13 million, one tuk-tuk, one motorcycle and one telephone.

Basic computer skills courses for basic education teachers conclude

YANGON, 29 July—Jointly organized by Yangon Region Computer Professionals Association, Yangon Region Computer Entrepreneurs Association and No. 3 Basic Education Department, the computer

skill courses No. 5 and No. 6 for basic education teachers concluded at the computer hall of No. 3 Basic Education Department in Kyimyindine Township on 20 July afternoon.

It was attended by

Yangon Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein, the chairman of Yangon Region Computer Professionals Association, executives of Yangon Region Computer Entrepreneurs Association, the director of No. 3 Basic Education Department (Admin/Finance) and officials.

The region minister presented prizes to outstanding trainees, and the director of the department completion certificates to all trainees.—Kyemon

Photo shows officials and outstanding trainees.



School uniforms provided to needy students in Dagon South Township

YANGON, 29 July—Dagon Myothit (South) Township Women's Affairs Organization provided 60 sets of school uniforms worth K 150,000 and 15 desks worth K 550,000 for needy students for 2012-2013 academic year at Basic Education Primary School No. 17 in Ward 22 of Dagon Myothit (South) Township of Yangon Region on 17 July.

Chairman of Township WAO Daw Nweni Khaing and party, Chairman of Ward WAO Daw Myint Ma Gyi and party presented donations to Headmistress Daw Tin Tin Aye.

Myanma Alin



DIGITAL METER INSTALLED: Managing Director U Myint Aung of Electricity Supply Enterprise inspects installation of digital meter on Yangon-Mandalay Highway by electricians of the enterprise in Lewe Township on 21 July.—KYEMON

Natural fresh water fish under breeding

YANGON, 29 July—Fish breeding is being undertaken naturally at home, according to an official of Myanmar Fish Breeders Association.

"We place emphasis on protection of natural fish as part of efforts to conserve the nature of fish. Some of us, snakehead fish are hatched at Lwin Phyo camp. Ayeyawady camp also breeds climbing perch. Wah Wah Win focuses on giant sea perch. In Twantay, breeding of eel is on test based on experiences of breeders in

Vietnam," he said.

The price of carp declines from K 1950 to K 1925. Prices of small freshwater catfish, snakehead, giant sea perch and climbing perch are not set at above K 2500 and lobster at between K 7000 and K 15000.

In fact, breeding of natural fish can prevent depletion of natural fish species.

However, large amount of natural fish breeding will harm the market.

Kyemon

15 houses destroyed in strong winds in Thingangyun Township

YANGON, 29 July—The strong winds hit E Ward of Thingangyun Township at 1.50 am on 21 July and it destroyed some houses.

"After cyclonic Nargis, this is the second time experience for me. So I was so afraid for hitting of strong winds. I worry about some occurrences like Nargis," said U Khin Myint, a resident of the ward with regard to

strong winds.

The strong winds destroyed eight houses on Nyati Street and Zeya Shwepyithar Monastery. There were about 15 houses destroyed in the strong winds.

In recent days, strong winds hit Mawlamyinegyon Township and North Okkalapa Township.

Kyemon



Houses collapse in strong wind-hit area of Thingangyun Township on 21 July.

District News

Talks on traffic rules given at BEHS No. 4 Ahlon

YANGON, 29 July—Head of No. 3 Traffic Police Region Police Captain Myint Aung of Yangon Region Wireless and Traffic Police Force gave an educative talk at No. 4 Basic Education High School in Ahlon on 5 July.

It was attended by teachers and students. Police Captain Myint Aung gave talks on traffic rules and disciplines for pedestrians.—Kyemon



Unity and confidence key to ...

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The President Office has distributed a directive to Region/State government offices to discuss crops with higher market demand, market share, quality, and educative measures for applying pesticides. On his tour of inspection to advanced model mechanized special high-yield Paletwe hybrid paddy plantations in Ahlyinlo village in Pyinmana Township and Aung Chan Tha Village in Zabuthiri Township, the President laid down five reform principles.

These are attitude change, strain change, the change to advanced scientific agricultural method, advanced land preparation and transformation to mechanized farming.

The President's guidance includes detailed description of measures to be taken to achieve goal of doubling income of farmers, calling for the need to make commitment to the common goal. Unity and confidence are sine qua none for achieving the goal. With no unity, we could not reach any further. Every participant in the workshop is urged to help farmers tackle challenges. The great ideas without execution are nothing. Only efforts will lead to success.

In his discussions, Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint said measures would be taken for provision of pedigrees to those wishing to breed ox, milch cows, swine, and cattle. Costs required for animal feed and capitals would be loaned through cooperative system.

It must be reviewed whether it still needs to continue applying butcher license system or not and measures must be taken for producers to be able to sell free at tax-free markets. Measures would be taken for sale of surplus cattle in domestic and foreign markets as part of the drive for economic performance of the nation, enabling the breeders to sell face to face with purchasers.

The authority of fresh water fishery management under the fresh water fishery management has been handed over to region/state governments in accordance with the constitution. Work permits would be granted to those who would like to run silted lakes and lakes that have not been auctioned out, in groups or teams. Reasonable taxes would be levied by the region/state governments concerned.

Coordination must be made for those actually running fishing business and associations and groups to be able to operate the fresh water lakes for four years, with a view to sustainability of fresh water fish resources.

Departments concerned would assist for free flow of investment and trading. Livestock Breeding and

Veterinary Department and Fisheries Department would help for formation of fish/meat producer groups, providing necessary pedigrees and technical help, seeking investments for production of high-value fish/meat products. Cooperatives Ministry and Livestock and Fisheries Ministry would take joint-actions for providing necessary capitals to such groups. The ministries would invite the capitalists in townships/villages and act as intermediary between fish/meat producers groups and investors.

With regard to marketing, measures would be taken to make sure free flow and sale of meat and fish products in domestic market, and food security. Legal enforcement would be made to guarantee the food safety. Departments concerned would examine the foods to be exported whether these are harmful for consumption or not and there are chemical ingredients or not in the foods. Myanmar has got ISO 17025 certificate which is used for certifying marine products at international level, for the first time. Exportation process would be carried out jointly with the Commerce Ministry.

As to trading, import and export works are done through cooperative associations. As to service sector, credit unions, transportation, health, hotel and motel are in operation. As to general dealing, wholesale centres, consumer cooperative association shops are in operation.

Establishment of cooperative associations and syndicates through integration of the same line of businesses would contribute to such socio-economic development as livelihood, health, education of the members, cultivating team spirit, facilitating rural development.

In his discussion, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint said that as per-acre yield of paddy production in Myanmar is less than but production cost higher than that of other countries. Due to lower quality of rice and other situations, export price of rice is less than that of other countries. While one ton of 25% Myanmar rice gets US\$330/340, 25% rice of Thailand fetches US\$545, that of Vietnam US\$375, that of Pakistan US\$410 and that of India US\$390.

At present, there are 1220 rice mills that produce 15 tons of rice a day and 296 rice mills that can produce above 25% quality rice. A total of 58 rice mills can produce Super 5% and Super 100% rice. Thus, it needs to build more modern rice mills. Encouragement is being given to easily import parts of modern rice mills. Specialized companies and other companies are making arrangements for construction of modern rice mills. Some modern rice mills have been installed with quality Buhler and Satake.

The largest volume of export rice goes to Ivory Coast, the second large amount to China and the third to Bangladesh. In the past, the route of export relied on only maritime course. At present, rice can be exported to China

through border trade camp.

Although 537,000 tons of rice could be exported in 2010-2011 fiscal year, export of rice reached nearly 850,000 tons in 2011-2012 fiscal year. A plan is under way to export over one million tons of rice in 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Myanmar Rice Industry Association, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Ministry of Commerce join hands to be able to export not only 25% rice but also Super 5% and Super 100%.

Moreover, rice companies were formed in the regions mainly growing paddy for development of rice industry. Necessary quality strain of paddy, inputs, technology and agricultural loans are being provided to the farmers. Within three years, farmers have been provided with K 78.90 billion (US\$93 million). Moreover, formation of specialized companies will be extended. So far, 59 rice companies, 22 beans and pulses companies and one crops companies have been formed.

As India sold large amount of rice to the market at local price, the price of rice in the world market declined. In consequence, price of domestic rice fell at the domestic market.

Not to harm the rice export of farmers, the government bought 100 baskets of Emahta rice per K 330,000 and summer paddy per K 320,000 beginning previous monsoon as reserve rice.

Therefore, the Ministry of Commerce, Myanmar Rice Industry Association and Myanmar Rice Dealers Association will hold coordination in foreign countries with a view to strengthening of market and getting suitable prices.

Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win discussed agricultural development and fishery sector of the region.

Hluttaw Representative U Aye Soe of Thanatpin Township Constituency (1) on behalf of Region Hluttaw representatives; U Ye Min Aung of Khittaya Hinthla Company, on behalf of rice specialized companies; U Myint Than of Stone Gate Empire Company of Kyaukdaga Township, on behalf of pulse and bean specialized companies; Toungoo District representatives U Than Myint and U Than Aung, Thayawady District representative U Mya Thein, Pyay District representative U Than Oo, on behalf of farmers; U Ko Ko Gyi of Toungoo, on behalf of rice millers; Chairman of Bago Rubber Entrepreneurs Association U Nyi Nyi, on behalf of industrial crop rubber entrepreneurs; the chairman of Bago Region Fisheries Federation and fisheries entrepreneurs participated in discussion.

The Union ministers, the Region chief minister and those present at the workshop viewed sample seeds and saplings of high-yield paddy strains displayed in the hall.—MNA

Science & Technology Ministry awards outstanding students, provides stipends

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—“The State has been adopting step-by-step education promotion plans for improvement of national education standards and developing human resources based on development of science and technology. International-standard educational infrastructures which could offer high education are mushrooming across the nation,” said Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint at the ceremony to award outstanding students of the staff families and 2nd stipends providing ceremony at auditorium of the ministry here this morning.

The Union Minister explained the purpose of providing stipends to the students that the ministry

encouraged students of the staff families of the ministry to become outstanding students and the State has been implementing plans for uplift of education standard, capacity, skills and performance of the new generation. The union minister urged the students to try to become outstanding students reliable by the State.

The Union Minister awarded six- and five-distinction winners for 2012 matric exam and Deputy Minister Dr Ko Ko Oo four-distinction students. Acting Director-General Dr Aung Kyaw Myat presented the awards to two- and one-distinction students.

Deputy Director-General Dr Saw Sandar Aye of Advanced Science and Technology Department

provided the 2nd stipends for the students of staff family for 2012-2013 academic year to a parent on behalf of the students.

A total of 32 distinction students and 80 students who had passed the matriculation

exam were awarded at the ceremony. The ministry also provided cash assistance to 108 students who failed the matriculation exam to continue their education in the new academic year. The Science and Technology Ministry has provided K 37 million to the staff families for education purposes from 6 June to date.—MNA



Shan State Agriculture Department, MICDE, MADB hold coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—A coordination meeting among Shan State Agriculture Department, Myanmar Industrial Crops Development Enterprise and Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank for 2012-2013 fiscal year was held at the office of State Agriculture Department in Taunggyi on 25 July morning, with an address by Chief Minister of Shan State U Sao Aung Myat.

And then, the State Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding gave a speech and officials reported on progress of works.

At the meeting room of Electrical Engineer's Office of Shan State, the Chief Minister delivered an address at the coordination meeting of State Electricity Supply Enterprise. The State Electrical Engineer and officials briefed them on their respective sectors.

In the afternoon, the Chief Minister made a speech at coordination meeting 2/2012 of Shan State Police Force and heard reports on progress of works presented by commanders of District Police Forces and officials.

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**Union Minister for Science and Technology
U Aye Myint awards a distinction winner.**

MNA

Taninthayi Region Chief Minister calls for full access to electricity at reasonable price

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—Taninthayi Region Electricity and Industry Ministry and Than Phyo Thu Mining Co signed MoU on Myeik coal-fired power plant project and Electricity Supply Enterprise of Ministry of Electric Power No.2 and Taninthayi Region government signed a contract for supply of electricity to Kawthoung on behalf of Electricity Supply Enterprise at the region government office on 27 July, attended by Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko.

Speaking on the occasion, the region minister stressed the crucial role of electricity in development of the region, citing that the region still does not have full access to electric power and has to pay up to 450 to 500 kyats for a unit of electricity. It is required to have full access to electricity at affordable price. Diesel-powered electricity generation is just suitable for household use and can not be used for industrial purpose for regional development. Upon completion of 50-megawatt coal-fired power plant project in Myeik, the price of electricity could be reduced to just over 200 kyats per unit not only for household but for industrial use, doubling the industrial operation facilitating regional development. The power plant would be built 17 miles from Myeik, preventing against its side effects. The plant would hardly have impact on the environment thanks to its modern

equipment.

In order to supply adequate electricity to Kawthoung and its surrounding villages at low price, 8-megawatt coal-fired power plant was established and it would be commissioned into service soon, benefitting marine workers in the region. Factories and workshops will be able to use electricity round the clock for just over 200 kyats per unit. In addition, Taninthayi Region government would take measures to supply electricity to Dawei establishing natural gas power plant in Kanpauk Village. Moreover, the region government would search other power resources in Taninthayi so as to supply electricity to villages.

Next, Region Industry Minister Dr Win Aung and Managing Director of Than Phyo Thu Mining Enterprise signed an MoU on establishment of Myeik coal-fired power plant.

Region Electrical and Industry Minister Dr Win Aung and Managing Director U Myint Aung of Electricity Supply Enterprise of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 signed a contract on supply of electricity to Kawthoung by the region government on behalf of Electricity Supply Enterprise.

The region chief minister then addressed the region economic development (energy and electrical sector) at the government office.

Speaking on the

occasion, the chief minister said the previous government could run electricity production and supply works in some towns of Taninthayi Region since many years ago. Then, regional electrification teams were formed and power supply companies were allowed to produce electricity following the mechanical failures of State-owned power plants and growing electricity demands of people. The incumbent government has also acknowledged the township/town/ward/village electrification teams formed in the time of previous government and fulfilled the requirements of village electrification teams within the framework of Electricity Supply Enterprise. It is also taking actions in response to proposals of companies and organizations.

The region government is jointly running 20-megawatt wind power plant with Zeya & Associates Co Ltd in Myitta Sub-township. Dawei Power and Utility Co Ltd is conducting surveys for establishment of 50-megawatt natural gas power plant in Kanpauk Village, Kaleinaung Sub-township, Yebu Township. In addition, 24-Hour Mining and Just Co Ltd is also taking measures to set up coal-fired power plants in Taninthayi Township of Myeik District and Bokpyin Township of Kawthoung District.

Phoe Thi Cho Co supplies electricity to Mawtaung Village of Taninthayi Township importing from the neighbouring country. Natural Energy Wave Co is 24-megawatt Anya Phya Hydropower Plant Project at Anya Phya Creek, 12 miles to the east of Dawei. The Minse Ministry is carrying out surveys for upgrading of Phaungtaung Hydropower Plant in Myitta Sub-township. He called on companies concerned to strive for supply of electricity at reasonable price and inform necessary requirements to the Union government and region government.—MNA



Roads, bridges on Kya-intaung-Sittway Road Section inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin on 23 July inspected maintenance of Kisanpanadi Bridge, construction of Ponnagyun-Yathedaung Road and Sammatee Bridge, maintenance of Kin Creek Bridge on Kya-intaung-Sittway section, maintenance of Min Creek Bridge and Nayikan Bridge.

At the guest house of Ministry of Construction in Sittway, the deputy minister met Rakhine State Minister for Transport U Kyaw Khin and engineers. After meeting with staff at the office of Rakhine State Superintending Engineer, the deputy minister inspected condition of Sittway-Mingan Road.—MNA

North Okkalapa Tsp gets new concrete road



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe seen at inauguration of Sudhamma Road in North Okkalapa Township.—MNA

YANGON, 29 July—Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe this morning attended an inauguration of Sudhamma Road in North Okkalapa Township, here.

At the opening, Yangon Region Minister for

Development Affairs Mayor U Hla Myint and Region Minister for Transport U Aung Khin cut the ribbon to put it into service.

The Engineering Department (Road and Bridge) of Yangon City Development Committee

carried out paving concrete on that road with 17460 feet in length and 68 feet in width, and that withstands about 60 tons. The purpose of advancing this road is to make sure road safety and smooth transportation.

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Workshop on Regional Planning Proficiency Programme held

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—The Workshop on Regional Planning Proficiency Programme was held at Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, here, from 25 to 27 July.

Economic Consultant Dr Bruce Knapman of ADB lectured present situation and aim of development,

preparation for sector-wise plans and drawing work plans, supervision and assessment.

The participants of the workshop discussed aim of the region, aspiration, aims of economic development, opportunity and limitation in sector-wise development in the regions, policies and work plans to overcome the

barriers, prioritization for economic, social and environmental conservation for development of the region and drawing of investment plans. The workshop is one of the programmes to contribute to drawing of regional plans for ensuring people centred development with the technological assistance of ADB.—MNA



Workshop on Regional Planning Proficiency Programme in progress at Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development.—MNA

Drawing of Early Childhood Development Policy discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—A coordination meeting for drawing of Early Childhood Development Policy, jointly organized by Social Welfare Department and UNICEF, was held at Myanmar Medical Association in Taunggyi on 27 July.

Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat made a speech. It was also attended by the Speaker of Shan State Hluttaw, the Chief Justice of the State High Court, state ministers, the advocate-general of the state, the secretary of Shan State government, officials of Social Welfare Department and UNICEF, members of social association and guests. The Chief Minister attended the opening of new school building at Hopon Basic Education High School No

1 in Pa-O Self-Administered Zone and formally opened it. He then visited the new school building.

The Chief Minister presented two sets of computer donated by State Government and the social in-charge of Pa-O Self-Administered Zone Leading Body handed over documents related to the building.

The Chief Minister and officials awarded outstanding students. At the coordination meeting of Shan State Cooperative Department in Taunggyi, the Chief Minister heard reports on tasks of cooperative syndicates.

He also attended the coordination meeting of Shan State Public Works at office of Shan State superintending engineer.—MNA

Mixed cultivation of forest and crops undertaken in Paukkhaung



PAUKKHAUNG, 29 July—According to slash-and-burn system elimination plan, the mixed cultivation on farmlands of farmer U Soe Win is being undertaken by Forest Department in Padaukkyaw Village of Paukkhaung Township. Staff Officer U Than Hsint of Township Forest Department and staff together with village administrator and villagers visited the mix cropping farm of 7100 saplings of teak, eucalyptus, Thanakha and mango mixed with banana, sesame and pigeon pea plants. They observed

nurturing process of plants.

After that, a talk on elimination of slash-and-burn and environmental conservation was given at Basic Education Primary School in Padaukkyaw Village.

The staff officer of the Forest Department gave talks to the local people.

Myanma Alin

Knowledge about taxation talked in Pyay

PYAY, 29 July—Pyay Township Internal Revenue Department under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue disseminated a talk on knowledge about taxation to middle school students at No 3 Basic Education Middle School in Pyay on 17 July morning.

At the talk, Head of Pyay Township Internal Revenue Department U Soe Hla Myint explained taxation. After



that, officials handed over 50 copies of cartoons to the library.—Myanma Alin

Cash assistance provided to students in Yesagyo

YESAGYO, 29 July—A ceremony to hand over cash assistance provided by Myanmar War Veterans Organization (Headquarters) to students for 2012-2013 academic year was held at the hall of Yesagyo Township War Veterans Organization on 19 July morning, with an address

by Chairman of Township War Veterans Organization U Maung Ko.

The MWVO Central Committee provided K 10000 to primary students, K 15000 middle school students and K 20000 high school students, totaling K 840,000 to 58 students.

Myanma Alin

Prizes awarded to outstanding students at Nyaunglebin BEHS No 1

NYAUNGLEBIN, 29 July—No 1 Basic Education High School of Nyaunglebin

Township held the prize presentation and annual general meeting for 2011-2012 academic year.

At Pinyin Gon Hall of the school on 21 July morning, Headmaster U Win Thein presented prize to six-distinction winner Ma Pwint Phyu Thant in the matriculation examination.

Officials then gave awards to 69 outstanding students.

Kyemon

Citizenship scrutiny cards issued in Pyinsalu

LABUTTA, 29 July—The issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards was carried out at the administrative office in Bogon Village of Baingdauntchaung Village-tract in Pyinsalu Sub-township in Labutta District

on 15 July. Deputy Director of Labutta District Immigration and National Registration Department U Nay Lin and staff issued citizenship scrutiny cards to the local people.

Myanma Alin

Torrent rain destroys Pochaung Bridge on Thabaung-Thebyu Road

THABAUNG, 29 July—Heavy rains broke Pochaung wooden bridge, 80 feet long and 16 feet wide, on between Thabaung-Thebyu Road Thebyu Village and Taughtan Village of

Kyunlyagyi Village-tract in Thabaung Township on 21 July morning. There was no casualty in incident. Officials concerned are repairing of the bridge in time.—Myanma Alin



Taxation knowledge disseminated to students in Taungup

TAUNGUP, 29 July—Organized by Internal Revenue Department of Taungup Township, the educative talk about taxation was held at Pinyin

Yadana Hall of Basic Education High School in Taungup on 18 July.

At the talk, Head of Township Internal Revenue Department U Htin Aung Lin

explained basic knowledge about taxation to students.

After that, the head of department distributed pamphlets to them.

Myanma Alin



Rescue works exercised for water and ground natural disasters

YE, 29 July—The water and ground training for rescue of natural disasters was exercised at Shwepyitha Village of Ye Township, Mon State, on 22 July morning.

A total of 54 persons including members of Township Fire Services Department and Auxiliary Fire Brigade and Red Cross Brigade participated in the drill.

The demonstration lasted three hours for rescue works.—Myanma Alin



Traffic accident occurs near Zawana bus stop

YANGON, 29 July—A Super roof van taxi driving from Sanpya Market along Laydauntkan Road in Thingangyun Township of Yangon Region hit sanitation worker Daw Byawt Sein, 56, who pushed the trash bin of Development Affairs Committee at 11.20 am on

22 July. In the accident, Daw Byawt Sein was injured at fracture of nose and bruise at forehead. Officials rushed her to the hospital. The driver of taxi is now evading from the scene, and the authorities carry out investigation to arrest him.

Myanma Alin

Accident on the Road



Traffic accident causes one motorcyclist injured

YANGON, 29 July—A traffic accident occurred at the bus stop of Pinlon Market in Hlinethaya Township at 6.20 am on 23 July.

A BM ferry bus driven by Soe Min Htwe, son of U Soe Nyein from the south to the north along Bo Aung Kyaw Street in Hlinethaya Township scrubbed another BM car due to out of brake

control and then hit a motorcycle.

After that, the ferry BM collided with a Blac of 96th bus line that stopped beside the road to be repaired and then the ferry BM stopped itself. In the accidents, one motorcyclist was injured (unserious) and he was treated at the hospital.

Myanma Alin

Deadly Ebola breaks out in Uganda, 14 people confirmed dead

KAMPALA, 29 July — Uganda's Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization (WHO) on Saturday confirmed that the deadly Ebola hemorrhagic fever had broken out in the East African country, killing 14 people.

A statement from the ministry of health said that laboratory investigations done at the Uganda Virus Research Institute in Entebbe confirmed that the "Strange

Disease" reported in Kibaale district in Midwestern Uganda as Ebola.

"Since July 2012, a total of 20 cases with 14 deaths have been recorded. The index case belonged to a family in Nyanswiga village in Nyamarunda Sub county in Kibaale district.

Three samples taken from the dead have confirmed Ebola to be present in their biological specimen," the statement said.



Deadly Ebola breaks out in Uganda, 14 people confirmed dead.— XINHUA

The statement said that a national task force on Ebola coordinated by the ministry of health has been reactivated and a team of experts from the ministry, WHO and Centre for Disease Control are already in the area.

Ebola virus is highly contagious and causes a range of symptoms including fever, vomiting, diarrhea, generalized pain or malaise and in many cases internal and external bleeding.

Mortality rates of Ebola fever are extremely high, with the human case-fatality rate ranging from 50 percent to 89 percent, depending on viral subtype.

The last outbreak in Uganda was in 2011 and in late 2007 the outbreak in the western district of Bundibugyo claimed 37 lives out of the 148 infected.

Xinhua



People perform the traditional Bon Odori to celebrate the coming Obon festival in Tokyo, Japan, on 28 July, 2012. The festival of Obon is a centuries old Japanese Buddhist custom, which celebrates and honors the lives of deceased family members and friends.

XINHUA

US Navy hospital ship provides assistance to Cambodian communities

PREAH SIHANOUK, 29 July — The United States Navy Military Sealift Command's hospital ship *USNS Mercy* (T-AH 19) docked at Cambodia's Sihanoukville Autonomous Port on Sunday in order to provide free medical, dental, veterinary, and engineering assistance to communities. The ship was greeted by Admiral Mia Binh, Commander of Cambodian Navy, and Jeff Daigle, US Embassy Chargé d'Affaires, as well as other Cambodian

senior naval officials.

Speaking at the event, Tea Vinh said that the hospital ship's visit will help strengthen bilateral ties between Cambodia's Navy and the US Navy. "Moreover, the ship's visit will benefit Cambodian people as its staff will provide free-of-charge medical treatment," he said. According to a press release from the US Embassy here, the ship has more than 1,200 multi-national military service members and civilians onboard.

The visit is made under the Pacific Partnership Programme 2012. Pacific Partnership is US Pacific Fleet's largest annual humanitarian and civic action mission in the Asia-Pacific region that involves coordination amongst host and partner nations, non-government organizations (NGOs), and other international agencies to ensure a synchronized ability to respond to natural disasters, said the press release.

Xinhua

London police arrest 16 for illegal ticket reselling

LONDON, 29 July — London's Metropolitan police said they had arrested 16 people since Friday for illegal reselling of Olympics tickets, as Games organizers said they were investigating why scores of seats were empty at some events on Saturday. The arrests were made on Friday and Saturday in the Stratford area near the Olympic Park in east London, and in Wimbledon, in the south of the capital, where the tennis contests are taking place.

"Ticket touting is illegal and is a clear exploitation of those who genuinely wish to experience the Games firsthand," said the officer in charge of a crackdown on illegal ticket resellers, known in Britain as touts and in the United States as scalpers. "We have been, and will continue to seek out and take

robust action against anybody who tries to cash in on the 2012 Games in this way," said Detective Superintendent Nick Downing.

Many Britons have been frustrated by their inability to buy tickets for the games, and some expressed their exasperation at seeing images of rows of empty seats at some venues on Saturday, but police warned against approaching touts. "I would also urge people to think twice about purchasing tickets from these criminals: if you do, you are likely to find yourself paying over the odds for them, while at the same time fuelling criminality," Downing said.

Olympic organizer LOCOG said it believed the empty seats on Saturday were those assigned to sponsors and was investigating why they had not been used.

Reuters

Booby-trapped Colorado apartment building losing tenants

AURORA, 29 July — Some residents are moving out of the building where Colorado shooting suspect James Holmes is accused of booby trapping his apartment with explosives that a law enforcement source said could have destroyed the complex if detonated. "I'm still kind of in shock," said resident Tori Everhart, 27, ducking under yellow police tape surrounding the building on Friday, her arms full of luggage. "I just want to get out of here."

Since Holmes allegedly opened fire on 20 July in a crowded Denver-area movie theatre, killing 12 and wounding 58 more, his Paris Street apartment building has become a macabre tourist attraction. Throughout the day, cars slow as they pass the building that has 12 apartment units on three floors. Some of those passing lean out car windows to snap

pictures, while others park their cars and get out to stare up at Holmes' third-floor corner apartment, whose windows were nailed shut this week with boards.

The apartment building is a block from the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, where Holmes took classes. According to court documents released on Friday, Holmes sought psychiatric treatment from Dr Lynne Fenton, director of the school's student mental health services.

Police hurriedly evacuated the apartment complex after learning that Holmes' apartment had been rigged to explode if someone tried to enter it. A federal law enforcement source told Reuters last week that triggering the bombs could have destroyed the building.

Everhart said she had been planning to move out next Wednesday, when her one-year lease expires. But

after learning of the bomb plot, Everhart said she never wanted to spend another night there. "I've been thanking my lucky stars that we all didn't come to a different end," Everhart said of herself and fellow residents, some of whom have told her they are moving out. On Saturday, a couple who live on the second floor said they,

too, would probably move out, but had not made a final decision. They declined to give their names.

Everhart and other residents said Holmes was an unremarkable neighbour who did little to call attention to himself. "I don't think anyone will ever know what was really going through his mind," she said.—Reuters



Members of law enforcement wearing body armour and helmets prepare to what ATF sources describe as a "water shot" in the apartment of alleged gunman James Holmes on 21 July, 2012 in Aurora, Colo.— REUTERS

AIDS drug to be phased out

BEIJING, 29 July — China has vowed to gradually phase out the AIDS drug D4T, which the World Health Organization recommended early in 2009 be phased out worldwide because of its long-term and irreversible side effects. "As the country is further expanding antiretroviral therapy among sufferers under the treatment as prevention strategy now recognized worldwide, the drug regimen will also be optimized," Wu Zunyou, director of the National Centre for AIDS/STD Control and Prevention, said on Friday.

Since WHO's recom-

mendation in 2009, China has already taken steps to reduce the use of D4T, said Zhao Yan, deputy director of the AIDS treatment and care division of the centre. Several years ago, about half of AIDS patients on the Chinese mainland were using the drug, Zhao said. She expected that by the end of 2013, China would no longer be using D4T for AIDS treatment on the mainland. In July, 10 to 15 percent of new AIDS patients in Wuhan, Hubei province, were prescribed D4T, mostly in rural areas, a source close to the situation said.

Currently, about 26

percent of the more than 140,000 AIDS patients on antiretroviral therapy, are still receiving D4T on the mainland, statistics from the NCAIDS showed. To replace the drug, the government has recommended TDF, which is much more expensive, Zhao said. Earlier this year, Chinese health authorities added TDF into AIDS treatment guidelines and decided to increase the use of TDF-based first-line regimens. Thomas Cai, director of AIDS Care China, said: "The treatment will help patients live and work normally rather than struggle with serious side effects.—Xinhua

Severe flooding hits North Korea, kills 88

SEOUL, 29 July — Severe flooding across North Korea has killed 88 people and left tens of thousands homeless, state media reported late Saturday, threatening to make the poverty-stricken country's already chronic food shortage still worse. The floods caused by torrential rains and a typhoon this month caused "big human and material losses", North Korea's official KCNA news agency said, stranding nearly 63,000 people. Since the mid-1990s, North Korea's farm sector has often been devastated by both floods and drought.

Even before the rain and typhoon this summer, the country's dysfunctional food distribution system, very high inflation and foreign sanctions imposed because of Pyongyang's nuclear and missile programmes had contributed to what appears to be severe hunger in the North. But in April, after a North Korean rocket launch failed, the isolated state abandoned an agreement with the United States, after Washington suspended 240,000 metric tons (264,555 tons) of food aid it had promised to the North as part of the deal.

Talk that North Korea's young leader, Kim Jong-un, plans to reform the broken economy is helping drive rice prices higher, at a time when most families can no longer rely on paychecks from moribund state-run enterprises. Kim, who is in his late 20s, took over as head of the dynasty last December on the death of his father, whose rule took North Korea deeper into isolation, subject poverty and large-scale political repression.

The young ruler, dropping his father's reclusive leadership style, surprisingly confirmed this week that he was married and gave the thumbs up to a performance featuring show tunes and Mickey Mouse.—Reuters

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Japan ukulele ensemble crowned world's largest

Tokyo, 29 July — More than 2,000 musicians strummed ukuleles in a Japanese port city Saturday to set a new world record for the largest ever ensemble of the Hawaiian guitar.

Their effort was recognised by Guinness World Records officials who listened to them play "Aloha Mahalo A Hui Ho", a song written by Hawaiian-born

8.7 million mobile customers hacked in S Korea

SEOUL, 29 July — South Korean police have arrested two hackers who stole personal data of 8.7 million customers of the nation's second-biggest mobile operator, the company said. KT said the hackers — formally arrested on Sunday — had stolen data such as customers' names, phone numbers and residential registration numbers for five months since February and sold the information to telemarketing firms.

"The number of affected people account for nearly a half of about 17 million customers of ours," a KT spokesman told AFP, adding the company had alerted police on 13 July after detecting traces of hacking attacks. *Yonhap* news agency, citing police, said the

duo — including a former veteran programmer at a local IT company — had earned at least 1 billion won (about \$880,000) by selling the stolen data.

Seven other people were also booked for buying the leaked data for telemarketing purposes, *Yonhap* said. "We deeply bow our head in apology for having your precious personal information leaked... we'll try our best to make such things never happen again," KT said in a statement to customers. Hacking attacks on major companies aimed to gain access to the personal data of their customers is a frequent occurrence in South Korea, one of the world's most-wired nations.

Seoul authorities said in July last year hackers using



This file photo shows local residents walking past a KT shop, in Seoul, in 2002. South Korean police have arrested two hackers who stole personal data of 8.7 million customers of the nation's second-biggest mobile operator, KT, according to the company.
INTERNET

an Internet address registered in China had gained access to South Korean major websites including web portal Nate.com and may have stolen the private data of 35 million users. In November 2011, Seoul's top games developer Nexon saw personal information of 13

million users of its popular online game MapleStory stolen by hackers. In March 2010, authorities launched a probe into the security systems of major retailer Shinsegae and 24 other companies after private data on 20 million customers was leaked. — *Internet*

Magnitude 6.6 quake hits off Papua New Guinea coast

HAEANI, 29 July — A magnitude 6.6 quake struck off the coast of Papua New Guinea early Sunday local time, the US Geological Survey said.

The strong quake was centered 81 miles east-southeast of Rabaul, New Britain, at a depth of 43.5 miles, the USGS said.

The quake was not expected to generate a tsunami, according to the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre

Reuters

Father arrested after killing three
Kevin Matthew Cleeves confronted his wife about custody arrangements for their daughter and then shot three people to death and fled with the youngster girl.



Map locates site of a shooting in Pennsylvania. — INTERNET

QUINCY, (Pa), 29 July — A Pennsylvania man confronting his estranged wife about custody arrangements for their daughter killed the woman to death and killed her boyfriend and his mother, then fled with the 4-year-old girl before the two were found about 250 miles away in Ohio, authorities said. Kevin Cleeves, 35, of

Three shot dead in Pa; girl taken, found safe in Ohio

Waynesboro was charged Saturday with three counts of criminal homicide and was awaiting an extradition hearing in the Friday night deaths of 25-year-old Brandi Cleeves, 28-year-old Vincent Santucci and 55-year-old Rosemary Holma.

Pennsylvania state police said in an affidavit that Cleeves told relatives he had been trying to contact his wife to make arrangements to pick his daughter up and went to Santucci's house in Quincey Township to make sure the girl was safe. Police said Cleeves saw his wife, Santucci and the girl in a car and confronted the couple in the driveway but was ordered off the property.

Authorities said he then opened fire around 9 pm Friday, shooting Santucci in the car and then his wife when she jumped out, and finally the older woman as she ran toward him. Police said he took the girl and fled, later telling authorities he was trying to get to a relative's house in Michigan.

An Amber Alert was issued in which authorities said Cleeves should be considered "armed and dangerous as well as suicidal." The alert was

canceled hours later, on Saturday, after police in Austintown in northeastern Ohio, outside Youngstown, said the car was spotted in a hotel parking lot off Interstate 80 and later stopped in the parking lot of the Weston Plaza on Route 46, where Cleeves was arrested without incident. His 4-year-old daughter was located in the



This undated photo provided by the Pennsylvania State Police shows Kevin Cleeves. Trooper Adam Reed says an Amber Alert was canceled on 28 July, 2012, after police in Austintown, Ohio, apprehended 35-year-old Cleeves, who was traveling with his missing daughter, Leia.
INTERNET

vehicle and was unharmed," police said in a statement. Court records did not list an attorney for Cleeves, who was in the Mahoning County Jail, police said.

A detective with the Austintown Township police department in Ohio told The (Chambersburg) Public Opinion that an extradition hearing was scheduled for Monday. — *Internet*

Ukulele players perform to set a new Guinness world record for the largest ensemble by the Hawaiian guitar in Yokohama, southwest of Tokyo. A total of 2,134 players strummed on ukuleles, playing Aloha Mahalo A Hui Ho, a song written by Hawaiian-born former sumo wrestler Konishiki. — INTERNET



Sri Lankan boats sit anchored at the fishing harbour of Negombo where many have used similar craft to leave the island illegally and travel to Europe, Australia or New Zealand in search of jobs. — INTERNET

Sri Lanka navy urges Australia to deport boatpeople

COLOMBO, 29 July — Sri Lankan navy officials have urged Australia to deport the growing number of boatpeople arriving from their country, saying it was the "best way" to deter people smugglers, a report said on Saturday. Sri Lanka's naval operations director Commodore N Attygalle and its head of naval intelligence Nishantha Ulugetenne told *The Weekend Australian* newspaper, Canberra ought to turn Sri Lankan asylum-seekers straight back home. "When you start deporting then this problem will ease for us," Commodore Ulugetenne told the newspaper. "More than 1,500 Sri Lankans have landed in Australia in the last six months. What are you going to do with them, screen them one by one?"

Authorities in Colombo have seen a spike in people-smuggling traffic from its shores in recent months even though they have disrupted several attempts involving hundreds of asylum-seekers. The surge has fuelled a political deadlock over the issue in Australia, with the government wishing to

transfer boatpeople to Malaysia as a deterrent measure but the conservative opposition blocking the plan. Attygalle said towing boats out of Australian waters, as proposed by the opposition, would not work because smugglers would sabotage the boat in order to force a rescue and agreed that "the best way is deportation".

Sri Lankans account for 22 percent of the 5,815 people currently in Australian asylum-seeker detention, second only to Afghanistan in terms of numbers. Only 83 percent of refugee applicants are successful. The rate was 100 percent during the height of hostilities between Sri Lankan forces and the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam in 2009 which ended a decades-long civil war and left up to 100,000 dead.

A spokeswoman for Immigration Minister Chris Bowen said Canberra "routinely" returned asylum-seekers to Sri Lanka not found to be genuine, both voluntarily and involuntarily, and saw it as a "crucial" element of the refugee system.

Internet

Wild berries poison woman with 300 worms



Roundworms can grow long and thick as pencils when left unchecked.

Next time you think you're fat or you've got a big belly, think again. Invasive parasites are one of our biggest enemies—and doctors in Yongkang City in China's Zhejiang province have over 300 roundworms, removed from a patient's guts, as evidence.

Huang, a 23-year-old factory worker, had complained of severe stomach aches over the weekend. Unable to suffer the pain, she went to the hospital and doctors diagnosed her symptom as intestinal volvulus, in which her guts were twisted into a knot,

causing a closed loop blockage. The hospital immediately arranged for her surgery, but when Dr Ding cut into her stomach, he made a shocking—and somewhat stomach-churning—discovery. Her guts were swollen with parasitic roundworms! "The worms were inside her intestines and I could see them wiggling in there," he said. "My hair stood on end when I touched it. It was horrible and sickening. I couldn't stand it."

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Dane Cook (L) and Jessica Alba, stars of the motion picture romantic comedy "Good Luck Chuck". INTERNET

Dane Cook sorry for theater shooting joke

LOS ANGELES, 29 July—Comedian Dane Cook admits he used "bad judgment" when he joked during a standup show in Los Angeles about the movie theater massacre in Colorado.

A 24-year-old man is to be charged Monday with killing 12 people and wounding dozens of others when he opened fire in an Aurora multiplex where the third and final installment in Christopher Nolan's Batman trilogy, "The Dark Knight Rises," was screening at midnight Friday, 20 July.

TMZ reported Cook said in his show Thursday night the movie is so bad, audience members would have been begging for someone to shoot them had the massacre not happened.

Cook expressed on Twitter Friday his regret regarding the remark.

"I am devastated by the recent tragedy in Colorado & did not mean to make light of what happened," he said. "I made a bad judgment call with my material last night & regret making a joke at such a sensitive time. My heart goes out to all of the families & friends of the victims."—Internet

'Modern Family' stars ink new contracts

LOS ANGELES, 29 July—The six adult stars of "Modern Family" have signed new contracts and are ready to work on Season 4, the US sitcom's co-creator said.

Current Emmy Award nominees Ed O'Neill, Ty Burrell, Julie Bowen, Sofia Vergara, Eric Stonestreet and Jesse Tyler Ferguson refused to take part in a rehearsal for the new season last week, then filed a lawsuit against 20th Century Fox Television when their negotiations for pay raises broke down.

"It's unfortunate that things



"Modern Family" cast members appear backstage with the award they garnered for best comedy series during the 18th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles on 29 Jan, 2012.

INTERNET

got to a public place," writer-producer Steve Levitan told reporters at ABC's press tour party in Beverly Hills, Calif. "But at the end of the day, we're all very good friends. There are a lot of people whose jobs it is to get in there and stir things up. And that's what happened." EW.com said the new agreement means the cast is dropping its lawsuit against the studio, while all of the stars will get substantial pay hikes.

The new season of "Modern Family," which airs on ABC, is to start taping its season premiere Monday. —Internet

Jordan earns Guinness record for world's largest falafel

Jordan entered the Guinness Book of World Records on Saturday for the largest falafel weighing 74.75kg. A representative from Guinness was present and confirmed that Jordan created the world's largest falafel.

"This is a great achievement and a difficult record to beat for years to come. We welcome everyone who successfully took part in the family of Guinness World Record holders," Annabel Lawady, adjudication manager at Guinness, said after announcing the results.

According to the Guinness World Book Record's official website, the previous record was set last year in the US when a 23.95kg ball of falafel was made at the Santa Clarita Valley Jewish Food and Cultural Festival in California.

The world's largest falafel was made by 10 chefs from the capital's Landmark Hotel and was later offered as a starter during an iftar meal attended by 600 people.

This is the second time Jordan entered the Guinness World Records this year. In May, the Jordan Tourism Board achieved the Guinness World Record for the world's largest sand art structure.

The large bottle of layered coloured sand, displayed at the International



Chefs from the capital's Landmark hotel prepare a 74.75kg falafel, which entered the Guinness Book of World Records on Saturday.

Travel Exhibition in Berlin, was created to mark the 200th anniversary of the re-discovery of the historic city of Petra.

Mum leaves baby in path of traffic



This mother has some lessons to learn about road safety — as she leaves her baby sitting in the traffic. The shocking

video showing her blunder was shot in a Russian city, from a camera mounted on a vehicle's dashboard. The clip shows a bus moving slowly past a pedestrian crossing while changing lanes. And as the bus swings out to the right, it is clear the driver has moved to avoid a child in a pushchair.

Horribly, the baby's mother has left the buggy around 3ft into the road, right in the path of traffic. It is only as an SUV attempts to squeeze through the same space that the feckless woman pulls the pushchair back.

As cars speed past, she gradually moves her child back onto the pavement, out of harm's way. Shockingly, while a few other pedestrians shoot the woman an odd look, none of them seem upset by her placing her child in such a dangerous situation.

Jeers for Madonna at Paris concert

PARIS, 29 July—The crowd at Paris' Olympia concert hall booed Madonna after the US pop icon wrapped up Thursday night's concert after only 45 minutes.

The Hollywood Reporter said fans chanted " salope," the French word for "slut," and "remboursez," which means "give us our money back," when the singer cut short the show, which was broadcast live via YouTube.

The concert was added to the schedule last week and sold out in hours. Tickets sold for between \$99 and \$345 for the limited seats.

One fan complained on Twitter about the value of the experience of seeing Madonna live Thursday.

"How much does it cost to see Madonna at l'Olympia? It's 6.3 euros per minute!" the fan said.

Radio France Internationale said Madonna did not,



Madonna performs live at The NIA in Birmingham on 19 July, 2012. —INTERNET

however, use a video image of France's far-right leader Marine Le Pen with a swastika superimposed on her forehead as she did during her last Paris performance July 14. The move prompted a lawsuit from Le Pen's Front National. —Internet

Latina actress Lupe Ontiveros dies, age 69

LOS ANGELES, 29 July—Lupe Ontiveros, a veteran Latina character actress who worked in films such as "As Good As It Gets" and on TV shows like "Desperate Housewives," has died of lung cancer. She was 69.

Ontiveros died at a Los Angeles hospital on Thursday night, said her longtime friend Alex Nogales, president of the

National Hispanic Media Coalition. "Lupe became an icon in our community," Nogales said. "She set a standard for excellence" with her work.

US Secretary of Labour Hilda L. Solis, who knew Ontiveros for more than 20 years, called her friend "a fine actress, but more than that,

Actress Lupe Ontiveros



she was a woman of great action." Ontiveros was born Gaudalupe Moreno in El Paso, Texas on 17 September, 1942, to Mexican immigrant parents. She received a degree in social work from the Texas Woman's University before moving to Los Angeles to begin work as an actress.

Internet

Bill Murray colouring book published

CHICAGO, 29 July—"Thrill Murray: A Colouring-In Book Inspired by the Great Man of Cinema" will go on sale in the United States next month, its British publisher Belly Kids said. The Chicago Tribune said the colouring book features 50 pages of interpretations of Murray, mostly by British artists, as he appeared on "Saturday Night Live" and in his films "Caddyshack," "Ghostbusters," "Groundhog Day" and "Rushmore."

The Tribune said editor Mike Coley came up with the idea to create the colouring book after a friend "went into an hourlong speech about why Bill was undoubtedly the sexiest man alive." Coley said the resulting book is an expression of their admiration for Murray and

Bill Murray takes a photo during the photocall for the film "Moonrise Kingdom" at the 65th annual Cannes International Film Festival in Cannes, France on 16 May, 2012. —INTERNET



"just a series of images inspired by the awesomeness of Bill." —Internet



Manchester City's Pablo Zabaleta celebrates his goal against Arsenal in Beijing.— INTERNET

Man City too strong for Arsenal in China

BEIJING, 29 July — Manchester City 2 Arsenal 0. Manchester City scored two late first-half goals to claim a pre-season friendly victory over Barclays Premier League rivals Arsenal at a sodden Bird's Nest Stadium in Beijing. City punished Arsenal for not taking their early opportunities when Pablo Zabaleta latched on to Yaya Toure's pass to fire home on 41 minutes.

The lead was doubled four minutes later when Toure scored from close range with the Arsenal defenders appealing for offside.

Arsene Wenger's charges looked brighter after the break despite the torrential rain but could not break through Man City's defence with the lively Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain hitting both posts with a shot from outside the box.— *Internet*

Defending champion Robin Haase wins in Austria



Netherlands' Robin Haase poses with the trophy after his final match against Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber.— INTERNET

KITZBUHEL, Austria, 29 July — Defending champion Robin Haase of the Netherlands rallied past top-seeded Philipp Kohlschreiber 6-7 (2), 6-3, 6-2 Saturday to win the Bet-at-Home Cup. Haase won his second career title in as many finals. The 42nd-ranked Dutchman took control of the match after an hour-long rain delay at 1-1 in the second set.

Kohlschreiber, who dropped to 4-3 in career finals, will move into the top 20 for the

first time when ATP rankings are released on Monday.

Kohlschreiber missed six break points as the opening set went with serve. The German won the tiebreaker when Haase hit his third double-fault at 6-2 down.

Haase converted his first chance on Kohlschreiber's serve in the opening game of the second set but dropped his own serve immediately afterward. After the rain delay, Haase dominated play and used two more breaks to take the second set, helped by Kohlschreiber who hit his only double fault in the set at set point down. Like in the opening set, Haase saved six break points in the third to close out the victory. Both players will swap the clay for a grass court at the London Olympics. Haase will play Richard Gasquet of France and Kohlschreiber will face Blaz Kavcic of Slovenia in the first round.— *Internet*

International Sports



Sam Querrey returns a shot to Rameez Shamsi during their Los Angeles Open match on 28 July. INTERNET

Czechs bid to escape Slovak shadow in canoe slalom

LONDON, 29 July—Five-time world champions, Slovakian twins Peter and Pavol Hochschorner will be bidding for another Olympic gold showing when the canoe slalom gets underway on Sunday. The Hochschorners became the first slalom canoeists to win three Olympic gold medals four years ago, and the pair are focused on going even better in London. But the twins will be up against Czech pair Jaroslav Volf and Ondrej Stepanek, who have claimed two Olympic medals, one world championship title and three European championship titles, but remain in their Slovak rivals' shadow in terms of topping the Olympic podium.

The Czech duo, however, managed to beat the Hochschorners to the first major title of the year, the European championship in Augsburg, Germany, and now hope to continue their winning streak into London 2012. "Beating the Hochschorners is good for us, but the

European championship is another contest on another course," said Volf, who with Stepanek won silver in Beijing and bronze in Athens." In London it will be difficult. We can't say 'We beat them in Augsburg, we will beat them in London'. They are excellent in the category of C2 and they are in good condition, so it will be difficult to beat them."

European paddlers are set to dominate the canoe and kayak disciplines at the London Olympics, where 16 medals are up for grabs in flatwater and slalom events. On flatwater, 158 men will compete in both single and double canoes and kayaks over 200m and 1,000m. There is also a four-man kayak event over 1km.

The 88 women will race in a single (200m and 500m), as well as doubles and quads kayak over 500m, with each country limited to one boat in each event, which equates to a total of 18 athletes (12 men and six women) across all events. The 200m distance has been introduced for this

Olympics in place of the 500m used in Beijing.

In the slalom, the 61 men have races in a single and double canoe (in which athletes use a single-bladed paddle from a kneeling position), as well as a single kayak (in which the competitors sit in the boat and

use a paddle with two blades). The 21 female competitors have just the single kayak. The canoe sprint events, in which nine Olympic champions will be seeking to defend their titles, will be held at Eton Dorney, a nine-lane, 2.2km-long facility 30km west of London.

The canoe slalom, however, will be held between 29 July-2 August at the Lee Valley White Water Centre, northeast of the British capital. Kayaking as a sport has come a long way since being discovered as the Arctic Inuits' means of transport. It was introduced to the Olympic Games in 1924 as a demonstration sport, and in the 1972 Munich Games, canoe/kayak branched out into the dramatic white water version, the slalom.

The slalom events require the paddlers to negotiate 20 to 25 gates in turbulent water over a 250-metre course, water flowing at a rate of 13 cubic metres per second and dropping 5.5m from start to finish.— *Internet*



Czech Republic's Jaroslav Volf (front) and Ondrej Stepanek during the men's doubles canoe C2 slalom final at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. The Czech duo remain in their Slovak rivals' shadow in terms of topping the Olympic podium.— INTERNET

USA, Brazil and GB into last eight



to coolly slot past the onrushing goalkeeper.

Lloyd added the gloss just a few minutes later.

Rapinoe played the midfielder through the middle of the Colombian defence and Lloyd duly finished to the far post. In the other Group G encounter, France struck four times in the last 20 minutes to record a 5-0 win over North Korea.

Brazil progressed to the last eight from Group E after edging New Zealand 1-0 in Cardiff.

The Kiwis were hard to break down again, but Cristiane struck four minutes from full-time to give Brazil their second win from as many games.

New Zealand goalkeeper Jenny Bindon came off her line to punch clear, but her clearance fell for Cristiane to chip into an empty net. The hosts also booked their place in the quarter-finals, easily disposing of Cameroon 3-0 thanks to goals from Casey Stoney, Jill Scott and Steph Houghton. World Cup holders Japan failed to capitalise on their territorial dominance and were held to a goalless draw by Sweden in their Group F clash at the City of Coventry Stadium.

Internet

Querrey reaches another LA Open final

LOS ANGELES, 29 July—Two-time Los Angeles Open champ Sam Querrey came back from a break down in the second set to reach his third straight final at his home event with a defeat of Rameez Ram 6-3, 7-6 (7/4).

The southern Californian will be bidding to join Andre Agassi and Jimmy Connors as three-time champions at the UCLA campus facility when he plays Lithuanian qualifier Ricardas Berankis, who put out Australian sixth seed Marinko Matosevic 7-5, 6-1 in the other semi-final Saturday.

Querrey, winner of 12 straight matches in Los Angeles, and the 22-year-old Berankis have never played. The youngster will be competing in his first final on the ATP Tour, the best ever achieved for a player from his small nation.

Querrey lost serve for the first time this week as Ram, a semi-finalist in two of the last three weeks, finally cracked the code to catch the second seed's serve for a 2-0 lead. Querrey wrapped up the opening set in half an hour.

Querrey, seemingly dis-satisfied with his string tension and calling out grumpily to his coach, rallied to break back in the seventh game en route to a tiebreaker. He notched 11 aces in victory, along with 38 winners and 31 unforced errors and now stands at 3-1 against Ram.— *Internet*



Former Chelsea striker Andriy Shevchenko

LONDON, 29 July—Former Chelsea striker Andriy Shevchenko has retired from football to pursue a career in politics.

The 35-year-old had a three year spell at Stamford Bridge, although one of those was spent away on loan at AC Milan, playing 77 times in all competitions and

Ex-Chelsea striker retires from football

scoring 22 goals.

Shevchenko will be best remembered for the seven years he spent at the San Siro side from 1999 to 2006.

The Ukrainian hotshot was revered for his lethal finishing in the penalty area across his 18-year career, winning numerous team and individual awards including the Champions League and the Balon d'Or.

"This will probably shock everyone," Shevchenko said on www.fcd-ynamo.kiev.ua. "My future will no longer be in football. I will give more information tomorrow but I will be going into politics. 'I hope for your support.'— *Internet*

Focus Myanmar TV Programme**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**
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- * News
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- 7:25 am
3. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:40 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

Fishburne joins 'Hannibal' cast

LOS ANGELES, 29 July—Laurence Fishburne is to play FBI Behavioral Sciences Unit leader Jack Crawford in the new US drama series "Hannibal," said writer-producer Bryan Fuller.

Based on Thomas Harris' books, the new NBC show will focus on FBI agent Will Graham's interaction with psychiatrist-turned-serial-killer Hannibal "the cannibal" Lecter.

Hugh Dancy will play

Will and Mads Mikkelsen will play Hannibal. Fishburne's Crawford will be Will's boss and mentor.

The role was previously played by Dennis Farina in "Manhunter," as well as by Scott Glenn in "The Silence of the Lambs" and Harvey Keitel in "Red Dragon."

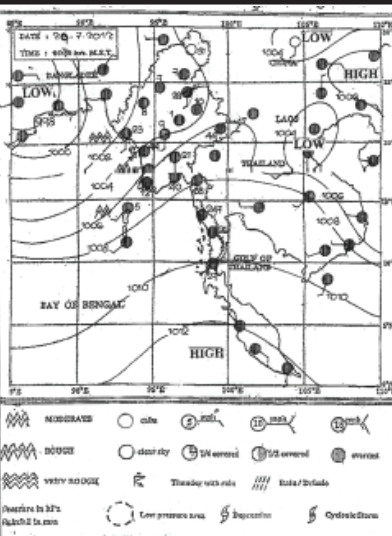
"Laurence Fishburne is an iconic man who has been making his cinematic mark since 'Apocalypse Now' and it's a thrill not only to work with him but to see such a brilliant, sophisticated actor step into the shoes of Thomas Harris' brilliant, sophisticated character," Fuller said in a statement to EW.com. "I cannot imagine a better cast for Hannibal than the one we've assembled."

Fishburne recently led the cast of "CSI," which previously starred "Manhunter" actor William Petersen. Fishburne's film credits include "What's Love Got to Do With It," "The Matrix" trilogy and "Mystic River."

Internet



Actor Laurence Fishburne arrives at the 43rd NAACP Image Awards at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles on 17 February, 2012.—INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**Weather forecast for 30th July, 2012**

Sr. No.		Temperature (°C/F)		Forecast	Percent
		Maximum	Minimum		
1	Kachin	33/91	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
2	Kayah	26/79	19/66	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)
3	Kayah	25/77	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
4	Chin	21/70	17/63	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	25/77	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	28/82	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Tanintharyi	26/79	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)
8	Bago	27/81	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)
9	Magway	28/82	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	30/86	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	25/77	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)
12	Yangon	29/84	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	26/79	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	21/70	18/64	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	27/81	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	26/79	20/68	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	29/84	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	27/81	22/72	Some rain or thundershowers	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	29/84	22/72	Some rain or thundershowers	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	30/86	25/77	One or two rain or thundershowers	(80%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Magway Region, Chin and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Ayeyawady and Tanintharyi Regions, Rakhine and Mon States and isolated heavy falls Yangon Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (10.15) inches, Laungmya (9.17) inches, An (5.87) inches and Ngathangyong (4.33) inches.

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

State of the Sea: Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate to strong monsoon.

**Toungoo Township organizes monsoon tree growing ceremony**

TOUNGGOO, 29 July—The tree growing ceremony in 2012 monsoon was held beside the moat of Ketumati on Hthlaling Road in Ward 1 of Toungoo in Bago Region on 21 July.

At the ceremony, departmental personnel, members of social organizations and trainees of nursing training school planted 1250 saplings of seven species distributed by Township Forest Department.

Myanma Alin

40,800 residents relocated as flooding hits Yellow River

BEIJING, 29 July—China has relocated 40,800 residents in Shanxi and Shaanxi provinces, as the year's first flood peak hit the middle reaches of the Yellow River, flood control authorities said Saturday.

Caused by recent torrential rains, water levels rose quickly on both the trunk stream and tributaries of the Yellow River's middle reaches, the State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters said.

The flux of a flood peak at the Wubu Hydrologic Station in Wubu county of Shaanxi's city of Yulin reached 10,600 cubic metres per second at 1 pm Friday, marking the highest level since 1989, the headquarters said.

The flood waters passed the downstream Longmen Hydrologic Station at 7,620 cubic meters per second at 7 a.m. Saturday, the highest level since 1996, it said.

The headquarters said



Reservoirs along North China's Yellow River are releasing mud as a precaution against flooding.—XINHUA

flood waters have inundated beach areas and low-lying lands as well as some water control and diversion projects, it said.

The headquarters said all residents of beach areas

threatened by flooding have been relocated and the two affected provinces have dispatched personnel to check dams and increase flood-control materials.

MNA/Xinhua

China's Guo defends Olympic pistol title on final shot

recovered from her disappointment at missing gold and secured silver.

Guo, 28, who said her motto was, "Never give up", maintained she always felt she had a chance of gold going into the final shot — even though she was trailing by 0.5 points.

"I just focused on doing my best on the final shot," she said, adding: "I think everyone is good, I just never give up." Guo said she put a poor eighth shot out of her mind as the competition reached its climax, adding: "It was done. I just couldn't keep thinking about it."

Guo, whose win marks

China's second shooting gold of the Games, topped the earlier qualifying session ahead of Kostevych. The top eight competitors from the qualification round reach the final, shooting a further 10 shots—each fired individually under timed conditions — and the scores are added together to determine the winner.—Internet



BEIJING, 29 July—China's Guo Wenjun showed nerves of steel as she came from behind on the very last shot to successfully defend her 10m air pistol Olympic title in thrilling fashion on Sunday.

With her final effort, Guo shot a 10.8, just 0.1 points short of a maximum score, drawing gasps from the

packed crowd at the Royal Artillery Barracks and overhauling France's Celine Goberville, who had led going into the last round.

Goberville could only manage 8.8, putting her level on points with Athens 2004 gold-medallist Olena Kostevych of Ukraine. In a shoot-off, Goberville



Unity and confidence key to doubling farmers' income: Union A&I Minister Cooperative associations, syndicates facilitate rural development: Union Cooperatives and L&F Minister

More modern rice mills need to be built: Union Commerce Minister



Union Minister for
Agriculture and
Irrigation U Myint
Hlaing addresses
Bago Region
Agricultural
Development
Workshop.

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NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—The Bago Region Agricultural Development Workshop was held at city hall in Bago yesterday morning.

In his discussion about agricultural development of Myanmar, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing said that he would like to repeat guidance of the President for quickly achieving agricultural development and socio-economic development of the people.

He quoted the President saying that it is agricultural sector that could generate more incomes within about two seasons' hard work. The sector could be developed by marketable high-yield strains, microfinance for one or two seasons, right fertilizers at reasonable price, time and labour management at intervals between the harvest and the plough period and investment. Region/State-wise horizontal extension and land quality should be put on table at the workshop. Loans should be disbursed by cooperative societies and

microfinance. Land and loan policies should be adopted. Rules and regulations need to be strictly adhered. Locations, acreage, work plans, rules and regulations and other information for contract farming should be publicized. Rules and regulations and policies should be adopted for allowing investment in production and distribution of strains produced in the form of public-private partnership companies. Short-term and long-term plans should be adopted for production and import of fertilizer as the country's fertilizer consumption is 10-15 folds less than that of other countries. Ways to conduct research and implement capacity building programmes should be sought. Hire, installment and another production, import and sale systems should be considered in applying combined harvesters to tackle time and labour issues in transformation to mechanized farming. Policies should be adopted to allow domestic and foreign investments to ensure quality milling and produce value-added products. The establishment of

Agri Market Watch Information Network Centre by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Ministry of Commerce and the Meteorology and Hydrology Department should be considered for creating check and balance system between production and the market and a mechanism for disseminating agricultural information.

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Moderate earthquake jolts

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—A moderate earthquake of magnitude (5.8) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (14 miles southeast of Haka) about 135 miles north of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (8 hrs (51) min (30) sec MST today, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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Italy beat United States to win Olympic archery gold



LONDON, 29 July—Italy beat the United States by a single point to win a dramatic archery team Olympic gold at Lord's.

Michele Frangilli, Marco Gializzo and Mauro Nespoli led by four points at halfway, but the US hit back to halve the deficit entering the last end.

Set a target of 219, Italy scored the 10 they needed with their final arrow to snatch victory.

Earlier, the South Korean team of Jin Hyek Oh, Dong Hyun Im and Bubmin Kim beat Mexico to win the bronze medal.

Great Britain's hopes of a men's archery team medal ended when they were beaten by a strong Ukraine team in the first round.

The team of Larry Godfrey, Simon Terry and Alan Wills lost 223-212, hitting five maximums in 24 attempts, compared with Ukraine's 11.

Xinhua

Chinese Wang Mingjuan wins women's 48kg weightlifting gold

LONDON, 29 July—Chinese veteran lifter Wang Mingjuan overcame a case of jittery to claim the gold that she has been coveting for 12 years.

The 26-year-old Chinese won her first ever Olympic gold in an unexpected easy way, finishing with a total of 205kg, six more than the silver medalist Hiromi Miyake from Japan. Ryang Chun Hwa of PRK won the bronze with 192kg.

"The gold is the reward for my 12 years hard work, my dream came true today," the diminutive girl sighed.

"I have won golds in all other international events, only the Olympic gold kept eluding me. Now I can say I have a perfect career now," she said, weeping.

The 1.50-metre high girl remained unbeaten in all international competitions, but missed two previous Olympics due to injury and poor forms.

She appeared a little nervous before taking the platform to begin her Olympic campaign, and then failed to lift 88kg in her first snatch attempt.

Xinhua



Wang Mingjuan of
China reacts during
women's 48kg weight-
lifting competition, at
London 2012 Olympic
Games in London,
Britain, 28 July, 2012.
Wang won gold medal
with a total weight of
205kg.—Xinhua

Brazil's Menezes wins historic women's judo gold

LONDON, 29 July—Sarah Menezes became the first Brazilian woman to win an individual judo gold at an Olympic Games with victory in the under-48kg final.

The second-seeded Menezes dethroned reigning Olympic champion Alina Dumitru of Romania in the final.

Menezes had been frustrated but landed the winning throw in the final minute.

Earlier, Hungarian fighter Eva Csernoviczki recovered from being strangled unconscious to claim an unlikely bronze medal.

Csernoviczki was rendered unconscious as she tried to resist a strangle in her quarter-final loss to Belgium's Charline van Snick.

Having lost in the quarter-final, she was given a second medal chance in the repechage.

She then defeated China's Wu Shugen and then stunned world number one Tomoko Fukumi with a foot sweep in a sudden-death golden score period to earn a podium finish.

Van Snick later won the other bronze medal, defeating Argentina's Paula Pareto.—Xinhua

