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**Our Three Main
National Causes**

* Non-disintegration of
the Union

* Non-disintegration of
National Solidarity

* Perpetuation of
Sovereignty

President U Thein Sein and wife attend Waso Robe offering ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win attended the Waso Robe Offering Ceremony of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and donated Waso Robe and offertories at Sasana Maha Beikman in the precinct of Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda at 9.30 am today.

Also present at the ceremony were Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abbot of Bhamo Monastery of Mandalay Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Dr Bhaddanta Kumara-bhivamsa, State Maha

Nayaka Sayadaws, Çetiya Hitakaraka Sayadaws, Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Sayadaws, Board of Trustees of Uppatasanti Pagoda Ovadaçariya Sayadaws, Sayadaws of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Thein Soe, Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief

(Army) General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Nwe, the Union Ministers and their wives, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and wife, the deputy ministers, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council, officials from President Office and the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

At the ceremony Staff Officer Saddhammajotikadhaja U Thura of Religious Affairs Department acted as master of ceremonies and read the agenda.

Firstly, the sayadaws and congregations opened the ceremony reciting three times of *Namo Tassa*.

Next, President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win offer Waso Robe to the Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abbot of Bhamo Monastery of Mandalay.

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Win and the congregation received Nine Precepts from Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee the Abbot of Bhamo Monastery of Mandalay.

Afterwards, the sayadaws recited paritta.

The President and wife donated Waso Robe and

offertories to Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee the Abbot of Bhamo Monastery of Mandalay.

The Vice-President and wife presented Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abbot of Chaukhtetgyi of Bahan Township of Yangon Region Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Khemaindasami with Waso Robe and offertories.

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President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win offer a day meal to Sayadaws.—MNA



Union F&R Minister receives WB East Asia and Pacific Regional Vice President



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PERSPECTIVES

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Let's bury the hatchet!

The motion for enactment of a law for protection of the interests of national races is under serious debate at the House of Representatives, with many a number of MP speaking in favour of such law, citing the total failure of parliamentary democracy in the post-independence as the major cause of the death of the rights of national races.

The strong bond of comradeship did forge among Myanmar national races during the independence struggle or in the line of national politics. But, when it came to party politics, party leaders were never united, blackening each other's names for personal interests and power rather than working in concert for national interests.

There has been growing trend towards the emergence of democracy worldwide whose universal essence is of freedom, transparency, social justice and equality in the context of human rights protection and promotion. However, the survivability of a nation is far more important than democracy for no democracy thrives on the soil of a country that has lost unity, independence and sovereignty, in other words, a failed state.

The unity of national races has fallen victim to divide-and-rule policy of the colonialists coupled with poor transportation and natural barriers. The lengthy internal racial conflicts which were born as the civil war just after the independence still remain unresolved question. No desired progress would we witness without peace and stability.

At present, what is the most important for the nation is the restoration of national unity, for which the government in office is negotiating with ethnic armed groups, with some success. Better transportation is a must for fostering mutual understanding and amity among national races residing at the four corners of the country. In addition, exchange of study visits between schools, universities and colleges would enable students better understand each other's languages, cultures and traditions.

All in all, democracy needs certain foundation to develop and last long, otherwise it would come to nothing like the previous parliamentary democracy system. National reconciliation, thus no doubt, should be the cornerstone of democratization process of the country.



Thiha Min, Kyesin Hein, Min Htet Hein
Transportation Services organized cash assistance presentation ceremony to offspring of drivers and bus conductors recently. Executive of Mawlamyine Dawei Association U Tin Soe presents K 200,000 to Chairman of Bus Lines Association U Sein Myint.—NLM

Outstanding students of Pyawbwe Tsp awarded

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—Outstanding students of Pyawbwe Township who matriculated 2011-2012 academic year with flying colours were honoured at Pyawbwe Township Amayhtein hall of yesterday morning, with an opening address by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint.

Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu explained measures of the Education Ministry for development of education sector. The Speaker awarded two five-distinction winners and Shawphyugon Basic Education High School

(branch) and Myauk Nyaunggon BEHS (branch) that stood highest in exam pass rate of the schools in the township. Deputy Minister U Aye Kyu presented prize to a four-distinction winner and officials distinction winners.

A total of 101 distinction-winners emerged from the township.—MNA



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint presents outstanding student who passed 2011-2012 academic year with distinctions.—MNA

KNPP opens liaison office in Loikaw

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—The liaison office of Karenni National Progressive Party was opened in Dawukhu ward of Loikaw on 25 July.

The opening ceremony was attended by Kayah State Chief Minister U Khin Maung Oo, the state Hluttaw speaker, the chief justice of the state high court, state ministers, Loikaw Township in-charge of KNPP U Daniel and officials, state level departmental heads, and national cultural troupes.

The chief minister unveiled the signboard of the office and U Shwe Myo Thant of KNPP spoke words of thanks.

More KNPP liaison offices will be opened in Hpahsaung and Shadaw with the agreement reached



The liaison office of Karenni National Progressive Party in Dawukhu ward of Loikaw in progress.—MNA

at the Union level peace talk.

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Rakhine State Chief Minister inspects providing of food for locals at relief camp

SITTWAY, 30 July—Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin together with state ministers and state level departmental officials on 29 July morning arrived at Thetkalpyin Village

relief camp. He viewed preparing and providing of food to the families sheltering there. The state chief minister encouraged them and fulfilled the requirements.

State IPRD



Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin inspects cooking of rice to be provided to households at relief camps in Thetkalpyin Village in Sittway Township.—MNA

Mon State Chief Minister meets survey teams before field trips

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—With the aim of ensuring rural development and poverty alleviation in Mon State, Mon State Government constituted eight committees headed by respective state ministers as chairmen and departmental officials concerned as secretaries.

The teams comprising officials of Agriculture Department, Public Works, Livestock and Fisheries Department, Health Department and local graduate youths led by deputy heads of department of Township General Administration Department will make field trips to grassroots level as of 27 July.

On 27 July, Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint met leaders of the teams Deputy Heads of Department from 10 townships at the Mon State government office.

He gave instructions on dos and don'ts in their field trips and urged them to dutifully take out the tasks assigned by the Union government and the state government.

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Donate blood

Northern India hit by massive power outage

NEW DELHI, 30 July—India's northern states, including the national capital, were hit by a massive power outage Monday in what is said to be the worst blackout due to the failure of the northern grid since 2001.

The outage affected over 300 million people across the states of Kashmir, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan, as well as the central government-controlled Chandigarh.

"The blackout happened from 2.30 am (local time)

following a major disturbance in the Northern Grid. In fact, a major fault near the town of Agra led to power being snapped. However, partial supply of power was restored by 9am (local time)," an official said.

"At least 200 trains have been delayed due to the blackout in the states," he added.

The Indian capital was among the worst hit as the power outage affected train services, the Metro railway, and even caused traffic jams on the roads, giving a

harrowing time to office-goers. The Indian capital generates less than 20 percent of its own power requirement and is dependent on the Northern Grid for the rest.

Meanwhile, Indian Power Minister Sushil Kumar Shinde has said that a three member committee has been mandated to investigate the fault.

"We have set up a three-member committee to look into the collapse of the northern power grid. The panel will submit its report in the next 15 days," he told the media.

The Power Minister added that power supply will be resumed in the next three to four hours across the affected region.

Power cuts are common in Indian cities due to a fundamental shortage of power and an aging grid.

Experts say that India urgently needs a huge increase in power production. Even Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has long said that India must look to nuclear energy to supply power to the people.

Xinhua



Stranded commuters wait for their trains to arrive at a train station in New Delhi, India on 30 July.

XINHUA

US has "solemn duty" to stop nuclear Iran: presidential candidate

JERUSALEM, 30 July—US presidential candidate Mitt Romney, who is on a visit to Israel, on Sunday stressed the need to deter Iran's nuclear program and talked about "shared values" between Israel and the United States.

Romney, who is running in the upcoming US presidential election, gave a speech in Jerusalem and emphasized that the United States has "a solemn duty and a moral imperative" to prevent Iran from achieving nuclear weaponry.

"Make no mistake, the ayatollahs in Iran are testing our moral defenses. They want to know who will object and who will look the other way," Romney said.

"We will not look away nor will our country ever look away from our passion and commitment to Israel," he added, saying that Israel and the US have "shared values."

Although supporting economic and diplomatic sanctions against Iran, Romney said that no options should be excluded.

Earlier on Sunday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu agreed with Romney's speech about Iran.

"I heard what you said about the dangers the world is facing if the Ayatollah regime obtains nuclear power capabilities and I fully agree with you," Netanyahu said.

"We have to do everything from preventing them to possess this capability. The diplomacy and the sanctions haven't set back the Iranian program back by one iota."

Romney said he wanted to hear Netanyahu's perspective on the issue and discuss "further options" in preventing Iran from reaching that ability.

Xinhua



A burnt bus which belonged to forces loyal to Syria President Bashar Al Assad is seen at Aleppo's district of al Sakhour on 29 July, 2012. Syrian troops said they had recaptured a district of Syria's largest city Aleppo, after heavy fighting against rebels who remain in control of swathes of the commercial hub despite being pushed out of the capital Damascus.—INTERNET

Nuclear reactor in S Korea automatically shuts down

SEOUL, 30 July—A nuclear reactor at South Korea's Younggwang Nuclear Power Plant automatically shut down on Monday after reactor protection signals had been detected, local media reported.

The state-run Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power Co. (KHNP) said the Unit 3 reactor at the Younggwang plant, located some 330 kilometers southwest of Seoul, went off-line at 2:57 p.m. (local time).

"An investigation is currently underway to confirm what has exactly caused the automatic shutdown of the reactor," an official from the KHNP was quoted by Yonhap news agency as saying. There was no release of radioactivity and the safety of the nuclear power plant showed no major problems.—Xinhua



Two members of China's eighth peacekeeping sapper unit to Lebanon carry out a bomb disposal task at the Lebanese side of the Lebanon-Israel border, about a year ago. Over the two decades since it sent its first peacekeeping troop to Cambodia in April 1992, China has participated in more than 20 UN peacekeeping missions, dispatching a total of 20,000 soldiers. There are now nearly 2,000 Chinese peacekeepers carrying out their tasks in 12 peacekeeping missions. Chinese peacekeeping troops are formed by members of the People's Liberation Army (PLA), which will celebrate its 85th founding anniversary on 1 August, 2012. —XINHUA

Bangladesh raises farm credit disbursement target

MANAMA, 30 July—Bahrain's interior minister ordered a speedy investigation related to string of alleged violations committed by policemen.

Interior Minister Lieutenant General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa said they were committed to deal with human rights cases "with transparency and to find the truth behind the allegations that affected the reputation of police and the public security personnel."

The minister said that law enforcement organization

maintained security and did not attack or violate the citizens' rights or the sanctity of their homes as the protection of human rights was on top of the ministry's priorities and efforts.

The investigation follows after the launch of Gangs of Darkness Campaign by Bahrain's largest opposition party, Al Wefaq National Islamic Society.

Former Al Wefaq MP Khalil Al Marzooq claimed in a meeting recently that police forces stole over 10 million US dollars during their raids last year. "The total amount

stolen by police forces during the national safety period exceeds 10 million dollars, whilst as many as 270 houses have been raided during June and July 2012," he alleged.

Al Marzooq further claimed that over the past two months (June and July) Al Wefaq's documentation department found that 270 houses had been raided, robbed or vandalized.

"Ten million dollars have been stolen during such raids, including cash, electronic equipment, appliances and property," he claimed.

Xinhua

US drone strike kills 7 in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 30 July—At least seven people were killed and several others got injured on Sunday afternoon when a US pilotless plane launched an attack in a northwestern tribal region of Pakistan, local media reported.

According to local Urdu TV channel Dunya, the US drone fired four missiles at a suspected house in the Mir Ali area of North Waziristan, Pakistan's northwestern restive tribal region bordering Afghanistan. The drone strike destroyed the compound completely, killing seven people and injured several other who were reportedly present inside when the missiles hit the building.

Shortly after the attack, local residents of the area started rescue work, taking out the bodies of the dead and the injured from the debris. Pakistan has, on a number of occasions, protested and showed reservations over such attacks by the US drones, claiming the attacks violate its sovereignty.—Xinhua

Two NATO soldiers killed in western Afghan attack

KABUL, 30 July—Two NATO soldiers were killed in an insurgent attack in western Afghanistan on Sunday, the coalition forces confirmed in a statement.

"Two International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) service members died following an insurgent attack in western Afghanistan today," the NATO-led ISAF said in the statement.

The brief statement gave neither the nationalities of the victims nor the details about the incident under the ISAF policy. Troops mainly from US, Italy and Spain have been stationed in the western region within the framework of ISAF to curb Taliban-linked insurgency there. Violence has been on the rise since Taliban launched an annual spring offensive on 3 May. Currently over 130,000 NATO-led ISAF troops with majority of them Americans have been serving in Afghanistan since the Taliban regime was toppled in late 2001. The casualties bring to 266 the number of foreign soldiers who have been killed in Afghanistan so far in 2012.—Xinhua

MOFA briefs diplomats on incidents in Rakhine State

YANGON, 30 July—The Ministry of Foreign Affairs briefed diplomats on incidents in Rakhine State at Winzin Minyaza Hall of the Ministry (Yangon branch) here at 1:20 pm today.

It was attended by Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Special Rapporteur on human rights in Myanmar Mr. Tomas Ojea Quintana, leader of advisory board to the

President U Ko Ko Hlaing, Chairman of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission U Win Mra, ambassadors, diplomats, heads of UN agencies, officials concerned, religious leaders, departmental heads and media men.

After Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin extended greetings, Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay gave a clarification of the incidents in Rakhine State in details.

Afterwards, Patron of Myanmar-Muslim Religious Organization U Hla Maung and President of Interfaith Dialogue Group of Myanmar U Sein Win Aung explained freedom of religion in Myanmar and answered the queries raised by Ambassadors to Myanmar.

Those present viewed maps and documentary



photos matters related to Rakhine State riot displayed inside the hall.

The Foreign Affairs Ministry issued a statement on the incidents in Rakhine State.—MNA

Bangladeshi Ambassador to Myanmar raises question.—MNA



Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin extends greetings at the press briefing on Rakhine incidents.—MNA

Indonesian Ambassador to Myanmar puts question.—MNA

Victims of violence are both from Buddhist and Muslim communities, it is very clear that the riots are not linked to religious persecution

Myanmar totally rejects the attempts by some quarters to politicize and internationalize the situation as a religious issue

The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Press Release on Situation in Rakhine State

The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, setting priority to ensure peace and stability and the rule of law.

At the time the Government is tirelessly working to achieve peace and stability and the rule of law in the entire country, two incidents that affected peace and security occurred in Rakhine State with the rape, robbery and killing of a young woman by three youths in Yanbye Township on 28 May and the subsequent killing of ten persons in a passenger bus in Taungup Township on 3 June. In the two cases, the first victim was a Rakhine Buddhist female and the latter case, victims were Muslim males.

Following the two incidents, riots broke out in Sittway, Maungdaw and Buthidaung Townships where rioters torched and destroyed houses, shops and guest houses and committed killings. Because of the riots, 77 people from both communities lost their lives and 109 people were injured. A total of 4822 houses, 17 mosques, 15 monasteries, 3 schools were burnt down.

The Government tried to immediately restore stability in places where riots broke out since the very beginning of violence in Rakhine State. Similarly, the Government has taken necessary measures to stop spreading of violence and to restore peace. The people have been informed of the situation with full transparency.

To expose the truth and to take legal actions to the perpetrators involved in the lawlessness and anarchist acts in Rakhine State, a 16-member Investigation Committee chaired by the Deputy Minister for Home Affairs was formed on 6 June 2012.

On 11 June, President U Thein Sein delivered a statement to the nation concerning the incidents in Rakhine State. In his Statement, the President appealed to the people of Myanmar to cooperate and work together with the government and requested all to realize every aspect of the situation with magnanimity and promised that the government would attach great importance to the

rule of law. The President's Office declared State of Emergency in Rakhine State to stop the violence and restore law and order on 12 June 2012.

In reviewing the incidents in Rakhine State, it is found that lawlessness was spread due to mistrust and religious differences that had created hatred and vengeance against one another. As the victims of violence are both from Buddhist and Muslim communities, it is very clear that the riots are not linked to religious persecution. Myanmar is a multi-racial and multi-religious country where people of different faiths have lived together in peace and harmony.

Cabinet members and officials of the Union and State Governments, representatives of various civil societies have visited the riot affected areas and engaged with the resettlement and rehabilitation, distribution of relief goods to the peoples in the relief camps.

The Government took legal actions against the perpetrators of the criminal acts. At the same time the government is taking measures under existing laws and rules to make sure phenomena and incident do not happen again.

The Government has built 89 relief camps in those townships for the total of 14328 Rakhine people and 30740 Muslim people who were affected by the violence. As the situation of law and order in Rakhine State is improving, people sheltered in those relief camps are gradually returning to their places.

As part of efforts for reconstruction of houses, which were burnt down in Maungdaw and villages in Maungdaw Township, Ministry of Border Affairs will build 202 houses, UNHCR will build 222 and the CARE Myanmar, an INGO, will build 128 houses. UNHCR has sent 400 tents so far for the refugees in Moundaw Township. In order to provide shelters in Sittway and villages in Sittway Township, Rakhine State Government has pledged to build temporary 170 tents while UN agencies and INGOs led by UNHCR to build 600.

World Food Programme (WFP) has spent around USD 600,000 on providing four dry provisions to refugee camps

and so far a total of 1515 tons of provisions have been sent to the camps. Over 2100 tons of provisions have already been stored at the warehouses of WFP.

UNHCR and INGOs have already provided 6818 sets of different kinds of household utensils and 2412 sheets of tarpaulin to the refugees in Rakhine State. Furthermore, cash and kinds worth of more than K 3 billions for relief and rehabilitation for the victims of both sides have been received from wellwishers within the country and abroad.

The Government has exercised maximum restraint in order to restore law and order in those particular places in Rakhine State. As such, Myanmar strongly rejects the accusations made by some quarters that abuses and excessive use of force were made by the authorities in dealing with the situation.

The unfortunate incidents are confined to a few townships in Rakhine State as it constitutes an inter-communal violence relating only to the some portion of the population in the State.

In light of the true circumstances and situation, Myanmar totally rejects the attempts by some quarters to politicize and internationalize this situation as a religious issue.

Peace and stability is indispensable for the on-going democratization and reform process in Myanmar. National solidarity and racial harmony among different nationalities is vital for the perpetuation of the Union. Myanmar is a multi-religious country where Buddhists, Christians, Muslims and Hindus have been living together in peace and harmony for centuries, hence those recent incidents occurred in the Rakhine State are neither because of religious oppression nor discrimination.

The authorities have taken necessary measures with great care and with magnanimity. The Government is cooperating with religious and community leaders, political parties and social organizations to resolve the issue. The overall situation is now returning to normalcy.

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ASEAN Multi-Sectoral Workshop on MDGs: Acceleration Strategies and Priorities Beyond 2015 held

YANGON, 30 July—ASEAN Multi-Sectoral Workshop on MDGs: Acceleration Strategies and Priorities Beyond 2015 jointly organized by ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council of Myanmar, ASEAN Secretariat, and the UNDP was held at Grand Ball Room of Sedona Hotel here this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Myanmar-ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw, departmental heads, Deputy Secretary-General of the ASEAN Secretariat Dato' Misran Karmain, personnel of ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community, officials of UNDP Asia-Pacific regional centre, and delegates of ASEAN member countries.

The first session of the workshop was convened at 10.30 am, chaired by the deputy secretary-general of the ASEAN Secretariat.



Chairman of ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council of Myanmar Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan at ASEAN Multi-Sectoral Workshop on MDGs: Acceleration Strategies and Priorities Beyond 2015.—MNA

Practice Team Leader Dr Anuradha Rajivan of UNDP Asia-Pacific Regional Centre based in Bangkok of Thailand and the deputy national planning and economic development minister discussed the strides of ASEAN member countries in realizing the MDGs.

The second session was chaired by Deputy Undersecretary Mr Hamidi Zakaria of Strategic Planning Division of Rural and Regional

Development Ministry of Malaysia, during which ASEAN delegates discussed work plans of the ASEAN organizations related to the MDGs and Rio+20 Conference and MDGs beyond 2015.

Director-General U Ye Htut of Information and Public Relations Department chaired the third session during which programme Specialist Mr Biplove Choudhary of UNDP

Asia-Pacific regional centre and Director Mr Nguyen Anh Phong of Southern Centre of Agriculture Policy and Strategy, Institute of Policy and Strategy for Agriculture and Rural Development under the Agriculture and Rural Development Ministry of Vietnam discussed poverty reduction, food safety and climate change.

The fourth session was resumed at 3.30 pm, chaired

by Secretary General Datuk Noorul Mohd Nur of Women, Family and Community Development Ministry, Chief of Asia and Pacific Programme of Education for All (APPEAL), UNESCO Mr Abdul Hakeem and delegates from Indonesia and Philippines discussed objectives toward global primary education.

Personnel replied to queries of the delegates and the first-day agenda of the

workshop came to an end.

On behalf of the Chairman of Myanmar-ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council, member of Myanmar-ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo hosted the dinner to those present at Mindon Grand Ball Room of Sedona Hotel. The workshop continued tomorrow.

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Knowledge about taxation shared in Htigyaing

HITGYAING, 30 July—Internal Revenue Department under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue held the talks about taxation at Basic Education High School in Htigyaing on 14 July.

At the talk, Township

Administrator U Than Aye Swe gave a speech.

Head of Township Internal Revenue Department Daw Khin Mar Myint gave lectures on taxation to students at middle school level.—Myanma Alin

Bank loans disbursed to local farmers

MOHNYIN, 30 July—Mohnyin Township Myanma Agricultural Development Bank disbursed K 50000 per acre as loans to local farmers for 2012.

The bank has disbursed K 1707.2 million to 4531

farmers of 29 village-tracts up to 18 July. The bank plans to disburse K 2574.3 million to the local farmers this year.

In addition, the bank refunded K 262.33 million savings to 4040 farmers.

Myanma Alin

District News



BOOKS DONATED: U Aung Tun of corner of West Stairways Road and Strand Road in Hsawdashin Ward in Pyaw donated 700 copies of books and publications worth K 360,000 to Linyangchi Library at Kyeethe Laythet Monastery in Shwedaung Township. Treasurer U Shwe Win of Township Writers Association accepts donations.—MYANMA ALIN



CASH DONATED: U Khin Maung Win-Daw Khin Hlaing Myint (Shwe Mann Taung Traditional Medicine Clinic) donated K 1 million to fund for construction of Sangha Ward at Yangon Traditional Medicine Hospital to Head of Traditional Medicine Department of Yangon Region U Thein Win. MYANMA ALIN

Deaf student passes matriculation exam in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 30 July—A deaf female student from School for the Deaf of Social Welfare Department in Mandalay passed the matriculation examination this year.

She is Ma Nay Yi Lin, daughter of U Kyi Lwin-Daw Aye Aye Yu of Myananda Housing in Thida Aye Block 902 in Chanmyathazi South Ward of Chanmyathazi

Township in Mandalay. She passed the exam with seat number MaNaTa 2333.

She attended the school for the deaf of Mandalay from KG to the fourth standard and at No 22 Basic Education High School from fifth to matriculation standard. As a inborn deaf, she learned the lessons taught by teachers.—Myanma Alin

Crimes News

Narcotic drugs and related equipment seized

YANGON, 30 July—A combined team including members of Tahan Police Station of Kalay Township at 1 pm on 13 July searched the motorcycle driven by Lal Thang Than of Region 3 of Taungzalat Ward in Kalay together with Hel Lein and another motorcycle by Lauma.

The authorities seized 502,800 ACTIPIN tablets of pseudo ephedrine weighing 100.56 kilos. Thus, Tahan Police

Station opened files of lawsuit against San Zai Parr (a) Ma Shan Tin, 37 of Falam, Lal Thang Than, 32 and Lauma, 22 and Hel Lein, 56 of Kalay under the law.

Likewise, Tachilek Anti-Drug Squad and party together with witnesses searched the house of Kyaw Swa Bee in Hsanh Sai Village of Tachilek Township at 3 pm on 14 July. They saw Kyaw Swa Bee together with Sam

Kyauk and seized stimulant tablet production machine installed a motor, old machine of producing stimulant tablet, one kilo of pinky wet power to produce stimulant tablets, 32 kilos of Caffeine and 400 grams of pinky powder.

Tachilek Police Station opened files of lawsuit against them under the law.

Myanma Alin

Pyithu Hluttaw committees, commission meet

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—Pyithu Hluttaw committees and commission met at the meeting hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker in Hluttaw Complex, here, this morning.

Also present at the meeting were Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, chairpersons and secretaries of the committees and commission, Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and personnel of the Hluttaw Office.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker noted that the four permanent committees could be formed since the Hluttaw had come into operation, calling for



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann delivers an address at the coordination meeting of committees and commission.—MNA

recommendations of those for better functioning of the Hluttaw committees and commission.

Chairpersons and

secretaries of Pyithu Hluttaw committee explained ongoing tasks and requirements of respective committees.

Next, Chairman of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa

made wide-ranging discussion about works of the commission, legal provisions and regulations and requirements.

The meeting ended with a concluding remark of the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker.

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Incumbent government focuses on local sufficiency of oil and gas: Union Energy Minister Pyithu Hluttaw regular session continues for 17th day

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—Pyithu Hluttaw regular session continued for 17th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 403 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

At today's session, three questions were answered, one proposal discussed and one submitted.

Regarding the question raised by U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency asking **"whether Super Custom (Multi Purpose Vehicles) are really manufactured by domestic industrial zones and how the buyers' remorse over fines will be eased"**, Deputy Minister for Industry U Myo Aung answered that automakers were fined as parts of the vehicles designated to be produced at home are import and do not meet set standards in agreement with the manufacturers. As there were complaints lodged by manufacturers, automobile manufacturing development subcommittee subpoenaed seven entrepreneurs and urged them to seek customer satisfaction.

Fines for illegally imported vehicles were collected till 31 March, 2012 and designated fines for patents and spare parts are being collected. The subcommittee focused on addressing difficulties of the people who had bought the vehicles mistakenly and levying reasonable tax on vehicles which were imported in any ways.

Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaug Lwin answered questions raised by two Hluttaw representatives regarding railway and vehicle.

Regarding the question raised by U Khin Maung Nyo of Loikaw Constituency on **"upgrading coaches, railways, and locomotives of Loikaw-Nay Pyi Taw route"**, the deputy minister answered that 140 tons of load were allowed as there is a steepest slope between Pinlaung and Moebye despite the trains being the most powerful ones Myanmar Railways have with 2000 horse power. For more safety, the load was reduced to 110 tons as of July, 2011.

As the coaches have 124 seats in total, there are 16 passengers without seat between Phaya station and Aungpan station with largest number of commuters touching about 140. With less number of passengers between Aungpan and Loikaw, the number of seats is enough. So, there is no plan to extend coaches.

Sleepers play a key role in betterment of railroads. A concrete sleeper factory is being built in Shwenyaung to replace wooden sleepers with concrete ones. The factory will produce 16000 sleepers monthly as of August, 2012. The concrete sleepers will be fixed in Thazi-Shwenyaung and Aungpan-Loikaw railroad sections.

Regarding the question raised by U Aung San of Pabedan Constituency on **"consequences of colour of wing mirrors of imported cars and fines on these cars"**, the deputy minister answered that the colour of the imported cars were measured with tint meter when it was registered. The mirrors



Representatives seen at the 17th day regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw.

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with 60 and above percent transparency were allowed. These mirrors were restricted because of unclear views contributing to higher potential of traffic accidents and crimes under the cover of the dark mirror.

There are provisions in various countries preventing from manufacturing the windbreakers and door mirrors with the under-60-percent transparency undermining road safety. Foreign owners decorated stickers and ordered mirrors at their own wishes. There is no fine for the mirrors of the vehicles.

U Kyi Tha of Gwa Constituency, U Nyunt Hlaing of Pyu Constituency and U Aye Mauk of Mahlaing Constituency discussed the proposal **"urging the Union government to coordinate, supervise and manage Myanmar's energy sector"** submitted by U Thein Lwin of Chauk Constituency on 6 July. They seconded the proposal, saying that the profits of natural gas extracted from a particular region should benefit the region to some extent. The selling of natural gas should be considered only when there are surpluses after satisfying local demands for vehicle and kitchen purposes. Sustainability of natural resources should be taken into consideration in establishing joint ventures. A comprehensive plan needs to be drafted.

Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay said the incumbent government adopted policies focusing local sufficiency of oil and gas since taking office. He quoted the President saying "National Energy Management Committee must be formed for addressing various aspects of the energy sector of the State and national electricity project must be adopted in line with the national energy policy for short-term

and long-term plans. Energy projects of oil, natural gas, coal and so forth needed to be implemented after the national energy project is drafted." The new government changed the policy to focus on local sufficiency for newly explored oil and gas deposits. Priority for local industrial use of natural gas is included in every contract signed by the new government.

The formation of national level National Energy Management Committee with ministry officials as well as appropriate stakeholders is under way. The committee will be responsible for drawing National Energy Safety Strategy that could affect the future generations of the country and will coordinate, supervise and manage the energy sector more effectively.

As the Hluttaw agreed, U Thein Lwin's proposal was approved.

U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency submitted the proposal **"urging the government to enact a law for registration of Non Governmental Organizations as the President had called for participation of civil societies in Myanmar's democratic reforms"**. Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko said he had no reason to object the proposal.

The date for discussion of the proposal will be announced later and MPs willing to discuss it are to submit their name lists not later than 1 pm on 31 July.

Today's session concluded at 3.35 pm and the Hluttaw regular session continue for 18th day at 10 am on 31 July.

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CBM alone not enough to implement monetary reforms: MPs

Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 17th day

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—The Amyotha Hluttaw session continued for 17th day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here today, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 205 MPs.

Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu replied to three questions. Regarding the question of Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No (8) about **whether school of ASEAN fellow countries and those of Myanmar are networked not**, the deputy minister replied that the previous government only made cooperation upon proposals of the ASEAN fellow countries.

In January, 2012, e-National Task Force of Myanmar and Multimedia Development Corporation (Malaysia) signed MoU on joint-implementation of smart school project. No.4 BEHS Hline, Yangon TTC and No.2 BEPS Kamayut were chosen to participate in smart school project.

The second project implemented in cooperation with ASEAN fellow countries is UNESCO School Net Project. Education Ministry and UNESCO (Bangkok) ASEAN Foundation and SEAMEO signed MOU on joint-implementation of the project for three years from 2004 to 2006. Group (A) comprised Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines and Thailand and Group (B) comprised Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam under the project. Brunei worked separately with Singapore. No. 2 BEHS Dagon, No. 1 BEHS Kyauktan and No.3 BEHS Bago took part in the project.

Such measures as computerization, networking and ICT knowledge dissemination were undertaken those schools, encouraging innovations with the use of ICT resources, sharing software application knowledge to other schools.

So, in the time of the previous government, two projects could be implemented in cooperation with the basic education schools of ASEAN fellow countries for the primary education sector. Coordination could be made for joint-implementation of networking programme with basic primary schools of ASEAN fellow countries at SEAMEO meetings, and ASEAN high-ranking education officials meetings.

Regarding the question of U Naing Tun Ohn of Mon State Constituency No (5) about **if there is any plan to upgrade Wewinkara Village BEMS (branch) in Thanbyzayat Township to BEMS, Wekami Village BEMS to BEHS (branch)**, the deputy minister replied that currently, there is no plan to upgrade Wewinkara Village BEMS (branch) into BEMS as there are only 176 basic education middle school level students there. Likewise, there is no plan to upgrade another school as there are only 175 students there. But, those schools would be considered for upgrading in the coming academic year as the priority.

Regarding the question of U Soe Aung of Mandalay Region Constituency No (11) about **if there is any plan to upgrade Nyaungkaing Model Village BEHS (branch) in Meiktila Township into BEHS**, the deputy minister replied that there are 249 students there that upgrading would be carried out in the coming academic year.

Regarding the question of Dr Htay Win of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No (5) about **whether the ministry concerned would clear the debris from the bank erosion of Ngawun River at Nyaunggyoe Village in Ingapu Township and take preventive measures against bank erosion**, Deputy Minister for Transport U Han Sein replied that there used to be alluvial land under water between the village and river bank. The change in course of Ngawun River four years ago has swept away the alluvial land causing bank erosion near the village. In 2011-2012 fiscal year, the Irrigation Department built three deflectors and the village on self-reliant basis built one along the river upstream of the village.

Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems of the Ministry of Transport suggested the Ayeyawady Region chief minister in his tour of Nyaunggyoe Village on 6 January, 2012, that deflectors and willow mattress should be constructed for prevention of bank erosion. The chief minister in response instructed the directorate to provide necessary technical help and work in cooperation with local people. He also called on the



17th day of Amyotha Hluttaw session in progress.—MNA

Irrigation Department to carry on preventive measures.

Ward/township administrators concerned would have to submit the proposal for prevention of bank erosion to the region government which would put forward it to the President Office which would grant special fund for the preventive measures.

Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Soe Tint read out the report the committee on bill revoking the 1964 Myanmar Five Star Shipping Line Corporation Law. The Hluttaw approved the bill.

Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Tin Yu read out the report of the committee on Profession and Capacity Building Bill.

Dr Khin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No (9) discussed the facts of the bill that he considered should be amended or revoked.

The Hluttaw asked the Hluttaw Bill Committee to review the bill.

U Ha Shein Bwe of Chin State Constituency (8), U Shu Maung of Shan State Constituency (8), U Than Swe of Taninthayi Region Constituency (2), Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency (4), Dr Khin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency (9), Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency (8), U Tun Kyaw of Shan State Constituency (10), U Myint Tun of Bago Region Constituency (10), U San Pyae of Kachin State Constituency (7), Dr Banya Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency (7), U Hsai Paung Nup of Shan State Constituency (12), U Tin Mya of Sagaing Region Constituency (7), U Ohn Tin of Rakhine State Constituency (10) and U Paw Hlyan Lwin of Chin State Constituency (9) discussed report of Amyotha Hluttaw National Plan Committee on National Development Plan. They discussed that cultivation of tea, elephant foot yam and orchid and high-land farming should

be encouraged in Chin State. Suggestions would be made in industrial sector, reformation of economic institutions and natural resources preservation sector featured in the report. The objective to make Taninthayi Region the oil pot of Myanmar should be reviewed. The reports must be submitted and assessed without bias. The projects must be easily understandable by the public, stimulating public participation. Only then, will social security of the people be achieved. Farmers should own farmland in agricultural sectors. Farmer organizations that rally farmers to engage in farming should be formed. The budget of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation should be increased. The Central Bank of Myanmar alone could not implement reforms in monetary policy of the country. A commission led by the CBM government should be formed with scholars. The 20 years' progress of 30-year long-term project started since 1992-93 should be reviewed. The designation of 24 special development regions should be reviewed. As the paper suggests that each region and state should draft and implement special projects, the National Development Plan will become livelier if it includes Self-Administered Division and Zones. The project should be drafted for 100 years to come.

Today's session concluded at 4 pm and the session continues for 18th day at 10 am tomorrow.

At today's session, four questions were answered, one bill confirmed, and one bill and one report discussed.

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Special appeal case heard

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—A special appellate court comprising Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Union U Tun Tun Oo and judges of Union Supreme Court U Tha Htay and U Mya Thein heard four special cases at Room No 1 of Union Supreme Court at 11 am today.—MNA

Hiking and mountaineering experiences recounted

YANGON, 30 July—Organized by Kengtung University Hiking and Mountaineering Subcommittee, the talks on hiking and mountaineering and show the photos was held at the hall of the university on 17 July morning.

Patron of the Sports Competitions Organizing Committee of the university Pro-Rector Dr Mary Thein made a speech. Next, Chairperson of the Hiking and Mountaineering Subcommittee Professor Dr Thida Oo of Mathematics Department explained the purpose of formation of the subcommittee and its tasks. Secretary of the subcommittee Lecturer Daw Ni Ni Aye of the Geography Department talked about hiking and mountaineering and recounted experiences of climbing Saramati Hill. After the talks, faculty members and students viewed round documentary photos.—Myanma Alin



EDUCATIVE TALKS: A talk on drug abuse and danger of household pills was held at Bo Aung Kyaw Hall of Basic Education High School No 6 in Botahtaung Township on 23 July. Commander of Botahtaung Township Police Force Police Captain Tin Thein gives lectures on drug abuse.—KYEMON



President U Thein Sein and wife attend waso robe offering ceremony

President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win and congregation receive Nine Precepts from the Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abbot of Bharmo Monastery of Mandalay.—MNA



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon donate waso robe and offertories to Secretary of SSMNC Chaukhtegy Sayadaw.—MNA

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Afterwards, Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo donated waso robe and offertories to State

Ovadaçariya Zegon Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Kavisara.
Next, Commander-in-

Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presented waso robe and offertories to
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State Ovadaçariya Zegon Sayadaw accepts waso robe and offertories donated by Chief Justice of Union U Tun Tun Oo.—MNA



*Commandar-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing offer waso robe and offertories to the Vice-Chairman of SSMNC Masoeyin Monastery Sayadaw.
MNA*

Joint-Secretary Meiktila Sayadaw accepts waso robe and offertories donate by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe.—MNA



President U Thein Sein and wife ...

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Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abbot of Masoeyin Monastery of Mahaungmye Township of Mandalay Region Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Tejosarabhivamsa.

Joint-Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Nattalin Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vayama accepted Waso Robe and offertories donated by Chairman of Constitutional

Tribunal of the Union U Thein Soe. Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye donated Waso Robe and offertories to Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Kyaikpi Sayadaw Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Gunaysana.

Next, Joint-Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Meiktila Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Veikjodhaa accepted Waso Robe and offertories donated by

Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe.

The union ministers, the commander, and the deputy ministers donated waso robes and offertories to sayadaws. The congregation led by President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win received sermons delivered by Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abbot of Chaukhtetgyi Sayadaw of Bahan Township of Yangon Region Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja



Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye donates Waso Robe and offertories to Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Kyaikpi Sayadaw.—MNA

Mr. Tomas Ojea Quintana, UN Special Rapporteur on human rights situation in Myanmar, visits Insein Jail (Central), Insein General Hospital

YANGON, 30 July— Mr. Tomas Ojea Quintana, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Myanmar, arrived in Yangon on 29 July evening. He was welcomed by Acting Resident Coordinator of UN agencies Mr. Ramesh M. Shrestha and officials concerned at Yangon International Airport.

Mr. Tomas Ojea Quintana, together with Acting Resident Coordinator of UN agencies Mr. Ramesh M. Shrestha and officials concerned, went to Insein Jail (Central) at 8:45 am today, and Director-General of Correction Department under the Ministry of Home Affairs U Zaw Win answered their queries.

There, Mr. Tomas Ojea Quintana made queries to prisoners Mya Nanda Aung, U

Khaymasara (a) Chan Tha and Maung Aung Naing. Observing prison visiting, he inspected the prisoners who waited for the prison visiting time.

At noon, he proceeded to his inspection tour of Insein General Hospital where he queried prisoner Phyto Wai Aung who is receiving medical treatment and looked around the women ward.

At 1:20 pm, Mr. Tomas Ojea Quintana attended the briefing of MOFA to diplomats on incidents in Rakhine State, held at Wunzinminyara Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Yangon branch).

Then, he held a meeting with Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin at Ayeyawady Hall of the ministry (Yangon branch).—MNA



United Nations Special Rapporteur on human rights situation in Myanmar Mr. Tomas Ojea Quintana visits Insein Jail (Central).—MNA



Bhaddanta Khemaindasami and shared merits gained.

Next the ceremony concluded. After the ceremony, the President and wife and members offered a day meal to the sayadaws.—MNA

Joint-Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Nattalin Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vayama accepts Waso Robe and offertories donated by Chairman of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Thein Soe.

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Union F&R Minister receives WB East Asia and Pacific Regional Vice President



Union Minister U Hla Tun receives WB East Asia and Pacific Regional Vice President Ms. Pamela Cox.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July— Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun received a delegation led by World Bank East Asia and Pacific Regional Vice President Ms Pamela Cox at the meeting hall of Central Bank of Myanmar, here, this afternoon.

At the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on matters of bilateral cooperation between WB and Myanmar, repaying of

the debt by Myanmar to WB, assisting of WB in the socio-economic development of rural area and poverty alleviation programme before repaying the debt to WB, accelerating of private sector to attract more foreign direct investment in Myanmar, prioritized measures so as to improve the sector of capital market and infrastructure, giving more scholarship in the field of

Myanmar monetary sector in order to develop human capability jointly provided by scholarship programme of WB and Japanese Government and joining to Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA).

Present at the meeting were Deputy Minister U Win Shein and Governor U Than Nyein of Central Bank of Myanmar.

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Talks on levying tax clarified in Ahtet Minhla

MINHLA, 30 July—A ceremony to clarify taxation was held at the office of Ahtet Minhla Township Internal Revenue Department in Thayet District of Magway Region on 13 July morning.

Deputy Director U Kyaw Thein of Magway Region Internal Revenue Department explained notifications of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue on income tax, commercial tax and other taxes and matters related to taxation procedures.

It was attended by the



township administrator, the commander of Township Police Force and oil production entrepreneurs.

Myanma Alin

Ceremony to make clarification on taxation in progress in Ahtet Minhla.

Myanmar has freedom of religion...

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The issue in Rakhine State must be addressed in a considerable amount of time as it is based on racial and religious hatred provoked by the social misconduct. It would be tackled carefully as there is unbalance population ratio as well. Bengalis constitute 94 per cent and Rakhine nationals 6 percent of the population in Maungdaw and Buthidaung regions.

For the time being, Defence Ministry, Border Affairs Ministry, Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Ministry, Rakhine State government, local command, the commander, and border region command headquarters are trying to keep the overall situation under control for security and stability of the region. They in cooperation with Red Cross society, and fire

brigades and NGOs and INGOs are fulfilling the requirements of the region.

Relief camps have been opened providing shelters, foods and health care services. Measures must be taken for revival of the sufferers and restoration to normalcy.

The ministries concerned and non-governmental social organizations have to work cooperatively in resettling them in order that they can resume their original livelihood at their original places. The Vice-President called on the ministries to present reports on completed and ongoing tasks.

Next, deputy ministers and departmental heads explained completed, ongoing and follow-up tasks of the ministries concerned in Rakhine State.

In his concluding remark, the Vice-President noted that the question of Rakhine incident needs long-term solution. What is the most important is security and regional peace and stability without which regional development undertakings

could not be carried out. Now, the situation calls for strenuous endeavours for regional development amidst difficulties. The incident originally was nothing related with racial and religious affairs but later got entangled. Laws on religion and racial affairs have been enacted in the country. The Immigration and Population Ministry has issued rules for racial affairs and ministries concerned are to handle such problems of increase or decrease in population and illegal migration.

The country has the freedom of religion and there is no restriction on the religious beliefs. It needs to distribute equal amount of funds and cash assistance to sufferers without any discrimination in resettlement and rehabilitation tasks. The problem can be settled only when all the local people understand the situation well. Collaborative efforts are required to take actions as necessary. The Vice-President called for concerted efforts of the Union government, Rakhine State government and local people, bringing an end to the meeting.—MNA

Common goal is to reduce poverty within MDGs by implementing ASEAN Blue Print under ASCC Pillar Union Information and Culture Minister addresses ASEAN Multi-sectoral Workshop on MDGs



Chairman of ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council of Myanmar Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe and those present pose for documentary photo.—MNA

YANGON, 30 July—ASEAN Multi-Sectoral Workshop on MDGs: Acceleration Strategies and Priorities Beyond 2015 was convened at Grand Ball Room of Sedona Hotel here this morning, with an address by Chairman of ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council of Myanmar Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan.

Present on the occasion were Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw, Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo, Yangon region minister for planning and economic U Than Myint and region minister for social affairs Dr Myint Thein, departmental heads, Deputy Secretary-General of the ASEAN Secretariat Dato' Misran Karmain and personnel

concerned of ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community, personnel of UNDP Asia-Pacific Region, delegates of ASEAN nations and invited guests.

The workshop was opened with ASEAN Anthem. Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council of Myanmar Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan expressed his delight and pride for having opportunity to host the workshop, thanking UNDP for all the assistance given for organizing the workshop.

ASEAN members are committed to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). In realizing these goals, ASEAN leaders have pledged for promotion of the living standard of people in ASEAN Community. Myanmar in its fight against poverty and famine needs to improve the standard of living and reduce poverty to meet those set of goals and targets in MDGs, launching national and regional activities.

The primary goal of the

ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) is to contribute to realizing an ASEAN Community and it is also focusing on the social dimension of narrowing the development gap among ASEAN member states. The post-2015 strategic response should focus on pro-poor growth alongside the national socio-economic contexts of ASEAN member states. In the same vein, assistance in specific areas is still required for some ASEAN member states that have achieved much under the MDGs.

It is noted that all the governments and peoples of ASEAN member countries must try to promote ourselves to be at the centre of our own development. Thus, ways and means must be sought to integrate the domestic development plans of actions and programmes that reflect those from rural aspirations and sensibilities to have their own capacity, which would enable the environment provided by the international community and to have an

acceleration for reducing the development gap.

The Union minister gave an account of development initiatives of the country. Democratic transition has been undertaken within a year, forming nation's legislative, executive and judicial organizations at different levels. Democratic transition is delicate and its process calls for time to be accomplished. National Plan approved by the Hluttaw and material development plan need to be people-centred development reform, which could satisfy the demands of people.

Public administration reforms are essential for the good governance. Management system development, policy and decision making process, promotion of good governance, establishing public service ethics and code of conduct and integrated development plan are now being carried out in order to keep abreast of the international community.

Under the leadership of the President, eight-point poverty alleviation scheme has been in operation.

According to all-round surveys of living conditions of households, jointly conducted by UNDP and the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, the poverty rate of Myanmar has decreased from 32% to 26%. We have now targeted to reduce the poverty rate to 16% by 2014-2015.

As social inclusion that embraces people from all walks of life insures the diversity of communities, bringing a richness of culture and knowledge to society by this connectivity the Union minister called for creating more equitable, higher

functioning work and projects under ASCC and moving together towards common goal to attain MDGs in the ASEAN Community.

He insisted that the country is not to wait for perfect governance or to engage in endless accusations and discussions. The challenges at hand are far too urgent. He highlighted the need to work with government and business, and civil society in the developed world. It is believed that the way forward lies in finding constructive solutions together with ASEAN way.

The country's poverty rate is still high when compared with regional counterparts, and all-round socio-economic development of low-income people is our priority task. That is why the government has been enacting new Laws and amending the existing ones. To open the channels of growth and social mobility, it calls for public and private policies aimed at preventing, reducing, eliminating economic risks, vulnerabilities to poverty and deprivation and on the other hand, the cooperation and collaborations of UN Agencies and NGOs who are with broad range of experience and expertise in managing development challenges with the programmes they engage.

The Second Wave Reform Strategy is now being initiated and implemented in Myanmar. The country still have challenges to overcome on strengthening surveillance and response strengthening better cooperation and collaboration for "People-centered Approach". Nevertheless, Myanmar will surely continue to play its part with determination in the efforts to strengthen its commitments to MDG and to meet the global challenges. Myanmar is also engaged with the process of economic integration of ASEAN and trying to support the ASEAN single market and production

base. With the strong recommendations made by the ASEAN Leaders to call for lifting up of all sanctions on Myanmar is also an inspiration for us to strive for the brighter future for social stability and social protection in Myanmar. And it encourages to move forward to the reduction of socio-economic disparities and support the democratic process in Myanmar.

In conclusion, he said the common goal is to reduce the poverty within the MDGs by implementing the ASEAN Blue Print under the ASCC Pillar. He pinned his hope on the workshop to make a substantial contribution to implement the goals of the ASCC on finding the best practical ways to attain MDGs.

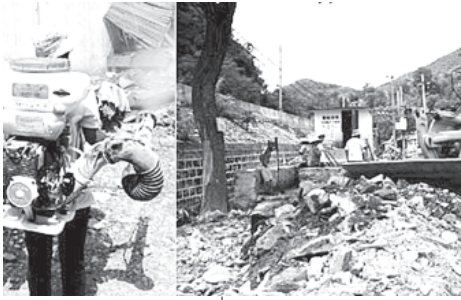
Through sincere deliberations at the workshop, he predicted achievement of desired outcome and find appropriate assessment to assess MDGs in this ASEAN region.

After that, Deputy Secretary-General of the ASEAN Secretariat Dato Misran Karmain and Director Mr. Rathin Roy from Asia Pacific Regional Centre based in Bangkok, Thailand, extended greetings.

At the end of the ceremony, Chairman of Myanmar ASCC Council Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, deputy ministers, region ministers, distinguished guests and attendees posed for a documentary photo.—MNA



Deputy Secretary-General of the ASEAN Secretariat Dato' Misran Karmain making a speech.—MNA



Volunteers conduct disinfection for epidemic prevention in Beichaying Village of Fangshan District in Beijing, capital of China, on 29 July, 2012. Fangshan District suffered a lot during the rain-triggered disaster on 21 July. The reconstruction is ongoing.
XINHUA

47 killed in train fire in southern India

HYDERABAD, 30 July—A government official says the death toll from a fire on a train in southern India has climbed to 47.

District Collector B. Sridhar says 28 other passengers have been hospitalized with burns.

The fire was noticed by an official as the train passed through a railroad station early Monday.

The train was stopped and the coach that caught fire was detached from the rest of the train to prevent the blaze from spreading.

The fire was reported at Nellore, a town nearly 500 kilometres (310 miles) south of Hyderabad, the capital of Andhra Pradesh state.

Sridhar told *The Associated Press* that the fire is believed to have been caused by a short circuit in the coach.—*Internet*

Israel kills Palestinian at West Bank checkpoint: medics

RAMALLAH, 30 July—Israeli troops opened fire at a Palestinian car at a checkpoint in the occupied West Bank early on Monday, killing one person and wounding two others, Palestinian officials said.

It was unclear why the Israelis fired at the car as it approached the checkpoint

on a road connecting West Bank cities and Jerusalem before dawn.

According to Palestinian medical workers, the man in his 40s who was shot dead and the two others were travelling to pray in Jerusalem.

A spokesman for Israel's border police, which is

stationed at checkpoints in the area, could not be reached for immediate comment.

Israel captured the West Bank and East Jerusalem, and the Palestinians want for a future state, during a 1967 Middle East War in a move that has not won international recognition.

Reuters



A pedestrian walks on a flooded road in Yinchuan, capital of Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 30 July, 2012. A downpour hit the city on Sunday evening and caused the urban waterlogging and the torrential flood along the Helan Mountain.
XINHUA

Brent rises toward \$107, stimulus measures eyed

SINGAPORE, 30 July—Brent crude rose toward \$107 per barrel on Monday, stretching gains into a fifth consecutive day on hopes the United States and Europe will this week announce new measures to shore up their fragile economies, boosting the outlook for oil demand.

Slowing growth in the United States, the world's top oil consumer, has triggered expectations of stimulus measures from the Federal Reserve, which meets on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Next on investor radars is Friday's US non-farm payrolls data.

"If unemployment starts to worsen, you can be sure that the FOMC are going to step in and inject more stimulus into the economy," said Tony Nunan, a Tokyo-based risk manager at Mitsubishi Corp. "The mandate of the FOMC is not just to curb inflation, but it also has to sustain employment, they won't have a choice but to act."

Brent crude rose 45 cents to \$106.92 per barrel at 0406

GMT. U.S. crude rose 61 cents to \$90.74 per barrel, gaining for a fifth day.

Investors are also eyeing the European Central Bank's policy-setting meeting scheduled for Thursday for further trading cues.

The meeting was always in focus given the threat the long-running euro zone crisis poses to the global economy but has become pivotal after the ECB chief Mario Draghi's pledge last week to do whatever was needed to save the euro.—*Reuters*

US loves cops and firefighters, but not their pensions

NEW YORK, 30 July — Pharmacist Michael Nastro is full of admiration for how police responded to a deadly robbery in his suburban New York neighbourhood in 2011. A gunman walked into a pharmacy near his own on Long Island, killed four people and fled with a stash of

painkillers. Police in the area, which is part of wealthy Suffolk County, best known for the exclusive Hamptons beach towns, boosted patrols and gave advice on what to do if the robber hit again. They caught him three days after the shooting.

If I said I wasn't conflicted," he said. "I want good police work, but I'm a taxpayer too. There's got to be a middle ground." The average annual pension for Suffolk County cops who have retired since 2007 was \$86,702, according to figures from the Manhattan Institute, a public policy think tank, against \$37,270 for other county employees, excluding teachers. The county, facing a three-year deficit of \$530 million, declared a fiscal emergency in March.

Traditionally, US voters have backed generous pay and benefits for the cops and firefighters willing to risk their lives to keep citizens safe. That was especially so after the deaths of many emergency workers in the 11 September, 2001, attack on the World Trade Center in New York.—*Reuters*



General Services Police officers stand watch as the park surrounding Los Angeles City Hall is reopened seven-and-a-half months.—*Reuters*

But Nastro, 50, admits he's torn about police officers' pay and retirement benefits. "I'd be lying to you

Magnitude 6.0 quake hits off Mexico's Pacific coast

MEXICO CITY, 30 July—A 6.0 magnitude earthquake struck off Mexico's Pacific coast on Sunday, the US Geological Survey said, but there were no reports of damage.

The quake was

centred about 18 miles southwest of Suchiate in the southern state of Chiapas, close to the border with Guatemala. It had a depth of 22 miles, the USGS said.

Emergency services in Chiapas state were checking

the area but a spokesman said there were no reports of damage.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre did not immediately issue a tsunami warning.

Reuters

Panda gives birth at San Diego Zoo, setting record with 6th cub

SAN DIEGO, 30 July—A 20-year-old giant panda has given birth at the San Diego Zoo, and it's a record.

Officials say it's the sixth cub born at the zoo to Bai Yun, the most at a breeding facility outside of China.

Zookeepers and researchers watched the birth Sunday afternoon via a closed circuit camera mounted inside the birthing den.

In a blog post, zoo officials say Bai Yun immediately scooped the cub into her arms and comforted the newborn.

Because of Bai Yun's advanced age the pregnancy was considered high risk, but

zookeepers say mother and baby are doing fine.

The sex of the cub won't be known for several months. It will be a while before

Bai Yun and the new cub are on display but the public can glimpse them on the Panda Cam at the zoo's website.

Internet



Twenty-year-old San Diego Zoo panda Bai Yun gave birth to a brand-new cub today, her sixth. Here, she is seen three years ago with her last cub, Yun Zi.—*INTERNET*

Two dead, 12-year-old girl missing in Little Rock

LITTLE ROCK, 30 July — Authorities in Arkansas were researching for a man who they suspect killed his parents Saturday and abducted his adopted 12-year-old sister. Little Rock police spokeswoman Sgt Cassandra Davis said 33-year-old Antonio Whitlow is wanted on two counts of capital murder in connection with the slayings of his 65-

year-old parents, Annette and Bobby Whitlow.

Authorities also issued an Amber Alert for the couple's 12-year-old adopted daughter, Amber Whitlow, who police believe was kidnapped by Antonio Whitlow.

Davis said that officers received a call shortly after 3 pm on Saturday from a church member who was supposed

to meet with the couple and discovered Annette Whitlow's body.

When police arrived on scene, they found Bobby Whitlow's body. Davis wouldn't say how the elder Whitlows died, but police said they believe Amber Whitlow's life is in danger.

The young girl was last seen wearing knee-length jeans shorts and a light blue short-

sleeve shirt, according to an Amber Alert News release. Police said Antonio Whitlow may be driving an older, black Lincoln Town Car with a vinyl top.

Davis said she didn't have any information about where he might be headed. Outside the Whitlows' home, neighbors huddled around yellow caution tape Saturday evening as investigators wheeled a yellow body bag out to the coroner's van.

Internet



Naval ships from 22 nations on 9 June kicked off the biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise, billed the largest international maritime drill, in and around the Hawaiian Islands. Scheduled from 29 June to 3 Aug the drill was participated by 42 ships, six submarines, more than 200 aircrafts and 25,000 personnel from countries including Russia, New Zealand and Singapore.
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Central Bank of Myanmar

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People walk past high waves breaking into the promenade of Roxas boulevard in Manila, on 30 July, as strong winds and rains due to Tropical Storm Saola hit the capital. At least one person was killed and millions were left without power during the storm.—INTERNET

Two SKoreans arrested for mobile customer data theft

SEOUL, 30 July—South Korean police said they arrested two men who allegedly stole the personal details of about 8 million mobilephone subscribers and sold the data to marketing companies in one of the country's biggest hacking schemes.

Police said in a statement Sunday that the two men developed the hacking program that was used to steal the names, residential registration numbers and phone numbers of customers of KT, which is South Korea's largest fixed-line telephone company and No. 2 mobile operator. The programme was uploaded to the company's computer systems and harvested personal data for months.

Police said the two made about \$877,000 from the hacking scheme. They sold the program as well as mobile subscriber data to telemarketing companies which used the details to



A police officer passes by a vehicle advertising KT, South Korea's largest fixed-line telephone company and No 2 mobile operator, at the company's branch office in Seoul, South Korea, Monday, on 30 July, 2012.

INTERNET

contact customers to solicit them to switch to other mobile operators.

Authorities said a former KT employee and six others were also charged for their roles in the scheme.

The data theft at KT took place over the span of five months from February and affected about half of KT's 16 million mobile customers.

KT apologized and said

it will beef up its security system. The incident is the latest in a series of large-scale hacking attacks that have affected millions in one of the world's most wired countries. Last year, hackers stole personal data of 13 million gamers at Nexon and private details of 35 million members at web portal Nate and Cyworld were leaked.

Internet

Two dead, one injured as tropical storm Saola batters the Philippines

MANILA, 30 July—The Philippine government confirmed on Monday that at least two people were killed due to heavy rains and strong winds caused by tropical storm Saola.

National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (NDRMMC) chief Benito T. Ramos disclosed that one passenger of the roll on-roll off (RORO) vehicle M/V Super Shuttle which capsized in the northern Philippine province of Romblon died while another man in Antique in central Philippines drowned.

Ramos identified the fatalities as Ernest Flores, 60, and Ronald Necor, 33. The chief cook of M/V Super Shuttle, Edger Vecimo, was also injured.

In a report, the NDRMMC said a total of 28,631 people in seven provinces in northern and central Philippines were affected by floods and strong winds caused by tropical storm Saola.

The agency warned that the worst is not yet over after the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa) said the storm will continue to affect the northern part of the country possibly until Thursday.—Xinhua

Woman had plastic surgery before death

COCONUT CREEK, 30 July—A lawyer says an alleged illegal buttocks enhancement procedure may not have been what caused the death of a Florida woman.

Michael Mirer, who represents the suspect accused in the death of Shatarka Nuby, said it could have been one of the other cosmetic procedures Nuby recently underwent prior to her death in a federal prison where she was serving a sentence for identity theft.

Mirer represents Oneal Morris, 31, who was locked up in a Broward County jail Friday for allegedly administering buttocks injections that caused Nuby's death from lung problems.

"The alleged victim went to get breast implants and liposuction subsequent to injections she alleged she received from Mr Morris," Mirer said. "She then goes to prison, then she dies."

The South Florida Sun Sentinel said Sunday that Mirer has represented Morris on other cases in which he allegedly injected patients with a compound made up of mineral oil, silicon purchased at a hardware store and an aerosol sealant used to fix flat tires. Morris is charged with manslaughter and practicing medicine without a license.

Internet

Rescued sperm whale dies in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 30 July—A sperm whale that was rescued and returned to sea after being stranded for four days in shallow waters off the coast of West Java in Indonesia has died, a rescuer said Monday.

Fishermen found the 11-metre (36-feet) whale in waters near the beach in Muara Gembong Sunday evening, "dozens of miles" from the Pakis Jaya beach where it had been stranded, said Benvika, a rescuer from the Jakarta Animal Aid Network.

"We sent a team to check the reports. They arrived early this morning and

confirmed that the whale was dead and it was the same as the one we rescued," he told AFP.

"We suspect it was exhausted and hungry and was unable to withstand the strong currents and big waves," he added.

Rescuers and navy divers on Saturday helped the whale return to the sea, pulling it with a tugboat into 20-metre-deep waters before releasing it.

"It was in stable condition when we released it. Its breathing rhythm was 40 to 45 seconds, close to the normal breathing rhythm of 60 to 70 seconds.

It was also moving well," Benvika, who like many Indonesians goes by one name, said.

"We tried our best to save it," he added.

Navy divers and rescuers had helped the whale back to sea after several failed efforts, hampered by local residents who paid half a US dollar each for boat rides close to the animal.

Some onlookers had jumped onto the whale, causing wounds to its body, and a few fishermen had tried to crudely pull the animal back to sea, also hurting it in the process.

Internet



Image provided by the Jakarta Animal Aid Network shows rescuers trying to free a sperm whale (C) stuck in shallow waters at Pakis Jaya beach in West Java on 27 July.—INTERNET

Girl wins RM50 at drinking game but loses life

Five male office workers who made a RM50 bet with a female colleague to drink a whole bottle of rice wine, causing her to die from blood poisoning, may now have to pay her family more than RM50,000 as compensation for her death and funeral expenses, as well as the emotional trauma suffered by her family.

The incident at Foshan City in China's Guangdong province happened in March, when a woman named Ah Yun was challenged by five of her male colleagues to swallow a bottle of rice wine with a 40% alcohol content.

Ah Yun, who joined the property firm in July last year, accepted their wager, gulped down the liquor and pocketed their 100 Yuan bet. Several hours later, however, another staff saw her lying unconscious at her desk. Panicking when he couldn't wake her up, he called for his superior who informed Ah Yun's husband, and then they rushed her to the hospital, but doctors were unable to revive her. Doctors said she died of alcohol intoxication, after finding extremely high levels of alcohol in her bloodstream. Anyone with a blood alcohol level of 0.30 to 0.39 would already be in danger, but her reading was at 0.50 which lead to her death.

Two of the five workmates responsible for the



A typical rice wine shop in China.

bet, including the guy who brought to rice wine to the office, each offered Ah Yun's family 5,000 Yuan (RM2,500) to cover all of her hospital bill. But her family has filed a civil suit against the five men and the company they work for. Ah Yun's family are demanding 640,000 Yuan (RM320,000) to pay for her funeral expenses, as compensation for her dependants and for the anguish they suffered at her death. Nanhai District People's Court has ordered the five men to fork over 110,000 Yuan (RM55,000) to Ah Yun's family and the company was told to hand over another 10,000 Yuan (RM5,000). The defendants are now appealing the verdict.

News Album

5-legged frog saved from cooking pot

Mother Nature is always playing her tricks - some of them quite cruel-on the creatures under her eternal reign.

We have seen two-headed calves, cows, cats and rabbits, and even people with double faces and various appendages.

Although considered rare, it is even more unusual to see additional appendages on amphibians, particularly frogs.

A chef in China who spotted the extra leg on the bullfrog pictured below, spared the creature from becoming a culinary specialty appetiser. Eating frogs is an everyday occurrence in China. Frog leg soup is considered to be a food of power that helps to strengthen one's bones. Oddly, the extra leg on the frog, which was oily and black and stuck out at an angle from the rest of its body, wasn't originally noticed as it became part of a wholesale batch of frogs crammed

together at a local food market.

This lucky bullfrog has since been relocated to a zoo in Zhuzhou, China. Five-legged frogs are very rare, but have been discovered before, both in England and America. Why the frog developed the additional limb remains a mystery. It could be a simple mutation but some experts believe that the cause could be a parasite or the result of pollution. While no one can say for sure, whoever said that the foot of the rabbit is lucky, missed the point entirely.



Snoop Dogg banned from Norway for weed

KRISTIANSAND, 30 July—Norway customs officials have barred rapper Snoop Dogg from entering the country for two years after discovering marijuana in his possession, his lawyer said.

Officials discovered eight grams of marijuana and an illegal amount of bundled cash when he attempted to go through customs June 28 at Kjevic Airport in Kristiansand, NME.com reported. He was fined about \$2,000, which he



Rapper Snoop Dogg

paid on the spot, TMZ reported. Snoop Dogg was on his way to perform at the Hove festival at the time of the incident, NME.com reported. His lawyers said he "can live with the decision" to keep him from entering the country and he has no plans to appeal.

Internet



"Dark Knight Rises" wins sluggish weekend box office

LOS ANGELES, 30 July—Batman movie "The Dark Knight Rises" earned \$64.1 million at US and Canadian theaters during its second weekend, topping box office charts in a sluggish overall market facing Olympic television coverage and the impact of the Colorado shooting.

The finale in director Christopher Nolan's Batman trilogy starring Christian Bale added \$122.1 million from international markets and has pulled in \$248.2 million overseas since its 20 July debut, distributor Warner Bros. said.

Add in cumulative ticket sales of \$289 million in domestic markets—the United States and Canada—and the

global haul now stands at \$537 million for the film that cost its backers some \$250 million to make and tens of millions more to market.



A poster for the Warner Bros. film "The Dark Knight Rises" is displayed at Warner Bros. studios in Burbank, California, 20 July, 2012. —REUTERS

Sales in US and Canadian theaters dropped 60 percent from its debut weekend, a

bigger decline than predecessor "The Dark Knight" or other recent superhero films.

In 2008, "Dark Knight" fell 53 percent during its second weekend to earn \$75 million domestically, according to Hollywood.com Box Office. This year, summer smash "The Avengers" slipped 50 percent in the weekend following its opening in May, and June release "The Amazing Spider-Man" declined 44 percent.

While "Dark Knight Rises" ranks as one of the year's highest-grossing movies, sales are weaker than pre-release forecasts after the opening was overshadowed by the killing of 12 moviegoers at a midnight screening in Aurora, Colorado. —Reuters

Mark-Paul Gosselaar marries

SANTA YNEZ, 30 July—"Franklin & Bash" star Mark-Paul Gosselaar married advertising executive Catriona McGinnin in California, friends said.

The couple said their "I do's" Saturday at the Sunstone winery in Santa Ynez, *People* reported.

"He was so excited to have found the woman of his dreams," said Neil Lane, who designed the couple's engagement rings and wedding bands. "He couldn't wait to propose!"

Gosselaar, who formerly starred in the 1990's teen sitcom "Saved by the Bell" and now stars as Peter Bash in "Franklin & Bash," said he was very involved in the

wedding planning.

"I'm too type-A to let it happen around me," he said before the wedding. "We're trying to make it as traditional as possible. It's going to be fun!" For their honeymoon, the couple is heading to Italy.

"Trust me, we are going to eat our [expletive] off!" Gosselaar told *People*. "We're really excited about that element." —Internet

Now, Salman Khan's wax figure to arrive in New York!

MUMBAI, 30 July—Bollywood superstar Salman Khan will join fellow stars like Shah Rukh Khan and Amitabh Bachchan in the Bollywood Zone of wax figures at Madame Tussauds museum in New York on 2 August. Salman Khan, who burst onto the scene with his award-performance in *Maine Pyar Kiya* in 1989, is one of Bollywood's most bankable actors.

His latest film, *Bodyguard*, has become the second highest-grossing Bollywood film of all time. In 2004, *People* magazine named Khan the seventh best-looking man in the world. "Salman Khan is one of Bollywood's most enduring and recognizable stars," said Bret Pidgeon, general manager of Madame Tussauds New York. —Internet

Now, Halle Berry in a sari!

NEW DELHI, 30 July—Halle Berry joins the ranks of international celebrities who have been flaunting the desi look Indian fans of Halle Berry, 45, are in for a pleasant surprise. The first extended



trailer of *Cloud Atlas*, Berry's upcoming sci-fi film with Tom Hanks, shows the Oscar-winning actor in a bright red sari.

Dressed in traditional Indian attire, complete with glass bangles and mehndi on her hands, Berry looks every inch a new Indian bride.

The trailer was released to much excitement among fans of the epic drama based on a 2004 novel by the same name, written by British author David Mitchell. The novel consists of six stories that take the reader from remote South Pacific in the nineteenth century to a distant, post-apocalyptic future. The film, written and directed by *The Matrix* creators Lana and Andy Wachowski, also stars Susan Sarandon and Hugh Grant, and is scheduled for an 26 October release. The film contains stories set in a different time and place, and it is being speculated that Berry plays an Indian character in one. —Internet

Bravo orders second season of 'Kathy'

NEW YORK, 30 July—Bravo Media says it has green-lit a second season of "Kathy," a weekly prime-time talk show starring US comedian Kathy Griffin.

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

Guests on Season 1 include Jane Fonda, Anderson Cooper, Sharon

Osbourne, Chelsea Handler, Whitney Cummings and Jimmy Kimmel.

"Look, I don't know what the hell's gonna happen in Season 2 of 'Kathy,' I'm still sore from Season 1," Griffin said in a statement Thursday.

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

Internet



Comedian and actress Kathy Griffin.

Soccer: Brazil, Japan through, Uruguay stumble

LONDON, 30 July—Ten-man Senegal caused a huge upset when they beat Uruguay 2-0 at Wembley on Sunday while title favorites Brazil, inspired by the dazzling Neymar, swept into the quarter-finals after coming from behind to beat Belarus 3-1.

Japan, who stunned Spain 1-0 in their opener, also secured their place in the last eight from Group D with a 1-0 win over Morocco at Newcastle's St James' Park.

Uruguay, back in the Olympics for the first time since winning their second successive soccer gold in 1928, had never previously lost an Olympic match but found no answer to first half goals from Moussa Konate even though Senegal played for 10 men for an hour after Abdoulaye Ba was sent off for hauling down Uruguay's skipper Luis Suarez.

The result put Olympic



Brazil's Neymar (L) fights for the ball with Belarus' Denis Polyakov during their men's Group C football match at the London 2012 Olympic Games at Old Trafford in Manchester on 29 July, 2012.—REUTERS

debutants Senegal top of Group A with four points, followed by Uruguay on three, at least until Britain plays the United Arab Emirates at Wembley in an 1845 GMT kickoff.

Japan left it late to beat Morocco with Kensuke Nagai scoring the winner in the 84th minute when he lofted the ball over advancing goalkeeper Mohamed Amsif.

Reuters

US tops Russia, China in women's gym qualifying

LONDON, 30 July—The US women are atop the Olympic gymnastics standings, as expected, with little standing in their way — except themselves.

More than the Russians, Romanians and Chinese, the biggest challenge for the gold medal may come from how they deal with world champion Jordyn Wieber's failure to qualify for the all-around final Sunday. She was bumped by her best friend on the very last routine.

A heavy favorite for gymnastics' biggest prize — and the attention and riches that go with it — Wieber lost her chance with a series of uncharacteristic mistakes. She wound up with the fourth-best individual score in qualifying, but countries are limited to two gymnasts in the all-around and event finals and pal Aly Raisman and Gabby Douglas were ahead of her.



US gymnast Jordyn Wieber performs on the floor during the Artistic Gymnastics women's qualification at the 2012 Summer Olympics on 29 July, 2012, in London.

INTERNET

Russia's Viktoria Komova, who was runner-up to Wieber at last year's world championships, is ahead of all three Americans.

The 17-year-old Wieber was sobbing as she made her way through the mixed zone, so distraught she couldn't speak to reporters. Later on Twitter, she thanked fans for "all your love and support."

No one came close. Russia, runner-up to the US at last year's world championships, was 1.4 points back (180.429) while China (176.637) and European champion Romania (176.264) were well behind.

Scoring starts from scratch in Tuesday's team finals. The Americans are the strongest team top to bottom — if they can get their heads around Wieber's woes.

After congratulating Raisman, Wieber rushed off to try to compose herself — unsuccessfully. Her teammates were similarly shell-shocked, with Raisman looking particularly stunned.—Internet

Spain treble bid ends after Honduras defeat

LONDON, 30 July—Spain's bid to add the Olympic title to their World and European crowns ended in acrimony on Sunday after a shock 1-0 defeat by Honduras left them unable to reach the knockout stage.

Title favorites Brazil, inspired by dazzling forward Neymar, swept into the quarter-finals after coming from behind to beat Belarus 3-1 at Old Trafford with Neymar scoring and creating the other two. They were joined in the last eight by Japan, who followed up their win over Spain on Thursday with another 1-0 win over Morocco.

Spain hit the woodwork three times against Honduras after conceding an early goal in Newcastle.

A strong Spanish appeal for a penalty was waved away in the final minutes and at the final whistle they surrounded the referee in an animated protest.

Spain's Under-23 team in London featured three players from the senior squad that retained their European title on 1 July. Spain coach Luis Milla, asked if the success of the senior team had put more pressure on his side, said: "Yes it is possible that the

pressure did impact on us, but this is a team full of players who compete at the highest level.

Honduras lost all three group matches in Beijing four years ago but held on after Roger Espinoza's cross from the left was met by Jerry Bengtson who rose superbly above Jordi Alba to power his header past David De Gea.

Reuters



Spain's Juan Mata reacts after missing a chance to score against Honduras during their men's Group D football match in the London 2012 Olympic Games at St James' Park in Newcastle on 29 July, 2012.—REUTERS

Yi scored 30 points in China's 97-81 loss to Spain

LONDON, 30 July— Yi Jianlian scored 30 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in his first match of the London Olympic Games but China still lost 97-81 to European champions Spain here on Sunday. It was the first Olympic match Yi played without perennial teammate Yao Ming, who retired last year. As the new leader of the Chinese national team, Yi put out the best.

The first half was quite a balanced period as the lead was exchanged 10 times and the scoreline was tied four times. Spain bettered off during the last minutes to take a 53-42 lead.

China kept themselves in the game in a tough third quarter when Spain's lead was cut to nine points, and China carried on to close it on 69-62 at the start of the last quarter.

A 9-0 run put the game beyond touch for the Chinese after Serge Ibaka's apparent travelling was not called.

Spain shot 11-out-of-19 on three-pointers and dominated the board by 39-

25. Pau Gasol led the team with 21 points and 11 rebounds, while Ibaka adding 17 and Juan-Carlos Navarro 14. China's Wang Zhizhi had 15 points and Chen Jianghua chipped in 12.—Xinhua



Yi Jianlian of China dunks during men's basketball preliminary round group B match between China and Spain, at London 2012 Olympic Games in London, Britain, on 29 July, 2012. China lost to Spain 81-97.

XINHUA

Wu and He take first gold in diving competition

LONDON, 30 July— They went into the women's 3m synchronized springboard competition as overwhelming favorites and they didn't disappoint: Wun Minxia and He Zi opened the diving competition in the Aquatics center with a stunning performance that hints that the Chinese diving team might be able to complete the clean sweep of gold medals many predict for them.

Wu and He's display decides the first of eight medal events in diving. China won seven out of eight in Beijing four years ago and this time they are aiming go one better.

They scored 345.20 points as they left the United States duo of Abigail Johnson and Kelci Bryant trailing by over 23 points and the Canadians, Jennifer Abel and Emile Heymans a further five behind.

The Americans ended with 321.80 points and the Canadians 316.80, while Italy and Australia, who had been expected to challenge for medals, were slightly disappointing.

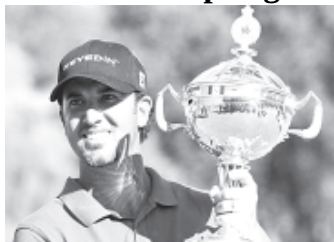
The Chinese duo took the lead in the first round and never looked like being caught with a virtually flawless display. Indeed you could probably hear the splash of raindrops on the roof better than when they entered the water.—Xinhua

ANCASTER, 30 July—American Scott Piercy has won the Canadian Open by one shot at the Hamilton Golf and Country Club in Ontario on Sunday after countrymen William McGirt and Robert Garrigus missed chances on the final hole to force a playoff.

Piercy won his second PGA Tour title after firing a three-under par 67 in the penultimate group to post 17-under 263, but had to nervously watch as McGirt (69) bogeyed out of a share of the lead and Garrigus (70) left a 14-foot birdie effort short on the 72nd hole to finish at 264.

Josh Teater (66), Bud Cauley (66) and Chris Kirk (68) shared fourth,

Scott Piercy takes out Canadian Open golf



Scott Piercy holds the championship trophy after winning the Canadian Open.

REUTERS

three off the pace at 266. Former champion and world number one Vijay Singh joined two others in a tie for seventh at 268. Piercy started two behind 54-hole leader Garrigus but flew out of the blocks with four consecutive birdies between the second and fifth holes.

But bogeys on the eighth and 14th holes gave McGirt the edge until Piercy made a short chip-in birdie on the 15th and McGirt three-putted the same green to tie things up at the top.

McGirt then pushed his approach on the last into a greenside bunker and couldn't get up and down, while Garrigus, needing birdie, managed a close approach, but left the 14-foot putt inches short.—Reuters

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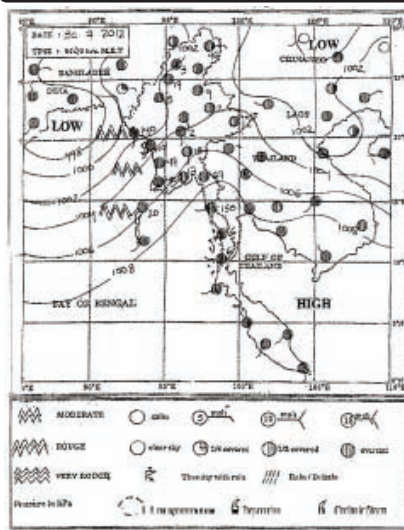
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**Weather forecast for 31st July, 2012**

Sr. No.		Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	32/90	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
2	Kayah	25/77	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayah	26/79	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
4	Chin	26/68	15/59	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	26/79	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	29/84	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Tanintharyi	28/82	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)
8	Bago	29/84	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)
9	Magway	30/86	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	29/84	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	26/79	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)
12	Yangon	30/86	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	26/79	20/68	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	20/68	16/61	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	26/79	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	27/81	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Yang Pui Taw	28/82	21/70	Some rain or thundershowers	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	30/86	21/70	Some rain or thundershowers	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	29/84	24/75	Oscillated rain or thundershowers	(80%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

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

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of increase of rain in the Coastal areas.

Veteran Giggs leads Britain to victory

LONDON, 30 July—Hosts Britain took a big step towards the quarter-finals when goals from skipper Ryan Giggs and substitutes Daniel Sturridge and Scott Sinclair secured a deserved 3-1 win over the United Arab Emirates at Wembley on Sunday.

Giggs, at 38 years and 243 days, became the oldest man to appear in the Olympic

hard work for ourselves but all credit to the UAE," coach Stuart Pearce told reporters.

"The two substitutes had a real impact and we had some really good performances from the likes of Craig Bellamy and Joe Allen."

Pearce reserved his highest praise for Giggs, enthusing: "Ryan brings respect."

That's a word that's used



Britain's Ryan Giggs (R) runs after scoring against UAE's Ali Khaseif during their men's preliminary first round Group A soccer match at the London 2012 Olympic Games in the Wembley Stadium in London.

REUTERS

soccer competition and then became the oldest scorer when he headed Britain in front after 16 minutes.

The result, Britain's first win in the Olympics since they beat Taiwan 3-2 in the Rome Games in September 1960, put them top of Group A with four points having scored more goals than Senegal who stunned Uruguay 2-0 earlier at Wembley.

"We certainly made

cheaply nowadays but the way he handles himself on and off the pitch is outstanding and we are delighted he got a goal this evening."

Britain will now qualify for the last eight of their first Olympics for 52 years as long as they do not lose to Uruguay in Cardiff next Wednesday while the UAE are eliminated after losing their first two games.

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Casey Stoner of Australia accelerates during his second place qualifying finish at the US Grand Prix Moto GP world championship motorcycle race in Monterey, California 28 July, 2012.

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**Indonesian police arrest 62 over Ramadan bar attack**

JAKARTA, 30 July—Indonesian police said Monday they had arrested 62 people, most of them minors, involved in attacking a bar in south Jakarta for serving alcohol during the holy Muslim month of Ramadan.

A group of 150 youths — some as young as 13 and carrying swords and golf clubs — raided the De Most bar late Saturday, smashing bottles of alcoholic drinks and damaging the property, said Hermawan, chief detective for South Jakarta police.

"Of the 62 arrested most are minors, and some...were armed with Samurai swords, sickles and golf clubs," said Hermawan, who like many Indonesians goes by one name.

"They shattered the windows and door and smashed bottles, saying they wanted all bars shut to ensure the month of

Ramadan is not tainted," he added.

Twenty-three people face charges of damaging property while four are additionally charged with carrying sharp weapons.

The group called itself the Prophet's Defenders Council, Hermawan said.

"It is usual for me and my followers to raid sinful places during Ramadan," the group's alleged leader, 33-year-old Habib Bahar was quoted as saying by the Kompas.com news website after the arrests.

"They committed sins there. They get drunk so action must be taken," said Bahar, who was also arrested.

In previous years Islamic groups have raided places serving alcohol, but Saturday's attack was the first this year since the fasting month of Ramadan officially began on 21 July.

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A police cordon hangs across the doors of the locked De Most bar in Jakarta on 30 July, 2012.

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President U Thein Sein receives World Bank East Asia and Pacific Regional Vice-President



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U Thein Sein receives
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World Bank East Asia
and Pacific Regional
Vice-President Ms
Pamela Cox.*

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NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a delegation led by World Bank East Asia and the Pacific Regional Vice-President Ms. Pamela Cox at the Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace here at 3:30 pm today.

Also present at the call together with the President were Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister U Maung Myint and

departmental heads.

At the call, they had a cordial discussion on progress of economic reforms, implementation of transition tasks, providing of financial assistance and measures for development of rural area and cooperation in financial sectors.—MNA

Myanmar has freedom of religion and there is no restriction on religious beliefs

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses coord meeting on rehabilitation of Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addressed coordination meeting on rehabilitation of Rakhine State held at the meeting hall of the Presidential Palace here this afternoon.

The coordination meeting was attended by deputy ministers, departmental heads and officials.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said in his address that the meeting was aimed at rehabilitation of Rakhine State. The unrest in Rakhine State started with the killing of a Rakhine woman by three Bengali men in Kyauknimaw village in the end of May. Murder of 10 Muslims by the mob in Taunggyi and attacking Sittway Police Station by the mob over fights between tax collector and shopowners in Sittway market provoked the unrest.

It escalated into anarchic conditions since 8 June as murders and arson attacks spread and there were instigations to do so. Local people fled the violence as it spread to downtown Sittway, Maungdaw, Buthidaung, Kyaukpyu, Yanbye and Thandwe and villages.

The President issued State of Emergency in Rakhine State under Section 144 of Penal Code and Section 413, Sub-section (a) of the constitution to restore security and stability of the region and released a “plea to the public”.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses coordination meeting on Rehabilitation of Rakhine State.—MNA

Romania's Moldoveanu wins 10m air rifle gold medal



Romania's Alin George Moldoveanu shot during qualifiers for the men's 10-meter air rifle event at the 2012 Summer Olympics.

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LONDON, 30 July — Alin George Moldoveanu of Romania won the 10-meter air rifle gold medal and tied the Olympic qualifying record at the London Games on Monday, making up for narrowly missing a medal in Beijing.

The Romanian missed a medal at the previous Olympics in the 10-meter event by 2

millimeters. He said Beijing was not on his mind when he went into the final in London.

“I just went into it and tried to do my best like I do every time,” Moldoveanu said. “I was calm. I did not feel pressure because I did not know where I was. Now I am overwhelmed. It's crazy.” Moldoveanu and top-ranked Niccolo Campriani of Italy

shot 599 in qualifying to equal the Olympic record by Zhu Qinan in 2004. Zhu, who went on to win the 2004 gold and 2008 silver, qualified 10th, missing the eight-man final by a point.

In the final, Moldoveanu was just a little more consistent, scoring 103.1 to Campriani's 102.5. Moldoveanu totaled 702.1, and Campriani totaled 701.5 for the silver medal.

Internet

Flood bulletin for Ayeyawady, Ngawun Rivers

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—According to the 12.30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Hinthada is 1315 cm. It may reach its danger level 1342 cm during the next three days.

The water level of Ngawun River at Ngathaing Chaung 1153 cm has exceeded by 23 cm (about 0.8 foot) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1130 cm during the next three days, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA